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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
TENDER NOTICE  
(Through e-tendering)  
Tender No. 558-Sig-16-Tele-OT-951 Dated: 27.07.2022

Name of work with its location: Replacement of Coach Guidance system at PNP, SPM, SZM, DKZ, MUT & BGZ Railway Station of Delhi Division

App. Cost of the work: Rs. 2,15,57,123.64/-only

Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 2,57,800.00/-only

Address of the office: Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.

Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender: Tender uploading / closing date & time 24.08.2022 upto 15.00 hrs.

Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc: See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General Public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), **Name: Aamir S/O Ashique Ahmed R/o House No. F-729, Mangolpuri, Delhi** has been missing/kidnaped since 25.06.2022 from the area of P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 57A dated 01.07.2022 has been lodged at Police Station Mangolpuri, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Age: 23 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Identification:** A mole on cheek, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Lining Shirt and Blue Colour Jeans.

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing/kidnaped boy, may inform SHO, Mangolpuri, Delhi at E-mail [ld-cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:ld-cic@cbi.gov.in) or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
Phone: 011-24368638, SHO  
24368641, 23014046 P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi  
Fax No. 011-24368639 Outer Distt., Delhi  
DP/2081/OD/2022 Ph. No. 011- 27921168, 27922186

**UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY**

General Public is hereby informed that an one female person was found dead Main Hall Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi dated 22.07.2022. In the regard DD No. 21A dated 22.07.2022 has been lodged in P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification at Subzi Mandi Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hrs. The description of the dead body is given as under **Name:** Unkonwn, **W/o:** Unkonwn, **R/o:** Unkonwn, **Age:** about 30 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Sallow, **Face-Long, Built-Medium, Wearing:** White T-Shirt, Yellow colour Pyjama and Red colour Hawaii Chappal.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead female person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead female person please inform undersigned, SHO  
P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi  
Ph. : 011-23961522, 8750871302  
DP/247/RLY/2022

**STATE FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, POLIPATHAR, JABALPUR (M.P.)**

**WALK IN INTERVIEW**

A Walk-in interview will be held on 05.08.2022 from 10:30 am onwards in the office of the undersigned for the purely temporary post **JRF (07 Post), RA-II (01 Post), Computer Operator (02 Post), Project Assistant (02 Post), Field Assistant (03 Post), Computer Programmer/Asst. (01 Post)** for assisting in the research project. Suitable candidate may attend the interview with relevant certificate and mark sheets in original. one set of self attested photocopies. Proof of identity and one recent photograph.

More details can be obtained from the notice board of the office of the undersigned or log on to institute's website [www.mpsfri.org](http://www.mpsfri.org) Sd/- Director

**U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.**  
E-Tender Notice  
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE NO.: ESD-599

Online e-bids are invited under single stage two-envelope system from reputed corporate entity incorporated under the Companies Act 1956/Companies Act 2013 having domicile in India engaged in the business of EPC/Turnkey Contracts for Procurement Of Works (Sub-station Works) i.e. Engineering, Supply, Erection and Commissioning. Short term online e-bids for construction of 2X40 MVA, 132/33kV Substation Khajni, Gorakhpur at an Estimated Cost of Rs. 12.02 Crore (Rupees Twelve Crore Two Lakh Only) (inclusive of GST & all other taxes / charges) are being invited on "EPC/Turnkey Contract Basis". Complete set of bidding document is available on the official e-tender portal of UPPTCL "etender.up.nic.in" from dt. 26/07/2022 10:00 AM up to dt. 10/08/2022 12:30 PM. Interested bidders may visit UPPTCL's official website "www.upptcl.org" and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL "etender.up.nic.in" for amendment/errata/corrigendum (if any) and any other information regarding this tender.

**Note:** Bidders are requested to regularly visit website and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL only for amendment/errata/corrigendum (if any) and any other information regarding this tender, as the same shall be published only on the website and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL.

Superintending Engineer, ESDC-II-13<sup>th</sup> floor, Shakti Bhawan Extn., UPPTCL, Lucknow, No.266-ESDC-I (GS)/Tender Notice Dated: 27-7-2022

**CHHATTISGARH STATE RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
(Dept. of Energy, Govt. of Chhattisgarh)

VIP Road (Airport Road), Near Energy Education Park, Raipur (C.G.)  
Tel.: 8370009923 E-mail: [credatendercell@gmail.com](mailto:credatendercell@gmail.com) Web: [www.creda.co.in](http://www.creda.co.in)  
Ref. No.8500/CREDA/SPV IRRIGATION PUMP/Tender/2022-23 Dated: 27.07.2022

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

CREDA invites online tender for Standardisation of Rates for survey, design, supply, installation and commissioning of 25,000 nos. Solar Photovoltaic Irrigation Pumps (under PM Kusum component-B/SSY) with five years CMC onsite warranty, Insurance for anywhere in the State of Chhattisgarh.

- Submission of Pre-Bid Queries : From 27.07.2022 - 10:00 AM to 01.08.2022 - 5:00 PM
- Submission of Technical Bid and e-Price Bid : From 27.07.2022- 05:00 PM to 17.08.2022 - 05:00 PM
- Opening of Technical Bid : 18.08.2022 - 10:00 AM
- Opening of e-Price Bid : 25.08.2022 - 12:00 PM

Technical Bid and Price Bid shall be submitted online only at <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. However Technical Bid (as per the checklist) also have to be submitted duly signed hard copy at CE (Tender Cell). If there is any discrepancy in the e-Bid and hard copy, only the e-bid shall be valid. In no case the hardcopy of document shall be evaluated, they are only for record keeping by CREDA. Bidders are advised to follow the instructions provided for Registration and e-Submission Process accordingly. (For any query about e-bidding please visit user manual at <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>)

Tender document is available at [www.creda.co.in](http://www.creda.co.in) and at <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

CREDA reserves all rights to accept/reject any or all tenders in full/part without assigning any reasons.

Chief Engineer (Tender Cell, CREDA)

**KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION**  
Transport Bhavan , Fort P.O, Thiruvananthapuram-695023  
Expression of Interest (EoI)

KSRTC, one of the largest fleet owners of the country, intends to invite Expression of Interest for the implementation of Online Fleet Management System, Inventory Management System and Maintenance Management System. The documents may downloaded from the e-tender portal: [www.etenders.kerala.gov.in](http://www.etenders.kerala.gov.in)

Pre-bid meeting of registered bidders - 03.00 pm on 05.08.2022 (Online)

For the detailed visit: [www.keralartc.com](http://www.keralartc.com) Sd/- Chairman & Managing Director  
e-mail : [edpc.krtc@kerala.gov.in](mailto:edpc.krtc@kerala.gov.in) 27.07.2022

**DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI**  
OFFICE OF THE ADDL.CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-10/EE(T)  
ENGINEERS BHAWAN 2nd FLOOR, ANDREWS GANJ, NEAR MOOL CHAND CROSSING, NEW DELHI-110049

**NIT No. 50/ACE/M-10/EE(T)/2022-23**

S. No.	Description	Amount put to Tender, EMD, Tender Fee	Date of release of tender in E-Procurement solution	Last date / Time of receipt of Tender Through E-Procurement Solution
1	Removing contamination at Sector 7, by replacement water line under AC-44, R.K.Puram	Rs. 42,73,679/- Rs. 85,500/- Rs. 500/-	25.07.2022 Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_226704_1	16.08.2022 At 2:00 P.M.
2	Replacement of MS water line 150mm dia on M.K. Jain marg for Masjid Moth under AC-43, Malviya Nagar.	Rs. 37,50,437/- Rs. 75,100/- Rs. 500/-	25.07.2022 Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_226704_2	16.08.2022 At 2:00 P.M.
3	Replacement of damaged sewer line in-front of DDA market Sarvriya Vihar under AC-43	Rs. 30,50,197/- Rs. 61,100/- Rs. 500/-	25.07.2022 Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_226704_3	16.08.2022 At 2:00 P.M.

Further details in this regard can be seen at (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 260 (2022-23) Sd/-(V.K. Gupta) EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (TJM)-10

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**e-Procurement Cell**  
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

**CORRIGENDUM** Date 27-07-22

Sl. No.	Re-Tender Reference No.	Name of Work
1	BCD/ Special Works Division_Ranchi/08/2022-23	Proposed Residential Complex for Honourable MLA'S in Core Capital Area at Site-1,HEC Area , Ranchi.
2	Corrigendum Title	Date Correction
3	Corrigendum No.	01

>Date has been corrected for the above referenced tender as follows:-

	Previous date	Date Corrected
Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids	24.08.2022 at 05:00 PM	18.08.2022 at 5:00 PM
Last Date/Time of Submission of Bid Security Money and Tender Fee	26-08-2022 upto 11:30A.M	23.08.2022 upto 11:30A.M
Date/Time of opening of Bid	26-08-2022 at 12:00 P.M.	23-08-2022 at 12:00 P.M

Other Terms & Conditions shall remain Unchanged.

Advt. PR. No.- 274509 Nodal Officer e-procurement cell,BCD, Ranchi  
PR 274656 Building(22-23).D

**BSES** BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi

**TENDER NOTICE** Date: 28.07.2022

Sealed tenders under two parts (Un priced & priced) are invited for the supply of following materials from all bidders:-

MIT No.	Brief Item Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMC/BR/22-23/RB/PR/RJ/1047	SUPPLY OF 33KV XLPE INSULATED ALUMINUM CONDUCTOR POWER CABLE OF SIZE 3CX40 SQ.MM	15.68 Cr.	15,68,000	17.08.2022 15:30 HRS	17.08.2022 15:45 HRS
CMC/BR/22-23/RB/PR/RJ/1044	SUPPLY OF VARIOUS RATINGS OF CTS IN BRPL	1.50 Cr.	3,00,000/-	17.08.2022 15:30 HRS	17.08.2022 16:00 HRS
CMC/BR/22-23/RB/PR/RJ/1045	SUPPLY OF VARIOUS RATINGS OF CONTROL & RELAY PANELS IN BRPL	1.20 Cr.	2,40,000/-	17.08.2022 15:30 HRS	17.08.2022 16:15 HRS
CMC/BR/22-23/RB/PR/RJ/1046	SUPPLY OF 220 V AND 50 V BATTERY CHARGER IN BRPL	1.20 Cr.	2,40,000/-	17.08.2022 15:30 HRS	17.08.2022 16:30 HRS
CMC/BR/22-23/RB/PR/KG/1048	Empanelment of Vendors for Design, Supply, ETC Including Warranty, Comprehensive O&M Of SPV Plant Of Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar in the State Of Delhi - Under the simplified procedure for Rooftop Solar Programme by MNRE.				

Cost of each Tender Document: ₹ 1180/-

For any query call on 011-49107235 or e-mail on [Brpl.Eauction@relianceada.com](mailto:Brpl.Eauction@relianceada.com)

For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website [www.bsesdelhi.com](http://www.bsesdelhi.com) Head (Contracts & Materials)

Regd. Off. : BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 | Corporate Identification No.: U40100DL2001PLC116127 Telephone No. : +91 11 4920 7235 | Website : [www.bsesdelhi.com](http://www.bsesdelhi.com)

**Office of the Executive Engineer**  
Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Latehar

**E-Procurement Very Short Tender Notice (SBD)**

Tender Reference No. DWSL/LTR/SVS/CLTR-16/21-22 (5<sup>th</sup> Call) Date - 26.07.2022

Particular	Details
Name of Work	Detailed survey, Designing and drawing, Construction of nos. 6841 FHTC in different block of Latehar District comprising of suitable R.C.C/Frame Structure, Distribution Lines, Source (as required) & 05 years Operation and Maintenance all complete job "On Turnkey Basis" under D.W. & S. Division, Latehar for the Year 2021-22 under (JMM)
Group No.	No. of Vialge No. Of Scheme No. of FHTC Estimated Cost (In Lac) E.M Required (In Lac) Cost of BOQ (In Rs.) Time of Completion
1	BRT/SVS/02(A)(ii) 15 120 2395 912.13 9.13 10000.00 09 Month BRT/SVS/02(B)(i) 13 108 2010 777.87 7.78 10000.00 09 Month HRJ/SVS/01(A)(ii) 13 127 2446 939.56 9.40 10000.00 09 Month
Date of Tender Uploading in Website	28.07.2022 AT 3:00 PM
Date of starting submission of Bid	28.07.2022 AT 3:00 PM
Last date receipt of Bid	04.08.2022 to 5:00 PM
Last Date Submission Cost of BOQ and EMD (Hard Copy)	05.08.2022 up to 5:00 PM in the Office of - 1. Executive Engineer D.W. & S. Division, Latehar 2. Superintending Engineer, D.W. & S. Circle, Medininagar 3. Regional Chief Engineer, D.W. & S. Department Ranchi Zone, Ranchi.
Date of Opening Tender	06.08.2022 at 2:00 PM
Name & Address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer D.W. & S. Division, Latehar (Jharkhand)
Name & Address of Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer D.W. & S. Division, Latehar (Jharkhand)
Contact No. of Procurement Office	9430725642, 6202470446, 6201242103

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

Executive Engineer D.W. & S. Division, Latehar  
PR 274632 Drinking Water and Sanitation (22-23)\_D

**NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY** Notice Inviting Auction

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Lucknow invites Open tender through E-Auction system on behalf of President of India invites sealed open e-auction in Single packet systems commercial public at various station of Lucknow Division. Details are as under-

S. No.	Tender Notice no	Station	Description of works	Date and Time of Close of Auction
1	ADVT-LJN-GTNR-OH-79-22-1 (Advertising- Out Of Home)	Gomalinagar Malhore section	letting out advertisement space of all Lxing/ROB/RUB and station circulating area from Gomalinagar Outer To Malhore Home Signal/Hoarding/Unipol/Gantry) with advertisement Rights.	Dt 09-08-22 at 15-30 hrs
2	ADVT-LJN-LC-OH-81-22-1 (Advertising- Out Of Home)	Lucknow city	letting out advertisement space in Lucknow city station circulating area with Sole advertisement right.	Dt 09-08-22 at 15-40 hrs
3	ADVT-LJN-KLD-OH-82-22-1 (Advertising- Out Of Home)	Khallilabad	letting out advertisement space in Khallilabad station circulating area with Sole advertisement right.	Dt 09-08-22 at 15-50 hrs
4	ADVT-LJN-GD-OH-23-22-1 (Advertising- Out Of Home)	Gonda	letting out advertisement space in Gonda Area Lxing/ROB/RUB station with Sole advertisement right.	Dt 09-08-22 at 16-00 hrs
5	ADVT-LJN-JKNI-OH-80-22-1 (Advertising- Out Of Home)	Jharkhandi	letting out advertisement space in Jharkhandi station circulating area with Sole advertisement right.	Dt 09-08-22 at 16-10 hrs
6	ADVT-LJN-DAL-OH-78-22-1 (Advertising- Out Of Home)	Daliganj	letting out advertisement space space of all Lxing/ROB/RUB and station circulating area from Daliganj Outer To Sitapur Home Signal/Hoarding/Unipol/Gantry) With advertisement Rights.	Dt 09-08-22 at 16-20 hrs
7	ADVT-LJN-GD-OSN-69-22-1 (Advertising- On station Premises (Non Digital)	Gonda	letting out advertisement space in Gonda (zone-2) station with Sole advertisement right.	Dt 09-08-22 at 16-30 hrs
8	ADVT-LJN-GD-OSN-70-22-1 (Advertising- On station Premises (Non Digital)	Gonda	letting out advertisement space in Gonda (zone-3) station with Sole advertisement right.	Dt 09-08-22 at 16-40 hrs
9	ADVT-LJN-LC-OSN-71-22-1 (Advertising- On station Premises (Non Digital)	Lucknow city	letting out advertisement space in Lucknow city station with Sole advertisement right.	Dt 09-08-22 at 16-50 hrs
10	ADVT-LJN-JKNI-OSN-72-22-1 (Advertising- On station Premises (Non Digital)	Jharkhandi	letting out advertisement space in Jharkhandi station with Sole advertisement right.	Dt 09-08-22 at 17-00 hrs
11	ADVT-LJN-GD-OSN-68-22-1 (Advertising- On station Premises (Non Digital)	Gonda	letting out advertisement space in Gonda (zone-3) station with Sole advertisement right.	Dt 09-08-22 at 17-10 hrs
12	ADVT-LJN-KLD-OSN-73-22-1 (Advertising- On station Premises (Non Digital)	Khallilabad	letting out advertisement space in Khallilabad station with Sole advertisement right.	Dt 09-08-22 at 17-20 hrs

Web Site address : [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)(E AUCTION MODULE), Period of contract : 03 Years, Date and Time of Auction Start (all lots): Dt: 09-08-2022 at 13-00 hrs  
CPRO/Vanijya-113 Divisional Railway Manager(Commercial), Lucknow

Never travel on roof and foot boards. About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 0979445955

**BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004**

Tender No.- EL/1102/W-1151 Date : 26.07.2022  
E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Maintenance, BLW, Varanasi acting or on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tenders for the following work. S.No.: 1, Tender No.: EL/1102/W-1151. Name of Work: Electrification of proposed RPF Mahila barrack at RPF barrack in BLW Varanasi, Approximate Cost Rs.: 98997.00, Completion Period: 03 Months, Earnest Money: Rs. 2000/-, Tender Opening Date and Time: 17.08.2022 at 15:30 hrs. For details and to participate e-tender please visit Indian railways website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
PRO/BLW-E-04 Distt. Electrical Engineer/Maintenance  
<https://banaraslocowork> "Website : <http://blw.indianrailways.gov.in>"

**KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD**  
(A Government of India Undertaking)

**OPEN E-TENDER**

Tender Notice No. KR-PD-JK-EL-T-3-2022 Dated: 21/07/2022

Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. invites "Supply, Installation, Commissioning and AMC for 05 years of dynamic illumination/faceade lighting system of the main Cheneb Bridge, Anji Bridge and Five nos. Railway Stations i.e. Reasi, Salal, Dugga, Basindadhar and Sangaldan on Katra-Dharam section of Udhampur Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link Project (J&K)." Approx. Cost of the work: ₹ 24.98 Cr. Completion period of contract: 05 months. Submission of Tender: 30/08/2022 upto 15:00 hrs. Opening of Tender: 30/08/2022 @ 15:30 hrs. Cost of Tender Form: Nil. Earnest Money: ₹ 13,99,000/- to be submitted through online payment modes available on IREPS Portal only. For further details and updates please visit <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. Amendments Corrigendum, if any would be hosted on the above website only.

**Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.,**  
Victoria Park, Meerut

**E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE** 1. Short term open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 150 Nos. 11/4 KV 400 KVA Distribution Transformers. against tender specification no. PVTNL-MT/MM/49(s)/22-23. Tender Cost:- Rs. 11,800.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs.13,65,000.00 (with GST) Last Date of tender submission & Time:- 16.08.2022 at 2:00 PM Date of tender opening (Part-I & IInd) & Time:- 16.08.2022 at 5:00 PM Note:- In case of any amendment & detailed information in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website [www.etenderup.nic.in](http://www.etenderup.nic.in) and [www.pvnl.org](http://www.pvnl.org) Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), 1800-180-8752 (Lucknow)" Sd/- Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Save Electricity in the interest of The Nation" पत्रांक 63 दिनांक 27.7.2022

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

**See Section 82 Cr. P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Sudhir @ Deepu S/o: Dev Narayan, R/o: A-1/32, Budh Vihar, Delhi, has committed (or suspected to have committed) to the offence in a case FIR No. 734/17 U/s 392/411/34 IPC, PS Shahabad Dairy, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Accused Sudhir @ Deepu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Accused Sudhir @ Deepu has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Accused Sudhir @ Deepu of FIR No. 734/17 U/s 392/411/34 IPC, PS Shahabad Dairy, Delhi is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the said complaint on or before 15.10.2022.

By Order  
Ms. Swati Gupta  
Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North)  
Court Room -114, First Floor  
Rohini Courts, Delhi  
DP/2037/ON/2022

**WESTERN RAILWAY**

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/24/2022 Date 27.07.2022**

S.N.	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
419	Set of LP-HP Valve	180 Set	16-Aug-22
420	Set of LP-HP Cylinder	180 Set	16-Aug-22
421	Natural and Artificial Fiber Thermoset	1993 Nos	18-Aug-22
422	Block Proving by Axle Counter (BPAC)	24 Set	18-Aug-22
423	Main LED Signal Lighting Unit-Red, Yellow & Green	5500 Nos	22-Aug-22
424	Over Hauling Kit For Brake Cylinder/PBEC	200 Set	22-Aug-22
425	AOH Kit For TAP Changer	1201 Set	22-Aug-22
426	Internal Combustion Engine Crank Case Oil Grade SAE 15W 40	14617 Ltr	22-Aug-22
427	PU Paint-Gentian Blue	44260 Ltr	23-Aug-22
428	Piston Packing For Brake Cylinder	5869 Nos	23-Aug-22
429	Set Of Equaliser	11 Set	23-Aug-22
430	Coupler Rod for BOXN Wagon	6200 Nos	23-Aug-22
431	Lower Spring Beam Complete	294 Nos	25-Aug-22
432	Intermediate Longitudinal Beam	535 Nos	25-Aug-22
433	Circuit Breaker EBO1B For WSP System	50 Nos	29-Aug-22
434	KIT For Speed Sensor	298 Nos	01-Sep-22
435	Upgraded High Capacity Draft Gear	204 Nos	01-Sep-22

Corrigendum : Due date postponed from 19.07.2022 to 08.08.2022 for Tender notice no.S/20/2022 dated 20/06/2022 at Sr.No. 311 (R/M Paint Gentian Blue)

Corrigendum : Subject tender quantity is amended. Quantity is revised from 325 Km to 465 Km for Tender notice no. S/22/2022 dated 13/07/2022 at Sr.No. 396 (24 OFC Cables)

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and [www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in).  
For Principal Chief Materials Manager 0306  
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
CORRIGENDUM

Ref: i) Tender Notice No. 24/2022-2023 dated: 28.06.2022 S.No. 02 ii) Tender No.: 02221936 due on 25.07.2022 revised due date on 10.08.2022. In reference to above tender, the due date has been extended as above. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. The corrigendum has been published on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). 1900/2022  
Serving Customers With A Smile

**PROTECTION WORKS OF EMBANKMENT AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS**

Tender Notice No.: C/N/2022/JUL/03  
Dated: 21-07-2022 E-tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work. Tender No.: C/CONM-APW/2022/03. Name of Work: Protection works of embankment at different locations. Construction of diversion of approach road at different station and L-Xing approach roads, construction of side drain at major bridge approach between track and other related ancillary works between section Bljni to Palsha of New Bongaon-Agator: BS Doubling project. Tender Value: ₹ 17,33,53,634.36; Clearing at 14.30 hrs. and opening at 15:30 hrs. on 23-08-2022. For details please visit in website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

Chief Engineer/Con-4  
NORTHERN FRONTIER RAILWAY  
Construction Organization  
Serving Customers With A Smile

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BANGALURU (CCH-85)**  
COM. O.S. No. 651 OF 2022

BETWEEN : SRI. VINAYAK ENGINEERING AND SERVICES ...PLAINTIFF  
AND : M/s. NG INFRA BUILDTECH PVT. LTD., ...DEFENDANT

**SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT**

1. M/s. NG INFRA BUILDTECH PVT. LTD. No. 117, Square One Complex, Distt. Court, Saket, New Delhi-110017.

Represented by its Managing Director, Sri. Aman Narayan.

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff above named filed the above suit against the defendant for Recovery of amount and such other reliefs.

Take notice that defendant above named is hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court on Date : 30.08.2022 at 11:00 a.m. in person or through a duly instructed advocate to answer the claim of the Plaintiff. If you fail to appear on the date mentioned above, the case will be heard and disposed of in your absence, placing you ex-parte.

Given under my hand, signature and seal of this Court on this 19th day of July Two Thousand Twenty Two (19/07/2022).

By order of the Court, Bangalore,  
City Civil Court, Shastri Nagar,  
Advocate for Plaintiff:-  
SRI. K. S. SREEKANTHA, Advocate  
No.74/2, 4th Main, 5th Cross,  
N.R. Colony, Bengaluru - 560 004.

**NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY**  
E-Tender Notice No.: CWM-BW-14-2022

Dy. Chief Engineer Bridge Workshop North Eastern Railway/Gorakhpur Cant acting for and on behalf of the president of India invites E-Tenders for the following work.

S.No.-1, E-Tender No.: CWM-BW-14-2022, Description of works: Fixing of Zero toe load fixture for



**Shri Narendra Modi**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister



**NAVA KARNATAKA  
FOR NAVA BHARAT**



**Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister

## Our Resolve

**PROSPEROUS  
KARNATAKA For The  
Development Of All**



A better tomorrow for farmers, labourers and the weaker sections

Priority for the empowerment of women

Significant progress in industry, education and creation of infrastructure

Revolutionary reforms in citizen services

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi, the double-engine government in Karnataka, led by Hon'ble CM Sri Basavaraj Bommai, is functioning with humanity and conscience as its vital force. In addition to positively responding to people's problems, it has been working by balancing people's welfare, development and financial discipline.



### Welfare of SC/ST communities

- A total grant of **₹990.19 crore** allocated to SC/ST Corporations. Original allocation **₹580.19 crore**. Additional allocation **₹410 crore**
- ₹572.18 crore** worth of scholarships distributed to students of SC/ST
- Kuteera Jyothi** – Free electricity supply increased to **75 units**
- Separate **Directorate** for the welfare of SC/ST
- Distribution of **2,241.62 acres** of land to **1,717 beneficiaries** at a cost of **₹227.86 crore**
- Under the 'Deendayal Upadhyaya Sauharda Student Hostel' Scheme, steps taken to build **1,000 capacity hostels** in 5 districts at a cost of **₹250 crore**
- Under Land Ownership Scheme, unit cost increased from Rs. 15 lakhs to **₹20 lakhs**

### Farmers, Agriculture, Horticulture

- Mukhyamantri Raita Vidhyanidhi Programme:** **₹438.69 crore** worth of scholarships distributed to **9.98 lakh students**
- Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Scheme, income support extended to **50.35 lakh farmers** in 2021-22 and **47.83 lakh farmers** in 2022-23 till date
- Compensation distributed for crop loss within 48 hours. **18.56 lakh farmers** benefitted
- ₹250 diesel subsidy** per acre to encourage mechanization of agriculture. (Max.: 5 acres)
- Secondary Agriculture Directorate** established to increase the income of farmers
- Establishment of **Grape Development and Wine Board**

### Welfare of Weavers

- Nekar Samman** Scheme income support increased from Rs. 2,000 to **₹5,000**
- Amount transferred to **49,544 weavers** directly in 2021-22
- Scholarship for children of weavers

### Fisheries

- '**Matsya Siri**' Scheme launched to improve the income of fishermen. To lend support to **100 deep-sea fishing boats**

### Welfare of Labourers

- Scholarship Scheme for children of labourers implemented. **₹462.12 crore** distributed to **2.97 lakh children**

### Social Security

- Increase in pensions – Old Age Pension, Sandhya Suraksha, Widow Pension, Maitri, Manaswini, monthly pension for differently abled people and acid attack victims.
- To help **75 lakh beneficiaries**



### Amritha Schemes

- Implementation of Amritha Schemes for various development programmes as part of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations

### Investment Attraction

- 551 projects approved for **₹40,557 crore** worth of investments - **Employment** opportunities for **1.64 lakh people**
- World Economic Forum, Davos 2022:** A high-level delegation of Ministers, led by Sri Basavaraj Bommai, took part in the event. MoUs signed for **₹59,350 crore** worth of investment
- Five more MoUs signed for **₹1,11,765 crore** investments

### Karnataka - No. 1 in FDI (Foreign Direct Investment)

- Karnataka received **₹1.63 lakh crore (37.5%) FDI** out of the total FDI inflows into India between April 2021 and March 2022

### Karnataka - No. 1 in Innovation

- Karnataka has bagged first place in Niti Aayog's **India Innovation Index 2022**

### Sahakara Samruddhi

- Distribution of agriculture loans amounting to **₹20,971.79 crore** to **28.42 lakh farmers**
- GO issued to reimplementation of **Yashaswini Scheme**
- Establishment of **Ksheerasamruddhi Cooperative Bank** for the benefit of milk producers
- Distribution of **₹1,385.17 crore** loan to **36,601 SHGs**

### Irrigation

- Between July 2021 and June 2022, irrigation capacity was created for **79,731 acres** by spending an amount of **₹17,270.13 crore**

### Urban Development

- Chief Minister's Amritha Nagarothana Scheme:** **₹6,000 crore** for infrastructure development in Bengaluru city
- Chief Minister's Amritha Nagarothana Scheme (for Urban Local Bodies): **₹3,885 crore**

### Food Security

- Distribution of **1 kg Finger Millet/Sorghum** in addition to **5 kg of Rice** to every beneficiary holding a priority ration card

### Rural Water Supply

- Under 'Mane Manege Gange' Jalajeevan Mission, new tap connections provided to **22.85 lakh houses**
- Jalajeevan Mission: **100% goal achieved**

### Housing

- Release of **₹341.56 crore** compensation to **53,636 houses** affected by floods during 2021-22
- To construct **5 lakh houses** for homeless people under various schemes.
- Work order given for **1.4 lakh houses**

**New Employment Policy approved to create more employment opportunities for local people. A first-of-its-kind in India**

### Revolution in Citizen Services

- Grama One**, an initiative to provide all citizen-centric services under one roof at the village level, has been launched in all districts in State. Services rendered to **44 lakh applications** under this project till now
- Janasevaka** Project launched - Provides government services to citizens at their doorstep in all 198 wards of BBMP

### Education

- First State to implement National Education Policy 2020**
- Upgradation of **7 government engineering colleges** into Karnataka Institute of Technology
- Upgradation of **150 ITIs** in State into technology institutes at a cost of **₹4,736 crore**
- Appointment of **1,240 lecturers, 15,000 school teachers**
- Increase in honorarium of guest lecturers to **₹26,000 - ₹32,000** based on experience
- Steps to construct **8101** primary and secondary school classrooms at a cost of **₹1,412 crore**. To benefit more than **3 lakh children**

### Health and Family Welfare

- Effective handling of the third wave of Covid-19. **11.4 crore doses** of vaccine administered
- Improvement of quality of education, health services and steps to eradicate nutrition in **100 aspirational taluks**. Allocation of **₹3,000 crore** grant
- To provide **chemotherapy** services to cancer patients, approval in principle given to start **Infusion Centres** in **10 institutes of medical sciences**
- Steps taken to identify one PHC with a high workload in each of the **100 aspirational taluks** and upgrade them into **25-bed model community hospitals** at a cost of **₹1,000 crore** in the next two years
- Steps to start **438 Namma Clinics** in all major cities of the State
- Additional Grant of **₹20 crore** provided to increase free dialysis services from the existing 30,000 cycles to **60,000 cycles**
- To establish a **Regional Cardiac Centre of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research in Hubli** at a cost of **₹250 crore** to provide hi-tech treatment in North Karnataka
- To establish **Kidwai Regional Cancer Centre in Belagavi** at a cost of **₹50 crore**
- To provide a grant of **₹32 crore** to fit **Cochlear implants** to **500 congenitally deaf children** to improve their speech and hearing capacity

### Development of Rail/Road

- Approval for **Dharwad-Kittur-Belagavi Rail project**
- Steps to develop **2,275 km** of state highways

### Kalyana Karnataka

- Grants doubled for development of Kalyana Karnataka: ₹3,000 crore** allocated.
- ₹2,637.33 crore** spent by Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam and Karnataka Neeravari Nigam for development works in Kalyana Karnataka
- Administrative approval given to fill **25,000** vacant government posts in Kalyana Karnataka



## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

**We Ankit Gupta F/o Shreya Gupta D.O.B. 24.11.2008 and Mother's name Kanika Gupta R/o A-406 Pearl Heights Building,Ramprastha Greens, Sector-9, Vaishali,Ghaziabad,Pin-201010,have changed my Daughter's name from Shreya Gupta to Anjali Gupta forever.**

**It is for general information that I,Satyam Rajput,S/o-Kishan Gopal,R/O,H.No.70, Karkardooma-Village East-Delhi-110092, declare that name of my father and my mother has been wrongly written as Krishan Pwari and Sunita Pwari in my all educational documents.The actual-name of my-father and my mother are Kishan Gopal and Sunita respectively, which may be amended accordingly.**

**It is for general information that I, Dalwinder Kaur D/o Joginder Singh W/o Mohinder Pal Singh R/o MZD, Arjun Apartments, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Dalwinder Kaur Viridi in my service records. The actual name of mine is Dalwinder Kaur which may be amended accordingly.**

**It is for general information that I,SACHIN NAGAR S/O Shri NARESH NAGAR R/o 246,NAWADA, DANKAUR, GREATER NOIDA- 203201, declare that name of my Name has been wrongly written as monu rexwal in my some documents i.e. OBC Certificate, PAN Card, School Documents etc. respectively which may be amended accordingly. That is my true statement.**

**It Is For General Information That I,Vijay Veer,S/o-Ramphal Singh,Residing At-A-649,Part-4,Gali.No.14, Sonia-Vihar, Karawal-Nagar,Delhi-110094,Declare That name of mine has been wrongly written as Vijay Kumar in my minor-Daughters Rani(5Years), Vaishali(10Years),And Pooja(12Years)EDMC-Primary School,Bhajanpura-(School I.D.1152139).The actual-name of mine is Vijay Veer which may be amended accordingly.**

**I,hitherto known as Shobhankar Sagar,S/o-Late.Suraj Mal,residing at,2296,1.Lane-5,Goverdhan-Behari Colony, Shahdara, Delhi-110032,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SAAGAR SHIVANS HANSAA.**

**I,hitherto known as Satyam Rajput alias Satyam Pawar,S/o Kishan Gopal, residing at, H.No.70, Karkardooma-Village East-Delhi-110092,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Satyam Rajput.**

**I,Vijaya Kumari Dependents of Visakhan Unni K,R/O,G-11,Camero Complex,Air-Force Station,Subroto-Park,New-Delhi-110010,have changed my name from Vijaya Kumari to Vijayakumari S vide-Affidavit-IN-DL64708587278253U Dated-25/07/2022.**

**I,hitherto known as KESHAV KUMAR,(Old-Name)KESHAV BHOLA,S/O SH.GULSHAN BHOLA employed as service as consultant(Freelance), residing at,Flat.No.507B, Best-Residency,Plot.No.1, Sector-19B,Dwarka, New-Delhi-110075,have changed my name and hereafter be known as KESHAV BHOLA,(New-Name).**

**I,Zareena W/o Ashok Mahto,R/o House.No.54, G.B.Road, Ajmeri-Gate,Delhi-110006,have changed the name of my-minor daughter, from Aliza to Kajal,for all,future purposes.**

**I,Vikrant Sona,S/o Jawahar Lal Sona R/O,E-1003, Amrapali-Princely,Sector-76, Noida,UP-201301,permanent-address-900, Bhagipur, Etah,UP-P-207001,have changed my-name to Vikrant Sharma.**

**I,VIMLESH CHAND JAIN,S/O NEMICHAND JAIN,ADDRESS-11/57, GALI.No-12, EAST-AZAD NAGAR,KRISHNA-NAGAR,DELHI-110051,changed my name to BIMLESH CHAND JAIN.**

**I,Tarannum Fishan,W/o Nadeem Mirza,R/o 4019, Gali Khan Khana R/O Ardu Bazar Jama Masjid Delhi-110006,have changed my name to Tarannum Fisha**

**I,Sunita W/o Satpal Arora R/Oc-3/11, U.G.F.,Rajouri-Garden, New Delhi-110027,have changed my name to Sunita Arora.**

**I,Sunil S/o Shri Krishan,R/o 1100,Sector-23A, Carterpur Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Sunil Yadav,for all purposes.**

**I,Shiv Nath S/o Devraj Kapoor R/o-1045 Mukherjee Nagar Delhi-110009,have changed my name to Shivnath Kapoor.**

**I,Satbir Singh Sachdeva S/o Hardeep Singh R/O 1348, Rani Bagh, Delhi Changed Name to Satbir Singh.**

**I,SANJAY BHATIA/SANJAY VASDEV BHATIA,S/O VASHDEV NANDI BHATIA,R/O,A-201A,STELLAR-KINGS COURT,F-32, SECTOR-50,NOIDA,GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR,U.P.201301,changed my name to SANJAY VASDEV BHATIA.**

**I,Rishikant S/o-Niranjan Nayak,R/O J-97C, Saurabh Vihar,Badarpur,Jaitpur, Delhi-44,have changed my name to Rishikant Nayak.**

**I,Ravindra Kumar S/o Dau Dayal R/O,C-30, Shashi-Garden, Gali.No.12, Patpargani, Delhi-110091,have changed my-minor son's name Shivay to Shivay Arya. Aged-8-years.**

**I,Ravindra Kumar S/o Dau Dayal R/O,C-30, Shashi-Garden, Gali.No.12, Patpargani, Delhi-110091,have changed my-minor daughter's name Aradhaya to Aradhya Arya. Aged-11-years.**

**I,Prerna Kapur W/o-Late Praveen Saini,R/o:1203A,Sovereign-1,Vatika City,Sector-49,Gurgaon-122018,Have Changed My Minor-Son's Name,from Samarth Saini to Samarth Kapur Saini.**

**I,Poonam W/o Sudershan Kumar R/O,E-24, Vardhman Apartments, Mayur-Vihar-I Extension, Delhi-110091,have changed my name to Poonam Arora.**

