

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

EXPLAINED **E** For Parliament alone

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.

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

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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* **REPORT, PAGE 19**

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



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



FULL COVERAGE
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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

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Videograb of the MLAs being stopped by police

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KOLKATA, RANCHI, NEW DELHI,
JULY 30

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

"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

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RAAKHI JAGGA
LUDHIANA, JULY 30

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

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

On the backfoot since being ousted from power, Shiv Sena

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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 MK Stalin has uploaded a 'Chess Dance' video on-



The dance video is the brainchild of Pudukottai Collector Kavitha Ramu.



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

brainchild of Pudukottai District Collector Kavitha Ramu, who is

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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, JULY 30

WHEN IT introduced its new liquor policy in November 2021, the Delhi government had looked to bring in Rs 10,000-crore 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

from August 1 liquor will be sold 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 under the new policy, it would have been Rs 9,500 crore. He, however, blamed the BJP for the shortfall.

"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-



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

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

hoped to meet its target of opening 849 vends in 32 zones, fewer than 650 were open as of June 5. As of July 18, there were 468 active vends.

Between June 5 and July 18, 176 liquor vends shut down after zonal licencees surrendered

their licences due to financial unviability and nine out of 32 zones 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."

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

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 (whole-sale/warehouse) will also expire on July 31," said an official.

How Good Is Good Old Ghee?



Electronic city: DDC meets stakeholders over roadmap

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

destination for the industry by offering globally competitive infrastructure and a favourable policy environment for electronics design and manufacturing, it added. In its budget, the Delhi government announced establishing Delhi Electronic City to drive economic growth and employment creation. **PTI**

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 30 days of the month till Saturday. Abhinav Saha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

ON SATURDAY, Delhi's air was the cleanest it has been all year with an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 58.

With the rainfall this month, the AQI 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. 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 month this year.

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.

Faridabad: Woman found dead in police protection house

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, JULY 30

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.

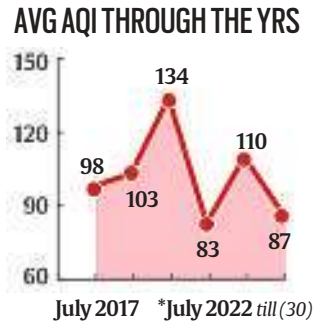
Police said they received information at 6.45 am, following which police and forensic teams rushed to the spot.

"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 post-mortem 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 made so far."

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



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.

Covid cases in city over 1,000 for 4th day in a row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

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 rate of 8.39% on Saturday.

Official figures are unlikely to capture all cases in the capital as the number of tests has dropped

after the third wave in January, with home-based kits becoming readily available. As per Saturday's bulletin, 15,897 tests were conducted. To compare, at the height of the third wave in the second week of January, Delhi had conducted over 91,800 tests a day on average, with the numbers even crossing 1 lakh. Active cases have also increased to 4,230 on Saturday, remaining over 3,000 for four days in a row.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-Third (23rd) 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 23rd 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/CIR/P/2022/62 dated May 13, 2022 issued by SEBI and other applicable circulars issued in this regard.

The Notice of the 23rd AGM and the Annual Report for the financial year 2021-22 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.ircetco.com and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, viz., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, 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 investors@ircetco.com.

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 "cut-off date" 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.

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

The Final Dividend will be paid through various online transfer modes to the members who have updated their bank 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.ircetco.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 3rd 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 / update of their KYC details.

In case of, Physical Holding	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 Aadhar (self attested) g) Copy of Share Certificate (front 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 / digitally signed by the Shareholder and in case of joint holders, by first joint holder.
In case of, Demat Holding	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 email to company at investors@ircetco.com.

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.

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Sd/-
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Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

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HOSPITAL BEDS **9,402**

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**Total active cases in Delhi*

	Total	Vacant
HOSPITAL BEDS	9,402	9,137
ICU BEDS	2,120	2,053

	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
July 29	1,245	926	1	16,924
July 30	1,333	944	3	15,897
Total	4,230*	19,23,967	26,311	3,94,95,301

	July 29	July 30
Cases	N/A	73
Deaths	N/A	0

	Cases	Deaths
July 29	257	221
July 30	1	0

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 (UNHCR) 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 Rohingyas 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 Rohingyas reside and details of arrival/departure of Rohingyas 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 Rohingyas, their families, as well as gender and age wise break-up.

In 2021, in a reply to a question on current situation of Rohingyas 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
GHAZIABAD, JULY 30

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 Naya Bus Adda flyover when it

rolled backwards and crashed 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 were sent to Hindon mortuary

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 reach home... around 1 am, po-

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 village 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 autopsy."

Can Delhi's Central Ridge be rid of the invasive kikar tree? Forest dept tries a fresh approach

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

ON A patch of forest land in Delhi's Central Ridge, pruned vilayati kikar trees stand with recently planted pilkhan, amalats 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



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

like amalats, 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

EXPLAINED 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 turns it into smaller pieces that

will then be fed back into the ground as a sort of fertiliser for the plants, the guard said.

Lantana plants, another invasive 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 Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary.

BRIEFLY

Fake job racket: 6 held

New Delhi: Six people, including four women, have been arrested from Delhi and Punjab by the cyber cell of North district police for allegedly cheating people on the pretext of giving them jobs as escorts. Initial investigation revealed that they had been operating the interstate racket since last year, and more than 200 people have been duped of lakhs of rupees, police said.

3 held for murdering caretaker in Gurgaon

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 cases, police said. **ENS**

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 Puliya, 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 lodged at P.S. Welcome, Delhi.

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

If any person having any information or clue about this female may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. Welcome, Delhi
DP/1871/NE/2022(UIDB) Ph.: 011-22828277, 8750870731

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE 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 it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Pooja** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Pooja** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **31.08.2022**.

