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UCC DEBATE: HOUSE PANEL VISITED GOA

Govt stand: Personal law review only if 'sizeable majority' seek change

Need to see if Goa's Portuguese-era common law requires review: Centre

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JULY 30

AT A time when there's a growing chorus, and a debate, on the need to review personal laws and have a uniform civil code, as in Goa where a 155-year-old Portuguese-era law is still in force, the Ministry of Law and Justice is learnt to have conveyed to a parliamentary committee that review of such laws can be undertaken when a "sizeable majority" of the population seek amendment of the existing laws or a new law is enacted.

Even in the case of Goa,

where the Portuguese Civil Code of 1867 continues, the Ministry is learnt to have pointed out to the committee that the original law must have undergone changes over the years, and if it requires review, it must be

looked into. The government, it is learnt, communicated its stance to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice which selected review of personal laws as a subject for examination during its 2021-22 tenure.

The committee, headed by BJP member Sushil Kumar Modi, has 28 members – 7 from Rajya

Parliament alone

THE UCC has long been a BJP promise. Since family and succession laws come under the concurrent jurisdiction of the Centre and states, a state government can bring in a state law. But a uniform law across the country can only be enacted by Parliament.

Sabha and 21 from Lok Sabha.

It is learnt that the committee visited Goa on June 26 to study the common family law

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GOLDEN GIRL

Mirabai Chanu after winning the gold in the women's 49-kg weightlifting category at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on Saturday. She lifted a total of 201 kg to finish above silver medallist Marie Hanitra Roilya Ranaivosoa of Mauritius. PTI

Weightlifter's silver lining for Sangli: 'Want to return for gold'



SHIVANI NAIK

PUNJAB

THE STENCH and soiled reputation of Sanket Sargar's locality in Sangli - Shinde Maala - has weighed on his mind, all 21 years of his life. Notorious for murders, illicit businesses and "maaraa maari" (brawls) that made the

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Sanket Sargar in Birmingham on Saturday. PTI

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locality a no-go zone in the district, Sanket grew up knowing his neighbourhood couldn't just shake off the reputation. With the family making a liv-

ing from a tea and snacks stall, the Sargars could live with financial hardships, but even the innumerable police crackdowns couldn't repair the area's sullied reputation. Maybe, a Commonwealth Games gold could change that.

On Saturday, after narrowly missing the gold, settling for a silver instead, Sanket, his right arm ligaments loosely held together in gauze and strappings to last the medal ceremony after an **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

ON YOUR MASKA. GET SET. GO. Amid probe, Delhi Dy CM Sisodia rolls back excise policy

Liquor sale only via govt vends from tomorrow

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, JULY 30

AMID AN ongoing police investigation into the Delhi government's new excise policy and a faceoff with the Lt Governor who has sought a CBI probe, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia announced Saturday that the government is rolling back the new policy.

From August 1, liquor will be



Manish Sisodia at a press meet on Saturday. Amit Mehra MORE REPORTS, PAGE 3

sold only through government

outlets in the Capital. "We have decided to end the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Few creating mistrust, raise your voice, Doval says at interfaith meet



NSA Ajit Doval in New Delhi on Saturday. Praveen Khanna

ESHAROY NEW DELHI, JULY 30

NATIONAL SECURITY Advisor Ajit Doval said Saturday "there are a few people who, in the name of religion or any other belief system, are resorting to violence and creating mistrust between different communities'

Speaking at an interfaith meeting in New Delhi, Doval appealed to participating religious leaders to reach out to their followers with the message of a united India where "every Indian

He said one reason for the rise in radicalism and violence is that the majority of people "do not raise" their voice as much as they should.

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Three Jharkhand Cong MLAs held, cash found in car: W Bengal police

Videograb of the MLAs being stopped by police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, RANCHI, NEW DELHI.

THREE CONGRESS MLAs from harkhand were detained in West Bengal's Howrah district on Saturday evening after a huge amount of cash was found in their vehicle, police said. Calling it part of the "BJP's Operation Lotus", the Congress alleged a bid to topple its alliance government in Jharkhand.

Superintendent of Police, Howrah (Rural), Swati Bhangalia, said the SUV, with a nameplate saying "MLA Jamtara Jharkhand", was intercepted on NH-16, in

Ranihati area of Howrah district, following a tip-off.

"We have nabbed three Congress MLAs from Jharkhand, namely Irfan Ansari, MLA from Jamtara; Rajesh Kachhap, MLA from Khijri; and Naman Bixal, MLA from Kolebira; with huge amounts of cash. We will only be able to count the cash when we get the counting machines," said Bhangalia.

"We had specific inputs that a huge amount of money was

being transported in a car. We started checking the vehicles, and intercepted this car in which the three MLAs were travelling. The MLAs are being questioned **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

RAAKHI JAGGA LUDHIANA, JULY 30

> **HOURS AFTER Health Minister** Chetan Singh Iouramaira forced him to lie down on a damaged mattress in front of staff and patients at a hospital during an inspection, Dr Raj Bahadur, the Vice-Chancellor of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences in Punjab's Faridkot district, submitted his resignation to the Chief Minister's Office.

> > Three other top doctors of a medical college attached to the university also sought to be relieved of administrative duties. While they cited personal reasons, their applications coincided with Dr Bahadur's resignation, amid outrage within the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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Koshyari touches sons-of-soil nerve, Maharashtra Opp seeks resignation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JULY 30

A POLITICAL row erupted in

Maharashtra on Saturday over Governor Bhagat Singh Koshvari's remarks suggesting that it were people from Gujarat and Rajasthan who had made Mumbai the financial capital of the country. As Koshyari claimed his statement had been misconstrued, the Opposition sought



Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Koshyari

his resignation and even the Shinde Sena-BJP government, mindful of the fallout in a city with deep fault lines over sonsof-the-soil issue, distanced itself from his remarks.

Mumbai Friday, Koshyari said: "Sometimes I tell people in Maharashtra that if Gujarati and Rajasthani people are removed from here, you will be left with no money. You call Mumbai the financial capital, but if these (Gujarati and Rajasthani) people are not here, then it won't be called the financial capital."

On the backfoot since being ousted from power, Shiv Sena CONTINUED ON PAGE 2





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Queen's gambit: Chess Olympiad acquires some dance moves in TN

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ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, JULY 30

HAVING SHOWCASED the state's Dravidian heritage in the impressive inaugural ceremony for the 44th Chess Olympiad on Thursday, the Tamil Nadu government has done one better. Chief Minister M K Stalin has uploaded a 'Chess Dance' video on-





The dance video is the brainchild of Pudukottai Collector Kavitha Ramu

line where the black queen triumphs over the white in a message that is as much political as

The 3.48-minute dance video, titled Check Mate, is the

brainchild of Pudukottai District Collector Kavitha Ramu, who is CONTINUED ON PAGE 2









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Personal law

relating to marriage, divorce, succession etc., and applicable to all religious communities including Hindu, Muslim and Christian.

Goa's Chief Secretary, the current and former Advocate Generals, representatives of civil society organisations were said to have briefed the committee on the state's experience of implementing a uniform civil code related to family laws over the

Goa is the only state in India that has a uniform civil code regardless of religion, gender and cast, A former Portuguese colony, it inherited the Portuguese Civil Code, 1867 that is still applicable in the state even after it joined the Indian Union in 1961.

In other parts of the country, different personal laws are applicable to different religious communities. For instance, the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 is applicable to Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs, the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936 is applicable to matters related to Parsis, the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 for Christians and the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat Application), 1937 is applicable to Muslims in personal matters.

Article 44 of the Constitution in Part IV which deals with Directive Principles of State Policy states: "The State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India

The issue of the uniform civil code has been the subject of political debates and judicial scrutiny for a long time now and has figured in the election manifesto of

In the Uttarakhand Assembly elections earlier this year, the BJP promised that if it is re-elected, it would enact a uniform civil code for the state. Soon after returning to power, the Pushkar Dhami government formed a five-member expert committee, headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai, The committee held its first meeting this

Since family and succession laws are under the concurrent jurisdiction of the Centre and states, a state government can bring in a state law, but for a uniform law across the country, that can only be enacted by Parliament.

The 28 members of the parliamentary committee represent 10 parties -- BIP(11), Congress (4), TMC(3), DMK, TRS and Shiv Sena (2 each), and BSP, LISP, TDP and YSRCP (1 each). They come from 16 states and Union Territories: Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West

Weightlifter

injury to the forearm and elbow,

said: "Gold toh lena hi lena tha. Toh risk lena hi tha na (Gold had to be taken, so risks had to be taken too)".

Malaysian Mohammad Aniq Bin Qasdan leapfrogged over him for a gold snatched off the last lift with a CWG record of 142 kg (total 249 kg). Sanket was just 1 kg behind with 248 (113 + 135). "Completing the lift was important so I didn't risk snatch, but maybe I could have done more than 113 kg," he said later.

Sanket remained downcast. the missed gold simply not making way for the joy of his first ever Commonwealth Games silver. "My district Sangli has only had wrestler Maruti Mane who won internationally. Nobody after him. I had to win the gold. I'm very disappointed I couldn't. I had worked for it for four years. Chhodna nahi tha medal (I shouldn't have let it go)," he said.

Describing his first attempt at 137 kg -- his second lift of clean and jerk - when he winced in visible pain on the overhead extension, he said there was no dilemma in his head about going for the gold, even at the risk of injury. "Sir was telling me, it's going to pain a lot. They were worried. But hum iske liye jeete hai (we live for this). I had to do it," he said about the wild second go at the

The Malaysian, who Sanket's Sangli coach Mayur Sinhasane had kept an eye on through the South East Asian Games, was about to pull a fast one, literally. Dangling a challenge, with an intent of 140 kg on clean and jerk, he pegged back to 138 kg on his opener, before lifting a monster 142 kg to rub it in, on his final lift. even as Sanket's arm gave way under him.

"Suddenly the load came on my hand," Sanket said about the doomed concentric at 137 kg. "I heard something snap in my hand," he said, still traumatised by the memory half-an-hour

At his training centre in Sangli, Digvijay Vyayamshala, lifters are encouraged to say "Jai Hind" before loading every lift, to respect the equipment, to think of sport as a duty to the nation. While neighbouring Kolhapur has produced several sportspersons of international repute, Sangli has watched with envy and hoped to kick off a sporting resurgence of its own through a handful of weightlifting clubs.

Shinde Maala, mired in criminal activities, had two international weightlifters, Basheer Shaikh and Sunil Naik, who tried to break through in the 1980s and 1990s, but none could win a

"Silvers can be forgotten. Golds are memorable, but never easy to win," said coach Sinhasane, about the heartbreak of coming second. The feeling of felt it with respect to Kolhapur; the residents of Shinde Maala felt it when they watched big banks

Haryana, Madhya Pradesh,

Classifieds

coming second is familiar – Sangli come up in huge towers all

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MLA Saryu Roy asked the

Congress to clarify whether the

MLAs were returning to

Jharkhand with cash or travelling

to some other state. "Where is the

source of money -- Assam, Bengal

amid the ongoing probe in the

West Bengal school school jobs'

case, in which the ED has seized

about Rs 50 crore cash from prop-

erties linked to former TMC min-

ister Partha Chatterjee's aide

Arpita Mukherjee, the develop-

ment triggered a political war of

trading and the possible toppling

of the Jharkhand government, 3

@INCJharkhand (Congress MLAs

from Jharkhand) were found car-

rying huge sums of cash to

Bengal. What is the source of this

money? Will any central agency

take suo motu cognizance? Or do

the rules apply to a select few," the

TMC tweeted from its official

the matter is not grievous

enough? Machines were brought

in to count a huge amount of cash

found in a vehicle in which 3

[harkhand MLAs were travelling.

We demand a thorough investi-

gation into the matter," Bengal

minister Shashi Panja tweeted.

Countering, BJP spokesperson

Samik Bhattacharya said, "There

is no need to attach much impor-

tance to what the TMC is saying.

They have lost their moral right

to speak on an issue like this after

the recent recovery of cash in con-

nection to the SSC recruitment

scam. We feel that the TMC and

Congress are making prepara-

tions to forge an alliance against

the BJP with the help of this large

Koustab Bagchi said: "If the cash

cannot be accounted for, then the

MLAs must be brought to justice.

The Congress will not have any

objection to that. If they cannot

substantiate the cash, then the

party will not take any responsi-

bility of this. The party will not

support the MLAs if they are

new policy and given directions

for government shops to open...

I have ordered the Chief Secretary

to ensure that there should be no

corruption in government shops

and no illegal alcohol sold in

Delhi... I have given directions

that there should be no chaos

during the transition period,"

Sisodia said at a press conference.

shops will not exceed 850 - as un-

der the previous policy. There is

no clarity yet on whether the

number of dry days will increase

said, "In Guiarat, alcohol is pro-

hibited but illegal liquor (nakli

sharab) worth thousands of

crores is sold there, by taking the

government for a ride. It's spuri-

Hitting out at the BJP, Sisodia

or remain the same

He said the number of liquor

Excise policy

Bengal Congress leader

amount of money.

"ED, are you taking a note or

"Amidst murmurs of horse-

words in Bengal.

handle.

With the recovery coming

or Jharkhand?" he asked.

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around them, while their locality remained stagnant.

Sanket spent a season in painful rehabilitation from an elbow injury as a junior; he will need more of that resilience again. Life will be back to beetroot-carrot juices his coach prepares, egg and whey blitzed in a mixer and heavy water intake, as he deals with yet another setback. "I want to come back for gold," he

Sanket had an eventful lockdown training time. Due to its reputation, police camped permanently around Shinde Maala to enforce pandemic rules. "Police would strike with their lathis first and then ask questions later if anyone was found loitering outside. That's the reputation. So transferring barbells to Sanket's home was a headache... We contacted a friend in the police, and asked them to escort the barbell equipment to Sanket's home in Shinde Maala. So it was carried in a police vehicle," recalled Sinhasane.

Besides everything else, it was this intense desire to leave behind the notoriety of where he comes from that made him crave the gold – enough to risk a broken arm. It was to paint a community gold. A silver at Birmingham will give Shinde Maala something more: the hope of a gold, a goal to aspire for.

Cong MLAs

about the source of the money and where it was being taken,' she said

Sources said the car was heading towards the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Dum Dum when it was intercepted. Besides the MLAs, there were two other persons in the SUV, police said.

In Delhi, while some Congress leaders linked the recovery of cash to cross-voting in the recent presidential elections, the party called it "Operation Lotus", a euphemism for alleged poaching of MLAs by the BIP.

"The BJP's 'Operation Lotus' in Jharkhand stands exposed tonight in Howrah. The game plan of 'Hum Do' in Delhi is to do in Jharkhand what they did in Maharashtra by installing E-D duo," Jairam Ramesh, Congress general secretary in charge of

communication, tweeted. The Congress has been about [harkhand, where it is part of the alliance government with IMM, ever since the fall of the Uddhav Thackeray government

in Maharashtra. Amid speculation of a possible rift in the Congress, which has 18 MLAs in the state, a senior Congress leader in Jharkhand said: "Even before they were detained, we had received information about the whereabouts of the three MLAs in Howrah district. This is possibly part of 'Operation Lotus' and they (the MLAs) were supposedly handled

from Guwahati." In a statement, Congress president in Jharkhand, Rajesh Thakur. said: "It has now become evident that the BJP, for a long time, is trying to topple the governments in non-BJP states... The people elect a party, but the government is being formed by another party. The country needs to reflect on this... None of the culprits will be spared... Assam is the centre from where the entire conspiracy is happening. It seems they are preparing to topple the government during the monsoon

In July last year, Bixal, one of the three MLAs detained, had alleged that he had been offered Rs 1 crore by "some people" to topthe government. Subsequently, an FIR was also filed in this connection.

A top source in the state Congress said that "MLA Rajesh Kachhap was visibly unhappy with some ministers in the state... He had said that things are under

The ruling JMM spokesperson Suprivo Bhattacharva told PTI, "The party will be able to talk about its stand on the issue tomorrow." Chief Minister Hemant Soren is facing pressure over a mining lease, the arrest of his aide Pankaj Mishra, and ED searches across the state in connection with the mining case.

The BJP's Jharkhand president, Deepak Prakash, told PTI that the Congress MLAs should explain the source of the cash. Jharkhand's Independent

ous liquor, due to which people have died... ye saara dhanda inke hi log chalate hain (this whole business is run by their people)... There are multiple cases of people dying but this illegal sale of liquor is flourishing. This is the Gujarat model.' "The other is the Delhi model.

Our government brought a new excise policy last year before which alcohol was sold in government outlets that were prone to corruption - from brand pushing to many other such things. Some shops were private but that was given to their friends, and a very minimal licence fee was charged from them. We finished this system and started a new policy," he

"We will not let BJP sell even a drop of spurious liquor in Delhi. We are standing firm on our ground to fail BJP's nefarious plans," he said.

Earlier, the revenue from liquor sales was Rs 6,000 crore annually, and under the new policy, the aim was Rs 9,500 crore, he

"But because corruption stopped, a plan was hatched by these people to ensure the failure of the new policy. One by one, they threatened private players in the name of ED and CBI. Many of them shut shop. Under the new policy, there could have been 850 shops (like earlier) but currently, 468 are operational," he

The new excise policy was introduced in Delhi in November last year. It made sweeping changes to the nature and functioning of liquor trade in the city. The government exited the customer-end of the trade entirely, shutting all government-run liquor vends, and sale of liquor was handed over exclusively to private players. Before the policy was implemented, there were 849 liquor shops in the city.

As reported by The Indian Express, an exodus of liquor vendors from nine zones in the city has led to the shutting down of 176 liquor shops between June and July this year. Another 108 shops could shut in the coming

"From August 1, many others (private players) will also follow suit (to close). Their aim is to create an alcohol shortage in Delhi. Their aim is to keep reducing the quantum of legal liquor being sold in Delhi... They want to encourage the sale of illegal, nonduty paid, and spurious liquor... They have threatened even the Delhi government officials in the name of ED and CBI, that they are not even ready to give tenders or licences for the shops that are being vacated," he said.

Apart from the investigation by the Economic Offences Wing of Delhi Police into the new excise policy, the Lt Governor has also sought a CBI probe, based on a report by the Chief Secretary.

The report alleged undue benefits to liquor vend licencees in lieu of "kickbacks" and "commissions" and use of the money in the Punjab elections. At the press conference,

Sisodia also cited data from BJPruled states, and said in Gurgaon, there was one alcohol shop for 4,166 people. In Noida, Bengaluru, and Goa, there was one shop for 1,390, 1,2189, and 761 people, respectively.

"In Delhi, even if maximum shops had opened (850), the figure would have been one alcohol shop for 22,707 people. With 468 shops, it is one shop for 41,192 people," he said.

Doval

The All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council (AISSC), which organised the meeting, passed a resolution later, calling for a ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) and any religious organisation involved in radicalism or incidents like the recent killing of a tailor in Udaipur.

Doval told the gathering: "If we have to challenge this atmosphere (of animosity), then the biggest need is that we have to, within our country, in our own home, be alert and keep intact our unity, and make progress as a unified country. The country has made progress with speed in the last couple of years, and the profit of this progress will be reaped by all religious communities."

"But there are many forces that are trying to create an atmosphere of negativism which obstructs the progress of the nation... There are a few people who, in the name of religion or any other belief system, are resorting to violence and creating mistrust between different communities. This affects the whole country – within the country as well as internationally," he said.

According to the NSA, the reason behind radicalism and violence is that its counter is not strong enough. "Such animosity is carried out by a minority of people. But the majority of people, people like you, do not raise your voices as much as you should. This makes the voices of this minority seem like they represent the entire India."

"If we have to fight this, then we can no longer be mute spectators, but work at the ground level. Strengthen our voices and organise ourselves. If there is any misunderstanding amongst us, we need to dispel these. If there are some people who make mistakes, then the mistakes need to be rectified," he said.

"We have to make everyone feel that this is our country, which we are proud of and where any religion can be followed with freedom," he said, adding that different religious communities in India have existed together for centuries, and every community has had a significant role in the progress of the country. Doval said that people from

every religious community have also made "great sacrifices" for the nation. "It is our collective responsibility to rectify this atmosphere."

Speaking on the centuries-old tradition of Sufism in India, Doval said, "You can't permit these people who have vested interests and agendas of their own to commit violence and disharmony within the country.' "We need to assure people

and create the emotion, the belief, that every Indian is safe. And if any one Indian is threatened, then every Indian will stand with him. We will stay together, or we will sink together," he said. AISSC founder-chairman

Hazrat Syed Nasiruddin Chishty said the religious leaders discussed four major issues with the NSA after which the organisation passed a resolution. "We raised the issue of hate

speech and slogans like 'sar tan se iuda', 'goli maaro saalon ko'.. we said such speeches are both antireligious as well as anti-national, and need to be banned. And if there is anyone

making such speeches, then they need to be prosecuted according to the law of the land," Chishty told The Sunday Express. The AISSC passed a resolution

calling for a ban on the PFI. "We have very strongly con-

demned all radical forces. In the I Idainur incident, investigations pointed to the involvement of the PFI. We have, therefore, said that the PFI, or any other organisation like the PFI, that is involved in such violence or seen to be involved in radicalisation should be banned," he said.

He said the leaders discussed measures to counter radicalism in the country, and the AISSC will be starting a nationwide movement soon.

"Social media has been a way through which radicals are reaching our youth and children. They are sending videos of violence and hate speeches. We have asked the government to crack down on such platforms and prevent this from happening," he

Chess Olympiad

a trained dancer herself. Speaking to The Sunday Express, Ramu, who designed and choreographed the dance, said for her, the project was about colour, gender and power, besides being a tribute to the game that has made Chennai its home in the

With the DMK government rolling out the red carpet for the event. Ramu said: "I intended it to be a Chess Dance, with classical, folk and martial arts elements, to make it vibrant and colourful."

While she held the auditions in Pudukottai, the dance was shot in Chennai. "As I couldn't join the dancers in Chennai owing to work commitments, the director, Vijey Raj, sent me video clips and photographs from the shoot." Praising his meticulous commitment to the project, she says she wanted to make sure that the dance stuck strictly to chess moves. Among the critical elements

was getting the music right, and it was composed by Narendra Kumar Lakshmipathy. Ramu said given the concept,

the project was conceived around the triumph of the black gueen despite the white having the firstmover advantage.

The black queen in the dance is portrayed by Priyadarshini Rajendran, a Bharatanatyam dancer from Pudukottai, who works in the IT industry in Bengaluru, and plays chess. Laughing that she always prefers black, Rajendran says: "Some of us feel black has a better chance. maybe a counter-intuition."

What makes the finesse of the final video even more special is the fact that the team did only two days of rehearsals, followed by a shoot that lasted 24 hours, from 6 am one day, to the next The creative director, Raj, who

has worked as co-director in some Tamil films, says they initially conceived the dance as a music video. "But the plan changed to a visual story about the game, with more specific characters and black as a metaphor. It was an immense challenge to tell the entire story in a few minutes. Many of the artistes had never been before a camera."

According to Raju, the creative liberty Ramu gave helped a great extent in projecting a "compelling narrative"

New Delhi

Rajendran says they were fully prepared by the time they went in for the shoot. "We were all briefed on the full story, from beginning to end. As the black queen, I had the maximum movements. As a Bharatanatvam dancer, I thought I would use those steps, but it was not intended that way. It was choreographed so that the focus was on the dynamics of collective body movement."

So while she moved one square at a time, like the queen on a chess board, she was surrounded by faces painted as per the Tamil traditional art form in which humans dress up as

Suram Sahana, who has previously collaborated with Ramu in numerous dance shows, played the white queen.

The white king was Srinivas, a classical dancer, Manikantan, a freestyle dancer, was the black king. Poikkaal kudhirai artistes Muthukuran, Deepan, Baskar and Cheran. Manigandan. Karthigeyan, Manojkumar, Prathapan, Karthick, Lakshmanan, Priyadarshan, Nishanthi, Oorvasi, Rithika Jayalakshmi, Narmatha, Krupavathi, Durga Soundarya, were also part of the

V-C resigns

medical fraternity in the state. Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann

reportedly apologised to the V-C on Jouramajra's behalf and asked him to stay on, but Dr Bahadur who sent his resignation on Friday night - is said to have replied that he felt humiliated and could not continue. His personal assistant O P Chaudhary also tendered his resignation.

Despite repeated attempts, Jouramajra could not be reached for comments.

Dr Bahadur got support from across the medical fraternity following the incident at Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital (GGSMCH) in Faridkot. The Indian Medical Association questioned the treatment towards a person of the stature of the V-C of a medical university.

The teachers' association at GGSMCH released a statement on Saturday demanding that Jouramajra apologise for his act. "His rude behaviour has demoralised the medical fraternity.' they said.

Punjab Medical Council member Dr Manoj Sobti said they fully stand by Dr Bahadur. "He took the right decision in submitting his resignation. Such behav-

iour should not be tolerated." Minister Jouramajra had come for an inspection of the Skin and VD Department of GGSMCH when he made Dr Bahadur lie on the mattress, ostensibly to demonstrate the pitiable condition of patient facilities.

Jouramajra ignored the V-C's otests that the medical superintendent was responsible for the management of a hospital. The minister's supporters even lifted a corner of the mattress to show that it was damaged and had fungal growth.

A reputed orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Bahadur has experience of more than 45 years as a teacher, researcher and administrator. He earlier served as Director. Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh, and as Head of Department of Orthopaedics at PGIMER, Chandigarh. He has been serving as V-C of the university on extension. Punjab BJP chief Ashwani

Sharma said many administrative officials were resigning "one after another" after the episode. "It seems Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann have to give some training to their MLAs on how to behave in public... In Ludhiana, an AAP MLA misbehaved with a police official... Their leaders are power drunk." Akali Dal spokesperson

Daljeet Singh Cheema said: "The medical fraternity is feeling demoralised after this incident. This is the reason that the principal, vice-principal and medical superintendent of Government Medical College, Amritsar, want to be relieved of their charge. This is a matter of shame for the country. The CM needs to intervene and restore the trust of doctors."

The others who sought to give up their administrative duties Friday were Dr Rajiv Devgan, the principal-director, Dr K D Singh, the medical superintendent, and Dr Jagtar Singh Kular, the viceprincipal, of Guru Nanak Dev Complex-Government Medical College and Hospital, Amritsar.

In their letters, the officials talked about the high work load in their respective departments. leaving them with little time for administrative duties.

Dr Devgan wrote: "Patients need many basic facilities in various departments of the hospital. At times, due to the lack of these facilities, patients face difficulties in various departments, due to which many irresponsible social organisations try to put undue pressure on us. They even misguide higher officials at times and ence try to malign our image."

Dr K D Singh told The Sunday

Express they had resigned two days ago. "It is just a coincidence that the news came on Saturday. We will continue to work as spe-

However, their letters mention the date July 29.

Koshyari

president Uddhav Thackeray launched a sharp attack on Koshyari, accusing him of trying to divide communities. "The Governor took an oath to keep communities together. But he is dividing communities, he is dividing Hindus. Should he be sent home or to jail? There are non-Marathi people too who have not liked his statement. And this man who ate Maharashtra's food for the last three years, has betrayed it. He should be sent back to where he has come from." Thackeray said, addressing a press conference at his residence Matoshree

Targeting the BJP and Shinde Sena faction, the former chief minister added: "I want to know what these neo-Hindus who have come to power in Maharashtra think about this. The government must clarify its stand. If this parcel from Delhi is dividing communities, then he should be sent back. And if he has committed a crime, then he should be punished."

CM Eknath Shinde said the Governor should have been more cautious, "His is a constitutional post, so he should be careful that no one is insulted (by his statement). No one can disregard the sacrifices and contribution of the Marathi people for Mumbai. It has become the financial capital of the country because of the hard work of the Marathi people. People from other states come here for employment. People from other states and communities also do business here. This is possible because of the potential Mumbai has, and no one can take that away.'

The NCP said Koshyari seemed to be trying to "please bosses in Delhi".

Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole demanded that Koshyari be recalled from the

MNS chief Raj Thackeray asked Koshyari not to "provoke the Marathi population" and "not to speak on the orders of somebody", while linking the remarks to the coming civic elections. He also advised Koshyari not to speak if he has no clue about the state's

The timing of the controversy is awkward for the BIP, coming as it does against the backdrop of the uproar it has raised in Delhi over Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's remarks regarding the President, Chowdhury's ex planation, of it being a slip of the tongue, has been ignored by the

The Opposition parties are also linking Koshyari's remark to the BJP's Delhi leadership to reinforce their claim that the BIP is essentially a North Indian party.

Mindful of this, BJP leader and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis asserted that the party in no way endorsed the Governor's statement. "The role of Marathis is immense in Mumbai. Maharashtra. Marathi industrialists and entrepreneurs have earned recognition not only in Maharashtra but globally," he told reporters in Dhule. Adding that it was up to

Koshyari to clarify why he made such a remark, Fadnavis tried to do a balancing act, given the BJP's vote bank. "We should also realise that there are other communities such as Gujarathis, Marwaris etc whose contribution to the state cannot be denied. The Governor was speaking at a community forum. When you address such meetings, one often highlights the achievements of these communities. His statement should be seen in that context, I personally believe that the Governor did not want to undermine Marathis.'

Regretting that his statement had been misinterpreted, Koshyari issued a statement, saying: "I had no intention to look down upon the Marathi people, I merely spoke about the contribution of people from Gujarat and Rajasthan. Ît is the Marathi population which has developed Maharashtra to where it is now... There is no question of demeaning the Marathi people."

Expressing gratitude at be-

ing "given the opportunity to work as the state's Governor", Koshyari added: "We have started looking at things from a political prism, and we need to change it. Praise for one community cannot be seen as an insult to another community. Political parties should not create controversies. I would never insult the Marathi people."



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NEW POLICY OUT FROM AUGUST 1

Revenue target of Rs 10,000 cr, new liquor policy brought in Rs 2,000 crore in 8 months

GAYATHRI MANI

NEW DELHI JULI Y 30

WHEN IT introduced its new liquor policy in November 2021 the Delhi government had looked to bring in Rs 10,000crore revenue in one year. In the eight months since, the excise department has fallen well short of its target, collecting revenue of just around Rs 1,993 crore, officials told The Indian Express.

As per data shared by a Delhi government source, the excise department collected a revenue of Rs 600.63 crore between December 2021 and March 2022, Rs 528.29 crore in April and May, Rs 442.40 crore in June and Rs 421.82 crore in July.

On Saturday, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia announced that the Delhi government had decided to roll back the new excise policy and that only in government outlets, as was the case before November. when the new policy was implemented.

Sisodia said that earlier, the revenue from alcohol sales was Rs 6.000 crore annually, and un $der \, the \, new \, policy, it \, would \, have \,$ been Rs 9,500 crore. He, however, blamed the BJP for the

"Because the corruption stopped, a plan was hatched by these people to ensure the failure of the new policy. One by one, they threatened private players in the name of ED and CBI. Many of them shut shop. Under the new policy, there could have been 850 shops (like earlier) but currently, 468 are operational," he said.

The new excise policy was introduced in Delhi in November last year. It made sweeping changes to the nature and func-

Delhi sees cleanest day of the

year, air quality 'satisfactory'

With the rainfall this month, the AQI has remained in the 'satisfactory' category for 24 out of



From August 1, liquor will be sold only in government outlets, as was the case before November. Praveen Khanna

hoped to meet its target of open-

ing 849 vends in 32 zones, fewer

than 650 were open as of June 5.

As of July 18, there were 468 ac-

176 liquor vends shut down af-

ter zonal licencees surrendered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

COVID-19 cases in Delhi are on

the rise again, with over 1,000

cases being recorded for four

days in a row. The city recorded

1,333 new cases and a positivity

capture all cases in the capital as

the number of tests has dropped

to August 15, 2022.

Official figures are unlikely to

rate of 8.39% on Saturday.

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

Between June 5 and July 18.

Covid cases in city over

1,000 for 4th day in a row

tive vends.

tioning of liquor trade in the city. The government exited the customer-end of the trade entirely, shutting all government-run liquor vends, and sale of liquor was handed over exclusively to private players.

While the new excise policy

were left unserved.

A senior Delhi government official said the shutting down of shops directly led to revenue loss. "Excise revenue is the second largest source of income for Delhi after GST. Several shops couldn't open as they were in non-conforming zones; in the first quarter of this year, about nine zones surrendered their licences.'

their licences due to financial un-

viability and nine out of 32 zones

Last week, data shared by the excise department with the L-G Office showed that revenue from the sale of liquor has been decreasing over the years. According to data, while revenue was Rs 6,898.54 crore in 2019-20, it dropped to Rs 5,741.04 crore in 2021-22. In the first quarter of 2022-23, Rs 1,594.84 crore was collected from sale of liquor and VAT, data states. Officers in the L-G office claimed

after the third wave in January,

with home-based kits becoming

readily available. As per Saturday's

bulletin, 15.897 tests were con-

ducted. To compare, at the height

of the third wave in the second

week of January, Delhi had con-

ducted over 91,800 tests a day on

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this includes the Rs 980 crore of refundable deposit.

Meanwhile, officials in the Delhi government said it would be difficult to open shops in just one day. "The proposal to bring back the old regime is under process: it will have to go to Cabinet and then the L-G for approval. Also, manufacturers have to be ready with stock to supply to Delhi. All licences (wholesale/warehouse) will also expire on July 31...," said an official.

Electronic city: DDC meets stakeholders over roadmap

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New Delhi: The Dialogue and **Development Commission of** Delhi Saturday held a consultation with electronics industry leaders to seek inputs for creating a roadmap to establish the city as the preferred destination for the sector, an official statement said. Participants welcomed the move to establish Delhi as the preferred

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destination for the industry by offering globally competitive infrastructure and a favourable policy environment for electronics design and manufacturing, it added.

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Candidates must declare and maintain a valid and unique email account and a mobile phone number throughout the selection process.

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has remained in the 'satisfactory' category for 24 out of 30 days of the month till Saturday. AQI between 51 and 100 is considered 'satisfactory' by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The average AQI in July this year was 87, better than the 110 recorded in 2021.

ON SATURDAY, Delhi's air was the clean-

est it has been all year with an Air Quality

With the rainfall this month, the AQI

30 days of the month till Saturday. Abhinav Saha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

July this year and July of 2020 have seen the cleanest air in the past six years. In 2020, July saw an average AQI of 83, only a little better than the average for the

Air quality in July this year fared better than the AQI in July 2019 and 2018. In 2019, the average AQI for the month was 134, while it was 103 in 2018. There were also fewer 'satisfactory' air quality days in 2021, 2019, 2018 and 2017

The cleaner air this month comes after a string of 'poor' and 'very poor' air quality days in June, when dust and little rainfall kept the AQI in the higher ranges.

July 2017 ***July 2022** *till (30)* Monsoon hit Delhi on June 30 this

year, bringing 'satisfactory' air quality days to the city from early July onwards. The Safdarjung weather observatory has recorded excess rainfall of 35% this July -273.4 mm against a normal of 201.9 mm. The monsoon hit Delhi a little later last year, on July 13, while the onset date was earlier in 2020 on June 25.

There have been no 'good' air quality days so far this year in Delhi. As of July this year, the AQI has either remained in the 'moderate' or 'satisfactory' categories, but has not deteriorated to reach the 'poor' or 'very poor' categories.

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Faridabad: Woman

found dead in police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, JULY 30

protection house

A 22-YEAR-OLD woman was found dead in a police protection house in Faridabad on Saturday morning, police said, adding that a magisterial probe has been ordered. Police have also filed a case of murder against the man she married, and his brother, based on a complaint by her family.

Police said they received information at 6.45 am, following which police and forensic teams rushed to

"Preliminary probe has found that the woman got married to a man at a temple Friday. The couple approached the district court and sought police protection, and as per the directions of the court, they moved into a police protection house Friday," said Sube Singh, spokesperson, Faridabad police.

Police said the body was sent to a hospital for postmortem to ascertain the cause of death.