**I,Parmod Kumar R/O B-1400, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052 have changed my name to Parmod Kumar Sharma.**

**I,PRIYANSHI D/O-Sanjay Kumar Roy, & Kalpana Roy,R/O B-71,Navkunj Apartments, Plot.No.87,Patpargani,New Delhi-110092,have changed my name to PRIYANSHI ROY,for all purposes**

**I,Sanjeew Kumar S/o Krishan Lal R/O-D-34/A, Chokhandi Road, Mukharjee-Park Extension,Tilak-Nagar, N.Delhi-18,have changed my name to Sanjeev Kapoor.**

**I,NO-JC-595449N,NB Sub Mohd Ali,S/O-Anayat Hussain,R/O/PO-Degwar,Tehsil-Haveli, District-Poonch.In my service records the name and D o B of my daughter has been wrongly mentioned as Marium Choudhary (D o B-05-06-2004)instead of Maryam Choudhary (D o B -02-04-2007)It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days.**

**I,Nisha Pihal W/o Sushil Kumar R/O-D-7, D-Block, Shyam,Vihar, Ph-1, Dindarpur Village, Najafgarh,Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Nisha**

**I,Naveen Kumar S/o Chhattar Singh R/O-14-E Gali No.3, Indira Marg Badarpur, Shahdara Delhi-110032,have changed my name to Naveen Panwar for all purposes.**

**I,Naseem Ahmed Siddiqi,S/O-Mashkoor Ahmed Siddiqi,R/O-50,Pocket-V,Mayur-Vihar Phase-1,Delhi-110091,have changed my name to Naseem Ahmed Siddiqi.**

**I,NILU DEVI,mother of,Amit Kumar Presently,residing at,Village Sujyamau,Post Saderi,Distt.Jaunpur, Uttar-Pradesh-222109, have changed my name,from NILU DEVI to NILAM DEVI, vide-affidavit dated-27-7-22.**

**I,Mohd.Umair Khan,S/o,Mohd. Ikhlas Khan,R/o-H.No.Z-31A, DDA-Flats, New Ranjeet-Nagar, Patel-Nagar,N.Delhi-110008,that my-name and my-father's name has-been wrongly-written as Mohammad Umair,S/o-Mohammad Ikhlas in my some-documents.But my and father's correct-name are Mohd.Umair Khan,S/o Mohd.Ikhlash Khan.**

**I,MUTHAI GANESAN,S/O Sanjeev MUTHAI,R/O,C-4 GALI.No-21,CHANAKYA PLACE PART-1,UTTAM-NAGAR WEST,DELHI-110059,have changed my name to GANESAN MUTHAI.**

**I,Kuldeep S/o Lakhn Singh R/O-32/6-A, F/F,Gali No.7, Bhikam Singh Colony, Vishwas-Nagar,Shahdara Delhi-110032,have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh,for all purposes.**

**I,Kshama Gupta W/o Saurabh Garg R/O H.No.1/5081, Street,No.3,Balbir Nagar Delhi-110032,have changed my name to Kshama Garg for all,purposes.**

**I,Karuna Vijaykumar Hotlani, W/o-Kaushal Kumar Panjwani, R/o 31 704 Orris Aster Court, Sector-85,Gurgaon-Haryana-122004, have changed my name to Karuna Panjwani.**

**I,Kamlesh W/o Pawan Kumar R/O C-360, J.J.Colony, Budh-Vihar, Inderpuri, N.Delhi-110012 have changed my name to Kavita for-all-purposes.**

**I,Kaladharan Nair Dependents of Visakhan Unni K,R/O,G-11,Camero Complex,Air-Force Station,Subroto-Park,New-Delhi-110010,have changed my name,from Kaladharan Nair to Kaladharan Nair K vide-Affidavit-IN-DL6470931666292U,Dated-25/07/2022.**

**I,KM POOJA MITTAL, W/O. MANOJ KUMAR, ADD-A-39A, PANKHA ROAD,JEEVAN PARK UTTAM-NAGAR,WEST DELHI 110059,changed my name to POOJA GUPTA,for all,future Purposes.**

**I,JITENDRA JAIN,S/O BIMLESH CHAND JAIN,ADDRESS,11/57,GALI NO-12,EAST AZAD NAGAR,KRISHNA-NAGAR,DELHI-110051, Changed my name to JITENDER KUMAR JAIN.**

**I,Mohammed Danish S/o Aminuddin R/O-1745 Gali Meer Jumla Lal Kuan Delhi-110006,have changed my name to Mohammad Danish**

**I,JAGDISH MITTAL,S/O,TELU RAM, H.NO-407A GALLI-NO-2,MANDWALI FAZALPUR, EAST DELHI-110092,Changed my name to JAGDISH PRASAD MITTAL,for all,future Purposes.**

**I,Harvinder Kaur,W/o Rajinder Singh & D/o Surjit Singh,R/O N-149-A,Narayan Nagar,Laxmi Nagar,Delhi-110092,have changed my name to HARPINDER KAUR,for all purposes.**

**I,Prevesh Chandra S/o Parmanand R/O Village-Kaudia, P.O.-Balasour, Kotdwara, Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand-246149, have changed my name to Pravesh Chandra, for all purposes.**

**I,Harish D/o Gopal Bihani R/O X/1827 F.F.,Gali No.10, Rajgarh Extn.Gandhi Nagar Delhi-110031, Have Changed My Name To HARSHA Bihani For All Purposes.**

**I,Praksh Vaidya S/o Ananth Vaidya R/O 28/66, Second Floor, Block No.28, West Patel Nagar, Delhi-110008, that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Prakash Anant Vaidya and Anant Timanna Vaidya respectively in my Passport : G597624. The actual name of mine and my father is Prakash Vaidya and Ananth Vaidya respectively**

**I,GANESAN KANIMOLI JAYALAKSHMI, W/o- GANESAN MUTHAI,R/O C-4 GALI.No-21,CHANAKYA-PLACE PART-1,UTTAM-NAGAR WEST,DELHI-110059, have Changed my name to KANIMOLI JAYALAKSHMI GANGSSON.**

**I,Dhaval Agarwal,S/o Mr.Sanjay Kumar Gupta,Resident of,House-No.8608,Front side,First-Floor Shhidipura,Karol-Bagh, Central Delhi,Delhi-110005,have changed my name,from Adhiraj Agarwal to Dhaval Agarwal.**

**I,Dharmender S/o Om Kumar R/O,H.No.473,WPO-Jaffar pur Kalam,South-West Delhi,Delhi-110073,have changed my name to Dharmender for all purposes.**

**I,Chandni Jha D/o Arun Jha R/O Vill-Chhalera Sector-44, Noida(U.P) have changed my name from Km Chandani to Chandni Jha for all future purposes.**

**I,Bhupendar Arora S/O. Madan Lal Arora R/O WZ-439,M.S-Block,Hari Nagar,Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Bhupendar Kumar Arora for all purposes.**

**I,Nanjali W/o Sh. Manish R/O Quarter No.37,Avantika,MCD Flats,Sector-1, Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Anjana for all purposes.**

**I,Anil S/o Puran Chand,R/O E-371,TF, Tagore Garden Extn Delhi-27, have changed my name to Anil Kumar.**

**I,Anil Goel S/O Late Shri S. K. Goyal R/O A-8/27, Sector-17,Rohini, Delhi-110089,have changed my name to Anil Goyal.**

**I,AMNA W/O MOHD YAMIN,R/O 3767-3768,KUCHA PARMANAND,DARYA GANJ,NEW DELHI-110002, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AMNA KHATOON.**

**I, hitherto known as Shirine Jacob D/o Late A. Jacob R/O G-30, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shireen Mary Jacob for all future purposes.**

**I, hitherto known as Daniel Singh alias Daniel Kamal Singh S/o Gaurav Singh R/o 7, UF, college Road, New Delhi-110001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Daniel Jacob for all future purposes.**

**I, Vijay Kumar, S/o Mangat Ram, Resident of House No.95, Block G, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-110062, is to inform that my name to be read as Vijay Kumar in place of Vijay Kumar Chandel for all Purpose.**

**I, Vaishali Dhoke W/o Pramod Dhoke R/O F1002, Raksha Adella Gaur City-2, Greater Noida West, UP-201306, have changed my name to VAISHALI PRAMOD DHOKE for all purposes.**

**I, Sunita Gupta W/o Gouri Shankar R/O C-371, Dakshin Puri, Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name after marriage from Sunita Gupta to Sunita Aggarwal for all future purposes.**

**I, Subhash Chander Aneja S/o Nand Lal Aneja, R/o-House.No-6, Road-No.75, West-Punjabi Bagh, Delhi, have changed my name to Subhash Aneja**

**I, Shalini Taneja W/o Sanjay Dua R/O 264/2, Gali No.-12, Anand Parbat, Than Singh Nagar, Central Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Anju Dua.**

**I, Sanjay Kumar Dua S/o Kewal Krishan Dua R/O 264/2, Gali No.-12, Anand Parbat, Than Singh Nagar, Central Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Sanjay Dua.**

**I, RASHMI D/O NARENDER SAINI, R/O 3675, STREET MAMAN JAMADAR, PAHARI DHIRAJ, DELHI-110006, have changed my name to RASHMI SAINI for all purposes**

**I, Prevesh Chandra S/o Parmanand R/O Village-Kaudia, P.O.-Balasour, Kotdwara, Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand-246149, have changed my name to Pravesh Chandra, for all purposes.**

**I, Pramod Namdeorao Dhoke S/o Namdeorao Tulshiram Dhoke R/O F1002, Raksha Adella Gaur City-2, Greater Noida West, UP-201306, have changed my name to PRAMOD NAMDEORAO DHOKE for all purposes.**

**I, Pramod Dhoke S/o Namdeorao Tulshiram Dhoke R/O F1002, Raksha Adella Gaur City-2, Greater Noida West, UP-201306, have changed my name to PRAMOD NAMDEORAO DHOKE for all purposes.**

**I, Prakash Vaidya S/o Ananth Vaidya R/O 28/66, Second Floor, Block No.28, West Patel Nagar, Delhi-110008, that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Prakash Anant Vaidya and Anant Timanna Vaidya respectively in my Passport : G597624. The actual name of mine and my father is Prakash Vaidya and Ananth Vaidya respectively**

**I, Prabhjot Singh, S/o Suresh Kumar, R/O-WZ-414, Gali.No-18, Sant Garg,Tilak Nagar, New-Delhi-110018,have wrongly-mention in my daughter Amrisha Kaur school record name is Prabjot Singh. Prabhjot Singh and Prabjot Singh one and the same person.**

**I, Kiran Kumar Bharti D/o S.H. Mahender Prasad R/O F-90, Rajya Sabha Awas, INA Colony, Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023, have changed my minor daughter's name from ARSHIA to VEENA KIRAN, vide affidavit dated 23.07.2022 at O/o District Magistrate (North West), SDM Kanjhawala, Delhi.**

**I, No.JC-774533K(SUB) DINESH SINGH SHISHODIYA, R/O.Village & P.O.-Khabra, District-Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh-202030, declare that my minor son's name incorrectly updated as BHUVNESH SHISHODIYA in my service record and to be corrected to BHUVNESH SHISHODIYA respectively, vide affidavit: IN-PB14383704025818U, dated: 26/07/2022, before Notary Advocate: Mohinder Pal Singh, Regd.No.-1179, Abohar, Punjab.**

**I, Vinit Kumar Mendiratta S/o Chuni Lal Mendiratta R/O CB-42 BDA Janta Flats, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064, declare that my name has been wrongly written as Vinit Mendiratta in my daughter's school record her name is Navya Mendiratta. The actual name of mine is Vinit Kumar Mendiratta,which may be amended accordingly.**

**I,Anil S/o Puran Chand,R/O E-371,TF, Tagore Garden Extn Delhi-27, have changed my name to Anil Kumar.**

**I, Vinit Kumar Mendiratta S/o Chuni Lal Mendiratta R/O CB-42 BDA Janta Flats, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064, declare that my name has been wrongly written as Vinit Mendiratta in my daughter's school record her name is Navya Mendiratta. The actual name of mine is Vinit Kumar Mendiratta,which may be amended accordingly.**

**I, hitherto known as Shirine Jacob D/o Late A. Jacob R/O G-30, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shireen Mary Jacob for all future purposes.**

**I, Mohd Razes S/o Abdul Latif R/O 1764, Katra Abul Wahid, Haurz Sui Wala, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002, inform that my father and mother name wrongly written in my Passport as Mohd Latif and Mubeen Fatma instead of Abdul Latif and Mubina Fatma respectively.**

**I,MOIN ALAM, S/O MOHD ZAHOO ALAM,R/O G49/D, 3RD FLOOR,SIDDQUI APARTMENT,SHAHEEN BAGH,DELHI-110025, have changed my name to MOHD MOIN ALAM.**

**I, Jasmeet Kaur Arora W/o Manjeet Singh, R/O G-9, Masjid Moth, Greater Kailash Part-3, New Delhi-110048,have changed my name to Jasmeet Kaur for all future purposes.**

**I, Diksha D/o Manoj Kumar Sharma R/O H.No-06, Gali. No.4, Saraswati Kunj, Chipiyana Khurd Urf Tigari, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P., have changed my name to Diksha Kumari for all purposes.**

**I, Bhabli Kumari D/o Rakesh Kumar R/o L-1/937/19, Gali No-19, Asthal Mandir, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-110062 have changed my name from Bhabli to Bhabli Kumari for all future purposes.**

**I, Anchal Oberoi W/o Raghav Nayar R/O B-33 Greater Kailash Part-I New Delhi-110048 have changed my name to Anchal Nayar For all Purposes.**

**I, Ajit Singh Gulati S/o Darshan Singh R/O B-1/357, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to AJIT SINGH for all Purposes.**

**I, Abhishek Agarwal S/o Sarvesh Kumar Aggarwal R/o, 37, 2nd Floor, Shanti Vihar, Karkardooma, Delhi-110092 declared that my daughter name Krishna Agarwal has been changed to GAURANGI AGARWAL (D.O.B. 30-12-2019) onward for all purposes.**

**I, Aanchal Chauhan W/o Shri Rajul Chauhan R/O C-105, Exotica Forest Society, Sector-137, Noida-201304 have changed my name to Aanchal Rajput for all future purposes.**

**I,hitherto known as Vinita D/o-Vinod residing at HD-37, Pitampura, Delhi-34 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vinita Xess D/o-Vinod Xess.**

**I,hitherto known as Sunita D/o-Vinod residing at HD-37, Pitampura, Delhi-34 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sunita Xess D/o-Vinod Xess.**

**I,hitherto known as Mohd Rizwan S/o Mohd Yameen R/O H.No.D-1/17, 4th Floor, Near Apka Bazar, Sector-7, Dwarka,New Delhi-110075 have changed the name of Rizwan in the school certificate. He shall hereafter be known as Mohd Rizwan. Both are the same person.**

**I,Yashoda Devi D/o Late Sh. Roop Chand W/o Sh. Punnu Ram R/O A-382, Minto Road, New Delhi, New Delhi G.P.O., Delhi-110001 have changed my name to Shoda Devi for all purposes.**

**I,Kanchan Tanwani, W/o Puneet Kumar, R/O H.No.F-3/230-231, first floor, Sec-16, Rohini, Delhi-89. Have changed my name to Kanchan Dhuryani.**

**I,Vinod Kumar Kasana S/o Babu Ram Kasana R/O F-90, Mahmood Pur, Near Shiv Mandir Post Ristal, Aurangabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201003, have changed my name to Vinod Kumar**

**I,Vijay Kumar alias Vijay Kumar Vij/S/o Late Sh. Krishan Chand R/O H.No.264/GF, IP Colony, Sector-30/31, Amarnagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121003 have changed my name to Vijay Kumar Vij for all purposes.**

**I,Sunil Chaudhary S/o Dhara Singh R/o Bhoomna, Muzaffarnagar, Bhooma, Uttar Pradesh-251315, have changed my name to Sunil Kumar.**

**I,Sanjana W/O, Pushpendra Surana R/O D 173, Ground Floor, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad -201011 Uttar Pradesh have changed my name to Sanjana Surana for all purposes.**

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**I,Pushpendra S/O, Sampat Kumar Surana R/O D 173, Ground Floor, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad -201011, Uttar Pradesh have changed my name to Pushpendra Surana for all purposes.**

**I,Nirupendra Kumar Pande S/O, Ramesh Chandra Pande R/O C-4 Sector 52 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh 201301 have changed my name to Nirupendra Pande for all purposes.**

**I,Jiwan Dass S/o Sh. Ram Swarup R/O H.No.G-29/142, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085 is also known as Jeevan Dass and Jiwan Dass. All names are of one and the same person.**

**I,Hamlata W/O Sunil Kumar/O Bhoomna, Muzaffarnagar, Bhooma, Uttar Pradesh-251315, have changed my name to Pramita Kumari**

**I,MOHD ZOHAIB AND ZOHAIB,S/O MOHD SHAHID QURESHI,R/O-179,GALI MATA WALI,CHATTA LAL MIAN,DARYA GANJ,NEW DELHI-110002,MOHD CHHAGE MY NAME TO MOHD ZUHAIB.**

**I,HASEEMA BEGUM,W/O MOHD MOIN ALAM,R/O G49/D, 3RD-FLOOR,SIDDQUI APARTMENT,SHAHEEN BAGH,DELHI-110025,have changed my name to NASEEMA BEGUM.**

**I, Mohammed Serajul Ola F/O (Amaira Hoda) Daughter born on (06/03/2010 r/o (CL-1104 Edeco's green meadows sec-p 1 gr. Noida U.P.), have corrected my name to Mohammed serajul which is mistakenly written serajul ola in place of Mohammed Serajul ola vide affidavit 27/7/2022**

**I, Mohammed Serajul Ola F/O Rafiqul Hoda ola Son born on 29/01/2010 r/o CL-1104 Edeco's green meadows sec-p 1 gr. Noida UP have corrected my minor son's name to Mohammad Rafiqul Hoda vide affidavit dated 27/7/2022**

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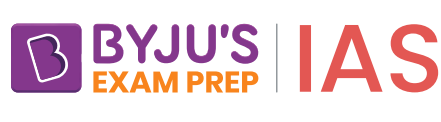
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**I,Seema Saroha,W/o Sh. virender Saroha R/O A-2/266,Janakpuri,New Delhi-110058 have lost my Share Certificate,(FIR Dated-27.07.2022 LR No:632433/2022),in the Name of Seema Saroha w/o Sh. Virender Saroha in respect of my Flat No.384, Sat Sunder Das Jt.C.G.H.S. Ltd.,Plot No.21,Sector-12,Dwarka New Delhi-110078.Finder please contact.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My clients Mrs. Kuldeep Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh, R/O J-107, Sardar Colony, Gali No.4, Rohini Sector-16, Delhi-89, has severed her relations from her son (1) Amarjeet Singh, her daughter-in-law (2) Preeti Kaur & her Grand Daughter (3) Ashmeet Kaur, all R/O J-107, Second Floor, Sardar Colony, Gali No.4, Rohini Sector-16, Delhi-89, disowned and disbarred them from all movable and immovable properties and shall not be responsible for their acts, deeds and things done by them in past, present and future. Anyone who deals with them shall be doing at their own cost and risks and my above client will not be held responsible of their acts hereafter. Shiv Datta (Advocate) SR-11, Distt. Centre, Janki Puri, Delhi-58

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It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Nareesh Thakur acquired Plot No. 6, measuring 50 sq. yds., Kharsa No. B, 820/11, situated at Baraj Nagar, Village Bhatnagar, Pargana & Tehsil Loni, Distt. Ghaziabad, U.P. vide Sale Deed dt. 11.08.2017 executed by Mrs. Sheela Devi and now Mr. Nareesh Thakur is the undersigned owner of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or otherwise or found otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her share or claim if any with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.


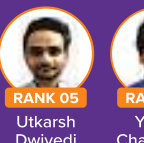
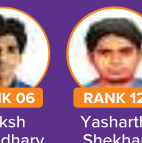

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## COURT ALLOWS ED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE

# SC upholds PMLA, says presuming innocence can be reversed by law

Centre told court earlier: Innocent until guilty not a constitutional right

SC overrides own 2017 ruling to justify 'drastic' PMLA provision for bail

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

APURVA VISHWANATH  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

UNDERLINING THAT "the principle of innocence of the accused/offender is regarded as a human right" but "that presumption can be interdicted by a law made by the Parliament/Legislature", the Supreme Court Wednesday upheld the constitutional validity of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, as amended from time to time including those dealing with the powers of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) regarding arrest, search, attachment and seizure in money laundering offences.

The Centre had told the Court that "it cannot be said that presumption of innocence is a

MAKING CLEAR that the State has a compelling interest in imposing stringent bail conditions for economic offences, the Supreme Court Wednesday upheld the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, including its stringent bail conditions that impose a reverse burden of proof on the accused.

"...by any stretch of imagination, it cannot be said that there is no compelling State interest in providing stringent conditions of bail for the offence of money-laundering," the Court said.

In upholding the reverse burden of proof condition for grant

of bail, the Court also overruled its own order of November 2017 that had declared the bail criteria unconstitutional.

In Nikesht Tarachand Shah vs Union of India (2017), the two-judge bench of Justices Rohinton Nariman and Sanjay Kishan Kaul, had declared the 'twin test' of bail under PMLA as unconstitutional since it was manifestly arbitrary.

"We must not forget that Section 45 is a drastic provision which turns on its head the presumption of innocence which is fundamental to a person accused of any offence.

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## PROTEST AT PARLIAMENT

Opposition MPs at Parliament House on Wednesday. Twenty MPs who have been suspended from Rajya Sabha are holding a 50-hour-long relay protest. **PTI**

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## DGCA tells SpiceJet to cut flights by half for 8 weeks

PRANAV MUKUL  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

FOLLOWING THE recent spate of safety-related incidents reported on its planes, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday ordered SpiceJet to operate only 50 per cent of its flights for the next eight weeks to ensure that the airline sustains its "efforts for safe and reliable air transport service".

In a statement, the airline said it had already "rescheduled its operations" due to the "lean travel season", and there would be "no flight cancellations".

The aviation safety regulator, in its interim order, said SpiceJet will be subjected to "enhanced surveillance" during this period, and any increase over the 50 per cent cap will be "subject to the satisfaction of DGCA" that it has "sufficient technical support and financial resources to safely and efficiently undertake such increased capacity".

"In view of the findings of various spot checks, inspections



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## Another Rs 20 crore recovered from second apartment of Partha aide: ED

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THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) said on Wednesday that it has found cash totalling Rs 20 crore and jewellery from premises in Kolkata allegedly linked



More cash recovered. **ANI**

to Arpita Mukherjee, the associate of West Bengal Minister Partha Chatterjee who has been arrested in connection with a schools recruitment scam. The recovery came five days after the ED said it had seized Rs 21 crore in cash from another location in

## BJP youth leader killed in Karnataka, party workers slam own state govt

KIRAN PARASHAR  
BENGALURU, JULY 27

A 32-YEAR-OLD worker of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), the youth wing of the BJP, was killed in the communally sensitive Dakshina Kannada district of coastal Karnataka on Tuesday night. Following the incident, several BJP workers ex-



State BJP chief was heckled in Dakshina Kannada

pressed their anger at the state government and the party's leaders by targeting the vehicle of its state president and submitting their resignations.

According to the police, Praveen Nettaru, a resident of Bellare in Sullia taluk about 300 km from Bengaluru, was hacked to death while he was closing his poultry shop at around 8.30 pm

## Stalin, Rahman, Rajini and Thambi the horseman: Chennai goes all out for India's 1st Chess Olympiad

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SANDIP G  
CHENNAI, JULY 27

A WEEK ago, a video anthem was released wherein A R Rahman and Chief Minister M K Stalin are walking along Napier Bridge, which is painted black and white to resemble the squares on a chess board. Both are clad in white, flanked by dancers in black, resembling the

pieces on a board, humming the anthem and jiving shyly.

The former world champion and one of Chennai's own, Viswanathan Anand, could not hide his excitement. "I have never seen the city so excited about chess. I was so happy to see the bridge painted black and white and I am sure that everyone in the city would know about the Chess Olympiad," he said.

Into the melee dropped superstar Rajinikanth, when he invited fledgling chess stars R Praggnanandhaa and his sister R Vaishali as well as their parents



The Napier Bridge in Chennai has been painted black and white to resemble the squares on a chess board. **PTI**

to his house. If the confluence of the biggest politician in the state, the biggest actor and the biggest music composer does not strike a chord, perhaps nothing would.

The ambitious Tamil Nadu government, riding a wave of goodwill since the curbing of the pandemic, has pulled no shutters to celebrate the Olympiad.

World Champion Magnus Carlsen, too, was blown away by the city decked up to celebrate. "Tamil Nadu or say Chennai is the hottest hub of chess in the world now. So just to be there



**Check this butter, mate**

**Amul**  
Eat knight and day!

## Govt job rush: In 8 yrs, 22 crore applied, only 7.22 lakh were selected

HARIKISHAN SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE RUSH for government jobs continued unabated over the last eight years but less than 1 per cent of applications received were selected. Of the 22.05 crore applications received from 2014-15 to 2021-22, only 7.22 lakh or 0.33 per cent, were recommended for appointment in different Central government departments, the government informed the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

pointment was in 2019-20, the year before the full outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. The year, which also saw elections to the Lok Sabha, accounted for a little more than 20 per cent of the total 7.22 lakh selected during the eight years.

The broad trend suggests that the number of candidates selected for government jobs has been declining since 2014-15, with 2019-20 being the only exception. In 2014-15, 1.30 lakh candidates were recommended for appointment but the number dropped continuously in the following years — 1.11 lakh in 2015-16; 1.01 lakh in 2016-17; 76,147 in 2017-18; 38,100 in 2018-19, 78,555 in 2020-21 and 38,850 in 2021-22.

While only 7.22 lakh candidates were selected for appointment in the last eight years, the

In a written reply, Jitendra Singh, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, informed the Lok Sabha that the maximum number of candidates — 1.47 lakh — recommended for ap-

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## SC on PMLA

constitutional guarantee".

The Court also said an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) cannot be equated with an FIR, that supplying an ECIR in every case to the person concerned is not mandatory and "it is enough if ED, at the time of arrest, discloses the grounds of such arrest".

Ruling on a batch of 242 petitions that raised questions on different provisions of the PMLA including Section 3 which defines what constitutes money laundering, a three-judge bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar, while upholding the provisions, left the question whether some of the amendments could have been brought by way of Finance Acts, to a seven-judge bench which is already seized of a similar question in the matter of some other legislations.

The bench refused to accept the contention that the procedure followed by the ED in registering an ECIR is opaque, arbitrary and violative of the constitutional rights of an accused and that the procedure followed under PMLA is draconian since it violates the basic tenets of the criminal justice system and the rights enshrined in Part III of the Constitution of India, in particular Articles 14, 20 and 21.

Rejecting the argument of the petitioners that it will amount to money laundering only if the proceeds of crime are projected as untainted property, the bench said, "Section 3 of the 2002 Act has a wider reach and captures every process and activity, direct or indirect, in dealing with the proceeds of crime and is not limited to the happening of the final act of integration of tainted property in the formal economy."

It said that "from the bare language of Section 3 of the 2002 Act, it is amply clear that the offence of money laundering is an inde-

pendent offence regarding the process or activity connected with the proceeds of crime which has been derived or obtained as a result of criminal activity relating to or in relation to a scheduled offence. The process or activity can be in any form — be it one of concealment, possession, acquisition, use of proceeds of crime as much as projecting it as untainted property or claiming it to be so. Thus, involvement in any one of such processes or activity connected with the proceeds of crime would constitute offence of money laundering".

The ruling, however, made it clear that the offence under Section 3 "is dependent on illegal gain of property as a result of criminal activity relating to a scheduled offence" and as such, "the Authorities under the 2002 Act cannot prosecute any person on notional basis or on the assumption that a scheduled offence has been committed, unless it is so registered with the jurisdictional police and/or pending enquiry/trial including by way of criminal complaint before the competent forum".

It said "if the person is finally discharged/acquitted of the criminal case against him is quashed by the Court of competent jurisdiction, there can be no offence of money laundering against him or any one claiming such property being the property linked to stated scheduled offence through him".

The bench upheld the ED's power under Section 5 of the Act to order provisional attachment of any proceeds of crime, saying "it provides for a balancing arrangement to secure the interests of the person as also ensures that the proceeds of crime remain available to be dealt with in the manner provided by the 2002 Act". There are enough procedural safeguards, it said, to protect the interests of the person concerned.

It approved the validity of Section 24 which puts the onus

on the accused to prove that the proceeds of crime are untainted property. The judgment said this "has reasonable nexus with the purposes and objects sought to be achieved by the 2002 Act and cannot be regarded as manifestly arbitrary or unconstitutional".

It rejected the argument that ED authorities are police officers and, hence, a statement recorded by them under Section 50 of the Act would be hit by Article 20(3) of the Constitution which says no person accused of an offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself.

It said "the purposes and objects of the 2002 Act for which it has been enacted, is not limited to punishment for offence of money laundering, but also to provide measures for prevention of money laundering. It is also to provide for attachment of proceeds of crime, which are likely to be concealed, transferred or dealt with in any manner which may result in frustrating any proceeding relating to confiscation of such proceeds under the 2002 Act. This Act is also to compel the banking companies, financial institutions and intermediaries to maintain records of the transactions, to furnish information of such transactions within the prescribed time in terms of Chapter IV of the 2002 Act. Considering the above, it is unfathomable as to how the authorities referred to in" the Act "can be described as police officers".

The judgment upheld the twin conditions for bail in Section 45 of the Act. These were struck down by the Supreme Court in 2017 but revived by Parliament by way of an amendment. Ratifying this, the bench said "it was open to the Parliament to cure the defect noted by this Court so as to revive the same provision in the existing form".

The bench held that in view of the special mechanism envisaged by the 2002 Act, an ECIR cannot be equated with an FIR under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. The ECIR is an internal document of the ED and the fact that FIR in respect of scheduled offence has not been recorded does not come in the way of ED authorities to commence inquiry/investigation for initiating "civil action" of "provisional attachment" of property being proceeds of crime, it said.

It held that Section 63, providing for punishment regarding false information or failure to give information, does not suffer from any vice of arbitrariness.

## SC overrides

Before application of a section which makes drastic inroads into the fundamental right of personal liberty guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution of India, we must be doubly sure that such provision furthers a compelling State interest for tackling serious crime. Absent any such compelling State interest, the indiscriminate application of the provisions of Section 45 will certainly violate Article 21 of the Constitution. Provisions akin to Section 45 have only been upheld on the ground that there is a compelling State interest in tackling crimes of an extremely heinous nature," the bench had said. It had said that stringent bail conditions can be imposed in exceptional circumstances such as anti-terrorism laws, but cannot be manifestly arbitrary.

The ruling by Justices A M Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar -- Justice Khanwilkar will retire on July 29 -- states that "declaration by the Parliament itself is testimony of compelling necessity to have stringent regime (enactment) for prevention and control of the menace of money-laundering".

It also expounded the theory of "soft state" which the Court said is used to "describe a nation which is not capable of preventing the offence of money laundering". The Court relied on Article 39 of the Constitution, part of the Directive Principles of State Policy that mandates the State to prevent concentration of wealth, to uphold the stringent bail conditions under PMLA.

"In view of the gravity of the fallout of money laundering activities having transnational impact, a special procedural law for prevention and regulation, including to prosecute the person involved, has been enacted, grouping the offenders involved in the process or activity connected with the proceeds of crime as a separate class from ordinary criminals. The offence of money-laundering has been regarded as an aggravated form of crime "world over". It is, therefore, a separate class of offence requiring effective and stringent measures to combat the menace of money laundering," the Court held.

## USAID

IIT-Delhi. Power mentioned the Capitol Building attack by rioters on January 6 last year, following

the defeat of former US President Donald Trump. "...The headwinds against democratic rule are strong the world over. Within the United States and India, there are forces who seek to sow division, who seek to pit ethnicities and religions against one another, who wish to bend laws, abuse institutions and wield violence against those who stand in their way; we saw this, of course, on January 6 in the United States last year... How the United States and India rise to meet these injustices, how fiercely we protect our hard-won pluralism, how insistently we defend our democracy and individual rights will determine not just our own trajectory, but that of the world that we inhabit," she said.

"To be clear, now and in the years ahead, the US sees India not just as a leader in the Indo-Pacific but a leader throughout the world," Powers said. "Together, we can offer the emerging countries, the emerging economies of the future a new development model, one rooted not in debt traps and dependence but in economic trade and integration, one that supports and celebrates individual and national agency, and one that aspires to see all countries move beyond the need for assistance," she said, in an apparent reference to China's policy.

Elaborating, Powers said, "A model predicated on engaging with a country's citizens and civil society, just as willingly as it does with its government. A model that treats others as equals and collaborates on solutions without preconceptions or stereotypes. A model that recognises that democracy, inclusivity and pluralism offer the surest path to sustainable progress, where dignity is not reserved for the few but endowed to us all. A model that is rooted in cooperation, not small-minded but big-hearted. A model that, at its core, believes that we are all one family."

Powers said that India, with its talent, resources and technological expertise, can contribute massively to the development trajectory of many countries. "But ultimately, what has positioned India as a future development leader has not been its assets but its values... It has been India's multi-ethnic, multi-party democracy that has allowed it to withstand the challenges it has faced and come out ahead stronger and more resilient. It has been its support for free expression over decades that has allowed injustices to come to light. It has been its tolerance for diversity and dissent that has allowed reforms to take hold and institutions to progress. India's trajectory has been so strong because -- not in spite of -- its democracy," she said.

Power also lauded India's help to Sri Lanka, and contrasted it with China. She mentioned how India wrote off debts of poor countries like Ghana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia in 2003. "Perhaps nowhere is India's commitment to those in peril more on display than right now in Sri Lanka... India has reacted really swiftly with an absolutely critical set of measures... And it has supplied \$3.5 billion in lines of credit to the government of Sri Lanka," she said.


"Contrast this with the People's Republic of China which has been an increasingly eager creditor of the Sri Lankan government since the mid-2000s. Indeed over the past two decades, China became one of Sri Lanka's biggest creditors, offering often opaque loan deals at higher interest rates than other lenders and financing a raft of headline-grabbing infrastructure projects with often questionable practical use for Sri Lankans, including a massive port that generated little income and was barely used by ships, and an equally massive airport, dubbed the emptiest in the world because it attracted so few passengers, and the country's tallest tower that was built as a tourist attraction, yet has never, unfortunately opened to the public," Powers said.

## SpiceJet flights

and the reply to the showcase notice submitted by SpiceJet, for the continued sustenance of safe and reliable transport service, the number of departures of SpiceJet is hereby restricted to 50 per cent of the number of departures approved under summer schedule 2022 for a period of eight weeks," the DGCA said in its order.

As per the approved summer schedule for 2022, which is effective till October 29, SpiceJet was to operate 4,192 departures every week. The DGCA order means that it cannot operate more than 2,096 flights per week for the next eight weeks.

"We are in receipt of the DGCA order and will act as per directions of the regulator. Due to the current lean travel season, SpiceJet, like other airlines, had already rescheduled its flight operations.




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## Govt jobs: Only 7.22 lakh selected

Centre had on June 14 this year announced it would recruit 10 lakh people in "mission mode" over the next 18 months. The announcement was made by the Prime Minister's Office after PM Narendra Modi "reviewed the status of Human Resources in all departments and ministries."

The information provided by Singh also shows that a total number of 22.05 crore applications were received since 2014. The maximum applications (5.09 crore) were received in 2018-19, and the least -- 1.80 crore -- in 2020-21.

An analysis of the data shows that against an annual average of 2.75 crore applications received over the eight years, 90,288 candidates were selected on an average every year. The proportion of candidates selected from the number of applications received during the eight years was in the range of

## APPLICATIONS VS RECRUITMENT

	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED
2014-15	2,32,22,083	1,30,423 (0.56%)
2015-16	2,95,51,844	1,11,807 (0.38%)
2016-17	2,28,99,612	1,01,333 (0.44%)
2017-18	3,94,76,878	76,147 (0.19%)
2018-19	5,09,36,479	38,100 (0.07%)
2019-20	1,78,39,752	1,47,096 (0.82%)
2020-21	1,80,01,469	78,555 (0.44%)
2021-22	1,86,71,121	38,850 (0.21%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,05,99,238</b>	<b>7,22,311 (0.33%)</b>

0.07 per cent to 0.80 per cent.

Listing various initiatives to create jobs in his reply to the question by Anumula Revanth Reddy, Congress MP from Telangana, Singh said, "Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Accordingly, the

Government of India has taken various steps for generating employment in the country."

"Budget 2021-22 launched Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, with an outlay of Rs. 1.97 lakh crore, for a period of 5 years starting from 2021-22. The PLI Schemes being implemented by the Government

have potential for creating 60 lakh new jobs... The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is being implemented by the Government for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY, collateral free loans up to Rs 10 lakh, are extended to micro/ small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to set up or expand their business activities," he said.

The other schemes listed by Singh include the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi launched on June 1, 2020, to facilitate collateral free working capital loan to street vendors to restart their businesses, the AtmaNirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) launched on October 1, 2020, to incentivise employers for creation of new jobs and restoration of jobs lost during the Covid-19 pandemic. As on July 13 this year, there were 59.54 lakh ABRY beneficiaries, he said.