By Order
Sh. Ajay Singh Parihar,
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West),
Room No. 105, 1st Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

TENDER NOTICE
No. AGC-EL-C-T-02-22-23 Dated 29.07.2022
By, Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction), North Central Railway, Agra for and behalf of President of India, Invites "Open Tender" through on line (E-Tendering) for the following works:-

S.N.	TenderNo.	AGC-EL-C-T-02-22-23
1.	Name of Work with its location	Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 25 KV, 50 Hz, SP/SSP/TSS and Electrification of SSP/SP/TSS buildings in BLNR-KAOS section in connection with GC work of GWL-SOE project of JHS Division in N.C. Railway.
2.	Approx. Cost of the Work	₹ 82657411.10/-
3.	Completion period	12 Months from the date of issue of acceptance letter including monsoon period.
4.	Bid Security	₹ 563300.00/-
5.	Tender closing date & time	19.08.2022 Upto 15.00 hrs.
6.	Validity of offer	60 days from the date of tender opening

Tenders can only submit their offer through web portal **www.treps.gov.in** up to 15:00 hrs on **19.08.2022**. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website **www.treps.gov.in**. 965/22 (ADM)

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Notice for Gati Shakti Cargo Rail Terminal (GCT) (EOI)
Sr. Divisional Operating Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for and on behalf of President of India invites Expression of interest (EOI) for setting up of Cargo Terminals over MB Division under Gati Shakti Cargo Rail Terminal (GCT) scheme. The details as under:
1. No. of stations proposed for EOI:- 1
2. Department:- Operating
3. Office - Sr. Divisional Operations Manager, Northern Railway Moradabad
4. Name of Work :-
(a) Gati Shakti Cargo Rail Terminal (GCT) at Basi Kiratpur
5. Scheme:- Gati Shakti Multi-Model Cargo Terminal (GCT) Scheme
6. Type of Tender: EOI
7. email- srdommmb@gmail.com
8. Hard copy of EOI should be submitted to the office of Sr. Divisional Operations Manager/MB before or on 15:00 Hrs on 22.08.2022
9. For more details & other information kindly visit Northern Railway's website i.e **www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in** or contact at 9760534900 **1939/22**
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Vinod Kumar**, S/o Norang Lal, Prop. M/s Rao Pesticides, R/o H. No. 53 Yah Village Sahuwala 2, Sirsa, Haryana-125055, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **Ct. Case No. 1660/2018, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Vinod Kumar**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Vinod Kumar**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). 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**.

By order
Sh. Mayank Goel,
M.M. (NI Act),
West Court Building, Annexe-II,
Room No. 101, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

Govt. of Jharkhand ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT Road Divison , Seraikella-Kharsawan Short-Term e-Procurement Notice (02nd Call) Re-e-Tender Reference No. RCD/SERAIKELLA/07 Date :-29.07.2022

1.	Name of the work	Reconstruction Work of Patkum (MDR-156)-IchagarhPatpur Nahar Dulmidhi to Laba Road (Total Length 16.76 Km.) for the year 2022-23
2.	Estimated Cost(Rs.)	Rs.27,32,90,143.01 (Rupees Twenty Seven CoreThirty two lakhNinety thousand Onehundred Forty Three and Paise Zero One only)
3.	Time of Completion	12 (Twelve) months
4.	Last Date /Time for receipt of bids	16.08.2022(12.00Noon)
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	01.08.2022 (02.30 PM)
6.	Date and Place of Pre-bid Meeting	04.08.2022 (11:30 A.M.) Office of the Chief Engineer (C), Road Construction Department, Jharkhand, First Floor, Engineers Ranchi No-02, Dhurwa, Ranchi
7.	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	Ganesh Ram Hembrong O/o Executive Engineer , Road Construction Department , Road Division , Seraikella-Kharsawan
8.	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	8809347906
9.	Helpline number of e - Procurement cell	0651 -2401010

Further details can be seen on website **http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in**

Executive Engineer
RCD , Road Division Seraikella-harsawan
PR 274878(Road)22-23*D

Deep inside Delhi's Malviya Nagar, a window into the country's history

UDBHAV SETH
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

DEEP IN the recesses of Malviya Nagar, where narrow alleys twist and writhe and explode into corridors 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 private residences and general stores, with faint verses of the namaz wafting out of its green wooden gates.

Then you would have to turn around, walk to a bystander who is already watching you curiously, and clarify: no, you are not looking for the mosque one worships in, you are looking for the mosque one used to worship in.

Sam Dalrymple awaits us at 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 survivors in India and Pakistan glimpses of the homes they abandoned 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 imperial conquest.

Dalrymple believes that 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 urbanised 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 in north India."

Today, however, the mosque is the second-largest in Delhi (usurped in the 17th Century by



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

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 — no body 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 Tughlaq, 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 of Rs 18,179, and the houses

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 you hear out of Begumpur?"

says Dalrymple, "The arrival of Punjabi 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 shaminas — none of which survive today.

"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 entrance of the tomb, playing cards and 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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e-Procurement Notice (National Competitive Bidding)
e-Tenders are invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the following works:
(i) **e-TenderNo.: IRCON/ELECT/5037-5038/NCRTC/AT02/OT171** dated 27.07.2022
"Design, Manufacturing and Supply of Dry Type 33 kV/415V, Auxiliary Transformer including all accessories for the work of Delhi – Ghaziabad – Meerut RRTS Corridor of NCRTC (Package-19 Lot 1 & Lot 2)"
Estimated cost of the work: ₹ 9,39,28,706/-
Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission for e-tender No. (i) : 10.08.2022 upto 17.00 Hrs.
(ii) **e-TenderNo.: IRCON/ELECT/5037-5038/NCRTC/SCRAP/OT165** dated 29.07.2022
"Sale of Scrap available at Ghaziabad and Murad Nagar RSS for Delhi – Ghaziabad – Meerut RRTS Corridor of NCRTC (Package – 19, Stage 1 & 2, Lot 1 & 2)"
Estimated cost of the work: ₹ 34,40,125/-
Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission for e-tender No. (ii) : 12.08.2022 upto 17.00 Hrs.
For further details, visit website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.
Chief General Manager/Electrical,
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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**

Reference advertisement dated 19.06.2022 & 26.06.2022 vide which applications were invited for admission in First Year/Second Year under lateral scheme for three years Diploma in Handloom Textile & Technology from IIHT, Jodhpur read with corrigendum dated 19.07.2022. The Last Date for submission of application has been extended for first year from 15.07.2022 to 05.08.2022 and for Second year from 25.07.2022 to 10.08.2022.
All other contents of the said advertisement will remain same.

Sd/-
(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.

Whereas a revision of the said layout plan of the said colony is proposed to be effected by additional land admeasuring area 2.45625 acres Affordable Plotted Colony (DDJAY) for better and organized planning of the colony.