Singh said: "The post-mortem report is awaited. On the complaint of the victim's family, a case of murder has been registered against the man she had allegedly married and his brother. No arrest has been

Police said a duty magistrate recorded the statements and a probe has been initiated.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-Third (23") Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Members of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited ("the Company") will be held on Friday, August 26, 2022 at 12:30 P.M. (IST) through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the business, as set out in the Notice convening the 23" AGM, in compliance with all the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder and the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI (LODR) Regulations"), read with General Circular no. 14/2020 dated April 08 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020, 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021, 19/2021 dated December 08, 2021 and 21/2021 dated December 14, 2021 and subsequent circulars issued in this regard, the latest being 02/2022 dated May 05, 2022 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA"), Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIRP/P/2022/62 dated May 13, 2022 issued by SEBI and other applicable circulars issued in this regard. The Notice of the 23" AGM and the Annual Report for the financial year 201-22 will be sent only to those members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company / Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) / Depository Participant(s). The aforesaid documents will also be available on the Company's website at www.ircetc.com and the Annual Report for the Company's website at www.ircetc.com and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, viz., BSE Limited and National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") (agency for providing the remote e-voting facility and e-voting system during AGM) at https://www.evoting.nsdl.com. A member can request for the physical copy of the Annual Report for the FY 2021-22 by sending a requisition at www.nseindla.com, respectively, and National Securit

Manner of casting vote through e-voting: Members may note that the Company will be availing e-voting services of NSDL to enable its Members to cast their vote on resolutions set forth in the Notice of the 23rd AGM. The Company has fixed **Friday, August 19, 2022** as the <mark>"cut -off date"</mark> for determining the eligibility of the members to

vote by remote e-voting or e-voting during the AGM.

Members may also note that the remote e-voting period shall commence on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 (9:00 A.M.) (IST) and end on Thursday, August 25, 2022 (5:00 P.M.) (IST). Additionally, the Company will be providing e-voting system for casting votes during the AGM.

Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from **Saturday**, **August 20**, **2022 to Friday August 26**, **2022** (both days inclusive) for the purpose of Annual General Meeting and for payment of final dividend for the financial year 2021-22, if declared at the AGM. Members may further note that the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on May 30, 2022 has recommended a **final dividend of ₹ 1.50/- per share** on the face value of ₹ 2/- per share subject to approval of the Shareholders at the 23rd AGM. The **"record date"** for the purpose of determining the members eligible to receive dividend for financial year 2021-22 is **Friday, August 19, 2022.**

Book Closure, Dividend and Tax on Dividend: Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Register of

The Final Dividend will be paid through various online transfer modes to the members who have updated their banl account details. For Members, who have not updated the bank account details, dividend warrants / demand drafts

cheques will be sent to the registered addresses in due course.

In accordance with Finance Act, 2020, payment of dividend will be subject to **deduction of tax at source (TDS)** at applicable rates. In order to enable us to determine the appropriate TDS rate, members are requested to submit the relevant documents in accordance with the provisions of the Act. A detailed notice regarding "Communication w.r.t. Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) on Final Dividend for the Financial Year 2021-22" is hosted at the website of the Company, www.irctc.com. For more details, please refer to the Notes to the Notice of 23rd AGM.

Manner of registering KYC details including email addresses, bank details for receiving Dividend electronically, if declared in the AGM: SEBI vide its Circular dated 3st November, 2021, read with clarification dated 14th December, 2021 ("SOP Circular") introduced common and simplified norms for processing investor's services requests by RTAs and norms for furnishing PAN, complete address, email address, mobile number, specimen signature, bank details and Nomination ("KYC details").

Members are requested to follow the below mentioned procedure for registration / updation of their KYC details.

Members holding physical shares are requested to register / update their email addresses and bank account details by sending a duly signed request letter in Form ISR-1 along with supporting documents to the RTA of the Company i.e. Alankit Assignments Limited, Alankit House, 4E/2 Jhandewalan Extension, Near Jhandewalan Metro Station, New Delhi-110055, or scanned copy on email at kycupdate@alankit.com and provide the following details / documents:

1. For registering email address: a) Folio No., b) Name of Shareholder, c) Email ID, d) Mobile No. e) Copy of PAN Card (self attested), f) Copy of Adhar (self attested) g) Copy of Share Certificate (front and back).

and back).

2. For updating Bank Account details: a) Name and Branch of the Bank in which you wish to receive the dividend, b) Bank Account Type, c) Bank Account Number, d) MICR Code Number, e) IFSC Code, and f) Copy of the cancelled cheque / Passbook bearing the name of the first shareholder.

3. Members may please note the documents for KYC updation may be sent through self attested and dated hard copies to the above mentioned address of RTA or through electronic mode, provided that these are sent through E-mail id of the shareholder registered with RTA and all documents should be electronically (dividual sense) with Shareholder registered with RTA and all documents should be

electronically / digitally signed by the Shareholder and in case of joint holders, by first joint holder. Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your email address and bank account details in your demat account, as per the process advised by your DP.

In case of any queries / grievances, Members may refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Members and participation in AGM and remote e-Voting user manual for Members" available at the download section of http://www.evoting.nsdl.com or call the toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30. Members may also write an The notice is being issued for the information and benefit of all of its members and in compliance of the relevant circulars of MCA and SEBI. mail to company at investors@irctc.com.

Place: New Delhi Dated: July 30, 2022

New Delhi

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BRIEFLY

racket: 6 held New Delhi: Six people, in-

cluding four women,

have been arrested from

Delhi and Punjab by the

cyber cell of North dis-

trict police for allegedly

cheating people on the

pretext of giving them

jobs as escorts. Initial in-

vestigation revealed that

they had been operating the interstate racket since

last year, and more than

200 people have been duped of lakhs of rupees,

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DCPs to keep track of 'illegal' Rohingya via weekly records

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

DEMOGRAPHIC PARTICULARS of "Rohingya illegal migrants" staying in Delhi, particularly men categorised in age brackets - up to 14, 14 to 40, and 40 along with weekly records of arrival and departure, are among details that police across Delhi's districts have been asked to start collecting by the Special Branch.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UN-HCR) card numbers and address from where the migrants arrived are also supposed to be recorded, according to instructions issued to Delhi's 15 DCPs. They have also been asked to appoint a nodal officer to monitor migrants staying in their respective districts.

A letter sent to the Special CP (intelligence division), all JCPs of ranges and district DCPs on July 22 by DCP (Special Branch) Nishant Gupta states, "As desired by the Special CP (intelligence division), a nodal officer for monitoring of Rohingya illegal migrants staying in respective jurisdiction is to be fixed by every district to update weekly diary pertaining to Rohingyas and further correspondence to this division. The name and contact details of the nodal officer should be communicated to this office on priority."

In his letter, Gupta shared three proformas for the weekly diary of Rohingya illegal migrants staying in Delhi. In the first annexure, district DCPs have been asked to provide details of migrants staying in various pockets of Delhi.

'In another annexure, districts DCPs have been asked to provide details of the main pockets where the Rohingya reside and details of arrival/departure of Rohingya illegal migrant in which they have been asked to also provide their UNHCR card numbers, address from where they arrived and mobile numbers," an official said. In the third annexure, Gupta has asked all DCPs to provide demographic details - total number of Rohingva, their families, as well as gender and age wise break-up.

In 2021, in a reply to a question on current situation of Rohingya Muslims living illegally across the country, along with Rohingyas with UN refugee cards, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai informed the Lok Sabha that foreign nationals who enter the country without valid travel documents are treated as illegal migrants: "The central government has issued instructions to state governments/UT administrations advising them to sensitise law enforcement and intelligence agencies for taking steps for prompt identification of illegal migrants, their restriction to specified locations as per provisions of law, capturing their biographic and biometric particulars, cancellation of fake Indian documents and for taking legal proceedings including initiation of deportation as per provisions of law..."

Ghaziabad: Two men dead after truck rolls backwards on flyover, crashes into 3 vehicles

MALAVIKA PRASAD

TWO MEN died and eight were injured after a cement truck allegedly rolled backwards on a slope on Naya Bus Adda flyover and crashed into two auto rickshaws and a motorcycle behind it early Saturday. The deceased have been identified as Sunil (in his 30s) and Vishal Yadav (28), police said.

"As per preliminary investigation, around 12.30 am, a truck overloaded with cement was on into two autos and a motorcycle. The driver of the auto immediately behind the truck and a passenger died on the spot while eight persons were injured. The truck driver fled," said the SHO of Kotwali Nagar police station.

Additional Superintendent of Police City-1, Nipun Aggarwal, said the eight injured persons were taken to MMG District Hospital at Ghanta Ghar and some were referred to GTB Hospital in Delhi.

The bodies of the deceased

and will be handed over to their families after the post-mortem is completed, police said.

An FIR under IPC sections 304A (causing death by negligence), 279 (rash driving or riding on a public way) among other sections has been registered against the driver and a search is on to nab him, police said.

Vishal's family said he had called his wife five minutes before the accident, saying he would be home soon. "He was heading back from Badaun... We kept calling him when he did not lice said he had met with an accident," his uncles Omkar Yadav and Raghubir Singh Yadav said.

Yadav hailed from Etawah and had shifted to Ghaziabad five years ago after his graduation. He lived with his wife, four-year-old daughter and younger brother at Sanjay Colony in Arthala, his uncles said. "He had recently started working for someone involved in the business of 'summer civil pumps' at Pasonda village in Sahibabad and had gone to Badaun for some work," said Sagar, his cousin.

Yadav's parents had died last

year from Covid and he is the sole bread-winner of his family. Just like Yadav, Sunil, who also died in the accident, was solely

responsible for his parents who

lived with him in Chhapraula vil-

lage in Greater Noida. His father Sanjay (55) said Sunil had been driving an autorickshaw for the past two years: 'I was informed of my son's death by other auto-drivers. I reached MMG Hospital around 1.30 am where I found him dead. Police informed me that his body has been sent for an

3 held for murdering caretaker in

police said.

Gurgaon: Three days after the caretaker of a house was found murdered in Gurgaon, police arrested three in connection with the murder, including the victim's brother-in-law, officers said. According to police, on July 27, a man was found murdered with stab injuries on his head, face, neck and chest.

Ex-constable held for duping man of Rs 16k

New Delhi: A 28-year-old former constable was arrested for allegedly robbing Rs 16,000 from a cyber cafe owner who transferred the money via UPI, but the accused allegedly left the shop without giving the cash. He was previously found involved in five cheating

Naya Bus Adda flyover when it were sent to Hindon mortuary Can Delhi's Central Ridge be rid of the invasive kikar tree? Forest dept tries a fresh approach

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND

ON A patch of forest land in Delhi's Central Ridge, pruned vilayati kikar trees stand with recently planted pilkhan, amaltas or peepal saplings, in a forest restoration attempt that hopes to eventually suppress the growth of the kikar, an invasive species, with new saplings.

The effort to remove the kikar (Prosopis juliflora) is a fresh attempt at dealing with the ubiquitous invasive species in Delhi that suppresses the growth of other species. Chopped branches of the vilayati kikar trees lie strewn on a 10-hectare patch of land in the Ridge, where the restoration effort has taken off.

'The vilayati kikar is a gregarious species. The canopy of the kikar is being pruned to allow sunlight to penetrate. Lack of sunlight reaching through the canopy also meant that native plants were not growing. Other species

Department:-Operating



Chopped branches of the vilayati kikar trees lie strewn on a 10-hectare patch of land in the Ridge

like amaltas, pilkhan and dhau are planted after the kikar is pruned," said Navneet Srivastava, Deputy Conservator of Forests (West Division). This is a way to gradually remove the kikar, rather than cutting the trees and denuding the forest, Srivastava added.

There would be an average of around 150-200 kikar trees on one hectare in the Ridge. Srivastava said. The slow process of removing them is likely to go on for several years.

The newly planted pilkhan next to the small kikar could take around 2-4 years to reach a height of around 12 feet, outgrowing the kikar next to it, said a forest guard in the area. "It will then suppress

UDBHAV SETH

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

private residences and general

stores, with faint verses of the na-

maz wafting out of its green

Then you would have to turn

around, walk to a bystander who

is already watching you curiously,

and clarify: no, you are not look-

ing for the mosque one worships

in, you are looking for the mosque

the top of the stone steps leading

into the mosque, this one much

larger than the other one. He is

the co-founder of Project Dastaan,

a virtual-reality venture started

in 2018 that offers Partition sur-

vivors in India and Pakistan

glimpses of the homes they aban-

doned in 1947. He is also working

on a book, Five Partitions: The

Making of Modern Asia, that

seeks to highlight the multiple

partitions across South Asia that

were a consequence of Britain's

Begumpur Village in Malviya

Nagar, which was inundated with

refugees as a result of the biggest

migration in human history, is an

essential enclave of Delhi that has

been forgotten within its ur-

banised folds. "Imagine you're

standing in old Old Delhi, Before

the Mughal Empire, during the

Delhi Sultanate's reign, this

was the centre of Delhi," begins

Dalrymple, as we enter the

mosque. A vast square courtyard

stretches out before us, fenced

on all sides by domes dating

to the 14th Century. "When

Muhammad bin Tughlaq was in

power. Begumpur was a part of

his capital city, Jahanpanah. And

this mosque was the largest one

Today, however, the mosque

is the second-largest in Delhi

in north India."

Dalrymple believes that

imperial conquest.

Sam Dalrymple awaits us at

one used to worship in.

wooden gates.

Reviving the Ridge

IN 2021, the Delhi Cabinet had approved a proposal to restore the biodiversity of 423 hectares of the Central Ridge and allocated Rs 12.21 crore for it. In recorded forest areas in the city, vilayati kikar is the most abundant tree species, as per the Forest Survey of India's State of Forest report, 2021.

the growth of the kikar," he added. Around 1,000 such saplings have been planted all over the area, with some kikar trees having as many as four saplings of other species surrounding them to rein in their growth. The pruned branches of the kikar are being fed into a wood chipper machine that ground as a sort of fertiliser for the plants, the guard said. Lantana plants, another inva-

will then be fed back into the

sive species, are being uprooted as part of the restoration efforts. Lantana has been cleared from around 15 acres and a 2-km-long pathway has been made through the area. Srivastava said. The project to restore parts of

the Central Ridge began in April, after a delay induced by disagreements among experts over what is to be done with the kikar trees. The Forest Department picked the canopy lifting method since the trees cannot be cut entirely. "We can't say that it's okay to cut these trees. They still perform functions of carbon sequestration and soil and moisture conservation. They are being pruned so that the biodiversity can be revived," Srivastava said.

A similar method of pruning vilayati kikar trees and planting other species around them is being followed in parts of the Asola

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this Person Named: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 35 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5' 8", Complexion: Fair, Built: Normal, Face: Round, Wearing: Blue colour shirt and Grey colour lower, was found dead at dirty nala, Kabutar Market, Near Puliva, Welcome, Delhi on dated 22.07.2022. The dead body has been

preserved at GTB Hospital mortuary for 72 hours. In this regard a DD No. 69-A U/s 174 IPC, Dated 22.07.2022 has been

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

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APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

Namely Pooja D/o Harish Chandra R/o D-109, Sharma

Colony, Budh Vihar, Phase-II, Delhi has committed (or is

suspected to have committed) the offence in a case FIR No.

714/2019 U/s 306/34 IPC registered at P.S. Mangol Puri,

Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest

thereupon that the said Pooja could not be found and where

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Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Vinod Kumar, of case Ct. Case No. 1660/2018, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 31.08.2022.

> Sh. Mayank Goel, M.M. (NI Act) West Court Building, Annexe-II.

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has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service DP/2095/OD/2022 of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Pooja** is required to appear before the court to

By Order

Sh. Ajay Singh Parihar,

Room No. 105, 1st Floor,

Rohini Courts, Delhi

Dated 29.07.2022

Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West),

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		Construction Department, Jharkhand, First
		Floor, Engineers Hostel No-02, Dhurwa,
		Ranchi
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	Inviting tender	O/o Executive Engineer,
		Road Construction Department,
		Road Division , Seraikella-Kharsawan
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	Officer	
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Executive Engineer RCD, Road Division Seraikella-harsawan

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DEEP IN the recesses of Malviya Nagar, where narrow alleys twist ridors of drooping electrical wires, lies a ground of worship. This is the Begumpur Mosque, but if you ask your way into the cloistered locality looking for it, you will not be directed to it immediately. First you will be pointed towards a smaller property, one sandwiched between

Deep inside Delhi's Malviya Nagar,

a window into the country's history

Today, the Begumpur mosque is the second-largest in Delhi after the Jama Masjid. Sara Singh

IN THE CITY

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PAST AND PRESENT

the Jama Masjid) and yet "almost nobody knows about it," says Dalrymple. He points at

the derelict state of the nearly 1,000-sqm courtyard - nobody worships here today. We are surrounded by cracked and

crumbling domes. The roof has been cordoned off because someone fell off and died five years ago. According to Dalrymple, there have been attempts to renovate the space by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) but none

have come through. "What's weird, though, is that we don't even know who built it," says Dalrymple. "We think it's Feroz Shah Tughlaq's prime minister, but even Ibn Battuta — the great Moroccan traveller who has given us some of the best accounts of medieval India - doesn't mention this mosque at all."

When Feroz Shah succeeded Tughlag, Jahanpanah was abandoned in favour of the new capital city, Firozabad. But the residents of Begumpur remained, building a village in what we today know as Malviya Nagar. They built houses — some 97 in number — right inside the mosque, houses that stayed on the spot until it was acquired by the ASI six centuries later in 1927. The residents were given a compensation within were demolished. But soon after, something new arrived in their place. "So many of

> the narratives of Partition you hear have to do with violence, but the biggest thing hear out of Begumpur?"

says Dalrymple, "The arrival of Puniabi cuisine. Dal makhani was this major invention that no one had ever tried before. You had all these families arriving from Multan, Pakistan, and to this day, there's a big community of Multani Hindus living here.'

Even up till the 1960s, farms dominated the area, but by the '80s, student hostels, cafes and "all sorts of bougie places" led to a sudden urban development. However, that history is today colourless, crumbling and craves its former glory. As we leave the compound, Dalrymple elaborates Ibn Battuta's writings on Begumpur, which are rich with architectural descriptions of wood, paint, tilework and shamianas - none of which survive to-

"A lot of the Mughal era monuments we see are only half the thing because the importance of tents and carpets was huge," says Dalrymple.

We note a similar absence when we reach the Lal Gumbad complex of Begumpur, the tomb of Sufi saint Sheikh Kabir-ud-din Auliya who died in 1397. Around the tall red sandstone structure, children are flying kites and dogs are roaming on leashes. Scrawny men sit outside the padlocked enand smoking.

"Centuries ago, you would have seen a tented passage from here to the mosque," Dalrymple traces an arc with his finger in the air, "There would've been carpets and people selling flowers. Since the ASI took over, you can't worship here either.' Ibn Battuta's writings narrate

us to our final destination in Begumpur, one of the oldest palaces in Delhi, the Vijay Mandal - The Hall of a Thousand Columns, as termed by Battuta. "But of course," says Dalrymple, "there are no columns anymore. They were all wood." This was once the grand residence of Muhammad bin Tughlaq, now overrun by tall uncut grass, the occasional cigarette butt and not a single chowkidar in sight.

"Begumpur is not well researched. There's less interest in this period than the Mughal era." says Dalrymple as we find a small marble shrine of a Sufi saint behind the palace. It lies under a tall peepal tree, with a few extinguished diyas and fresh marigold flowers littered around it.

"I find such shrines very reassuring," says Dalrymple. "It's not a massive construction, and just a place where Hindus and Muslims still come to pray. The peepal tree is sacred to Hinduism and has no relevance in Islam, and yet it's a Sufi saint buried here."

Dalrymple's true destination in these grounds, however, is a little higher up. We climb a narrow and steep stone staircase in the palace to emerge on the top and look around: "This is the best view of south Delhi that you can get," he says, raising his arm to Delhi's unusually clear skyline that is already sinking its sun under the horizon.

We see everything from the Lal Gumbad and Begumpur's apartments, to the distant Qutub Minar and Siri Fort complex. Closest to us, however, is a skinny boy leaping from dome to dome of the Begumpur mosque, braving the slippery stone not in pursuit of religion or prayer — but simply of pleasure.

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(Mukesh Rajora) Dy. Commissioner of Industries(H/H) DIP/SHABDARTH/0257/22-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas JMS INFRA REALITY PRIVATE LIMITED is in the process of undertaking of development of an Affordable Plotted Colony (DDJAY-2016), over an area measuring 16.55625 acres License No. 11 of 2022 dated 02.02.2022 falling in the revenue estate of Village Wazirpur, Sector 95, Distt. Gurugram, Haryana has been examined /considered by the department under the policy issued vide memo no. 2295/2021/1775 dated 25.01.2021.

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Objections, if any, may be filed in the o/o Senior Town Planner, Sector 14, Gurugram, Haryana, or may be filed in our Corporate Office within 30 days of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed thatthere are no objections to the approved layout plan.

For JMS Infra Reality Pvt Ltd Place: Gurugram Date: 31-7-2022 **Authorised Signatory** NTPC Limited

Regd. Office; NTPC Bhawan, SCOPE Complex, 7, Institutional Area Lodi Road, New Delhi-110 003, Tel. No. 011-24360959, Fax: 011-24360241, E-mail: csntpc@ntpc.co.in, Website: www.ntpc.co.in Intimation regarding 46th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and

Record Date for payment of Final Dividend

It is hereby informed that the 46th AGM of NTPC Limited will be held or Tuesday, 30th August, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) in line with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder read with General Circulars dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020 and other relevant circulars including circular dated May 5, 2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA'). In line with MCA Circulars and SEBI circular dated 13th May 2022, Annual Report along with notice of 46th AGM will be sent only through electronic mode to those shareholders whose email addresses are registered with the Company/depository participant/depository.

Notice and Annual Report 2021-22 will also be made available or the Company's website www.ntpc.co.in and websites of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively.

Manner of casting vote(s) through e-voting: In terms of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Managemen and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Resolutions for consideration at the $46^{\rm h}$ AGM will be transacted through remote e-voting and e-voting during the AGM. The Company has engaged services of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) for facilitating voting through electronic means Shareholders who hold shares in physical form or who have not registered their e-mail addresses and wish to participate in the AGM or cast their votes through remote e-voting or e-voting during the meeting may participate in the AGM by following instructions given in the Notice of AGM.

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For shareholders Please send a request letter signed by the first holder holding shares in with following details to the RTA of the Company by post **Physical Mode** at M/s Beetal Financial & Computer Services Pvt. Ltd. at 3rd Floor, Beetal House, 99, Madangir, Delhi-110062 of through email at ntpc@beetalfinancial.com with following details/docume For updating email ID For updating Bank account I. Folio No. n addition to details required for updating email, following . Name of Shareholder details/documents are

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For shareholders Shareholders can update email IDs, mobile numbers holding shares in and Bank Account details by contacting their respective Depository Participants as per the process advised

Record Date for Payment of Final Dividend:

Notice is hereby given that the Company has fixed Thursday 11" August, 2022 as the Record date for the purpose of payment of final dividend for the financial year 2021-22, if approved by the Shareholders in the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company

TDS on Dividend:

Shareholders may note that in terms of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 ("the Act") as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, dividend paid or distributed by a Company on or after $1^{\rm st}$ April, 2020 is taxable in the hands of the Shareholders. The Company is, therefore, required to deduct tax at source at the time of payment of dividend to the Shareholders. In order to enable us to determine the appropriate TDS rate, as applicable, Shareholders are requested to submit necessary forms/documents in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act up to Thursday 18th August, 2022. The necessary documents, as applicable, are required to be emailed at tdsdlv@ntpc.co.in and dividend.ntpc@taxcpc.com to enable the Company to determine the appropriate TDS rates. For the detailed process, please visit website of the Company https://www.ntpc.co.in/investors/Dividend TDS Communication.

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'Mamata can't be frightened... We've been talking... There is still time'

On your Twitter feed is a 34-

year-old photo of your son

Mamata Banerjee, watching a

cricket match between MPs.

known each other for long.

Were you surprised when

you? Did you speak to her

before or after that?

TMC decided not to support

We are still very good friends...

My point is that she has been the

champion of Opposition unity.

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MARGARET ALVA says she was "settled in Bengaluru" when she was approached and asked by Opposition parties to step in as they looked for an acceptable candidate for vice-president. The 81year-old former Union minister and Governor speaks to **MANOJC G** a week ahead of the election:

You were in semi-retirement. What prompted you to accept the Opposition's request given that numbers are impossibly stacked against you?

It is not a question of winning or losing. It is a question of presenting an alternative point of view(for) which 19 parties have come together. They have all agreed on one name.

Who spoke to you first?

All that I am not discussing in the press. There was a meeting at (NCP leader) Sharad Pawar's house. All the leaders were there.

The Vice-President is also Rajya Sabha Chairman, How do you envisage that role, given the way the House is being conducted now?

I was in the Rajya Sabha for 24 years. I also presided in the Rajya Sabha, as well as the Lok Sabha... We had stalwarts in the Chair, the House... There were differences of opinion... and then an amicable



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INTERVIEW

MARGARET **A**LVA OPPOSITION CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

end. Parliament ultimately is not about majority and minority. Parliament is about debate, discussion and consensus-building. MPs come to be able to speak. Where is debate happening now?

What explains the government's stand in Parliament?

They think they can do anything because they have numbers. She has been the one who suffered the most under (Governor Jagdeep) Dhankhar in Bengal. Today, to become an instrument in helping Dhankhar become V-P has dismayed me. I know there are pressures, threats, every kind of fear being instilled by the government.... (But) Mamata is bold enough. She has faced them all these years... I don't think she can be frightened... You can't issue a

Did you speak to her?

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

visit to India. He came once be-

fore in December 2018 days after

on an unofficial visit in April 2019

Over the last few months,

to watch an IPL match.

presidential elections.

Yes, we have been communicating, talking to people. Let us see what happens. There is still time till next Saturday.

whip in this poll, so how do you

issue a whip not to vote (for me)?

Opposition unity is largely confined to Parliament. Outside, everyone fights their own battle.

RIVAL'S BROTHER HELD

See, this is a different political debate, it has nothing to do with this election. Yes, there are battles for space in every state. The Congress is a national party. (there is) bound to be conflict with regional parties in states. But methods are worked out to cooperate and work together. I would say this is the semi-final for 2024.

Almost all Opposition parties believe it is the Congress which has to get its act together. You have seen the party over the years...

Yes, we have seen (the party) post-1977, then post-1989 (when it won after being voted out) ... There is nothing permanent in politics. There are ups and downs.

Do you agree the Opposition lacked imagination in its choice of Yashwant Sinha as presidential candidate, particularly as government picked Droupadi Murmu?

It was a very good decision everybody supported it. The first tribal woman (to be President). I am also very happy about it.

But the Opposition chose Sinha and now you. You are legacy leaders.

Listen, we (the UPA) also gave the country the first SC President (KR Naryanan), the first woman

As fight within party rages,

Maldives President Solih

arrives in Delhi tomorrow

President (Pratibha Patil). We gave a minority President, a Sikh (Giani Zail Singh) and a Muslim (Zakir Hussain, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed)... And now you have a tribal. We are very happy. It is not that only you have put up a backward...

I am talking about the present. There is no freshness in the Opposition candidates.

fresh about What is Dhankhar? I have been a Governor, he has been a Governor. He was in the Congress, I was in the Congress. He then shifted to various parties... Murmuii, I said. we are very happy about. Lot of Congress people too voted for her

The BJP goes into elections with a brand. Brand Modi. What is the Opposition's answer to it?

... I have no answers. We are fighting it our way, they are fighting it their way. Perceptions are different, and they change... People are angry today, they are okay tomorrow... As you go along to 2024, the Opposition may find a face. I am nobody to say that.

Do you think Rahul should take over as Congress chief?

It is for the party members to decide. We are going to have an AICC session... If there is anybody else, there will be a contest.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 30 EASE OF getting justice is as im-"Under the e-Courts Mission,

portant as ease of living or doing business, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday as he lauded efforts to adopt technology in the justice-delivery mechanism.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the first All India District Legal Services Authorities meet at Vigyan Bhavan here, the PM said that when Bhim/UPI was introduced a few years back, there were some who felt that it would remain limited to a small sector. "But today we see digital payments happening even in villages," he said, adding that "40 per cent of all real-time digital payments in the world happen ter time for using technology in iustice delivery than now when there is so much natural ability for innovation and adaptation.

virtual courts are being started

in the country. 24-hour courts

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Justice of India NV Ramana during the 1st All India

Modi hails initiatives for

tech in justice delivery

District Legal Services Authorities meet in New Delhi on Saturday. Praveen Khanna

Shri Narendra Modi

have started functioning for crimes like traffic violations. Video conferencing infrastructure is also being expanded in the courts." The PM said that judicial infrastructure has a significant role

to play in the delivery of justice and added that in the last 8 years, work has been done at a fast pace to improve the infrastructure and Rs 9,000 crore was spent on this. Pointing to the need for sensitivity to undertrial prisoners,

he said there are many still waiting for justice. He said that the district legal services authorities can take up the responsibility of

oners. The PM also appealed to the district judges, as chairpersons of undertrial review committees, to expedite the release of undertrial prisoners.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Iustice of India NV Ramana said that though the Constitution promises social, economic and political justice to every citizen, 'the reality is that, today, only a small percentage of our population can approach the justice delivery system, when in need" and "majority of the people suffer in silence, lacking awareness and necessary means".

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju flagged the pendency of cases in family courts. He said more than 11 lakh cases are pending in the various family courts and asked why should children suffer because of the problems between adults.

Bengal: Govt, ruling party set for a rejig amid scam probe

FOLLOWING THE arrest of senior party leader Partha Chatterjee in an alleged multicrore school staff recruitment scam, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) is likely to go for a reshuffle of the state cabinet and a major organisational overhaul before Independence Day.

The likely rejig is being seen as an attempt at an image makeover by the party hit by the iobs scam probe.

Chatterjee, who was the vir-TMC and the government, was stripped of all ministerial responsibilities and suspended from the party following his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) last week and the recovery of around Rs 50 crore from flats of his associate Arpita Mukherjee.

Chatterjee held five key ministries, including industry, commerce and enterprises and parliamentary affairs.

Senior TMC leaders said the influence of Chief Minister and supremo Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee might grow in the new cabinet and senior ministers like Malay Ghatak may get more responsibilities. Also, some leaders considered close to Mamata may be demoted, it is learnt.

The state government has advanced the cabinet meeting for Monday.

A senior TMC leader said, "It



Partha Chatterjee at a court in Kolkata. Partha Paul/File

BJP CHIEF DETAINED DURING PROTEST

Saturday detained BJP state chief Sukanta Majumdar and thirty party workers for protesting against the alleged teachers' recruitment scam near CM Mamata Banerjee's residence. Police said they did not have permission to protest. The detainees were released later.

is likely that some new minister takes oath even before the cabinet meeting. But we still have no confirmation of this.'

Besides, sources said there was no plan of oath-taking in the Raj Bhawan on Monday.

CM Mamata Banerjee had indicated on Thursday that a cabinet reshuffle will take place shortly. Some senior party leaders claimed that overhauling the cabinet was being planned for quite some time, but Chatterjee's arrest hastened the process.



Solih with PM Narendra Ram Nath Kovind during his 2018 visit. Tashi Tobgyal/File

Nasheed, who is former President, has been speaking openly against Solih and the government. He is also opposed to President of pandering to Islamist Solih's candidature in the 2023 hardliners. Maldives is an Islamic

Earlier this year, Solih's candidate for the party chairmanship, Fayyaz Ismail, defeated Nasheed's candidate Imthiyaz Fahmy with 58 per cent of the votes, showing that a majority in the MDP are on Solih's side. On Thursday, Nasheed's simhave been investigated for having

mering hostility towards his former political protege boiled over after police arrested his brother Ahmed Nazim, Nasheed tweeted that "Ibu Solih's administration has arrested my brother selectively accusing him of homosexuality. Arrest was made against criminal procedures and is politically motivated to appease hardline extremists in coalition". Nasheed accused the

republic of Sunni Muslims. Nazim, a former parliamentarian himself, was arrested along with two other men, one of them a police officer, and another a Bangladeshi national. Nasheed said in a party WhatsApp group that his brother had been targeted when several others could

same-sex relations. He also accused President Solih of having an extramarital affair with a "young girl", to which Solih's office had to put out a denial Friday.

The in-fighting in the MDP, watched with concern in New Delhi for its possible falllout on

next year's elections, came out in the open after last year's assassination attempt on Nasheed. Maldivian Defence Minister Mariya Didi had to defend herself and the police over the security breach that resulted in the attempt on Nasheed's life through a remotely triggered IED. The government had called it terrorism by religious extremists.

Solih's 2018 election as President was supported by the religious conservative Jumhooree Party, and the hardline Islamic party.

Nasheed believes Solih has surrendered to the religious elements in the government. Last week, he lashed out at Adhaalath Party for its stand that yoga was not permitted by Islam.

Yoga has been the subject of debate ever since the Yoga Day event in Male was disrupted, allegedly by elements close to ex-President Abdulla Yameen, who is leading an India Out campaign. Yameen, who had a pro-China tilt during his term, is planning to make a comeback on a platform of "regaining sovereignty".

The yoga incident came days after the controversial statements by Nupur Sharma against the Prophet, Maldives had then joined several other Islamic countries to condemn the statements but only after it became clear that not doing so would carry political risk.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

near exit, UP BJP set to get new president **UP BJP**

Swatantra Dev Singh

LALMANI VERMA LUCKNOW, JULY 30

WITH UTTAR Pradesh BIP chief Swatantra Dev Singh completple of weeks ago, the buzz in the party unit is that he has quit his post. A section of BJP leaders has claimed that he has sent his resignation to party national president JP Nadda and is continuing in his position only till his suc-

cessor is appointed. The word in the BJP training camp in Chitrakoot was that a new, full-time chief would be appointed very soon.

A prominent OBC leader from the Bundelkhand region, Singh is also the Ial Shakti minister in the Yogi Adityanath cabinet. He was recently in the news when his junior minister Dinesh Khatik offered his resignation through a letter addressed to Union home minister Amit Shah. in which he alleged corruption in his ministry and that he was being ignored by officials because of his Dalit identity. BJP sources had then said that Khatik, the party's prominent



president Swatantra **Dev Singh**

Dalit face in western UP with an RSS background, was hoping for a "larger role" during the partyled government's second tenure and that the lack of coordination between him and Singh might have led to his resignation bid that he later withdrew.

Singh was appointed as the UP BJP chief in July 2019 after Mahendra Nath Pandey was reelected to the Lok Sabha and joined the Narendra Modi-led central government. After completing the left-over period of Pandey's term, Singh was reelected as the state party chief for a three-year tenure in 2020.

UPBJPinsiders claim an upper caste person may be named as the new chief in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. However, given the party's focus on backward sections and Dalits, the names of leaders from these sections are also doing the rounds.

schools told to hold 'Bharat Mata Puja' to ignite 'nationalist spirit'

Gujarat primary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE VADODARA, AHMEDABAD,

ATTEMPTING TO "ignite the spirit of nationalism", the Gujarat Primary Education department has issued directives to schools to organise "Bharat Mata Pujas" from August 1, as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The directive has met with opposition from the minority community, which termed it "one-sided, unreasonable and unconstitutional".

The directive to participate in the campaign launched by the (Akhil Bharatiya) Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM), an arm of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was issued by the Commissionerate of Schools and the office of the Primary Education Director on July 25 to education officers of all districts. The letter stated: "As part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, schools must perform Bharat Mata Puja and organise elocution on the subject, from August 1, 2022. A petition for the same has been sent by the Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh... In order to lend support to the Mahasangh and to ignite the spirit of nationalism, schools must ensure that such events are organised."

First monkeypox patient discharged:

Kerala minister

Thiruvananthapuram: India's first

monkeypox patient, a 35-year-

old man from Kerala, was dis-

charged from a government

medical college here on Saturday.

George said the patient, a resi-

dent of Kollam district, has been

cured of the infection and is both

physically and mentally healthy.