Hence, there will be absolutely no impact on our flight operations. We want to reassure our passengers and travel partners that our flights will operate as per schedule in the coming days and weeks. There will be no flight cancellation as a consequence of this order," a SpiceJet spokesperson said.

"DGCA's observation that SpiceJet is taking measures for arresting the trend of incidents is very encouraging and we will continue to work under the close guidance of the regulator," the spokesperson said. According to industry executives, SpiceJet has not been operating at full capacity over the last few months.

On July 6, the DGCA had issued a showcase notice to SpiceJet following the rising number of air safety incidents witnessed by the low-cost airline. The aviation safety regulator, in its notice, mentioned that the various incidents, since April 1 this year, had been reviewed, and it was found that "poor internal safety oversight" and "inadequate maintenance actions" had resulted in degradation of safety margins.

In its showcase notice, the DGCA also flagged the airline's financial condition that has led to shortage of spare parts. "...financial assessment carried out by DGCA in September 2021 has also revealed that airline is operating on cash & carry and suppliers/ approved vendors are not being paid on regular basis leading to shortage of spares..." it said.

In its order on Wednesday, the DGCA noted that while SpiceJet has been taking measures to check the incidents, the airline needs to sustain its efforts for safe and reliable service. Between July 9 and July 13, the regulator conducted 53 spot checks of 48 SpiceJet aircraft but did not find any major violations of safety guidelines, it said.

A day before the DGCA issued its showcase notice, three SpiceJet aircraft reported safety-related incidents, including a freighter aircraft, which was heading to Chongqing in China but had to return to Kolkata as the pilots realised after take-off that its weather radar was not working. The same day, the airline's Delhi-Dubai flight was diverted to Karachi due to a malfunctioning fuel indicator and its Kandla-Mumbai flight reported priority landing in Mumbai after cracks developed on its windshield.

## BJP youth leader

on Tuesday. Police sources said a preliminary probe has revealed that the attackers came on two motorcycles with Kerala registration plates and hacked Praveen's head and neck before fleeing.

In a complaint filed by an employee of Praveen's shop, Akshaya Fresh Chicken Farm, the BJYM worker was about to leave for his residence on his two-wheeler when the attack occurred. Praveen had stepped back inside his shop to take the raincoat he had forgotten when he was hacked, the complaint stated. Praveen tried to escape but collapsed outside his shop, it stated.

The police suspect that the attack was in retaliation to another murder that took place in the district on July 19, when an eight-member team allegedly assaulted

a house painter, identified as Masud, who succumbed to injuries two days later.

According to police officers, eight persons, identified as Sudhir, Sunil Kelanje, Abhilash Bellare, Jim Ranjith, Shivprasad, Bhaskar, Ranjith and Sadashiva from Kelanje village, were arrested. Sudhir and Masud were neighbours and the accused were allegedly associated with pro-Hindutva outfits.

"No solid connection has emerged between the murdered BJP youth leader and the Masud murder that occurred last week but since the earlier murder was communal in nature, the two murders are suspected to be linked," police sources said.

The police are also investigating whether Praveen's killing is linked to a Facebook post on June 29, in which he wrote about a "poor tailor" being beheaded and threats to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by the killers. He was referring to the killing of Kanhaiyalal, a tailor in Rajasthan's Udaipur, for his comments in support of BJP's Nupur Sharma over her remarks on the Prophet.

In his post, Praveen criticised Congress leaders and posted, "Where are you when a poor tailor was beheaded for supporting the nationalist sentiment, and they say their next target is Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Where are you... This death has taken place in a state which is ruled by Congress. Don't you show mercy for a poor tailor's life..."

Police sources said the manner in which Praveen was killed resembled the modus operandi employed by activists of the radical Popular Front of India (PFI) in targeted killings of pro-Hindutva activists in the Dakshina Kannada region and other parts of Karnataka in recent years.

On Tuesday night, the police imposed prohibitory orders in Puttur, Sulya, Kadaba and Belthangady. An incident of stone pelting at a government bus was reported in the district.

On Wednesday, Karnataka BJP president and MP Nalin Kumar Kateel, state minister V Sunil Kumar and RSS leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat were heckled by a mob when they came to Bellare to pay their last respects.

The workers were angered that the leaders arrived only a day later, and accused them and the BJP state government of failing to protect Hindu activists. Several BJYM workers also submitted their resignations to mark their protest against the government.

Earlier, the workers ignored appeals from Praveen's family to not carry out a procession and allow them to complete the final rites. The police resorted to a lathi charge to disperse the mob.

## Chess Olympiad

and be a part of the chess celebration is a reason in itself," said Carlsen.

Indeed, from Napier Bridge to Guindy, from Adyar to Tambaram, the chess buzz has never enveloped Chennai as it has now. The grand old International Master Manuel Aaron, who began the city's first chess club in 1972 at the Soviet Centre for Culture Studies, where Anand polished his game, feels his life is

fulfilled. "I have never seen the city celebrating chess as passionately as they have now. I feel very fortunate that I could in some way contribute to the game's following and popularity in the city. The popularity of the game will soar even further," he said.

This is perhaps the impact that the state government had envisaged when they began an aggressive push for the Olympiad -- to stretch the game to the deep reaches of the city, those locales where chess is barely played, leave alone followed. The locality around the Napier Bridge that connects Fort St George and Marina Beach is not where you find children playing chess in every house. It's not where you want to find your children, either. Not too long ago, driving at night along the bridge was considered dangerous, replete with stories of snatchers, pickpockets and even ghosts of British soldiers.

Painting the bridge like a chess board is a metaphor, too. It is undisputed that Chennai has been churning out Grandmasters more frequently than any other city in the country -- 24 out of 73, apart from seven Women Grandmasters, 34 International Masters, 10,000-odd registered players -- with a throbbing chess culture and history. But the game really is not as mainstream as it is hyped up to be. It is this gulf between the mass and the niche that the Chess Olympiad seeks to bridge.

Every pillar and post reminds you of the Olympiad. The faces of DMK luminaries, from the ruling party's founder C N Anna Durai to former CMM Karunanidhi and now Stalin to the emerging Udhayanidhi Maran have been embossed onto a chess board. In every speech Stalin makes, there is a chess analogy or reference.

"Every one in the city is a king or a queen," he said in a function. He has invited a clutch of ministers from neighbouring states, and the buzz is that there might even be an alliance between him and his Telangana counterpart K Chandrashekar Rao. The only unhappy faces, so far, are in the city's BJP unit, which has been demanding that photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi be added to the hoardings. Chess is no stranger to politics, after the numerous proxy wars on the board in the Cold War Era.

Besides, there are special buses painted black and white, with a beaming mascot Thambi (younger brother in Tamil), that ply between Mahabalipuram and the Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus. The venue of the Olympiad -- Mahabalipuram -- is 60 km from the heart of the city, along the sprawling East Coast Road, but it's a distance, officials hope, the chess fever can reduce.

Thambi peers down from most buses and metro trains, as well as the entrances of important government offices -- the horseman clad in a white veshti (dhoti) and sattai (shirt), the fold of the veshti embroidered black and white, with folded hands. Thambi memes have already rolled out on the web -- there is a section dedicated to him on Chennai Chess 2022 titled "Thambiyan Sodhanaikal" (Thambi's Tests) with a voiceover

from the popular Tamil comedy veteran Vadivelu.

This edition of the Olympiad, from July 28 to August 10, is the first the country will host. India are seeded second in the open segment, fielding six teams, three each in men and women's sections, totalling 30 members with Anand not in action but guiding the players from outside. The top seed USA and third-placed Norway, helmed by Carlsen, pose a tough challenge. But the gold that India shared with Russia in the last edition has infused a sense of optimism that they will win the Olympiad at home.

So much so that about 300 km from Chennai, in Thirupovanur, a 14th-Century Shiva temple has gathered sudden attention because it's called "Sathuranga Vallabhanathar", literally translated as "King of Chess". The story goes that the temple was built at the location where Shiva beat the daughter of the local king in a game of chess ("sathurangam" in Tamil) to marry her, an avatar of Parvathi. Add divinity to the mix, and this Olympiad has the makings of a wholesome blockbuster, a mass entertainer. Or as the Chennaiites call it: "Mass-ii!"

## Partha aide

the city linked to Mukherjee.

According to ED sources, the amount recovered from Club Town Heights, an apartment complex in the Belgharia locality, could be more as the counting is still on. "We have recovered a huge amount of money from one of the flats in a housing complex. We have brought three note-counting machines to get the exact amount. Besides cash, gold bars, jewellery and other documents have also been recovered," said an ED official.

Sources said ED officers had to break into two flats linked to Mukherjee in Belgharia as the keys could not be found. The searches were based on information provided by Mukherjee who was arrested along with the Minister on July 23, a day after the first batch of cash was seized.

Directed by the Calcutta High Court, CBI is probing alleged irregularities in the recruitment of Group C and D staff as well as teachers in government-sponsored and aided schools when Chatterjee was the Education Minister. The ED is tracking the money trail in the case.

Earlier in the day, Chatterjee and Mukherjee were taken to ESJ Hospital in Kolkata for a medical check-up. Speaking to reporters, Chatterjee dismissed questions on his resignation. "What is the reason?" he asked.

The ED is also questioning former president of West Bengal Primary Education Board, Manik Bhattacharya, in the case.

Reacting to the latest recovery, BJP national vice-president Dilip Ghosh said: "They have looted money and denied jobs to genuine candidates. The culprits must be punished. The state minister should be immediately removed." TMC state general secretary Kunal Ghosh said the party will not defend anyone who is found guilty.

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# Stubble season approaching, Kejriwal pitches cash incentives for farmers

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THE PUNJAB government has proposed providing a cash incentive of Rs 2,500 per acre to farmers for not burning stubble, with contributions from Punjab, Delhi and Union governments, according to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Kejriwal said the Punjab government has sent the proposal to the Commission for Air Quality Management and the Delhi government will implement the same once the commission has taken a decision.

"The Punjab government has sent a proposal to the Air Quality Commission as per which the farmers will be provided cash incentive of Rs 2,500 per acre for not burning their paddy stubble. They are free to use technology of their choice. The Punjab gov-



Kejriwal, transport minister Kailash Gahlot inaugurated 7 EV charging stations at bus depots across Delhi. Amit Mehra

ernment has proposed that it will give Rs 500, the Delhi government will give Rs 500 and the Central government can give Rs 1,500. Whenever the Air Quality Commission takes a decision, the Delhi government will implement the same. We are ready to do everything possible to protect the environment as we are committed to provide a healthy

environment to the people of Delhi," Kejriwal said. The burning of paddy stubble to clear the fields after the harvest is one of the factors contributing to pollution in the NCR in winter. According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR), the share of stubble burning to PM2.5 levels

in Delhi peaked at 48% last year.

## Seven EV charging stations inaugurated

Meanwhile, Kejriwal inaugurated seven electric vehicle charging stations at bus depots across Delhi on Wednesday. These are at the Rajghat, IP Estate, Kalkaji, Nehru Place, Mehrauli, Dwarka Sector 2 and Dwarka Sector 8 bus depots. Delhi currently has over 2,000 charging points, according to a communication from the government.

The charging stations have slow and fast charging set-ups. A tariff of Rs 3 per unit has been fixed for slow chargers while the cost will be Rs 10 per unit for fast chargers. The one Delhi mobile application can help electric vehicle users find charging stations.

According to the Delhi government, 9.3% of the vehicles sold so far in 2022 were electric vehicles.

# Awareness drives to help people continue availing power subsidy

GAYATHRI MANI  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

WITH THE Delhi government planning to send consent forms to every household, along with their electricity bill, to continue getting the power subsidy even after October 1, a large-scale awareness exercise is being chalked out.

Awareness camps will be set up in every district alongside a subsidy counter in every billing centre to help people apply, update/correct mobile numbers and submit their consent forms.

The Indian Express first reported that starting August, residents will get an electricity bill along with a receipt of the amount they saved over the past seven years because of the government subsidy.

A letter from Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, along with a consent form to continue avail-

ing of the subsidy, will also be attached to the bill.

According to sources, every consumer will get the letter in the next two billing cycles which has to be filled up and signed before being submitted to billing centres if they want to continue to avail of the subsidy. The last date to apply is September 30. Electricity is free for up to 200 units of power per month. A 50 per cent subsidy was granted to those who used up to 400 units. A power department official said that on average, people got a benefit of around Rs 800 per month because of the scheme. At present, around 30.39 lakh households get 100 per cent and 16.59 lakh 50 per cent subsidy.

Officials added that to avoid confusion and unnecessary complaints, the government will also provide a receipt stamped with its logo or that of power distribution companies concerned.

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		30.06.2022 [Unaudited]	31.03.2022 [Audited]	30.06.2021 [Unaudited]	31.03.2022 [Audited]
1	Total Income from Operations	8,861.08	9,304.68	9,171.20	36,761.29
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	1,417.66	1,450.28	1,924.76	6,692.92
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	1,417.66	1,450.28	1,924.76	6,692.92
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	1,072.60	1,158.79	1,435.87	5,081.86
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	NA	NA	NA	NA
6	Paid-up share capital	17,080.00	17,080.00	15,080.00	17,080.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves)				43,116.93
8	Securities Premium Account	NA	NA	NA	NA
9	Net Worth	60,545.95	59,473.35	54,440.35	59,473.35
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt*	6,10,388.56	6,46,377.17	5,42,200.21	6,46,377.17
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Share	NA	NA	NA	NA
12	Debt-Equity Ratio	9.96	10.74	9.85	10.74
13	Earnings Per Share (EPS)	NA	NA	NA	NA
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	NA	NA	NA	NA
15	Debt Redemption Reserve	NA	NA	NA	NA

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Every year, July 28<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as the World Hepatitis Day. This year's theme is "I can't wait". With a person dying every 30 seconds from hepatitis related illness - we can't wait to act on viral hepatitis. The said theme will highlight need to accelerate the fight against viral hepatitis, importance of testing and treatment. In India 40 million people are infected with hepatitis B and at least 6 million people with hepatitis C. About 176,000 people die each year of hepatitis B- and C-related complications - two times the estimated annual number of HIV and malaria deaths together.

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Liver is important for digesting your food, processing and distributing nutrients. It is important to prevent and slow down the progression of chronic liver disease. Other than preventive measures, appropriate nutritional support can help liver protect against harmful effects in hepatitis. One such hepatoprotective which is scientifically proven is Silymarin which is derived from Milk Thistle. It is known to have antioxidant properties



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properties which decreases oxidative stress. Inositol has been found to lower hepatic triglycerides and maintain normal liver tissues. Glutathione exhibits its antioxidant properties and helps in detoxification. Glutathione helps in metabolism and improves liver disorders. CoQ10 has been found to lower liver inflammation in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

Essential nutrients are required to maintain a healthy liver. It is important to consult doctor about liver health. It's important to have a well-planned balanced diet, nutritional supplementation and adequate hydration. Proper nutrients can prevent damage to the liver and help you to remove all the toxins from the body. As per the American Liver Foundation; maintaining a healthy weight, balanced diet, exercising, avoiding toxins, restricting alcohol usage, avoiding illicit drugs are few of the things to be taken care to have a healthy liver. Increased awareness and education are needed to understand more about liver health. Monitoring liver health from time to time is necessary for the early detection and prevention of any disorder. So start today and take care of your liver, eat right and give what your liver needs.

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**VACCINATIONS IN  
LAST 24 HOURS**  
**27,663**

**PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL:** 203  
**OXYGEN SUPPORT:** 44  
**VENTILATOR SUPPORT:** 6

**DELHI TOTAL  
CASES**  
**19,50,802**

	Total	Vacant
HOSPITAL BEDS	9,429	9,225
ICU BEDS	2,111	2,062

	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
July 26	781	465	2	12,209
July 27	1,066	687	2	15,433
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,239*</b>	<b>19,21,256</b>	<b>26,307</b>	<b>3,94,45,292</b>

\*Total active cases in Delhi

	July 26	July 27
Cases	N/A	N/A
Deaths	N/A	N/A

	Cases	Deaths
GURGAON	173	196
NOIDA	0	0

## Moosewala murder probe reveals how Bishnoi gang network extends all the way to Pakistan

**MAHENDER SINGH  
MANRAL**  
 NEW DELHI, JULY 27

INVESTIGATION INTO the murder of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala has shed light on the extensive crime network of the prime accused, jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, that extends all the way to Pakistan, police have said.

Those involved in the probe say that the absconding terrorist Harvinder Rinda, learnt to be based across the border, had earlier hired Bishnoi's men to eliminate a senior leader of Shiv Sena, a plan that was shelved due to heavy security. Bishnoi and Rinda had met while they were housed together in a Punjab jail.

The joint probe involving police in Maharashtra, Mohali and

Delhi also points to the involvement of Bishnoi's men in the murder of builder Sanjay Biyani in Nanded on April 5 this year, an RPG attack on the state police intelligence headquarters in Amritsar on May 10, and the murder of gangster Rana Kandowalia in Amritsar on August 3 last year.

On May 13, the then Punjab DGP, Viresh Kumar Bhawra, said the RPG attack on the intelligence wing headquarters was jointly carried out by an "axis of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and gangsters with the backing of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)". Bhawra said this while announcing the arrest of six persons in connection with the case. He identified the key conspirator as Lakhbir Singh Landa, who hails from Tarn Taran district and has been in Canada since 2017. He


**Lawrence Bishnoi**

said Landa was an associate of Rinda, who was close to BKI chief Wadhawa Singh and the ISI.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Rinda, a resident of Nanded in Maharashtra, was lodged in a jail in Punjab in 2016-17, where he met Bishnoi and the two became close friends. "After coming out of jail, he evaded ar-

rest and reached Pakistan, from where he started operating his gang in Punjab after taking help from local criminals. Two men, one from Jhajjar in Haryana and another from Faizabad in UP, are members of Bishnoi's gang and they were hired by Rinda for committing two crimes back to back," police sources said.

Investigation has so far revealed that they were asked by Rinda to demand extortion money from a prominent builder, Sanjay Biyani, but he refused and they decided to eliminate him. Biyani, 53, was shot multiple times outside his Nanded bungalow on April 5 by two bike-borne assailants using two firearms from point blank range.

When contacted, Superintendent of Police (Nanded) Pramod Kumar Shewale told *The Indian Express*

that they received similar inputs regarding two attackers. "We've sent our team to Punjab to get more details about them," he said.

"After killing Biyani, both the attackers were asked by Rinda to eliminate a senior party leader of Shiv Sena, but despite conducting a recce, they failed to execute the plan. They were then asked by him to carry out a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) attack on the state police intelligence headquarters in Mohali," police sources said.

In connection with RPG attack, police have already arrested Jagdeep Kang, who the DGP said was the "local contact" of the module and had accompanied Charat during the recce. The others arrested are Kanwar Bath, Baljit Kaur, Anantdeep Singh Sonu, Baljinder Singh Rambo and Nishan Singh.

## PLEA SEEKING SUSPENSION FROM CABINET For Kejriwal to decide if Jain should be allowed to continue: High Court

**SOFIAHSAN**  
 NEW DELHI, JULY 27

ON A petition seeking suspension of Delhi minister and AAP leader Satyendar Jain from the state cabinet, the Delhi High Court Wednesday said it is for Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to act in the best interest of the state and consider whether a person who has been charged with offences involving moral turpitude should be allowed to continue as a minister or not. Jain has been in custody in an alleged money laundering case since May 30.

Observing that while it is not for the court to issue directions to the Chief Minister in this regard, the division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad said that it is, however, duty of the court to remind "key duty holders" about their role with regard to upholding the tenets of the Constitution.

"The Chief Minister exercises his/her discretion in choosing the members of cabinet and to formulate a policy pertaining to appointment of Council of Ministers. The Council of Ministers has a collective responsibility to sustain and uphold integrity of the Constitution of India," said the court in the order released Wednesday afternoon.

It added, "And it is for the Chief Minister to act in the best interest of the State and consider as to whether a person who has criminal background and/or has been charged with offences involving moral turpitude should be appointed and should be allowed to continue as a minister or not." The court also said good governance is only in the hands of good people, but added that though it can-


**Jain has been in custody in an alleged money laundering case since May 30**

not sit in judgement of what is good or bad, it can remind constitutional functionaries to preserve, protect and promote the ethos of the Constitution. "There is a presumption that the Chief Minister would be well advised and guided by such constitutional principles," it said.

Quoting a speech of Dr B R Ambedkar from the Constituent Assembly debates, the court said it hopes that the Chief Minister will uphold the trust reposed in him "that forms the foundation of a representative democracy while appointing persons to lead the people". Ambedkar had said, "... however good a Constitution may be, it is sure to turn out bad because those who are called to work it, happen to be a bad lot. However bad a Constitution may be, it may turn out to be good if those who are called to work it, happen to be a good lot."

The petition filed by Dr Nand Kishore Garg, a former BJP MLA, earlier this month alleged that Jain continues to enjoy the perks and privileges of a minister despite being in custody in a case alleging serious financial irregularities. The plea had also prayed for the issuance of guidelines for res-

ignation or suspension of ministers in case they remain in custody for a period beyond 48 hours, as is followed in the case of a civil servant under the central rules.

Rejecting Garg's prayers, the division bench in the order said the Supreme Court in 2014 refrained from framing any guidelines on the issue and held that it was not for the court to issue any directions to the Prime Minister or Chief Minister.

"The Supreme Court further noted that deeming a person against whom allegations of criminality have been alleged as a criminal, and thereby, robbing them of their appointment, would go against the basic principle of criminal jurisprudence, i.e. a person is deemed to be innocent until proven guilty," the bench said. The court also said the breach of the oath does not entail an automatic termination of the tenure, but requires an independent order by the appointing authority. "A High Court under Article 226 is not competent to issue such orders terminating the appointment of a Minister of the State," it said.

Holding the prayer for extending the Central Civil Services rules to ministers without any basis, the bench said that they explicitly exclude a minister. "A minister cannot be said to be a government servant as well, as the appointing authority of the ministers, i.e. the governor of the state, does not fall under Clause 2a of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965. Therefore, Rule 10 of the 1965 Rules, which stipulates that being arrested for a period of 48 hours or more entails suspension of the government servant, would not apply to a Minister," reads the ruling.

## Monkeypox suspect in LNJP but lesions inconsistent with virus

**ANONNA DUTT**  
 NEW DELHI, JULY 27

WITH SURVEILLANCE teams in the city on alert after detection of the first case of monkeypox, another suspect with fever and rashes has been admitted to the isolation ward for the disease at the nodal Lok Nayak hospital. Doctors from the hospital, however, said it is unlikely that the patient has the infection.

"The dermatologists said that the patients' lesions are not consistent with that of monkeypox. Rashes can also happen due to other infections like chickenpox," said a doctor from the hospital. The sample of the patient has been sent to the National Institute of Virology-Pune, with reports expected by Thursday evening. The person also doesn't have a history of international travel in the last 21 days, according to the doctor.

To reduce the turnaround time and increase testing capability for the infection, fifteen viral research and diagnostic laboratories across the country have started conducting RT-PCR tests for the orthodox group of viruses, of which monkeypox is a part, from Tuesday onwards as reported by *The Indian Express*. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences is the laboratory in the city that is part of the network. Simultaneously, NIV-Pune will conduct a confirmatory test specifically for monkeypox.

The hospital currently has one patient with monkeypox — a 34-year-old person from West Delhi. With no history of international travel, he was the first case of local transmission of monkeypox in the country. Three more cases have been confirmed in Kerala so far, all with history of travel to UAE. All health facilities in the city have been asked to report suspected cases to district surveillance teams. Doctors have been asked to take detailed history in patients with lesions, with the guidelines by the Centre stating that skin and sexually transmitted infection clinics must remain on alert for monkeypox cases.

## Learning programme at govt schools brings most students up to the mark

**SUKRITA BARUAH**  
 NEW DELHI, JULY 27

A MAJORITY of primary and pre-primary class students in Delhi government schools will now move on to regular teaching-learning after over three months of focused foundational learning, with the latest round-up of assessments showing them to be at a 'desired learning level'.

Since schools in Delhi reopened physically in full capacity on April 1 this year, the focus in government schools has been on foundational reading, writing and numeracy for students up to class IX with assessments conducted every week. These are uploaded for the education department approximately on a monthly basis.

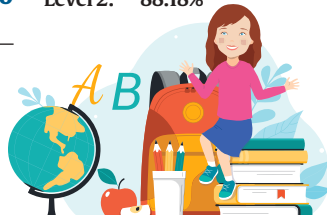
After the latest round-up, students in each grade up to class V have been divided into level 1 and level 2 based on their abilities, and students categorised in level 2 will resume regular classroom teaching and learning with grade-appropriate curriculum, with a reduced syllabus of the Delhi SCERT.

For those from III to V, who can read a paragraph or a story have been placed in level 1 for Hindi, and those who can do subtraction and division sums have been placed in level 2 for Math.

In class III, students who had just completed KG when the pan-

THE FINDINGS	
Total students	Assessed
<b>KG</b>	<b>20,206</b>
Level 1:	925 (10.17%)
Level 2:	8,170 (89.83%)
<b>CLASS 1</b>	<b>25,440</b>
Level 1:	850 (5.28%)
Level 2:	17,337 (94.72%)
<b>CLASS 2</b>	<b>26,874</b>
Level 1:	4,304 (5.28%)
Level 2:	18,396 (94.72%)
<b>CLASS 3</b>	<b>27,775</b>
Level 1:	42.54%
Level 2:	57.46%
<b>CLASS 4</b>	<b>28,603</b>
Level 1:	26.90%
Level 2:	73.10%
<b>CLASS 5</b>	<b>28,879</b>
Level 1:	16.57%
Level 2:	84.43%

dem started, more than 40% students were found to be at level 1 and 64.28% at level 2 in class III. In this same manner, more students are in level 2 in Math than they are in Hindi in grades IV and V as well. In class IV, 26.9% were found to be in level 1 and 35.74% were found to be at level 1 and 64.28% at level 2 in class III. In this same manner, more students are in level 2 in Math than they are in Hindi in grades IV and V as well. In class IV, 26.9% were found to be in level 1 and 35.74% were found to be at level 1 and 64.28% at level 2 in class III.



## More liquor shops could shut in city

**GAYATHRI MANI**  
 NEW DELHI, JULY 27

FOLLOWING THE closure of 170 retail liquor shops, five zones are likely to surrender their licences leading to the shutting of 108 shops as the Excise department has not informed zonal retail licences of the extension of the new liquor policy.

According to sources, about five L-7V vend zonal licences, including Universal Distributors and Path2Way HR solutions Limited, have submitted applications to the Excise department that they want to surrender licences of their zones after completion of the current extension period, that is, July 31, 2022.

"Usually, retail zonal licences get an ultimatum of 10 days or at


**So far, 9 zonal licences have surrendered their licences**

least a week prior to extension of policy, and licences who wish to continue to run their shops should get their licence renewed before the given date based on pro-rata fees. However, this time, with only three days before expiration of licence period, there is no clarity on future policy or whether the current policy will be extended,"

said a zonal licensee on condition of anonymity.

Attributing the state of limbo to losses incurred by uncertainty, a vendor said, "Moreover, many retail vendors couldn't open due to non-conforming zones and still there is no clarity... Shops that are running are getting targeted and being closed by the MCD."

Universal Distributors, in its application, said: "...Our license was extended for two months till July 31, 2022, and the Delhi Excise Policy for the year 2021-22, has not received any intimation regarding further extension of the policy till now... we request you to refund our security amount..."

Meanwhile, Path2ways which has about 23 liquor shops, also submitted its application for surrender of zone and payment of licence fees for July: "...We shall

surrender the zone 12 awarded to our company on completion of extension period (31 July 2022)."

Sources said the excise department has acknowledged the application and issued receipts to these two companies.

Sources said that if government extends the policy for two more months and issues circulars to vendors to get licences, zonal licences who currently want to surrender may renew licences. However, 108 more retail shops across five zones will shut if these zonal licences surrender their licences from August 1, and only 360 shops will be left in the city, which could force consumers to go to Gurgaon, said sources. The Delhi government, whose target was to collect Rs 9,000 crore under the policy, will face revenue loss, said sources.


**The suit had alleged that Neeraj Food Products launched a product 'James Bond' similar to 'Cadbury Gem's' or 'Gem's'**

the likelihood of confusion is sufficient. A comparison of the de-

endant's infringing product and the packaging thereof leaves no

## Act that gives L-G an edge new flashpoint between him, Speaker

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vinai Kumar Saxena Wednesday asked Delhi Legislative Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel to amend rules for the conduct of business and procedure of the House under the GNCTD (Amendment) Act, 2021.

According to Raj Niwas officials, the L-G has conveyed that even after 14 months of the GNCTD (Amendment) Act, 2021 coming into effect, the Delhi Assembly has kept necessary amendments pending in its 'Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business', and asked Goel for "Constitutional compliance".

The GNCTD Act, 2021, which was approved by the central government last year, gives an upper hand to the L-G over the elected government. As per the legislation, the "government" in Delhi means the "L-G".

Goel told *The Indian Express*, "I received this letter four days ago in the evening from the L-G and also asked my advisor to study it

but I don't understand what was the hurry to leak it to the media. Both of us hold a constitutional post. Why are you making a mockery of your post and insulting the Constitution?"

In another statement, the Speaker's office said, "The amendment to the GNCTD Act made by Parliament has been challenged by the Delhi government on the grounds that it violates Article 239AA. This amendment has made the committee system of the Assembly non-functional. The amendment prohibits the Assembly and its committees from making an inquiry into administrative decisions. Then what will the committees look into, the affairs of the United Nations? Committees of legislature look into administrative decisions and ask the government to fix responsibility of individual officers if found guilty by the committees."

The L-G, in his message to the Speaker, said the Assembly and its committees make rules to enable itself to consider matters of day-to-day administration of the capital or conduct of inquires related to administrative decisions.

### BRIEFLY

#### HC grants police 4 weeks to respond to Zubair's plea

**New Delhi:** The Delhi High Court Wednesday granted Delhi Police four weeks' time to file a response to AITN co-founder Mohammed Zubair's petition seeking the return of devices and documents seized by the investigation agency during the probe of the case alleging that he hurt religious sentiments through a tweet made by him in 2018.

#### 22-yr-old man electrocuted

**New Delhi:** A 22-year-old man got electrocuted on July 22 while working at a farmhouse in South Delhi's Fatehpur Beri area. Police said the victim and his friend were installing a lift when they suffered a sudden electrical shock. Police said a case has been registered against unknown persons. **ENS**

### 'IMMENSE LIKELIHOOD OF CONFUSION'

## 'Cadbury Gems' vs 'James Bond': High Court rules in favour of former

**SOFIAHSAN**  
 NEW DELHI, JULY 27

PUTTING AN end to a long-pending trademark infringement dispute related to the famous chocolate product Cadbury Gems, the Delhi High Court has permanently restrained Neeraj Food Products from using the mark 'James' or 'James Bond' for its products. The court also imposed a cost of more than Rs 15 lakh on the company for violating the rights of manufacturers of Cadbury Gems.

Limited, formerly known as Cadbury India Limited, had in 2005 filed a suit alleging that Neeraj Food Products or the defendant launched a chocolate product under the mark 'James Bond' with an identical colour scheme, layout, and arrangement as that of its 'Cadbury Gems' or 'Gem's' products.

While Mondelez India Foods holds trademark registration for 'Cadbury's Gems' and 'Gem's', the court was also told that it also has copyright registrations for artistic works in respect of a character known as 'Gem's Bond', which has been used for promotion of

'Gem's' branded products.

Observing that Gems is one of the most popular and well-recognised chocolate products in India and almost everyone's childhood is associated with it, Justice Prathiba M Singh in a verdict passed Tuesday said entire colour scheme of Neeraj Food Products' item is identical to of Cadbury's label and packaging. The marks are also confusingly and deceptively similar, said the court.

"The 'Gem's' product is also usually consumed by small children, both in urban and rural areas. The test in such a matter is not that of absolute confusion. Even

manner of doubt that the same is a complete knock-off, of the plaintiffs "Cadbury Gems", reads the verdict.

The court also noted that these products are sold not only in bigger packs, but also in smaller pillow packs, due to which the mark may not even be fully visible. "The smallest selling unit of the plaintiffs' product, that is, the pillow pack, is even available for Re 1 to Rs 5. Hence, the product's get-up, layout, as also, the colour combination of the packaging plays a significant role at the point of purchase," it said, adding that there is an immense likelihood of

confusion, particularly considering class of consumers that the product is targeted at is children.

Neeraj Food Products has been irregular in its appearance in the case and has contributed to the delay in the suit pending since 2005, the court said further. An interim injunction had been operating in the case since May 2007. Though the Cadbury Gems' manufacturers had alleged contempt of court orders initially, no submission regarding the continuous availability of 'James Bond' in the market was made at the time of final arguments.

"Accordingly, the relief sought

in respect of delivery up and for recall of the defendant's products are not granted at this stage. However, if the plaintiff finds any infringing products in the market, they are free to seek execution of the decree, seeking delivery up, at that stage," said Justice Singh.

While awarding costs of Rs 15,86,928, which includes damages of Rs 10 lakh, in favour of Mondelez India Foods, court ordered Neeraj Food Products to pay the same within three months. "Failing which, plaintiffs shall be permitted to seek execution of the decree or avail of its remedies, in accordance with law," it added.



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LANGUAGE LOVE

A RULING party MP got miffed after being barred from raising an issue in his mother tongue in Lok Sabha. Earlier this week, former Union minister and BJP MP from Balasore in Odisha, Pratap Singh Sarangi, wanted to raise the issue of Coast Canal between Odisha and West Bengal, which is facing neglect, in Odia. But as he began, the Chair told Sarangi that he should give prior notice to speak. The MP said he had given notice, but the Chair said the translator was not present and he should wait. Sarangi tried to reason with the Chair amid noisy protests by the Opposition — he even came out of his seat and tried to convince the presiding officer but did not succeed. Visibly upset, Sarangi left the House for a while. He later made his submission in English.

FRIENDLY BANTER

VETERAN TRINAMOOL member Saugata Roy is among the most active leaders, and that was in demonstration in Lok Sabha on Wednesday. During voting on the National Anti-Doping Bill, Roy caught Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri off guard by bringing to notice that Puri was raising his hand like other MPs when clause-wise amendments were being put to vote by Speaker Om Birla. Puri, a Rajya Sabha member who was in the Lower House as part of roster duty, acknowledged that Roy had raised a valid point. On a lighter note, the minister said he was doing so out of his "emotional attachment" with the Bill. "Had I been drinking tea in the Central Hall, even there I would have raised my hands," Puri said.

HERE? THERE? WHERE?

THE OPPOSITION'S protests in front of the Gandhi statue in Parliament complex became a testimony to Opposition disunity on Wednesday. While Congress, DMK, Left, NCP and TRS members protested together in front of the statue, Trinamool MPs held another one on the lawn nearby, with plates full of puffed rice and packets of curd. Asked why they did not join the others, the TMC leaders gave different reasons. "We cannot stand with the Congress, as they fought against our party," said one senior leader; "we cannot protest against the ED action [questioning of Sonia Gandhi] when we have raised the price-rise issue," responded another. But the confusion among MPs who came late to join the protests was amusing. After reaching the spot, each one looked at both sides, confused about which one they should join. "I do not know whether I should join either," said one DMK MP.

SC's PMLA verdict clear, govt has no role in determining cases: Rijju

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LAW MINISTER Kiren Rijju said on Wednesday that the Supreme Court judgment upholding several provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) has cleared all doubts raised by "various quarters" and asserted that the government has "no role in determining any case".

The judgment has made it amply clear that agencies do not do anything which is illegal and unconstitutional, the minister said.

The actions by probe agencies are truly in the spirit of the government's intention to check corruption and punish the corrupt, he said.

"The action taken by anti-corruption agencies, the ED in this case, is very much as per the

law and on the basis of the merits of the cases. The government as such has no role in determining any cases, and each case is handled on merit. This Supreme Court judgment has made it amply clear that agencies don't do anything which is illegal and unconstitutional," he said.

In a swipe at Opposition parties, which have accused the government of misusing the law to target them, Rijju said the verdict has cleared all efforts to create confusion and doubts by various quarters.

The Supreme Court, in the significant verdict, upheld the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) powers relating to arrest, attachment of property involved in money laundering, search and seizure under the PMLA that were challenged by multiple petitioners, including Congress MP Karti Chidambaram.

Cong: Decision will have far-reaching implications

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THE CONGRESS Wednesday said the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the constitutional validity of some provisions of the money laundering law will have far-reaching implications for India's democracy, especially when governments are anchored in "political vendetta".

The top court Wednesday upheld the provisions relating to the Enforcement Directorate's powers of arrest, attachment, search, and seizure.

"The judgement pronounced by the Supreme Court on the powers of the Enforcement Directorate

today will have far reaching implications for our democracy, especially when Governments are anchored in political vendetta," AICC general secretary in charge of communication Jairam Ramesh said in a statement.

"However, there is one specific aspect of the judgement I would like to address immediately: I had moved the Supreme Court on the blatant misuse of the Money Bill route by the Modi Government, on the amendments made to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. The Supreme Court had issued notice on my petition on July 2nd, 2019. This question remains unresolved in today's judgement," he said.



Congress leaders Anand Sharma, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Ashok Gehlot, who is Rajasthan CM, and Jairam Ramesh at a press meet in New Delhi on Wednesday. Anil Sharma

ED questions Sonia: Cong fields top G23 leaders to defend her

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
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AS THE Enforcement Directorate questioned Sonia Gandhi for the third time, the Congress on Wednesday fielded veterans Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma — the two prominent members of the G23 that has been critical of the leadership's style of functioning — to defend her. Azad made an emotional pitch saying the government should not unnecessarily trouble an aged and unwell Sonia and argued political opponents should not be treated as "enemies".