And whereas the o/o Director, Town & Country Planning (Haryana), Chandigarh, while granting LOI vide Memo No. 4604-B/JE(DS)-2022/22537 dated 29.07.2022, has required seeking of any objections/ suggestions regarding amendment in the layout plan as per policy 25.1.2021.

Accordingly, vide this public notice, objections are hereby invited from the general public on the approved layout plan.

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.

Place: Gurugram
Date: 31-7-2022

For JMS Infra Reality Pvt Ltd
Authorised Signatory

**NTPC Limited**
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

CIN: L40101DL1975GOI007966
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 on **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 on 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 (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Resolutions for consideration at the 46th 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.

Manner of registering/updating email ID & Bank Details: Shareholders who have not registered their email IDs and Bank Account details are hereby requested to register the same in following manner:

For shareholders holding shares in Physical Mode	Please send a request letter signed by the first holder with following details to the RTA of the Company by post at M/s Beetal Financial & Computer Services Pvt. Ltd. at 3 rd Floor, Beetal House, 99, Madangir, Delhi-110062 or through email at ntpc@beetalfinancial.com with following details/documents:	
	For updating email ID 1. Folio No. 2. Name of Shareholder 3. Self-attested copy PAN 4. Self attested copy of A D H A R / Driving License/Voter Card/ Passport (Signature should match with the specimen signature available with the Company/RTA)	For updating Bank account In addition to details required for updating email, following details/documents are required: 1. Bank Account details like Bank Account number, Name of the Bank & Branch, MICR Code/IFSC Code, 2. Cancelled Cheque bearing the name of the Member or first holder, in case shares are held jointly
For shareholders holding shares in Demat Mode	Shareholders can update email IDs, mobile numbers and Bank Account details by contacting their respective Depository Participants as per the process advised by them.	

Record Date for Payment of Final Dividend:
Notice is hereby given that the Company has fixed Thursday, 11th 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 1st 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@taxcp.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.

In case of any further assistance in this regard, Shareholders may contact RTA or Company at above mentioned email/address.

For NTPC Limited
Sd/-
Nandini Sarkar
Company Secretary

Place : New Delhi
Date : 29.07.2022

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6 GOVT & POLITICS

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

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 81-year-old former Union minister and Governor speaks to **MANOJ C 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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WITH
MARGARET ALVA
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.

On your Twitter feed is a 34-year-old photo of your son Nivedith with you and Mamata Banerjee, watching a cricket match between MPs. You and Banerjee have known each other for long. Were you surprised when TMC decided not to support you? Did you speak to her before or after that?

We are still very good friends... My point is that she has been the champion of Opposition unity. 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 whip in this poll, so how do you issue a whip not to vote (for me)?

Did you speak to her?

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

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

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 (K R Narayanan), the first woman

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.

What is fresh about 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... Murmuji, 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.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Justice of India N V Ramana during the 1st All India District Legal Services Authorities meet in New Delhi on Saturday. *Praveen Khanna*

Modi hails initiatives for tech in justice delivery

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NEW DELHI, JULY 30

EASE OF getting justice is as important 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 Bhawan 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 in India”.

The PM said there is no better time for using technology in justice delivery than now when there is so much natural ability for innovation and adaptation.

“Under the e-Courts Mission, virtual courts are being started in the country. 24-hour courts 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

providing legal aid to such prisoners. 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 Justice of India N V 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

ENS & PTI
KOLKATA, JULY 30

FOLLOWING THE arrest of senior party leader Partha Chatterjee in an alleged multi-crore 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 jobs scam probe.

Chatterjee, who was the virtual number two both in the 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 party 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

Kolkata: Kolkata Police 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. **ENS**

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.

RIVAL’S BROTHER HELD

As fight within party rages, Maldives President Solih arrives in Delhi tomorrow

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

PRESIDENT IBRAHIM “Ibu” Solih of Maldives arrives here Monday on an official visit under the shadow of a blistering political row in the Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) that has pitted him against party colleague and Speaker Mohammed Nasheed.

This is Solih’s second official visit to India. He came once before in December 2018 days after his election. He was in Bengaluru on an unofficial visit in April 2019 to watch an IPL match.

Over the last few months, Nasheed, who is former President, has been speaking openly against Solih and the government. He is also opposed to Solih’s candidature in the 2023 presidential elections.

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 simmering 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 hard-



Solih with PM Narendra Modi and then President Ram Nath Kovind during his 2018 visit. *Tashi Tobgyal/File*

line extremists in coalition”.

Nasheed accused the President of pandering to Islamist hardliners. Maldives is an Islamic 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 have been investigated for having 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 fallout 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 Jumhoore Party, and the Adhaalath Party, which is a more 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.

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Swatantra Dev Singh near exit, UP BJP set to get new president

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, JULY 30

WITH UTTAR Pradesh BJP chief Swatantra Dev Singh completing his three-year tenure a couple 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 J P Nadda and is continuing in his position only till his successor 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 Jal 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



Incumbent UP BJP president Swatantra Dev Singh

Dalit face in western UP with an RSS background, was hoping for a “larger role” during the party-led 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 re-elected to the Lok Sabha and joined the Narendra Modi-led central government. After completing the left-over period of Pandey’s term, Singh was re-elected as the state party chief for a three-year tenure in 2020.

UP BJP insiders 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.

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 leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury’s “Rashtrapatni” remark rocked Parliament, there was a brief row in the Lok Sabha over the alternative word to address 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’

ressed 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 gender-neutral word.”

“I strongly believe the word Rashtrapati is an insult to a woman President,” Mann, leader of Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar), said, insisting that the term should be “corrected” because “it’s wrong”. But Mann said

“Rashtrapatni” was not an alternative, saying it was “very rude”.

Congress leader Chowdhury’s reference to President Murmu as “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 between Union Minister Smriti Irani and Sonia Gandhi.

Chowdhury, who maintained that he had made the reference mistakenly, tendered an apology.

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

First monkeypox patient discharged: Kerala minister

Thiruvananthapuram: India’s first monkeypox patient, a 35-year-old man from Kerala, was discharged from a government medical college here on Saturday.