Institute of Virology, Pune, two

tests were conducted at an inter-

val of 72 hours to ascertain that

the patient has been cured of the

As per direction of National

Health Minister Veena

SIMRANJIT SINGH MANN'S REMARKS, MADE TWO DAYS BEFORE ADHIR'S, REMOVED FROM LOK SABHA RECORDS

Sangrur MP too objected to Murmu being called Rashtrapati

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

TWO DAYS before Congress Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's "Rashtrapatni" remark rocked Parliament, there was a brief row in the Lok Sabha over the alternative word to ad-

dress a woman President. When Simranjit Singh Mann, who was elected to the Lok Sabha in the recent by-election from Sangrur in Punjab, stated on the floor of the House that Droupadi Murmu should not be referred to as Rashtrapati, some senior members in the House took an offence and insisted on expunging his statement from the records.

Speaking to The Sunday Express, Mann, however, said he truly believes that "it is wrong to call a lady President Rashtrapati as it's an insult to her".

Mann's intervention in the Lok Sabha on July 26, a day after Murmu was sworn in as the 15th President of India, came up during a debate on the Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2022, that seeks to amend the Family Courts Act-1984 to establish family courts in Himachal Pradesh with effect from February 15, 2019, and in Nagaland with effect from September 12, 2008

After Law Minister Kiren Rijiju replied to the debate on the Bill Mann. while seeking clarifications, pointed out that the Minister has referred to the President as Rashtrapati.

He sought to know how a woman President could be ad-



MP Simranjit Singh Mann votes in the Presidential election. He said calling a woman President Rashtrapati is an 'insult to her'

dressed to as Rashtrapati. However, the objections he raised were removed from the records after many MPs objected to his remarks.

Biju Janata Dal's Bhartruhari Mahtab, a senior MP from Cuttack in Odisha, said Mann's remarks were "highly derogatory". Mann retorted: "How is it derogatory?" Mahtab said the issue can be discussed later but requested the Chair — DMK's A Raja — to get the remarks expunged.

Later, BJP's Nishikant Dubey also pointed out that the issue of term to refer to the President was settled in the Constituent Assembly debates itself. "We can discuss it separately. But please get this part expunged from the records," Dubey said.

Raja told the House that it has

been done.

"What I suggested was that the word Rashtrapati is a wrong gender to address a woman President," Mann told The Sunday Express.

"It's always good to address her as the President. If you want a gender-neutral word to refer to the President, you can use Sadar as in Hindustani, or if you want to go the right wing way, it can be 'rashtrakarta'. Since 'karta' means one who runs the household...rashtrakarta can be a gen-

der-neutral word. "I strongly believe the word Rashtrapati is an insult to a woman President," Mann, leader Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar), said, insisting that the term should be "corrected" because "its wrong"

> Mann said

> > New Delhi

"Rashtrapatni" was not an alternative, saying it was "very rude". Congress Chowdhury's reference to President Murmu 'Rashtrapatni" in a video clip had led to a major controversy

with the ruling BJP demanding an apology from him as well as party president Sonia Gandhi. Parliament witnessed unruly scenes and repeated disruptions after the row over Chowdhury's reference led to a face-off be-

tween Union Minister Smriti Irani and Sonia Gandhi. Chowdhury, who maintained that he had made the reference mistakenly, tendered an

However, the furore over the reference continued to stall the proceedings of both the Houses of Parliament.

infection, she said.

George said the patient's contacts had tested negative for the infection. The condition of two other monkeypox patients in the state is also stable. **ENS**

EXPRESS NETWORK



UTTARAKHAND Mahendra Bhatt appointed new state BJP chief

Dehradun: BJP appointed a former two-time MLA Mahendra Bhatt as the state unit president on Saturday. Bhatt, 50, has replaced Haridwar MLA Madan Kaushik as the Uttarakhand BJP chief. In the 2022 Assembly elections, Bhatt had lost from his Badrinath constituency. With the politics of Uttarakhand much dependent on the dynamics between the Garhwal and Kumaon regions as well as Thakurs and Brahmins, it is believed that the appointment of Bhatt, a Brahmin leader from Garhwal, is to strike a political balance along these lines. He started his political career with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad in 1991. ENS

KARNATAKA

Peace panel seeks equal compensation for all victims

Bengaluru: Various representatives participating in a peace committee meeting held at Managluru, following three murders in Dakshina Kannada district demanded Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai release equal compensation to the victims families and visit their homes.

At the meeting, representatives questioned why Bommai only visited BJP Yuva Morcha worker Praveen Nettaru's family and not the families of Mohammed Fazil and Masood B. Members also urged for Bommai to refamilies of Fazil and Masood like he had done for Nettaru. **ENS**

Citing 'inflation' **MLAs demand** salary hike

Bhubaneswar: Odisha Assembly members cutting across party lines on Saturday demanded a hike in their salaries in view of the price rise of all essential commodities. During proceedings, Opposition Chief Whip Mohan Majhi of BJP pointed out that legislators' salaries and travel allowance were raised on September 13, 2017. Congress whip Taraprasad Bahinipati supported the BIP member's demand Claiming that many sitting MLAs also face "financial constraints". Speaker B K Arukha suggested the state government consider their demand. PTI

JEE centres come up in Moscow Washington, Ottawa for first time

SOURAV ROY BARMAN

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

OVERSEAS CENTRES for Joint Entrance Examination (Main), India's most popular engineering entrance test, have come up for the first time in cities such as Washington DC, Moscow and Ottawa, with the National Testing Agency (NTA) having decided to venture beyond countries in Southeast and West Asia.

The NTA has also expanded JEE centres within India, bringing them to several remote areas in the country in coordination with local authorities like district magistrates and police, according to NTA director general Vineet Joshi.

Joshi said JEE centres have been set up for the first time in the United States, Canada, Russia, Indonesia and Mauritius, Overall, there are 19 overseas centres, in which 1,226 candidates registered to appear.

This time, there are centres in

LAST GOODBYE

Lumpy skin

disease kills

Rajasthan

1,200 cattle in

Jaipur: The outbreak of lumpy skin

in the death of more than 1,200

bovines, with districts in western

Rajasthan being the most affected,

said state Animal Husbandry de-

Officials said the highly conta-

gious disease, which results in

rashes on the skin, was first no-

ticed in April but has spread to

multiple districts in the past few

weeks, affecting 25,000 bovines.

Jaisalmer and then spread to

Jodhpur, Nagaur, Jalore,

Hanumangarh, Bikaner and Sri

Ganganagar. The disease was first

noticed sporadically in April but

due to its contagious nature is rap-

idly spreading. Lumpy skin dis-

ease results from a virus. Just like

the coronavirus, lumpy affects the

immune system of bovines, grad-

ually resulting in deaths. Around

20,000-25,000 bovines have been

affected so far and around 1,200

bovines have died," said Arvind

Jaitley, Deputy Director (Disease

Control), Animal Husbandry

have been formed by the Animal

Husbandry Department, which

are overseeing that affected ani-

mals are separated from bovines

not yet infected by the disease to

check its spread. ENS

He added that separate teams

Department

"The outbreak started from

partment officials on Saturday.

Washington DC, Moscow, Ottawa, Jakarta and Port Louis. We never went beyond the Middle East and Southeast Asia before. Although very few candidates registered to take the exam in those centres, we decided to make the arrangements. This can be seen as a scaled-up outreach attempt,"

A break-up of the numbers show that among the overseas centres, Dubai had the highest number of registered candidates (405), followed by Sharjah (150) and Muscat (133). Two candidates each registered in Jakarta and Ottawa, one each in Port Louis and Washington DC, and three in

The NTA worked closely with Indian embassies in setting up the overseas centres, Joshi said.

"Keeping in view the interests of students from the Indian diaspora, it has been decided by the of Education, Government of India, to include Washington DC as an Exam City

(Left) Wife of IAF pilot Wing Commander Mohit Rana and (right) parents of Flight Lieutenant

were killed in a MiG-21 trainer aircraft crash in Rajasthan on Thursday night.

Advitiya Bal at their funeral, in Chandigarh and Jammu, respectively, on Saturday. Bal and Rana

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS of il-

legal construction, the Chief Town

Planner (CTP) of Goa has asked the

senior town planner of North Goa

district to inspect the site on

which Silly Souls Café and Bar in

Assagao stands and "take urgent

necessary action as may be appli-

centre of a political row between

Congress and Union Minister

Smriti Irani, already faces a show

cause notice issued by the state

Excise Commissioner. Lawyer

Aires Rodrigues had filed a com-

plaint before the Excise

Commissioner, the Director of

Panchavats and the Chief Town

Planner accusing the café of ille-

July 28, Rodrigues had alleged that

"a huge illegal construction has

come up including a compound

wall" on the land bearing the sur-

vey number in Assagao and its

two subdivisions 21 and 22 on

which Silly Soul Café stands. "It is

pertinent to note that the above-

mentioned Sub-Division 21 is a

tenanted field which has been il-

In his complaint to the CTP on

The upscale restaurant, at the

ASSAGAO. JULY 30

Goa bar in political

row comes under

town planner lens

legally filled. Sub-division 22 is or-

chard land in which a small house

admeasuring around 250 sq m

earlier existed," Rodrigues stated.

He attached the land records for

the survey number accessed un-

der the Right to Information Act.

planner to inspect the site, CTP

(Planning) Raiesh Naik said in his

note of July 28: "It is alleged that

illegal construction has been car-

ried out on plots bearing survey

number 236/21, 236/22 at Bouta

Vaddo, Assagao Village, Bardez

Taluka. In the letter it is mentioned

that plot bearing survey number

236/21 is a tenanted land which

that the restaurant was run by the

daughter of union minister Smriti

Irani and accused the minister of

"misusing power", Irani had hit

back saying that her daughter was

being targeted only because "her

mother does press conferences

against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul

Gandhi." On Friday, Delhi HC di-

rected Congress leaders Pawan

Khera, Jairam Ramesh and Netta

D'souza to delete their posts on so-

cial media against Irani and her

daughter in connection with Silly

Souls Café and Bar. The court also

issued summons to the leaders.

While Congress had claimed

has been illegally filled."

Directing the senior town

for holding JEE (Main) 2022 Examination," a notice issued by the Indian embassy in the US read. In 2021, a centre was set up in

Nigeria following requests from students amid Covid-19 travel restrictions.

The scores of JEE (Main) are primarily used for admissions to undergraduate engineering programmes at National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) and other centrally funded technical institutions as well as some state governmentrun technical institutions. It is also an eligibility test for IEE (Advanced), which is conducted for admission to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).

While Session 1 of JEE (Main), held in June, saw an attendance of 88.21 per cent, the first four days of the week-long Session 2, which started on Monday (July 25), recorded 79 per cent attendance. At 91 per cent, Rajasthan registered the highest attendance,

while the lowest was in Arunachal Pradesh, where 62 per cent of the registered candidates appeared. A total of 5.55 lakh candidates appeared for Session 2.

Joshi said holding Session 2 of the exam was challenging due to the Kanwar Yatra and floods in many parts of the country.

"There were requests to change some centres citing Kanwar Yatra, but we did not do it. Instead, we reached out to the district magistrates and made sure that the admit card for the exam is recognised as a valid journey pass. In flood-hit districts also, exams have been held smoothly so far with average attendance remaining around 86-87 per cent," Joshi said.

Some places within the country where exam centres have been set up for the first time include Nalbari and Darang in Assam; Araria, Banka, Begusarai, Buxar, Motihari and Purnia in Bihar; Dahod in Gujarat; and Haveri and Chikkaballapur in Karnataka.

Ex-Chitrakoot SP, 12 other cops booked for 'fake' encounter killing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW.JULY30

AN FIR has been lodged against then Chitrakoot Superintendent of Police (SP) and 12 other policemen, including two station house officers (SHOs), for killing a wanted accused in an alleged fake encounter in the district last year.

The case was registered on Friday following court orders on a complaint filed by deceased Bhalchand Yadav's wife Nathunia, a native of Madhya Pradesh's Satna district.

The police claimed that Bhalchand, alias Bhai Chandra (40) was a key member of dacoit Gauri Yadav gang active in the ravines of Uttar Pradesh and MP.

Ankit Mittal, who was Chitrakoot SP when the encounter took place, is presently commandant of the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC)'s 8th

Other police personnel booked include five members each of the state police's Special police's SWAT team, then station house officers (SHOs) of Bahilpurwa and Markundi and another person.

The case was registered under Sections 302 (murder), 147 (rioting), 364 (kidnapping) and 341 (wrongful restraint) at the Bahilpurwa police station in Chitrakoot. No one has been arrested in the case so far.

2 LeT militants arrested in J&K

Srinagar: Security forces on Saturday arrested two Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorists from Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said.

Two pistols and two pistol magazines along with 11 live cartridges were also recovered from the arrested LeT ultras, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said based on specific input about movement of terrorists, a joint checkpoint was established by security forces at Hadipora-Rafiabad.

The arrested duo has been identified as Tarig Ahmad Wani and Ishfaq Ahmad Wani, both res-



Pune, on Saturday. PTI

DHFL SCAM

CBI seizes chopper from builder's hangar in Pune

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JULY 30

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday seized an AgustaWestland helicopter from the premises of builder Avinash Bhosale in Pune in connection with the Rs 34,615crore DHFL scam case.

It is alleged that the AW 109SP helicopter was purchased by Varva Aviation, owned by an Association of Persons, in 2011.

The CBI officers revealed that during the course of investigation, they came to know that RKW Developers Private Limited, a company owned by the Wadhawan family of the DHFL Group, allegedly has stakes in Varva Aviation.

The CBI further revealed that RKW Developers joined the

contributing towards the cost price and maintenance of the helicopter. "ABIL Infraprojects Limited, a company owned by Bhosale, allegedly has a stake in the helicopter," said a CBI officer.

Later, when the central agency realised that the funds used for making payment towards the stake in Association of Persons were sourced from loans obtained from a Union Bank of India-led consortium of 17 banks, it seized the helicopter on Saturday.

"The helicopter was found parked in a hangar at the premises of Bhosale at Baner Road in Pune," said an officer.

Bhosale was arrested by CBI in May. Subsequently, on Monday, the CBI filed a supplementary chargesheet in the Yes Bank-DHFL fraud case against him. In the chargesheet, the agency has almoney to buy a property at 5, Strand in London, which is valued at GBP 100 million (Rs 1000 crore).

The agency has further alleged that its investigation has revealed that Kapil Wadhawan, Dheeraj Wadhawan, Rana Kapoor, Sanjay Rajkumar Chhabariaa, Avinash Bhosale and Satyan Gopaldas Tandon, conspired to cheat Yes Bank/DHFL.

"Kapil and Dheeraj Wadhawan misappropriated the funds amounting to Rs 4,733 crore invested/provided as loan/investment by Yes Bank Limited to M/s DHFL and M/s Belief Realtors Private Limited in 2018 and dishonestly disbursed and diverted an amount of Rs 4,727 crore against receipt of the said Yes Bank funds to the companies of accused Kapoor, Chhabarias and Bhosale,' read the chargesheet.

Teesta, Sreekumar denied bail; court says 'state defamed'

SOHINIGHOSH

AHMEDABAD, JULY 30

IN A verdict on the day of his retirement, Ahmedabad sessions iudge DD Thakkar on Saturday detivist Teesta Setalvad and retired DGP RB Sreekumar, arrested for allegedly fabricating documents to "frame innocent people" in the 2002 riots cases, observing that releasing them on bail would "encourage" the wrongdoers.

Setalvad and Sreekumar were arrested on June 25, a day after the Supreme Court upheld the clean chit by the SIT to then Gujarat CM Narendra Modi in the 2002 Gujarat riots, dismissing the petition by Zakia Jafri, wife of slain Congress MP Ahsan Jafri. Setalvad, Sreekumar and third co-accused former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt were witnesses in Zakia Jafri's 2012 complaint.

In the verdict, a few hours before his farewell ceremony, the judge concluded, "...the applicants-accused (Setalvad and Sreekumar) have in conspiracy with others with a view to defame the then CM (Narendra Modi) and others made accusations against Government that post-Godhra riots were sponsored by the (Gujarat) Government...and thereby defamed state not only in country but in world also and with ulterior motive thereby obtained personal goal and monetary benefit from one political faction as



Teesta Setalvad and R B Sreekumar

In its June 24 judgement, the Supreme Court observed that those responsible for keeping "the pot boiling" over the past 16 years 'need to be in the dock and proceeded in accordance with law".

"It is also important to note that in the complaint of Zakia Jafri, the present applicant Sreekumar, Sanjiv Bhatt and others were shown as witnesses... therefore, if the applicants-accused are enlarged on bail then it would impliedly encourage to the wrong does (doers) that in spite of doing such type of accusations against the then CM and others, the court has lightly enlarged the accused on bail. Therefore, looking to the above facts and circumstance, even though the applicant is being a lady and another is retired IPS officer and aged person, they are not required to be enlarged on bail," the court observed.

The court further recorded that both these applicants and others were actively involved in the conspiracy against the then CM Narendra Modi, ministers, police officers and bureaucrats.

Covid likely by Nov, may evade vaccine', says Krishna Ella

'New variant of

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDARAD JULY30

PREDICTING A new variant of Covid-19 in India by November that may "evade the vaccine" and "increase hospitalisation", chair-Bharat Biotech (BB) International Limited Dr Krishna Ella advocated nasal vaccine as the next step for the protection of upper respiratory system as injectable vaccines

can protect "only the lower part". Speaking at the 43rd Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Lecture on "innovation and entrepreneurship" at the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) on Saturday, Ella said, "People who took the injectable vaccines are protected in the lower (respiratory system) part so they still get the infection because upper part of the lung is not protected. The nasal vaccine gives upper lung protection... We are optimistic that both injectable and nasal strategy will work," said

Phase 3 trial for BB's nasal vaccine was announced as completed in June this year and the company is yet to submit the trial data with the DCGI.

Stating that conducting clinical trials during the pandemic was a challenge, Ella emphasised that during Covaxin development, "safety" was kept as the first tenet so that "healthy people do not get into trouble". "Even if the efficacy is a little down, it doesn't matter, but its safety profile is very very important," he said.

Gujarat to resume seaplane ride to Statue of Unity with amphibious aircraft

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VADODARA, JULY 30

MORE THAN a year after it was suspended, the Gujarat government is all set to relaunch the seaservice between Ahmedabad and Kevadia (now Ektanagar) — home to the Statue of Unity(SoU)—by a new contract with the Maritime Energy Heli Air Services Private Ltd. (MEHAIR), which is set to procure a nineseater amphibious Cessna aircraft. The aircraft will arrive in Gujarat by mid-August.

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SpiceJet pulled out and now MEHAIR, which had bid for the tender of the project issued by the Gujarat government in January, is in the final stage of procuring an amphibious Cessna aircraft from the US. Following the termination of seaplane services by SpiceJet, the Guiarat State Aviation Infrastructure Company Limited (GUJSAIL), a Gujarat government undertaking, will now oversee the operations of the service instead of Union Civil Aviation Ministry.

Gujarat Director for Civil Aviation and CEO of GUISAIL Captain Ajay Chauhan confirmed that MEHAIR is in the process of importing a pre-owned Cessna Grand Caravan 208 amphibious aircraft, MEHAIR will operate the aircraft under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme of the Gujarat government instead of the RCS-UDAN scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, which launched the service through Spicelet in 2020.

Officials confirmed that MEHAIR, under VGF, will operate only two nine-seater flights per day – one onward and one return flight – between Sabarmati Riverfront and Dyke 3 of Sardar Sarovar Dam, near the Statue of Unity, to resume services.

Hareet Shukla, Secretary, Aviation, told The Sunday Express,

"The services started in October 2020 could not be sustained although Spicelet tried its best... Covid-19 pandemic had a major role to play in the failure of the seaplane service as the tourism industry was perpetually closed. Things are different now. We have also picked out reasons that caused the service to fail earlier and this time we are working out better viability for the project to sustain itself. We have not set a deadline but it will happen soon..." The seanlane service connect-

ing Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad to Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar in Narmada, had a rough ride during its operations

from October 31, 2020, to April 10, 2021 — remaining suspended for 47 days due to maintenance requirements. In March this year. state Transport Minister Purnesh Modi replied to questions by Congress MLA Himmatsinh Patel from Bapunagar and admitted in the Assembly session that the project had seen a total spend of Rs 7.77 crore. While the government has not put a deadline for the resumption of the seaplane service, the website of the Statue of Unity states that the service was "to make a splash again in June 2022". The website also announced the opening of bookings for the serv-

ice, each ticket costing Rs 4.800.

Chauhan said, "The letter of operations has been handed out to MEHAIR and they were given 120 days to procure the aircraft from the US. They are currently in the last phase of the procedure for procurement of a pre-owned Cessna Grand Caravan. Since procuring new amphibious aircraft are not manufactured in big numbers, we have approved the procurement of a pre-owned aircraft. We are expecting it to arrive in Gujarat by mid-August, following which, the formalities for the registration, technical acceptance, and flying tests by the DGCA will begin..."

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com



GUJARAT HOOCH DEATHS: SUPERVISION OF PROBE GIVEN TO 2 SPs

Ahmedabad: Supervision of two FIRs related to hooch deaths in Gujarat registered in Botad district has been given to SP (State

Monitoring Cell) Nirlipt Rai, and the FIR lodged at Ahmedabad (rural) police station to SP Jyoti Pankaj Patel.

उत्तर प्रदेश शासन दिव्यांगजन सशक्तीकरण अनुभाग-3 संख्या-425065-3-2022 लखनऊ, दिनांक 29 जुलाई, 2022

दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम, 2016 की धारा 79(1), एवं उ०प्र० दिव्यांगजन अधिकार नियमावली, 2017 के अध्याय-ाथा उ०प्र० दिव्यांगजन अधिकार (प्रथम संशोधन) नियमावली, 2021 के प्रावधानों के अन्तर्गत राज्य आयुक्त, दिव्यांगजन ^द पद पर भर्ती हेत शासन के पत्र संख्या 383/65–3–2021–03/18. दिनांक 05.07.2022 द्वारा विज्ञापन प्रकाशित कराया गया थ आवेदन पत्र स्वीकार किये जाने की अंतिम तिथि 29.07.2022 थी।

कार्यालय-जाप

. उक्त के संबंध में अवगत कराना है कि शासन द्वारा आवेदन प्राप्त किये जाने की अंतिम तिथि 29.07.2022 से बढ़ाक ।6.08.2022 निर्धारित की गयी है। इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी निर्धारित प्रारूप पर दिनांक 05.07.2022 द्वारा प्रकाशित विज्ञापन के अनुसा अपना आवेदन पत्र दिनांक 16.08.2022 के सायं 05:00 तक निर्धारित पते पर रजिस्टर्ड डाक द्वारा उपलब्ध करा सकते हैं।

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice

WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bid Identification No. C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 14/2022-23

:- 04 Nos Building Works

Calender Months

:- Rs. 100.72 Lakhs to Rs. 299.83 Lakhs

:- 6 (Six) Calendar Months to 9 (Nine)

16.00 Hours of 19.08.2022

(R&B) Circle, Keonihar-758001.

Chief Construction Engineer

OIPR-34033/11/0020/2223

Zonal Office: 1st Floor

Budh Marg, Near Kotwali Thana, Patna

Keonihar (R&B) Circle, Keonihar

from the e-procurement

e-mail: ccekeonjharpwdcircle@gmail.com/ sekcpwd keonjhar@yahoo.com

Letter No. 3228 dt. 26.07.2022

4. Date and Time of availability of Bid :- From 11.00 Hours of 03.08.2022 to

. Name and address of the officer :- Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhai

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with

proviso to Rule 3(1) of SARFAESI Interest Enforcement

Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the

Borrower/s and/or Guarantor/s to repay the amount mentioned

against their names within 60 days from the date of receipt of this

Notice as their account has become NPA. In case the Borrower/s

and/or Guarantor/s fail to repay the Bank dues within 30 days

rom the date of Notice the Bank shall be constrained to exercise

all or any of the right/s conferred under Section 13(4) of the above

mentioned act in that case all the charges and expenses shall be

cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with

the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Indian Bank for the

amount and interest thereon mentioned against each account

I. Name of the Branch and A/c: Bailey Road Branch and A/c

Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor (Owner of the

. Smt. Rinky Kumari W/o Shakati Singh (Borrower), Flat No. 501

Kumar Residency Apartment, Saristabad, Gardanibagh, Patna

2. Shakati Singh S/o Ram Nivas Sharma, Flat No. 501, Kumar

Description of the Property: All that part and parcel of the property

consisting of land & building situated at Saakaars Gulmohar Greens

Apartment, Flat No. 6E, on the sixth floor, area-1449 sqft Super Built

up Area with one reserved car parking space for flat no. 6E. on the

ground floor, Mauza-Ashopur, Thana No.-34, Cadastral Survey Plot

No.-335, Khata No.-107, Tauzi No.-5065, Sub Registry Office-

Danapur and District Registry Office-Patna, State-Bihar. Boundary:

North: Set back area of the building, South: Common Passage, East

Flat No.6F Onen Space of the building, West: Common Area and

Onen Space of the building Amount Outstanding as of the date of

Demand Notice: 37,39,039/- & 80,327/- + Costs charges &

Visvesvaraya Technological University

(State University of Government of Karnataka

Established as per the VTU Act, 1994)

Jnana Sangama" Belagavi –590 018, Karnataka State

Invitation for Item Rates for Synthetic Track

Agency by the Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological

University, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi-18, for the items

detailed below. The rate quotations are to be submitted on

Item No:1:Item Description:Synthetic Track; Synthetic Track

Providing and laying Synthetic track FULL PUR EPDM

SYSTEM as per drawing and as per world athletics (WA)

specification/requirement and standard markings on the

surface including getting the world athletic class II

certification and class I category field test from world

athletics accredited laboratory and conforming to the

fallowing points (a) Without recycled rubber (b) All material

to be used for synthetic surface be all imported from well

established and reliable Germany based firm (PURPLASTIC

OR REGUPOL COMPACT) or Switzerland based firm

(CONIPUR V MAX) with import certificate from foreign firm

(c) Synthetic material should be of TERRACOTA RED COLOUR

normal stress area with a minimum thickness of 15mm of

finished track surface, Unit: Sqm, Item, No:2:Item Descrip

tion: High stress area with a minimum thickness of 20 mm of

finished track surface, Unit: Sqm, Item, No:3: Item Descrip

tion:High stress area with a minimum thickness of 25 mm of

finished track surface, Unit:Sqm,Item, No:4:Item Descrip

tion:Construction of Steeplecase pit inside North D portion

as per IAAF drawing and directed by Engineer in charge,

Unit:Nos, Item No:5:Item Description:Supply of sports

equipments materials for conducting various events a)

Pole-vault boxes, Unit: Nos, Item No:6:Item Description:

Providing Covers for pole-vault including synthetic

top,Unit:Nos, Item No:7:Item Description:Providing and

supplying Take off tray, Unit: Nos, Item No:8: Item Descrip

tion:Providing and supplying Take off wooden board,

Unit:Nos, Item No:9:Item Description:Providing and

supplying Dummy board with synthetic top, Unit: Nos, Item

No:10:Item Description:Providing and supplying Hammer

com discuss ring with cage, Unit: Nos, Item No:11:Item

Description: Providing and supplying Short put rings with toe

board, Unit: Nos, Item No:12: Item Description: Providing

Aluminium kerbing, Unit: Nos, Item No:13: Item Description:

Providing and supplying water jump hurdle, Unit: Nos,

Item No:14:Item Description:Providing and supplying

Hammer rim with cage, Unit: Nos, Rate [in Rs.]: -, Rate [in

Wards]: -

The quotation is invited from the reputed Firms /

Date:29 JUL 2022

Ref. No.VTU/BGM/RE/Quot/2022-23/2422

or before 10.8.2022 to the undersigned.

Date of Demand Notice: 09.12.2021, Date of NPA: 30.04.2021

Residency Apartment, Saristabad, Gardanibagh, Patna-800002

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby

Notice is hereby given by the Authorized Officer under

Last date / Time for receipt of bids :- 16.00 Hours of 19.08.2022

6. Date of opening of Bid from Portal :- 11.30 Hours on 20.08.2022

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UPID NO.178245 DATE-29-07-2022

B-416

1. No of the work

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Expenses,

Date: 30.07.2022

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ecovered from the Borrower/s Guarantor/s.

"http://tendersodisha.gov.in"

In Rajasthan, woman tied to tree and Amid protests beaten; husband among six arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

BANSWARA POLICE in Rajasthan arrested six persons on Saturday in connection with the assault of a woman.

Among the six arrested in the woman's husband, who allegedly beat her, along with a few other men, on suspicion that she had an extramarital affair, according to police. A video of the incident has surfaced on social me-

viral on Friday, Superintendent of

Police, Banswara, Rajesh Kumar Meena said. "As soon as we learnt about the video late Friday, we investigated it and identified the people. We recorded (their) statements and made arrests on Saturday morning," he said.

The FIR, invoking wrongful confinement and assault, among other IPC Sections, was registered on Friday, Meena said.

The video shows a woman tied to a tree while a man beats her with a stick; the victim is seen crying for help. The video shows a man tied to a tree

SP Meena said the woman's husband had suspected that she had an af-

fair with the man seen tied to a tree in the video. The husband, and a few other relatives, subsequently assaulted her, he

Banswara Deputy SP, Kailash Chand, said the woman lives in a village under Khamera police station's jurisdiction in Banswara. "She had gone to visit her aunt in another village, where she saw a local man who drove an auto-rickshaw and whom she knew. She asked him to drop her at her aunt's home," Chand said. "When she arrived there with the other man, her aunt suspected that she had an affair with the man and informed her husband."

The husband and a few other men forcibly took them to the family's village and assaulted them, the DSP said.

Banswara police have detained seven people, and the role of the seventh person is being investigated.

The National Commission for Women (NCW) took cognizance of the case on Saturday. In a letter to the Rajasthan DGP, NCW chairperson Rekha Sharma sought immediate arrest of all the accused and urged the state authorities to ensure best medical treatment and security for the victim.

COL VASANTH V, ASHOK CHAKRA

(POSTHUMOUS)

25 Mar 1967 - 31 Jul 2007

In fond memory of our gallant Commanding

Officer who made supreme sacrifice in the

service of the nation at Uri (J&K)on this day.

LNK SHASHIKANT BACHHAV, SHAURYA

CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)

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In fond remembrance of our valiant soldier

who laid down his life in line of duty at Uri

(J&K) on this day. We salute you and pledge

You will forever remain in our hearts.

never to let your sacrifice go in vain

Col Atul Gokhale, CO and All Ranks of 9 MARATHA LI

(NASHAK NAUVVI). ASHOK CHAKRA BATTALION

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED (Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)

JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand.

Ph No.: +91-651-2225878; e-mail Id-; pdt.juidco@gmail.com CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

Project Title: Project for Appointment of Transaction Advisor for

selection of Concessionaire for Redevelopment of Housing Societies (11 Nos) on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode at

PPP/477, Tender ID:- 2022_UDD_58556_1 and PR No- 269714 is

cancelled due to unavoidable reasons. All bidders are therefore

requested to wait for future correspondence regarding fresh tender

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tende

& SSE/P-way/NDLS under Sr. DEN-III/DLI section

The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement Syster

(IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. • For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable.

Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through the banking or payment gateway only. No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/37/2022-23/W-3 Dated: .07.2022 1930/22

Balance work for Through Turnout Renewal by overriding/thick web switches in the section of SSE/P-way//SSB, SSE/P-way/ DLI

Rs. 2,51,900/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty One

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The tender of NIT No- JUIDCO/NIT/TAHousingBoard

NIT No: - JUIDCO/NIT/TAHousingBoard/PPP/477

Fender ID: - 2022_UDD_58556_1

Ranchi & Adityapur, Jharkhand

Urban Development and Housing(22-23):D

PR.NO.274858

for the following work.

2. Approx cost

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Cost of tender document

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of tender bid and opening of tender

Website particulars where complete

details of tender documents can be seen

Col Atul Gokhale, CO and All Ranks of 9 MARATHA LI

(NASHAK NAUVVI), ASHOK CHAKRA BATTALION

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

over HIV drugs

ANONNA DUTT

AMID PROTESTS on drug shortage and stock-outs by people liv-

ARV medicines nationally for around 95% PLHIV in India who are on various 1st and 2nd line ARV regimens....most of the PL-HIV in India are on the single pill Dolutegravir-based regimen

Tenofovir+Lamivudine+Doluteg ravir), for which there is around 3 months' stock nationally," said the written reply of Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr Bharti Pravin Pawar.

The protesters, however, continue to sit outside the office of **AIDS** National Control Organisation, demanding that all the medicines be made available and sufficient stock be maintained so that pills for an entire month can be dispensed in one go. The PLHIV started their protest on July 21 after stocks of some of the medicines ran out even in the capital.

Harishanker, one of the pro-

was never of the TLD combination single pill, instead of the separate Dolutegravir 50mg pill. 'The combination pill is available, ves. The problem is with the separate Dolutegravir 50mg pill, which is given to PLHIV who have tuberculosis and many on second and third line therapies," he said, adding that many people returned empty-handed from one of the biggest ART centres in Delhi at Lok Nayak hospital just one day ago.

In addition, there is also a shortage of Lopinavir/Ritonavir that is prescribed to children and nevirapine syrup given to infants in many states, he said.

"The ARV stock status is monitored stringently by NACO. There is no reported stock out for ARV drugs at the state level," the Parliament reply stated.

The reply also said: "If there is occasional anticipated shortage issue, then proactive steps are taken to ensure uninterrupted supply of ARV drugs to all PLHIV through immediate relocation from nearby ART centres or other states. Further, State/District AIDS Control Societies are authorised to do emergency local procurement of ARV drugs (as per requirement, & as an interim measure) from their budgeted Grant-in-aid. Sufficient budget is allocated under the head "ARV for exceptional cases" for all 36 SACS under Annual Action Plan by NACO for emergency local procurement of ARV medicines.

The protesters said some of the "proactive" states have indeed made local purchases of the medicines, but others continue to face shortage because of the national supply being interrupted after tender failure.

'shortage', govt says enough stock He added that the shortage

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

ing with HIV (PLHIV), the Union Health Ministry in reply to a Parliament question has said that there is adequate stock of medicines for 95% of those on treatment and there is a threemonth stock available nationally of the three-drug Dolutegravir combination pill. "There is adequate stock of

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testers associated with the Delhi Network of Positive People (DNP Plus), said: "Let's go by their statement: There are nearly 15 lakh people on ART (anti-retroviral therapy) across the country. If the drugs are not available even for 5%, it affects 75,000 people with HIV. Going off treatment is a death sentence for PLHIV.'

Hathras: Boy locked in class for 2 hours, 10 teachers suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE DISTRICT EDUCATION Department of Hathras has suspended 10 teachers after a boy was allegedly left locked up for over two hours in a classroom.

The incident took place at a government primary school in Nangla Singh village in Sasni block of Hathras district on Wednesday. The father of the 6-year-old boy, who works as a labourer, said: "His school usually gets over by 2 pm and he gets back home after some time. However, when he didn't return by 2.30 pm, I started looking for him in the village.

"I visited the school thereafter to find him sitting inside a classroom which was locked from out-

Annexure "A"

side. I requested one of the senior teachers, who had the key, to open the classroom. It was nearly 4 pm when my son returned home."

The district education department soon took cognizance of the incident and instructed an inquiry into the matter on Friday.

Sandeen Kumar, Basic Shiksha Adhikari, Hathras, said. "After the matter came before the department, 10 teachers have been suspended with immediate effect. A committee, headed by the block officer in the area, has also been constituted."

The father alleged that his son was probably feeling sleepy during class and noticing that, the teacher had asked him to "go to sleep". However, he said, the boy was not woken up even after school got over.

BENGALURU

Ugandan staying illegally for over 16 yrs deported

Bengaluru: A UGANDAN national, who had emerged as a prominent voice of African nationals living in Bengaluru during his 16-plus years of illegal stay in India, was deported back to Uganda on July 27 following a joint operation by local police and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Bosco Kawesi, who identified himself as president of pan-African federation in Bengaluru

and facilitated African nationals in resolving legal and other issues, was staying illegally since 2005, Bengaluru Police chief Prathap Reddy said.