Sharma said laws like PMLA are being weaponised to target and humiliate people, which should not happen.

The Congress continued its street protests and several of its MPs, including Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, were once again detained by the police as they came out of Parliament building in a procession, protesting against the questioning of Sonia. The Congress MPs led by Kharge also staged a protest at the Gandhi statue in Parliament.

Addressing a press confer-

ence at the AICC headquarters with Sharma and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Azad slammed the ED for summoning Sonia again and again when the agency had already questioned her son Rahul Gandhi in the same case for several hours over five days. Azad said it was not right on the part of the agency to trouble a woman of her age.

"During the olden days... even in wars, kings used to give directions that women should not be attacked and those who were not keeping well should be spared," Azad said, urging the agencies not to be harsh on an aged and ailing Sonia. The ED questioned her for three hours Wednesday. She was given no fresh summons indicating that her questioning had concluded.

Interestingly, both Azad and Sharma refrained from speaking about specifics of the case. "The issue is not about summoning or questioning... India being a rule-based, rule-governed country and a constitutional democracy, while respecting and implementing the laws, we must also respect the fundamental rights, not only of liberty, justice, but also the right to reputation and privacy," Sharma said.

Gehlot said there is "terror of the ED" in the country.

UP: In unusual move, Governor holds meet with all ministers, CM

MAULSHREE SETH  
LUCKNOW, JULY 27

IN A rare move, the entire council of ministers of the UP government, including Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, met Governor Anandiben Patel at Raj Bhavan late Thursday evening.

While neither the state government nor the Raj Bhavan shared the details of the "unofficial" meeting, sources said the ministers briefed Patel about their work, visits and future plans for their departments.

In the meeting that stretched for about four hours, starting at 4 pm, sources said that Governor Patel individually spoke with every minister.

The meeting assumes significance as recently some of the

ministers, including Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, raised questions on transfer of officials. Minister of State for Jal Shakti Dinesh Khatik had even offered to resign, alleging that officers of his departments were not listening to him because he was a Dalit.

While the meeting was held at Raj Bhavan, sources in the Government said the initiative was taken by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who wanted his Council of Ministers to be introduced to the Governor.

"It was certainly a rare occasion, but not the first one. We remember that something like this was organised in 2019. However, this time, the meeting was more interactive and each minister must have got about four minutes to speak about their work," said a minister. "It is kind of starting a new tradition, where the focus was on new members."

Maharashtra Cabinet clears Rs 39k cr for project to fix discom

ALOK DESHPANDE  
MUMBAI, JULY 27

THE MAHARASHTRA Cabinet on Wednesday approved a detailed project report (DPR), seeking Rs 39,602 crore for the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company (MAHADISCOM), to improve the power distribution system in a bid to make the company financially stable.

While the project will impact 1.66 crore consumers over the next three years, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said that no financial burden will be put on them.

The Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), which is reform-based and result-linked, was prepared by the power department led by Nitin Raut in the previous government. But it was on hold in the absence of remarks from the finance department.



Chief Minister Eknath Shinde

According to the DPR available with *The Indian Express*, 1.66 crore customers will get smart/pre-paid metres at a cost of Rs 10,051 crore. In addition, Rs 937 crore will be used for 4.07 lakh transformer metering while Rs 117 crore will be spent on 27,826 feeder and boundary metering. As many as Rs 14,231 crore will be used for infrastructural works to reduce distribution losses and Rs 14,266 crore will be used to modernise the distribution system.

A similar scheme will be implemented by BEST, for which the Cabinet cleared DPR worth Rs 3,461 crore.

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Humans, animals, marine creatures and the environment all need to be protected and conserved for the planet's future well being. An example of conservation is a programme to try to preserve wetlands. An example of conservation is a programme to try and save old buildings. An example of conservation is an



and stress, and increase our attention capacity, creativity, and our ability to connect with other people. So there is need to save Nature if we want to save life, as the two are interconnected and need each other. If we hurt or destroy the environment, surely we will be ruined. Create awareness among family members, and try and practise a sustainable lifestyle to protect and conserve Nature.

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## FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

'Don't provoke me to that extent... I have to read the names (of those who have given notices under Rule 267). You don't have the patience to even listen to that.'

VENKAIAH NAIDU, Chairman, to AAP member Sanjay Singh, who was trying to bring up the Gujarat hooch deaths.

## 5 QUESTIONS



NCP MEMBER FROM LAKSHADWEEP MOHAMMED FAIZAL PP RAISED THE ISSUE OF DEATHS IN THE ISLANDS DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF AIR AMBULANCES. HE SPOKE TO SOURAV ROY BARMAN ON THE ISSUE:

You said the issue is very alarming. Yes, this is concerning because there is a lack of specialist doctors. Patients have to be taken to places like Kochi as critical ones cannot be kept under observation for too long. There is no night landing facility either. The last helicopter has to take off by 3.30 pm.

## Has this been an issue in the past?

It has become a bigger issue in the last few months. Last month itself, there were five deaths attributable to the lack of air ambulances and the poor state of health services. In Lakshadweep, there is an agreement between the administration and Pawan Hans in which it is clearly spelt out that the first priority should be given to patients.

## Can you elaborate?

See, in one case priority was given to a VIP who was also flying out of the islands over a patient, who died. In another case, a pregnant woman was to be air-lifted to Kavaratti from another island which did not have proper medical facilities. But that could not be done on time due to bad weather. The baby could not be saved by the time she was brought to the capital of the Union Territory.

## Are you saying the situation has worsened of late?

Yes. Previously, around 30 specialist doctors were serving around five hospitals in Kavaratti, Agatti, Andrott, Minicoy and Amini. Specialist doctors of paediatrics, surgery, orthopaedics among others were available round the clock even in the far-off islands under a PPP arrangement. But the present administration has brought changes which have weakened the system and those doctors are not available anymore.

## What is your demand?

The Home Ministry should conduct a proper inquiry to find out whether the priority is really adhered to.



Home Minister Amit Shah with colleagues Kiren Rijju and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat walks to Parliament after a cabinet meet

## DISAGREEMENT OVER SUSPENSION OF MPs

## Price-rise debate likely soon; Opp refuses to express regret

Venkaiah seeks apology in meeting; Piyush Goyal, Pralhad Joshi meet Opp leaders

MANOJ CG

NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE GOVERNMENT Wednesday signaled that it is ready for a discussion on the issue of price-rise next week even as 20 MPs suspended from the Upper House began a 50-hour relay dhama in front of the Gandhi statue in Parliament complex.

The first signs of the stalemate easing came at an informal meeting of the House in Rajya Sabha Piyush Goyal and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi had with some Opposition leaders.

The Congress was not present in this meeting since its leaders and MPs were detained by police as they stepped out of Parliament building to protest the ED questioning party chief Sonia Gandhi in the National Herald case.

But the tussle over suspension of 20 Rajya Sabha MPs — 19 on Tuesday and AAP's Sanjay Singh on Wednesday — continued, as Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu insisted that the suspension will be revoked only if the MPs expressed regret, a suggestion the opposition parties rejected. The MPs thereafter began a 50-hour dhama at the Gandhi statue at 11 am. It will continue until 1 pm Friday.

Trinamool Congress leader in Rajya Sabha Derek O'Brien said the Opposition leaders made it clear in the meeting with Goyal and Joshi that the government should, in fact, express regret for not allowing a discussion on price-rise. "No question of the Opposition expressing regret for standing up for people's issues," he said.

Since the Rajya Sabha members have been suspended only for the remaining part of this week, sources in Opposition said the tension could ease and Parliament resume normal functioning next week if the government fixes a date for the discussion on Monday itself.

"The government has in principle agreed for a discussion next week but the suspension

of MPs will not be revoked. So we will continue our protests on Thursday and Friday," a senior Opposition leader told The Indian Express. "The House is unlikely to function this week. If the situation does not worsen in the next two days — if there are no more suspensions, and if the government fixes a date for discussion on Monday — normalcy will return next week."

The issue of revocation of the suspension came up later at a formal meeting convened by Chairman Naidu in his chamber. Opposition leaders urged Naidu to revoke the suspension but the Chairman said "expression of regret" for their "misconduct" is a precondition.

The Opposition was represented by Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge and his party colleague K C Venugopal, Ram Gopal Yadav (SP), Derek O'Brien (TMC), Tiruchi Siva (DMK), Sanjay Raut (Shiv Sena), Elamaram Kareem (CPI-M), Binoy Viswam (CPI), Suresh Reddy (TRS) and Vaiko (MDMK). The government side had Goyal, Joshi and MoS, Parliamentary Affairs, V Muralidharan.

The meeting saw both sides sticking to their positions. While the ministers said the government had expressed its readiness in the House for a discussion once Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman returns, Opposition leaders said a discussion can be held even in her absence.

Sources said Goyal and Joshi later met some opposition leaders separately, during which the government side expressed willingness to hold a discussion next week in both Houses.

On suspension of MPs, Naidu urged the opposition parties to "understand the agony" that the Chair goes through before naming the "erring" members. He made it clear that revocation of suspension could be considered if only the "erring" members realised the "gravity" of their "misconduct" in the House and expressed regret.

Naidu also told them that 63 Lok Sabha MPs were suspended in 1989, and 25 in 2015 for persistent violation of rules of the House and indulging in disruptions.

## Suspension No. 24: AAP's Sanjay Singh

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NEW DELHI, JULY 27

AAM AADMI Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh Wednesday became the 20th MP from Upper House and 24th Opposition member to be suspended from Parliament. Singh was suspended for the remainder of the week for unruly behaviour during the Opposition's protests in the House on Tuesday, according to the Chair.

"Yesterday... Sanjay Singh tore up some papers and threw the same towards the Chair. By his unruly behaviour... Sanjay Singh has disregarded authority of the Chair and brought disrepute to this august House. Therefore, I am constrained to invoke Rule 256 and name Shri Sanjay Singh," Vice-Chairman Harivansh said Wednesday. According to Rule 256, the Chairman may name an MP "who disregards the authority of the Chair or abuses rules of the council by persistently and willfully obstructing the business thereof". Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs V Muralidharan moved the motion for suspension, which was adopted.

Post-suspension, Singh tweeted (translated from Hindi), "Modi-ji may have suspended me, but I will keep demanding answers for the 55 deaths that have taken place in Gujarat due to illicit liquor..."



Sanjay Singh

## Will consider revoking 4 Cong MPs' suspension if no protests at Well: Govt

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NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE UNION government Wednesday said it will consider revoking the suspension of four Congress Lok Sabha MPs if the Opposition "guarantees" that its members will not enter the well of the House and show placards.

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said the government was also ready to hold a debate on price rise as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had returned to work after recovering from Covid-19.

"The government has been ready for a discussion from day one. We are ready today as well. If they (Opposition) are ready, so are we. But will they guarantee that they will not troop into the well, holding up placards? Placards are even put up on the face of the Speaker," Joshi said in Lok Sabha.

On Monday, Congress MPs Manickam Tagore, Ramya Haridas, TN Prathapan and S Jothimani were suspended for the rest of the session for protesting and carrying placards inside the House.

As the House assembled at 2 pm, NCP MP Supriya Sule, DMK's A Raja and Trinamool Congress's Sudip Bandyopadhyay demanded from the Opposition benches that the suspension of the Congress members be withdrawn.

"We are willing to cooperate. We are requesting the government to bring them (suspended Congress MPs) back. We will not go



NCP leader Supriya Sule: Willing to cooperate, won't go to Well. PTI

to the Well," Sule said. Bandyopadhyay said the House will run smoothly if the members are brought back. "Let the issue be sorted out as soon as possible and let the debate start," he said.

Raja said the government should not go by its numerical strength alone. "Coming to the Well, democratically protesting with placards is not unknown to this House," Raja said.

Meanwhile, Joshi also tweeted that the suspended MPs should express regret.

"We are always ready for a positive discussion in the parliament, but the Congress keeps disturbing the house. We are even ready to call back the suspended members, but the opposition should ensure that they do not disturb the house again," he tweeted.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and party members protest against inflation and the hike in GST rates in Parliament on Wednesday. PTI

## TMC, AAP skip Opp meet to decide RS floor strategy

MANOJ CG

NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE TRINAMOOL Congress (TMC) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday skipped a meeting of opposition parties, called by the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, to decide the floor strategy in the House in the wake of suspension of a large number of MPs — now 20 from the Upper House and four from Lok Sabha.

The TMC members also did not join a protest held by members of the Congress and some of the opposition parties in front of the Gandhi statue in Parliament House. Holding placards and shouting slogans, the Trinamool MPs held a separate protest, signalling divi-

sion in the Opposition camp and indicating that the parties are unable to draw up a common strategy.

The meeting called by Kharge was attended by leaders of DMK, RJD, NCP, CPI(M), CPI, Shiv Sena, RLD, MDMK, IUML, RSP, and National Conference.

Kharge had told The Indian Express on Tuesday that he had invited leaders of TMC and AAP to the meeting.

Sources in the Opposition, however, said the parties are together in forcing the government to hold a discussion on rise in prices and hike in GST rates of essential commodities. "Our tactics may differ...whether we sit together or not, we protest together or not...we are united in forcing the government into holding a discussion," one leader said.

## As stalemate continues, govt sits pretty: Does not hurt us, affects image of Opp

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, JULY 27

WITH THE government and the Opposition refusing to budge from their positions, the ongoing Monsoon session is headed for a washout without any major business being transacted. Yet, sources in the government have indicated that the current stalemate "does not hurt" the treasury benches much as they do not have any crucial Bills pending and the pandemonium could, in fact, end up further damaging the image of the Opposition.

Amid uproarious scenes, slogan-shouting, placard-waving and repeated adjournments, neither of the two Houses of Parliament has seen any serious debate or discussion since the Monsoon session began on July 18.

Though there are indications that there could be a discussion next week, following an informal meeting that Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha Piyush Goyal and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi had with some of the Opposition leaders, the suspension of the MPs could be a sticking point.

While the Opposition has been disrupting the proceedings demanding a discussion on the newly introduced GST rates on pre-packaged food items, inflation and the government's alleged use of investigative agencies against its leaders, the ruling party, while maintaining that it is ready to discuss any issue, hasn't spelled out a date for the debate. With 20 Opposition MPs being suspended for the week



TMC MPs eat their lunch on a Parliament lawn Wednesday. Opposition MPs suspended from RS have begun a 50-hour relay protest inside the complex. PTI

for disrupting proceedings, protests in the Rajya Sabha have become shriller.

BJP sources, however, said the treasury benches are not agitated about the stalemate. "There is no urgent legislation pending. There are no crucial Bills listed either," said a BJP leader. Asked if the government would reach out to the Opposition to break the stalemate, a top leader of the party said, "There is no need.

Things are going in the right direction."

Another senior leader said: "The ongoing stalemate is affecting the already dented image of the Opposition. The government has clarified that it would discuss any issue. It does not bother us much."

The BJP leaders recalled that the previous Monsoon session too had seen a few Bills being passed in the din, without any discussion.

"While in Opposition, BJP never showed placards to block the Chair. But this is a new trend Opposition has started — they block the chair, the PM and every minister. We cannot allow this to continue," said a senior party leader.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, MPs of the Congress, DMK, Left parties and the NCP disrupted Lok Sabha proceedings asking for the suspension of the four Congress MPs — Manickam Tagore, S Jothimani, Ramya Haridas and TN Prathapan — to be revoked.

The division in the Opposition was stark Wednesday as they held a protest demonstration in front of the Gandhi statue on the premises of Parliament. While MPs of the Congress, DMK and TRS, among others, demonstrated right in front of the Gandhi statue, the TMC MPs held a separate one on a nearby lawn. Inside Lok Sabha, too, the TMC MPs initially did not join the Opposition MPs who were sloganeering in the well of the House. Later, TMC women members, along with leader Saugata Roy, joined the others in the well but shouted slogans separately for a while.

With both Houses witnessing repeated adjournments on Wednesday too, the BJP stepped up its offensive. Describing Congress protests as an "attempt to hide the truth", BJP national president J P Nadda on Wednesday said "the party thinks that one family (the Gandhis) is above the law".

Inside Lok Sabha, Speaker Om Birla cautioned Opposition MPs that the "House is meant for discussion, not for sloganeering or displaying placards."

## Lok Sabha passes Bill to create statutory framework for anti-doping watchdog

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE LOK Sabha Wednesday passed a Bill that seeks to create a statutory framework for the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).

Piloted by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021, was first introduced in Lok Sabha in December. It was then scrutinised by a standing committee comprising members of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

The Bill was passed after an over 3.5-hour discussion. While it received support from most parties, some voiced concerns with certain parts of the proposed legislation.

TMC member Saugata Roy said the proposed National Anti-Doping Board, which the Bill envisages, may end up becoming "top heavy". Roy also proposed that Sports Minister Anurag Thakur hold a meeting with the heads of sports federations to send a stern message to athletes to not indulge in doping.

BJD MP Bhartruhari Mahabadi expressed his concern over the Bill empowering NADA officials to "act on their belief to suspect any athlete". "This creates an unreasonable, arbitrary authority in the hands of agency members to enter athletes' premises, seize any equipment, device or substance," Mahabadi said. He also pointed out that the Bill lacks



Sports Minister Anurag Thakur in Parliament on Wednesday. PTI

any provision on protection of personal data of athletes who will undergo tests.

TRS MP Bheemrao Baswanthrao Patil said the Bill may not ensure the NADA's complete independence from the government. "If more autonomy is granted to the watchdog, the Bill will be more effective," he said.

BJP MP Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore said while blaming sports persons who are detected with having taken performance enhancing drugs, one should keep in mind that athletes can also be framed by rivals. He also proposed perils of doping be incorporated in school curriculum.

In his response, Thakur assured the members that the government is serious about the aspect of data privacy and will abide by protocol followed globally. He also said that all efforts will be made to prevent misuse of power vested on officials. "This is not to harass anyone politically," Thakur said.

The Bill gives effect to the UNESCO international convention against doping in sport.



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In six months of 2022, orders to block Twitter content, handles past 2019 figure

SOUMYARENDRA BARAK  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

CONTENT AND account blocking orders issued to Twitter by the Centre in the first six months of 2022 have exceeded the number of such orders issued to the social media platform in the entirety of 2019. According to data shared by Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrashekhar with the Lok Sabha on Wednesday, 1,122 blocking orders were issued to Twitter until June 2022, compared to 1,041 such orders in the whole of 2019.

In 2021, Twitter was issued 2,851 blocking orders under Section 69(A) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, the highest for any year, data shared by Chandrashekhar revealed. This coincides with the microblogging platform blocking more than 250 accounts in relation to sharing "provocative" tweets over the then ongoing farmers' protests and the company receiving orders from the government to take down some tweets critical of the government's handling of Covid-19.

Notably, 2021 was also the year when a team of Delhi Police's Special Cell had knocked on the doors of Twitter India's Delhi and Gurgaon offices to ostensibly serve the social media platform a notice after the platform flagged some posts by ruling party leaders alleging a Congress plot to malign the Prime Minister and the Central government as "manipulated media".

Over 35.5% children stunted, Centre releases target to curb malnutrition

Percentages down from NFHS-4, but malnutrition burden still huge: experts

ESHAROY  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

RELEASING TARGETS for curbing malnutrition in the country, specifically among children, Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani on Wednesday said in a written statement tabled in Rajya Sabha that it aims at reducing stunting and under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) among children under 6 years by 2% per annum.

The ministry stated that it aims to reduce low birth weight by 2% per annum, and anaemia among children between six and 59 months, as well as women and adolescent girls from 15 to 49 years, by 3% per annum.

According to findings of the 2019-21 National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), nutrition indicators for children under 5 have improved over NFHS-4 (2015-16).

Stunting has reduced from 38.4% to 35.5%, wasting from 21.0% to 19.3% and underweight prevalence is down from 35.8% to 32.1%, according to the data. Women (15-49 years) whose BMI is below normal has reduced from 22.9% in NFHS-4 to 18.7% in NFHS-5. Despite the decrease, nutrition experts have said that India has one of the highest burdens of malnutrition in the world.

According to data released on Wednesday, Meghalaya has the highest number of stunted children (46.5%), followed by Bihar (42.9%), Assam, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have stunted children higher than the national average of 35.5%.

Puducherry and Sikkim have the lowest percentage of stunted children, data shows.

Maharashtra has 25.6% wasted children (weight for height) — the highest — followed by Gujarat (25.1%).

Assam, Bihar, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Karnataka and West Bengal have a higher percentage of wasted children than the national average of 19.3%.

Bihar has the highest number of underweight children (41%), followed by Gujarat (39.7%), and Jharkhand at (39.4%).

Assam, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Karnataka, MP, Maharashtra and UP have a higher percentage of underweight children than the national average of 32.1%, according to data.

NFHS-5 data shows Jharkhand — at more than 26% — has the highest percentage of women, between 15 and 49 years who have a below-normal Body Mass Index (BMI), a value derived from mass and height of a person, and an indicator of under-nutrition.

Money stuck in bank, Kerala woman dies of lack of treatment

SHAJUPHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
JULY 27

A 70-YEAR-OLD investor with a cooperative bank in Kerala's Thrissur district, where a Rs 300-crore scam was detected in July 2021, died on Wednesday after the bank allegedly failed to return her life savings of Rs 28 lakh.

Philomina Devassy, who came from Irinjalakuda in the district,

died of lack of specialised treatment, her husband, Devassy, said.

According to her family, Philomina had deposited her savings at Karuvannur Cooperative Bank, controlled by CPI(M) functionaries. An estimated Rs 300 crore was allegedly siphoned by bank staff, and the scam involved local CPI(M) functionaries.

Philomina, who retired from state health department as a nurse, and Devassy, who worked for a private firm in Mumbai,

were among approximately 12,000 depositors at the bank. At least two investors have until now ended their lives, as their entire deposit was lost in the scam, according to police.

Philomina was undergoing treatment for various ailments at government medical college Thrissur for a month, Devassy said. "We wanted to shift her to another (better) hospital. For the last two weeks, I had repeatedly approached the bank to return

at least a part of the deposit but officials refused."

"If they had given me even a few lakh rupees, my wife could have received better treatment," he added.

On Wednesday, angry local residents marched to the bank's head office with the body and held a sit-in. The protest was called off after district revenue officials assured that the family will get Rs 2 lakh as interim relief and steps would be taken to

ensure they get the rest of their deposit back.

The scam had rocked state CPI(M), which took pride in Kerala's robust cooperative movement, mostly controlled by the party.

Opposition leader V D Satheesan said, "It shows there is no guarantee for deposits in cooperative banks in the state. We had suggested that a consortium be formed to help the depositors but nothing has materialised."

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1. BR/GYA/GAYA/ A000000014 1. MR. KRISHNA PRASAD GUPTA (BORROWER) 2. Ms. RAJESHWARI DEVI (CO-BORROWER)	18/11/2021 8,40,367 (Eight Lakhs Forty Three Hundred and Sixty Seven Only) Bid Increase Amount 10000	RESIDENTIAL LAND OF AREA SELF CONSTRUCTED 8, SHIV CHARAN LANE, MANPUR GAYA, BIHAR THANA NO- 151, WARD NO- 10, ANCHAL -- MANPUR NORTH: KHARIDAR SOUTH: MAHADEO ASTHAN EAST: PROPERTY OF RAJENDRA MAHTO WEST: GALI MUNISIPALITY	13-April-2022 Total Out-standing As On Date 13/04/2022 Rs.8,40,367/- (Eight Lakhs Foly Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Seven Only)	Rs. 59,93,775/- (Fifty Nine Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five Only) Earnest Mone Deposit (EMD) Rs. 5,99,378/-	23-Aug-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 29- Aug-2022 till 5 pm Date/ Time of -Auction 01-Sep -2022 1100 hrs 1300 hrs.	
2. BR/MUZ/MUZA/ A000000147 1. MR. SAJJAN SHARMA (BORROWER) 2. MR. SAGAR SHARMA (CO-BORROWER) 3. NARESH KUMAR SHARMA (CO-BORROWER) 4. SURESH KUMAR SHARMA (CO-BORROWER)	31/03/2021 35,49,908 (Thirty Five Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight Only) Bid Increase Amount 10000	RESIDENTIAL LAND OF AREA ADMEASURING AN AREA OF 14 1/2 DHUR, SITUATED AT MAUZA BHAWDEPUR BAZAR, P.S NO- 258, WARD NO- 13, KHESARANO- 109 SUB REGISTRY AND DISTRICT SITAMARHI, BIHAR INDIA. P.S NO- 258 WARD NO- 13 KESHINR, NO- 109 NORTH: PRIVATE PROPERTY OF VENDOR, SOUTH BABU RAJ MANGAL SINGH, EAST: 12 FEET WIDE ROAD , WEST - CHANDRA KALA DEVI	23-Dec-2021 Total Outstanding As On Date 23/12/2021 Rs. 35,49,908/- (Thirty Five Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight Only)	Rs. 62,90,680/- (Sixty Two Lakhs Ninety Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 6,29,068/-	23-Aug-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 29- Aug-2022 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 01-Sep -2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.	
3. BR/PTN/PTNA/ A000000024 1. MR. SANTOSH KUMAR (BORROWER) 2. Ms. GEETA DEVI W/O SANTOSH KUMAR (CO-BORROWER)	31/03/2021 10,00,000/- (Ten Lakhs Only) Bid Increase Amount 10000	RESIDENTIAL LAND OF AREA 15 DHUR COMPRISED IN TAUZI NO- 5069, KHATA NO- 14, SURVEY NO- 332, THANA NO- 100, SITUATED AT MAUZA - BHELWARA, P.S - PHULWARISARIF, TOWN AND DISTRICT- PATNA NORTH: RAGHUWAR SAO; SOUTH: NIJ; EAST- DEVENDRA SINGH, WEST: NIJ	23-Dec-2021 Total Outstanding As On Date 23/12/2021 Rs. 10,00,000/- (Ten Lakhs Only)	Rs. 30,80,740 Thirty Lakhs Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Only Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 3,08,074/-	23-Aug-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 29- Aug-2022 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 01-Sep -2022 1100 hrs-1300	
4. BR/PTN/PTNA/ A000000324 1. MR. RANDHIR SINGH S/O RAMESHWAR PRASAD (BORROWER) 2. Ms. DHANWANTI DEVI W/O RANDHIR SINGH (CO-BORROWER)	25/09/2020 14,01,558/- (Fourteen Lakhs One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Eight) Bid Increase Amount 10000	RESIDENTIAL LAND OF AREA VILLAGE - GAURICHAK, POST - FATHEPUR, P.S - GAURICHAK, SATYAM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, PATNABIHAR- 803206	16-Apr-2022 Total Outstanding As On Date 16/04/2022 Rs. 14,01,558/- (Fourteen Lakhs One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Eight)	Rs.37,83,605/- (Thirty Seven Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Five Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 3,78,631/-	23-Aug-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 29- Aug-2022 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 01-Sep -2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.	
5. BR/PTN/PTNA/ A000000330 1. MR. SANJIV KUMAR S/O BRAJ BIHARI CHOUBEY (BORROWER) 2. Ms. ANURADHA SINHA W/O SANJIV KUMAR (CO-BORROWER)	31/03/2021 13,48,863/- (Thirteen Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Three Only) Bid Increase Amount 10000	RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ADMESURING - 1 KATTA COMPRISED IN TAUZI NO- 167 KHATA NO- 24, PLOT NO- 304 UNDER PATNA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WARD NO- 3 (OLD) NEW WARD NO- 14, CIRCLE NO- 8A, HOLDING NO- 317A/1 CIRCLE OFFICE - PHULWARISARIF, THANA NO- 224 SITUATED AT MAUZA CHANDER MAHAL MOHAMMADPUR, PAKAULI AT PRESENT MOHALLA RMS COLONY NORTH: ROAD; SOUTH: SRI KALIMARAI EAST: RESHMA DEVI ; WEST: SRI MUKUL KUMAR.	23-Dec-2021 Total Outstanding As On Date 23/12/2021 Rs. 13,48,863/- (Thirteen Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Three Only)	Rs. 74,83,400/- (Seventy Four lakhs eighty Three Thousand and four hundred only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 7,48,340/-	23-Aug-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 29- Aug-2022 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 01-Sep -2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.	
6. BR/PTN/PTNA/ A000000350 1. MR. GAJENDRA PRASAD SINGH S/O LT. CHANDESHWAR PRASAD SINGH (BORROWER) 2. MR. SUMAN KUMAR (CO-BORROWER) 3. SUNIL KUMAR (CO-BORROWER)	20/10/2021 55,36,426/- (Fifty Five lakhs thirty six thousand four hundred and twenty six only) Bid Increase Amount 10000	RESIDENTIAL LAND OF AREA CONST- TRUCTED VILLAGE - SAKIN POST - REWA, TAREGANA GOLA, MASAUHRI, BIHAR INDIA. GAS OFFICE PATNA, BIHAR - 804452 LENGTH OF PROPERTY IS MENTIONED BELOW - Tauzi No- BIHAR SARKAR, Khesra No- 1110, Khata No- 103 Rakba - 4 KHATTA 1 DHUR 10 DHURKI Thana No- 152 JAMABANDI NO- 3021	12-April-2022 Total Outstanding As On Date 12/04/2022 Rs. 55,36,426/- (Fifty Five lakhs thirty six thousand four hundred and twenty six only)	Rs. 96,99,240/- (Eighty Six lakhs ninety Nine thousand two hundred and forty only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 8,69,924/-	23-Aug-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 29- Aug-2022 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 01-Sep -2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.	
7. BR/PTN/PTNA/ A000000379 1. MR. RAMESH KUMAR S/O LAL BABU PRASAD (BORROWER) 2. Ms. KUSUM DEVI W/O RAMESH KUMAR (CO-BORROWER)	01/07/2020 16,61,264/- (Sixteen Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred and sixty Four Only) Bid Increase Amount 10000	RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ADMESURING - IMMOVABLE PROPERTY LAND VILLAGE - BAHURA TOLA, POST - KHUD CHIPA, SAMPATCHAK NEAR DEVI ASTHAN, PATNA, BIHAR- 800007 NORTH: NIJ, SOUTH: ROAD; EAST: PROPERTY OF NIRMALA DEVI ; WEST: 8 FEET ROAD.	16-April-2022 Total Outstanding As On Date 16/04/2022 Rs. 16,61,264/- (Sixteen Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred and sixty Four Only)	Rs.42,50,000/- (Forty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 4,25,000/-	23-Aug-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 29- Aug-2022 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 01-Sep -2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.	
8. BR/PTN/PTNA/ A000000385 1. Ms. LEERLAWATI DEVI W/O LALIT PRASAD SINGH (BORROWER) 2. RAKESH KUMAR S/O LALIT PRASAD SINGH (CO-BORROWER)	18/10/2021 56,51,922/- (Fifty Six Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Two Only) Bid Increase Amount 10000	RESIDENTIAL LAND OF AREA MAUZA - KHAJEPURA GURU SAHAY NAGAR, ASHYANANAGAR, RAM NAGARI PATNA, BIHAR - 800025. Boundaries 1. Tauzi No- 5173 , Khesra No- 369 Khata No- 32, Areej - 23800 Warg Feet. Mauza - Khajepura, Kewala No- 3057, which is butter and bounded as follows : North:-Society Plot No- 61; South: - A part of Survey Plot No- 369; East: Society Plot No- 55 & 56; West- 16' Feet Wide Road .	12-Apr-2022 Total Outstanding As On Date 12/04/2022 Rs. 56,51,922/- (Fifty Six Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Two Only)	Rs. 76,22,333/- (Seventy Six Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred and thirty Three Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 7,62,233/-	23-Aug-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 29- Aug-2022 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 01-Sep -2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.	
9. BR/PTN/PTNA/ A000000340 1. Ms. AHILYA DEVI W/O - PADMA NAND SINGH (BORROWER) 2. Mr. GAUTAM KUMAR S/O - PADMA NAND SINGH (CO-BORROWER)	31/03/2021 43,83,342/- (Forty Three Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Two Only) Bid Increase Amount 10000	RESIDENTIAL LAND OF AREA 1 KHATTA SITUATED AT MAUZA- SANDALPUR, P.S - ALAMGANJ, TOWN AND DISTRICT - PATNA, UNDER THANA NO- 11, TAUZI NO- 303, KHATA NO- 600, KHESARA NO- 1499, WARD NO- 18 (OLD) 24 NEW, SHEET NO- 147, 148, 149, 150 AND BOUNDED BY NORTH : SHIV NAGAR SAKHARI GRIH BIRMA	23-Dec-2021 Total Outstanding As On Date 23/12/2021 Rs. 43,83,342/- (Forty Three Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Two Only)	Rs.61,20,000/- (Sixty One Lkhs Twenty Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 6,12,000/-	23-Aug-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 29- Aug-2022 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 01-Sep -2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.	

**Mode of Payment** :- All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited payable at Agra or through RTGS/NEFT The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the account:- Hinduja Housing Finance Limited., b) Name of the Bank:- HDFC, c) Account No:- HHFLTUPLKNAGRA45 d) IFSC Code:-HDFC0004989.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE** :-

- The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities.
- Particulars of the property / assets (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission. Actual extant & dimensions may differ.
- E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries /due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bids.
- Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://www.bankauctions.com Or Auction provided by the service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform.
- The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor /service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, own system crash, power failure etc.
- For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd, Plot No- 68, 3rd floor Sector 44 Gurgaon Haryana -122003 (Contact no. 7291981124, 25, 26) Support Email - Support@bankauctions.com, Mr. Vinod Chaturvedi, Mob. 9813887931, Email: delhi@gc1india.com
- For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://www.bankauctions.com well in advance and shall get the user id and password. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider.
- For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "Hinduja Housing Finance Limited" on or before 29 August 2022
- The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://www.bankauctions.com) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer HHF Regional Office B-8, SECOND FLOOR, ABOVE PIZZA HUT, SAHDEO MAHTO MARG, NEAR S.K PURI PARK, BORING ROAD , PATNA, BIHAR- 800001. latest by 03:00 PM on 29 Aug -2022. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale - in the Loan Account No. as mentioned above.
- After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorized Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding /auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice.
- Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e. the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension.
- Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone.
- Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorized Officer, RENU ROY (RLM), Regional Office No. B-8, SECOND FLOOR, ABOVE PIZZA HUT, SAHDEO MAHTO MARG, NEAR S.K PURI PARK, BORING ROAD , PATNA, BIHAR- 800001 and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings.
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favor and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favouring Hinduja Housing Finance Limited.
- In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale.
- At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorized Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount.
- The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorised officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorised Officer, failing which the earnest deposit will be forfeited.
- Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate. Bids shall be made taking into consideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the property.
- Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the necessary proof in respect of payment of all taxes / charges.
- Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser.
- The Authorized officer may postpone /cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is postponed to a later date before 30 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider.
- The decision of the Authorized Officer is final, binding and unquestionable.
- All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them. For further details and queries, contact 24. Authorized Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited, Ms. Renu Roy (RLM) Mo. No. 9955485043.
- This publication is also 30 (Thirty) days' notice to the Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above-mentioned date / place.

**Place:** PATNA  
**Date:** 20 July 2022  
**Authorized Officer**  
Ms. RENU ROY (RLM)

**Special Instructions / Caution:** Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Hinduja Housing Finance Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully

MINISTER SET TO MEET WANG, LAVROV

SCO meet: Ahead of PM trip, Jaishankar goes to Tashkent

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

**E** DELHI'S DEEP INTERESTS IN SCO

TO PREPARE the groundwork for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Uzbekistan in September this year, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is travelling to Tashkent for two days, beginning Thursday, to attend a foreign ministers' meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Russia's Sergey Lavrov and their Pakistan counterpart, Bilawal Bhutto, are also expected to attend the SCO meet.

There will be a window of opportunity for Jaishankar to hold bilateral meetings with some of his counterparts, including with Wang and Lavrov.

With Wang, the meeting is expected to take stock of the situation along the LAC in eastern Ladakh, and the discussion with Lavrov is expected to revolve around defence and energy imports from Russia in the wake of the Ukraine war.

On Jaishankar's visit, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated that the foreign ministers' meeting will deliberate on the SCO summit scheduled for

Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Vladimir Norov, to take part in the meeting of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers," the MEA said in a statement. "The meeting will discuss preparations for the upcoming meeting of the Council of Heads of State on September 15-16 in Samarkand."

The MEA stated that the foreign ministers will review ongoing cooperation in the expansion of the SCO and exchange ideas on regional and global developments of common concern.

Just before the SCO foreign ministers' meeting, India on Monday attended a two-day conference hosted by Uzbekistan at its capital Tashkent to discuss the situation in Afghanistan. India was represented at the conference, attended by 20 nations, by joint secretary, MEA (in charge of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran) J P Singh.

India has been in touch with several leading powers on the situation in Afghanistan. Last month, New Delhi re-established its diplomatic presence in Kabul by deploying a "technical team" in its embassy in the Afghan capital. In the last few months, India has sent humanitarian aid to Afghanistan.

September 15-16 in Samarkand. "External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will visit Uzbekistan on July 28-29 at the invitation of

IIT-Surat students protest move to incomplete campus

KAMAAL SAIYED  
SURAT, JULY 27



Construction at the new campus site.

FOR THE new academic year beginning August 8, the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) in Surat is set to move into its own 28-acre campus, which is still under construction and has temporary metal structures for classrooms.