Health Minister Veena George said the patient, a resident of Kollam district, has been cured of the infection and is both physically and mentally healthy. As per direction of National Institute of Virology, Pune, two tests were conducted at an interval of 72 hours to ascertain that the patient has been cured of the 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**



UTTARAKHAND

Mahendra Bhatt appointed new state BJP chief

KARNATAKA Peace panel seeks equal compensation for all victims

ODISHA

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 House proceedings, Opposition Chief Whip Mohan Majhi of BJP pointed out that legislators' salaries and travel allowance were raised on September 13, 2017. Congress whip Tarapada Bahinipati supported the BJP member's demand. Claiming that many sitting MLAs also face "financial constraints", Speaker B K Arukha suggested the state government consider their demand. **PTI**

A large model of a VT-1000 helicopter is displayed in a museum. The helicopter is white with black and red accents. It has "VT-1000" written on the side of the fuselage. The tail boom features the letters "GO" in a black box. The rotor blades are long and thin, with a red tip. The helicopter is mounted on a black support structure. In the background, there are other exhibits, including a model of a ship and a model of a car. The museum has a high ceiling with circular lights.



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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 DCGA will begin."

Amid protests over HIV drugs 'shortage', govt says enough stock

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

RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS HURT, SAYS COMPLAINANT

Booker winner’s Agra book event cancelled

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 30



Geetanjali Shree won the award for her book ‘Ret Samadhi’

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

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 media but 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 filed so far.”

Chhattisgarh govt starts buying cow urine at Rs 4 a litre

EXPRESSNEWS 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 fertiliser).

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 first day.

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 GoI 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.

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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 (www.smlisuzu.com) at the web link [https://smlisuzu.com/StaticFiles/SHAREHOLDERS LIST/WEBSITE_2014-15.pdf](https://smlisuzu.com/StaticFiles/SHAREHOLDERS%20LIST%20FY%202014-15.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:

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For SML ISUZU LIMITED
PARVESH MADAN
Company Secretary
ACS-31266

Dated: 28.07.2022
Place: Chandigarh

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

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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.**

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Heartfelt Tributes to the Great Revolutionary and Epitome of Patriotism Shaheed Udham Singh

July 31, 2022 (Sunday)

“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.”
-Narendra Modi



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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 party 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**

SPAIN

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'

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

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

K J M VARMA
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



President Xi called for efforts to enhance the supply of personnel with strong combat readiness

on Thursday on further implementing the strategy of strengthening the military by training competent personnel in the new era, Xi greeted the service personnel before the 95th an-

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. **PTI**

INFLATION SURGES OVER 60 PER CENT IN JULY



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

AGENCIES
COLOMBO, JULY 30

SRI LANKAN President Ranil Wickremesinghe has written to members of Parliament, inviting them to form an all-party national government to help the bankrupt country to recover from the worst economic crisis.

"The government is currently engaged in great efforts to gradually restore normalcy to the political and social unrest created by the economic crisis that the country is facing today," Wickremesinghe said on Friday.

"Accordingly, initial plans required to implement a systematic economic programme are being formulated while preliminary measures are also being undertaken for the creation of economic stability," he added.

The President also said that an agreement with the International Monetary Fund to help pull the bankrupt nation out of its economic crisis has been pushed back to September because of unrest over the past weeks.

Wickremesinghe said a pro-

EXPLAINED The crucial IMF deal

SRI LANKA announced in April that it is suspending repaying its foreign loans because of a serious shortage of foreign currency. The island nation owes \$51 billion in foreign debt, of which \$28 billion must be paid by 2027. The country defaulted on a bond payment debt earlier this year on its \$12 billion overseas debt with private creditors.

gramme could only be implemented 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. Sri Lanka's inflation surged to 60.8 per cent in July, up from 54.6 per cent in June, the country's statistics department said on

MILLIONS FOUND INSIDE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

Colombo: Sri Lankan police have produced before a court millions of rupees in cash found by anti-government protesters inside former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's official residence after he fled the mansion three weeks ago. The protesters recovered 17.85 million Lankan Rupees inside his mansion, which were handed over to police and produced in the court on Friday, police said. **PTI**

Saturday. The year-on-year inflation based on the Colombo Consumer Price Index was 60.8 per cent in July, the Department of Census and Statistics said.

The central bank has said inflation may peak at 75 per cent. Sri Lankans have faced a shortage of essentials amid the ongoing economic meltdown. Until mid July, there was a shortage of cooking gas with long lines for refills.



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



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 under lens used charity cricket match to fund Imran party: Report

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A UK-BASED Pakistani businessman, 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 Dubai-based 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.

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Blow to Sunak as Truss wins key backers in UK PM race

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UK FOREIGN Secretary Liz Truss cemented her place as front-runner in the race to replace Prime Minister Boris Johnson, winning endorsement Saturday from an influential former rival for the top job.

Tom Tugendhat, who was eliminated from the contest, said Truss had the "resolution, determination, and passion" to be PM. The endorsement is a blow to ex-Treasury chief Rishi Sunak,

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

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.

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 response to the war in Ukraine.

Scores of Russians killed in Kherson: Kyiv

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ODESA, KYIV, JULY 30

THE UKRAINIAN military said on Saturday it had killed scores of Russian soldiers and destroyed 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 Dniro River had been cut, the military's southern command said, potentially further isolating Russian forces west of the river from supplies in occupied Crimea and the east.

Defence and intelligence officials from Britain portrayed Russian forces as struggling to maintain momentum. The chief



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

of Britain's MI6 foreign intelligence 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

in the southern regions of 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

through a Russian prison camp holding dozens of Ukrainian soldiers, leaving only charred bodies and twisted metal bunks.

"It was a deliberate Russian war crime, a deliberate mass murder 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 it stopped sending gas to Latvia 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.

Breaking deal to use condom is sex crime: Canada SC

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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 preventive HIV treatment.

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?

REBECCA DAVIS O'BRIEN & ALI WATKINS
JULY 30

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 stuffing another in 1985, stabbing 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 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 documents 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 8-year-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

killed earlier — even 50, 60 years 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 director 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 said. **NYT**

SUNDAY STORY

ON 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, Musaliham Veetil Abdul Kader Yusuffali or MA 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 13,000-crore 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 Dharmajana 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 vouch for.

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 built for him.