Kawesi is

also being probed for involvement in human trafficking after police found 26 passports of African nationals at his residence, including 24 with visas expired, police said. Kawesi was arrested on July 19 and handed over to MHA officials. An order will be issued soon to

prevent his re-

turn to India, po-

lice said. **ENS**

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who was tied to a tree, the police said.

The video is from July 24 and went

OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF **ENGINEER P.W.D. ZONE TONK**

File No:- ACE/TONK/CASHIER/NIT/FILE/2022-23/NIT-12

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for Widening & Strengthing work of NH-148 to Moroli via Pipli Patalwas Koliwada- Dob- Paplaj Mata- Sargoan Km. 9/0 to 15/0- in District Dausa for the Budget Declaration Year 2021-22, Zode Tonk (Provision of Defect liabilty period is 5 Years) are invited from interested bidders upto 23.08.2022 Time 6.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement porta (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state; and Public Works department Rajasthan website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 777.00 Lacs.

NIB Code PWD2223A1408 UBN is: PWD2223WLOB05034

DIPR/C/10142/2022

(R.S. Bairwa) Addl. Chief Engineer P.W.D., Zone, Tonk



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TENDER NOTICE Office of Executive Engineer (M) Ramganga Power Station, UJVN Limited, Kalagarh, Distt. Pauri Garhwal invites sealed tender from

nterested parties. Details of tender is given below. T. No. 12/EE(M)/RPSK/2022-23 Name of work/supply/services etc.: Supply and application of coating material on draft tube chamber of Unit-1

Estimated cost: Rs. 24,38,345/- GST Extra Date of availability of bid document on website: 31/07/2022 Last date for submission of tender: 20/08/2022 up to 16.00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com" **Executive Engineer (M)**

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

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 20 Km, 11 KV XLPE Cable Size 3x35 sq.mm against tender specification no PVVNL-MT/MM/50(s)/22-23. Tender Cost:- Rs. 3540 (with GST), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 1,09,600.00 (with GST), Last Date of tender submission & Time: 16.08.2022 at 2.00 PM, Date of tender opening (Part-Ist & IInd) & Time:- 16.08.2022 at 5.00 PM. Note:- In case of any amendment & detailed information in tender specification of date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.pvvnl.org Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), 1800-180-8752 (Lucknow)" "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (MM-I) RO-No. 68, Date- 30.07.2022

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PHED CIRCLE NCR ALWAR

PHED CAMPUS, Manu Marg ALWAR (RAJ.)

NOTICE INVITING BID (NIT No. 69-83/2022-23)

E-Mail- sencr.alw.phed@raiasthan.c Date- 26.07.2022

Bids for Work of Construction of Source, PLJ of Rising main & Distribution Pipe Line with FHTC, Construction of Reservoir for Various villages under Rural Div. I NCR Alwar are invited from interested bidders upto 05:00 PM on Date 25.08.2022. Other particulars the Bid may be visited on the procurement porta (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and https://phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in depart

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DIPR/C/1068/2022

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Bid Identification No. C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 13 / 2022-23 -mail: ccekeonjharpwdcircle@gmail.com/sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com Letter No. 3217 dt. 26.07.2022 Name of the work One time Improvement to Existing Road through Lathikata Town from 252/100 km to 255/800 km being bypassed due to Rehabilitation an upgradation to 4-laning from km 240.250 to 287.200 km of NH-23 (New NH-143) in State of Odisha under NHDP-IV Package-I-B. 2. Estimated Cost Rs. 229.79 Lakhs 3. Period of completion 6 (Six) Calender Months 4. Date and Time of availability of From 11.30 Hours of 01.08.2022 to 16.00 Hour Last date / Time for receipt of bids 16.00 Hours of 16.08.2022 in the portal Date of opening of Bid from Portal : 11.30 Hours on 17.08.2022

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RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS HURT, SAYS COMPLAINANT

Booker winner's Agra book event cancelled

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JULY 30

AN EVENT to honour International Booker Prize-2022 winner Geetanjali Shree in Uttar Pradesh's Agra was cancelled on Saturday after a police complaint was filed in Hathras district alleging that her book 'Ret Samadhi' (Tomb of Sand) hurt religious sentiments.

The event was cancelled by the organisers 'Rangleela' and 'Agra Theatre Club' after the author decided not to attend the event when the news of the complaint reached her. The complaint was submitted at the Shadabad police station on July 21 by one Sandeep Kumar Pathak, a local resident.

The Hathras police on Saturday said they were looking into the complaint and no FIR had been lodged so far. 'Ret Samadhi', translated into English by Daisy Rockwell, is the first Hindi novel to be awarded the International Booker Prize.

Anil Shukla, who heads 'Rangleela', said, "We decided to postpone the event indefinitely. People who were supposed to participate in the event are now holding a meeting where they will discuss her writing. After news of the opposition to the event and her writing reached the author, she said that we should not host the programme for now. Shree said she was



Geetanjali Shree won the award for her book 'Ret

disturbed over filing of the complaint." Shukla added, "The event was to be attended by people from different walks of life. There was a lot of excitement among academics, writers, poets and intellectuals to host her."

Speaking to reporters, complainant Sandeep Kumar Pathak said, "There are some objectionable bits on page 222 of 'Ret Samadhi'. I feel it is disrespectful towards the followers of Hinduism..."

He claimed that the language for Lord Shiva and Mata Parvati was "objectionable". "I felt that the words hurt my religious feelings... It is obscene and I submitted a complaint at the Sadabad police station in Hathras. I have also submitted a complaint on the CM's portal through social mediabut no FIR has been lodged."

Shadabad Station House Officer (SHO) Ashish Kumar Singh said, "We are looking into the allegations and an investigation is on. No FIR has been

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRIES **GOVT. OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI**

UDYOG SADAN, PLOT NO 419, F.I.E. PATPARGANJ **INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DELHI-92** (Handloom & Handicraft Section)

PRESS ADVERTISEMENT Financial assistance for loom & equipments

1. Applications are invited from the registered Primary Weaver's Handloom Cooperative Societies of Delhi for obtaining financial assistance (under Plan Scheme) Loan-cum-Grant for modernization and renovation of the existing looms and pre-loom equipments for the year 2022-23.

2. All such handloom cooperative Societies of Delhi interested in availing assistance under the said scheme are required to fulfill the eligibility criteria pertaining to household industries as per MPD-2021. The eligibility criteria along with terms and conditions and application forms can be obtained free of cost from Handloom & Handicraft Section of the above office on any working day between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM or can be downloaded from website http://www.industries.delhigovt.nic.in. Application forms, duly filled in all respects, should be submitted at the above office latest be 31.08.2022 up to 5.00 p.m. Societies which have been provided with loan and grant during the year 2019 -20,2020-21 and 2021-22 under the scheme will not be considered for financial assistance in the current financial year 2022-23.

> Dy. Commissioner of Industries (HANDLOOM/HANDICRAFT) **GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI**

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GOVT. OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRIES UDYOG SADAN, PLOT NO. 419, PATPARGANJ INDUSTRIAL AREA,

> **DELHI-110 092** (Handloom & Textiles Section) PRESS ADVERTISEMENT

Applications in the prescribed Application Forms are invited from existing and functioning primary handloom weavers cooperative societies and apex handloom cooperative federations of Delhi duly registered with RCS Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, and having audit completed for the years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 authenticated by RCS Department for availing financial assistance as Marketing Incentive (MI) Component under the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) for the year 2022-23. For the purpose of Marketing Incentive Claim, Handloom Mark has been made compulsory i.e., the society selling its products should necessarily use 'Handloom Mark'. The MI would be given on the sale of handloom products using Handloom Mark only. The societies should have purchased the yarn from NHDC. For buying yarn from open market, the societies will need N.O.C. from NHDC. A handloom cooperative agency has to fulfill the eligibility criteria pertaining to household industries as per MPD-2021 to become eligible under the scheme. The prescribed Application Form and Criteria are available at website www.industries.delhigovt.nic.in. Applications fulfilling above CRITERIA WILL ONLY BE ENTERTAINED and other applications will become ineligible. The last date of submission of application forms complete in all respects, at the above office address is 31ST August 2022 up to 6.00 p.m.

> Dy. Commissioner of Industries (HANDLOOM/HANDICRAFT) **GOVT. OF N.C.T. DELHI** DIP/SHABDARTH/0258/22-23

Chhattisgarh govt starts buying cow urine at Rs 4 a litre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAIPUR, JULY 30

EXPANDING THE ambit of its Godhan Nyay Yojana, Chhattisgarh government has started purchasing cow urine from 'gauthans' (cow shelters) to make pesticides and fertilisers. Priced at Rs 4 per litre, the cow urine will be procured by gauthan samitis and self-help groups.

Under its flagship programme launched in 2020, the Congress government had started procuring cow dung at Rs 2 per kg to make organic fertilisers. Now, it will procure cow urine to make brahmastra (a pesticide) and Jeevamrit (a fer-

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the programme during the Hareli festival celebrations earlier this week. More than 2,300 litres of cow urine was purchased by 63 gauthans in the state on the

At 307 litres, Kabirdham district bought the most cow urine, followed by Balod and Mahasamund

districts. Bastar district has three 'gauthans' that buy cow urine, while all other districts have two centres each.

Earlier in February this year, Baghel had asked Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain to submit an action plan regarding the scientific usage of cow urine.

Baghel, while speaking during the scheme's inauguration, said, "Taking a cue from the multi-dimensional results of the Godhan Nyay Yojana, many states in the country started adopting the model...rich or poor, all are selling cow dung."

Over 76-lakh quintals of cow dung has been procured in the past two years, 22-lakh quintals of which was converted into organic manure by women self-help groups. The government paid Rs 153 crore to the gauthan samitis for the cow dung procurement.

The scheme aims to minimise the use of expensive chemical pesticides and simultaneously promote organic farming in the state, the CM said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for information of general public that Gol MoD has proposed amendment in the draft CLAR 2022, with regard to Rule 39 of CLAR 2021 i.e. insertion of new Rule "39A, Conversion of rights on Class B-3 land into free hold. The Central Govt may anytime formulate or amend a policy to convert existing rights on Class B-3 land into free hold."

Any interested person may tender his / her objection or suggestions with respect to above on or before 18.08.2022 to this office in writing.

> (Abhishek Rathour, IDES) **Defence Estates Officer,** Delhi Circle, Delhi Cantt.

SML ISUZU LIMITED CIN: L50101PB1983PLC005516

Regd Office: Village Asron, Distt. Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar (Nawanshahr) Punjab -144 533, Phone: 01681- 270255; Fax: 01881-270223 Email: investors@smlisuzu.com | Website: www.smlisuzu.com

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS TRANSFER OF UNCLAIMED DIVIDEND (FY 2014-15) AND SHARES TO INVESTOR EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FUND (IEPF)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, as amended from time to time, Members are hereby informed. that unclaimed dividend for the financial year ended 31st March, 2015 and the respective Shares of the Company in respect of which dividend have remained unclaimed for seven consecutive years from the financial year ended 31st March, 2015 will be due for transfer to the investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) on 30th October, 2022.

The Company has uploaded full details of concerned Shareholders and number of Shares due for transfer to IEPF on its website (https://smilsuzu.com/StatoFiles/SHAREHOLDERS LIST-WEBSITE 2014-15.pdf. Individual letters in this regard have also been sent to the concerned shareholders at the registered address available with the Company. The concerned shareholders are requested to claim the unclaimed dividend by 30th

October, 2022 failing which the Company will proceed to transfer the unclaimed dividend and respective shares to the IEPF Authority, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of law. For any information/query on this matter, concerned shareholders may contact the

Company or its Registrar and Share Transfer Agent at the following address:

SML ISUZU Limited Corporate Office: SCO 204-205, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh-160022 Tel: 0172-2647700-02 E-mail address: nvestors@smisuzu.com

Dated: 28.07.2022

MCS Share Transfer Agent Limited Unit: SML ISUZU Limited Sn Venkatesh Bhavan, F-65, 1st Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase - I. New Delhi - 110020 Tel: 011-41406149 E-mail address helpdeskdeihi@mcsregistrars.com For SML ISUZU LIMITED PARVESH MADAN Company Secretary

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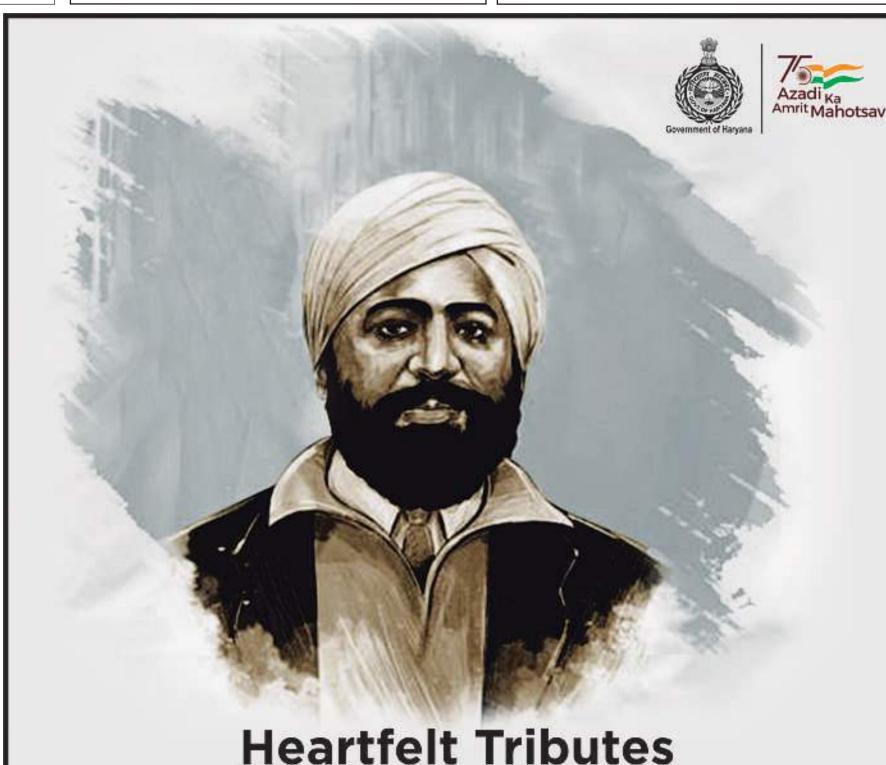
The valour of Shaheed Udham Singh

remains etched in the memory of

every Indian. I bow to this brave son

of India on his martyrdom day."

New Delhi



to the

Great Revolutionary and Epitome of Patriotism

Shaheed Udham Singh

July 31, 2022 (Sunday)

10 THE WORLD



MEANWHILE

KENTUCKY FLOOD TOLL RISES TO 25

At least 25 people died — including four children — when torrential rains swamped towns across Appalachia, Kentucky's governor said Saturday. Governor Andy Beshear said the number would likely rise significantly and it could take weeks to find all the victims of the record flash flooding.

UK-based Pak tycoon

cricket match to fund

Imran party: Report

under lens used charity



A Long March-5B Y3 rocket. Reuters

CHINA Debris from rocket falls over Indian Ocean

DEBRIS FROM a large Chinese rocket re-entered Earth's atmosphere over the Indian Ocean at 12.45pm Eastern time, according to the US Space Command. The re-entry has not yet been confirmed by Chinese space agencies, and it was not clear whether any of what remained had hit any populated areas. The administrator of NASA, Bill Nelson, issued a rebuke on Saturday, saying that China "did not share trajectory information as their Long March 5B rocket fell back to Earth." He added that all countries should "share this type of information in advance to allow reliable predictions of potential debris impact risk, especially for heavy vehicles, like Long March 5B." NYT

SOUTH AFRICA

'Guptas did not capture state, were just corrupt'

Johannesburg: Indian-origin fugitive businessmen Ajay, Atul and Rajesh Gupta did not capture the state, but were engaged in corrupt activities, South Africa's leader of the Opposition Economic Freedom Fighters Julius Malema said on Saturday. The Gupta brothers are accused of using their proximity with Zuma to profit financially and influence senior appointments, charges that they have vehemently denied. "We are not saying that the Guptas captured the state. They were stealing tenders," Malema said. PTI

2nd monkeypox death reported in Europe

Madrid: Spain reported its second monkeypox-related death on Saturday, in what is thought to be Europe's second death from the disease and only the third outside of Africa. Spain had reported its first death on Friday, shortly after Brazil. According to a WHO report from July 22, five deaths had been reported, all in the African region. In its latest report on Saturday, Spanish Health Ministry said 4,298 cases had been confirmed. Of the 3.750 patients on which it had information, 120 had been hospitalised, and 2 had died. REUTERS

'COUNTRY FACING MOUNTING INSTABILITY'

President Xi called for

efforts to enhance the

supply of personnel with

strong combat readiness

on Thursday on further imple-

menting the strategy of

strengthening the military by

training competent personnel in

the new era, Xi greeted the serv-

ice personnel before the 95th an-

Prices of potatoes and garlic soar amid rampant food inflation in the island nation. Reuters

Ranil invites Opposition to

form all-party national govt

IMF agreement pushed back to September: President

SRI LANKA announced in

April that it is suspending

repaying its foreign loans

because of a serious short-

The island nation owes \$51

billion in foreign debt, of

which \$28 billion must be

paid by 2027. The country

defaulted on a bond pay-

ment debt earlier this year

on its \$12 billion overseas

debt with private creditors.

gramme could only be imple-

mented with the participation of

all political parties represented

in Parliament, expert groups and

civil society. He also proposed to

start a dialogue with parties on

the reintroduction of the 19th

Amendment to the Constitution.

60.8 per cent in July, up from 54.6

per cent in June, the country's

statistics department said on

Sri Lanka's inflation surged to

age of foreign currency.

The crucial

IMF deal

INFLATION SURGES OVER 60 PER CENT IN JULY

Military must be headed by reliable people loyal to Communist Party: Xi

Aims to establish party's 'absolute leadership' over Chinese military

KJMVARMA BEIJING, JULY 30

CHINA IS facing mounting instability and uncertainty in the national security situation, President Xi Jinping has warned, asserting that the Chinese military should be led by "reliable people" loyal to the ruling Communist Party to ensure its "absolute leadership" over the world's largest armed forces. Speaking at a study session niversary of the founding of the PLA, which falls on August 1. "We must lay emphasis on

political integrity when cultivating, evaluating and appointing personnel, so that the party's absolute leadership over the military is implemented," he said. Xi emphasised that the

'armed forces must always be led by reliable people who are loyal to the Party", according to an official press release. "Noting that the starting

point and ultimate goal of personnel work is to build armed forces that are able to fight and win, Xi called for efforts to enhance the supply of personnel with strong combat readiness in close step with developments in the forms of war," it said.

China begins military drill near Taiwan coast

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING, JULY 30

CHINA SAID it was conducting military exercises Saturday off its coast opposite Taiwan after warning Speaker Nancy Pelosi of the US House of Representatives to scrap possible plans to visit the island democracy, which Beijing claims as part of its territory.

The ruling Communist Party's military wing, the People's Liberation Army, was conducting "live-fire exercises" near the Pingtan islands off Fujian province from 8 am to 9 pm, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Such exercises usually involve artillery. The one-sentence announcement gave no indication whether Saturday's exercise also might include missiles, fighter planes or other weapons.

China savs Taiwan has no right to conduct foreign relations. The Ministry of Defence warned Washington this week not to allow Pelosi to visit Taiwan. A spokesman said the PLA would take unspecified "strong measures" to stop proindependence activity.

Blow to Sunak as Truss wins

UK FOREIGN Secretary Liz Truss

Tom Tugendhat, who was eliminated from the contest, said Truss had the "resolution, deter-

the other finalist in the race for the next Conservative leader.

Tugendhat wrote in the Times of London that Truss had "the foreign-affairs experience to build alliances and keep country safe." Truss also secured backing this week from Defence Secretary Ben Wallace, who is highly regarded by party members for his handling of Britain's reNEW DELHI, JULY 30 A UK-BASED Pakistani business-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

man, who is facing charges of siphoning funds in the US, provided foreign funding to former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's party by organising private cricket matches, the Financial Times has reported. The daily reported that Khan's party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, also received funding from a minister in the UAE who is a member of the royal family.

The Pakistani businessman, Arif Naqvi, 62, founder of Dubaibased Abraaj Group, was indicted in the US in 2019 on charges of siphoning funds from the Gates Foundation and other investors, meant for building hospitals across Asia and Africa. Arrested from London's Heathrow Airport in April 2019, Naqvi is reported to be "effectively in house arrest". He faces 291 years in jail, if found guilty of the US charges. His appeal against extradition to the US is expected to conclude later this year.

The revelations can be damaging for Khan, who portrays himself as an anti-corruption crusader against the established political parties run by families in Pakistan. The matter is being probed by Pakistan's Election Commission.

The report said Naqvi presided over the "Wootton T20 Cup" from 2010 to 2012 - the primary event was a cricket match between groups with invented names – that was used to collect between 2,000 pounds and 2,500 pounds from guests for un-

Shehbaz asks Imran to sue FT for report

Islamabad: Pakistan Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif has urged Imran Khan to file a defamation case against the Financial Times for publishing a damning report. "I urge Imran Khan to file a defamation case against Financial Times for publishing an indicting article. If he doesn't & I am sure he wouldn't, it will prove one more time how brazenly he is lying." "Could it get more damning? The charade of self-proclaimed honesty&righteousness has been busted by the story that details the flow of foreign funding into PTI bank accounts." he tweeted. PTI

specified "philanthropic causes". "It is the type of charity fundraiser repeated up and down the UK every summer. What makes it unusual is that the ultimate benefactor was a political party in Pakistan. The fees were paid to Wootton Cricket Ltd, which, despite the name, was a Cayman Islands-incorporated company owned by Naqvi, and the money was being used to bankroll Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Khan's political party," the Financial Times report said.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

key backers in UK PM race

ASSOCIATED PRESS LONDON, JULY 30

cemented her place as frontrunner in the race to replace Prime Minister Boris Johnson, winning endorsement Saturday from an influential former rival

mination, and passion" to be PM.

The endorsement is a blow to ex-Treasury chief Rishi Sunak, Polls give Truss an edge with

Tory members, though Sunak is popular with the general public, who don't have a say in the race.

sponse to the war in Ukraine.

Scores of Russians killed in Kherson: Kyiv holding dozens of Úkrainian sol-

AGENCIES

ODESA,KYIV, JULY 30

THE UKRAINIAN military said on Saturday it had killed scores of two ammunition dumps in fighting in the Kherson region, the focus of Kyiv's counter-offensive in the south and a key link in Moscow's supply lines.

Rail traffic to Kherson over the Dnipro River had been cut, the military's southern comisolating Russian forces west of the river from supplies in occupied Crimea and the east. Defence and intelligence offi-

cials from Britain portrayed Russian forces as struggling to maintain momentum. The chief



A college was damaged by a Russian air strike in Kharkiv. Reuters

gence agency, Richard Moore, added on Twitter that Russia is "running out of steam".

Ukraine's southern command said over 100 Russian soldiers and seven tanks had been destroyed in fighting on Friday Kherson, Mykolaiv and Odesa.

Meanwhile, Ukraine on Saturday called on global organisations including the UN and the International Committee of the Red Cross to quickly investigate an explosion that ripped

diers, leaving only charred bodies and twisted metal bunks. "It was a deliberate Russian war crime, a deliberate mass mur-

der of Ukrainian prisoners of war,' President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said. The Red Cross said in a statement that it had requested access to the site of the attack and was in contact with the families of soldiers imprisoned there. Russian gas producer

Gazprom said on Saturday that after accusing it of violating supply conditions, a move the Baltic country said would have little impact on its gas supplies. Gazprom did not specify which gas supply conditions Latvia had allegedly violated.

'WILL SLOW DOWN OR RETIRE'

Genocide took place at Church schools in Canada for indigenous children: Pope

REUTERS & AP

ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE JULY 30

POPE FRANCIS said on Saturday that what happened at residential schools that the Roman Catholic and other Christian Churches ran to forcefully assimilate Canada's indigenous children was genocide.

The Pope made the comment while flying back to Rome after a week-long trip to Canada.



to Canada

He was asked by an indigenous Canadian reporter why he did not use the word genocide during the trip. "It's true that I did not use the word because I didn't think of it. But I described genocide. I apologised, I asked forgiveness for this activity, which was genocide," Francis said. Pope Francis acknowledged that he can no longer travel like he used to because of his strained knee ligaments, saying his Canadian pilgrimage was "a bit of a test" that showed he needs to slow down and one day possibly retire. Francis stressed that he hadn't thought about resigning but said "the door is open" and there was nothing wrong with a pope stepping down. "It's not strange. It's not a catastrophe. You can change the pope," he said.

Breaking deal to use condom is sex crime: Canada SC

THE NEW YORK TIMES TORONTO, JULY 30

IT IS a crime to renege on a promise to wear a condom during sex without a partner's knowledge or consent, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled this week.

The decision sends a British Columbia man back to trial for sexual assault, and sets legal precedent in Canada, further clarifying the law governing sexual consent in a country that has been raising the bar for it for decades.

"In no other jurisdiction in the world is it as clear that when someone has agreed to sex with a condom, and removed it without their consent, this constitutes sexual assault or rape," said Lise Gotell, professor of women's and gender studies at the University of Alberta. "The court says clearly there is no consent in that circumstance - it doesn't matter whether or not the non-consensual condom removal was overt,

or if it was deceptive," she added. The case in question involves two people who interacted online in 2017, met in person to see if they were sexually compatible, and then met to have sex. The woman had predicated her agreement to sex on the use of a condom. During one of two sexual encounters at that meeting, the accused man didn't wear a condom, unknown to the woman, who later took preven-

MARCELINE HARVEY IS ACCUSED OF DISMEMBERING A WOMAN IN BROOKLYN

How did a two-time killer get out to be charged again at age 83?

MILLIONS FOLIND INSIDE

Colombo: Sri Lankan police

have produced before a

court millions of rupees in

cash found by anti-govern-

ment protesters inside for-

mer President Gotabaya

Rajapaksa's official resi-

dence after he fled the man-

sion three weeks ago. The

protesters recovered 17.85

million Lankan Rupees in-

side his mansion, which

were handed over to police and produced in the court

on Friday, police said PTI

Saturday. The year-on-year infla-

tion based on the Colombo

Consumer Price Index was 60.8

per cent in July, the Department

flation may peak at 75 per cent. Sri

Lankans have faced a shortage of

essentials amid the ongoing eco-

nomic meltdown, Until mid July

there was a shortage of cooking

gas with long lines for refills.

The central bank has said in-

of Census and Statistics said.

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

REBECCA DAVIS O'BRIEN & ALI WATKINS

THE PERSON before the parole panel in June 2019 was tall and slim, in far better shape than 81 years of life might have suggested. Mild and polite, the supplicant seemed nothing like the murderer who had spent decades in prison, first for shooting a girlfriend dead in 1963, and then for stabbing another in 1985, stuffing her corpse into a bag and leaving it in Central Park.

"I'm no longer that person," the inmate told the parole board commissioners. Despite misgivings,

they would rule in favour of release. Two and a half years after leaving Cayuga Correctional Facility, Marceline Harvey was accused again, charged with killing Susan Leyden, 68. Parts of Leyden's body were found in March inside a shopping cart in East New York, stuffed in a bag. In Harvey's apartment, investigators found a bloody mop, a tub full of towels and a box for an electric saw. For seven decades leading up

COLOMBO, JULY 30

SRI LANKAN President Ranil

Wickremesinghe has written to

members of Parliament, inviting

them to form an all-party na-

tional government to help the

bankrupt country to recover

from the worst economic crisis.

engaged in great efforts to gradu-

ally restore normalcy to the polit-

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the economic crisis that the coun-

try is facing today,"

Wickremesinghe said on Friday.

quired to implement a systematic economic programme are

being formulated while prelim-

inary measures are also being

undertaken for the creation of

economic stability," he added.

agreement with the International

Monetary Fund to help pull the

bankrupt nation out of its eco-

nomic crisis has been pushed

back to September because of un-

Wickremesinghe said a pro-

rest over the past weeks.

The President also said that an

"Accordingly, initial plans re-

"The government is currently

to her latest arrest, Harvey navigated New York's intricate criminal justice bureaucracy: the country's largest police apparatus, the state's overlapping welfare agencies, its prisons and the officials charged with deciding



Marceline Harvey at the 75th Precinct station in March. NYT

who remains in them. She confronted the system in some moments, manipulated it in others. Behind her was a trail of crimes so grisly that for decades, parole officials refused to let her out.

Now Harvey has pleaded not guilty to murder. Harvey's lawyer at the Brooklyn Public Defenders' office declined to comment on her case. Harvey, who is being held at Rikers, could

not be reached for comment; she declined an interview request. Decades worth of police docu-

ments and court records detail the life of Harvey, a transgender woman who transitioned at some point after her release from prison. Central to her tale are over three decades of parole board minutes obtained through the state's Freedom of Information Law. In them, she insists that authorities exaggerated evidence, changes stories about crimes she admitted and veers between contrition and blaming those she killed.

She was accused of attempted rape at 14; the victim was an 8year-old girl. Harvey, who by her own account struggled with her mental health, said she had to choke down rage when women challenged her manliness before she transitioned - making fun of her soft voice, for example,

Speaking from Rikers to The New York Post, Harvey referred to herself as having two personas: one, a violent male named Harvey Marcelin – the name she used for most of her life and is included in court records — and the other, a soft-spoken woman named Marceline Harvey.

"Anger doesn't dissolve at 84," said Dr Katherine Ramsland, a professor of forensic psychology at DeSales University in Pennsylvania. "It wouldn't surprise me that a person who

New Delhi

earlier — out of anger, would feel the same compulsion." Even so, a spokesman for the New York Department of Corrections and Community Supervision said Harvey met the criteria for release. Krystal Rodriguez, policy di-

killed earlier – even 50, 60 years

rector for the Data Collaborative for Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said the crime of which Harvey is accused was so bizarre that parole board officials would be unlikely to foresee it. "Someone committing such a tragic and violent crime at this age is so incredibly rare that it would be difficult for anyone to even consider," Rodriguez

tive HIV treatment.

SUNDAY STORY

N A muggy July afternoon, 42-year-old Amina and her sister Maimoona, 50, waited in front of Muhyudheen Juma Masjid at Nattika in Kerala's Thrissur district, clutching a sheaf of petitions. From Malappuram, they were waiting to meet their benefactor.

"I want money to build a house; my sister is hoping to get some help to repay the debt she incurred from the wedding of her daughter. We have heard Yusuffali helps people in distress," says Amina, as they stand outside the gates of the grand mosque built by the UAE-based businessman at his Nattika village.

Earlier this month, Musaliam Veettil Abdul Kader Yusuffali or M A Yusuffali made national headlines when his UAE-based Lulu Group opened a mall in Lucknow. Ali, who drove around the newly inaugurated mall in a buggy with Yogi Adityanath, thanked the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister for the "blessings" and for ensuring a "peaceful environment" in the state. With that, Ali, a seasoned businessman whose Lulu Group operates in over 20 countries, across West Asia, South Asia, the US and Europe, and has an annual turnover of around \$8 billion, had stepped into new territory - its Lucknow operation the first for the group in a northern state.

The Lucknow mall, built with an investment of Rs 2,000 crore, is part of a Rs 13,000crore India expansion plan announced in 2018. After Kochi, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, and Thrissur, this is the group's fifth mall in India. As of 2022, the Lulu Group has 235 stores, employing 60,000 people, around half of them from Kerala. The group has also diversified into the hospitality, food processing and real estate sectors.

But for those in Kerala, Yusuffali is more than "the richest Malayali in the world", the retail king who holds his own even when he is with heads of nations. For many in his home state, he is their last resort, a certainty and an assurance when all else fails.

In June 2021, Ali paid blood money 5 lakh UAE dirhams (around Rs 1 crore) to free Becks Krishnan, an expatriate from Kerala sentenced to death in the UAE for a 2012 road accident that killed a Sudanese national.

Last month, while Ali was addressing an event in Thiruvananthapuram organised by the Loka Kerala Sabha, an expat association, a youth stood up to plead with the businessman for help in bringing home the body of his father, who had died in Saudi Arabia. Ali suspended his address, spoke to his team in Saudi, and ensured that the body reached Kerala within three days.

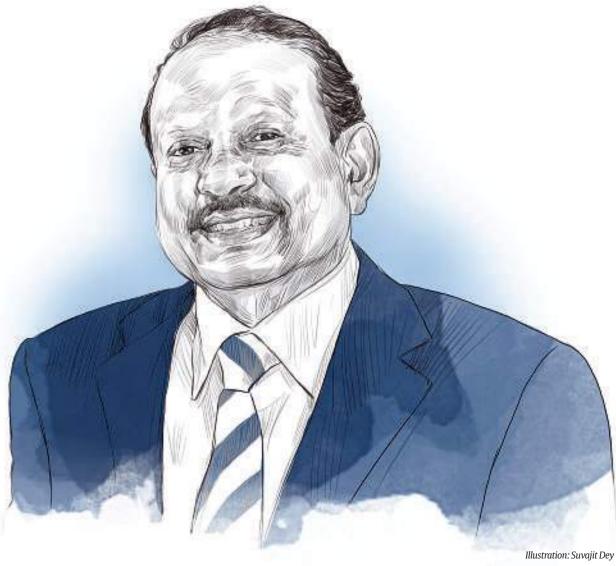
In August 2019, when Thushar Vellappally, state president of the Bharat Dharma Jana Sena, a BJP ally, was jailed in the UAE in a cheque-bouncing case, Ali deposited the bail amount and got him released.

There are these and many other accounts of Yusuffali, stories that his benefactors

At Nattika beach, fisherman PV Raju too has an Ali story. "Six years ago, I went to meet him to seek assistance for a professional course that my daughter wanted to pursue. When he got to know that I have no house of my own, he immediately offered to construct one for us. His team supervised the construction... Last year, when I went to invite him for my daughter's marriage, Ali gave her a gold chain as a gift," says Raju, sitting in the house

Ali's journey from a family of traders in Nattika village to becoming one of the wealthiest Indians took off in 1970 when he went to purse a diploma course in business administration in Ahmedabad, where his father M K Abdul Qader ran a business. "Our family had five stores in Ahmedabad, including a restaurant, a general store, and a home appliances outlet. While studying, Ali also handled administrative matters of the busiTHE SUNDAY PROFILE Lulu Land

The row over purported namaz at his latest Lulu Mall, in Lucknow, proved just a minor blip. SHAJU PHILIP & LIZ MATHEW on UAE-based Yusuffali, one of Kerala's richest entrepreneurs, with presence in over 20 countries, a friend to heads of state and benefactor to many, with a business acumen not clouded by ideology — which is likely to help as he eyes North India



ness," recalls Ali's paternal uncle M K Muhammed, who lives in Nattika.

Soon after, another of his uncles, M K Abdulla, who ran a department store in Abu Dhabi (UAE), asked Ali to help him out. In the last week of December 1973, Ali boarded a ship from Mumbai to Dubai to join his uncle's EMKE Store in Abu Dhabi.

He got off to a rough start. The fledgling country, only two years into its formation, had erratic power supply and Ali is known to have slept on the terrace of the building where he stayed, cooling the floor after dousing it with water. Despite the troubles and the temptation to return home, Ali hung on.

unloading of goods and is known to have gone around the Emirates in his vehicle, hawking provisions. Working with his uncle, Ali managed to ensure that the business kept pace with the UAE's growing economy and its demands. The family started importing frozen food products from abroad and went on to set up cold-store chains and food processing units across the country. A decade after landing in the UAE, Ali managed to convert the EMKE Group into a key player in the retail business. Ali had by then also emerged as the face of the family business.

In the 1990s, even as the Gulf was caught up in a messy war and expatriates fled, Ali stayed back, and even pumped in more investment, opening the first supermarket under the Lulu brand in Abu Dhabi. The word Lulu means pearl in Arabic and is often used as a term of endearment. Also, before it discovered oil, the UAE was heavily into pearl harvesting.

Ali's decision to stay on won him the support and patronage of the UAE government. Five years later, in 2000, Lulu opened its first its footprints across the Middle East.