This has drawn criticism from students, who want the institute, one of "national importance", to continue functioning from its temporary home at Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT) in Surat until construction is complete.

IIIT-Surat has been operating out of SVNIT, its mentor institution, since June 2017. But its memorandum of understanding (MoU) with SVNIT for using its campus ends on July 31.

Students are now posting pictures on social media of the waterlogged construction site at Kholvad village in Kamrej taluka of Surat district.

IIIT-Surat principal, J S Bhat, told *The Indian Express* that while the students call tin sheds are

new building is constructed with all facilities, we should be shifted to another campus of NIT."

Principal Bhat said: "In 2020, land was allotted to IIIT-Surat by Gujarat government. Due to the pandemic and lockdown, construction was delayed. Once we get our new premises, a concrete structure, ready in about two years, we will shift students there. The old premises will be used for research, training and other activities."

IIIT Surat offers B.Tech degrees in Electronic and Communication Engineering and Computer Science Engineering.

The first batch of 96 students of both engineering fields passed out in 2021 and the second batch with 115 students will graduate this year.

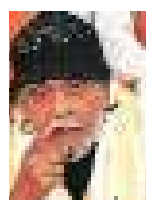
# Mithun claims 38 Trinamool MLAs in touch with BJP

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, JULY 27

BOLLYWOOD ACTOR and BJP leader Mithun Chakraborty on Wednesday claimed that 38 Trinamool Congress (TMC) MLAs are in touch with the BJP and 21 of them "in direct contact" with him. Addressing a news conference at a BJP office, Chakraborty said, "Let me give you some breaking news. Be ready for it. At this moment, 38 TMC MLAs are in touch with us. Among them, 21 are in direct contact with me. Now I leave this to you for your consideration."

Chakraborty's remarks came against the backdrop of the collapse of Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government comprising the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress in Maharashtra last month.

Chakraborty was in the city to hold a meeting with a section of BJP MLAs. He pointed out that BJP is in power in 18 states now and claimed the party's flag would fly high in a few other states soon. "The BJP will not stop its fight in West Bengal. If free and fair polls are held in the state today, the party will form the next government here," claimed Mithun.



**Mithun Chakraborty**  
Express

Reacting to the recent arrest of Partha Chatterjee in connection with the SSC recruitment scam, Chakraborty said, "If there is no evidence against someone, that person can go to sleep peacefully. But if there is evidence, no one can spare that person."

In the 2021 state Assembly elections, the TMC won 213 seats while the BJP bagged 77 seats.

At present, TMC has 216 MLAs in the 294-member West Bengal Assembly. The Opposition BJP has 75 legislators.

Reacting to Mithun's claims, TMC MP Santanu Sen said, "He [Mithun] was admitted to hospital for some time. Maybe that has had a psychological impact. No one in his right mind will make such claims because the party itself does not know how many MLAs it has right now. So many have defected to the TMC and if the doors are kept open, more BJP legislators will join our party."

## PRAYAGRAJ

# Police: Gang war between school students behind bomb attacks

MANISH SAHU  
PRAYAGRAJ, JULY 27

A SERIES of at least six mysterious crude bomb blasts in different areas of UP's Prayagraj over the past three months is the result of an alleged turf war between two gangs of students from reputed schools in the city, a senior police officer in the district told The Indian Express.

The students, mostly minor boys aged between 15 and 17 "from well-off families", were allegedly engaged in "criminal activities" over the past year for two gangs called Immortals and Tandav, the officer said. The police cracked the case with the help of surveillance and CCTV footage, he said.

"Eleven of these students were caught on Tuesday. They have confessed to their involvement in six cases in the past three months. In all the six incidents, the students were involved in physical assault and hurling bombs at their opponents before escaping from the spot on two-wheelers. They covered their faces with scarves during the crime," said a senior police officer.

## JOINING THE DOTS

The police have traced the alleged involvement of these gangs in at least six incidents in Prayagraj



**MAY 22:** Students clashed and hurled bombs in the Civil Lines area.

**JULY 4:** A group of students celebrating a birthday in the Daraganj area were attacked with crude bombs.

**JULY 16:** A group of persons hurled bombs at another group in the Shivkuti area.

**JULY 15:** Two groups clashed and hurled bombs at each other in the Shivkuti area.

**JULY 22:** A group of people threw bombs at the gate of a school in the Civil Lines area.

**JULY 25:** A group of boys hurled bombs at the gate of another school in the Civil Lines area.

According to the district police, initial investigations have revealed that the gang members allegedly extorted money from other students and also made money by sharing passwords of online games similar to PUBG.

"Sometimes, the students organised events to raise money. They used to meet after school and were in touch with each other through social media," another officer said.

The police claimed to have recovered two crude bombs, two motorcycles and 10 cellphones from the possession of those who have been nabbed.

"Of the 11 caught, 10 minors were produced before the Juvenile Justice Board, which sent them to a juvenile home. The eleventh accused is 18 years old and had passed intermediate recently. He was produced before a local court, which sent him to jail,"

## LAND-FOR-JOB SCAM

# CBI arrests Lalu's ex-aide Bhola Yadav

DEEPTIMANTI TAWARI  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE CBI on Wednesday arrested Bhola Yadav, former OSD to Lalu Prasad when the latter was the railway minister, along with a railway employee in connection with the 'land-for-job' scam. The case pertains to allegations that Lalu and his family took land in lieu of jobs in the Indian Railways.

The CBI raided the residence of Bhola Yadav at Mitra Mandal Colony, Patna, and three other places in Patna and Darbhanga. Bhola, a former MLA from Darbhanga, held immense clout in Lalu's RJD and continues to be loyal to the family. The arrested railway employee has been identified as Hridayanand Choudhary.

According to CBI, the fresh case is based on allegations that when Lalu was the railway minister in UPA government (2005-09), he allegedly took land plots as bribe from some people who were recruited as substitutes (Group D posts) in the railways. The CBI had in May booked Lalu and his family members in this connection and searched their premises.

"During the investigation, it was found that Bhola Yadav managed land transfers by the family members of substitutes to the family members of Lalu. The said

accused [Bhola] had acquired some properties during the said period," said a CBI spokesman.

The agency has alleged that as many as 12 people from Patna were appointed in Group D posts in the railways and family members of Lalu got seven plots of land in the city and elsewhere for a pitance. All these plots belonged to the families of those 12 people.

According to the CBI, Lalu's family acquired over 1 lakh square feet of land for Rs 26 lakh when the then circle rate put Land's cumulative value at over Rs 4.39 cr. As many as 16 people have been named as accused, including Lalu, his wife Rabri Devi, daughters Misa Bharti and Hema Yadav.

Former deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi said: "Documents show that Bhola Yadav has been a witness on papers for over 40 land transactions to Lalu's kin. RJD leaders Kanti Singh and Raghunath Jha are some of leaders who had also transferred their property to Lalu's family. Hridayanand had transferred 7.6 decimal land to Lalu's daughter."

RJD spokesman Mrityunjay Tiwari, however, called the raids a "political vendetta". "We are not getting cowed down by all this. We are still the single largest party of Bihar despite all smearing campaign against us," he said. (SANTOSH SINGH INPATNA)

# Illegal mining probe: ED seizes vessel

Ranchi: Enforcement Directorate seized an inland vessel bearing West Bengal registration number during a search on Tuesday in connection with the probe into illegal mining in Jharkhand. The agency alleged that the vessel was being operated without permit from Sukarghar Ghat in Sahabganj at the behest of one Rajesh Yadav in

collusion with CM Hemant Soren's aide Pankaj Mishra and others to transport mined stone chips or boulders illegally.

According to ED, the vessel's cost is an estimated Rs 30 crore. An FIR has also been registered in this regard in Sahabganj.

"This was preceded by freezing of two illegally operated stone

crushers of Maa Amba Stone Works operated by Bishnu Yadav and Pavitra Yadav along with freezing of three trucks found at Mauza Majhihola, Sahabganj carrying illegally quarried stone chips or boulders without having any mining challans during a search conducted on July 25," the ED said. ENS

# 15 held as Gujarat hooch death count rises to 42

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THE DEATH toll in the Botad-Ahmedabad hooch tragedy rose to 42 with 32 deaths in Botad and 10 in Ahmedabad rural, Gujarat Police said Wednesday even as state ministers made an appeal to the victims to come out from "hiding" and "take treatment without fear".

Speaking at a press conference in Gandhinagar, Additional Director General of Police (ADG) Law and Order Narsimha Komar said, "The death toll has risen to 42 with 10 in Ahmedabad rural and 32 in Botad, while 97 are admitted to various hospitals. Three FIRs have been lodged in the case and we have arrested 15 persons, including the chief conspirator."

State Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi and Gujarat Director General of Police Ashish Bhatia were also present at the press conference. Several agencies such as the police, state monitoring cell, Gujarat ATS and

Ahmedabad Crime Branch are jointly probing the incident.

"Investigation has revealed that only 50 litres of the chemical consignment had reached the victims through the retail distribution network which resulted in the deaths. We have also organised a special drive to crack down on bootleggers in every district," said Komar.

Expressing "great pain" as a citizen and "sympathising" with the victims and families, Sanghavi said, "The staff of an Ahmedabad-based chemical company had stolen 600 litres of poisonous chemical and sold it in different villages in Botad. We have formed over 30 teams with 2,500 police personnel to conduct raids in villages and farmlands in Ahmedabad and Botad to look for possible victims."

Admitting that there is a sense of fear among people, Sanghavi said the victims found by police were admitted to hospital for immediate treatment. "We also ensured that there were enough dialysis machines in these hospitals even as the patients increased," said Sanghavi.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI  
Notice Under Order IV Rule 20 Code of Civil Procedure  
RFA No. 284/2021 & CM Nos. 25369/2021, 25370/2021, 25371/2021, 25372/2021, 25373/2021, 25374/2021 & 11490/2022  
Appeal against the Order dated 26.07.2019  
Passed by Sh. Sanjay Jindal, ADJ-04, North-West, Rohini Courts, Delhi in Civil Suit No. 57720/2016  
Sant Baba Gurmial Singh (Through LRS.) APPELLANT  
VERSUS  
1. Union of India, Through It's The Secretary RESPONDENT  
Notice to Respondent No. 6  
Shri Narender Kumar S/o Shri Giridhari Lal R/o A-1/38, Safdarjung, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110028  
Respondent No. 7  
Sat Naraina S/o Shri Parmeshwari Dass, R/o A-1/38, Safdarjung, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029  
Whereas the above-noted appellant has presented an appeal under Section 96 CPC along with the above-mentioned applications, which was listed before the Court on 10.08.2021 and on other subsequent dates and the Court ordered issuance of notice to you.  
And whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that you cannot be served in the ordinary manner, Notice is hereby issued that, if you wish to defend the above-mentioned appeal and applications, you may cause an appearance to be entered on your behalf either personally or through an advocate duly appointed by you for the purpose before the Court of Worthy Registrar (Appellate) on 05.09.2022 (actual) at 11:00 a.m.  
If no appearance is made on your behalf, by yourself, your pleader or someone by law authorized to act for you in the said appeal and applications on the aforementioned date, no further notice of the subsequent date of hearing of the said appeal and application will be given and the same will be heard and determined ex-parte in your absence.  
Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on this 23rd day of June, 2022.  
Assistant Registrar (App.) (Civil) for REGISTRAR GENERAL

**GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION (GCC)**  
S.W.D.C.No: B1/2770/2022 Dated: 25.07.2022  
Invitation for EOI for Implementation Support Consultant (ISC) for JFPR component

- Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, an executing agency, has received a financing from the Asian Development Bank in the form of a Loan (\$251 million) towards the cost of Integrated Urban Flood Management for the Chennai-Kosasthalaiyar Basin Project. The Project will support flood management works in the Kosasthalaiyar basin spanning the northern parts of the Chennai city that will help reduce the vulnerability to the impact of climate change.
- State of Tamil Nadu has been among the severely affected states with COVID-19 pandemic. To enhanced risk management actions against the threat of COVID-19 or similar future pandemic situations in Kosasthalaiyar basin, the executing agency has requested ADB to provide a grant support of \$2million under Japan Fund for Prosperous Resilient Asia and Pacific (JFPR).
- The grant aims to support implementation of identified targeted interventions in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) in schools and Community Health Centers in the Chennai-Kosasthalaiyar basin, to establish a surveillance system for IPC and to prepare a gender responsive and integrated disaster management and pandemic response plan targeting urban poor for Chennai city. Trainings and awareness campaigns targeting behavioral changes will be an integral part of the assignment.
- Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) will be implementing agency for the grant project. GCC will be assisted by the Implementation Support Consultant (ISC) in providing all technical and awareness support in implementation of identified targeted interventions with 47 National key person-months input.
- The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), an implementing agency (IA), on behalf Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Government of Tamil Nadu intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for which this Expression of Interest is issued.
- Superintending Engineer, Storm Water Drainage Department as Project Implementation Unit for Integrated Urban Flood Management for the Chennai-Kosasthalaiyar Basin Project now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for the consultancy service named above from the reputed consulting firms from ADB member countries having prior experience in providing similar services.
- Based on consultant's EOI submissions and evaluation by the IA that covers (i) Technical competence (ii) Geographical experience (iii) Management competence and (iv) Key experts criteria, the first-ranked firm will be invited to submit a technical and financial proposal. Consultant finally will be selected using Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method.
- Interested consultants should visit ADB's website for Consultant Management System - Consulting Services Recruitment Notice (CMS-CSRN) (<http://cms.adb.org>) for the terms of reference, criteria and specific requirements, and submit Expression of Interest (EOI) at [adb.org](http://adb.org) following the instructions in the CMS-CSRN website up to the EOI submission deadline of 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.  
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# WAR BY OTHER MEANS

There are no winners when food and fuel supplies are weaponised, trade and financial flows disrupted

LAST FRIDAY SAW a glimmer of hope with Russia signing an agreement brokered by the United Nations and Turkey for resumption of Ukrainian grain exports through Black Sea ports. Wheat futures prices at Chicago closed 5.9 per cent lower that day. But promise turned into disappointment the very next day, when Russia launched a missile attack at Odesa, housing one of the three Ukrainian ports through which the movement of cargo vessels is to happen. Wheat prices have since rebounded to their pre-deal levels. While the UN is still optimistic that the first ships carrying Ukrainian grain will set sail "within a few days", the risk of Russian attacks could deter insurance companies, vessel owners, buyers and sellers. Russian claims of its missiles hitting exclusively military facilities and not targeting the grain terminal at Odesa port obviously carry little credibility.

But uncertainty surrounds the fate of not only the unblocking of the Black Sea trade routes — which, by enabling Ukraine to ship out some 20 million tonnes of last year's cereals and oilseeds harvest, can potentially ease a global food crisis. The missile strikes over the weekend have been followed by the Russian energy giant Gazprom announcing a cut in natural gas flows via Nord Stream 1, the major sub-sea pipeline connecting Europe, to just a fifth of its capacity from Wednesday. This "weaponisation" of food and fuel supplies by Russia has dangerous implications, just as the economic sanctions imposed by the West against the Vladimir Putin administration have larger consequences. There are no winners in such "wars by other means" that disrupt normal trade and financial flows.

The only consolation, if at all, would be from the economic blockades and sanctions not working fully. For all its hostile actions, Russia will find it difficult to obstruct a UN-backed deal guaranteeing safe passage for Ukraine's exports through the Black Sea to Turkey's Bosphorus Strait and on to world markets. The world, particularly China and India, has also figured out ways to import and pay for oil, coal and fertilisers from Russia. Global prices of corn, wheat and palm oil, too, are 30-50 per cent below their highs in March-April. At the end of the day, it is only economic reality — and expectation of better sense prevailing — that holds out hope. The prospect of Europe facing peak winter gas shortages (15 per cent reduction in consumption is not an easy goal to achieve) and Russia not finding alternative markets should, sooner than later, make dialogue and diplomacy the only way forward. The current levels of oil and food prices are simply unsustainable, just as the world cannot afford a choice between inflation and recession.

## BIG CAT TOLL

Centre's lion plan continues to ignore urgent imperative of relocating the animal out of Gir. A rethink is in order

IN AUGUST 2020, the Centre launched a lion conservation programme along the lines of Project Tiger. Two months into its operation, the project identified six sites — two in Madhya Pradesh, three in Rajasthan and one in Gujarat — to relocate substantial numbers of Asiatic Lions from their current habitat in Gujarat's Gir National Park. These protected areas were in addition to Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary in MP which was earmarked as an alternative home for the animals in 1995. But the government's 25-year roadmap for Project Lion makes no mention of relocation. As reported by this paper, the plan to be launched on August 10 only focuses on "assisted natural dispersal" of the animal across Saurashtra and "potentially" to Rajasthan by 2047.

The Asiatic Lion once roamed the forests of north, central and eastern India. But since the early 20th century, its range has shrunk to the Gir forest. Protected area status for the forest since the 1960s resulted in reviving the species from the brink of extinction. But for nearly 30 years now, conservation experts have been arguing that lion numbers have exceeded Gir's carrying capacity — the animal is often spotted in villages and farms. They also argue that concentration of the species in one park makes it vulnerable to infectious diseases, such as the canine distemper outbreak that killed 1,000 African lions in Tanzania's Serengeti National Park in the early 1990s. But the Gujarat government has stubbornly resisted the move to relocate a pride of the animal to Kuno, often on grounds completely unrelated to conservation — in 2013, for instance, it described the animals "as family members who cannot be parted with". That year, the Supreme Court minced no words in rejecting the state's appeal. "The cardinal issue is not whether the Asian lion is a family member, but the preservation of an endangered species," it said and directed Gujarat to relocate the lions in six months. But Gujarat continued to drag its feet over the matter, even as canine distemper outbreaks have taken a regular toll of Gir's lion population since 2018.

The conservation story has acquired another unscientific twist in the last two weeks. Kuno is making plans to welcome cheetahs from Namibia. The argument of the MP conservation authorities that the introduction of the top predator will improve the park's health is well taken. But as an analysis by this paper showed, Kuno's cheetah population will not be viable even in 40 years. Experts believe the Gir lions would have been far more effective in the role assigned to the cheetahs. Conservation authorities need to do some rethinking on big cats.

## RANVEER SINGH, UNCLAD

People have the right to feel offended. But surely the state has more important things to do

WHEN ACTOR RANVEER Singh's nude pictures from a photoshoot for an international magazine appeared online last week, they were widely shared with exclamations and eyerolls. The actor is not the first male celebrity in India to appear before the camera in the buff: Almost as soon as the photos of Singh's unclad body began to be shared, images from similar photoshoots in the past — of Jackie Shroff, Milind Soman, Anil Kapoor, Aditya Pancholi — were dug up. And then the predictable happened.

Offence was taken at the sight of Singh's bare body, and two individuals — a lawyer and a person running an NGO — complaints with Mumbai police. Based on the latter's statement, the cops registered an FIR against the actor. This, too, has happened earlier: Shilpa Shetty found herself in court because at a 2007 event Richard Gere kissed her and the complainant felt that "she did not protest". A case was registered against Soman in 2020 for sharing a photo of himself running in the nude on a beach in Goa. Twenty-five years before that, obscenity charges were slapped on Soman and fellow model Madhu Sapre for posing for an advertisement wearing only sneakers — it took 14 years for the duo to be acquitted.

But the special and growing problem, today, is this: Someone somewhere is always offended by something others might find perfectly innocuous and it seems that nearly every instance of hurt sentiment is given a political hearing, and with the weaponisation of a loosely worded law, becomes a legal case. Do the might of the state and the majesty of the law need to come down heavily on every such "outrage", or is it possible that a little more wisdom and discernment is showed? With the ambit of "offences" only growing bigger and wider — including a whole range of "misdeeds", from nudity to scenes from decades-old films — it is up to the state and its instruments to ensure that one individual's right to be offended does not impinge on others' freedoms.

# Welfare, not freebies

PM's remarks on 'revdi culture' should be heeded by those promising imprudent, unsustainable subsidies



N K SINGH

IN A RECENT address, the prime minister shared his anguish on what he called the "revdi" or the freebies culture. This comes immediately on the back of widespread concerns among domain economists, including a recent report of the RBI on states' finances. The report highlighted the perilous condition of states' finances and enhanced debt stress on account of these flawed policies.

Earlier, speaking at the annual day lecture of the Delhi School of Economics on April 19, I had mentioned that these freebies are "something that is given to you without having to pay for them, especially as a way of attracting your support for or interest in something." Is it ironic that much earlier, Albert Einstein had said, "sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for nothing." What Einstein said is embedded with deeper meaning.

The PM's anguish emanates from the serious consequences of this malaise. Nothing undercuts more irresponsibly India's abiding international and national commitments than the perils of this reckless populism. Consider the following:

First and foremost, is the issue of upsetting India's quest for sustainable development. The initiatives undertaken at COP21 in Paris, the International Solar Alliance and subsequently at the COP26 in Glasgow represent India's national consensus to forge a path of growth geared towards intergenerational equity and to exponentially increase development. Our ability to adhere to this commitment inter alia is predicated on two other commitments.

To begin with, an increase in the percentage of renewable energy in our energy consumption. While subsidies are being promised in one form or the other by way of free electricity, the deteriorating health of state distribution companies seriously undercuts their financial viability. Isn't it somewhat ironic that while free power sometimes becomes universal, then optional, then a halfway house through surcharges, these promises are only valid till incumbents face fiscal constraints and are forced to withdraw benefits? The Delhi government's decision to make the electricity subsidy optional was largely due to rising costs. In Punjab, as pointed out by the RBI, the

free power promised undercuts its ability to move to a more sustainable pattern of growth. Lowering the price for some consumers, offset through overcharging industrial and commercial contracts, reduces competitiveness, ushers slower growth both in incomes and employment.

Equally, the inability of discoms to actively encourage solar power is stymied by their financial condition and the inability to evolve tariff structures. India's inability to meet an orderly and socially-cohesive transition to an era of non-fossil fuel energy critically depends on the health of state electricity boards, which is undercut by the freebie culture. Regulatory capture, a fixation on unrealistic tariffs and cross-subsidy in energy utilisation prevent a credible coal plan, which is central to our energy planning. Therefore, it is not how cheap the freebies are, but how expensive they are for the economy, life quality and social cohesion in the long run.

Second, the Modi government seeks to address the challenge of inequity by ensuring access to a wide range of basic facilities. These include banking, electricity, housing, insurance, water and clean cooking fuel, to mention a few. Removing this inequity to access helps boost the productivity of our population.

Third, the issue of access. Benefits under various welfare schemes such as PM Awas Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission and Jal Jeevan Mission have eliminated the biggest barrier for citizens — the exorbitant upfront cost of access. Moreover, they are leading to irreversible empowerment and self-reliance. For instance, a house built under the PM Awas Yojana is a life-long asset for the beneficiary household that cannot be taken back by any government.

Fourth is the use of technology in direct transfer benefits. Identification of beneficiaries through the SECC and prioritisation based on deprivation criteria has enabled the government to assist those who need it the most. Governments that end up taking the shortcut of universal subsidies or freebies often end up ignoring the poor and transferring public resources to the affluent. In Delhi, innumerable households from the lower strata continue to remain dependent on expensive tankers for water due to a lack of wa-

ter connections and the Delhi Jal Board's limited supply. The free water policy has no value for these households.

Fifth is the issue of expenditure prioritisation being distorted away from growth-enhancing items, leading to intergenerational inequity. The science and economics of intergenerational debt swap are at best in a nascent phase. This is true also of changes in governments between states and nations. Illustratively, one state cannot pass on its debts to another state, nor can a nation pass on its debts to another nation. Investors, both domestic and foreign, and credit rating agencies look to macro stability in terms of sustainable levels of debt and fiscal deficit. One of the biggest achievements of the Modi government is that after years of fiscal profligacy, we returned to the path of fiscal rectitude in 2014. Ironically, it seems the last time such an effort was made was also by an NDA government, which enacted the first FRBM Act on August 26, 2003, while this government only re-emphasised the need to address this issue.

Sixth is the debilitating effect of freebies on the future of manufacturing and employment. Freebies lower the quality and competitiveness of the manufacturing sector by detracting from efficient and competitive infrastructure. They stymie growth and, therefore, gainful employment because there is no substitute for growth if we wish to increase employment.

The PM's recent remarks about the perils of freebie culture should serve as a timely reminder to those promising fiscally imprudent and unsustainable subsidies. His opposition to this culture should not be misconstrued as an objection to extending state support to citizens, especially the lower strata. Rather, PM Modi has demonstrated a successful model of welfare provisioning and governance that provides balanced development without creating avoidable fiscal constraints. It was Aristotle who said, "the worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal." The freebie culture is not a road to prosperity, but a quick passport to fiscal disaster.

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KESAVA MENON

THERE IS A story about a Samuthiri (Zamorin) of Calicut that has some bearing on the recent debate on the depiction of Maa Kali on a film poster. In the mid-18th century, the then Samuthiri after praying at the Varakkal Bhagawati temple was given a slice of fish and a sip of toddy, which was the prasadam at that time. As he partook of the blessed gift he saw that the Eralapad, the heir apparent, had thrown away his portion. The Samuthiri told his younger brother: "Our dynasty will be ruined during your rule".

Years passed and the Eralapad of the story became the Samuthiri. It was during his reign that Haider Ali of Mysore invaded Calicut, the first to do so in the four or five hundred years since the city was founded. (Given the lopsided nature of history teaching in India, not many would know that the overlords of Malabar fought off the Portuguese for a century and the Dutch for another. Many would also not know that when the Mysore forces entered his city, the Samuthiri blew up a powder magazine with his own hands, destroying himself and most of his palace).

It must first be noted that the Samuthiris were mostly vegetarian, especially when they rose to the sthanams (the first five positions in the dynasty). That did not prevent one from accepting the prasadam, while the other rejected it. In imbibing fish and toddy, the ruler sought divine blessings for his realm and his family. The one who rejected the prasadam seemed to have prioritised his own moksha.

## DEVI IS MIGHTY

She will not be belittled by a controversial depiction in a film poster or comment

### IN GOOD FAITH

For all the legislatively-imposed bans of a century or more, animal sacrifices are still undertaken in many parts of the country. In some temples, vegetables and coconut milk are used as symbolic substitutes. In other places, the blood rituals are conducted on sites close to but outside the perimeter of the temple. There might even be a few shrines which form blind spots for the civil authorities, where the ritual is performed openly. Why?

There might not be a single doctrine in the Hindu belief systems that treats the Eralapad of the story as nobler than the Samuthiri.

The purpose of narrating this story is to reiterate what every Hindu knows about their faith or way of life. There is no single path and no single conceptualisation of what divinity is. In certain parts of the country, the Devi might be conceptualised as a soft, benign figure who sits demurely on her tiger. In other parts, especially much of the dehat, she is either a fiery warrior or a stern, demanding matriarch. Sacrifice is her due.

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Anthropologists should be able to explain why alcohol has been a traditional part of these forms of worship. Intoxicants were probably an intrinsic part of the earliest fertility rites and the connection seems to have carried on into the Shakteya system. After

all, the Devi is the provider of all the bounty in the world and there is a need to exalt and celebrate her fecundity. Mood elevation by using the products of that bounty is one way of doing so.

A good half of the Hindu community in the country would be on the same wavelength as the TMC's Mahua Moitra up to this point. What about the further contention that the depiction of a "smoking Devi" should be given the same treatment? First of all, there is the reality that tobacco confers no benefit, not even mood elevation, and causes only harm. Should inspiring figures, deities included, be shown as indulging in this habit? That weed-ingesting sadhus are endemic to places of worship is not an adequate counter. The main ingredient in their chillums is not tobacco and marijuana is said to have some medicinal use.

From this perspective, the idea of Devi with a cigarette seems a silly, gimmicky, distortion. Personally, I find it offensive. But certainly not offensive enough to want to hurt the person responsible or agitate for her arrest or silencing. On the other hand, I cannot buy into the argument that this is a depiction appropriate to an age of liberation. Perhaps the pull of tradition is too strong. Then again, so is the strength of a devotion that says the Devi is too mighty to be belittled by needless controversy.

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## JULY 28, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### PM VISIT TO THE US

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi left New Delhi for New York amid reports from Washington that the US was likely to allow foreign fuel for Tarapur. Senior officials in Washington said that the US, which was unable to supply nuclear fuel to Tarapur atomic station, was likely to allow India to obtain fuel from external sources.

### HOUSE CROSS-VOTING

DEFYING THE PARTY whip, 32 Congress (I) MLAs indulged in cross-voting in the biennial elections to the Maharashtra Legislative

Council from the assembly constituency and thereby brought about a defeat of one of the nine party candidates. The cross-voting, described as the largest in the recent history of the state legislatures, was largely in favour of RS Gavai, the president of the RPI (G) and the retired chairman of the Legislative Council. Gavai was elected in the last round in the process of elimination.

### GOA ASSEMBLY TAKEN

MORE THAN 500 agitating students, including a large number of girls, gate-crashed into the Secretariat building in Panaji and "captured" the Goa Assembly hall, where the

House was to meet at 2 pm. The students occupied the LT Governor's chamber and the Assembly hall. The students, affiliated to the All-Goa Students Union, are demanding withdrawal of the fee hike announced by the Goa Board of Secondary Education.

### CPI UNITED

DESPITE STRONG INTERNAL criticism, the national council of the Communist Party of India has endorsed "with overwhelming majority" its leadership's decisions to align with the BJP in the Haryana agitation against the Governor and in the presidential elections.



# The digital pharmacist

Draft law recognises potential of e-commerce in pharmaceutical sector. But more needs to be done to ensure that medical products are safe, effective and conform to prescribed quality standards



SHAILAJA CHANDRA

A DRAFT LAW to replace the 1940 Drugs and Cosmetics Act with a Drugs, Medical Devices and Cosmetics Bill 2022 was uploaded by the Union health ministry in early July, seeking public comments and objections, within 45 days. The primary objective of any drug law is to ensure that the medical products sold in a country are safe, effective and conform to prescribed quality standards. This article addresses how the new law could help consumers but what more is required.

The first major feature in the new Bill that affects consumers relates to e-commerce. The regulatory cover will come when the rules are notified but the inclusion of a provision in the Bill is reassuring. Presently, online sales of medicines account for a fraction of the total pharma sales in India but are forecast to grow exponentially. The traditional retail chemist sector has been the mainstay for the population but has generally been unorganised. The sale of substandard, even counterfeit, drugs — particularly in smaller towns and villages — remains widespread.

There are several pros and cons concerning online sales. Like all online shopping, the consumer gets the advantage of discounts and the comfort of shopping from home. During Covid, e-pharmacy platforms were promoted by government digital platforms, so the experience of regulating the sector is available. In normal times, e-commerce can surmount three uniquely Indian disadvantages. The first relates to climatic conditions, which require medicines to be stored at below 30 degrees Celsius and 70 per cent relative humidity — unattainable in most of India. It can mandate establishing a back-end brick and mortar store for drug supply having good storage conditions. This is what happens in all countries the world over that allow e-commerce. It can encrypt all transactions otherwise impossible to track.

The second advantage of e-commerce could be fulfilling a legal requirement — providing a bill to the consumer and retaining one copy bearing the batch numbers and expiry dates of the drugs. In addition, the practice of accessing prescription drugs over-the-counter would abate. There are presently over 540 Schedule H drugs that require a doctor's prescription and the fact that they can be easily accessed over-the-counter is well known. In the case of e-commerce, registration of a pharmacy can require enrollment with the central and state drug control organisations and the practice of uploading a prescription from a registered medical practitioner can be enforced. Some Indian e-pharmacy outlets have begun facilitating getting a prescription after tele-consultations.

The flipside of shopping for medical drugs on the internet is that it could encourage overuse or incomplete use of drugs, increase dependency on habit-forming medicine — for example, sleep-inducing drugs or self-medication with products for weight loss, male enhancement, even treating mental illness — which is fraught with dangerous



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consequences. The rules can easily exclude identified medication or make access stringent. On balance, however, the advantage lies in facilitating e-commerce for medical drugs.

The draft law also proposes according a greater focus on medical devices, which include thousands of engineered apparatuses like stents, joint implants, pacemakers, catheters, etc, which require quality regulation. Rules for medical devices were notified in 2017 but now it is proposed to establish a statutory Medical Device Technical Advisory Board, with experts from the fields of atomic energy, science and technology, electronics and related fields like biomedical technology to guide the process. This is a welcome move that will bring in the required expertise.

What the Bill does not address is the need to stop the continued mismanagement of the wholesale and retail drugs trade in India — a nightmare for every state drugs controller. The problem ranges from Bhagirath Palace in Chandni Chowk, Delhi — Asia's biggest drug wholesale market some say — or the unqualified practitioner at the other end of the spectrum, jabbing steroids into poor and uneducated patients. In the past, raids — whether at drug wholesale hubs or small pharmacies — have unearthed counterfeit and spurious drugs but have resulted in little deterrence. Drugs move from the manufacturers to the carrying and forwarding agents who, in turn, assign the drugs to "registered wholesalers or stockists" located in Bhagirath Palace or other state drug wholesale hubs. Rule 64 (2) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945 lays down that a wholesale drug licence can be given to a qualified pharmacist or one who has passed the matriculation examination or its equivalent or a graduate with one year's experience in dealing with drug sale. This is a relic from 80 years ago. When the country is

There are presently over 540 Schedule H drugs that require a doctor's prescription and the fact that they can be easily accessed over-the-counter is well known. In the case of e-commerce, registration of a pharmacy can require enrollment with the central and state drug control organisations and the practice of uploading a prescription from a registered medical practitioner can be enforced. Some Indian e-pharmacy outlets have begun facilitating getting a prescription after tele-consultations.

reported to have over 7,00,000 pharmacists, this anachronism must be discarded.

In fairness, it was sought to be corrected in December 2016 by deleting the above clauses from the Drugs Rules and a draft was even gazetted in 2016 on the recommendations of the health ministry's Drugs Consultative Committee headed by the Drugs Controller General (India) and subsequently by the Drugs Technical Advisory Committee headed by the Director General of Health Services. But after seven years, the eligibility criteria continue to allow a matriculate or an ordinary graduate (albeit with a few years experience) to get a licence as a wholesaler or stockist. It is essential to introduce a binding and enabling provision to only licence qualified pharmacists and put the safety of millions of citizens before the self-preservation of a few thousand wholesalers and stockists.

And that brings me to the consumer side of the sale of drugs, particularly in small pharmacies. My research and field study — "Unqualified Medical Practitioners in India", published by Shiv Nadar University in 2017 — describes how easily prescription drugs can be purchased from a medical shop where a proxy licence provides legal cover in absence to the shop owner. That he himself possesses zero knowledge about pharmaceuticals has not bothered any state regulator. This must be stopped. Unless digitisation of procurement, inventory control and accountability for dispensing drugs gets encrypted into a digital trail, random raids and inspections will serve no purpose.

The debate should not be between e-commerce and retail sale. It should be between being compliant and non-compliant.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Even 'mild' monkeypox is still quite painful to experience, and pregnant women and immune-compromised persons are especially at risk. There must be a national drive to educate people about the disease and also to practise better hygiene." — DAWN, PAKISTAN

# The defining issue of our time

We need to wake up to the loss of biodiversity, embrace conservation of ecosystems and resources for the sake of the planet's future



M VENKAIHAH NAIDU

A GLOBAL biodiversity crisis stares us squarely in the face. Biodiversity, globally, finds itself under an ever-increasing all-round threat as man's relentless predatory exploitation of natural resources continues unchecked. Driven by wasteful, unbounded greed, man's plunder of land and marine resources has led to a situation where about 25 per cent of species face the threat of extinction.

The World Nature Conservation Day, celebrated on July 28, seeks to highlight the need to work for a healthy planet by preserving our environment and protecting our natural resources. The time to address the factors that cause biodiversity loss is now. If mankind has to survive, we have to recognise the role protection and conservation play in attempting to maintain the pristine nature of biodiverse ecosystems.

Conservation is our only hope for the future of the planet, as also for that of succeeding generations, because it also contributes to sustainable livelihoods, climate change mitigation, food and water security and reduces the threat of natural disasters. The idea of conservation encompasses various facets of nature including flora and fauna, energy resources, soil, water and air. In this context, it is essential to underscore the critical nature of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures as key drivers of biodiversity conservation.

Conservation and ecological balance form the cornerstone of the cosmic vision of Indian civilisation. The Vedas, Upanishads, itihāsas and purānas teach us the worship of the divine in the elements — in rivers, mountains, lakes, animals, birds, flora, as also stars and planets. Our scriptures are replete with references to the manifestation of prana or shakti in all forms of matter. This is seen in our daily practices — be it the worship of fire, water and air as agni, jal and vayu, the sun as Surya deva, earth as Bhū devi, the Himalayas as the abode of the gods and rishis, the Ganga, Yamuna and all other rivers, the Tulasi plant and peepul tree, the cow as gau mata, the elephant as associated with Vinayaka — bowing to mother nature is an expression of our gratitude to her for her bountiful blessings. The Prithvi Sukta in Atharva Veda serves to remind us of our relationship with nature: mata bhūmih putroham prithivyah (The earth is my mother and I am her son).

With the passage of time, we have begun to forget some of the essential lessons our ancestors taught us about nature being a life-giver and not a hostile force to be conquered. The mindless exploitation and destruction of our natural resources has only unleashed nature's fury in the form of disasters like floods, landslides and earthquakes upon us. As a nation, we only have to go back to our roots and strive proactively in order to achieve the targets of the post-2020 of the UN's Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)

and realise the 2050 vision of "living in harmony with nature".