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 pursue 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 busi-

THE 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

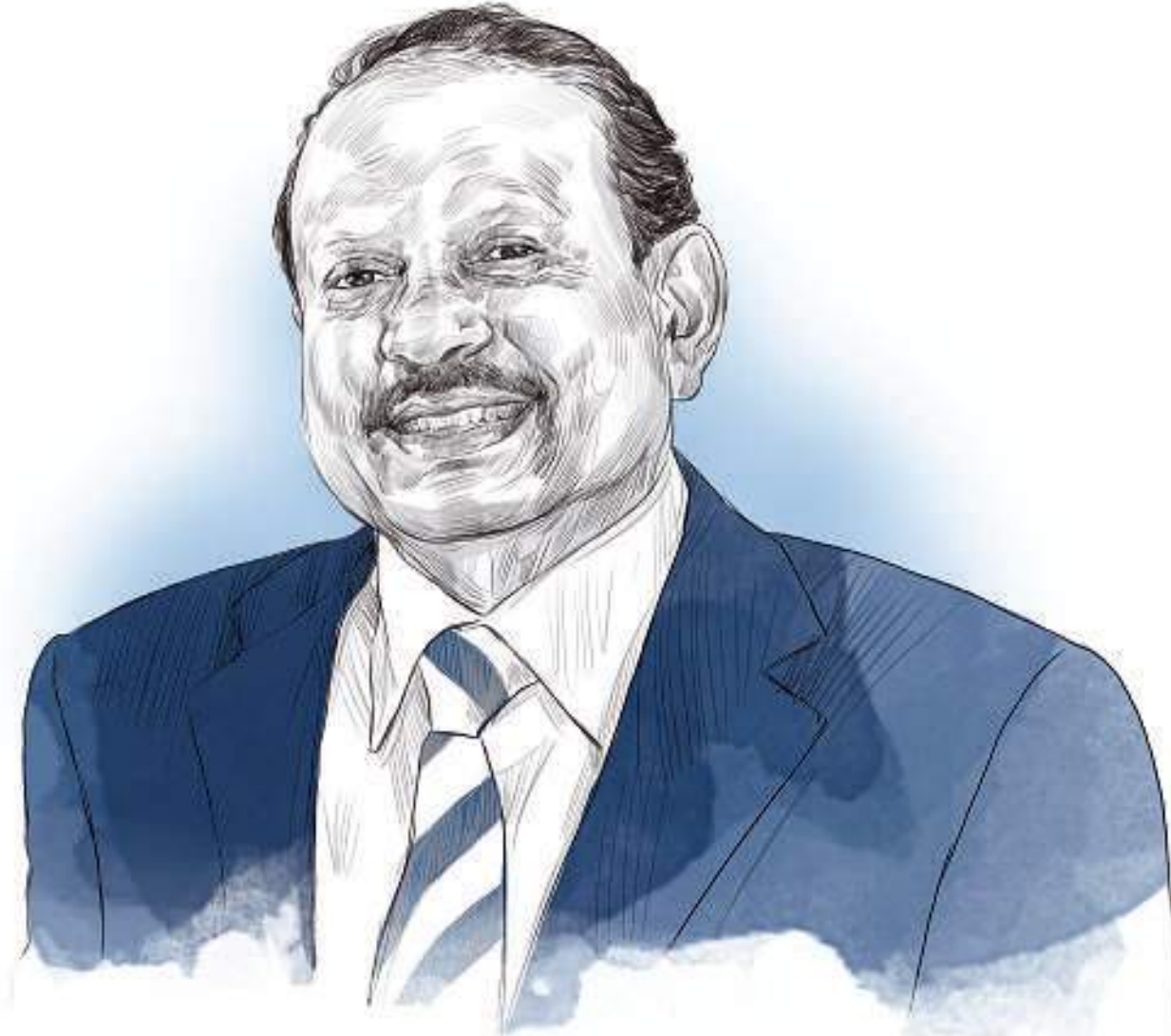


Illustration: Suvajit Dey

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.

At the EMKE Store, he took up loading and 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 con-

vert 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 hypermarket in Dubai and quickly expanded 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 to go abroad has a job in Lulu as per his qualification," says Rasheed, who has been working with the group for three decades.

Those who have watched Ali say he is the quintessential 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 govern-

ments 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 V D Satheesan too," says another source, pointing out that the CPM's P Rajeev 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 handled 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 foot-fall has seen no fallout of the row. "The state 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.

TAKE 5 LAWYERS' COATS

SHAILENDRA MANI TRIPATHI
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 Shaileendra Mani Tripathi had approached the apex court seeking amendment in the rules by the Bar Council of India

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1 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 becomes difficult to wear coats during the rest of the year.

2 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.)

3 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.

4 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.

5 What steps are you taking now?

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

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

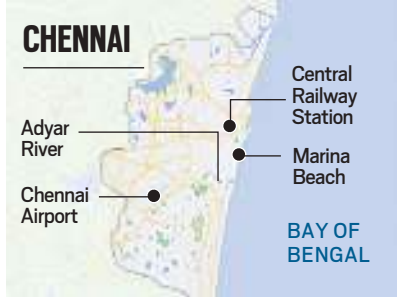
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A MONTH before what was considered the match of the century in chess — the World Championship title bout between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky in Reykjavik in 1972 — the House of Soviet Cultural Centre in then Madras approached Manuel Aaron, then 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

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.

But by then, a chess culture was already flourishing in the city, new clubs were up, the state association was organising more tournaments, 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," remembers R B Ramesh, one of the 23 Grandmasters 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.

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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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 strip-searched? What rights does the female prisoner have? Can the State force its citizens to reveal themselves to strangers? And

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.

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The pandemic has seen a rise in healthy eating, with people becoming careful about what they put on their plates

THOUGHT FOR FOOD

Dipanita Nath

A PROFESSIONAL food photographer from Mumbai, Pawan Manglani knew how to eat healthy but, during the stressful months of the first lockdown, he stopped taking care of himself. Processed food, desserts, alcohol and aerated 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, 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 his 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 Arshiya 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.

In her 2018 book, *Ultimate Grandmother 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 economic liberalisation of 1991, when age-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; reading 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. Delhi-based chef Tanuvve 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 focussed 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 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 Praseon Gupta, co-founder and CEO of Delhi-based 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 products and organic groceries. It has become a better landscape for health-conscious mothers such as Mumbai-based Pia 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, Radhika Pandeya 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 health-conscious brands. We have noticed a month-on-month repeat customer rate of 30 per cent. We pride ourselves in being honest

about our ingredients," says Dhall. 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 business, 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.