In 2020, ADQ, a holding company owned by the Abu Dhabi government, invested USD 1 billion in Lulu International Holdings for its expansion into Egypt. Earlier, ADQ had invested USD 1 billion in the Lulu Group. The Lulu Group also attracted investments from other governments in the region, including Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF).

Back home in Kerala, the queues outside

his Nattika house grew longer, of youth hoping to find employment in Ali's Gulf ventures. "Ali conducted recruitment camps at his house. Aspirants from all parts of Kerala would line up in front of his EMKE Mansion. In the initial years, he was directly involved in the process. There was even a special Nattika counter for people from the village,' says Ali's childhood friend Abdul Latheef, who lives in Nattika after a stint in the Gulf.

Over the years, salary from the Lulu Group has become the single largest lifeline for people in Nattika. "Many houses in the region have more than one male member employed in the Lulu Group. Anyone willing ification," says Rasheed, who has been working with the group for three decades.

Those who have watched Ali say he is the guintessential businessman – a trait that has played no small part in his growth. His critics have often accused him of being an opportunist, someone who doesn't let ideology and other scruples get in the way.

For long, Ali has been the bridge between the rulers of the Middle East and governments in India. "He has warm relations with rulers in the Emirates. He is one of the very few who can walk into the house of Abu Dhabi rulers without permission," says a source familiar with his style of functioning.

A family friend says Ali has used his contacts with the royal family and the UAE elite to help those back home or the expatriates in his adopted country. When Kerala went through a devastating flood in 2018, Ali also mobilised support for the state.

He got the UAE government's clearance for a cremation ground for Hindus, and secured sanction for constructing a church for members of the Jacobite sect. In 2004, in a rare gesture, the Jacobite Church in the UAE honoured him with the title 'Commander'.

He is also known to maintain cordial equations with governments in India, irrespective of the party in power.

"Whenever there is a regime change in New Delhi, he is quick to connect with the who's who of that party," says a source.

Others point out how, during Narendra Modi's third visit to the UAE in August 2019, Ali met the Indian Prime Minister and promised to ensure that fruits and vegetables from Jammu and Kashmir are exported to the Gulf. He also offered to set up a logistics centre and food processing unit that would give jobs to around 800 Kashmiris. The offer came as a relief for the government at a time when the Centre's move to strip J&K of its special status had attracted international attention.

'That is Yusuffali. All that he does is to further his business, and he is not ashamed to admit it. Nothing comes in his way when he wants to do business in a particular region," says a person who has worked with Ali.

Adds a person close to his family, "He is a committed Indian, someone who strongly believes that in a democracy, leaders are those who are elected by the people and we have to respect them. That's why he has friends across the spectrum."

But like on most other matters, his faith in democracy isn't inflexible. "In the Gulf countries, the absence of a democratic system is his biggest advantage. He gets things done through the top layer," the source says.

Even in his famously partisan home state of Kerala, Ali has made friends across the divide. "When the Congress-led UDF was in power, (former CM) Oommen Chandy was his closest ally, now that the CPM-led LDF is ruling, he is (CM) Pinarayi Vijayan's trusted friend. He shares good ties with Leader of Opposition VD Satheesan too," says another source, pointing out that the CPM's P Rajeeve was at the forefront of an agitation against the Lulu Group in Kochi but when he became Industries Minister in Vijayan's second term, Ali had no trouble dealing with him.

On his pragmatic approach towards politics and politicians, Ali has often says, "I have no politics. My policy is to stand with the democratically elected governments."

This was evident in the way the group han $dled\, the\, recent\, controversy\, over\, the\, Lucknow$ Lulu mall — a viral video, purportedly showing some Muslims offering namaz at the mall, had led to police action. The management then issued an unusual statement saying "over 80 per cent" of its staff were Hindu.

Speaking to The Sunday Express, the mall's Public Relations Manager, Sebtain Husain, said "common people" do not care about incidents like the namaz row, and that its footll has seen no fallout of the row government, police have been supportive... And locals are happy with the direct and indirect employment we are providing... The common people don't care about Hindu and Muslim, but are happy for their bread and butter. That also makes us happy.'

The crisis may have blown over, but it was also a sign that as the group expands into newer frontiers, Ali's hard-nosed pragmatism will be put to test.

=TAKE5= LAWYERS' COATS

SHAILENDRA MANITRIPATHI ADVOCATE



"We are preparing an alternative, researching what colours would be appropriate in the summer season'

'Lawyers' coats can't be worn in summers. If we are drenched in sweat, how will we work?'

The Supreme Court on July 25 refused to entertain a petition seeking exemption for lawyers in the apex court and High Courts from wearing the mandatory black coat during summer months. Advocate Shailendra Mani Tripathi had approached the apex court seeking amendment in the rules by the Bar Council of India

SOFI AHSAN

Why are you seeking an exemption from wearing coats in summers?

India is a diverse country. While in one place you will be covered in a blanket, at another place, at the same time, it would be difficult for you to even wear a shirt. In Delhi, the cold weather is limited to two-three months, and it during the rest of the year.

What does the law say about the uniform to be worn by advocates?

Section 49 1 (gg) of the Advocates Act says the dress code will be in accordance with climatic conditions, and grants BCI the power to make rules in this regard. (BCI rules require advocates to wear 'sober and dignified dress – a black coat, a white shirt and white bands with gowns for men. For summer months, the Delhi High Court in February dispensed with the requirement for its advocates to wear gowns.)

What could be an alternative to the existing uniform?

The apex court has asked us to approach the BCI and orally said that we can come back in case no decision is taken by the statutory body. We are preparing an alternative and researching what colours would be appropriate in the summer season. In the next 10 days, we will be able to present our suggestions in public. Everyone is supporting this.

Are you against the idea of a uniform for lawyers?

No, uniforms are necessary. The uniform should be such that it makes our work easy and not create impediments instead. If we remain drenched in sweat, how will we work? While we are arguing in court, we are troubled by itching too. I once suffered an infection and had to consult a doctor. Won't that affect our concentration? In courts situated in rural areas, there are no fans, no electricity and lawyers get drenched in sweat even if they wear only a shirt. Coats can't be worn in summers; uniforms should be in accordance with climatic conditions.

What steps are you taking now?

Our representation is ready. We will now approach the BCI and are hopeful of a favourable de-

The check-mates

As Chennai hosts the Chess Olympiad, looking back at a club in the then Soviet Cultural Centre, which was born at the height of the Cold War, amidst the Boris Spassky vs Bobby Fischer title bout frenzy, that sparked the city's chess revolution

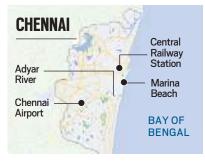
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A MONTH before what was considered the match of the century in chess — the World Championship title bout between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky in Reykjavik in 1972 — the House of Soviet Cultural Centre in then Madras approached Manuel Aaron, then the only international master in the country, to start a chess club. Aaron had no second thoughts. In a little time, and a fortnight before Spassky conceded defeat to Fischer over the phone, altering the chess dynamics of the world, Madras had its first formal chess club in the library of the Soviet centre.

If Fischer's victory led to a chess boom in the US, hitherto a chess hinterland, it sowed the seeds of a chess revolution in Madras as well, laying the ground for it to emerge as the chess nursery of the country.

Aaron, now 86, recounts how the Soviet-US Cold War spilled onto the chessboard and reached as far as the Tamil Nadu capital at the time. "The match had so many layers that even those who did not follow chess started talking about it. The match was keenly followed even though there was no streaming or television coverage those days. We used to wait for some information from officials at the Cultural Centre," he says.

The chess club was named after the legendary Soviet player Mikhail Tal, Aaron's favourite, and one whom he would encounter in a Chess Olympiad match. The centre provided him all the infrastructure, Aaron



says — chess blocks, boards, books and magazines like Schachmatny Bulletin, Chess in USSR, and 64.

Aaron would translate those into English, having taken up Russian at the centre so that he could access Soviet journals and make the same available to other chess players. "Western publications were expensive whereas the Russian ones were free. I thought it would be useful for the next generation to have access to chess literature," he says.

With a grand fee of Rs 4 a year for maintenance, the club soon had so many in the ranks that a separate small complex had to be built on the premises. Serious, semi-serious and recreational players spent hours here locked in intense games.

Aaron, meanwhile, hunted for a young player he could groom into a world champion. "I used to tell friends that given the right opportunities, I could produce the country's first world champion in 15 years. In every young player that walked into the club, I



Once Soviet Union gave way to Russia, the facilities became too steep. Chess.com

looked for that spark," he says.

Three years on, a five-year-old boy with big, round eyes and hair combed onto his temple came in. It was Viswanathan Anand, and Aaron spotted him almost immediately. "There was something about him, you knew he had a special talent," he says.

After a year or two, Anand moved to the Philippines where his father worked. By the time he returned to the club two years later, he had a faster, evolved-for-his age game. "He had a tremendous blitz game, and I don't remember him ever losing. The funny rule was that whoever lost should get up from their chair. Anand never got up," Aaron says.

Occasionally the club would see international Grandmasters like Yuri Averbakh, Vladimir Bagirov and Evgeni Bebchuk drop in, and play a simul. This helped the development of chess tyros like Anand. The real passing of the mantle came when

Anand, 14, beat Aaron in a classical game in 1983. Four years later, he became the country's first Grandmaster. The singular moment changed the history of Indian chess.

A few years later, after the disintegration

Tamil Nadu was to produce after Anand.

Over the next two decades, Anand would become the World Champion (in 2000), World No. 1 (2007), reclaim his lost crown (2007), and fiercely defend it thrice, before Magnus Carlsen dethroned him. "Everything about him is inspiring, especially the way he guides youngsters, grooming them and playing with them," Ramesh says.

of the Soviet Union in 1991, Tal Chess Club

had to be shut, as the now named Russian

Culture Centre began to demand a hefty rent.

flourishing in the city, new clubs were up, the

state association was organising more tour-

naments, and the city had a figurehead,

Anand. "He inspired a generation of us to play

chess. We were all his fanboys, following each

game, analysing each move of his," remem-

bers RB Ramesh, one of the 23 Grandmasters

But by then, a chess culture was already

Among players set to take the legacy of Chennai chess forward are D Gukesh and R Praggnanandhaa, both just 16, both Grandmasters, the fastest and the second fastest Indians to complete the GM norms.

You can almost trace the family tree — Aaron at the top, Anand in the next rung, both alone, before the branches spread, with K Sasikaran and R B Ramesh, followed by B Adhiban and S P Sethuraman, and then Gukesh and Praggnanandhaa.

And the roots lie here, in a former library of the Soviet Culture Centre, born at the peak of the Cold War, against the backdrop of a proxy war on a chess board, played out in Iceland's Reykjavik, over nearly two months.



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The Dragon in the Room

ON JULY 26, 2022, the nation celebrated the 23rd *Kargil Vijay Diwas*. It is fitting that the government marks the day to remember the war heroes, especially the martyrs. In a war that was fought for three months, 527 Indian soldiers were killed and 1,363 soldiers were wounded. It was not a small price that the country paid to secure its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The country had also won another war 50 years ago - the Bangladesh Liberation War. The Indian defence forces fought the war on two fronts: on the eastern border to help the Mukti Bahini liberate the then East Pakistan and create Bangladesh, and on the western border in retaliation to the Pakistan Air Force's aerial strikes on 11 Indian air stations. On the orders of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, India launched a full-scale invasion. India reported that 3,000 soldiers had died and 12,000 soldiers were wounded. On December 16, 1971, Pakistan's Eastern Army Commander, Lt Gen A A K Niazi, signed, unconditionally, the instrument of surrender with India's Lt Gen JS Aurora, It was India's greatest war victory.

NOT ELEPHANT, BUT DRAGON

Both victories were against Pakistan. Despite two earlier wars in 1947 and 1965, Pakistan had not learnt to live in peace with India. And despite its massive defeat in 1971, it attempted to sneak into Indian territory in Kargil in 1999. Even after the defeat in the Kargil War, Pakistan still attempts to infiltrate into India. Seventy-five years after both countries became independent, Indians must reconcile themselves to live with an intransigent neighbour that knows that it can never defeat India in a regular war. Pakistan, therefore, is not the elephant in the room.

The elephant — or dragon — in the room is China. One thing is clear: the BJP government, for all its chest-thumping against Pakistan, is totally clueless about how to deal with the aggression of China. It must rankle Prime Minister Modi that he did not get the true measure of Mr Xi Jinping when both sat on a jhoola on October 11, 2019, at Mammallapuram in Tamil Nadu. Even while the jhoola was swinging gently to the cool sea breeze, China's PLA was in an advanced stage of planning to intrude into Indian territory. On January 1, 2020, President Xi signed the order authorising military action. PLA forces crossed the LAC into Indian territory in March-April 2020.

CONTRARY VOICES

India discovered the intrusion on May 5-6, 2020. On June 15, in a bid to remove the intruders, India lost 20 brave soldiers. The Prime Minister called an all-party meeting on June 19. In his concluding remarks, the Prime Minister said, "No out-

sider has intruded into Indian territory nor was any outsider inside Indian territory." Yet, according to a number of military officers and experts, India is no longer in control of approximately 1,000 sq km of territory where our troops could earlier patrol. Sixteen rounds of talks have taken place at the military level between India and China. If no outsider was inside Indian territory, why did 20 soldiers make the supreme sacrifice? What conversation is taking place between the military commanders in these endless rounds of talks? Why are the words 'disengagement' and 'withdrawal' used by the MEA repeatedly? Is it not true that Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar's statement and other MEA statements demanded the restoration of 'status quo ante'?

Let's admit the hard facts. China claims the entire Galwan Valley. China claims that the LAC runs through Finger 4 and not Finger 8. (The area between Finger 4 and Finger 8 was patrolled and controlled by India before May 2020). At the 16th round of talks, China conceded nothing on Hot Springs. India wanted to discuss Demchok and Depsang, China refused. China is building military infrastructure in Aksai Chin and along the 3,488 km border it shares with India. It has installed 5G networks up to the LAC. It has built a new bridge across Pangong Tso. It is bringing more military hardware and troops to the border. It is settling its citizens in the new villages. There are satellite pictures that confirm many of these developments.

ABSENT: A CHINA POLICY

Mr Shyam Saran, former Foreign Secretary, in his recent book (How China sees India and the World) has observed, "China would like to see India slotted into a subordinate role in an Asia dominated by itself. India will resist a hierarchical order in Asia and a world dominated by China." Absolutely correct, but what makes China assertive is, as Mr Shyam Saran pointed out, "the gap between the economic and military capabilities of the two countries continues to expand in favour of China". As per the IMF, in nominal dollars, China's GDP in 2021 was USD 16,863 billion and India's GDP was USD 2,946 billion.

India's Opposition parties have always — whichever party was in power — stood by the government of the day and the defence forces. Solidarity among Indian political parties and citizens is important, but it does not amount to a policy. A confident and effective policy response to China can emerge only if the Government took the Opposition parties into confidence, shared the facts, and through frank discussions, crafted a policy to deter China. Otherwise, we will keep counting the rounds of talks and delude ourselves that India has, in the altered circumstances, a China policy.



A Parliament for small things

AS I watched the histrionics in the Lok Sabha last week, I pinched myself to make sure this was real life and not some second-rate reality show. Easy to be fooled since the leading lady of the parliamentary drama rose to celebrity and fame in a TV soap opera. She is now a Cabinet minister, but Smriti Irani seemed for a moment to have confused her careers as she shrieked, "Apologise, apologise, Sonia Gandhi, apologise to the nation for sanctioning the disrespect of a woman in the highest constitutional post."

You would have seen for yourself what transpired so I shall not bore you with the details, because the point I wish to make is that Parliament is not the right forum for this kind of performance. The Congress MP who made the supposedly offensive comment about India's newly elected President apologised instantly and confessed that he had said 'rashtrapatni' instead of 'rashtrapati' because he was Bengali, and his Hindi was not very good. The matter should have ended there, but 'new India' is a country where small things seem to matter more than big ones.

In this short session of Parliament, the list of big things that need to be discussed and debated upon is long. The item I would put at the very top is the recent discovery of around Rs 50 crore in cash in the home of a 'friend' of a minister in the West Bengal government. The minister has now been sacked but the images of those piles of cash will be hard to erase because they were proof that in the 75th year of our life as a modern nation, we are unable to curb the greed of high officials. This particular case sickened me more because just days before the loot was discovered I lent Rs 50,000 to a man in Bihar who said his village home had been blown away in a storm. "It had mud walls," he said, lowering his eyes, "but my parents have nowhere to live now." I was ashamed he asked for so little in a country in which those who we elect to high office can stash vast, looted fortunes away. Should the Lok Sabha not be discussing why black money remains such a blight?

The next item on my list of 'big' things to discuss would be unemployment, higher today than it has been in 40 years. It reflects poorly on an economy that our leaders regularly boast is the world's 'fastest growing'. What also reflects poorly is the number of Indians who have become economic refugees in the past three years. The Lok Sabha was told on July 19 by the junior Home Minister that in 2019, 1,44,017 Indians gave up their citizenship, in the following year the figure dropped to 85,256, but in 2021 it went up to 1,63,370. Since Narendra Modi became Prime Minister, 9,33,345 Indians have fled our shores. Should this not be a subject for discussion in the Lok Sabha?

Insisting upon an immediate debate on rising prices was the reason why Opposition MPs have been suspended. Fuel and food prices have risen alarmingly, but why is it not possible for Opposition parties to demand a debate without waving placards and leaping around in the well of the house? Strict punishment for bad behaviour is good, but if the Speaker was acting justly, then some of the leading ladies on the government side should also have been punished.

It was ludicrous to treat the 'rashtrapatni' comment as an insult to womankind. Especially since the ladies making this charge were totally silent when that Dalit teenager was gangraped, murdered and cremated by the police in the dead of night in Hathras. Was it because this happened in a state ruled by the BJP? And, what about the endless, brutal rapes of little girls that are reported every day? Why have these ladies never demanded a debate on them?

Could it be because Parliament has become a forum in which headlines are only made when there is hysteria and histrionics about something so trivial that it should not merit any discussion? And here it would be wrong not to admit that a taste for small things is what the public seems to have acquired. If primetime TV debates are a measure, then it can be said without the smallest doubt that the Indian people like to hear discussions about simple, silly things and

not serious issues.

years that I have covered politics and government, I cannot remember a time when trivia has been so important. It is as if the proud 'new India' that has been created in the name of Hindutva and aggressive nationalism is a country that is defined by small things, and big grievances about small things. Every week there are reports of some new group that has become aggreyed over some new, small thing. It is hard to say whether the men and women we elect to Parliament have created this ugly trend or if they are simply reflecting the popular mood.

What worries me is that in the long

Personally, I cannot think of another democratic country in which Parliament has become a forum for issues that should not need discussion even in a village council. It is the responsibility of the government to ensure that Parliament functions properly. It is time that it fulfilled this responsibility.

inside TRACK COOMIKAPOOR

TOUGH V-P WANTED

IAGDEEP DHANKHAR was not on the original shortlist drawn up by the RSS and BJP brains trust for the vice-president's post. But Narendra Modi, at a meeting with Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and J P Nadda, said he was not convinced by any of the suggested names, which reportedly included Arif Mohammed Khan and Manoj Sinha. While the selection of Droupadi Murmu sent an astute political message, the vice-president candidate should not be selected simply on considerations of gender, caste, religion or region, the PM emphasised. The V-P's most important duty was functioning as chairperson of the Rajya Sabha and he was disappointed that the earlier chairperson had been unable to control the House and permitted the Opposition to set the narrative, he said, Rajnath then brought up Dhankhar's name, As Governor of Bengal, Dhankhar has clashed with the state government on several issues and performed as a team player for the BIP's Bengal unit rather than promoting himself. At the second meeting, consensus emerged on Dhankhar's name, particularly after it was discovered that he had a sound legal background, a major requirement for dealing with obstructionist Opposition MPs citing legal points and parliamentary precedent. An added bonus was that Dhankhar is a Jat, a community which felt alienated after the farmer agitation.

BACKSEAT DRIVING

It has been almost a month since Eknath Shinde was sworn in as Maharashtra's Chief Minister, but so far, apart from Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis, not a single minister has been sworn in. The delay is largely because the Shinde Shiv Sena has to make tough choices from among the large number of ministerial aspirants. Shinde has made four trips to Delhi and met Home Minister Amit Shah each time. Meanwhile, Fadnavis has been visiting Mantralaya regularly and many of his old favourites in officialdom have been re-installed in key posts.

WHO DICTATED NAMES?

Mamata Banerjee dug in her heels and refused to back Margaret Alva's candidature as vice-president to protest the unilateral announcement of her name without a proper discussion among Opposition parties. More than Alva' selection, Banerjee was fuming over the announcement of Yashwant Sinha as the presidential candi-

date without consulting her, even though Sinha was a member of the TMC. (Banerjee was under the impression that Sharad Pawar would consent to be the presidential candidate.) Banerjee suspects that the names of both Sinha and Alva were actually floated by CPM president Sitaram Yechury. Pawar went along with Alva's name since they were fellow travellers, leaving the Congress when Indira Gandhi lost power post-Emergency. The Congress, in fact, is not enamoured of Alva, who in her autobiography and interviews openly criticised the Gandhi family's arbitrary and ad hoc style of functioning. Banerjee wanted a Muslim woman as V-P. Najma Hepatulla and Mohsina Kidwai were two of the names suggested. Her grouse is that Yechury, who heads a much depleted CPM, still manages to determine the Opposition's course of action due to his proximity to Rahul Gandhi.

LAIDBACK LEADER

Samajwadi Party members are wringing their hands in despair over party chief Akhilesh Yadav's laidback attitude. Yadav is complacent about the party's recent debacles - whether it was SP MLAs defying the party whip in the presidential election or $losing both \, the \, SP \, strongholds \, of \, Azamgarh$ and Rampur in the Lok Sabha by-elections. His refusal to campaign in the by-elections was certainly puzzling. Although he was alerted that a dozen MLAs were likely to cross-vote in the presidential poll, he refused to speak individually to the MLAs. A retired UP bureaucrat close to Mulayam Singh Yadav tried to act as peace-maker between uncle Shivpal Yadav, who is in touch with many party workers, and his estranged nephew. He arranged a meeting over tea for both of them at his Noida residence. Shivpal waited for three hours, but Akhilesh did not show up. Shivpal protested angrily that he had been insulted enough. On his part, Akhilesh, who was leaving shortly for London, has a laissez faire approach to these matters - anyone who wants to leave is welcome to, he says. His strategy apparently is to focus on the 2027 Assembly polls and not the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. But surely, the results of the first poll will impact the second.

Non-veg Bhavan

In the six years that Droupadi Murmu was governor of Jharkhand, non-vegetarian food was not served at the Raj Bhavan. The menu for visitors at the governor's residence reflected Murmu's strictly vegetarian code. As a tribal, Murmu was once completely non-vegetarian, but after she embraced the Brahma Kumari movement following the tragic death of her son Laxman, she stopped eating meat, even avoiding onion and garlic. With Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan, will it turn completely vegetarian? Considering the number of foreign dignitaries to the presidential mansion, this may not be practical.



Santhals and their Great Revolt of 1855

ACOUPLE of generations ago, in June 1855 to be precise, the ancestors of today's Santhals — one of the largest and most dispersed tribal communities and one of whose members, Droupadi Murmu, finds herself occupying the highest constitutional office in the country — revolted against an oppressive system forced upon them by the non-tribals, aided by the British colonial administrations and their local agents like the Daroghas and the local Zamindars.

The epicentres of the movement were the three adjoining districts of Birbhum, Murshidabad and Bhagalpur in the then undivided Bengal, where the Santhals lived in, and around the foothills of the Rajmahal hills in what was demarcated as Santhal Parganas.

The area was allocated for their resettlement through the Damin-i-koh regulation of 1832 by the British after they suppressed the local Paharias in the early decade of the 19th Century, a period when the Chuar, Bhumij and Kol tribes of Bengal and Bihar had already revolted and expressed their anger over their exploitation at the hands of outsiders.

Santhlas from many other areas also came and settled in the area. The colonial idea was to use the Santhals as a source of labour for the expansion of agriculture and other works. Over the next century and a half, the Santhals would become the chief and cheap labour force for the British who put them to use in their tea gardens, and for land reclamation and colonisation for agriculture. Santhals were taken everywhere and thus a widely dispersed and disposed community came into being.

On the other hand, in the Damin-i-koh — or the land of the Santhals — the community's hope for a settled agrarian life was soon to turn into a nightmare, with revenue demands from the colonial administration, and greedy and unscrupulous Zamindars and usurious caste groups. Land grabbing was the regular pattern now and *begari*, the practice of bonded labour of the kind which can easily be defined as slavery, was to throttle the life of the Santhal men and women.

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Newly empowered officials in the colonial administration such as the Daroghas were corrupt and unsympathetic to the simple Santhals. For the Santhals, there might have been some sympathetic ears even among the British, but the intermediaries were too powerful and too many in this piece of land. The British too had an interest in the contin-



A postage stamp honouring Sido and Kanhu, who led the 1855 rebellion

ued supply of revenue and labour.

No wonder then that when the Santhals rose in rebellion, the Daroghas, seen increasingly as the physical manifestation of an evil power, were their first targets.

The "Hull" or the Great Revolt was preceded by many acts of violence against the Zamindars and moneylenders, but were suppressed too easily. However, it was only on June 30, 1855, when a 10,000-strong Santhal force under the leadership of Sido and Kanhu met at Baghnadihi that the exact nature of resentment and resolve to finish off the exploitative system, became known to all.

Other non-tribal caste groups at the receiving end of the exploitative system too came and joined forces with the Santhals. Siddhu and Kanhu invoked magical powers and the divine instruction of Thakur Bonga, their supreme deity, to eliminate the Zamindars and kick out the dikus (outsiders) from the Damin-i-koh.

The Santhal leaders, men and women, fought heroic battles across Santhal Parganas and neighbouring districts, and it took the collective forces of the British artillery, supported by the elephant forces of the local *rajas* and the local armies of the Bengali Zamindars, to finally suppress the revolt around January 1856 with unparalleled savagery, killing more than 10-15,000 Santhals and destroying thousands of homes and villages. Sido was caught — and hanged — in August 1855, followed by Kanhu in February 1856.

The memories of the Hull and the fighting spirit of its leaders, Sido and Kanhu, have remained enshrined in the

collective world of the Santhals. Different forms of histories have tried to appropriate them for their respective causes but the Indian State, and a substantial part of the non-tribal community, despite proclamations to the contrary, view the Santhals as nothing more than a gigantic reservoir of cheap labour even today.

The places where they were transported by the colonial and post-Independence administration, including to tough terrains to build infrastructure for Indian security needs, speaks volumes of this overarching view of the Santhals. In their core region too, namely in Bihar, and now in Jharkhand, and Bengal, they have constantly been displaced with the opening of coal mines and later with the establishment of steel and other industries.

The continued land grab by non-tribals has further marginalised the community, even on their own land.

Life of such continued adversity notwithstanding, in the 1970s, when Shibu Soren showed some fighting spirit as he took on moneylenders, and coal and land mafia, he had rekindled in thousands of dimly lit Santhal hamlets across the country the memories of their folk heroes

— Sido and Kanhu — and their great Hull. At a time when the ever lengthening shadow of ruthless nationalist capital threatens to cause a complete historic amnesia, memories of such revolts against injustice help us in not allowing forgetfulness to become our collective destiny.

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WHEN young female students are asked to take off their bras before entering a medical examination for security reasons, you are reminded of the fact that when it comes to patriarchy, the more things change, the more they remain the same.

A woman's body is her own. And yet this act of forcibly being made to undress is somehow considered okay for reasons of "security". And if it is a person in authority who is asking for the undressing.

What does it then mean to be stripsearched? What rights does the female prisoner have? Can the State force its citizens to reveal themselves to strangers? And

Bra, unhooked: For that heaven of freedom

invade their privacy in "public" interest?

Is the core issue in the un-hooking of the bra then "consent" or/and "intent"? Or is it about private acts versus public? Is it about privacy versus the public good? At the end of a long day, un-hooking

the bra can be the most freeing thing. One of the great joys of working from home has been freedom from bra-wearing.

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But this is a private act, an act of agency. A woman takes off her bra when and where she wants, BECAUSE SHE wants to. Or she may let someone else do it, as an expression of intimacy. But she decides.

Though the bra is a vast improvement over the corset, it still continues to be a garment of "tight control", one that patriarchy wants to exert on our bodies.

Women should "contain" their bodies, their desires, their sexual energy. Women

should always be on a bit of a leash, just slightly tight around the chest. Women's bodies must conform. Too big is not good. Too flat is not good. And of course, sagging is a complete no-no! And the shape too, it must be regulated. The contours must work for what makes society feel at ease. And must somehow please the male gaze.

But wearing the bra can also be a rebellion. The red strap peeking through, going black lace and purple satin when the world expects you to be in cotton whites and lycra nudes. Or going plain Jane and sports like, when the world expects underwired and decorative. It boils down to choice.

The bra is also a chronicler of a woman's journey. As puberty dawns, there is awkwardness. The loss of innocence, pain of growing up, lure of the teenage world. A bra is a jumble of many such feelings.

Once you hit adulthood, you reach a size and you think you have arrived. The bra may represent people desired, intimacies expressed, a feeling of owning the feminine, a connection with one's body. But more often, feeling like you're not enough. Like your body doesn't conform.

But life carries on, and we carry our broken hearts and dreams, successes and triumphs. There is a new knowingness to life.

Some women give birth to children and their bodies change. Some women don't do any such thing and their bodies change. Some work themselves too hard.

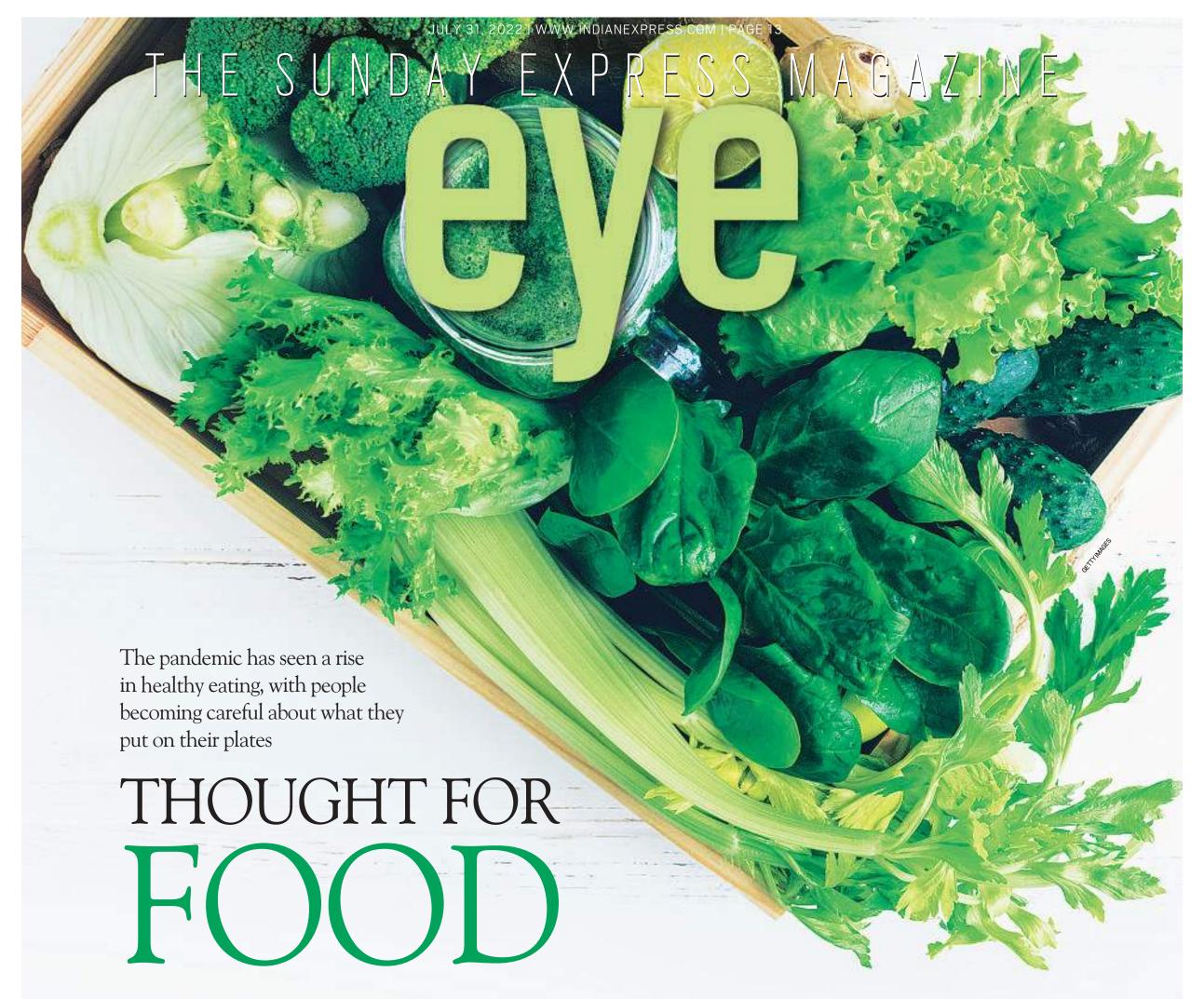
Some bodies don't change. But our relationship with our bodies keeps evolving. Sometimes we feel the mirror lies, sometimes we lie to the mirror, sometimes we break the mirror, sometimes it makes us dance with abandon. And then the years go by. Menopause brings with it, its own journey. And the bra may take on a different role. Sometimes holding us up, sometimes disappearing when breathing space is what we need, and sometimes just being there—solid and sturdy. The bra is definitely a keeper of secrets, of memories and stories, and of pain and joy.

But if society did not ordain it, would we still wear it? If the world order was designed by women, maybe not. I, for one, can't wait for a post-bra world. I'm happy to "burn the bra" at the stake.

The crux of the bra matter, just like all things female body, is CHOICE. Choice, consent, agency. That is freedom.

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PROFESSIONAL food photographer from Mumbai, Pawan Manglani knew how to eat healthy but, during the stress-ful months of the first lockdown, he stopped taking care of himself. drinks entered his diet and continued beyond the pandemic. Manglani, 36, could see the changes in his body and stamina. Walking. climbing stairs and playing cricket became difficult. "I didn't want to go out and buy a new set of clothes. On February 1, 2022, I decided that I was going to discipline myself," he says.

He joined a gym and began to eat fresh, whole and home-cooked food. He began searching for an alternative to colas,

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which he was fond of. A friend introduced him to a fermented tea called kombucha. Little known in India, kombucha has a 2,000-year history and is rich in probiotic bacteria and antioxidants: it is also an acquired taste. He tried a number of brands until he found the flavour he liked, made by Umami Brew, a brewery in Pune that is customising kombucha for the Indian palate by using local fruits, herbs and spices.

Manglani now has a separate shelf in his fridge

to hold 23 bottles of kombucha, which he or economic liberalisation of 1991, when agehis friends bring all the way from Pune to his Andheri home. When he wants a drink, Manglani pops open a bottle, serves kombucha in a whisky glass with lots of ice, sips it slowly and enjoys the flavour, relieved that it is good for the body. "I have recommended it to a lot of people and helped them get off sugar," says Manglani. He does not overdo the kombucha either, keeping it to twice a week.

In Mysuru, 18-year-old Arshiya Ruman MZ tells other children not to eat food from outside unless they are sure about the hygiene. When it comes to ice-cream, she opts for a dairy-free brand called Just Gelato that uses seasonal fruit and other natural ingredients. Her mother had introduced it to her nine years ago and Arshiva does not have any other ice-cream even when she is out with friends. "The more naturally you eat, the better your health is. We never knew there was a virus coming at us that would kill people or make them ill. We must choose what we eat wisely so that people see us and choose responsibly as well," she says.