Climate change has often been referred to as the defining issue of our time which has brought about irreversible changes in ecosystems. Caused by human actions, climate change has brought us close to the Lakshman Rekha of ecological balance, which we cannot afford to cross. It, therefore, calls for decisive action on many facets relating to energy, industry, land, transport and urban planning. Sudden changes in weather patterns causing heat waves, ocean warming, diminishing amounts of snow and ice, melting glaciers, forest fires and floods — an ever-increasing range of resultant factors threaten livelihoods and food production worldwide. Global climate efforts to build partnerships to make the transition to low-emission economies and meet the goals and targets set by Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement have to be intensified if the human race has to survive.

Statistics put the loss of the earth's original forest cover at as high as 45 per cent over the last 8,000 years, most of it alarmingly enough, during the past century. Apart from climate change, the conversion of forests to agricultural land, overgrazing, poor forest management, invasive infrastructure development including the ill-planned expansion of urban settlements, mining and oil exploitation, anthropogenic forest fires and pollution, have impacted forest biological diversity. The Food and Agriculture Organisation recently estimated that about 13 million hectares of the world's forests are lost due to deforestation each year. Aggressive measures for conservation of forest biodiversity alone can help save one of the most biologically rich terrestrial systems providing balance and harmony to the ecosystem. The saying, vruksho rakshati rakshitah (protect trees and they will protect you), should be our guiding mantra.

As a member of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People initiated at the "One Planet Summit" in Paris in January 2021, India is committed to work proactively to protect at least 30 per cent of our lands, waters and oceans, and adhere to its commitment of 30x30 by 2030. The recent launch of the 75-day-long awareness campaign, "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar", covering 75 beaches across the country, is a reflection of India's commitment to the cause of conservation and clean-up. The government has banned the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identified single-use plastic items with low utility and high littering potential from July 1, 2022.

In their joint report, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Economics for Land Degradation Initiative have rightly urged the G-20 nations to step up to their roles as powerful leaders against climate change. Globally, the mainstreaming of conservation and the need to address and achieve climate targets and sustainable development outcomes should be integrated into national policies and decision-making frameworks at the local levels. Only then can we hope to reverse, to some extent, the harm we have caused to mother nature.

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RAJAT KATHURIA

# Of, by and for sport

Why a change in the culture of institutions that support sport is critical

AS THE strong Indian contingent for the Commonwealth Games (CWG) serially lands, sport by sport, player by player, in the UK, they carry the immense expectations of a medal-starved nation. The expectations are not misplaced because Indian sport is beginning to come of age. Competition in the CWG is limited and that augments hope. However, we still have a long way to go to becoming an Olympic powerhouse that China has turned out to be. Even in the Commonwealth (CW), while India is good, its performance is a pale shadow of China's in the Olympics. What is unmistakable, though, is that economic growth in the case of China was strongly correlated with their sports performance. If we were to draw a parallel between India's economic growth and performance, as one of the fastest growing economies in the CW, if not the world, one could expect that we might crown ourselves in glory soon enough.

Sports have become commercial and that has enabled us to reap rewards. One could safely argue that our sporting accomplishments have grown quicker and medals have come at a faster clip than the rate at which the institutional setup for sport has evolved. Institutions evolve glacially, so the above statement does not pass the Samuelsonian test of being true and non-obvious. Even if true and obvious, is the institutional stasis recognised? Did we recognise and act during the period when rapid economic growth of over 9 per cent during 2004-09 outstripped institutional change? That period

laid bare the weakness of institutions that were unable to keep pace with a rapidly growing economy. Institutions that govern the market in India are still evolving but at least now there is an acknowledgement that they need to become much more friendly and facilitate the efficient functioning of markets.

For sports, the national agencies still operate in the 20th-century mode with the associated mindset of lifetime employment in the federations, run like fiefdoms. Judicial intervention in several cases involving national federations has brought this aspect to the fore. Courts have appointed a Committee of Administrators (CoA) to run several federations temporarily including football, hockey, badminton, table tennis to name a few. A CoA ran the cricket body for six years before handing it over to an elected board. Cricket was the first target because the sport had become profoundly commercial and its governance is dismal. The name of the institution — Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) — betrayed how it "controlled" the sport. Unbeknownst to the board, the rapid commercialisation of cricket meant that it came under the scrutiny of stakeholders and became a victim of success. What led to its downfall? For a start, while it raked in big bucks, it short-changed spectators. Spectators were provided little comfort in stadiums, packed like sardines on uncomfortable cemented blocks and with no refreshments worth the name, while patronage was dished out through the selection and

nomination of teams and managers respectively at national and state levels. It was, in short, an unfettered exercise of monopoly power.

While the BCCI came under scrutiny, it was not an exception. Other sports federations oversaw intrigue and dished out patronage. Who can forget an IPS officer running hockey as somebody would run a jail and treat players as if they needed to be brought to heel? Who can forget Dhanraj Pillai being dropped at the peak of his career because he refused to pay obeisance to the mighty federation? Several other deserving players fell by the wayside without ever being able to secure justice against mountainous egos.

There are several sports in India that are subject to the same monopolistic attitude and conduct of federations that tend to be run by bureaucrats rather than by people who know the game. The modus operandi is straightforward. Federations offer the lure of selection for coaches, managers and players, sometimes deservedly and often undeservedly to keep resistance at bay, while keeping others guessing in whose direction the next crumb will fall. This patronage system has worked well for the federations but not for players. Is it a surprise, then, that we are globally recognised in very few sports? While that is now changing, the culture of managing sports needs to change as well. Whatever glory has been acquired by Indian sports persons has not been due to the federations but despite them.

The government routinely spends a lot of money on training people abroad and hiring foreign coaches. Thus, teams and individuals spend time training and acclimatising in Europe, Japan, Korea, and the United States to name a few destinations for extended stints. While the exposure of players to tournaments abroad is a very good idea, India could also weigh the benefits of becoming a training hub for sports persons from different parts of the world. For example, in cricket we can, with a little effort, become the sought-after destination for training global talent. I imagine we can develop such facilities in chess, shooting, badminton and hockey to start with. This will have a salutary effect on sports in general and the people engaged in the specific sport in particular.

Commercialisation has certainly been a success factor, but a change in the culture of institutions that support sport is critical to move to the next level. The metamorphosis of cricket and of the institution governing cricket demonstrates the possibilities. Former sports persons can take charge of guiding, mentoring and even running federations if not completely, then at least on an equal footing with the bureaucrats. Bureaucrats are essential to administration in India, but for the nuances of sports governance, is it not best to involve the experts extensively?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SILENCED OPPOSITION NEW FRIENDSHIPS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Throwing the book' (IE, July 27). The 'brook no criticism' approach of the ruling regime was, once again, on display with the summary suspension of 23 Opposition members of Parliament. While disrupting the House repeatedly runs against the statute book, it is more a norm than the exception. It does not reflect well on our democratic principles that the Opposition voice has been silenced right at the beginning of the Monsoon Session. India's democracy, of late, seems to be acquiring authoritarian tendencies, thanks to the hubris of the BJP riding on the overwhelming mandate given to it by the people.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Throwing the book' (IE, July 27). Suspension of four Lok Sabha Opposition MPs for the entire Monsoon Session and, the following day, suspension of 19 Rajya Sabha Opposition MPs for a week demonstrates blatant partisanship and highhandedness by those presiding over both the Houses. They have failed utterly in their duty to be impartial and, instead, chose to please the ruling establishment. The presiding officers must remind themselves that they are supposed to ensure Opposition MPs get to air their opinion on the floor of the House.

Samiul Hassan Quadri, Bikaner

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Area of darkness' (IE, July 27). The executions in Myanmar signal the military rulers' defiance of appeals by the international community not to carry out the death sentences and free political prisoners arrested since the February 2021 coup. If India really wants to offset Chinese influence in Myanmar, it needs to take this opportunity to forge new friendships. For India, stability — not the military — should be the focus in Myanmar. As a regional power with an Act East Policy in place, India must not be found missing from the action.

SS Paul, Chakdaha

### TRUST ISSUES

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Coarse and coarser' (IE, July 27). Presenting a narrative on hearsay and circulating it as the final verdict is misleading, especially when the accused is the former Vice-President of India. The current regime won't be perpetually in office. This not only brings the level of politics to a dismal low but also harms the nation and citizenry in unimaginable ways. The legitimacy of the very state comes under question. Apart from deepening the abyss of mistrust between two communities, it raises a question too: If we can't trust our Vice-President, who can we trust?

Abhishek Kumar Anshu, Patna

TWO BSF MEN KILLED IN CONGO

Back home in Rajasthan, kin say proud of peacekeepers' sacrifice

HAMZAKHAN  
JAIPUR, JULY 27

FRIENDS AND relatives of the two Indian peacekeepers killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo on Tuesday hailed the sacrifice of the BSF personnel from Rajasthan.

Shishupal Singh and Sanwala Ram Vishnoi — deployed as part of a UN mission at Butembo, Congo, since June 2, 2022 — were among five killed during an anti-UN protest in the eastern city of Goma near strife-torn country's border with Uganda. While Shishupal hailed from Sikar, Shishnoi belonged to Barmer.

Talking to *The Indian Express*, Shishupal's friend Satyaveer Singh said: "We heard that there was an airlifting following the attack. There were some Moroccan women colleagues, and he asked them to go while he stayed back."



HC Shishupal Singh and HC Sanwala Ram Vishnoi. @BSF\_India

"No one asked him to stay back; these things happen automatically when you are face to face with the enemy," he added. Satyaveer said that Shishupal, around 50, had spent roughly "27-28 years in the BSF" and that his two brothers were also in the Border Security Force. Shishupal is survived by wife, Kamla, a son pursuing graduation in Jaipur and a daughter doing MBBS.

Ruparam Vishnoi, uncle of Vishnoi's wife, Rukhmani Devi, said, "He has given the highest

sacrifice for the nation. It is our good fortune. We do not ask anything of the government."

The Vishnoi family lives in Band village in Barmer district. The first one from his village to join the BSF, Vishnoi is survived by his parents, wife Rukhmani, who is an Asha, and two sons studying in Classes 7 and 10.

"We got a call on this number from the headquarters today morning, asking to speak to the brother. But since others were close by, everyone got to know," Ruparam said.

ICMR invites pharma firms for developing monkeypox shot

ANONNA DUTT  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE INDIAN Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on Wednesday called for experienced pharmaceutical companies and research organisations to "collaborate on royalty basis" for developing monkeypox vaccine and diagnostic kits. This comes on a day when its Pune-based National Institute of Virology (NIV) announced that it has successfully isolated the virus from the patient's sample, meaning the researchers can grow it [virus] further in the laboratory.

The 'expression of interest' issued by ICMR states that NIV has achieved "bulk propagation of the virus stock". The document states that ICMR will reserve the intellectual property rights and commercialisation rights for monkeypox virus isolates, and the protocols for purification, propagation, and characterisation.

The expression of interest document states that ICMR's agreement with companies will be non-exclusive (meaning, the research institute will be free to

share the technology with more than one company) with the condition of royalty of not less than 5% on the net sales of the end product. It also states that the research body will not only help in developing diagnostic kits but also validate them.

"In the event of default in payment of royalty as above, interest @12% per annum on the royalty due shall be charged for the first six months. If default persists for more than six months, interest at similar rate will be charged on the accrued interest also from the due dates of payments till realisation/recovery of such amounts by the ICMR," the document states.

This is a similar contract that the research institute entered with for sharing the isolates of SARS-CoV-2 virus with Bharat Biotech for developing Covaxin, 33.9 crore doses of which have been administered as part of the Covid-19 vaccination drive.

Isolating the virus is the first step towards developing drug, diagnostics, and vaccines for any new infection. "The monkeypox virus is isolated from the clinical specimen of a patient by the

ICMR — National Institute of Virology Pune @ICMRDELHI," the institute said in a tweet. The lab was also the first in the country to isolate the SARS-CoV-2 virus in March 2020 soon after Covid-19 cases started increasing in the country.

Unlike Covid-19, however, monkeypox is not a completely unknown infection in humans. In fact, the first human case of the viral infection was reported in 1970 in Congo. "The thing is that we already know almost everything about monkeypox. We know which cell lines have to be used to grow the virus. We already have drugs and vaccines — which were developed for smallpox — that can be used for monkeypox as well," said a senior virologist, on condition of anonymity.

However, India did not have any viral isolate for monkeypox. "Without a viral culture, we cannot develop a vaccine, molecular testing kits, or immunological testing assays. And we cannot validate them. We should be self-sufficient if needed," said Dr Pragna Yadav, senior scientist from the NIV.

Kerala to exclude human settlements from eco-sensitive zone of forests

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 27

THE KERALA Cabinet on Wednesday decided to rectify a 2019 decision of the LDF government in the state to exclude residential and agricultural areas as well as government, semi-government and public institutions from 1-km eco-sensitive zones (ESZ).

This is meant to avoid human settlements from the purview of ESZ of protected forest tracts.

Taking into account the objections received against a Central government draft notification, the Cabinet decided to approve the Forest Department's proposal to exclude such areas, agricultural land, and various public institutions from ESZ, according to a release from the Chief Minister's Office. The state Forest and Wildlife Department's proposal has been forwarded to the Centre, it added.

In 2019, the then LDF government had decided to recommend that 1 km of area around boundaries of protected forests, including human settlements, as ESZs.

However, following a Supreme Court verdict on June 3 to establish 1-km ESZs around all protected areas, wildlife sanctuaries and national parks, Kerala has seen widespread protests in hilly regions of the state.

EXPLAINED  
Decision set to help LDF

THE CABINET'S decision to exempt human settlements from the purview of ESZ is expected to help the CPI(M)-led government save face in the backdrop of the Opposition's allegation that the state government is not sincere in its approach to protect the interest of farmers.

Opposition Congress and the Catholic Church have led the protests in which the LDF, in particular the CPI(M), has drawn flak for its 2019 decision.

The issue also came to limelight after some activists of SFI, the CPI(M)'s students' wing, vandalised Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's office in Wayanad, alleging that he had not intervened in the issue. The state government then convened a meeting to address the situation emerging out of the apex court's June 3 verdict.

As part of steps to allay fears of people, the state government has also decided to submit a modification petition in SC and approach Central Empowered Committee to get exemptions on the verdict.

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निविदा सूचना

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Two ancient sculptures, including 1,200-year-old idol, found in J&K

Srinagar: Two ancient sculptures, including a 1,200-year-old idol of Lord Vishnu, were found in Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Wednesday, adding that residents

of Gudsathoo village in Budgam informed that they found a sculpture while digging land. Another sculpture was recovered from the Khag area. It was also examined by experts, who established that the sculpture is the fragment of Panch Mukh. PTI

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इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-03/2022-23 जिसका पी.आर. नम्बर-5383 (Planning) 2022-23 जो दिनांक 21.07.2022 के समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित हो चुका है। जो कब्रिस्तान घेराबंदी योजना से संबंधित है, आमंत्रित निविदा में तकनीकी मुल्यन करण की विवरणी के ऊपर शीर्षक में मुख्यमंत्री क्षेत्र विकास योजनान्तर्गत अंकित हो गया है जिसे कब्रिस्तान घेराबंदी योजना अंकित होना चाहिए।

अतः निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या 03/2022-23 से आमंत्रित निविदा में मुख्यमंत्री क्षेत्र विकास योजनान्तर्गत के स्थान पर कब्रिस्तान घेराबंदी योजना पढ़ा जाय। शेष शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता  
स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन  
कार्य प्रमण्डल-01 छपरा  
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

PR. No. 5630 (Planning) 2022-23

**DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS AND YOUTH WELFARE**  
T.T. Nagar Stadium, Bhopal-462003  
Tel. : 0755-2773012, 2761448, 2778151  
Fax : 0755-2775256, Website : [www.dsywmp.gov.in](http://www.dsywmp.gov.in)

**E-TENDERING NOTICE**

1. The Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Welfare, M.P. Bhopal invites bids on electronic mode for Dismantling of existing Hockey Turf and Providing & Laying of Global Category Synthetic Hockey Turf with shock pad, irrigation system and allied civil work at Seoni, Madhya Pradesh.

2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained on [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in). If any queries regarding participation through e-tender process interested bidder may contact on Toll Free No. 18002588684.

3. The corrigendum and addendum issued (if any) related to this bid will be published on e-tendering portal only.

M.P. Madhyam/105675/2022 DIRECTOR

REPORT ON POLL DEFEAT

Panel doesn't recommend change in SAD leadership

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 27

THE SHIROMANI Akali Dal Wednesday said a panel formed to analyse the reasons for the party's defeat in the 2022 Punjab Assembly polls did not recommend any change in its top leadership and authorised party chief Sukhbir Singh Badal to "take action on the implementation of the committee's recommendations".

Badal had set up a 13-member committee, headed by party secretary general Balwinder Singh Bhunder, to look into the reasons that led to Akali Dal being relegated to just three seats in the 117-member sub-committee, led by Iqbal Singh Jhundan, to speed up the process.

The SAD core committee, presided by Badal, applauded and accepted the Jhundan panel's report and thanked its members for their "thorough painstaking and honest feedback" from the party workers and the people at large. The core committee also gave Badal "full powers to rejig the party structure" in line with the Jhundan-panel recommendations.

The decision came even as senior leader and former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra questioned the move by the SAD core committee of bypassing the Bhunder committee, of which he too was part. Chandumajra said the Jhundan panel report should have been ideally submitted before Bhunder committee, before being discussed in the party's core committee. "Ideally, the sub-committee report should have been deliberated in parent committee of 13-members led by Balwinder Bhunder before it was presented in the party's core committee," said Chandumajra. He did not attend core committee meeting.

FULL REPORT ON [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

**DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVERNMENT OF N.C.T. OF DELHI**  
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-2  
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T-1)-M-2  
G.T. ROAD, SHAHDARA: DELHI- 110032 [eeengineering1m2djb@gmail.com](mailto:eeengineering1m2djb@gmail.com), Office Ph. No. 22596645

Press NIT NO. 24 (2022-23)

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (in Rs.)	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Date of release of e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Improvement of water pressure in tail end portion of Babir Nagar Extn. by providing and laying 250mm dia water line in Babarpur AC-67 Tender I.D.No.2022_DJB_226750_1	30,24,951/-	500/-	60500/-	26.07.2022	08.08.2022

Further details in this regard can be seen at <http://delhi.govtprocurement.gov.in>  
(ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 259/2022-23)  
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T-1)-M2  
"Stop Corona; Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

**गार्डन रीच शिपबिल्डर्स एण्ड इंजीनियर्स लिमिटेड**  
Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited  
Head and Corp Office: GISE, Bhawan 61, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata - 700 104  
(कोलकाता में कार्यालय का पता: 61, गार्डन रीच रोड, कोलकाता - 700 104)  
Website: [www.grse.in](http://www.grse.in), I.C.N. : L31171W8133403067811

**E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ONLINE BIDDING**  
NIT NO. - SCC/KC/OT(P)/HULL OUTFIT WK/034/ET-1880  
SUB: Biennial Rate Contract for Hull Outfit Work & Plate Marking and Cutting for Yard 3024  
Due Date: 21 days from date of publication  
Details will be available in e-tendering portal [www.grse.nic.in/etender](http://www.grse.nic.in/etender) and websites <http://www.grse.nic.in/tenderhome.php> & <http://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/>  
Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender enquiry will be published in above websites only.  
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Government of Karnataka  
**Water Resources Development Organization**  
O/o The Executive Engineer, No.1, Irrigation Investigation Division, WRDO Mysuru, Karnataka-570020, Telephones: 0821-2411420, E-mail: [no1eeid@gmail.com](mailto:no1eeid@gmail.com)

**e-Procurement Tender Notification**  
NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT (World Bank Funded)  
CORRIGENDIUM NOTICE-02 Dated: 26.07.2022

Executive Engineer, No.1, Irrigation Investigation Division Mysuru, Karnataka-570020 extends the Tender Notification No. 04/2022-23 Dated 23.06.2022 (IFB No: KA NHP SW/04/2022-23 dated: 23-06-2022) for the work: Upgradation of existing 10 manual river gauge stations to Hydrological Observation sites and Establishing 03 new Hydrological Observation sites in Southern Karnataka coming under the jurisdiction of Mysore Circle by Supply, testing, commissioning, operations and maintenance of continuous discharge flow meters, water level recorders, telemetry data transmission and integrate with data center located at Bengaluru. (Intd No: WRD/2022-23/OW/WORK\_INDENT2244) in order to give prospective bidders reasonable time to take into account in preparing their bids, the Revised Tender Schedule is extended as below. The Last date & time for submission of bid is 01.08.2022 upto 3.00 p.m. and the Bid opening Date: 02.08.2022 at 4.00 p.m Further details may be obtained from the under signed office. Visit the [www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) website for latest information related to this bid.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
No.1, Irrigation Investigation Division,  
Mysuru, Karnataka-570020,  
DIPR/MYSORE/SHRDISAI/173A/2022-23

**MAHARASHTRA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
(Undertaking of Government of Maharashtra)  
NO / MIDC / WLJ / H-17 / 1 / 2 / C24369 / 2022

Office of the Regional Officer,  
Udyog Wardhani Bldg,  
Railway Station Road, MIDC  
Aurangabad Indl. Area,  
Aurangabad-431001  
Date : 4/07/2022

To,  
1) M/s Fateja Forging & Auto Parts Manufacturing Ltd  
Plot No. H-17/1/2, MIDC, Waluj, Aurangabad.  
2) Shri Vijay Katdare, The Deputy General Manager,  
Stressed Assets Stabilization Fund,  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, IDBI Tower, WTC Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400005  
3) M/s Devonshire Capital (Mauritius)  
6, Battery Road No. 12-5, Singapore - 049909

Sub : Waluj Industrial Area  
Plot no. H-17/1/2 admeasuring 78932 Sq.Mtrs.

Sir,  
You are the Licensee of Plot no. H-17/1/2 admeasuring 78932 Sq. mtrs in Industrial Area. The possession of the plots were handed over to you on 21/02/1991 and the agreement to lease was executed on 05/12/1990. By the said agreement, the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (hereinafter called the Corporation) agreed to grant to you the license and authority only to enter upon the Plot no. H-17/1/2 admeasuring 78932 Sq. Mtrs from the Waluj Industrial Area for the purpose of building and executing works thereon as provided in the said agreement.

According to the terms and conditions of the Agreement to Lease you were expected to complete the construction of building and utilize the plots for the purpose for which they have been allotted.

It is noticed that you have not completed the construction of the building and also not used the plots for the purpose for which they have been allotted to you. You have also, in spite of show cause notice/notices by the Corporation issued on 03/07/2013, 14/09/2015, 16/10/2015, 4/01/2016, 28/04/2017 but failed and neglected to commence or complete the construction and develop the plot as agreed by you under the said Agreement to Lease. You have, thus, committed breach of the terms and conditions of the Agreement to Lease executed by you with the Corporation and accordingly the Corporation has become entitled to terminate the said agreement and under the clauses of the said Agreement to Lease to re-enter upon and resume the possession of the said plot of land.

It is also noticed that your failure to complete the construction and continue with the possession of the property has resulted into above referred allotted plots being remain unutilized and lying idle for more than 30 years and because of which it has also resulted into frustration of the object of the Maharashtra Industrial Development Act, 1961.

You have failed to develop the said plots within the time limit granted and thus committed the breach of the terms and conditions of Agreement to Lease and therefore the allotment of plots made in your favour is hereby cancelled.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation hereby terminates the said Agreement to Lease dated 05/12/1990 and withdraw/ revoke License and authority granted to you under the said agreement with immediate effect.

You are, hereby, called upon to quit, vacate and deliver possession of the said plots of land and surrender your original copy of Agreement to Lease alongwith the Possession Receipt to Shri. Sanjay R. Borde, Area Manager MIDC Aurangabad, who is hereby authorized to re-enter upon and resume possession of the said plots of land on 10/08/2022 at 11.00 a.m., when the said Area Manager will re-enter upon and resume possession of the said plots of land. If you failed to remain present at the date and time mentioned above and surrender to him/her your original copy of Agreement to Lease dated 05/12/1990 alongwith the Possession Receipt, the Area Manager is hereby authorized to re-enter upon and resume possession of the said plots of land by drawing Panchanama in the presence of Panchas, which please note.

Sd/-  
Regional Officer,  
MIDC, Aurangabad

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

Sl.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1.	02221922	Battery Charging Unit Cum Pre-Cooling Transformer 200 Ampere	36 Nos.	22.08.2022
2.	08221426	Web Detectors For Digital Axle Counter	191 Nos.	22.08.2022
3.	09223288	Sole Bar Patch (Double Flange)	1644 Set	24.08.2022
4.	19224426	Roller Bearing NU-326	232 Nos.	24.08.2022
5.	14221202F	Refrigerant Gas Chlorodifluoro Methane	24325 Kgs.	24.08.2022
6.	08225189	Supply of Electric Point Machine	906 Nos.	26.08.2022
7.	09222183A	Bogie End Pull Rod.	3436 Nos.	29.08.2022
8.	02222515	Diesel Engine Lead Acid Starter Batteries of 24V	58 Set	05.09.2022
9.	07220447	Set of Side Buffer Assembly	40 Nos.	07.09.2022
10.	02221682	LED Type Emergency Light Unit	2019 Nos.	28.11.2022

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for details.  
2. No Manual offer will be entertained.  
Tender Notice No.: 31/2022-2023 Dated : 27.07.2022 1896/22  
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

**Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran**  
Offers e-Auction of  
Residential & Commercial Properties in Gurugram Zone  
On 6th August, 2022

Commercial properties in Gurugram Zone				Residential properties in Gurugram Zone				
Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots	No. of Plots	Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots	No. of Plots	
1	10, Gurugram	11	16	33, Gurugram II	4	1	10, Gurugram	7
2	10-A, Gurugram	8	17	38, Gurugram II	5	2	10-A, Gurugram	8
3	12-A, Gurugram	2	18	45, Gurugram II	9	3	12-A, Gurugram	10
4	15-A, Gurugram	3	19	46, Gurugram II	5	4	15-II, Gurugram	4
5	18, Gurugram	6	20	53, Gurugram II	5	5	21, Gurugram	9
6	21, Gurugram	4	21	56, Gurugram II	3	6	22, Gurugram	6
7	22, Gurugram	5	22	57, Gurugram II	25	7	23-23A, Gurugram	10
8	4, Gurugram	6	23	4-A, Dharuhera	7	8	5, Gurugram	4
9	5, Gurugram	6	24	6, Dharuhera	3	9	5-VI, Gurugram	2
10	9, Gurugram	12	25	1 (Part-1), Narnaul	12	10	7-Ext., Gurugram	2
11	9-A, Gurugram	10	26	3, Rewari	5	11	9, Gurugram	10
12	Jail Land, Gurugram	2	27	3 (Part-1), Rewari	1	12	9-A, Gurugram	14
13	PV-1A, Gurugram	11	28	4, Rewari	1	13	1-PAT, Ptaudi	8
14	1-PAT, Ptaudi	15	29	5, Rewari	6	14	38, Gurugram II	5
15	29, Gurugram II	10	30	MTSKOSLI, Rewari	9	15	39, Gurugram II	7

Registration will close one day before the scheduled date of e-Auction, at 5 pm.

e-Auction Portal  
<https://hsvphry.org.in>  
e-Auction will start at 10:00 AM

Helpline Number: 8360516607 (9 AM to 5 PM), 1800-180-3030 (8AM to 8 PM)

For any queries email us at [eauctionquery.hsvp@gmail.com](mailto:eauctionquery.hsvp@gmail.com)

Chief Administrator  
Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran  
S-3, MIDC Complex, Sector-1, Pataudi, Distt. Gurgaon, Haryana  
9899202228 | 011-8110-3030 | [hsvp.org.in](http://hsvp.org.in)

The detailed information of the sites and terms & conditions of e-auction will be available on <https://hsvphry.org.in>.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IT IS INFORMED TO GENERAL PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT MY CLIENT SH. KALASH CHAND JAIN SO LIT. SH. KAPOOR CHAND JAIN, AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS AND HIS WIFE SMT. NIRMALA JAIN, AGED ABOUT 61 YEARS, HAD IN 1978, BY DEED OF SALE, TRANSFERRED DELHI DISCONTINUED THEIR SON NAMELY SANKESH JAIN, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS AND HIS WIFE SMT. NEHA JAIN, AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS, BOTH IN A NO. 0316 2ND FLOOR, PRAJAPUR DELHI. FROM THEIR MOVABLE AND IMMEDIATE PROPERTIES ASSETS AND IN CLIENTS HAVE SEVERED THEIR RELATIONS WITH THEM DUE TO THEIR DISOBEDIENT AND HOSTILE ATTITUDE. MY CLIENTS SH. KALASH CHAND JAIN AND HIS WIFE SMT. NIRMALA JAIN, ARE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ANY ACTS OR DEALS WITH ANYONE. IF ANY ONE DEALS WITH SH. KALASH CHAND JAIN OR HIS WIFE SMT. NEHA JAIN, HE OR SHE SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN RISK AND CONSEQUENCES. MY CLIENTS ARE NOW NOT RESIDING WITH THEIR SON NAMELY SANKESH JAIN AND HIS WIFE SMT. NEHA JAIN.

Sd/-  
N.P. SHARMA & NEERAJ GUPTA  
Advts. No. D-1180207 (ADVOCATES)  
Ch. No. 147A, 148 Floor, Lawyers Chambers  
Robt. Court Complex, Delhi-110085

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to general public that my client (1) Smt. Reena W/o Arjun R/o Dharm Shala, Nitish General Store, Sultan Pur, South Delhi-110030 (hereafter called the biological father and mother. We are giving our child namely Master Ishant Kumar to Smt. Preeti, W/o Shri. Ravi Kumar R/o G-450, Sarang Vihar, New Delhi-110050 with our own free will and consent and without any force or pressure or coercion from any side.

Sd/-  
SHRI. DUSHYANT SHARMA (Advocate)  
Enrt. No. D/



# 17 ECONOMY

<b>GOLD</b>	<b>RUPEE</b>	<b>OIL</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
₹51,166	₹79.90/USD	\$106.10	₹55,485

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of July 26

SENSEX: 55,816.32 ▲ 547.83 (0.99%) NIFTY: 16,641.80 ▲ 15795 (0.96%) NIKKEI: 27,715.75 ▲ 60.54 HANG SENG: 20,670.04 ▼ 235.84 FTSE: 7,345.89 ▲ 39.61 DAX: 13,153.31 ▲ 56.38

International market data till 1900 IST

## SECTOR WATCH GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY

### Local partners roped in, Google launches Street View for India

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

A DECADE after it was prevented from capturing data for its Street View services, Google has launched its 360-degree interactive panorama feature for 10 Indian cities, with data from local partners. Tech Mahindra and Mumbai-based Genesis International. This has been made possible by the new National Geospatial Policy, 2021, which lets local companies collect this kind of data and license it to others, making India the first country where Street View has been enabled primarily by partners.

Called Project Gullify, Street View will be initially launched for 10 Indian cities and rolled out to 50 by the year's end, mapping over 7,00,000 km in two years.

Miriam Karthika Daniel, VP of Google Maps Experiences, told *indianexpress.com* that the partners have "fundamental geospatial technologies and experience, as well as logistics experience" and the "ability to

### The launch of this service was made possible by the new National Geospatial Policy, 2021

scale across a lot of areas simultaneously".

She explained that the launch has been made possible by the clarity the new geospatial policy brought in. "First of all, it requires that local entities be the ones that collect all the data. So the partners are the ones that are collecting and owning the data. They have to collect it at a certain level of fidelity depending on the type of camera. Even the camera configurations are done by our partners," Daniel added.

The policy, she said, even cities areas where they can collect data and those where they can't, like government, defence and military areas. "So, our partners know exactly where they can go and collect (data), which is a majority of India." Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## 4TH STRAIGHT RISE; 'HIGHLY ATTENTIVE' TO INFLATION RISKS

# Fed hikes rates by 75 bps, flags 'softening indicators'

REUTERS  
WASHINGTON, JULY 27

THE US Federal Reserve raised its benchmark overnight interest rate by three-quarters of a percentage point on Wednesday in an effort to cool the most intense breakout of inflation since the 1980s, with "ongoing increases" in borrowing costs still ahead despite evidence of a slowing economy.

"Inflation remains elevated, reflecting supply and demand imbalances related to the pandemic, higher food and energy prices, and broader price pressures," the rate-setting Federal Open Market Committee said as it lifted the policy rate to a range of between 2.25 per cent and 2.5 per cent in a unanimous vote. The FOMC added that it remains "highly attentive" to inflation risks.

With the most recent data showing consumer prices rising at more than a 9 per cent annual rate, investors expect the US central bank to raise the policy rate by at least half a percentage point at its September meeting.

But while jobs gains have remained "robust," officials noted in the new policy statement that "recent indicators of spending and production have softened," a nod to the fact that the aggressive rate

### RATES UP 225 BPS THIS YEAR

COMING ON top of a 75-basis-point hike last month and smaller moves in May and March, the Fed has raised its policy rate by a total of 225 bps this year as it battles a 1980s-level breakout of inflation with 1980s-style policy.



Reuters file

hikes they have put in place since March are beginning to bite.

Coming on top of a 75-basis-point hike last month and smaller moves in May and March, the Fed has raised its policy rate by a total of 225 basis points this year as it battles a 1980s-level breakout of inflation with 1980s-style monetary policy. The rate also matches the high point of the central bank's previous tightening cycle from late 2015 to late 2018, a level reached this time in the span of just four months.

US yields were little changed by the announcement, with the yield on the 10-year note down 2 basis points on the day and the yield on the 2-year note unchanged. US stocks extended gains after the decision, with S&P 500 up 1.6 per cent and the Nasdaq up 2.8 per cent intra-day.

### 'Fed lacks systems to stop China data gathering'

The Federal Reserve lacks adequate systems to counter a "malign" effort by China to gather inside information on the US economy and monetary policy, according to a report that was prepared by Republican staff of the Senate Homeland Security Committee.

"Because we understand that some actors aim to exploit any vulnerabilities, our processes, controls and technology are robust and updated regularly," Fed chair Jerome Powell wrote. "We respectfully reject any suggestions to the contrary."

On Wednesday, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman branded the report "a political lie with no basis in fact."

## EXPLAINED FPI outflow a concern

INDIA HAS already witnessed substantial FPI outflow due to recent rate hikes by the US Fed. The fresh 75-bp rise, now, is likely to further hit investor sentiment. With every rise in policy rates in the US, the difference between interest rates of two countries narrows, thus making nations such as India less attractive for currency carry trade. Higher returns in the US debt markets could also trigger churn in emerging market equities, tempering foreign investor outlook. Also, a high rate signal by the Fed to douse record inflation in the US would likely weigh on the country's growth prospects, which could kindle fears of a recession and, in turn, be negative news for global growth.

# ₹1.64 L cr revival package for BSNL gets Cabinet nod

To get ₹43,964 cr as cash and ₹1.2L cr as non-cash component over 4 years

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE UNION Cabinet on Wednesday cleared a Rs 1.64-lakh crore package for revival of state-owned telecom service provider Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL), with the focus on fresh capital for upgrading the loss-making company's network and allocating spectrum for it to offer 4G services, de-stressing its balance sheet and augmenting its fiber network.

The four-year revival strategy follows a 2019 booster, when the government had announced a Rs 70,000-crore package mainly to cover a voluntary retirement scheme for BSNL employees.

Of the total revival package announced Wednesday, Rs 43,964 crore will be a cash component, while the remaining Rs 1.2 lakh crore of non-cash component will be spread over four years. The Centre will make administrative allocation of spectrum BSNL needs to offer 4G services. The allocation of spectrum in 900/1,800 MHz band at the cost of Rs 44,993 crore would be through equity infusion.

"The 2019 relief package gave BSNL a lifeline. Before that, it was making operational losses, which wasn't sustainable. The package helped BSNL in becoming operational profitable. With the latest relief package, we expect BSNL to become net profitable in the next three-four years," Minister of Communications Ashwini Vaishnav told reporters.

To meet the projected capital expenditure (capex) for the next four years, the Centre will fund capex of Rs 22,471 crore for developing 4G technology stack, while providing Rs 13,789 crore to BSNL as viability gap funding for commercially unviable rural wireline operations done between FY15 and FY20, he added.

Further, to enhance the operator's wireline offering, the Telecom Department has proposed the merger of Bharat Broadband Nigam Ltd (BBNL) with BSNL. BBNL is the nodal agency for executing the BharatNet project. The infrastructure created under BharatNet will continue to be a national asset, accessible on a non-discriminatory basis to all the telecom service providers.

To de-stress the balance sheet, Rs 33,404 crore statutory dues will be converted into equity. The Centre will also provide sovereign guarantee for raising money to repay current loans.

## BRIEFLY

### Power by 2030

New Delhi: Power Minister RK Singh, at the launch of a report of The Energy Resource Institute (TERI), said the country's electricity generation capacity will reach 820 gigawatt (GW) by 2030, including over 500 GW from non-fossil fuel sources.

### Ai aircraft sale

New Delhi: Air India on Wednesday issued a tender to sell its three B777-200LR wide-bodied aircraft, which were manufactured in 2009. The Tata Group, which took over Air India on January 27, is currently in talks with Airbus and Boeing to place a sizeable aircraft order.