DOWN IN JUNGLELAND



Ranjit Lal

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Don't be a Peeping Tom

Why birds and their babies deserve the right to privacy

ALL 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 over-worked, 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



RANJIT LAL

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 deadily 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!

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?

I have 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 Gham*, 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

SLICE OF LIFE



Suvir Saran

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 heart-strings 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 rain-storm'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 four-legged giant of a dog taught me, a human, to find life in stillness and to see positive action



SUVIR SARAN

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 grandmother, 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 the 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.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,Yashaswi Mahajan,W/o Priyam Gupta,R/O P and T-73, 4th-Floor,Sandesh Vihar, Pitampura,Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Yashaswi Gupta. 0040624904-3

I,Yogesh Kumar,S/o Late. Goverdhan Singh,R/O House.No.67,Madangir Village,New-Delhi-110062, declare that in school-record of my minor-daughter Hanshika,my name has been recorded as Yogesh Kumar Mahalwal instead of Yogesh Kumar. My correct-name is Yogesh Kumar. 0040624925-4

It's for general information that I,Nikhil Sanwariya,S/o Lalit Sanwariya,R/O,Flat-No.5, ACP-Complex, Shivaji-Park, Punjabi-Bagh, New-Delhi-110028,declare that-name of mine and my-father has been wrongly-written as Nikhil Sawanriya and Lalit Sawanriya in my Caste-Certificate. The actual name- of mine and my-father are Nikhil Sanwariya and Lalit Sanwariya. 0040624929-7

I,RAVI VERMA,S/O VIJAY KUMAR VERMA,R/O KHNO.765, OPP.HOOVER-APPT.NR. NALANDA PUBLIC-SCHOOL, SANT-NAGAR,BURARI,DELHI-110084.CHANGED MY NAME TO RAVI KUMAR VERMA. 0040624925-3

I,PRITI Daughter of,Ajay Kumar, Presently residing at,14-D/1, Tejas Camp,Race Course,New-Delhi-110003, have changed my name,from PRITI to PRACHI SINGH, vide-affidavit,dated-28-7-2022. 0040624908-11

No.13635246P,Rank-PTR-29-Para,Bheem Singh S/o- Khushaal Singh,R/o-Village-Era Malia,P.O-Bengali Patti, Dhijuli,Tehsil-Chakisain,Distt-Pauri Garhwal,Utarakhand, inform that in my,service records my,brother's name wrongly-written as HEAM SINGH instead of correct name HEM SINGH.Pls amended accordingly for all,future purposes. 0040624925-10

I,Mahesh Fahim,W/o Fahimuddin, R/o 5051,4th. Floor,Lakhraj-Gupta,Dargah Sabri, DaryaGanj, New Delhi-110002, That I have changed the name of my minor-son aged-about-5-years, from Mohd.Arsh to Affan 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, LALASPUR,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, LALASPUR,DELHI-110042.CHANGED MYNAMETOMALKIYATSINGH.

0040624904-6

I,KISHOR KUMAR S/O SATPAL TANJIA R/O D-44,U/F,F,KHNO. 17,16,RANJEET VIHAR,NILOTHI EXTN,NILOTHI,DELHI-110041. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KISHOR KUMAR TANJANA. 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. 0040624925-7

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-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 Gurudwara,garden,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/o 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 SHARMA. 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 school-record as komal Boela,(DOB- 23/7/2007)her correct-Name is Komal Kaur Boela This is true and correct-information. 0040624904-9

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,Aakruti D/O Sarabjeet Singh Chadha,R/O-A88, amar-colony,Lajpat Nagar-4,3rd-floor,back-side, New Delhi-110024,Have changed my name to Aakruti kaur Chadha,for all purposes. 0040624925-6

I,hitherto known as Seema W/o Raj Kumar residing at E-45 J.J.Colony Raghbir 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 Raghbir Nagar 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, BG Nagar, Noida 201301, UP have changed my name to Madhuri Pilania for all purposes. 0040624908-12

I,Irfan Ahmad S/o Mohd Iliyaz R/O-B-236, Shaheednagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, declare that in my son's 10th class school record date of birth of my son Abdul Samad wrongly written as 04.06.2005 instead-of his correct date-of-birth 04.06.2007. 0070797039-1

I,Sanjog Kumar Sachdeva, S/o Sh.Keval 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, Sector-14, Hsai, Haryana-125001, have changed my name to Sanchit Jawa 0070797039-1

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. 0040624929-2

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,SAHJEEV KUMAR,S/O MANJENDRA 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-I,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 Kunj,Laxmi Nagar, Shakarpur,Delhi-110092,Have changed My Name To Sadaf Khan 0040624904-1

I,Sonia Babbar W/o Vinay 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/O-RAMJANAM SINGH R/O-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 Sunita. 0040624925-5

I,Tejasvi,S/o-Yogender Singh Ranaut,R/o-C-347,Kangra Niketan,Vikaspur,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,Vikaspur,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

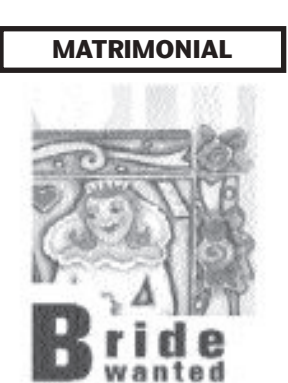
I Mahender Kumari W/o Late Radhey Shyam R/O B-314, DDA MIG Flats, East of Loni Road, Nand Nagri, Delhi-110093 have lost my Original Possession Slip of abovesaid property. Finders may contact at Mobile No. 9560465021. 0040624884-3

I,Shikha Virmani w/o Mukesh Virmani & Divya Khurana Nitin Khurana R/o 4/30 2nd Fr 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. 0040624925-11

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Sd/- (A.K.Datta) Advocate Ch.No. A-12/A, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PQM FOR FAIR HANDSOME ARORA SIKH BOY DEC 92, 5'-7", MD (ANESTHESIA) S. R. STATUS FAMILY, CASTE NO BAR. 9915262771 0020442969-1

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NAME CHANGE

I, Service No JC-284421P, Rank Nb Sub, Name Balbir Singh of Unit 60 Medium Regiment c/o 56 APO, have changed the name of my daughter from Shagun to Shagun Singh vide affidavit no. 17AA981332 dated 22.07.2022 Before Notary Public Sub. Div. Courts, Joginder Nagar (H.P.)