A dietary movement is underway in the country, hastened by the pandemic. People are caring more about the food they are putting in their bodies. The conscious eater, who used to be an outlier in their social group because they asked about ingredients, nutritional values and hygiene before eating, is now a mainstream role model. Cooking blogs, influencer posts and everyday conversations are peppered with references to a balanced diet, intermittent fasting and energy supplements. "Immunity booster" was one of the most-searched terms of the pandemic.

Hacks (Rupa), nutritionist Kavita Devgan writes that traditional practices, such as adding raw onions and chillies at lunch and dinner and eating as a family with the TV switched off, had all but disappeared from modern households. It was during the pandemic that the Delhi-based Devgan began to notice that a change was happening among her clients, especially millennials (who are an important segment in a country where

66 per cent of the population is below 35). "They are going back to tradition in little things, like carrying a fruit when they go out because they have realised the importance of antioxidants and enzymes in fruit," says Devgan, who published another book this year, The Immunity Diet (Rupa). "People are now more aware, reading a lot and adapting faster to a healthier lifestyle as compared to earlier when their focus was more on just weight loss," she adds.

The last time India experienced a major shift in eating habits was after the old staples made way for foods rich in sugars, fats and proteins. One of the effects of

globalisation is that India has become one of the global hubs for lifestyle diseases. According to the Indian Council of Medical Research. India is home to the world's second-largest adult diabetes population, and every sixth person with the disease in the world is an Indian.

"We had started realising that we were going down the wrong path and had to change our habits but it was slow because adapting to a healthy lifestyle is difficult. The pandemic hastened the process. What might have taken another decade has happened in two years," says Devgan.

India was one of the epicentres of COVID-19, a tragedy in which everybody lost someone. There was a lot of misery even in people that the disease had spared. People realised that their biggest asset was their health - and it was, to an extent, in their control.

A symbol of the changed mindset comes packed in the salad bowl. Once a humble accompaniment, the salad has become a meal in itself. Restaurants, standalone outlets and home cooks have emerged across cities

Be label wise Common red flags

SERVING SIZE: A serving size is not what fills up the packet; eading all other numbers (calories, sodium, etc.) is useless unless you know the quantity they represent. Most packaged foods contain multiple servings

TRANS FATS: They mention nil trans fats but check the ingredients list as often you'll find hydrogenated fat mentioned, which are trans fats really

SODIUM: If the sodium content is high, it is a cause of concern

LOW-FAT FOOD: These might offer a lower percentage of calories from fat, but that does not mean that it is healthy. Often other ingredients are used in excess to make up for the absence or reduction of fats. So, look up the total calories and sugar content

HIDDEN SUGAR: The amount of sugar hidden in packaged foods can be humongous (even ketchup has sugar) Keep a look out for these sugar sources in the ingredient list: evaporated cane juice, crystalline fructose, brown rice syrup, honey, fructose, corn syrup and raw sugar

> KAVITA DEVGAN Nutritionist and Author

offering a variety of salads and soups. Delhibased chef Tanuvee Agarwal maintains a kitchen garden for her fine-dine catering called Atticus, which turns lush during the winter months with greens, lettuce, tomatoes, baby potatoes, radish, carrots and other vegetables. She started to pluck these to make salads, for which she offered a subscription plan -Rs 1,500 for three days a week or Rs 2,500, for five times a week. Agarwal, who has worked in Michelin-starred restaurant Atelier Crenn in the US, was surprised at the huge footfalls she received. "A lot of people we began supplying to were working 9-5 from home and had no time to cook. Ordering salad from a trustworthy place was a matter of convenience for them," she says.

Atticus' offering ranged from kohlrabi, mustard leaves, radish and tatsoi with lemon vinaigrette salad, warm lentil soup to mixed crisp greens, baby carrots, mushrooms, cel-

ery with light hummus salad and roasted pepper soup. The number of customers increased 20 per cent each year during the first two waves. Agarwal introduced non-vegetarian ingredients in 2021 and plans to increase this range this winter. "There is a myth that if a person is eating salads they are cutting down on calories. If you eat salad with a lot of mayo, you are not achieving that. We are locussed on producing healthy salads which are low in fat content and genuinely healthy," she says.

How does one know what is right while grocery shopping? Myths and jargon abound in the marketplace of health food. Many questionable products, with even carcinogenic ingredients, are being unscrupulously branded as good. Two words that have entered consumer vocabulary help reduce the confusion transparency and traceability. The former

received a boost in December 2021 when the Delhi High Court made it mandatory for food businesses to make a full disclosure of their ingredients, including plant and animal sources, on the packaging. The latter is a feature that empowers buyers to find out the origins of their product.

One of the first companies to introduce the traceability feature in India was True Elements, which makes breakfast and snacks such as flavoured pumpkin seeds, rolled oats, Goan cashews and protein-rich nuts and

berries. If you enter the name of the product about our ingredients," says Dhall. with the batch code on the company's website, you can see its journey from the farms, where the ingredients were procured, with detailed quality reports. "Since the pandemic hit us, customers are even more sensitive about what they consume and are more aware of the impact it will have on themselves and the environment. The market is now inclining towards health-oriented and sustainable foods, especially Clean Label products and ingredients," says Puru Gupta, who co-founded True Elements with Shreejith Moolayil in 2015. True Elements is present in many cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Nagpur.

Devgan advises that home-cooked food should form 80 per cent of one's diet. The industry, however, has found a way to package health food for easier access. According to Prasoon Gupta, co-founder and CEO of Delhibased Sattviko, whose products include Antioxidant Makhana Snacks, the market for health food is growing at 20 per cent and is pegged to touch \$30 billion in five years. "More people are looking for a convenient eating experience without the guilt of bingeing on unhealthy food or compromising on taste," he says.

That the food industry has responded with speed indicates that the health-food movement is set to grow stronger. For now, unhealthy potato wafers and sweets dominate shelves, but they are sharing space with snacks, sweets and savouries that are labelled "vegan", "organic", "gluten-free", "free of pesticide and artificial ingredients". There is a rising interest in A2 milk and milk prod

ucts and organic groceries. It has become a better landscape for health-conscious mothers such as Mumbai-based Pia

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products

Desai, who used to ask friends travelling abroad to bring back healthy snacks for her children a decade ago. Though the communications profession cooks every day, she has solved the problem of her daughters' tiffins by

buying bunches of Snack-A-Doodle strawberry apple bars. "What I like is that there is no processed sugar. It is a little sweet from the apple and children love it," she says. Snack-A-Doodle was started by two mothers in Mumbai, Radhieka Pandeva and Simer Dhall, in April 2021 when online classes and a lockdown life made the need for nutritious snacks more persistent. "The pandemic was a game changer for healthconscious brands. We have noticed a month-onmonth repeat customer rate of 30 per cent. We pride ourselves in being honest

Big business houses have taken note of the health-food market. One such is Marico, manufacturers of Saffola cooking oil. The consumer goods giant announced in May 2022 that they had acquired a 54 per cent stake in True Elements. "True Elements has built its first phase of growth predominantly with a portfolio of innovative clean-label product offerings and high consumer trust. The focus of its next phase will be on building the equity of the brand further and accelerating its entry into newer households. The investment in True Elements is a conscious step towards accelerating the expansion of our Foods portfolio as we aim to achieve the next ambitious milestone of Rs 850-1.000 crore turnover in Foods by FY24," says Sanjay Mishra, coo, India busi-

ness, and ceo, new business, Marico Ltd. Making a lifestyle change starts as a challenging journey, with obstacles such as peer pressure and withdrawal symptoms. But, surveys show that a significant number of people are joining gyms and making a commitment to healthy living. The broader rules of eating well haven't changed for centuries. "With any habit, you have to be patient. Give it time and you will see a change," says Devgan.

POINT OF VIEW

DOWN INJUNGLELAND



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Don't be a Peeping Tom

Why birds and their babies deserve the right to privacy

LL OVER the world when a celebrity couple, or royalty, is expecting a happy event, the paparazzi begin to hound them. From sneaking pictures of suspected baby-bumps to trying willy-nilly to get the first images of the squalling little brat. The couple has to protect their infant, and, later, toddler fiercely as wolves, adding considerably to their stress levels, trauma, blood pressure and chances of divorce.

Most bird photographers going after nesting birds do much the same thing. Some inadvertently so, others deliberately, occasionally going way beyond the norms of civilised behaviour. More than four decades ago, when I grew interested in birds, a pair of black kites had built a nest on the peepal tree around 200m away from our apartment, but clearly visible from the verandah. The moment I pointed my camera at them (especially since the eldest chick was attempting to murder its sibling), the mom would slip off the nest and then swoop down at me in a screaming dive, talons extended. I got the message very quickly and immediately warned others to stay away from the spot. Here in Delhi, a purple sunbird built its *jhuggi-jhompri* just outside our front door, dangling from a hanging plant, so that was the first thing you saw when you opened the door. I sneaked one photograph from inside the house, and decided not to take any more.

By and large, I think nest photography should be avoided or only permitted under licence. Do remember, a nesting bird is most stressed, vulnerable and overworked, trying to feed and bring up its brood. The last thing it needs is a photographer sticking a huge glass lens in its babies' faces, and clearing away leaves, twigs and undergrowth, which hid the nest from predators.

Thanks to the availability of disposable incomes and prime lenses, bird (and nature) photography has shot up in popularity in the last couple of decades. With it has come a cutthroat game of one-upmanship, which has boded ill for the subjects. Ah, you may argue, if we do not photograph or video birds, how do we find out how they live their lives? The more we know about them, the better we can protect them. And all those documentaries on



RAN. STAY AWAY

A sun bird's nest made of dried leaves and grass, seed cases and spider webs

BBC Wildlife and other channels, use tiny hidden cameras inside the nests of birds and the birds seem fine with them. Well, I sometimes do wonder about that, too.

If you must photograph nesting birds, there are a few common sense things to remember. Firstly, the interests of the bird (and her family) come first, certainly before your prize-winning photo. Stay as far away as possible (not difficult with long telephoto lenses) and visit the site for a very short period every few days. Or if you are deadly serious and have weeks to spare, over a period of time set up a camouflaged hide. Know the habits of the bird: is it a sensitive species or does it build its nest in your hair (like pigeons might!)? If the parents leave the nest when you turn up, are they gone for long? Remember they are leaving their nestlings exposed to heat or cold or predators during this time. Avoid using flash. Do not share the precise location of the nest on social media – there will be many less concerned about the bird's well-being than you may be.

Happily, there are places where even nesting birds especially water-birds - may be used to the bird paparazzi. The painted storks and egrets at the National Zoological Park in New Delhi, for example, and the breeding water-birds at the Keoladeo National Park at Bharatpur are not very bothered by the visiting hordes because they are kept at a safe distance away from them. But, remember, even common garden birds can be extraordinarily sensitive about their nesting sites and will nervously flit from perch to perch, as they approach their nests before diving in, hoping that you haven't spotted them doing so. This puts a huge stress on them especially if they have a "deliverable" to make: a juicy caterpillar for instance; which is the case most of the time! Do not investigate further - they don't want you to know their address — just leave them be. If you snoop around too much, you can be sure the local cats, monkeys and crows will have their beady eyes on you and when you leave...

Thankfully, nest-photography has been banned in most photo-competitions and now birding groups on social media, too, are following suit. While you may get your kicks when your picture of say a paradise flycatcher feeding its babies gets a thousand "likes", if that paradise-flycatcher dislikes what you've done, which it mostly will, you stand condemned! Just as you would condemn the damn paparazzi if they dared to do the same thing to you and your spouse and beloved fledgling family!

'I'm never running away from the fact that I'm 42'

Actor Kareena
Kapoor Khan on her
forthcoming film,
shooting during
pregnancy, and love
for comedies

Alaka Sahani

Your new film *Laal Singh Chaddha* is an official adaptation of *Forrest Gump* (1994). As Rupa, how was it playing Jenny's character?

We have remained true to Jenny's character. Rupa is like the soul of the movie. Basically, it's a love story. Laal (Aamir Khan) keeps looking for her at different stages of his life. For Rupa's role, Aamir did my screen test. He was very upfront about it, knowing well that I have a body of work spanning 22 years. I am very happy that he did it because he became 100 per cent sure that I was his Rupa. That's how the journey began. After that, we have been through a lot — the pandemic, my pregnancy. When people watched the trailer, they questioned why so much graphic was done on our faces. But a lot of people don't know that the story starts when they are much younger. Obviously, Aamir and I are not that young. So, we have done a lot of de-aging.

You must have gone through a whole range of emotions during the making of the film as you got pregnant, had your second son Jehangir, and also dealt with the lockdowns.

I was at home, thankfully. The film got stalled because of the lockdown, and I was pregnant. When things opened up, Aamir tried to finish the film. We had not worked for almost a year by then. I was shooting when I was five months pregnant, which was easy. I enjoyed doing it. In fact, I worked till the eighth month. Hopefully, now people would appreciate the effort and like the film.

What kind of rapport do you share with Aamir Khan whom you have known for many years?

Ihave known him since I was 9. When I was 12, he was shooting with Lolo (sister Karishma Kapoor) for *Andaz Apna Apna* (1994). I am 42 now and it's a relationship of over 30 years with him. From behind the camera, I have watched him and my sister perform in multiple movies. My childhood was spent watching Lolo act with Aamir, Salman (Khan) and Akshay (Kumar) as I aspired to work with them. It's amazing that Aamir has worked with both the sisters in blockbuster movies. I have done some amazing work with him in 3 *Idiots* (2009), *Talaash* (2012) and now *Laal Singh Chaddha*. I believe we make a fantastic on-screen pair. Our scenes in *Laal Singh*... are probably the best ones





STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

Kareena Kapoor Khan; (left) a still from Laal Singh Chaddha in the movie. The kind of passion he brings to the sets is very different from others. That has perhaps sustained him as a top star for over three decades.

And what has sustained you over the two decades you spent in the industry since *Refugee* (2000)?

It's a mix of many things, including passion and talent. I love what I do. I have always maintained, the day I stop loving what I do, I won't look back. I love acting. I also love being in front of the camera, photographed and being in the limelight. But I am also a very private person. I love my family and life as much as I love my ca-

reer. I have never chased success alone, even in my 20s. I have done the movies I wanted to be a part of. Refusing certain movies is probably my biggest mistake, but I take that in my stride.

Does it excite you that some of your new projects are with directors you have never

worked with before?
After trying to work together for 15 years, Sujoy (Ghosh) and I have finally come together for a movie based on *The Devotion of Suspect X* for Netflix. Working on this has been one of my best experiences. For *Laal...*, my director is Advait (Chandan), who has directed only one prior to this. Then, I am working with Hansal Mehta, who comes from a different world. Hoping that our energies rub off on each other. That's what happened on the sets of *The Devotion of...* where I am working with actors Jaideep Ahlawat and Vijay Varma. They come from a different school of acting and I have learnt so much from them.

You are co-producing a movie with Ekta Kapoor and acting in Rhea Kapoor's next production. Do such collaborations help in spotlighting the industry women?

Everyone is doing amazing work. But the energy of Ekta and Rhea, who are gutsy, matches mine. We always come up with great ideas. I believe somehow women understand me really well. *Veere Di Wedding* (2018) was a box-office success. In the commercial space, very few films have been made on female friendship. The next movie I am doing with Rhea is again women-centric and in the commercial space. We have locked a really amazing cast with three stellar actors and Rhea should be announcing this soon.

What has been your toughest role yet?

People think doing comedy or being Poo (in Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Cham, or K3G, 2001) is easy. But I find those very tough. There is a fine line between acting and overacting. You are constantly on your toes. However, I enjoy doing comedy films as that comes naturally to me—be it Golmaal (...Returns, 2008, and ...3, 2010) or K3G. I don't judge if a role is tough but wonder if I am going to have fun doing it. However, if asked to pick one it has to be my titular role in Chameli (2004). I was just 21 and playing a sex worker. No one believed at that time that I had the look of the character. I am happy that I took up that role and proved myself.

A photo of you, Amrita and Malaika Arora at Karan Johar's 50th birthday party got trolled. How do you react to ageism and criticism about looks not just on social media but also in the industry?

In our society, we are still battling this. This is only natural that we grow old. And it's fine. You are as old as you look. And we look fantastic. We are all in our 40s. The photo went viral because people gave this maximum attention. But I am never running away from the fact that I'm 42. I don't think I felt better or looked better. Sometimes, I look at the 20-year-olds and think I don't want to be in my 20s. I don't want the pressure of looking good and finding success. As long as you are happy with what you do, that's all that matters.

Upon Us All A Little Rain Must Fall

The monsoon is a metaphor for love, hope, peace and celebration



Suvir Saran is a chef, author, educator and world traveller

RAINY DAYS are known to contribute to depression and sadness. People become nostalgic and melancholic, remembering lost loves, remembering first loves. But I see in rain the magic that is life; I see freedom from the scorching heat and that angst within; I see healing and wisdom. It is a manna, a windfall, a boon, a godsend. So as much as I find myself loathing the monsoon season, I have also come to understand that it is essential. It is something we must all make our peace with and show gratitude for.

I learned as a young boy that "monsoon" isn't just a word — it is also a metaphor for

prayer, love, hope, celebration, peace, sharing, happiness, caring and deeply-felt adventure that transcends the rainy season and connects one to a most gutturally enjoyed emotion and time. Yes, it causes anxiety by keeping us stuck inside our homes and rooms, but it also frees us of much that clutters our souls.

My training as a Hindustani classical vocalist familiarised me, at a very young age, with the romance that Indian poetry has with the monsoon. I learned ragas that celebrate the season, whose notes touch one's heartstrings and take both vocal chords and the instruments to places where they eclipse music becoming part of the longing and joy, the anxious hankerings and desolate nervousness, the hopeful mind and the lover waiting to be one with the beloved. In the poetry that the notes give voice to, in the emotional tension the poets bring forth, and in the vocal gymnastics of the singer, ragas unite musician with self, and the self with the other, and in doing so, bring us back home to that place deep inside our soul where we find ourselves, our whole meaning, our purpose.

Luca, my most beloved pet, my Bernese Mountain Dog, who passed away just over a year ago at age 10 in New Delhi after having spent his first eight years in New York at our farm in Hebron, had a very similar relationship with rain. He would rise above a rainstorm's gloomy air of despair and bleakness and show will power that would keep him holding his business for upwards of 24 hours, if need be, to keep himself dry and far from the rain. His calm manner, his silent strength, his majestic gait, even as he held litres of water in his bladder, were a lesson in how we humans become wimps so easily. This fourlegged giant of a dog taught me, a human, to find life in stillness and to see positive action



SUVIRSA

COME RAIN OR SHINE

When thunder rolls and lightning strikes, I see the proverbial silver lining in the blackest of clouds, and how that fleeting shimmer turns into a lasting change in the landscape in restfulness.

Luca was therapist and shrink, philosopher guide, and a gentle companion, showing me through his example that facing challenges doesn't have to be a negative, and that in the churn of seasons and the gushing monsoon rain, there are lessons of harmonious living.

Yes, I am human, and I play favourites, even when trying not to. I love living where the seasons are defined with bold clarity. I found joy living on our farm in Hebron, in what many consider the tundra in the US. Frozen for six interminable months of the year, it was our home for a long time, longer than I have lived anywhere else. I enjoyed the fleeting spring, which vanished even before it arrived. Summer was verdant and bursting with life, with birds in song and animals lost to the woods, with grass growing faster than anything else, as if it were ensuring its life was noticed and indulged. Not as fleeting as spring, summer came with scorching heat, in a geography unprepared to deal with it. Fall came with a colour palette no painting could do justice to. Leaves on the ground as beautiful as the colourful ones atop trees. These are seasons of busyness, of activity and manic scrambles to produce, to succeed, to accomplish. There is no time for contemplation or reflection, and no energy reserved at the end of the day for either.

When winter arrived, I saw in the North Country that same darkness that the monsoons bring with them to the Indian landscape. But with Luca and ancient ragas as my

guides, I fell in love with the solitude and calm, the dreary weather and the cheerlessness, the murky thoughts, and the introspective energy. Unable to drive sometimes and locked in our rural outpost with no neighbours in sight, it was with ourselves and our reality that we had to make peace, so we could live with hope and without fear. Just as in the music of the ragas, where the words take on a cheerful note and tone as the lover comes home in time before the morbidity of the monsoon leaves the poet in despair, so, too, I was able to see the bright light that was the flame inside the depths of my being which the snow kept alive. When kept lit, its embers are the emotions that we learn to leave behind, the joys we see in our future when we least expect them, and the peace of mind that we find despite being broken by the weather outside. Luca's eyes looking calmly into mine and his ability to preserve the gentleness of his manner and soul taught me much about making peace with nature, to see tranquillity in the darkest of dark moments, to see quietude without fear and for its healing abilities.

I remember Dadi, my paternal grand-mother, once traced the journey of the river Ganga from its Himalayan origin to its arrival in the plains. She wrote its autobiography on banyan tree leaves with ink. She waxed poetic about the journey of this holiest of holy rivers. The story of the river wasn't about Hindu ritual, but through her words and prose, it was the story of water, of sustenance, of growth, of movement, of hope, of survival, of new beginnings, of meandering paths, of human evolution, of our lot in life, and of continuity and the utterly easy simplicity of the very vexing human continuum.

In the gloaming umbra of the murky dark dark clouds, I wait to see life and hope, and find it when thunder rolls and lightning strikes. And just like that I see the proverbial silver lining in the blackest of clouds, and I also see how that passing and fleeting shimmer turns into lasting change in the landscape and vegetation and in lives everywhere the monsoon water touches the earth. Its fruit will be enjoyed in faraway places where that water finds its way. The anxiety for the beloved, the mourning of love, the sorrows that clouded the joys, all will find hope in our hearts — we just have to let the water settle, our emotions be grounded, and give life time to live.

B O O K S

'Akbar anticipated the modern, multicultural, secular state'

Parvati Sharma on what made her write a biography on the Mughal emperor Akbar, the myths around him, and what sets him apart from other rulers

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In your biography of Jahangir, you had said, it was like digging him out of obscurity. When you were writing on Akbar (Akbar of Hindustan: Imperfect and Extraordinary. The Man Behind the Myth), was the challenge reversed?

There's nothing in the book that will be new to a historian but a huge amount of what I read about Akbar was completely unknown to me. On the one hand, Akbar is this omnipresent figure but, paradoxically, many things about him aren't so well known. For instance, the fact that the greatest resistance that Akbar ever faced was from his own Central Asian nobility, who had accompanied Humayun into Hindustan, was a surprise.

So then what made you write on him?

You cannot really understand the Mughals without getting to grips with the man who actually made the empire. Also, I started this book in 2019 and there was something about the timing of it that focused my attention on Akbar in a different way. I was reading about a man who built an empire and empire building is not necessarily a pretty sight.

Besides, in the time that I was trying to write about him, there was a lot of 'empire building' going on around me. You had Donald Trump trying to make America great again, more recently, we have Putin trying to restore the Russian empire and we had, right at home, this emerging Hindu rashtra. So, that kind of ambition for empire building was all around. I couldn't escape it.

In some ways, Akbar is no different from other emperors. So what makes him great?

The ruthlessness he exhibits is not very 'great'. Second, it's very common, among those who crave power; it's not exceptional.

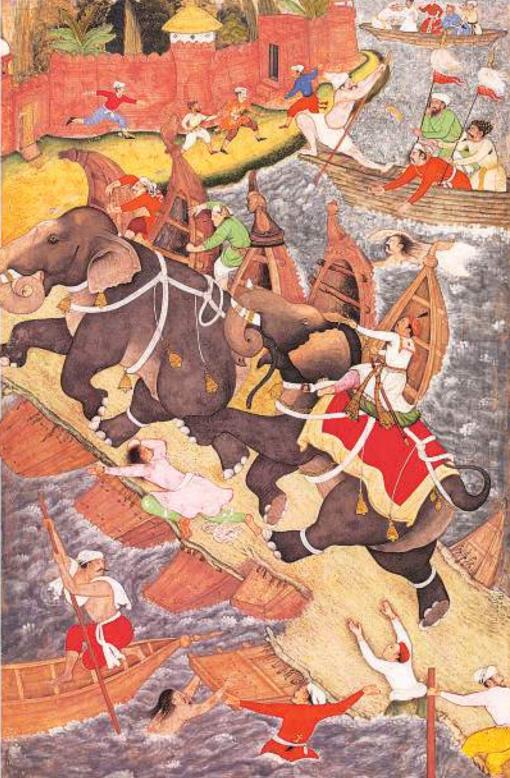
But gradually, in understanding how he lived and ruled, his greatness did start to reveal itself. It lies in the idea that becomes the bedrock of his rule, which is sulh-i kul, peace for all. Here is a man who spent his boyhood in Kabul, surrounded mostly by Central Asians, mostly by Sunni Muslims, who then, in his 20s and 30s, is expanding an empire stretching from Gujarat to Bengal. His empire and even his own family – in his late twenties. Akbar has a son, Salim, from his first Rajput wife - contain many different ethnicities and faiths. This is a man whose power is growing exponentially but there is this question he's asking himself: he wants to know what is the just way of exercising his power. He says 'true greatness consists in doing the will of God', but which God? And Akbar seems to conclude that what a king is supposed to do (by following God's will) is create peace and prosperity and justice for his people and his empire, so why not make that the foundational tenet of your rule, sulh-i kul, and leave God out of it? In a way, it is anticipating the modern, multicultural, secular state and to do that in the 16th century with such clarity is truly remarkable. It's also remarkable now, at a time when this idea of the One, or this pure type of ethnicity or religion that is supposed to define your nation seems to be growing across the world, and in that sense Akbar is a counter to that. His life speaks as an argument against that.

There are many accounts of Akbar in popular telling. What were the myths that crumbled during your research?

Well, almost everything is a myth! The romance with Jodha – first of all she is not called Jodha, she is called Harkha — there is not even a whisper of it. If there's one person you had to choose whom Akbar had great affection for, it would be Birbar (not Birbal, as he's later known). But in terms of Akbar and Birbar's relationship as it's told in the stories, while Birbar is reputedly very intelligent and talented, there is no indication of him being this witty courtier always getting the better of Akbar - that is a much later invention. Other ideas that are popularly held are of Rana Pratap being his greatest enemy but if there's a real threat to Akbar's throne, it is from the Central Asian nobility. The great rivalry, as I understood it, is between Rana Pratap and Man Singh.



Fazl and Badauni, neither of them makes a huge thing about Akbar marrying Harkha Bai. Of course, the marriage is only one aspect of a political alliance that means that many Rajputs are now entering the government and becoming increasingly powerful in it. It's soon after this alliance that Akbar, for the first time, abolishes jizya, and it is soon thereafter that there is an Uzbek rebellion against him, and part of the reason for this and later rebellions could be that Abkar is now centralising more authority in himself and demanding more revenue, more accountability from his warlords, but also that the Central Asian nobility are now losing ground to the other kinds of people who are rising in the empire — Rajputs,



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RISING ABOVE ALL ove) Akbar rides the *musth* elephant Hawai across a p

(Above) Akbar rides the *musth* elephant Hawai across a pontoon bridge in Agra while his horrified subjects wonder if the *padishah* has lost his mind; Parvati Sharma

Indian Muslims, Persians.

Akbar has always been seen as a good Muslim and Aurangzeb as the bad Muslim. Is that too simplistic a reading?

Yes. The good-bad Muslim binary is suspect enough in modern times; to see historical figures through it doesn't help us understand them at all. Akbar is a complicated person. Sometimes he does things that are terrible, that are not defensible, but at the same time he's truly extraordinary in terms of what he manages to achieve and how he achieves it, in not just creating this empire but also in laying its administrative and philosophical foundations. The fact is that he once ordered a massacre of civilians after the Siege of Chittorgarh, possibly to proclaim his Muslim credentials to the Central Asian nobility after an Uzbek re-

bellion, but he is also a man who changes and

has the ability to look back at himself. The man who admits that 'when I was younger I converted people to Islam by force because I thought that was the right thing to do but later I realised I was wrong' is also the man who allows complete freedom not only to practise but propagate any religion in his realm.

How do you see the increasing efforts to write out the Mughals from our history?

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The anti-Mughal discourse is not an attack on the Mughals, they are long dead and don't care; it's not an engagement with history, it's an attack on Muslims in India today. The Mughals are one of the greatest dynasties in the world. Their achievements (and their failures) in all sorts of spheres have been extraordinary. Writing them out of our history is just foolish. It's like that expression — cutting your nose to spite your face.

When Silence Speaks

In her new book, Aanchal Malhotra threads together personal histories of Partition to build a narrative of hope and reconciliation

Kaushik Das Gupta

AMONG MY fondest memories of my grand-mother are her accounts of her ancestral home and stories of the family she married into. She wasn't a Partition refugee — my grandfather had migrated with his nuclear family to Lucknow five years before the Muslim League's Direct Action Day. But almost all her relatives remained in undivided Bengal and the family would look forward to their annual visits during Durga Puja — celebrated with much fanfare at the feudal estate of her in laws.

At one point in grandma's narrative, there was a break. The Durga Puja visits are now to Calcutta or other places in West Bengal. Grandma passed on when I was too young to join the dots and connect this shift in the location of the puja to Partition. Years later as a student of history, I did. But grandma, too, hardly mentioned Partition. And that continues to remain a matter of curiosity.

Grandma's stories came back to me as I read Aanchal Malhotra's, In the Language of Remembering: The Inheritance of Partition. In her earlier book, Remnants of Separation (2019), Malhotra had brought alive Partition memory through objects such as jewellery,

utensils, books, and even intangible artefacts such as ways of speaking. In the Language of Remembering is about somewhat different carriers of memory. It's about personal histories, several of them passed down generations. Like my grandmother's accounts, these histories are less genealogical narratives, more stories, several times even vignettes. Like my grandmother who would talk of Jessore, Barisal, Khulna — places where she once had family - their rivers, ponds, fish and vegetables, friends and neighbours, and not of India or Pakistan, Malhotra's respondents, too, rarely mention the two countries. As she writes. "Silence can also be a carrier, and one that is practised by many, and augmented by gestures of pain. But ultimately there remains something extraordinary about Partition that refuses South Asians the luxury of either ignoring or moving past it, forbidding it from withdrawing from the realm of private conversations to enter the public domain so that it may be discussed and reconciled with. For many, the subject is viscerally enfolded in shame and fear, anger and bitterness, adding to the difficulty of utterance". And yet, In the Language of Remembering is not about rancour. Unlike, perhaps, the most well-known tradition of Partition literature, violence is not the



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leitmotif of Malhotra's account.

Instead, her skills as an interviewer prompt many of her respondents to dig deeper. Belonging, she writes, conveying the sentiments of her respondents, "may not be a physical space but a sense we carry in our bodies and pass down generations". It goes deeper than the name of a place or "a stamp on the passport. It's as deep as the soil of the Earth". But belonging is also about something

forced on by Partition. Wrenched away from their homes and livelihoods, refugees, including Malhotra's grandparents, had to build lives from scratch. There was no time to lament what they had left behind. Partition remained etched in memories not as a wound as is commonly described but "more like a scar, indelible, ever present".

But it's not that Malhotra's respondents eschew all talk of violence. One of them, for instance, talks of being haunted by a bloodstained account book, the only physical remnant of the family's pre-Partition days. His family still observes August 14 as a day of mourning. As Malhotra writes, "the very word 'Partition' has become a feeling, an experience, a history, a memory, a burden, a wound, a war, all at ear."

Il at one". It's this ability to create a layered narrative that's Malhotra's strength. In 24 evocatively titled chapters, she lets the experiences of her respondents speak for themselves and detail how the momentous event has registered in

collective memory. In the concluding part of her book, Malhotra engages with the government's decision to observe August 14 as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. Such remembrance cannot be one-sided, she rightly says. "It cannot apply exclusively to Indians and must extend beyond our frontiers potentially paving the way for cross-border conversations and gradual reconciliation." And the commemoration should not just be about the horror or communal violence but should also occasion looking "both outwards at our community and inwards within our families in order to understand grief, generational trauma and divisive tendency".

If there is one overarching message of the book, it's that of empathy — a quality that she brings to her writing as well. Hers is an account of human connections and relationships that once existed between communities. It made me recollect grandma's stories about Muslim neighbours participating in Durga Puja and baithaks in which her lawyer father-in-law would entertain his clients and colleagues, Hindus and Muslims. With a smirk, grandma would often conclude, there would be separate utensils for Muslims.

Malhotra hopes that endeavours such as hers will inspire peace and reconciliation. It should, as she says at another place, also lead to reflection on how we erred even at times when we made connections and forged relationships.



VERSE TIME Anvar Ali

Fire & Steam

The poetry and politics of Anvar Ali, this year's Kerala Sahitya Akademi winner

Amrith Lal

NVAR ALI, 56, is arguably the most interesting voice in Malayalam poetry today. His third volume of poetry, *Mehboob Express* (2020), the first in a decade, is a collection of intensely political poems that carry the pain and burden of our times. Ali has a sharp eye and ear and is tuned into his immediate surroundings. Yet, like in all good writing, there is an exceptional and universal vision that gives a visceral quality to his best poems. The politics that has shaped the inner and outer worlds of the poems in *Mehboob Express* also makes Ali a pan-Indian voice, who happens to be writing in Malayalam. Earlier this week, *Mehboob Express* received this year's Kerala Sahitya Akademi award; two years ago, Ali, now a sought-after lyricist, won the state award for the best film lyrics.

The collection takes its title from the poem *Mehboob Express — Oru Jeevitharekha* (translated into Hindi by the late poet Manglesh Dabral as *Mehboob Express: Ek Prabandh* and into English by AJ Thomas as *Mehboob Express: A Monologue*). Ali started on it by composing a four-line ditty about children imitating the sound of the running train — *kollathe pappadam, gandan pappadam* (like *do daskaden* in the Kurasawa film) — and it stayed in hibernation on his cellphone for some years. Thereafter, lines started getting added and it took the shape of a narrative poem. He believes, the changing political landscape

laid the track on which the poem began to move.

Mehboob Express (2017) can be read as a conversation between Mehboob and his younger relative, in person and over letters, narrated by the latter. The conversation begins on a passenger train, when Mehboobkka (ikka means elder brother) is visiting home on a summer break, and the train grows into a metaphor that maps the



subcontinent. It winds through a landscape of history and memory, capturing a land caught in chaotic violence and wounded by numerous Partitions. It recalls their grandfather, who was managing Mahatmaji's Paan Shop in Lahore, fleeing the newly created land of the pure for home "on a steam-locomotive that howled its way to Delhi" to the rattle of "Pakistan Partition", braving guns and swords, taking the Hindu name

Dakshinaamoorthi. He is on the move as political upheavals – the Rajiv Gandhi assassination, the emergence of Bahuian Samai Party, the destruction of Babri Masiid. the Gujarat riots, the Kunan Poshpora incident, and the Akhlaq lynching — reshape politics and communal relations for the worse. Mehboobkka's letters and emails chug along on the tracks of history, recalling a country hurtling to disaster as it embraces a majoritarian agenda and weaponises faith. By now, Mehboobkka, a pensioner. is dreaming of reopening Mahatmaji's Paan Shop in Kochi. The conversation tails off as they step off the new Metro line — 'a silent train that utters nothing' — and Mehboobkka disappears along the footpath that winds past the migrant workers waiting for the next contractor train. "The national anthem of silence boomed," Ali writes, drawing the map of a pock-marked republic that invites reflection on the fate of a nation where, in Carl Sandburg's words, "hope is a tattered flag". Two decades earlier, Ali had written another narrative

poem that offers a melancholic picture of a nation that failed to stay true to the ideals of its founders. Raghavan of *Ekanthathayude Ambathu Varshangal* (*Fifty Years of Loneliness*) is representative of a generation that became comatose as the country lost its bearings soon after Independence. The distance from Raghavan to Mehboob — from melancholy to utter despair — is the distance that the nation has travelled between 1997 and 2017. Ali's own poetry has become increasingly edgy and polemical in the past few years as the abstractions and ambiguities of his early works make way for a defiant and strident tone. Blame it on the times and the honesty of an individual sensitive to the new India built on the debris of Gandhi's and Nehru's Bharat. Indeed, Ali has written that "we are on the magnetic belt of another time".