### Sebi, KRAs

New Delhi: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Wednesday extended the deadline by three months to November 1, for commencing the validation of all KYC (know your client) records by KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs). This is the second time, when the capital markets regulator has extended the deadline. PTI

### Credit Suisse

Zurich: Credit Suisse Group on Wednesday named asset management boss Ulrich Koerner its new chief executive officer, tasked with the aim of scaling back investment banking and cutting more than \$1 billion in costs to help the bank recover from a string of scandals and losses. Koerner will succeed outgoing CEO Thomas Gottstein on August 1. REUTERS

### I-T searches

New Delhi: Nandan Denim on Wednesday informed that search operations have been conducted by the Income Tax Department at the company's various locations from July 20-26. PTI

## Digital payments record 29% annual growth at March-end

Digital payments across India posted a rise of nearly 29% in the year through March 2022, as per the latest RBI index



Announced in March 2018, the RBI-DPI was constructed as a base to capture the extent of digitisation of payments across the country

The RBI-DPI index, which measures the adoption of online transactions, has demonstrated significant growth, representing the rapid adoption and deepening of digital payments across the country in recent years

The index is published on a semi-annual basis from March 2021 onwards with a lag of 4 months

Source: Reserve Bank of India/PTI

# 5G auction: Bids of ₹1.49L cr on Day 2; all bands in demand

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE SECOND day of the 5G spectrum auction has garnered Rs 1.49 lakh crore worth of bids so far as the sale stretched in to the third day.

Jio, Bharti Airtel, an Adani Group arm and Vi had put in bids worth Rs 1.45 lakh crore on the opening day on Tuesday and incremental demand for airwaves came in five rounds held on Wednesday, Telecom Minister



Ashwini Vaishnav  
Telecom Minister

Ashwini Vaishnav said the second day of the auction has ended and it will continue on Thursday.

"I am happy to see good competition in auction, good competition for all bands have come in," he said. "Bids worth Rs 1,49,454 crore have been received so far at the end of 9th round." Analysts said Jio may be the most aggressive of those in the race.

The Minister said all bands of the spectrum are seeing demand. Though details of the bids are not announced as yet, ICICI Securities said its analysis shows that Jio has likely bid for the highest spectrum worth Rs 80,100 crore. WITHPTI

## Maruti Q1 profit jumps 130%

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
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MARUTI SUZUKI India on Wednesday posted standalone net profit of Rs 1,012.8 crore in the June quarter, up 130 per cent on-year on a low-base as last year the business faced Covid-led disruptions. On a sequential basis, profits declined 45 per cent due to higher input cost and lower other income. Net sales during the period jumped 50.52 per cent to Rs 25,286.30 crore.

Total revenues came in at Rs 26,499.80 crore, up 49.1 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y). On a se-

quentially, topline declined 0.9 per cent. Operating margin increased 260 basis points to 7.2 per cent. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) was up 133 per cent y-o-y to Rs 1,912 crore.

The average selling price (ASP) for Maruti's vehicles rose 14 per cent to Rs 5,40,379 during the quarter. Volumes saw a y-o-y rise of 32 per cent to 467,931 units in the quarter.

While sales in the domestic market increased 29 per cent y-o-y to 398,494 units, the exports at 69,437 units not only climbed 52 per cent y-o-y but were also the highest ever in any quarter. FE

## Tata Motors loss widens to ₹4.9K cr

New Delhi: Tata Motors posted a consolidated net loss of Rs 4,951 crore in the June quarter as chip shortage and Covid-19 lockdown in China impacted Jaguar Land Rover sales.

The company had posted a consolidated net loss of Rs 4,450 crore in the same quarter last financial year.

Consolidated revenue from operations in the period under review stood at Rs 71,935 crore as against Rs 66,406 crore in the year-ago period, it said. PTI

## 'Roshni Nadar richest Indian woman in 2021'

Mumbai: HCL Technologies' chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra has retained her position as the richest woman in India, with a 54 per cent jump in her net worth to Rs 84,330 crore in 2021.

Falguni Nayyar, who quit her investment banking career to start the beauty focused brand Nykaa around a decade ago, has emerged as the richest self-made woman with a net worth of Rs 57,520 crore, as per the Kotak Private Banking-Hurun list published on Wednesday. Nayyar is also the second richest woman overall, trailing Nadar Malhotra. PTI

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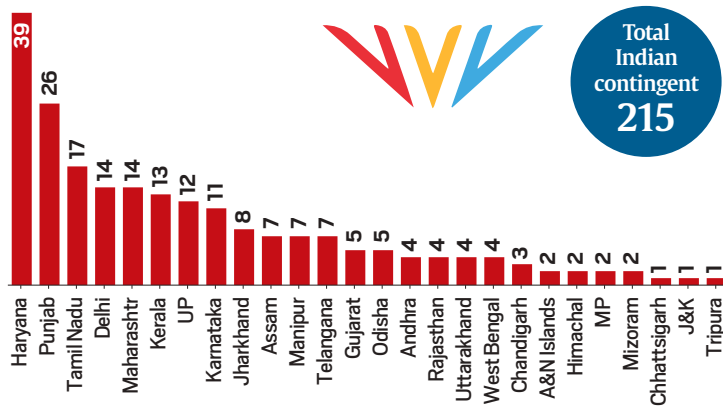
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## TELLING NUMBERS

## Who's representing India at CWG, and from which state

NAMIT KUMAR  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

A TOTAL of 215 athletes will represent India in 15 disciplines at the Commonwealth Games (CWG), which begin on Thursday in Birmingham. The Indian contingent is represented by almost every state and Union Territory, among which Haryana with 39 athletes has the highest representation — much like at the Tokyo Olympics last year. Haryana is followed by Punjab (26), Tamil Nadu (17), and Delhi and Maharashtra (14 each).

## Who's from Haryana

Over the years, Haryana has produced some of India's top athletes across events such as boxing, track & field, wrestling, and cycling. In the current contingent, the state is well represented by both men and women. According to the list of athletes compiled by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), 19 of the 39 athletes from Haryana are women.

The women's hockey team, which narrowly missed out on an Olympic medal last year, has contributed a lot to that. Eight women in the squad of 18 are from Haryana. The state also has several boxers and wrestlers, many of whom, including Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Jasmine Lamboriya, are seen as strong contenders for a medal.

## Geography of sport

India's medal prospects come in a wide range of sports, each of which enjoys popularity in a different region. Contact sports such as judo, wrestling, and boxing have heavy representation from the northern states of Delhi and Haryana. Racquet sports such as badminton, squash and table tennis, in which India has had recent success, are well represented in the southern states of Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Kerala.

The country's wrestling contingent is expected to bring in plenty of medals, and each of the 12 wrestlers come from either Haryana or Delhi, the list released by SAI shows. Six of India's 12 boxers, too, are from Haryana. On the other hand, badminton stars P V Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth come from Telangana, and at least seven squash players and five table tennis players come from Tamil Nadu.

## Assam's representatives

Assam has just the 15th highest



Indian boxers Lovlina Borgohain, Nikhat Zareen, Jasmine Lamboria and Nitu Ghanghas with CWG mascot Perry the Bull in Birmingham. PTI

population in India, and a fraction of the resources boasted by states such as Haryana and Tamil Nadu. Yet the state is sending as many as seven athletes to Birmingham. Of these, three are from the Lawn Bowls contingent, and all the other four are seen as medal contenders.

Boxer Lovlina Borgohain, fresh off a bronze in Tokyo, is one of the big favourites for a medal, and so is 59-kg weightlifter Popy Hazarika, while Shiva Thapa could be a dark horse in boxing. Hima Das, meanwhile, may not have many big recent international results under her belt, but she is the 400m national record holder and one of India's biggest track stars.

## Andaman cyclists

Andaman & Nicobar Islands, with an estimated population of just over 4 lakh, has done remarkably well in cycling, featuring India's best ever performance at the Asian Track Championships in New Delhi last month. The Union Territory may have a medal hopeful in Esow Alben, the first Indian cyclist to reach the top 10 of the world rankings. However, he will have to punch several notches above his weight to finish on the podium.

Esow finished fifth in the keirin event and eighth in the sprint event in Delhi last month. He has a teammate from Andaman & Nicobar in David Beckham — a cyclist, not the footballer.

## SIMPLY PUT

## Lion's future, cheetah's past

The jury is still out on the project's merit but Kuno, where the arrival of Asiatic lions is long pending, awaits the first batch of African cheetahs in August. What are the project plans, and why does it divide opinion?

JAY MAZOOMDAAR  
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE DEALS have been inked. Starting in August, four male and four female African cheetahs will be imported from Namibia, and another 12 from South Africa, for soft release in a compartmentalised enclosure ready at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh to establish the cheetah into its "historical range". However, as underlined by the Supreme Court, introduction, and not reintroduction, would be the right term for the project since African cheetahs could not have ever roamed Kuno.

## Phased releases

Once cheetahs arrive in Kuno, the plan is to keep male coalitions (groups) and individual females in separate but adjoining compartments "so that they are able to know each other" before release. The enclosure will be stocked with natural prey to ensure that the animals get accustomed to hunting Indian prey species before their release.

Radio-collared male coalitions will be released first after 1-2 months. The presence of females in the enclosure, the project's Action Plan says, will ensure that the males do not wander too far away "after their exploration instinct is satiated".

In the next phase, the radio-collared females will be released, 1-4 weeks after the males, depending on how the males settle down in the new environment. If any animal tends to get into an undesirable environment, it will be brought back.

## Target milestones

If all goes well, the population should reach its limit of 21 within Kuno in about 15 years. During this period, a few other smaller cheetah reserves will be created in Rajasthan and elsewhere in MP. For at least five years and up to 10 years, fresh supply of cheetahs will continue from Africa.

The hard boundaries of Kuno National Park abutting human habitation will be secured through proper fencing, if needed, at least during the initial years. Once the greater Kuno landscape is secured and restored, the largest population is projected to go up to 36 cheetahs in 30-40 years.

## Is that enough?

Not really. The project's Population Viability Analysis has shown "high probability of long-term cheetah persistence" within populations that exceed 50 individuals, or when smaller populations are managed as a (inter-con-



A face-off between a lion and a cheetah in Serengeti, Tanzania. The African lion is a different subspecies from the Asiatic lion, some of which are planned to be shifted to Kuno National Park. Valmik Thapar/Land of the Cheetah

ected) meta-population.

Even the largest projected population falls short of that viability threshold, and there is not much natural connectivity to speak of for cheetahs to travel from one habitat to another.

The solution is to borrow the South African model that periodically translocates individual animals from one fenced-off reserve to another for maintaining genetic diversity.

## So, what's the problem

Creating and maintaining a few small "island populations" is not quite the same as the popular idea of bringing back the cheetah that once roamed free in the Indian wild. The biggest challenge facing conservation in India is how to maintain habitat connectivity that keeps meta-populations self-sufficient (genetically viable) to perform their ecological roles.

On the other hand, the model of establishing populations that will depend on human intervention for survival effectively reduces protected areas to glorified open zoos. The cheetah model, worry experts, may pave the way for wider acceptance of such compromises.

The cheetah project also promises to benefit endangered grassland species, such as the endangered Indian wolf and the near-extinct

great Indian bustard (GIB). In the umbrella-approach of conservation, multiple species in a forest (tiger reserve, for instance) are protected in the name of a flagship species (ie tiger). There has been no justification, though, as to why one must introduce an exotic replacement for an extinct species to save indigenous species.

Wolves, for example, are the keystone species in Nauradehi and would have to compete with cheetahs. The majestic GIB is a potential prey for the cheetah. In fact, the project excluded Jaisalmer's Desert National Park because "putting the cheetah in with the bustard cannot be contemplated at all, because of the threat to this most gravely endangered bird". And yet, it recommended erstwhile GIB habitats for the cheetah, in effect denying the bird any chance of habitat recovery.

Ultimately, any experiment to build any wild population, experts note, is fraught with uncertainties and must have compelling conservation imperatives, such as building a backup stock of Asiatic lions, long isolated in Gir national park where epidemics or natural calamities may send them the cheetah way.

## Not lion vs cheetah

A number of conservationists are riled by

what they term "wilful contempt of the Supreme Court" that in April 2013 set a six-month deadline for shifting lions to Kuno. In fact, a contempt case was dismissed in 2018 after the government assured the Supreme Court that its order would be followed. Many blame the Gujarat government for stubbornly refusing to share lions even after its review and curative petitions were dismissed by the SC.

Instead, Kuno is getting cheetahs ostensibly to serve a host of grassland ecosystem services, all of which could be served by lions, an apex species. In fact, the cheetah project is open to introduction of lions to Kuno after the cheetah population settles down. But the government's draft 25-year plan for Project Lion focuses on assisted natural dispersal with no scope for relocation outside Gujarat.

Yet, it is not about the competing interests of two wild species but India's misplaced conservation priorities. The critics of the cheetah project concede that introducing even an exotic subspecies of the long extinct Asiatic cheetah in India evokes powerful nostalgia. But, they caution, India's conservation priority should be saving what can still be saved. The longing to relive the cheetah's past should not jeopardise the lion's future.

## 2 studies reinforce Covid's Wuhan market origin

SOHINI GHOSH

AHMEDABAD, JULY 27

TWO COMPANION papers published in *Science* magazine on July 26 indicate that the Covid-19 pandemic "most likely began with at least two separate zoonotic transmissions starting in November 2019", and that SARS-CoV-2 emerged via the live wildlife trade in China, with the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market in Wuhan being the likely early epicentre.

The two studies were first released online on February 26 this year but were since awaiting peer review. One paper, 'The Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market in Wuhan was the early epicentre of the COVID-19 pandemic' (Worobey *et al*), mapped geo locations of 155 of the initial 174 cases, and found that the clustering in December around the Huanan market contrasts with the pattern of widely dispersed cases across Wuhan by early January through mid-February 2020 — indicating that the cases flowed outward from the market.

The second paper, 'The molecular epidemiology of multiple zoonotic origins of SARS-CoV-2' (Pekar *et al*), through simulations of

SARS-CoV-2-like epidemics combined with genomic data, concludes that "as with other coronaviruses, SARS-CoV-2's emergence likely resulted from multiple zoonotic events" (spread of germs from animals to humans).

## Related findings

The molecular epidemiology paper argues that the paradox of genomic diversity in the early days (before February 2020) is best explained by rejecting a single-introduction origin of the pandemic from one lineage, and instead considering that "at least two separate zoonotic transmissions, in which lineage A and B progenitor viruses were both circulating in non-human mammals prior to their introduction into humans" occurred.

The companion paper on the Huanan market epicentre notes that "plausible intermediate wildlife hosts of SARS-CoV-2 progenitor viruses, including red foxes, hog badgers and common raccoon dogs, were sold live at the market up until at least November of 2019". Through spatial analyses within the market,

the research records that "SARS-CoV-2-positive environmental samples, including cages, carts, and freezers, were associated with activities concentrated in the southwest corner of the market" — the same section where live mammals, including raccoon dogs, hog badgers, and red foxes, were being sold prior to the outbreak.

The molecular epidemiology paper says that lineage B was introduced into humans prior to lineage A — and lineage B was introduced "no earlier than late-October and likely in mid-November 2019, and the introduction of lineage A occurred within days to weeks of this event." Also, "there were likely multiple failed introductions of SARS-CoV-2", which means the virus could have been in circulation in the human population without being noticed.

The market epicentre paper records that the centre point of the 11 lineage B cases was 1.95 km from the market, and the two A lineage cases for which information location was available were both reportedly residing nearby. It deduces that it is likely that "during the early

epidemic lineage A was, like lineage B, disseminating outward from the...market into the surrounding neighbourhoods."

## Unanswered questions

The Huanan market paper acknowledges that a crucial question that remains unanswered is the events upstream of the market — prior to transmission from the market. The exact circumstances at the market to remain obscure, and direct evidence of an intermediate infected animal at the market or at a location connected with the supply chain, is missing.

The authors acknowledge that precise latitude and longitude coordinates of all cases were not available, with many cases missing the date of onset of symptoms as well. Of the 174 cases in Hubei province in December 2019, geolocations of 155 could be reliably extracted.

One of the papers hypothesizes that the possible source of introduction of lineage B was a seafood vendor at the market, even though there is no published genomic data from the sample of this patient. The assumption is based on the fact that an environmental sample from the stall this vendor operated was detected with lineage B.

## Kerala Church: old lobbies and new row over the way Mass is offered

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 27

THE SYRO-MALABAR Catholic Church, Kerala's most prominent church, is witnessing an unprecedented controversy over the Vatican's directive to follow a uniform procedure for offering Mass. The Vatican has asked Emakulam Archbishop Antony Kariyil to step down as he had failed to follow the directive, which all other dioceses under the Church have been doing since the end of last year.

## The Mass &amp; procedures

The Church Synod in 1999 introduced a uniform procedure: The clergy would offer the initial part of the Mass facing the faithful, and the rest facing the altar and inner sanctuary. The celebrant would turn to the faithful at the end of the Mass to give a final blessing. Until then, various dioceses had fol-

lowed different procedures. Some bishops would offer the entire session of the Mass facing the faithful, some other dioceses would offer the entire Mass facing the inner sanctuary, and some others would follow a mix of both.

The lack of uniformity came to prominence during the pandemic. When all churches were shut down as part of Covid-19 protocols, various dioceses started live-streaming of Mass, which showed the different ways Mass was being offered within the same Church.

The Vatican took notice of the prevailing different liturgical practices in various dioceses, and urged the Syro-Malabar Synod to go for a uniform procedure. Accordingly, Syro-Malabar Catholic Church Head Archbishop George Alencherry issued a directive last year, paving the way for a uniform procedure for Mass from November 28, 2021 in all dioceses in Kerala



Emakulam Archbishop Antony Kariyil, asked by the Vatican to step down

and elsewhere.

## Ernakulam church defiance

In the archdiocese of Ernakulam, which is virtually the seat of the Syro-Malabar Church, priests were opposed to the new method. They used to offer Mass facing the faithful throughout the ritual. Bishop Kariyil stood by their wishes.

There is another controversy. Even before

the Mass row, most priests and a section of the laity were opposed to Alencherry because of a land deal, allegedly involving Rs90 crore, in which he is facing a criminal case.

## Rituals &amp; lobbies

For over a century, the Church has witnessed disputes over rituals, including the Mass. While one section wanted the Syrian Eastern tradition of liturgy to be followed, another section wanted the rituals customised for Indians.

By the 1980s, these two lobbies had rallied behind two archdioceses. One lobby, under the archdiocese of Changanassery, argued for a conservative, Eastern Syrian liturgy, and subsequent Chaldeanization of the Kerala Church. The other lobby, under the Archdiocese of Ernakulam, took a more liberal approach. Bishops in the Church became part of one of these lobbies or the other.

Even as the dispute continued, the Syro-Malabar Church was declared an autonomous Church under Rome in 1992. The Church Synod in 1999 decided to implement a uniform method of offering Mass, but that decision could not be implemented due to the stiff resistance from a section of bishops and priests. They continued as a lobby under the archdiocese of Ernakulam.

## Power play

Over the last two decades, the Syro-Malabar Church has undergone major changes. The lobby of bishops under Ernakulam archdiocese, which argued against conservative liturgical practices, weakened. In 2011, Alencherry was democratically elected the Church Head for the first time, voted in by a majority among 44 bishops. Alencherry belongs to the lobby under the archdiocese of Changanassery. Since then, several new bishops were ap-

pointed and new dioceses too were carved out, the bishops in which owed allegiance to Alencherry.

## History of dispute

One of the Eastern Catholic Churches under Rome, the Syro-Malabar Church claims its legacy as being from evangelist St Thomas in the first century AD. Until the arrival of the Europeans, they were under Chaldean Church in the Persian region.

After European forces started missionary work in the Indian subcontinent, the Catholic Church here came under the influence of Latin Rite or Western Liturgical practices. Towards the end of the 19th century, Rome allowed partial restoration of the autonomy of the Syro-Malabar Church and local priests were made bishops, instead of Europeans. That led to the emergence of different views about the identity of the Church, as well as the liturgy.

## England will enjoy Euros final, says Williamson



England's Alessia Russo celebrates scoring their third goal.

London: England are one win away from a first major trophy and Leah Williamson knows the job is far from done but the captain hopes the team can inspire the home crowd to not only get behind them but also enjoy the moment.

Hosts England thrashed Sweden, the highest-ranked team in Europe, 4-0 on Tuesday to reach the final. Sarina Wiegman's side have been in red-hot form, scoring 20 goals in the tournament and conceding only once in five games. "I know I have a job to do, but who says I can't enjoy those moments and the team can't enjoy those moments? That's what I hope, that we are giving off that vibe," Williamson told reporters on Wednesday. "It's genuine and the crowd can enjoy that

with us. I hope that the crowd at Wembley is going to have as good a time as we are going to have because I promise you, we will enjoy it.

"I've got a scarf around my neck which says: 'Home is where the heart is' and to have our families on this journey, to walk out at Wembley, I think that is something we really have to take in." When asked about the development of women's football which had helped England reach their first major final since they finished runners-up at the 2009 Euros, Williamson said: "We started a journey and people have changed the game. That's the likes of Carol Thomas, Jill Scott, Ellen White -- who I looked at and was inspired by when I was younger."

## Neymar transfer trial date set

Barcelona: Brazil forward Neymar will stand trial in Spain a month before the World Cup for alleged irregularities involving his transfer to Barcelona in 2013. Neymar's parents, former Barcelona president Sandro Rosell and both the club and Brazilian team Santos are also set to go on trial after a complaint brought by Brazilian investment group DIS regarding the amount of the player's transfer. The trial is scheduled to start on Oct. 17, nearly a month before the World Cup opens on Nov. 21 in Qatar. Neymar and his father, who is also his agent, face corruption charges and a prison sentence of up to two years, which would not likely carry any prison time. They also face a fine of 10 million euros (\$10.1 million). Rosell faces five years in prison for fraud and corruption charges, plus a fine of 10 million euros (\$10.1 million).

## Anti-doping bill gets approved

New Delhi: Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a bill which seeks to provide a statutory framework for the functioning of the National Anti-Doping Agency and the National Dope Testing Laboratory. The National Anti-Doping Bill was passed by a voice vote along with certain official amendments moved by the government. Responding to debate on the bill, Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur said it will promote sports and protect the interest of sportspersons. He said it will also help enhance dope testing facilities in the country. The bill is intended to provide a "statutory framework for the operation of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) and other dope testing laboratories, and for the creation of a National Board for Anti-Doping in Sports to strengthen anti-doping activities in sport".

# Standing still and delivering: Gill sharpens his ODI game

Reducing shuffle has helped Test opener make an impact in ODIs

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HEADING INTO the West Indies tour, Shubman Gill had played all of three ODIs spread across two years, the last of them coming in 2020. He's since gone on to establish himself as one of India's most promising Test batsmen; he also enjoyed his most productive Indian Premier League season yet earlier this year, for Gujarat Titans.

But he'd not exactly been among the foremost prospects for the 50-over national side, and but for the absence of so many regulars, would likely have missed this trip to the Caribbean. At the end of the three-match contest, though, with three solid scores, he has forced himself into the discussion about the future make-up of the Indian ODI team.

With competitors Ishan Kishan and Ruturaj Gaikwad in the same squad, Gill didn't squander his chances. He did give away his starts in the first two ODIs, but importantly, showed signs of adapting in the third game on Wednesday; he looked intent on playing a longer innings until the rain arrived halfway into the Indian innings.

In the first ODI Gill had displayed his potential in this format. In largely benign conditions at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad, he tore into an inaccurate West Indies bowling attack in the powerplay, making them pay almost every time they erred in line.

Ahead of IPL 2022, Gill had told this paper that he had made a conscious effort to cut down on the trigger shuffle in his stance when the ball wasn't doing much, which is often the case in white-ball cricket.

"That (reducing the shuffle) was one adjustment I made after talking to our batting coach. I felt I should restrict my initial movement a bit. (If) the ball doesn't swing much, the lesser the movement in your body, the better it will be for you," Gill had said.

The 22-year old anyway likes to stay beside the line of the ball, and that was apparent in the freedom with which he played the square punches and cuts in the series opener. He had raced to 64 off just 53 deliveries, when that momentary lapse in concentration happened.

He turned the ball to square leg, and started jogging for a single. He took his eyes off the ball for an instant and the advancing Nicholas Pooran seized on the opening. By the time Gill belatedly tried to hurry towards the non-striker's end, the direct hit



Shubman Gill has forced himself into the discussion about the future make-up of the Indian ODI team with his performances in West Indies.

had ended his stay.

## New to the format

He was slightly more circumspect in the second match as India were chasing 312, but began to take some risks against the slower bowlers. He swept Akeal Hosen for four as soon as he came on. However, a couple of overs later, he tried an uncharacteristic scoop over the wicketkeeper off the medium pace of Kyle Mayers, and only popped the ball back to the bowler. It is a shot he hardly plays even in T20.

Gill is new to the format at this level and it felt as if he was trying too hard at times to make the most of the field restrictions and the following few overs. He's said that run-scoring has become harder in this series as the ball has got older, so going big at the start wasn't without sense.

But it did seem to get to him on occasion if a boundary didn't come for a bit; he'd shake his head in visible disappointment if he timed the ball to a fielder in the inner ring, something he's been known to do earlier in T20.

But in the final game, there was more

discipline in his approach. Unless the ball was angled into the pads or really wide outside off, he didn't go for the boundary. In fact, he hit only three fours in reaching his fifty, which took 60 balls.

Gill didn't let the leg-spinner Hayden Walsh settle though. He took a look at him for a couple of balls, and as soon as he saw some flight, Gill stepped out to launch Walsh onto the roof beyond long-on.

After the rain interruption, which stretched for two and a half hours, Gill brought out the destructive side of his game with the match cut to 40 overs a side. Out came the slog, the big sweep, and the short-arm pull, which he has of late attempted to intentionally play in the air in white-ball to maximise his chance of a boundary. It is only one series, of course, but at the very least, Gill has made a convincing case to be given more of them in this format.

**BRIEF SCORES:** India 225/3 in 36 overs (Shubman Gill 98 batting, Shikhar Dhawan 58; Hayden Walsh Jr. 2/57) vs West Indies (Yet to bat)

## Pakistan battle to save Test as Lanka set record target

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SRI LANKA set Pakistan a record target of 508 and then restricted them to 89-1 to keep alive their hopes of a series-levelling victory in the second test on Wednesday.

The hosts declared their second innings on 360-8 but were robbed of precious time as only six overs could be played in the final session before bad light stopped play.

Opener Imam-ul-Haq was batting on 46 at stumps with Pakistan 419 runs behind the improbable target. The onus would be on Pakistan skipper Babar Azam, batting on 26, to help his team bat out the final three sessions for a draw that would also secure a 1-0 series victory for the tourists.

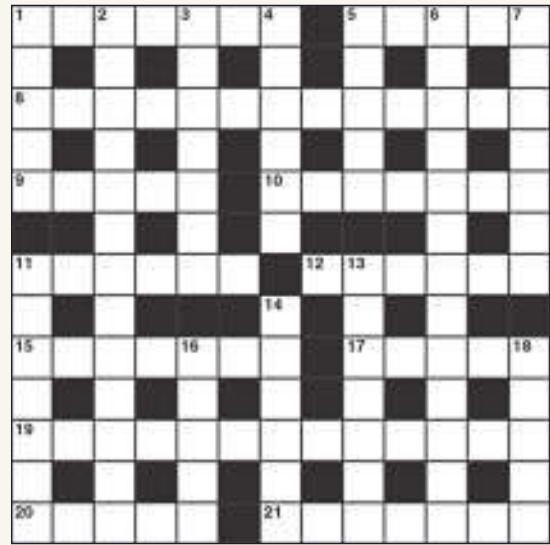
West Indies own the record for the highest successful fourth innings chase in tests having overwhelmed a target of 418 in a 2003 test in Antigua. Earlier, Dhananjaya de Silva smashed 109, his ninth test hundred, to help Sri Lanka consolidate their position at the Galle International Stadium. Home captain Dimuth Karunaratne (61) braved lower back pain to combine in a 126-run stand with de Silva after Sri Lanka resumed on 176-5.

After the barren first hour, Nauman Ali struck when Abdullah Shafique took a sharp, reflex catch at short leg to remove Karunaratne, who became the sixth Sri Lankan batter to score 6000 test runs. De Silva brought up his hundred with a boundary off Mohammad Nawaz and got good support from tailender Ramesh Mendis who remained not out on 45. Sri Lanka declared immediately after de Silva ran himself out. Shafique and Imam began well for Pakistan before Prabath Jayasuriya snapped the 42-run opening stand. Shafique charged out against the spinner but could not connect well sending the ball to mid-off where Dunith Wellalage ran sideways while eyes on the ball to take a tumbling catch.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Sri Lanka 378 and 176/5 in 50 overs (Dhananjaya de Silva 109, Dimuth Karunaratne 61; Naseem Shah 2/44) lead Pakistan 231 and 89/1 (Imam-ul-Haq 47 batting, Babar Azam batting 26; Prabath Jayasuriya 1/46) by 418 runs.

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## CROSSWORD 4805



- ACROSS**
- Read something aloud and acted it out (7)
  - She may have been banned for changing her name (5)
  - Two card games one may come across (7,6)
  - Just a hint of personal contact (5)
  - Is a good man able to get a game? (7)
  - It's present on arrival (6)
  - Prime collection of fish (6)
  - Rousing song that is a standard (3,4)
  - One proverbial source of corporate strength (5)
  - Filming bear in a country seat (8,5)
  - Secure against shock though heartbroken (5)
  - Leaps in bed perhaps (7)
- DOWN**
- Largely drank up a store of supplies (5)
  - Organised excursion led to ancient city (9,4)
  - A wild hornet - not the first of its kind (7)
  - She can turn out to be an upper-class niece (6)
  - Some beef stored in empty farm building (5)
  - Illness that's just here as some New Yorkers may say (13)
  - Watch the dance in which one has a pupil (7)
  - Know what is expected (7)
  - Horse swift as a bird (7)
  - They represent a man's following (6)
  - There's a catch in being flat-chested (5)
  - One agreement about another for couples (5)

**Solutions Crossword 4804:** Across: 1 Shoal, 8 Litterate, 9 Flirt, 10 Tea chest, 11 First, 12 End, 16 Sking, 17 Relent, 18 Gay, 23 Debut, 24 In charge, 25 Smith, 26 Hold fast, 27 Inane. Down: 2 Helsinki, 3 Acoustic, 4 Pigeon, 5 React, 6 Bales, 7 Birth, 12 Egg, 13 Dry, 14 Alderman, 15 Unbutton, 19 August, 20 Tight, 21 Scull, 22 Jaffe.

## 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 clue.

Success or failure in business is caused more by the mental \_\_\_ even than by mental capacities. - Walter Scott (8)

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SOLUTION: PPUAE, BRIGHT, TAPPEE, SUNDRY  
 Answer: Success or failure in business is caused more by the mental attitude even than by mental capacities. - Walter Scott

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## CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



## SUDOKU 4909

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

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



## SOLUTION SUDOKU 4908



## DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

If anything, sociable stars can only get stronger. The entire key to the present period lies in your personal relationships, not just with intimate partners but with everyone, from the powerful and famous to ordinary people. Keep a cash question under close review.

### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

On no account allow loved ones or other members of the family to undermine your self-esteem. You are far too vulnerable at the moment and must try to toughen yourself up. Don't build emotional molehills into unclimbable mountains.

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Moon's relationship with Mars is rather curious. But why, you ask, should this bother you? Well, for a start you should watch out for legal complications, so don't transgress any laws. Secondly, you must avoid people who are fighting battles of principle.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Financial affairs may intrude into your consciousness today, though I don't think there'll be any difficulties. It's more likely that you'll see a way to prosper from some sort of joint investment or spending. However, while your instincts may be bang on, if final agreements happen to be delayed for a few days then you might learn something to your advantage.

### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You're now into an extremely bright social period which should last over the next two days. If you want to make the most of your life, put dull commitments to one side and make more time for sheer pleasure. And remember that some people close to you are under great strain and need your consideration.

### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

The pleasant side of work, whether formal employment or domestic chores, is to be found in personal relationships. So, whatever you're doing, make it your first priority to team up with other likeminded people. This, I feel, is a time for all people of goodwill to stick together.

### LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Events over the next few days should improve the working pattern of your life. The price, though, may be your willingness to say goodbye to ties or associations which have outlived their usefulness. It's a law of life that all endings are followed by new beginnings, so look on the bright side.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

If ever there was a time to change tactics at home, this is it. You may revitalise family relationships and help useful enterprises on their way. You probably understand current difficulties better than anyone, which means that you're in the best position to do something about them.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

You may have to cancel long-standing arrangements to keep the peace with associates and loved ones. However, any venture that is abandoned will quickly be replaced by one that is more to your taste. That, at least, is the theory. In practice nothing will happen unless you make the right moves.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

This is without doubt bound to be one of the most family-focused periods of the year for you. It's worth bearing in mind that you won't be truly successful as far as worldly ambitions are concerned unless you feel emotionally secure. If you have any secret fears, then your first step should be to seek reassurance.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Personally, and professionally, this should be a rewarding phase. The number of planets acting solidly in your support is now increased to three. There is nothing that can faze you. You can probably persuade almost anybody to do almost anything.

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Matters of a professional and public nature may be set aside for a while for a number of very good reasons. For a start, you must concentrate on purely monetary affairs and, secondly, your very special ambitions cannot be tied down by any specific job or career.

## BRIEFLY

## Manpreet, Sindhu named flagbearers

PV Sindhu and hockey team captain Manpreet Singh were named flagbearers of the Indian contingent for Thursday's opening ceremony. Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, also the defending champion in the Commonwealth Games having won the gold in Gold Coast four years ago, was expected to be the flagbearer. But a groin injury following his silver medal at the World Championships forced him to pull out and the Indian Olympic Association picked Sindhu and Manpreet to be the flagbearers. The organisers have decided that each nation must name two flagbearers, one male and one female.

## Anas included in 4x400m relay team

National record holder quarter-miler Mohammed Anas Yahya has been included in India's 4x400m relay team in place of an injured athlete, the national federation said. Anas, who was not named in the initial squad of 37 announced last month by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), replaced Rajesh Ramesh in the relay team for the Games which begin on Thursday. Anas was a part of the Indian 4x400m relay quartet that failed to qualify for the finals of the recent World Championships in Eugene, USA after finishing 12th overall in the heat races.

## Delhi HC clears judoka's participation

In a big boost to India's judo contingent, the Delhi High Court cleared Jasleen Singh of all misconduct charges, paving the way for his participation at the Commonwealth Games. "The High Court has given a decision in favor of Jasleen and he will now travel to Birmingham," IOA secretary general Rajeev Mehta said. Jasleen, a gold medalist at the Commonwealth Championships two years ago, was dropped after he was allegedly involved in a brawl during a training camp in Spain. He, however, was later given a clean chit by his accusers, a group of Spanish women.

## Nat'l coach, doctor move out of village

Indian women's boxing team head coach Bhaskar Bhatt has moved out of his room at the Games Village to accommodate Olympic bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain's personal coach Sandhya Gurung. Bhatt has checked into a designated Games hotel nearby. It was a voluntary move by the national team head coach, who ensured that team's only Olympic medalist pugilist is in good mental frame with her coach around with her.

## Asher-Smith out with injury

England's Dina Asher-Smith has withdrawn from the Games after picking up a hamstring injury. Team England said in a statement. The sprinter sustained the injury to her left hamstring during the women's 4x100m relay final at the World Championships in Eugene, Oregon. She was due to compete in the women's 100m and 4x100m relay events.

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## COMMONWEALTH GAMES, 2022

■ Birmingham band Duran Duran will headline the opening ceremony, which will also have performances by guitarist Tony Iommi, the founder of the erstwhile band Black Sabbath, Indian classical vocalist Ranjana Ghatak and saxophonist Soweto Kinch, among others.

■ Peaky Blinders director Steven Knight will executive-produce the event, which will include a fireworks display and a Parade of Nations where the hosts of the previous Games, Australia, will enter first, followed by other countries from Oceania.

■ 136 gold medals will be awarded to women, 134 on offer for men, and 10 in mixed events during the 11-day Games. Australia are the most dominant country. India finished third at the previous edition in 2018, winning 66 medals including 26 gold.

Edgbaston will host women's T20 matches during the CWG. PTI

## From asylum seeker to England's medal hope

Gym owner with Indian roots, Gyan Singh Cheema, helped Cyrille Tchatchet live a sporting dream in adopted country



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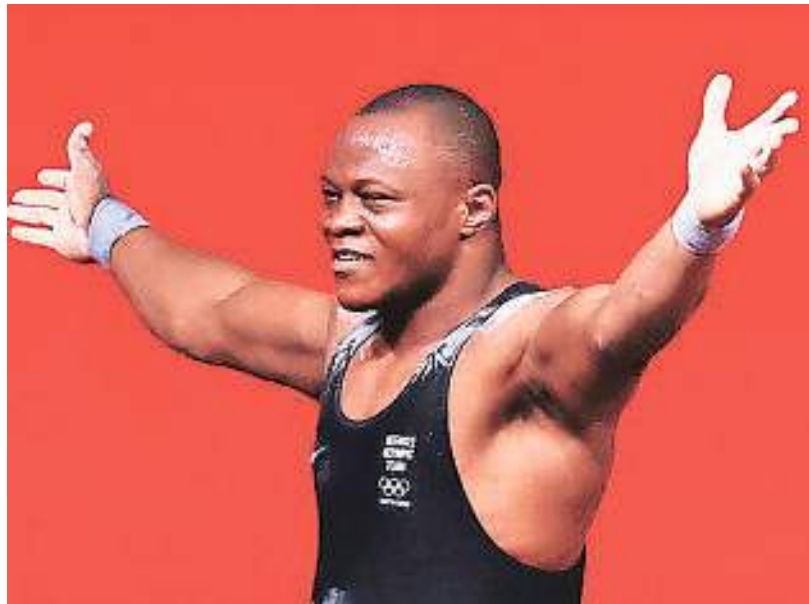
CYRILLE TCHATCHET never got sullen in his usually week-long silences after disagreements with Gyan Singh Cheema, the weightlifting coach, who had taken him in and offered to help with his chosen sport at Birmingham. Stoic, yes. "He always dressed sharp, was strong-minded and spoke his opinions, and if we debated, he would be quiet for a week, then return and say 'maybe, ok, let's give it a try. He never forgot to be a proud sportsman who deeply loves weightlifting, no matter how dire his situation," Cheema recalls of the curious boy who walked into his Warley weightlifting club at Smethwick near Bromwich, one evening.