I 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

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 against the said agreement has been paid by my client. The Page 4, 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 aforementioned documents, kindly contact the undersigned. Further, All PERSONS having any claim in respect of the sale, lien, or otherwise whatsoever are requested to put their claim in underwriting with agreement with documentary proof therein, within 14 days hereof failing which the claim(s) if any of such persons(s) will be considered to have been waived and/ or abandoned and the said process shall be completed.
Kishna Kr Sharma (Advocate) Kritis Juris & Co. E-mail: kritiskrishtia@rediffmail.com Mob: +91-9810148844 C-87, LGF, Lajpat Nagar-1, Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client Shri Lalram son of Shri Sahab Lal R/o A-282, Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi-110089 severed all relation with his son Jitender Kumar, his wife Smt. Sonam and his daughter Keshvi because of their deplorable behaviour and my client has no control over them. My client also disowned and debarred them from his immovable and immovable properties. In case any body dealing with them, shall be doing so at his/her own risk, costs and consequences and my client shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Sameer Nayyar S/o. Late Sh. Vinod Kumar Nayyar R/o. DDA LIG Flat No. 281, Block-I, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028, have lost my property Original Documents i.e. (allotment cum Demand Letter, Site Possession Slip & NOC for Electricity & Water Connection) of property bearing DDA LIG Flat No. 281, on Second Floor, Block - I, (earlier known as 15/281, Naraina Vihar), situated at Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028, an FIR to this effect has been lodged in police station Crime Branch, Delhi vide LR No. 642325/2022 dated 29/07/2022. If any person find its possess. Contact me, Sameer Nayyar - 9312253102.

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Sd/- Aarohi Malik (Advocate) Arun Malik & Company 188, Lawyers Chamber, Block-II, Delhi High Court, New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be It Known to the general public through this public notice that my client Kapil Khurana and Yogesh Khurana S/o Sh Late Ramesh Khurana. Address 1205 2nd Floor Rani Bagh Delhi-110034 has severed all the relationship with his brother Sumit Khurana S/o Sh Late Ramesh Khurana and disowned from his movable and immovable properties. My client will not be responsible for any acts or deeds done by his brother Sumit Khurana in Past and Present any manner whatsoever. If any person deals or make relations with him, shall do so at his/her title/risk and costs in future.
Umesh Dhillana (Advocate) Delhi High Court 2888, First Floor, Sant Nagar Rani Bagh, Delhi-34

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17 ECONOMY

MARKET WATCH EQUITIES

‘Counterbalancing’ in Indian markets: Domestic investors buy as FPIs sell

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
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 (DII), 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 26.77 per cent lower than FPI 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 13-year 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 (DII) raised their holding to an all-time high of 14.06%

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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 government (as promoter) in companies 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-

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



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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 returns (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

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-

vestments of EPFO assumes significance 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 in-principle approval for centralised disbursement 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

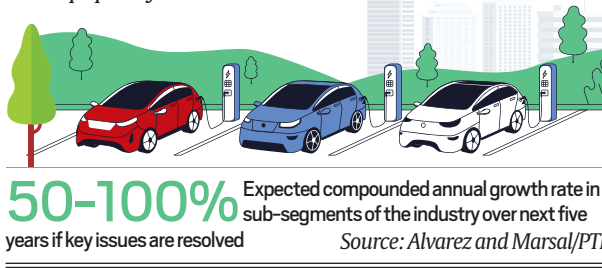
New Delhi: The auction of the 5G spectrum capable of offering ultra-high-speed internet garnered bids worth about Rs 1,49,966 crore on the fifth day of sale on Saturday and the bidding is expected to continue on Sunday.

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 the industry wants to expand, it 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**

‘India needs 46K EV charging stations by 2030 to match global benchmark’

India needs to set up 46,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations by 2030 to reach global benchmark, suggests a white paper by Alvarez and Marsal



EV charger ratio stands at 135 for India — meaning there is one charger per 135 EVs in India — while it is 6 both for China and the Netherlands, and 19 for the US

Twitter deal: Musk files countersuit

Wilmington: Elon Musk countersued Twitter Inc on Friday, escalating 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.

While the 164-page document was not publicly available,

under court rules a redacted version could soon be made public.

Musk’s lawsuit was filed 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

not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Musk, the CEO of Tesla Inc, said on July 8 he was abandoning the takeover and blamed Twitter Inc for breaching the agreement by misrepresenting the number of fake accounts on its platform. **REUTERS**

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**

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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**

States, Centre to meet on labour: Modalities of four codes key agenda

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WITH AN aim to discuss the impending implementation of the labour codes and other labour-related 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 concurrent 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 24 states/UTs for The 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 high-

EXPLAINED Draft rules issuance a challenge

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

New Delhi: Over five crore income 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

Twitter handle asking taxpayers, 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**

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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 hat-trick.

REUTERS

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."

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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 non-fungible 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.

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Carlsen enthralles home of chess

World champion briefly stuttered but by end of a five-hour game, all was well with his world

SANDIP G

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 pros in the hall, who have fought him countless 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 awe-struck.

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 points.

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.

PTI

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

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Dealer: South Vulnerable: North/South

NORTH		WEST		NORTH		EAST		SOUTH	
♠ 43					3C				
♥ Q6									
♦ AK976		4S	5C	dbl				Pass	
♣ 8642		Pass		Pass					
WEST		NORTH		EAST		SOUTH			
♠ AKJ0862									
♥ A105									
♦ J83									
♣									

South opens 3C and West combats this with a leap to 4S. This is not a weak 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 follow 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-KJ9B42D-0542C-K3
The South Hand: S-Q75H-73D-10C-AQJ10975

You can see all four hands now. Knowing where all the cards are, what is the 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 ruffs. It looks for a second like the defense has two heart tricks 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 UNDERLEADS his ace of 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 can do about it.

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	
♠ 5432		1NT					
♥ None							
♦ 7632		3NT		Pass		Pass	
♣ J8643							

North-South bid 1NT - 3NT and West has to lead from a terrible hand. You can make a case for any of the four suits. What considerations do you recognize here?