Ali's politics is also an extension of his aesthetics — or the other way. In the history of Malayalam poetry — the canon is mostly upper-caste male Hindus and its vocabulary and idiom is mostly drawn from Hindu epics — Ali is an outlier. His generation of poets privileged a micro politics and unearthed provincial echoes, inheritances and registers. Ali has broadened the vocabulary of poetry by consciously drawing in from his personal and communal experiences, words and sounds, to sculpt a new language that emphasis the diversity of the Malayali society.

It is this sensitivity to language that marks Ali as a trail-blazer. Fellow poet Anitha Thampi says, Ali's authenticity lies in his explorations, in transforming the language of poetry in Malayalam. "Poetry is a language art," she says. Ali has carried forward the language of poetry, constantly experimenting with form, drawing from Malayalam's rich inheritance of story-telling and narrative poetry, the careful moulding of poetic meters, cross-fertilisation of the vocabulary by borrowing from pop-culture, street talk and community lingo, using classical modes as well as parody, leaning on cinema and performance traditions to energise the art.

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Ahmed.for all, future purposes. 0040624941-4

I.MANJIT KAUR W/O MALKIYAT SINGH R/O B-9/20,BLOCK-B, GALINO.12, SWAROOP NAGAR, LIBASPUR, DELHI-110042. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANJINDER KAUR.

0040624904-7 I,MALKIAT SINGH S/O GURNAM SINGH R/O B-9/20,BLOCK-B, GALINO.12,SWAROOP NAGAR, LIBASPUR.DELHI-110042.CHANGED MYNAMETOMALKIYATSINGH.

I,KISHOR KUMAR S/O SATPAL TANEJA R/O D-44,U/F/F,KHNO 17/16.RAN JEFT VIHAR NII OTHI EXTN.NILOTHI, DELHI-110041. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KISHOR KUMAR TANFIA.

0040624904-5

I,INDERJIT SINGH GILL, S/O. MANMOHAN SINGH GILL ADD PLOT.NO-171, PRATAP NAGAR HARI-NAGAR,WEST DELHI-110064, Changed my name to INDERJEET SINGH GILL, for all, future Purposes.

I,Hitendra Kumar,S/o Mamchand.R/o A-9, Gali.No-1,Surya-Vihar,East-Sadat Pur Sadat Pur, Musalmanan-Dayalpur, North East-Delhi, Delhi-110094, have changed the name of my minor-son Nikhil Kumar aged-15-years and he shall hereafter be known as Nikhil Thakur. 0040624925-8

I.Harpal Singh Bedi.R/O.WZ-3 A-28,Bhatta Sahib Gurudwararoad, Vishnu-garden, New-Delhi-110018, have changed my minor son's name, from Bhavjeet Singh Bedi to Ishmeet Singh Bedi, for all purposes. 0040624929-4

I.Gurpreet Singh Khurana.S/o Indermohan Singh Khurana,R/o-E-27,(T.F.) Saraswati-Garden, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have $changed\,the\,name\,of\,my$ minor daughter Tanveet Khurana aged-13-years and she shall hereafter be known as Tanveet Kaur Khurana.r of Raghbir Dass. 0040624904-10

I,GURSHARN KAUR W/O SWARAN SINGH,R/O A-89,DDA COLONY, KHYALA PHASE-1,DELHI-110018.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GURSHARAN KAUR.

0040624925-2

I.GEETA DEVI. W/O-JAI DEV SHARMA,R/O-128 HARI NAGAR ASHRAM DELHI- 110014, changed my name to GEETA 0040624929-8

I,Amita Panday,W/o Alok Kumar Bajpay,R/o-165-B, Super-Mig, Express View-Apartment, Sector-93.Noida,Uttar Pradesh-201304, have changed my name after-marriage, from Amita Panday to Amita Bajpay, for all purposes. 0040624904-8

I,Sonia Boela,W/O Paramjit Singh Boela, R/O-3047/D-1, Street. No. 21, Ranjit-Nagar, Patel-Nagar New-Delhi.110008 state that my-Daughter Name is wrongly-written is schoolrecord as komal Boela(DOB-23/7/2007)her correct-Name is Komal Kaur Boela This is true and correct-information.

0040624904-9

I. Shakiane Alom.s/o Ilias.R/o-C1/103, Ramesh Enclave, Gali No.9,Kirari Suleman Nagar,Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Sk Jane 0040624929-10

I,Aakriti D/O Sarabjeet Singh Chadha.R/o-A88, amarcolony, Lajpat Nagar-4,3rdfloor,back-side,New Delhi -110024. Have change my name to Aakriti kaur Chadha, for all 0040624925-6 purposes.

I, hitherto known as Seema W/o Raj Kumar residing at E-45 J.J.Colony Raghubir Nagar Tagore Garden Delhi – 110027 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Seema Rani Kashyap

0040624897-2

I, hitherto known as Raj Kumar S/o Chaman Lal residing at E-45 J.J.Colony Raghubir Nagai Tagore Garden Delhi - 110027 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Raj Kumar Kashyap

0040624897-1

I, Rishab Gupta, s/o Manish Gupta R/o-81-82, Pocket-9, sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Rishabh Gupta.

0040624929-11

I. Ravi S/o Rakesh.R/o B-94,UDHAM SINGH PARK,NEAR A-73Lusa factory, wazirpur N/W Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Ravi Prajapati, for all purposes.

0040624929-5

I, Mukesh kumar Pandey,R/O.C (T)169. Muraligarhi. Turra. Pipri, Sonbhadra, U.P-231221, have changed my minor son's name.from Aditya Mukesh Pandey to Aditya Mukesh,for all purposes. 0040624925-9

I, Khushboo Pilania D/o Dr. Alok Pilania R/o D1105, Elite Homz, Plot No. Gh-02/b, Sec-77, GB Nagar, Noida 201301, UP have changed my name to Madhuri Pilania for all purposes.

0040624908-12

I, Irfan Ahmad S/o Mohd Iliyas R/o.G-236, Shaheednagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, declare that in my son's 10th class school record date-ofbirth of my son Abdul Samad wrongly written as 04.06.2005 instead-of his correct date-ofbirth 04.06.2007. 0070797030-1

I Sanjog Kumar Sachdeva, S/o Sh.Kewal Krishan Sachdeva, R/o D-14, 2nd Floor, Jangpura Extn., New Delhi-110014 have changed my name to SANJOG SACHDEVA. Further stated that Sanjog Sachdeva & Sanjog Kumar Sachdeva is one & the same person.

0040624884-1

I Deepika Thawani alias Harshita Ahuja D/o Sh. Mahesh Thawani W/o Sh. Vicky Ahuja R/o H.No.7-8, 1st Floor, G-28, Rohini Sector-3, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Harshita Ahuja for all purposes.

0040624884-2 I Sanchit S/o Anupam Jawa R/o House No-620, Ward No-2,

125001, have changed my name to Sanchit Jawa 0070797039-1

Sector-14, Hisar, Haryana-

I, Shakjane Alom, s/o Ilias, R/o-C1/103, Ramesh Enclave, Gali No.9.Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Sk Jane Alam.

0040624929-10 I.Mukesh Kumar.S/o Late Shri Mani Ram R/o-WP-122A WP-Block,Pitampura Delhi-110034, have changed my minor daughter name Diksha to Shiksha.

I,Rajan Singh Chauhan,S/o,Diwan Singh Chauhan, R/o-H.No.WT-9,Street-No.8, Baljeet-Nagar, N.Delhi-08,that my-name is wrongly-written in my minor daughter Niketa aged-16-yrs. in her Birth-Certificate and educational documents as Rajan Chauhan instead-of correct-name Rajan Singh Chauhan. 0040624929-6

I,SANJEEV KUMAR,S/O MAHENDRA DUTT, R/o.FLAT.NO.C.4,1606,PARTEEK **GRAND-CITY, SIDDHARTH** VIHAR, GHAZIABAD,U.P 201204, changed my name to SANJIV DAT. 0040624904-4

I,SURRANJAN DUTT, S/O-GOPAL CHANDRA DUTT, Address-O-14 KASTURBA NIKETAN COMPLEX LAJPAT-NAGAR-II, DELHI-110024, changed my name to SURANJAN DUTTA.

0040624929-9

Rakesh Kathoria@Rakesh Kumar Kathuria, S/o-Ved Prakash Kathuria, R/o P-45, Ist-Floor, Uppal Southend, Sector-48, Sohna-Road, Gurgaon-(Haryana), Have Changed the my name to Rakesh Kathuria.

0040624929-3 I,Sadif Khan,D/o Rashid Khan,R/o-J-3/20,Krishan Kuni.Laxmi Nagar. Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, Have

Changed My Name To Sadaf

0040624904-1 I.Sonia Babbar W/o Vinav Babbar R/o-V-28 Naveen Shahdara,Delhi-110032,Have Changed My Name To Ruby Babbar. 0040624904-2

I,VIRENDER KUMAR S/O SHER SINGH R/O BE-180, GALINO.3, GROUND-FLOOR.HARI NAGAR DELHI-110064.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VIRENDER SINGH.

0040624929-1 I.VISHAL KUMAR SINGH S/0-RAMJANAM SINGH R/0-R 22 FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK-R RAJOURI GARDEN DELHI-110027, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VISHAL SINGH.

0040624925-1

I,Sumit Kaur,W/o-Rajesh Gahlot,House n-332, mitraon najafgarh South West-Delhi-110043, Changed my name to 0040624925-5

I,Tejasvi,S/o-Yogender Singh Ranaut,R/o-K-347,Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name from Tejasvi to Tejasvi ranaut both are one and the same person. 0040624941-1

I.Tejasvi,S/o-Yogender Singh Ranaut, R/o-K-347, Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018.inform that in my passport my father name has wrongly-mentioned as Yogender Ranaut instead of Yogender Singh Ranaut.

0040624941-2

LOST & FOUND

I,Yashoda Rani W/o Late Roshan Lal Verma R/o C-8/45,Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053 have lost my Original Allotment Letter & Original Handing over Possession Letter of abovesaid property Finders may contact at Mobile No. 9868148367. 0040624884-4

Mahender Kumari W/o Late Radhey Shyam R/o B-314, DDA MIG Flats, East of Loni Road. Nand Nagri, Delhi-110093 have lost my Original Possession Slip of abovesaid property. Finders may contact at Mobile No. 9560465021. 0040624884-3

I, Shikha Virmani w/o Mukesh Virmani & Divva Khurana Nitin Khurana R/o 4/30 2nd Flr Subhash gali Vishwas Ngr Shahdara Del-32. Have lost Desh Raj Ahuja Death Certificate 28.05.1987, Surviving Member Certificate & Conveyance deed dated 24.10.1970 executed by DDA in favour of Raghbir Dass.

0040624903-1

I,Mrs. RAJESH JAIN W/o NAVRATTAN JAIN,R/o Flat.No.60, Kailash-Apt. I.P-Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092.have Lost my Original-Allotment Cum-Possession of Flat.No.60, Kailash-Apt. (Ksheer Sagar)CGHS,45, I.P-Extn.Delhi-110092.Finder-Please Contact#9891719904

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NAME CHANGE

Service No JC-284421P, Rank Nb Sub, Name Balbii singh of Unit 60 Medium Regiment c/o 56 APO, have changed the name of my daughter from Shagun to Shagun Singh vide affidavi no. 17AA981332 dated dated 22.07.2022 Before Notary Public Sub. Div. Courts Joginder Nagar (H.P.)

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my clients had agreed to purchase residential House No. B- 74, Sector 14, Noida from its owner Mr. Dinesh Sud and Mrs. Manju Sud vide written agreement, free from all encumbrances, charges, liens, and mortgages etc. Advance money under the said morrgages etc. Advance money under run said agreement has been paid by my client. The Page No. 4 and 5 of the Lease Deed dated 20.04.1981 and Page No. 3 of the Transfer Cum Sale Deed dated 02.04.1988 and Possession Certificate for the aforementioned property has been lost/misplaced. If anyone found the entioned documents, kindly conta the undersigned. Further, ALL PERSON ving any claim in respect of the sale, lien, o naving any camin irrespect of the sale, neit, or otherwise howsoever are requested to put their claim in underwriting with undersigned with documentary proof therein, within 14 days hereof falling which the claim(s) if any, of such persons(s) will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and the said

Krishna Kr Sharma (Advocate Kriss Juris & Co. E-mail:- krishna@krissjurisnco.com, Mob:- +91-8595133164 C-87, LGF, Lajpat Nagar-1, Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

nat my client Shri Lalman son o hri Sahwal R/o A-2/82, Sector-17 Rohini, Delhi-110089 severed a elation with his son Jitende Jumar, his wife Smt. Sonam and is daughter Keshvi because o neir deplorable behaviour and my memorable properties. In case any pody dealing with them, shall be doing so at his /her own risk, costs and consequences and my clien shall not be responsible in any

Ch.No. A-12/A, Wes PUBLIC NOTICE 10028, have lost my propert Original Documents i.e Callotment cum Demand Letter Site Possession Slip & NOC for Electricity & Water Connection of property bearing DDALIG Flat No. 281, on Second Floor, Block I, (earlier known as 15/28² Naraina Vihar), situated a Naraina Vihar, New Delhi

If any person find its please contact me. Sameer Nayyar

110028, an FIR to this effect has been lodged in police station Crime Branch, Delhi vide LR No

642325/2022 dated 29/07/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE ral public is hereby informed that m i.e. i.e. Mr. Victor Dsouza S/o Mio ose Dsouza R/o J-8, Pusa Apartment or-15, Rohini, North West, Delhi-11008; behold owner as well as in the the cal possession of the Property bearing hysical possession of the Property bearing late bearing No. 702, 7th. Floor, Tower-Fotal admeasuring area 1859.00 Sq. F 72.70 Sq. Mts) Park View City-2, Sector-9, Badshahpur, Gurugram During the crutinized of Original chain of Title/Relevan locuments regarding, the above said his roperty, He found that the Origina Mrs. Meenatehl Rao Wio Mr. Anard Kuma in respect of property bearing No. Falt bearin No. 702. 7h Floor. Tower-F. bit admeasuring area 1859.00 Sq. Ft (172.70 Sc Mts) Park View City-2. Sector-4t Badshahpur, Guurgnarn has misplacer missed from his physical possession of hir residence at J-8, Pusa Apartments Sector-1t Archini, North West, Delhi-110098. He ha tried to find all possible places but yet in trace/allocated the said Original Allottner letter Original Flat Buyer Agreement date test of the said Circle (1804). The School Sch ilient then he will never misuse occurrents and he will hand over the the he will hand over the the he will hand over the he he will hand over the he will hand over the he he will hand over the he he will hand over the he he he will hand over the he he he he will hand he will have he will h ephonically.
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COURT NOTICE

In the Court of Sh. Mridul Gupta: Administrative Civil. Judge-cum-ARC(Central) Room No.-28, Ground Floor, Tis Hazari Court Delhi-110054 SC. No. 115/2022 Santosh Budhraja & Ors

The State & Ors. FOR SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE NDER INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT 1925

Whereas in the above noted petition the applicant/petitioner has applied for Succession Certificate to the Hon'ble Court Under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 in respect of the debt and securities amount of Rs XXX. As per record to be standing in the name of Late Sh. Raghunath Rai Budhraja and Smt. Raj Rani Budbraja deceased. Whereas the 29.10.2022 at 10' o clock in the forenoon has been fixed for hearing or the application notice is hereby given to this concerned. is hereby given to this concerned. Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 19.07.2022

Seal Add. Rent Controller Centra Tis Hazari Courts Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of

Civil Procedure) IN THE COURT OF SH. BHARAT IN THE COURT OF SH. BHARAI PARASHAR, LD. DISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT)-01CENTRAL, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI SUIT NO. CS(COMM)-370/2018

NEXT DATE OF HEARING 05.09.2022 ICICI BANK LTD. ...Plaintiff

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AMIT KUMAR

AMIT KUMAR S/O. SH. RAJU (BORROWER), OFFICE ADDRESS- B.S. ENTERPRISES, H. NO. 5127, SHI WARD NO. 22 SECTOR-3, BALLABGARH FARIDABAD, HARYANA- 121006 WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summon it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 05.09.2022

the day fixed for the final disposal, i

will be heard and determined ex-parte

Given under my hand and the sea

of the court, 13.04.2022 District Judge (Commercial Court)- 01 Tis Hazari Courts, Dell

PUBLIC NOTICE All general public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Om PARKASH S/o Sh. RAGHUBIR and Smt. NARESH DEVI W/O OM PARKASH both R/o H. NO. N-32/RO1 STA SARAN COLONY, GHANTA GHAR, MALKA GANJ, DELH-110007 had isowned their son, namely sh. VIKAS and daughter-in-law namely Smt. DOLY from all the movable and immovable properties owned by my clients due to their misbehavior such considerations.

illents due to triel misberiavior and isobedience towards my clients. My tients shall not be liable for any loss, whatsoever in nature, caused to inyone because of them MAYANK GUPTA-ADVOCATE CH. NO. 718, LAWYER'S CHAMBER BLOCK, ROHINI COURT, DELHI - 110085

PUBLIC NOTICE My Client SHRI. DAYA NAND S/O SHRI. MUKHTYARE, R/o-H.No-38, Isserhari, isarheri (66), Jhajjar, Haryana-124507 have severed all relations with his son SHRI. Amit & his wife Renu and Second Son SHAN. Anit & his wife Geetal Have discowned & disinherited them from all their movable and immovable properties due to their untoward behavior & conduct. Whosoever deals with them in any manger, shall do so at his/her anv manner, shall do so at his/he

> SAJNAY SINGH (Advocate Ch.No. 605, Saket Cou New Delhi-1

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PUBLIC NOTICE

C. 2/C Pocket No. 12. Janakpur B-1.

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2-1/1866. Vasant Kuni, New Delhi
10070. The original Will dated
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Be It Known to the general public through this public notice that my client Kapil Khurana and Yogest Khurana S/O Sh Late Ramest Khurana. Address 1205 2nd Floot Rani Bagh Delhi-110034 has severed. all the relationship with his broth Sumit Khurana S/o Sh Late Rames Khurana and disowned from h movable and immovable properties My client will not be responsible fo My client will not be responsible to any acts or deeds done by his brothe Sumit Khurana in Past and Preser any manner whatsoever. If an person deals or make relations wit him, shall do so at his/her entirel risks and costs in future.

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Umesh Dhingra (Advocate)

Delhi High Court

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आन्ध्रा Andhra onuiरिशन Corporation Issued under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial assets and Enforcer Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Demand Notices where issued to the below mentioned borrower/guarantor/s in respect of loan/credi acility/ies availed by them after the loan account has become a Non-Performing Asset and has beer classified by our bank as such on 30.03.2022 as per RBI guidelines. Registered notices were issued to the under noted borrower and guarantor/s on 27.04.2022 mentioned herein below Section 13(2) of safaesi Act 002 calling upon them to discharge the entire liability/ies to us as Secured Creditors within 60 days from the eceipt of said notice/s, which were received by bank undelivered and delivery of said notices are not feasible by other means. Hence the publication of the Demand Notice is being made under the Sarfaesi Act, 2002. We have indicated our intention to take possession of the secured assets detailed below in case of failure of orrower(s)/guarantor(s) in repaying the outstanding dues within 60 days from the date of publication of this otice. They are also advised to collect detailed notice lying in our office. The attention of the porrower(s)/guarantor(s) detailed hereunder are invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 or

the A	the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.					
Branch Name	Name of the Borrower Name of the Mortgagor/Guarantor	Description of the Secured Assets				
당	1. M/s P B Drug Enterprises 2.Borrower; Smt. Renu Mishra, W/o	All that piece and Parcel of land & building in the name of Smt, Renu Mishra, Sri Rakesh Kumar &				
Samastipur Branch	Sri Vivekanand Mishra, (Prop.of M/s PB Drug Enterprises) 3. Guarantor: Sri Rakesh Kumar 4. Guarantor: Sri Saket Kumar, Both S/o Sri Vivekanand Mishra, All are at Ward No7, Krishnapuri, Musapur, Samastipur, Dist Samastipur, Bihar-848101	Sri Saket Kumar, situated at Musapur, Dist Samastipur, Bihar Bearing land detail as under:- Tauzi No. 4833, Thana No. 177 (Musapur), Khata No. 178, Khesra No1193(Old), 1457(New) Area 1 Kattha 9 Dhur. Boundry: N-Smt. Rama Devi, S- Road, E-Sunil Kumar Thakur, W-Road	1. 30.03.2022 2. 27.04.2022 3. Rs. 30,05,403.33/- (Cash Credit- Rs. 25,62,599.33/- Term Loan- Rs. 4,42,804.00/-)			
Plac	ce : Samastipur		Authorised officer			

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) 1.The Executive Engineer Seraj Division HPPWD Janjehli Distt Mandi H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites on EPC mode bids on Percentage rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

EMD Name of Work Estimated Cost of Eligible class of Contractor Construction of 40.00 Mtrs Span double Lane Bridge with 7.96.04.835/ 15.92.100/ 24 5000/ foothpath over bakhaliKhad on LambathachShillibagi Kalhani- Kashoud-Pandli- Bakhli- Pandoh road km. 0/0 to 68/00 (SH;- C/o 40.00 mtrs Span double lane bridge Footpath, both side approaches at Rd. 0/350 including Dismentling of existing steel truss bridge and construction of diversion bridge(Bailey bridinge 12.00 mtrs span) including approaches road under CRF (Job No. CRF-HP-2021-22/179) on EPC mode.

Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website https://hptenders.gov.in. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized Cas can use the same in this tender

3. Kev Dates:

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Different block of District

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नेविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाग

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ı	1.	Invitation of RFP (NIT	16.08.2022
ı	2.	Last date of receiving quarries	23.08.2022
l	3.	Pre bid meeting	25.08.2022
l	4.	Department response to quarries Latest by	27.08.2022
ı	5.	Last date of purchase of bid document	05.09.2022 upto 13.00 HRS
ı	6	Bid due date	06.09.2022 upto 12.00 HRS
ı	7	Opening of Technical Bid	07.09.2022 upto 11.00 HRS
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1. Date of release of invitation for Bids through e-procurement 16.08.2022 for further details regarding availability of bid document, mode of submission ,detail of work & PIUs, DNIT,Bill of Quantities, eligibility of bidders, submission of bids and last date/ time for receipt of bids for each package logon website https://hptenders.gov.in Tende notice will be also be available on websites

Executive Engineer Seraj Division HPPWD Janjehli Distt Mandi H.P on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग झारखण्ड, राँची

ई—प्रोक्योरमेंट निविद्धा, (चतुर्थ आमंत्रण) PR No-254781 Tender reference No- DWSD/SVS/GIRIDIH-2/14/2022-23 Date- 27-07-2022 Estimate Cost | Ernest money | BOQ Cost Cluster | Sub Cluster Name of the work Block Name Group No. (in Lac) (in Lac) Construction of Solar Based Mini Water Supply Schemes(SVS) in Different Block, comprising of suitable R.C.C/Framed structure ESR, Distribution Lines. 10 RAJDHANWAR 690.63 6.91 10000.00 10A Source (as required) and

Giridih under Drinking Water & Sanitation Division No.-2 Giridih for the year of 2022-23 (on Turn Key Basis) 09 Months वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि 01-08-2022 at 4:00P.M 05-08-2022 /12:30 PM पी-बीड बैतक का स्थान एवं तिथि O/o Engineer-in-chief, DWSD, Nepal House, Ranchi 5 बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि / समय 12-08-2022 up to 4:00P.M 13-08-2022 up to 4:00P.M कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या—02, गिरिडीह/अधीक्षण निविदा की हार्ड कॉपी जमा करने की अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, धनबाद। क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग दुमका प्रक्षेत्र, दुमका।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या–02, गिरिडीह। प्रोक्योरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या 7292898986

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PR 274854 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)#D स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या-02, गिरिडीह Office of the Executive Engineer

Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, CHATRA e-Procurement Notice Pre-Qualification Tender Notice (SBD) Tender Reference No. DWSD/CLTR/SVS/CTR/19/2022-23 (3rd Call)

16-08-2022 up to 1:00P.M

Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of 2237 Nos. FHTC in different block of Chatra District comprising of suitable R.C.C/Frame Name of Work Structure ESR. Distribution Lines. Source (as required) & 05 Years Operation and Maintenance all complete job "On Turnkey Basis" under D.W. & S. Division, Chatra for the Year 2022-23 under (JJM) Estimated Cost of No. of No. of Time of Group No. Cost Required Panchayat **FHTC** Completion (In Lac) (In Lac) PTP/SVS/CLTR/ 2237 773.31 7.73 10.000/-09 Months 6 03(B) Date of Tender Uploading in 2 04.08.2022 at 5:00 PM Website Last date receipt of Bid 10.08.2022 upto 5:00 PM Last Date Submission Cost of 12.08.2022 upto 3:00 PM In the Office of -BOQ and EMD (Hard Copy) 1. Executive Engineer, D.W.&S. Division, Chatra and 2. Superintending Engineer, D.W&S. Circle, Hazaribagh. 3. Regional Chief Engineer, D.W&S. Department Ranchi Zone, Ranchi. 12.08.2022 at 04:30 PM Date of Opening Tender 5 Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Name & Address of Opening Officer CHATRA (Jharkhand) Name & Address of Tender Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Inviting Authority CHATRA (Jharkhand) Contact No. of Procurement 8 +91-8809999672, +91-9931972161 or 06541-253273 Office Helpline No. of e-Procurement

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New Delhi

tender document or to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any notice or reason thereof. The decision of the undersigned in this regard shall be find & binding on all. Executive Engineer

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D.W.&S. Division, CHATRA

BENCHMARKS SEE MONTHLY LOSSES

New York: The oil benchmarks logged their second monthly losses in July, with Brent crude futures falling about 4% to close at \$110.01 a barrel and US West Texas Intermediate nearly 7% lower at \$98.62 a barrel. **REUTERS**

MARKET WATCH **EQUITIES**

'Counterbalancing' in Indian markets: **Domestic investors** buy as FPIs sell

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JULY 30

AS FPIs continued to pull out funds from Indian equities in the quarter ended June 2022 amid rising inflation, interest rates and concerns over global growth, their share in NSE-listed companies fell to a 10-year low of 19.2 per cent.

In the same period, however, domestic institutional investors (DIIs), who continued to invest in Indian markets, raised their holding of Indian equities to an all-time high of 14.06 per cent.

According to data collated by primeinfobase.com the domestic retail holding (individuals holding up to Rs 2 lakh) also stood strong in April-June despite the Sensex witnessing a fall of nearly 15 per cent in the quarter from its closing on March 31, 2022. The retail share in National Stock Exchange (NSE)-listed entities stood at 7.4 per cent at the end of June, marginally lower over its highest share of 7.42 per cent seen in the quarter ended March.

"This further showcases the rise of domestic investors and the huge counterbalancing role they have played to foreign investors. To also put this in perspective, as on March 31, 2015, FPI share was 23.30 per cent while the combined share of DII, retail and HNI was just 18.47 per cent. The combined share of DII, retail and HNI now stands at an all-time high of 23.53 per cent," said Pranav Haldea, managing director, PRIME Database Group.

During the quarter, while net outflows from FPIs stood at Rs 1,07,340 crore, net inflows from DIIs amounted to Rs 1,28,277 crore. The data shows that the gap between FPI and DII holding decreased to its lowest level in this quarter as DII holding is now just holding. (On March 31, 2022, DII holding was 31.99 per cent lower than FPI holding).

The FPI to DII ownership ratio too fell to a new low of 1.37 as on June 30, from 1.47 as on March 31. Over a 13year period (starting June 2009), while FPI share has increased from 16.02 per cent to 19.2 per cent, DII share has risen from 11.38 per cent to

HOLDING IN NSE-LISTED COS

■ According to primeinfobase.com, foreign portfolio investors' (FPI) share in NSE-listed companies fell to a 10-year low of 19.2% in the June quarter

■ However, domestic institutional investors (DIIs) raised their holding to an all-time high of 14.06%

14.06 per cent.

The share of domestic mutual funds in companies listed on the NSE rose for the fourth quarter running and reached a 2-year high of 7.95 per cent as on June 30, 2022, up from 7.75 per cent as on March 31, 2022. This was after five quarters of consecutive decline from March 31. 2020 (7.96 per cent) to June 30, 2021 (7.25 per cent). The share has grown on the back of net inflows by domestic mutual funds of Rs 73,857 crore in the June quarter.

LIC's share (across 286 companies where its holding is more than 1 per cent) rose to 3.92 per cent as on June 30, 2022 from 3.83 per cent as on March 31, 2022. Share of high net worth individuals (HNIs) (individuals with more than Rs 2 lakh shareholding in a company) in NSE-listed companies also declined to 2.08 per cent as on June 30 from 2.21 per cent on March 31.

While disclosure of holdings of FPIs by name is available only for holdings in a company greater than 1 per cent, Haldea said it is time for complete details of all their holdings to be made mandatory to be disclosed in India.

The share of the governpanies listed on the NSE saw a huge spike and reached 7.15 per cent as on June 30, from 5.48 per cent as on March 31. According to Haldea, this was primarily on account of the mega IPO of LIC.

The share of private promoters in NSE-listed companies declined to 44.33 per cent as on June 30, from 45.12 per cent on March 31.

231ST MEET OF FUND BODY'S CENTRAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EPFO: No tweak to investment. life certificate process eased

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 30

AMID CONCERNS raised by employees' representatives and noting the need for further deliberations, the EPFO did not take up the proposal to hike the cap for investments linked to equity from 15 per cent of the incremental flows to 20 per cent at the 231st meeting of its Central Board of Trustees (CBT) held Friday-Saturday.

Among other decisions, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) launched a face authentication facility to allow its 72 lakh pensioners to submit digital life certificates from any location.

Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav – who chairs EPFO's CBT launched the face authentication technology for pensioners, which will allow aged pensioners who face difficulties in getting their biometrics (fingerprint and iris) captured due to old age, to opt for face authentication while filing the life certificate.

The agenda for the CBT meeting had listed the proposal to hike the investment limit for equity but it was then withdrawn, an employees' representative said. "The proposal was listed in the agenda but was withdrawn later. Employees' representatives had raised concerns over it in an earlier meeting as raising the in-

'India needs 46K EV charging

India needs to set up 46,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging

stations by 2030 to reach global benchmark, suggests a

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global benchmark'

white paper by Alvarez and Marsal

years if key issues are resolved

Wilmington: Flon Musk counter-

sued Twitter Inc on Friday, esca-

lating his legal fight against the

social media company over his

bid to walk away from the \$44

billion purchase, although the

lawsuit was filed confidentially.

ment was not publicly available,

While the 164-page docu-

FACE AUTHENTICATION FOR PENSIONERS

LABOUR &

EMPLOYMENT Minister Bhupender Yadav on Saturday launched the face authentication technology for pensioners to opt for face authentication while filing the life certificate



vestment cap in equity could be risky," the Board member said. Labour Ministry officials said

more informed discussions need to happen before taking a call on the decision and therefore, it will be taken up for discussion at the upcoming meetings of the Finance Investment and Audit Committee (FIAC) and then at the meetings of the CBT. "This is true that we want re-

turns (on investment) because we want that interest rate should not fall further. Beyond that, there should be good returns. So we are looking at various strategies, how we can earn that return on investment. It was not discussed in the CBT meeting. Some deliberations took place in FIAC but we want more informed discussions to happen. So based on that we will take a call. These are sensitive matters because you have to protect the interest of subscribers and at the same time we also have to see that it is not a risky investment. A

Source: Alvarez and Marsal/PTI

Twitter deal: Musk files countersuit

under court rules a redacted ver-

sion could soon be made public.

hours after Chancellor Kathaleen

McCormick of the Delaware

Court of Chancery ordered a five-

day trial beginning October 17 to

determine if Musk can walk

away from the deal. Twitter did

Musk's lawsuit was filed

balancing act has to be done and it has to be within the pattern of investment," a senior Labour Ministry official said.

The EPFO is also looking at investment patterns in other pension funds such as Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). "We are also looking at how PFRDA is doing. We are going through that literature also about what kind of steps PFRDA has taken. But then PFRDA is a contributory fund where the investor knows the risk because the document is there but an EPFO subscriber does not have a (legal) document about the risk involved. So a call has to be taken on that," the official further said.

The EPFO can invest up to 15 per cent of its funds in equity, as per the pattern of investment notified by the Centre and internal guidelines. It invests only in exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and not individual shares.

The rate of return from in-

EV charger ratio stands at 135

while it is 6 both for China and the

■ Inadequate access to financing

and rapid adoption of EVs in

not immediately respond to a re-

Musk, the CEO of Tesla Inc,

said on July 8 he was abandon-

ing the takeover and blamed

Twitter Inc for breaching the

agreement by misrepresenting

the number of fake accounts on

its platform. **REUTERS**

India is ripe for innovation

Large automotive industry

for India - meaning there is one

charger per 135 EVs in India -

Netherlands, and 19 for the US

Six key issues affecting

■ Affordability

■ Range anxiety

Supply chain

Quality

■ Product safety

■ Pollution issues

quest for comment.

nificance as the retirement fund body opted to lower its interest rate for 2021-22 to 8.1 per cent, a four-decade low.

The Finance Ministry, which ratifies the EPF interest rate recommended by the CBT, has over the years questioned the high interest rate offered by the EPFO. It had questioned the 2019-20 rate and the 2018-19 rate of 8.65 per cent as well, besides the EPFO's exposure to IL&FS and similar risky entities.

Among other decisions taken by the EPFO, the CBT gave inprinciple approval for centralised disbursal of pension for further improving the EPFO services for pensioners, a Labour Ministry statement said.

Yadav also launched a pension and employees deposit linked insurance scheme calculator, providing an online facility to pensioners and subscribers to calculate the benefits of Pension and Death Linked Insurance Benefit for which they are eligible. He also released the training policy of EPFO and a legal framework document.

The fund body also approved appointment of Citibank as custodian of securities for three years along with a proposal to extend the tenure of the present custodian Standard Chartered Bank till the new custodian takes over, in addition to ratification of the tenure of SBI MF and UTI MF as the ETF managers.

5G spectrum sale nears ₹1.5 lakh cr

New Delhi: The auction of the 5G spectrum capable of offering ultra-high-speed internet garnered bids worth about Rs 1,49,966 crore on the fifth day of sale on Saturday and the bidding is expected to continue on Sunday.

The total value of bids in the telecom spectrum auction, which began on Tuesday, has come within striking distance of the Rs 1.50 lakh crore mark.

"The 5G auction shows that industry wants to expand i has come out of problems and is getting into a growth phase. The auction results are very good, close to Rs 1,49,966 crore has been committed by the industry for buying the spectrum,' Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said at a briefing in Mumbai, after a telecom investors' roundtable. PTI

States, Centre to meet on labour: Modalities of four codes key agenda

AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, JULY 30

WITH AN aim to discuss the impending implementation of the labour codes and other labourrelated issues, a national level meeting with labour ministers

and officials of all states and the Centre will be held on August 25-26 at Tirupati, a senior Labour Ministry official said, adding that the conference is intended to finalise the modalities for the rollout of the labour codes. "A conference of state labour

ministers and officials will be held next month. The meeting is intended to deliberate upon various issues since labour is a concurrent issue. Rulemaking for the labour codes will be discussed, Also, modalities for the rollout of the labour codes have to be worked out," the official said, without detailing a timeline for rollout of the labour codes. With labour being a concur-

rent subject, both the Centre and states have to frame laws and rules. While Parliament cleared the four labour codes in 2020, and the Centre pre-published the draft rules for all four codes, some state governments are yet to complete the process. Thirty one states/UTs have pre-published draft rules for The Code on Wages, while 26 states/UTs have done it for The Industrial Relations Code, 25 states/UTs for The Code on Social Security and states/UTs for Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH) Code.

In states where the draft rules are pending, most are related to The Code on Social Security and The OSH Code. In West Bengal, draft rules are pending for all four labour codes; in Rajasthan, draft rules are pending for three labour codes, Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya and Nagaland are among the other states where the draft rules are pending.