Dire would only begin to describe this unique situation, and Cheema, himself an immigrant to Birmingham in the 80s, stresses he himself wouldn't have been able to stay so poised through the tumult.

As a 19-year-old, Tchatchet came to the Glasgow Commonwealth Games representing Cameroon. And never returned home. He slept under a bridge for a while, often contemplated suicide, he has said in the past, and was coaxed to call the suicide helpline by some samaritans in the region. The police came after his call, his suicide urges were curbed, and the police custody kickstarted his asylum case though it would take a further two years for him to be legally allowed to stay in the country. Tchatchet would also eventually pursue studies to become a mental health nurse.

Cheema says he knows of many from the developing world choosing to disappear in western countries under the pretext of sport, living the uncertain life of a refugee before processing asylum formalities. And forgetting sport along the way. Tchatchet didn't forget.

He wound up from Glasgow to Birmingham after some rough times with the authorities who tried to deport him several times. "But he knew the pathway and his rights



Cyrille Tchatchet represented Cameroon at the 2014 CWG in Glasgow but never returned. In Birmingham, he trained at Gyan Singh Cheema's gym. Reuters/Express

in the UK. He stayed patient. What surprised me was he didn't quit sport."

Eight years on, Cyrille Tchatchet will represent England at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. And might well be fighting for bronze in the 96 kg category, against India's Vikas Thakur, a lifter Cheema has been mentoring on competition techniques for the last few days here. Tchatchet wants it more badly, Cheema, a former Asian Games medalist settled in Birmingham, warns with a guffaw, adding he's split because "heart is with India. But my boys them both."

Tchatchet's journey to donning England colours, was iron-hearted in ways that make mere pulling of a very heavy bar over the head seem fairly ordinary. "Accommodation for refugees wasn't great. Just a little room, don't know how good the food was and if he even ate everyday. Plenty of times, we would accompany him to the railway station, and all the lads would have fish and chips with him, knowing he hadn't eaten," Cheema recalls.

The teen had walked in after being told at Birmingham University where he was registered, that Warley was the best gymnasium for serious lifters, around. He had found good legal aid and a helpful lady solicitor who guided

him well. "Can you imagine, finding yourself fighting for right to live in a country, and achieving in sport? It takes a strong heart," Cheema says of the 4-year Tchatchet spent at his facility.

When he graduated to Middlesex University, Cheema would help find him a place to live in London using his network of lifters, though it was the least he could do for a young man in whom he saw potential. "You could see he wanted to do sport. Dedicated, technically strong. But he kept lifting best in each class and won the British U23s. They didn't give him the title though, but took it away after the ceremony, since he didn't have a passport. It hurt him, but he stayed on the straight path.

"Another lifter from Cameroon had also stayed on. He chose short-cuts and got married to a local lass, but faced many problems. And he never managed to stay on in sport after early competitions in Derby. Cyrille stayed," he says. The deportation threats made life difficult for him, but he found a steady totem at the Warley club. "Sport kept him going, kept him occupied and competition and winning gave him a pathway though sporting authorities didn't really help him initially."

Always self-assured, clear about the manner in which he would seek citizenship,

Tchatchet confidently pursued sport, putting all his screw-eyed focus into literally lifting the heavy weight of existence. He kept trying to bring his mother here, but failed attempts wouldn't bog him down. "He would talk about his problems and as ethnic minority odds were stacked against him, but his shoulders never dropped," Cheema recalls, as a pair of uncles from France were the only family he met for two years.

The tunnel with the proverbial light, would pass through neon signs of takeaways he couldn't always afford in his refugees allowance. Debates on technique with Cheema, a veteran of the sport, got interesting. "I like young athletes with strong opinions. Cyrille was never a 'yes sir' man. If he didn't agree, he'd tell me 'you are distracting me, man' and then be quiet for a week before realising and returning. He was quite educated and intelligent. Excellent attitude," Cheema says. Tchatchet's short pulls as he was very fast under the bar would often snap a shoulder twitch or cause knee injuries, and Cheema would keep drilling on about extending the arms more. "Those disagreements on sport told me he cared about his sport."

"To me, helping a star shine through the darkness was most satisfying. We sportspeople

love it when we guide winners."

At Cheema's private training room at Council leisure centre, the old doyen would hand him the keys to practice any time of the day. "We remove all obstacles for elite athletes. He showed he wanted to be elite."

Cheema though advised him on basics like a father figure. "Get your graduation, find a job, I'd tell him. I told him he has to get through this struggle, it's not going to be easy."

Tchatchet would inch closer to the passport by 2020, and the International Weightlifting Federation would induct him in the Refugee team for Tokyo Olympics, with his University and Team GB federation taking over his training. "We moved apart, but I can say he did his best lifting improvements under me," Cheema says. "Now he's a big name."

Cheema, who rues never winning an Arjuna, and has been helping Indian lifting teams since 2014 CWG preps offering his base to acclimatise, says just thinking back to Tchatchet's struggle tires him. "I'm an old man now and Indians winning gives me joy. But this boy should be hailed. In that situation, anyone would think - earning bread to eat and a place to live. Sport would be the last thing on anyone's mind. Not Cyrille Tchatchet. Boy stayed."

## To get into rhythm, Harmanpreet swings a golf club at nets session

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HARMANPREET KAUR was timing the ball sweetly at the Mosley Cricket training ground, two days before the Commonwealth Games kicked off with the first women's T20 competition. But it was in her warm-up that the Indian captain made her intentions clear.

There was no net bowler or throwdown specialist around. In fact, there wasn't even a bat in sight. Instead, a long golf driver, bent at the edge and gleaming silver, caught streaks of the Solihull sunlight, well before Edgbaston's crackling opener pitting a fearless India shrugging their shoulders in a 'so what' manner against world champions Australia.

Later in the net cage, Harmanpreet swapped the driver for a bat, and hit them far and nicely chunky, looking ready for the big battle ahead. "She uses the golf swing simulation for hip-shoulder dissociation. It's her own unique thing," explained Team India physio Anand Date. "Harman has a natural swing, and it helps her get into rhythm."

A dozen-odd nice drives, arms freed and shoulders unlocked with the hip and shoul-

ders getting into proper six-hitting motion, Harman proceeded to the nets.

The 171 in the 2017 World Cup semifinal is a thing of the ancient past, though the Australians might not forget that 50-over blitz in a hurry. India start as firm underdogs against the domineering Aussies, but the team has carefully tossed the pressure on their opponents by casually hinting that they don't exactly quake in their boots at the prospect of the opener. Smriti Mandhana on departure and later Yastika Bhatia on arrival shrugged away the reputation differential. It's T20, and the Aussies better respect the inherent unpredictability, they suggested.

You know, you never know. The Indian team gave the first peek into Indian CWG jerseys - the BCCI logo missing on this rare occasion.

Camped at a hotel with just the beach volleyball teams for company, it's the closest they'll experience a 'Games village' as accommodation is fragmented across the West Midlands for the Birmingham Games. The team flew in from Bengaluru and were upgraded to first class, one of few perks of being cricketers. Not all sports could afford that.

But otherwise, they have been left to



Indian cricket team trains ahead of its opening match against Australia on Friday. PTI

themselves. The opening ceremony is a no-go with the Indians playing the next day at 10.30 am. And the team is enjoying the rare instance of sharing rooms with fixed slots al-

lotted. Some of the support staff, never trimmed for international tours, was checked into a hotel at their own cost, and the young team is in a good mind space hoping to hit Edgbaston with a bang.

A day before the Indians, the Barbados team was at Mosley - equally chatty and hitting long. But blasting music, more laid-back before the women open their campaign. South Africa are arriving without two top names, and Australia are rusty. England as hosts are all primed, but it's the Indians who will bring in the crowds - especially in the second pool game against Pakistan, with the local communities jointly excited to watch that faceoff.

## Yastika enjoying new role

Yastika was told on match-eve during India's recent tour of Sri Lanka that she would keep wickets. She had a faint whiff of it, but was simply glad that an extra batter could be accommodated if she strapped on the big gloves, and now an extra bowler can walk into the team with her taking on the additional mantle.

"Since childhood, I've loved to keep wickets. I love the feel of the big gloves in the hands," she says, adding that she continues

sending videos to Kiran More, who's helping her log in rapid improvements.

She's undergone some serious mental strengthening work under Mugdha Bavare, who also works with Shreyas Iyer. "I wasn't happy after the last tour but there were continuous matches. So, I began working on the mental aspect besides recovery, fitness and running techniques." Yastika has put in work into her running technique, though she is some way from haring about like Smriti. "I feel lighter on the field now and match focus is high," she says joking that she's also a "free girl" now, having wrapped up her graduation.

Keeping wickets has also helped her get a wider lens affixed on the game. And like her idol MS Dhoni, she wants to bring astuteness in her game reading and aggression in her batting. But otherwise, it's a lot of keeping in the atmosphere light and playing pranks on Shafali Verma. "Bohot dinon ke baad roommates ko jhelna ho raha hai (We are getting roommates after a long time). So we are enjoying," she laughs.

Commonwealth Games might not be the World Cups cricket prizes traditionally, but the CWG medal holds the potential to push women's cricket into the next orbit.

A big pink diamond of 170 carats has been discovered in Angola and is claimed to be the largest such gemstone found in 300 years. Called the "Lulo Rose," the diamond was found at the Lulo alluvial diamond mine, the mine's owner, the Lucapa Diamond Company, announced Wednesday on its website.



## TOPOF THE WORLD



Dr James Lovelock in 2006. NYT

## UK

## James Lovelock, creator of Gaia theory, dies at 103

London: James Lovelock, the environmental scientist whose influential Gaia theory sees the Earth as a living organism gravely imperiled by human activity has died on his 103rd birthday. Lovelock's family said Wednesday that he died the previous evening "in his home surrounded by his family," from complications related to a fall. Born in 1919, Lovelock studied chemistry, medicine and biophysics in the UK and the US. Lovelock's contribution to environmental science included developing a device to measure ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons in the atmosphere. The Gaia hypothesis saw the Earth as a complex, self-regulating system that created and maintained the conditions for life on the planet. AP

## GERMANY

## Money offered to 1972 Olympic attack victims' kin

Berlin: The German government indicated Wednesday that it was willing to pay further compensation to the families of 11 Israeli athletes killed at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich by a Palestinian group. Families of the athletes have criticised the proposed amount as "insulting." Germany's Interior Ministry said it was holding talks with the relatives and that the "serious consequences for the surviving dependents of the victims in immaterial and material terms" should be reassessed. AP

## SOMALIA

## 11 killed in suicide bombing

Mogadishu: Witnesses say at least 11 people are dead after a suicide bomber blew himself up at the entrance to a government building in southern Somalia. District Commissioner Abdillahi Ali Waafow was among those killed in Wednesday's attack, said an official. The Somalia-based extremist group al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack. AP

## TURKEY

## Consulate in Iraq attacked

Istanbul: Turkey's consulate general in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul was attacked early on Wednesday but there were no reported casualties, the Turkish foreign ministry said. Mortar rounds had fallen close to the building, one official said. "We condemn this attack... and expect those responsible to be brought to justice," the ministry said. REUTERS

## JAPAN

## Monkey attacks injure 58 people

Tokyo: People in a south-western Japanese city have come under attack from monkeys that are trying to snatch babies and sneaking into nursery schools. The attacks — on 58 people since July 8 — are getting so bad Yamaguchi city hall hired a special unit to hunt the animals with tranquiliser guns. AP

## PARLIAMENT EXTENDS EMERGENCY AMID CRISIS

## Ready to listen to protesters, can't accept acts of terrorism: Lanka PM

Terrorism greatest threat to democracy, says Gunawardena

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
COLOMBO, JULY 27

SRI LANKA'S newly-appointed Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena on Wednesday said the government is ready to listen to the demands of democratic public protesters, but denounced acts of terrorism, calling it the "greatest threat to democracy."

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's parliament approved the extension of a state of emergency for a month on Wednesday, a lawmaker said, in a bid to get a grip on a political and economic crisis. The extension means it will continue for a month before it must be approved again, the lawmaker said.

Addressing Parliament on Wednesday, Gunawardena said the Sri Lankan government is ready to listen to the democratic public protests, but they could not accept acts of terrorism.

"Terrorism was the greatest threat to democracy, and the Parliament which upholds democracy would not support such acts of terrorism," the *Daily Mirror* quoted him as telling.



An anti-government demonstration against eviction of protest camp in Colombo on Wednesday. AP

"There could be different political ideologies but the Parliament should work in unison to address the issues faced by the people," he added.

Sri Lanka's security forces evicted anti-government protesters camped outside the presidential office in Colombo in a pre-dawn raid on Friday on the order of President Wickremesinghe that left more than 50 people injured.

## Singapore extends Gotabaya's stay

Colombo/Singapore: The Singapore government has issued a new visa to former Sri Lankan president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, allowing him to stay in the country for another 14 days till August 14, a media report said on Wednesday. He first fled to the Maldives on July 13 and from there he proceeded to Singapore the next day. Rajapaksa has been issued a new visa, extending his stay till August 11. His visit pass has been extended by 14 days, *The Straits Times* reported. PTI

## Lanka needs to talk with China about debt restructuring: IMF

REUTERS  
LONDON, JULY 27

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund (IMF) said Sri Lanka should kick off debt restructuring talks with its bilateral lender China, while the island state's government seeks a financing loan from the Washington-based fund.

"China is a big creditor, and Sri Lanka has to engage proactively with it on a debt restructuring," Krishna Srinivasan, director of the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department, told *Reuters*.

The country owes Beijing some \$6.5 billion in financing including development bank loans and a central bank swap, according to data from the Institute of International Finance (IFF).

"Sri Lanka has to engage with its creditors, both private and official bilateral, on a debt workout to ensure debt sustainability is restored," Srinivasan said, as he pointed out that technical talks on a new IMF programme are

## TRAVEL BAN ON BASIL, MAHINDA EXTENDED

Colombo: Sri Lanka's Supreme Court on Wednesday barred former PM Mahinda Rajapaksa, ex-finance minister Basil Rajapaksa and former Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal from leaving the country till August 2, extending an overseas travel ban that was imposed till July 28. PTI

ongoing.

Sri Lanka's foreign ministry and central bank did not immediately respond to a request for comment. China's embassy in Sri Lanka did not immediately respond. "There are some areas where we need to make further progress," Srinivasan added, but declined to specify the top reforms Sri Lanka should address in other to reach an agreement.

## AFTER SC INTERVENTION

## Parvez Elahi sworn in as Pak Punjab's CM

SAJJAD HUSSAIN  
ISLAMABAD/LAHORE, JULY 27



Chaudhry Parvez Elahi was sworn in by the President. ANI

PML-Q LEADER Chaudhry Parvez Elahi was sworn in as chief minister of Punjab by Pakistan President early Wednesday morning, in a boost to ousted premier Imran Khan whose party approached a top court seeking dismissal of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's government.

Elahi, the 76-year-old leader backed by Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, was sworn in at the directions of the Supreme Court which dealt a big blow to Prime Minister Sharif-led coalition by removing his son as the executive head of the country's politically crucial province.

A three-member bench — comprising Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijazul Ahsan and Justice Muneeb Akhtar — on Tuesday night ruled that Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) leader Elahi will be the new chief minister of Punjab.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday hit out at the judiciary, accusing some judges of

having "double standards" towards his coalition government. "I respect the judiciary but one has to speak the truth on the floor of the National Assembly," Sharif said while addressing a session of the National Assembly. He said that people expect the judiciary to make decisions with justice and the "standard for justice" should be the same for everyone.

Elahi, who lost the election held on Friday despite getting a majority vote, had challenged the ruling of deputy speaker Dost Muhammad Mazari who handed victory to Hamza. PTI



A Russian missile attack in Chuhuiv, Kharkiv region. AP

## Ukraine hits a key bridge in Kherson as Russia steps up strikes

Russia cuts gas flow to Germany again

THE NEW YORK TIMES  
KYIV, JULY 27

EXPLOSIONS LIT up the sky over the southern city of Kherson overnight, and as dawn broke on Wednesday it was clear that Ukrainian long-range missiles had again found their target: a bridge that is critical in the Russian effort to resupply the forces charged with holding the port city.

At the same time, dozens of Russian missiles struck targets across the southern regions of Odesa and Mykolaiv, hitting port and transport infrastructure, two leisure centres, houses, a parking lot and two restaurants, according to Ukraine's southern military command.

The Russian Ministry of Defence said its forces struck Ukrainian military strongholds, killing scores of soldiers, and other key Ukrainian infrastructure. The claims could not be verified. But it was clear that both armies were trying to limit their opponents' logistical operations.

Meanwhile, Gazprom, the Russian energy giant, on Wednesday followed through with its announcement earlier this week that it would further

## Ukrainians sign plea to give PM role to Boris

Kyiv: A tongue-in-cheek petition to give outgoing British PM Boris Johnson Ukrainian citizenship and make him the country's PM has garnered over 2,500 signatures hours after being put up on Ukraine's official petitions site on Tuesday. Paintings, murals, and cakes in Kyiv bear the likeness of the man some call "Johnsoniuk." In an apparent coincidence, Johnson presented President Zelenskyy with the Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award. REUTERS

restrict the flows of natural gas to Germany and other European countries through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline. Data from Nord Stream showed that flows were reduced to about 20 percent of the pipeline's capacity. Gazprom has blamed the diminished output on technical issues, a claim German officials dispute.



## PHILIPPINES QUAKE KILLS 5, INJURES DOZENS

A strong earthquake set off landslides and damaged buildings in the northern Philippines on Wednesday, killing at least five people and injuring dozens. Rescue operation to pull out a trapped resident was underway at La Trinidad, Benguet province, northern Philippines on Wednesday. The 7-magnitude quake was centered in a mountainous area of Abra province. AP

## TO COUNTER CHINA

## US Senate passes \$280 bn industrial policy Bill

THE NEW YORK TIMES  
WASHINGTON, JULY 27

THE SENATE on Wednesday passed an expansive \$280 billion bill aimed at building up US's manufacturing and technological edge to counter China, embracing in an overwhelming bipartisan vote the most significant government intervention in industrial policy in decades.

The legislation reflected a remarkable and rare consensus in an otherwise polarised Congress in favour of forging a long-term strategy to address the nation's intensifying geopolitical rivalry with Beijing, centered around investing federal money into cutting-edge technologies and in-

novations to bolster the nation's industrial, technological and military strength.

It passed on a lopsided bipartisan vote of 64 to 33, with 17 Republicans voting in support.

"No country's government — even a strong country like ours — can afford to sit on the sidelines," Senator Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York and the majority leader who helped to spearhead the measure, said in an interview. "I think it's a sea change that will stay."

The legislation will next be considered by the House, where it is expected to pass with some Republican support. President Biden, who has backed the package for over a year, could sign it into law as early as this week.

## Trailing in PM race, Sunak pitches energy bill tax cuts

REUTERS  
LONDON, JULY 27

RISHI SUNAK, trailing in the race to become Britain's next prime minister, pledged on Wednesday to temporarily scrap taxes on energy bills paid by households as part of a "winter plan" to ease the cost-of-living crisis.

The year-long hiatus on paying value-added tax (VAT) on energy bills would save the average household 160 pounds (\$193), former finance minister Sunak said.

The pledge marks a change of tack for Sunak, who has repeatedly emphasised the need to restore discipline to Britain's public finances. Some economists warned the plans would benefit the better-off more than poor households. "This temporary



Rishi Sunak during a BBC debate at Victoria Hall in Hanley, Britain. Reuters

and targeted tax cut will get people the support they need whilst also — critically — bearing down on price pressures," Sunak said.

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, the bookmakers' favourite, has outlined a wider range of tax cuts. She has warned that Sunak's plans will tip Britain into recession.

## GOVT LEGALISED PLANT AND ITS EXTRACT THIS YEAR

## Thai businesses cash in on cannabis, from milk tea to toothpaste

CHAYUT SETBOONSARNG & JUARAWEE KITTISILPA  
BANGKOK, JULY 27

THAI BUSINESSES are cashing in with cannabis-infused products like toothpaste, tea, soaps and snacks after the government legalised the plant and its extract this year, generating a wave of interest in the drug.

"It gives me a deep and comfortable sleep," said Pakpoom Charoenbunna, 32, who buys a cannabis-infused drink from his regular milk-tea vendor. Thailand became the first

Southeast Asian country to legalise marijuana in 2018 for medical use and research.

Last month, Thailand decriminalised the entire plant. Dropping cannabis from its narcotics list has led to an explosion of recreational use. Officially, commercial products approved by the food and drug regulator can contain cannabidiol (CBD), a chemical in cannabis that does not make users high.

But the regulator limits the content of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) — the active ingredient that gets users high — in any cannabis



Snacks made with cannabis in Bangkok. Reuters

product to just 0.2%.

Thailand has a long history of using cannabis in traditional

medicine to relieve aches and pains. Innovators are now coming up with new ideas.

Surawut Samphat, owner of the Channherb cannabis shop, has created a toothpaste. "One of its ingredients is cannabis sativa seed oil, which contains CBD," he said.

Surawut said the toothpaste helped with gum care and one satisfied customer said it worked for him. "I have receding gums and sometimes they get infected," said Nikom Rianthong who has been using the toothpaste for two months.

"It solved my problems," he said, adding he won't be going back to other brands. The owner of the Kanomsiam dessert shop, Kreephet Hanpongpipat, has

long sold pandan-leaf flavoured dishes, but a year ago incorporated cannabis leaf to draw in new customers. Kreephet said his customers say the cannabis-infused desserts help them get a good sleep.

Health minister Anutin Charnvirakul, the main driver behind the legalisation of cannabis for medical purposes, estimates the industry could be worth over \$3 billion within five years. "I want to see people getting rich out of doing these products in a positive way," he told *Reuters*.

"My policy on cannabis is

only focusing on medical purposes and healthcare. That's all. We can't encourage the use of cannabis in other ways."

Producers of THC-rich marijuana have taken advantage of the push to promote medical marijuana and stalls selling pot have sprung up around the country. Anutin said that there were public health laws that can prevent recreational use while a cannabis bill is being deliberated in Parliament. Kreephet said there needed to be more public education on the benefits and dangers of cannabis so it can be used safely. REUTERS

## EXPLAINED US, Canada, Brazil most affected

THE PAN American Health Organization said 5,300 monkeypox cases have so far been reported across 18 countries and territories in the Americas, with the majority in the US, Canada and Brazil. Nearly 800,000 doses of the vaccine will soon be available for distribution in the US.



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CONSUMER CATEGORY / SUB-CATEGORY	Approved Tariff for FY 2022-23		
LMV-1	DOMESTIC LIGHT, FAN & POWER:		
	Tariff Excluding Subsidy	Subsidy and Cross Subsidy	Tariff Payable
(a)	<b>Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule" :</b>		
(1)	<b>Life Line Consumers: With contracted load of 1 kW, Energy consumption upto 100 kWh/ Month</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 50 / kW / month	-
	Energy Charge ( 0-100 Units)	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 3.50 / kWh
(2)	<b>Other than Life Line Consumers:</b>		
	<b>(i) Unmetered:</b>		
	<b>Fixed Charge</b>	Rs. 935 / kW / month	Rs. 435 / kW / month
	<b>(ii) Metered:</b>		
	Fixed Charge:	Rs. 90 / kW / month	Rs. 90 / kW / month
	Energy Charge:		
	Upto 100 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 3.15 / kWh
	101-150 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 2.65 / kWh
	151-300 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 1.50 / kWh
	Above 300 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 1.00 / kWh
(b)	<b>Supply at single point for bulk loads: 50kW and above, Supplied at any voltage</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 110 / kW / month	Rs. 110 / kW / month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 7.00 / kWh	Rs. 7.00 / kWh
(c)	<b>Other Metered Domestic Consumers:</b>		
(1)	<b>Life Line Consumers: With contracted load of 1 kW, Energy consumption upto 100 kWh/ Month</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 50 / kW / month	-
	Energy Charge ( 0-100 Units)	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 3.50 / kWh
(2)	<b>Other Metered Domestic Consumers: (For All loads)</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs.110 / kW / month	-
	<b>Energy Charge</b>		
	Upto 100 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 1.00 / kWh
	101-150 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 1.00 / kWh
	151-300 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 0.50 / kWh
	Above 300 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	-
LMV-2	<b>NON-DOMESTIC LIGHT, FAN &amp; POWER:</b>		
	Tariff Excluding Subsidy	Cross Subsidy	Tariff Payable
(a)	<b>Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 110 / kW / month	-
	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 1.00 / kWh
(b)	<b>Other Consumers:</b>		
	<b>Fixed Charge</b>		
	Load upto 4 kW		Rs. 330 / kW / month
	Above 4 kW		Rs. 450 / kW / month
	<b>Energy Charge</b>		
	Load upto 4 kW		
	Upto 300 kWh / Month		Rs. 7.50 / kWh
	Above 300 kWh / month		Rs. 8.40 / kWh
	<b>Above 4 kW</b>		
	Upto 1000 kWh / Month		Rs. 7.50 / kWh
	Above 1000 kWh / month		Rs. 8.75 / kWh
	Minimum Charge		Rs. 600/kWh Month (Apr to Sept) & Rs. 475/ kWh/Month (Oct to March)
LMV-3	<b>PUBLIC LAMPS:</b>		
(a)	<b>Un-Metered Supply:</b>		
	Gram Panchayat	Rs. 2100 / kW or part thereof / month	
	Nagar Palika and Nagar Panchayat	Rs. 3200 / kW or part thereof / month	
	Nagar Nigam	Rs. 4200 / kW or part thereof / month	
(b)	<b>Metered Supply:</b>		
	Gram Panchayat	Rs. 200 / kW / month	
	Nagar Palika and Nagar Panchayat	Rs. 250 / kW / month	
	Nagar Nigam	Rs. 250 / kW / month	
	<b>Energy Charge</b>		
	Gram Panchayat	Rs. 7.50 / kWh	
	Nagar Palika and Nagar Panchayat	Rs. 8.00 / kWh	
	Nagar Nigam	Rs. 8.50 / kWh	
	TOD Rates % Energy Charge	18:00 Hrs - 6:00 Hrs @ 0%	
	TOD Rates % Energy Charge	6:00 Hrs - 18:00 Hrs @ +20%	
LMV-4	<b>LIGHT, FAN &amp; POWER FOR PUBLIC &amp; PRIVATE INSTITUTION:</b>		
(A)	<b>For Public Institutions:</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 300 / kW / Month	
	Energy Charge	Rs. 8.25/ kWh	
(B)	<b>For Private Institutions:</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 350 / kW / month	
	Energy Charge	Rs. 9.00 / kWh	
LMV-5	<b>SMALL POWER FOR PRIVATE TUBE WELL/ PUMPING SETS FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES:</b>		
	Tariff Excluding Subsidy	Subsidy and Cross Subsidy	Tariff Payable
(A)	<b>Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"</b>		
(i)	<b>Un-Metered Supply</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs.720 / BHP / Month	Rs. 550 / BHP / Month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 170 / BHP / Month	
(ii)	<b>Metered Supply</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 620 / BHP / Month	Rs. 550 / BHP / Month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 4.50 / kWh
	Minimum Charge	Rs. 710 / BHP / Month	Rs. 160 / BHP / Month
(iii)	<b>Energy Efficient Pumps</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 620 / BHP / Month	Rs. 550 / BHP / Month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 4.85 / kWh
	Minimum Charge	Rs. 690 / BHP / Month	Rs. 550 / BHP / Month
(B)	<b>Consumers getting supply as per "Urban Schedule (Metered Supply)"</b>		
(i)	<b>Metered Supply</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 130 / BHP / Month	-
	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.50 / kWh	Rs. 0.50 / kWh
	Minimum Charge	Rs. 215 / BHP / Month	Rs. 140 / BHP / Month
	For PTW consumers of Bundelkhand Area located in Gram Sabha, the minimum amount payable by a consumer shall be Rs. 170 per BHP per month, till the installation of the meter. Regulatory Surcharge, Duty, Taxes etc. will be payable extra.		
LMV-6	<b>SMALL AND MEDIUM POWER:</b>		
(A)	<b>Consumers getting supply other than "Rural Schedule"</b>		
	<b>Fixed Charge</b>		
	Upto 20 kW	Rs. 290 / kW / Month	
	Above 20 kW	Rs. 290 / kW / Month	
	<b>Energy Charge</b>		
	Upto 20 kW	Rs. 7.30/kWh	
	Above 20 kW	Rs. 7.30/kWh	
	<b>TOD Structure</b>		
	<b>Summer Months (April to September)</b>		
	05:00 hrs-11:00 hrs		(-) 15%
	11:00 hrs-17:00 hrs		0%
	17:00 hrs-23:00 hrs		(+)15%
	23:00 hrs-05:00 hrs		0%
	<b>Winter Months (October to March)</b>		
	05:00 hrs-11:00 hrs		0%
	11:00 hrs-17:00 hrs		0%
	17:00 hrs-23:00 hrs		(+)15%
	23:00 hrs-05:00 hrs		(-)15%

(B)	<b>Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"</b>		
	The consumers under this category shall be entitled to a rebate of 7.5% on RATE (Excluding the TOD rates as applicable to the hour of operation) as given for 'Consumers getting supply other than Rural Schedule'. Further, no "TOD RATE" shall be applicable for this category.		
LMV-7	<b>PUBLIC WATER WORKS:</b>		
(a)	<b>Consumers getting supply other than "Rural Schedule"</b>		
	<b>Metered</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 375 / kW / Month	
	Energy Charge	Rs. 8.50 / kWh	
	<b>Unmetered</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 3300 / BHP / Month	
	Energy Charge	-	
(b)	<b>Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"</b>		
	The consumers under this category shall be entitled to a Rebate of 7.5% on RATE as given for 'Consumer getting supply other than rural schedule'.		
LMV-8	<b>STW, PANCHAYTI RAJ TUBE WELL &amp; PUMPED CANALS:</b>		
	<b>This category has been merged with LMV-7. For all such consumers LMV-7 rate schedule will be applicable.</b>		
LMV-9	<b>TEMPORARY SUPPLY:</b>		
	<b>Un-Metered</b>		
	(i) Fixed Charges for Illumination / Public Address / ceremonies for loads upto 20 kW / connection plus Rs.100/ kW / day for each additional kW	Rs. 4750 per day	
	(ii) Fixed charges for temporary shops set-up during festivals / melas or otherwise and having load up to 2 kW	Rs. 560 per day / shop	
	(iii) PTW consumers of Bundelkhand Area having requirement of electricity only for the Rabi Crop i.e. period between November to February in any year.	Rs. 500/BHP/month	
	<b>Metered</b>		
	<b>(i) Individual Residential Consumer</b>		
	Fixed Charge	Rs 200/kWh/Month	
	Energy Charge	Rs. 8.00/kWh	
	From 3rd year onwards: Base Tariff applicable for current year plus additional 10% of the applicable Energy Charge.		
	<b>(ii) Others</b>		
	<b>Fixed Charge</b>	Rs 300/kWh/Month	
	Energy Charge	Rs 9.00/kWh	
	From 3rd year onwards: Base Tariff applicable for current year plus additional 10% of the applicable Energy Charge.		
	Minimum Charge:	Rs. 450 / kW /week	
LMV-10	<b>DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONERS</b>		
	For all such consumers LMV-1 rate schedule will be applicable.		
LMV-11	<b>ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING</b>		
	<b>Domestic Consumers</b>		
1.	All the metered domestic consumers covered under the LMV-1 category will be allowed to charge their Electric Vehicle at their residence, provided the load of Electric Vehicle does not exceed the connected / contracted load.		
	Multi Storey Buildings (covered under LMV-1b & HV-1b of the Rate Schedule)		
2.	LMV-1b	Demand charge - Nil, Energy charge- Rs 6.20/kWh	
	HV-1b	Demand charge - Nil, Energy charge- Rs 5.90/kWh	
3.	<b>Public Charging Stations</b>		
	Public charging station (LT)	Demand charge - Nil, Energy charge- Rs 7.70/kWh with TOD	
	Public charging station (HT)	Demand charge - Nil, Energy charge- Rs 7.30/kWh with TOD	
4.	<b>Other Consumers</b>		
	The consumers of other categories (any metered consumers of LMV-2, LMV-4, LMV-6, LMV-7, LMV-8 (Metered), LMV-9 (Metered), HV-1 (excluding Multi Storey Buildings covered under LMV-1b & HV-1b of the Rate Schedule), HV-2, HV-3 and HV-4), will be charged as per the Tariff applicable for their respective category, provided the load of EV does not exceed the connected / contracted load.		
HV-1	<b>NON-INDUSTRIAL BULK LOAD</b>		
(a)	<b>Commercial Loads / Private Institutions / Non-Domestic Bulk Power with contracted Load 75 kW &amp; above and getting supply at single point on 11 kV &amp; above voltage level.</b>		
	Demand Charges for Supply at 11 Kv	Rs. 430 / kVA / month	
	Energy Charge for Supply at 11 Kv	Rs.8.32 / kVAh	
	Demand Charges for Supply above 11 Kv	Rs. 400 / kVA / month	
	Energy Charge for Supply above 11 Kv	Rs. 8.12 / kVAh	
(b)	<b>Public Institutions, Registered Societies, Residential Colonies / Townships, Residential Multi-Storeyed Buildings including Residential Multi-Storeyed Buildings with contracted load 75 kW &amp; above and getting supply at Single Point on 11 kV &amp; above voltage levels</b>		
	Fixed Charges for Supply at 11 Kv	Rs. 380 / kVA / month	
	Energy Charge for Supply at 11 Kv	Rs. 7.70 / kVAh	
	Fixed Charges for Supply above 11 Kv	Rs. 360 / kVA / month	
	Energy Charge for Supply above 11 Kv	Rs. 7.50 / kVAh	
HV-2	<b>LARGE AND HEAVY POWER</b>		
(A)	<b>Urban Schedule (Base Rate &amp; TOD)</b>		
	For supply up to 11 kV		
	Demand Charges	Rs. 300 / kVA / month	
	Energy Charge	Rs. 7.10/ kVAh	
2.	<b>For supply above 11 kV and upto 66 kV</b>		
	Demand Charges	Rs. 290 / kVA / month	
	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.80 / kVAh	
3.	<b>For supply above 66 kV and upto 132 kV</b>		
	Demand Charges	Rs.270 / kVA / month	
	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.40/ kVAh	
4.	<b>For supply above 132 kV</b>		
	Demand Charges	Rs. 270 / kVA / month	
	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.10 / kVAh	
	<b>ToD Structure</b>		
	<b>Summer Months (April to September)</b>		
	05:00 hrs-11:00 hrs		(-) 15%
	11:00 hrs-17:00 hrs		0%
	17:00 hrs-23:00 hrs		(+)15%
	23:00 hrs-05:00 hrs		0%
	<b>Winter Months (October to March)</b>		
	05:00 hrs-11:00 hrs		0%
	11:00 hrs-17:00 hrs		0%
	17:00 hrs-23:00 hrs		(+)15%
	23:00 hrs-05:00 hrs		(-)15%
(B)	<b>Rural Schedule:</b>		
	This Schedule shall be applicable only to consumers getting supply upto 11 kV as per "Rural Schedule". The consumers under this category shall be entitled to a rebate of 7.5% on Base Rate as given for 11kV consumers under urban schedule. Further, no "TOD RATE" shall be applicable for this category.		
HV-3	<b>RAILWAY TRACTION &amp; METRO RAIL</b>		
A	<b>RAILWAY TRACTION</b>		
	Demand Charges	Rs. 400 / kVA / month	
	Energy Charge	Rs. 8.50 / kVAh	
	Minimum Charges	Rs. 950 / kVA / month	
B	<b>METRO RAIL</b>		
	Demand Charges	Rs. 300/ kVA / month	
	Energy Charge	Rs. 7.30 / kVAh	
	Minimum Charges	Rs. 900 / kVA / month	
HV-4	<b>LIFT IRRIGATION WORKS</b>		
(a)	<b>Demand Charges</b>		
	For Supply at 11 kV	Rs. 350 / kVA / month	
	For Supply above 11 kV upto 66 kV	Rs. 340 / kVA / month	
	For Supply above 66 kV upto 132 kV	Rs. 330 / kVA / month	
	<b>Energy Charge</b>		
	For Supply at 11 kV	Rs. 8.50 / kVAh	
	For Supply above 11 kV upto 66 kV	Rs. 8.40 / kVAh	
	For Supply above 66 kV upto 132 kV	Rs. 8.25 / kVAh	
	<b>Minimum Charge</b>	Rs. 1125/ kVA / month	

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