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Small factory (8)
- Spheres of action (6)
- Not too hot (4)
- Heedless (10)
- Intones (6)
- Toward the orient ? (8)
- Arrogant (4,3,6)
- Having reached a certain eminence or greatness ? (8)
- Bird of prey (6)
- Aloofness (10)
- Narrow cut (4)
- Scattered (6)
- Award winning film maker ____ Ray (8)

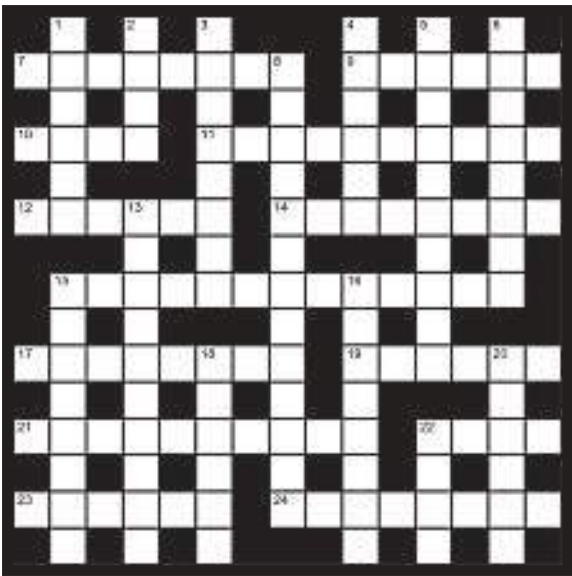
DOWN

- Potassium carbonate (6)
- Read superficially (4)
- Personal magnetism (8)
- Scottish landlords (6)
- The common interests (10)
- One who walks past (6-2)
- Stubbornness (13)
- Scary dreams (10)
- Until now (8)
- Annoy or bother (8)
- Suspend or swing again ? (6)
- Source (6)
- Fly high (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Arab emirate has an immature flower in a habit yet incomplete (3,5)
- Making a row inside? (6)
- Into writing, is she ? (4)
- Having reached the last round, then fallin' maybe ! (2,3,5)
- Discomfort after travelling in a posh car carrying beetles (not bees) (3-3)
- Thought you said "Set about rebuilding his shattered dream" (8)
- That must be the occiput, Da, eh? (4,2,3,4)
- What ramblers do for an easy win (4-4)
- Is sorry for one in quiet neckwear (6)
- The kind of ideal land that's at no time repeated (5-5)



- Coming back reel, from the drinks (4)
- Ted's do turns out to be most peculiar ! (6)
- A note to the clergymen from the men on the building site (8)

- money from abroad (8)
- Conceit of a literary fair ? (6)
- Was good with lines when it ceased to be valid (6)
- A ton designed international organisation (4)

Solutions to 2383

QUICK CLUES Across: 5 Achhut, 7 Shrouded, 9 Quarters, 10 Burden, 11 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 Prophecy, 16 Donating, 17 Hallux, 18 Drafts, 19 Legacy, 20 Equi.
CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 5 Uptake, 7 From a to z, 9 Sorrento, 10 Of late, 11 Cook-eyed view, 13 Weened, 15 Line up, 18 Round figures, 21 Carpet, 22 Bathrobe, 23 Condense, 24 Kinked.
Down: 1 Larikin, 2 Meanly, 3 Colonial, 4 Callow, 6 Proposes, 7 Fronds, 8 Oats, 12 Queen-bee, 14 Daunting, 16 Neutrinio, 17 Edible, 18 Rapids, 19 Intake, 20 NATO.

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.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

These are important times for Arians, 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, this is a sign that your attitude is sufficiently mature for you to move to a deeper level of emotional involvement.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The steady passage of planets through the friendly and sympathetic regions of your chart always favours your interests. It is time for you to break through the chains which tie you to a particular set of commitments, and launch yourself on a new track. Make sure that you carry loved ones with you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Loved ones need to be handled with 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 reassurance?

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)

There is a marvellous connection between planets aligned with financial sectors and those aspecting professional regions. Hard work and extra effort will be rapidly rewarded with increased earnings. This should be sufficient to stir you on to further achievements.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Are you one of those Librans who insists 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 much you have going for you and meet the world face-to-face.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

The approaching relationship between Venus, the planet of love, and Pluto, the ruler of your unconscious desires, means that a once perfect emotional partnership may be up for renewal. It is a rule of astrology that all endings are accompanied by new beginnings. You should be aware that there'll soon be a new dawn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

If you're thinking of pressing ahead with a number of general ambitions that are not specifically related to your emotional desires or professional cares, these are still early days. You are embarking on a new cycle of experience and can afford to make a fresh start in a number of areas.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Do not concern yourself unduly with personal matters: partners are quite capable of looking after themselves as well as offering you a reasonable degree of support and assistance. Professional ambitions must now occupy your attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You are likely to feel rather tired and jaded. Perhaps you will also be 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.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Work and worldly ambitions hold your attention. You have much in common 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.

19 SPORT

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 Ponnappa and Satwiksairaj 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 Sumeeht 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-finals.

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MEDAL'S TALLY

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Australia	10	5	5	20
2.	New Zealand	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 arch-rivals 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 129 for 6.

HOCKEY (MEN)

INDIA VS GHANA (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



EXPRESS IN BIRMINGHAM

SHIVANI NAIK
JULY 30

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 holder.

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.

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 up-lifting 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 an other 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.

‘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. The Odisha athlete accompanied Daley and four others in the final leg of Queen's Baton at the Alexander Stadium. PTI

Gururaja wins back-to-back CWG medals

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JULY 30

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 Commonwealth Games.

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 151 kg 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 bohut 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 category.

"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 training.

"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 bronze," he said.

"Hope this is just the beginning for me and I will improve from here onwards looking at the Paris Olympics," he said.



Weightlifter Gururaja Poojary clinched a bronze medal in the men's 61kg category at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on Saturday. 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 55-kg 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 said.

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 tea-stall, 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



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(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.

He trained on the first floor, so he had to be cautious. He suffered a back injury," Mayur recalled.

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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Esteemed Principal, Dr. Nisha Bhargava with the guests on the occasion of the Alumni Meet 2022



It is a matter of immense pride that Two shooters of MCM DAV College for Women- Vanshika and Gurnoor won Gold medals at the Khelo India University Games, 2022. They were part of the Panjab University Team in the Rifle Shooting event. Another student, Komal, won Gold in Boxing.



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