With the rollout of the labour codes getting delayed due to the pandemic, renewed deliberations are underway at the highDraft rules
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challenge **Draft rules** issuance a

> IMPLEMENTING THE labour codes not later than 2023 is the aim at the highest levels of government. However, publishing of some or all of the draft rules by the states and finalising modalities is a major challenge.

est levels of government on a fresh implementation schedule. amid divergent views on whether to push through all four codes simultaneously or opt for the more practical option of staggering them. With most of the states ready with draft rules, the view in the Labour Ministry is converging towards a "one-go" or simultaneous implementation of all four codes even as there are some concerns about the timing of the rollout.

While early-2023 is being considered a feasible option, the fact that it cuts too close to the 2024 general elections and the possible spillover impact of the farm laws debacle is a concern.

The streamlining of labour laws has been a work in progress, with the Centre notifying four broad labour codes to replace 29 sets of labour laws: The Code on Wages, 2019; The Industrial Relations Code, 2020; The Code on Social Security, 2020; and The OSH Code, 2020.

Some key features of these labour codes include bringing in a national minimum wage, widening of coverage of social security to cover informal and gig/platform workers, providing greater flexibility to employers in hiring decisions without government permission by raising the threshold for requirement of a standing order - rules of conduct for workmen employed in industrial establishments from 100 workers to 300.

Over 5 cr ITRs filed so far

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR

निविदा सूचना/2022-23

Remaining work of Construction of ROB (Excluding Railway Portion) for LC No. 8 at Baran. UBN No. RRC2223WLOB00465

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Recruitment Advt. No.3/2022

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come tax returns (ITRs) have been filed till late Saturday evening, the Income Tax Department said, a day before

the ITR filing time for FY22 ends. The department issued a

public message on its official

largely individuals and salaried class, to file their returns within the due date of July 31.

The department said over 5 crore ITRs for the assessment year 2022-23 were filed up to 8.36 pm on Saturday. PTI

BRIEFLY —

Q1 results

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda's Q1 standalone profit after tax rose 79.3% to ₹2,168 crore, on a strong rise in net interest income. Indian Bank's Q1 net profit rose 2.7% to ₹1,213.44 crore amid tepid income growth.

Vaishnaw, 5G

New Delhi: The government expects rollout of 5G services to start early October in, Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said Saturday on the sidelines of the Telecom Investor roundtable here.

OVL, IOC, Tullow

New Delhi: ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL), the overseas arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) are in talks to buy a stake in Tullow Oil's Lokichar oil field in Kenya. PTI

Bitcoin rises

Bengaluru: Bitcoin rose 3.36% to \$24,584.24 at 1707 GMT Saturday, adding \$798.93 to its last close. The world's most popular cryptocurrency is up 39.7% from the year's low of \$17,592.78, hit on June 18. **REUTERS**

US approves Boeing inspection, rework plan for 787 deliveries



A Boeing 737 MAX at an airshow in Britain. Reuters file

DAVID SHEPARDSON

WASHINGTON, JULY 30

THE US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Friday approved Boeing's inspection and modification plan to resume deliveries of 787 Dreamliners, two people briefed on the matter told Reuters.

The FAA approved Boeing's proposal that requires specific inspections to verify the condition of the airplane meets requirements and that all work has been completed, a move that should allow Boeing to resume deliveries in August after it halted them in May 2021, the sources said. On July 17, Boeing told reporters it was "very close" to restarting 787 deliveries.

The FAA referred questions about the approval to Boeing. "We don't comment on ongoing certifications," the agency said.

Boeing did not confirm the approval Friday but said it "will continue to work transparently with the FAA and our customers towards resuming 787 deliveries." Boeing has faced production issues with the 787 for more than two years. In September 2020, the FAA said it was "investigating manufacturing flaws" in some 787 jetliners. In the aftermath of two fatal 737 MAX crashes in 2018 and 2019, the FAA pledged to more closely scrutinize Boeing. **REUTERS**

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या ०४/२०२२-२३ (भोजन व्यवस्था) एव 05/2022-23 (आवास व्यवस्था)

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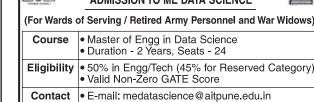
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BRIEFLY —

Odegaard named as Arsenal captain

London: Norwegian midfielder Martin Odegaard has been named Arsenal's new captain ahead of the 2022-23 season, the Premier League club announced on Saturday. Odegaard, 23, first arrived on loan from Real Madrid in January 2021 and after impressing manager Mikel Arteta, the club moved quickly to make that transfer permanent, signing him for around 35 million euros (\$35.76 million) in August last year. Odegaard's first match as Arsenal's fixed captain came against Sevilla in a pre-season friendly on Saturday where the north London side ran riot to beat the Spanish team 6-0 at home, with new recruit Gabriel Jesus grabbing a REUTERS hat-trick.

Russell stuns with pole breakthrough

Budapest:Britain's George Russell seized the first pole position of his Formula One career with a stunning qualifying lap in Hungary on Saturday as Mercedes found surprising speed and swept past fancied Ferrari. Russell, nicknamed 'Mr Saturday' when he was at lowly Williams for his qualifying performances, hit the sweet spot just when it mattered most to set up a real chance of a first win on Sunday. "We'll be absolutely going for it. Victory is what we're going for," he said. "I got round turn one, mega turn one... turn two was mega and the lap time just kept on coming. I came across the line, looked at the screen and saw we went P1 and that was an incredible feeling." REUTERS

Barca auctions Cryuff NFT for \$693,000

Barcelona: Barcelona has auctioned off a digital art piece depicting an iconic goal by Johan Cruyff for \$693,000 as it seeks new revenues to battle its way out of massive debt, the Spanish club said. Barcelona said that the auction run by Sotheby's in New York for the club's first NFT, or nonfungible token, closed at \$550,000 on Friday. The auctioneer's fees increased the final sale price to \$693,000. The art piece depicts Cruyff's memorable goal from 1973 when the Netherlands great soared through the air with his leg outstretched to score. In the image, Cruyff appears to be dipped in gold. The NFT is called "In a Way, Immortal," inspired by a quote by Cruyff, who left his mark as both a player and coach at Barcelona. AP

OLYMPIAD

Carlsen enthralls home of chess

World champion briefly stuttered but by end of a five-hour game, all was well with his world

SANDIPG CHENNAI, JULY 30

THE 64-SQUARED world gathered inside the cacophonous hall paused, took a deep collective gasp and stood frozen like statues in their pose. Just their eyes rolled, as Magnus Carlsen breezed past the crowded hallway, his half-quiff ruffled, and squeezed briskly into the hall. The moment was akin to pilgrims at a temple finally granted the holy vision, slipping them into a blissful trance. Not just the passive onlookers, even the gnarled

less times, stood enchanted by his aura. The deity entered with no trappings of divinity—he did not lift his arms to applaud his devotees, or fold his hands in gratitude, or even smile back at them. He does not bask in his superstar aura.

An over-strung Kenyan player sought an autograph, he refused, and coldly shrugged his shoulders. Maybe the un-scattered attention suffocated him, like the drudgery of preparing for the World Championship.

He slipped into his chair--rather throne—casually, smiled a half-smile at his adversary Georg Meier, a German Grandmaster relocated to Uruguay, a master in economics who spends his spare time reading Milton Keynes and Noam Chomsky. He has duelled Carlsen a few times, drawn him once and even pushed him to the brink of a defeat once. He is three years older than Carlsen, and a player with a tough-as-nuts to beat reputation, but even he sat genuinely

But as the clock began to tick, Meier removed the lens of admiration and glanced defiantly at the pieces. He was not there to be just another to concede the match on a platter to Carlsen, whose motives, apart from route-mapping Norway's maiden gold medal, would be to manage a live rating of 2900 points, the Mount Everest in Chess, and peak he had fallen short twice by 20

Perhaps, their past encounters weighing in his head, Carlsen went for a stable than enterprising opening, the French Defence, a relatively base-solidifying opening, after which he could tread a more aggressive line. Meier was not totally surprised and made defensive moves himself, fully wary of an odd slip up that Carlsen could ruthlessly punish. But then Carlsen himself blundered by his standards—a hasty pawn h3 jeopardising his movements. A sort of self strangulation that Meier latched onto, moving his queen to d6. Carlsen took two swigs of water, stroked his chin and shook his head in the realisation of his folly. He would then go



World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen in action during the 44th Chess Olympiad.

for a stroll, where again he stopped the hall, and where again he would end up ignoring autograph hunters. He makes for great theatre, in a sport bored of impassive heroes.

He brooded an eternity for the next move, his face screaming that trapped feeling. One wrong move, and his opponent, playing with the black pieces, would have considerable positional advantage. But such fears won't hold him. The sport's smartest problem solver has a solution for every riddle. Ensued a cat and mouse game—he would tempt him with a clear shot of his house, before he would pull the shutters down. Meier, aware of his opponent's abilities, would dither and withdraw into a shell. As is often the case, it's Carlsen's reputation that beats the opponent first. Meier captured Carlsen's knight in the 21st move-attacking his knights is often a preferred strategy against him, though not always successful. But thereafter, he could not push the advantage further.

The match dragged on, with both seeing through each other's ruses. Those wondering how long the match would last, how early Carlsen would wrap up the game, were now watching an intense tactical game. The match seemed to meander into a draw, and probably Meier thought as much. A draw,

sometimes, is a victory against Carlsen. And Carlsen probably gauged that Meier was smelling safe shores. With shoulder twitches and head-shakes, Carlsen conveyed an impression that he was dejected, that he had frittered away the advantage. He indeed did a few times, especially when he blundered his pawn on b2, but he would never give until the last move.

He gradually clawed back into the game, ensured that he would not lose the game no matter what, and then stealthily attacked his queen. Meier flinched, He surveyed the outlets for a draw, but there was none, and when Carlsen's Queen took out Meier's pawn on b1, the match was as good as over, and Carlsen wrapped it up shortly, ending a five-hour bout.

By then, the hall was mostly empty. Carlsen peered at the boards of the few matches that remained. At the exit though, there was a mob of admirers waiting for him, chessboards and notebooks in tow. Every time the door was opened, they would begin to shout his name. But Carlsen rushed through another exit, though it did not prevent them from running frantically towards the doors. All for another slice of Carlsen—a memorabilia, a wave of the hands, or feel the light of chess-divinity.

PTI adds: India 'B' blanked Estonia 4-0 in the second round of the Open section in the 44th Chess Olympiad here on Saturday while the second-seeded 'A' team defeated Moldova 3.5-0.5 to make it two wins from as many matches.

The formidable USA team, the top-seed in the Open event, did not have it easy as the star-studded outfit could only manage a 2.5-1.5 victory over Paraguay.

In the women's section, top-seeded India 'A' beat Argentina 3.5-0.5.Koneru Humpy, playing on top board, was held to a draw by Marisa Zuriel in 44 moves but Tania Sachdev and Bhakti Kulkarni posted victories over Maria Campos and Maria Belen Sarquis to give the team the victory before R Vaishali battled it out against Maria Jose Campos on the second board to seal the win.

RESULTS OF INDIA'S GAMES

MEN: India 'A' beat Moldova 3.5-0.5; India 'B' beat Estonia 4-0; India 'C' beat Mexico 3.5-0.5

WOMEN: India A beat Argentina 3.5-0.5; India 'B' beat Latvia 3.5-0.5; India 'C' beat Singapore 3-1

Rahul injured again, Chahar, Sundar make **ODI** comeback

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JULY 30

SENIOR OPENER KL Rahul has been left out of the India squad which will travel to Zimbabwe for an ODI series next month after aggravating his hamstring injury, a development which could potentially jeopardise his T20 World Cup chances.

India will play 3 ODIs in Zimbabwe on August 18, 20 and 22.

Off-spinner Washington Sundar, who has made a stellar start to his English county career with Lancashire is back in the squad along with seamer Deepak Chahar after successful completion of his rehabilitation following hamstring and back injuries.

Chahar has not played competitive cricket for five months now and also missed the 2022 IPL season.

"KL Rahul has recovered from COVID-19 but his hamstring injury seem to have resurfaced. He was supposed to be picked for Zimbabwe but now one can't put a date on his comeback," a senior BCCI source privy to development said on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Virat Kohli, skipper Rohit Sharma, Rishabh Pant, Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah and Hardik Pandya have all been rested from the tour as ODIs aren't top priority for the side with less than three months left for the World T20.

"Virat had spoken to selectors that he would be available from the Asia Cup onwards. The first team players will hardly get rest from Asia Cup till end of World T20. Hence this is a two-week window after Windies tour when they can rest," the source said. Washington's comeback was on expected

lines as he has had a rough last one year due to a hand injury and contracting COVID-19. He has had a successful rehabilitation at NCA and in the three games that he has played for Lancashire, he has already picked up a five wicket haul. "In case of Washington it was never about

how but when would he comeback as he has been India's No. 1 finger spinner. He needed game time which he got," the source added.

As usual Shikhar Dhawan will lead the side in Rohit, Rahul and Pant's absence. Most of the players who had been part of set-up have been picked with rookie Rahul Tripathi, after being part of squad in Ireland T20Is, getting maiden call up to ODI side.

INDIA'S SQUAD FOR 3 ODIS: Shikhar Dhawan (Captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Deepak Hooda, Rahul Tripathi, Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Sanju Samson (wicket-keeper), Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Avesh Khan, Prasidh Krishna, Mohd Siraj, Deepak Chahar.

Are you one of those

on being a martyr

and a victim? Or are

you prepared to face life head-

on, meeting challenges with all

guns blazing? If you fall into the

latter group then the future is

bright. So, remember just how

and meet the world face-to-face.

The approaching

relationship between

Venus, the planet of

love, and Pluto, the

much you have going for you

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

 $ruler\,of\,your\,un conscious$

desires, means that a once

perfect emotional partnership

may be up for renewal. It is a rule

beginnings. You should be aware

that there'll soon be a new dawn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

not specifically related to your

professional cares, these are still

a new cycle of experience and

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

themselves as well as offering

Professional ambitions must

now occupy your attention.

you a reasonable degree of

Do not concern

yourself unduly with personal matters:

partners are quite

early days. You are embarking on

can afford to make a fresh start in

emotional desires or

a number of areas.

If you're thinking of

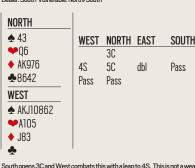
pressing ahead with

a number of general

ambitions that are

of astrology that all endings are accompanied by new

BRIDGE



bid at all. Jumps over their preempts show good hands. West expects to make 4S if East has a reasonable six or seven points.

North raises to 5C and East doubles it. You lead the king of spades and following the seven points. ow with the ace, East playing the spade nine at trick one and then the eight of hearts. What should West do next?

The East Hand: S-9H-KJ9842D-0542C-K3 The South Hand: S-Q75H-73D-10C-AQJ10975

most effective defense at this point? Do you see any traps here? Defenders often err on hands like this by continuing spades. It is clear that East will be able to ruff the third spade. So they lead a spade, which East Turfs. It looks for a second like the defense has two heart ticks but one of them just went away on the third round of spades. Declarer discarded one of dummy's hearts and now the defense can only take one more trick. Down two. Is there a way for the defenders to get all their tricks?

There is. When West takes the two spade tricks he sees East's eight of hearts. West can infer that this shows the king of hearts. If West UNDER-LEADS his acof hearts, East will win and return a heart to West's ace. Now the third round of spades gets a ruff from East and there is nothing declarer

TIP: When you are giving partner a ruff, it is a good idea to consider if cashing other winners first is a good idea.
In fact, if you were defending without seeing all four hands, it should be possible to find the winning defense.

Dealer: South Vulnerable: North/South



WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH Pass Pass 3NT Pass Pass

North-South bid 1NT - 3NT and West has to lead from a terrible hand. You

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2384

QUICK CLUES

- Small factory (8) Spheres of action (6)
- 11. Heedless (10) 12. Intones (6) Intones (6) 14. Toward the orient ?(8)
- Arrogant (4,3,6)
- 17. Having reached a certain eminence or greatness?(8)
- 19. Bird of prey (6) 21. Aloofness (10)
- 22. Narrow cut (4)
- 23. Scattered(6) 24. Award winning film maker ___
- Ray (8)

DOWN

- Potassium carbonate
- Read superficially (4) Personal magnetism
- Scottish landlords (6)
- The common interests
- One who walks past (6-2)
- Stubbornness (13) Scary dreams (10)
- 15. Until now(8) 16. Annoy or bother (8)
- 18. Suspend or swing again ? (6) 20. Source (6)

22. Fly high (4) CRYPTIC CLUES

- Arab emirate has an immature flower in a habit yet incomplete
- Making a row inside? (6)
- Into writing, is she ?(4)
- 11. Having reached the last round then failin' maybe!(2,3,5)
- 12. Discomfort after travelling in a posh car carrying beetles (not bees) (3-3)
- 14. Thought you said "Set about rebuilding his shattered dream"
- 15. That must be the occiput, Da, eh?
- 17. What ramblers do for an easy win
- 19. Is sorry for one in quiet neckwear
- 21. The kind of ideal land that's at no time repeated

- $22. \ \ Coming \, back \, reel, from \, the \, drinks$
- 23. Ted's do turns out to be most peculiar!(6)
- 24. A note to the clergymen from the men on the building site

- Beg oil distributor to do a favour
- 2. International development agency
- 3. Beginning to like being an escort
- 4. Dozes on berths without hesitation!(6) 5. Has the heart gone out of this
- footballer?(6,4) 6. Covered with sheltered roofing top opened (8)
- 8. Entertainment for close friends only?(8,5)
- 13. Canal worker unaffected by alopecia (4-6)
- 15. Broad smile vanishes, so poorly placed on these?

- money from abroad (8)
- 20. Was good with lines when it
 - organisation (4)

Solutions to 2383

Shrouded, 9 Quarters, 10 Burden, 11 students were initially girls!

20 NATO.

16. Former railwayman who receives

Conceit of a literary fair?

- ceased to be valid (6)

 22. A ton designed international

QUICK CLUES Across: 5 Achhut, 7

Below the mark, 13 Call up, 15 Eddies, 18 Drop a clanger, 21 Squash, 22 Lighting, 23 Sixty-six, 24 Canada. Down:1 Charcoal,2 Attest,3 Cribbage 4 Tugrik,6 Causeway,7 System,8 Epee,12 Demeaned,14 Prophesy,16 Donating, 17 Hallux, 18 Drafts, 19 Legacy, 20 Equi.. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 5 Uptake. 7 From a to z. 9 Sorrento, 10 Oflate, 11 Cock-eyedvi 13 Weened, 15 Line up, 18 Round figures, 21 Carpet, 22 Bathrobe, 23 Condense, 24 Kinked. **Down:** 1 Larrikin, 2 Meanly, 3 Colonial, 4 Callow, 6 Proposes, 7 Fronds, 8 Oats, 12 Queen bee, 14 Daunting, 16 Neutrino, 17 Edible, 18 Rapids, 19 Intake,

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If it's your Birthday

Sunday July 31

Friends, family members and colleagues will respect you all the more if you listen to their wishes and follow their advice, especially when it's good.

Monday August 1

Life could be more relaxed than expected over the coming twelve months. Set your heart on a treasured ambition. You might not succeed, but at least you'll make good progress.

Tuesday August 2

Today's lunar alignments are encouraging you to be a little impatient at home because you want more than is on offer.

Wednesday August 3 The Sun's intriguing alignments offer

you the chance of a breakthrough at work, or the opportunity to pursue a major public ambition, with all the praise that success will bring.

Thursday August 4 The dual alignments of the Sun and the

Moon lock together, drawing your attention to your health and physical well-being. Family relationships hinge around authority of an older person.

Friday August 5

You've got plenty of good ideas, the ability to put them into practice and the faith in the future necessary to carry them through.

Saturday August 6

Life is good, even if you may feel in need of a rest, and no wonder. Still, once you put the past behind you, you can look forward to a bright future.

4 2 9 6 3 1 8 5 7

YOUR WEEK AHEAD LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) These are important

times for Ariens, particularly if you are waiting for the results of recent meetings and applications. There's no getting

away from the fact that whatever you do, the outcome will depend on other people: partners' desires, wishes and actions will be paramount.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The plain fact that Venus is in a supportive aspect to your sign makes it inevitable that there is work to be done in relationships. If you cope with whatever friends and

loved ones place in your path,

sufficiently mature for you to

this is a sign that your attitude is

move to a deeper level of emotional involvement.



CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Loved ones need to be handled with

sure that you carry loved ones

with you

velvet gloves because people seem to be totting up the cost of emotional entanglements. The problem is not that their difficulties are necessarily greater than usual, rather that they imagine the worst, So, what can you do? For a start, how about offering some

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) The present time is likely to be challenging and

emotionally trying at home. This does not mean that you will be experiencing unpleasant events. Rather, you may be stimulated and excited by the need to relate to new people and respond to high expectations

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

to further achievements.

New Delhi

There is a marvellous connection between planets aligned with those aspecting professional regions. Hard work and extra effort will be rapidly rewarded with increased earnings. This should be sufficient to stir you on AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) You are likely to feel rather tired and jaded. Perhaps you

capable of looking after

support and assistance.

concerned that someone has already, or is about to, let you down. Such feelings are perfectly natural, now that your astrological cycles are entering a quiet phase, and indicate that you need to slow down and take a brief rest.

will also be

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Work and worldly ambitions hold your



with important colleagues at the moment, more than you might think. This is why you are in an ideal position to gain from certain people's fascinating ability to create pleasant conditions, and, for once, you will be able to insist that things are done as you would wish

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to $\,$ the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. is fresh and new every morning. - Joyce Meyer (4,5)

ISEOR CHUSY FLUUGM

SOLUTION: OSIER, CUSHY, DECREE, MUGFUL

SUDOKU

Difficulty Level 3s 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 =

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INDIA WRAP

Shuttlers have an easy outing

Indian shuttlers dished out another splendid show to outclass Sri Lanka 5-0 in their second group A match of the mixed team competition, sealing a quarterfinal spot with one tie to spare in the league stage. India made a strategic decision to split the mixed and men's doubles pairing as Ashwini Satwiksairaj Ponnappa and Rankireddy were back together for the opening match and they put the side ahead with easy win. World Championships bronze medallist Lakshya Sen and Akarshi Kashyap won the singles matches without much fuss. B Sumeeth Reddy then combined with Chirag Shetty for a 4-0 lead while Gayatri Gopichand and Tressa Jolly won the final match of the tie.

Boxer Hussamuddin enter pre-quarters

Mohammad Hussamuddin cruised into the pre-quarterfinals of the men's featherweight (57kg) after defeating young Amzolele Dyeyi of South Africa 5-0 in an unanimous verdict. Hassamuddin, a bronze medallist in the last CWG in 2018, used his quick hands and nimble footwork to overpower his rival. The Indian kept his shape from the onset and didn't allow his opponent to take the initiative in any of the three rounds. Hassamuddin will face Md Salim Hossain of Bangladesh in the next round for a place in the quarter-

MEDAL'S TALLY

Ran	k Nation	Gold	Silv	er Bron	ze Total
1.	Australia	10	5	5	20
2.	New Zealar	nd 6	4	2	12
3.	England	4	6	3	13
4.	Malaysia	2	0	1	3
5.	Scotland	1	3	5	9
7.	India	1	1	1	3

SCHEDULE

CRICKET INDIA WOMEN VS PAKISTAN T20I (3.30 pm)

A spell of good fast bowling by India's Renuka Singh had reduced Australia to 49 for 5 while they were chasing 155. But Ashleigh Gardner and Grace Harris pulled off a win with an over to spare. The Indian team captained by Harmanpreet Kaur will face archrivals Pakistan in their second group stage match. Like India, Pakistan are also coming into the game after a loss against Barbados. Chasing 145 for victory, Pakistan could manage just

HOCKEY (MEN) INDIA VS ČHANÁ (2 pm)

SWIMMING

Sajan Prakash, men's 200m Butterfly heats, from 3.07 pm Srihari Nataraj, men's 50m Backstroke heats, from 3.31 pm.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Jeremy Lalrinnunga (67kg), 2 pm Popy Hazarika (59kg), 6:30 pm Achinta Sheuli (73kg), 11 pm



Everyone knows Commonwealth Games is easy for me but I never take it lightly. There is pressure of having it easy as well. - MIRABAI CHANU AFTER WINNING INDIA'S 1ST GOLD AT THE 2022 CWG

1. Mirabai..... 2. rest of field

India's weightlifting star lifts 29 kilos more than 2nd-place finisher to win gold in style in 49kg category



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SUPERLATIVES THAT don't border on hyperbole. A hare that jaunts ahead of a tortoise, uncaring of some consolatory proverb. An 4'11" Indian woman who saunters on stage, and gets tattooed 6 foot gymboys with ripped biceps and gelled spiked hair in the crowd, to utter "whoa, I couldn't lift 88 like her, maan." Mirabai Chanu gave Birmingham's diaspora assembled at the National Exhibition Centre, an experience they'll not forget too soon. Or ever.

Adjectives flowed. Fantastic. Different level. In a league of her own. Every announcement of a lift of the Snatch or Clean & Jerk, raised hysterical anticipation, and not just amongst the ethnic Indian supporters. The MC in the arena couldn't stop repeating that the assembled crowd, some connoisseurs, others casual drifters into 'the lifting' were in the presence of an outstanding sports hero, a World Champion, an Olympic medallist and a world record

The crowd hunched forward to watch closer than what their seats allowed, steadied their breaths as she announced outrageous weight targets, far ahead of the CWG pack, and then meticulously hunted down her own tall proclamations. A gold was a foregone conclusion. Mirabai did something grander - she made weightlifting, a test of strength in sinews, into a spectator sport. The arena roared with her, howled when she scythed down one weight after another, and teased them with a whiff of the possibility of a world record.

Eventually Mirabai (201 = 109 + 113) finished a staggering 29 kg ahead of Mauritian Ranaivosoa (172 = 76+96), but the crowd was here to watch a rare Indian blow the field. Sirish is a young Indian origin IT professional from South Africa, working in London, who walked in to figure out what the phenom was all about. "Of Course she's a huge inspiration for females. But she's a bigger inspiration for men. I mean do you know any Indian man who can wipe out a field like this? We have Virat Kohli in cricket, but even he has Steve Smith and Joe Root on his tail. It's so different to watch an Indian dominate like this."

The CWG was expected to be a stomping ground for the Indian, with the Chinese Olympic champ Hou Zhihui not around. Still, watching it unfold in front of them left fans rubbing their eyes and waving their hands and playing air drums after every lift, as mass goosebumps struck.

"She just went from 84 kg to 88 in her next (Snatch) lift, while others were crawling up 1 kg at a time. It's stunning to watch, and then a double take that it's an Indian,' said Akshay Magdum, who came in from Exeter to watch the Indian lord over the barbell. "Growing up in undergrad, I used to lift weights and you tend to know how difficult it is to stay consistent, build shape in every lift. Imagine she just walked up and went for a 6 kg raise in a matter of minutes. You need sufficient rest and to settle heart



India's Mirabai Chanu is all smiles after winning gold in the women's 49kg weightlifting category on Saturday. PTI

beats," he added, still stupefied.

Recreational work out lifters pumping iron all their life, realising just how laughingly amateur their gym gold medals were. It was a stadium full of wide eyed men, bowing before the goddess of iron.

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the field - not a world

Indian diaspora drops in at cricket and hockey often but not since MC Marykom and Vijender Singh in boxing, have Indian athletes attracted such hysteria. Not unlike a boxer, Mira would come accompanied by coaches, with the white towel wrapped

around her shoulders like a pugilist's robe. She would walk towards the end of the elevated platform after powdering her palms, then step on to the raised level with a skid of one red shoe. Then two limb loosening squats later, palms balled around the bar, she would raise the bar in one smooth motion. Then with nothing jerky in the torso, stand straight, easing hundreds of nerves, breathing nervously with her. And complete the lift without anything aggravating on the nerves.

A wholesome smile would finish the uplifting experience, and light up the arena.

"Aaraam se, tension nai leti" she would explain later. Geared towards the World Championships in December, Mirabai would say she's happy with technique on

her Snatch, but would continue to improve. The thought of a pizza would bring another smile as she would talk of having eaten very little to make weight in the last few days.

The crowd couldn't get enough of her. "She's outstanding, none of us had seen her in real life. But it was exciting to know every

> time she walked out she would crack up some monster lift,"said Birmingham University student Kanishk Kathuria. "Kudos to Mirabai for making weightlifting a sport not associated with India, to this level," said Bharat Sakhuja.

> Birmingham resident Suvir brought his family including daughter Vedika to

watch Mirabai. "We are so incredibly proud of her. It was good to show my daughter how strong Indian women can be," he would say. "This wasn't a movie. She's a superwoman," 7-year-old Vedika would say. "We were shivering and I think I made one eye contact with her. Oh my god, I had goosebumps," said 20-year-old student Nymphie, originally from Patiala, Punjab studying in the Midlands.

Ultimately, it was about an Indian being so far ahead of the field - not a world standard field, but still 29 kgs. And giving Indians in the stands that rare real feeling of being on top of the world.

"I felt the twitch in my shoulder, I literally lived the lift with her. I'll never forget this experience. Cricket and hockey, yes they are nice. But this was so bad-ass!" Nymphie would add.

Gururaja wins back-to-back **CWG** medals **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

Commonwealth Games.

IT CAME down to his last attempt. Gururaja Poojary stepped on to the podium knowing that a failed attempt to lift would cost him a place on the podium at the Birmingham

Gururaja, who had won a silver medal four years ago, had moved up a weight class this time. Locked in an engrossing battle with Canada's Youri Simard, who pushed the Indian lifter to the limit, he had to lift 151kg in his final attempt to win the bronze medal.

Poker faced, he stood near the barbell and after a loud shriek, as if to release the pressure, he lifted the bar and brought it up to his shoulders in a smooth motion. And then, much to the delight of the Indian fans in the stand, he lifted it over his head without any problem and roared in delight.

Big dreams demand their pound of flesh, though. Gururaja was married last May to Soujanya but hasn't been able to go back home for a year. Big dreams also comes gift wrapped with pain. Injuries to wrist and knee meant he could only equal weight he was lifting in the training.

It was enough to fetch him bronze,

though it wouldn't have probably materialised with a push from the coach. The bronze seemed ever so elusive but his coach found the perfect buttons to push him, reminding him about the struggles in the last year. Was he now to going to give that up for nothing? Everything hung on his final lift, the coach urged. "Coach ne bohot motivate Kiya. Tera medal last lift pe dependent hai bolke". Now, he is happy to get back home where his wife awaits.

Gururaja had lifted a total of 269kg, enough to secure a bronze medal in the 61kg

'I got married in May last year but could not be with my family as I joined the camp,' said Gururaja.

Then after coming here he was down with fever and could not give his best at the

"I'm very happy with my performance. I could not train properly and had a fever, knee and wrist pain. Looking at the way, it was a very good effort." He further credited the national coach to motivate and go past the Canadian rival in the clean and jerk.

"He egged me on and told me to 'give my best, otherwise all my sacrifices of leaving home and staying alone would go in vain'. It really motivated me and I went for the

"I hope this is just the beginning for me and I will improve from here onwards looking at the Paris Olympics," he said.



a bronze medal in the men's 61kg category at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on Saturday. PTI

'LGBT+ athletes should be allowed to live without fear'

Birmingham: India's first openly gay athlete Dutee Chand has called for the LGBT+ people to be allowed to live without "fear of persecution or death".

From facing a barrage of criticism from her family after announcing she was in a same-sex relationship, to participating in Queen's Baton here to shed light on homophobia in Commonwealth countries alongside British synchronised diver and Olympic gold medallist Tom Daley, life has come a full circle for Dutee.

Dutee sent a powerful message against homophobia as she held an LGBTQIA+ flag at the opening ceremony of the 2022 Commonwealth Games, "LGBT+ athletes should be made to feel safe and comfortable, being their usual selves without fear of persecution or death," Dutee told PTI.

Language was a barrier, but spending few moments with Daley boosted Dutee's confidence.

"He taught me a few steps while the music was blaring out loud. It was a lot of fun. I also got a chance to meet Prince Charles," Dutee said. Odisha athlete accompanied Daley and four others in the final leg of Queen's Baton at the Alexander Stadium. PTI

From selling tea, paan to minting a CWG medal: Sanket's journey

NITIN SHARMA CHANDIGARH, JULY 30

BEFORE JOINING the national weightlifting camp in Patiala last year, Sanket Mahadev Sargar regularly helped out at the family-owned tea-stall and paan kiosk in Sangli, Maharashtra, while also training and attending college. On Saturday afternoon, the 21-year-old weightlifter won India's first medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, a silver in the 55kg category with a total lift of 248 kgs --113 kgs in the snatch and 135 kgs in the clean and jerk.

Aiming for the gold, Sanket injured his elbow and winced in pain twice. He attempted to lift 139 kgs but was unsuccessful. Malaysia's Mohamad Aniq Bin saved his best for the last, lifting 142 kgs in the clean and jerk in his final attempt to win the gold with a total lift of 249 kgs, one more than Sanket.

Sanket's right arm was in a sling at the medal ceremony. "In the 75th year of independence, I dedicate this medal to the freedom fighters who gave us freedom," he said.

Back home in Sangli, Sanket's father, Mahadev Sargar, took half a day off to celebrate. For the first time in a long while, he wasn't selling tea and paan, he said. "I can afford to take a one-hour break from work." he

The family has been in celebration mode and Sanket's medal is a big bonus. Last month, his younger sister, Kajol Sargar, won the gold, also in weightlifting, at the Khelo India Youth Games. "When Kajol returned with the medal, we displayed it at the teastall, which has provided for our family. Sanket's medal too will be displayed at the tea-stall first," said Mahadev.

Recalling how Sanket used to make mangode (a type of moong pakoda) and vada pav at the tea stall, Mahadev said: "I would tell him that my father used to sell bananas and I sell tea and pakoda, so dream big. With today's medal, he has changed his identity, as well my identity."

Speaking to The Indian Express on Friday, Sanket had said that he started dreaming of a Commonwealth Games medal when he watched Gururaja Poojary winning the silver in 2018. "I remember that day. I was at the tea





(Left) Sanket Sargar won silver with a total lift of 248 kgs on Saturday; (Right) At his father's tea and paan shop back home in Sangli.

stall. I watched it on television at a nearby shop... I saw Gururaj bhai winning the medal in the Commonwealth Games, I believed I

could achieve the same feat," he had said. His weightlifting journey began in 2012,

when he enrolled at the Digvijay Weightlifting

Centre, run by coach Nana Sinhasane, located near the family's tea-stall. A gold medal in the Maharashtra Junior Weightlifting Championship proved he was on the right track. A Khelo India Youth Games and Khelo India University Games champion, Sanket is also a three-time national champion.

Mayur Sinhasane, who has been training Sanket since 2017 after his father Nana fell ill, recalled the days when Sanket started weightlifting. "He weighed around 35 kgs at that time but had good stamina. Initially, my father worked on increasing his stamina. Sanket would always be the first one to reach the academy. The only time he missed training was when he was preparing for his Class X exams," Mayur said.

But the onset of Covid-19 disrupted his training, like it did for many other athletes. He even thought of quitting the sport because of an injury.

"There is a police post just opposite their house and tea-stall. So there was always someone keeping an eye on who was stepping out during the lockdown. This meant that Sanket could only do light training at home. I sent a barbell and squat set to him.

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He trained on the first floor, so he had to be cautious. He suffered a back injury," Mayur

It took Sanket over two months to recover from the injury.

"It was a time (lockdown) when I thought about quitting the sport. There was almost no business at my father's tea-stall and the practice at home resulted in me suffering a back injury. But my father kept motivating me by showing old newspaper clips of my medal-winning performances," Sanket had told The Indian Express.

His effort paid off, and he bounced back to win medals. Last year, he was selected for the national camp and created a new snatch record at the Commonwealth Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

"Prior to the inclusion in TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) and the national camp, my coach would spend money on my supplements and training and my father would pitch in with his savings too. When I joined the national camp, training under chief coach Vijay Sharma Sir and seeing Olympic silver medalist Mirabai Chanu train, motivated me," he had said.

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