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TALKS IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 12, 2019

Off public glare, India held first round of talks with NATO, agreed to keep the dialogue going

Given that North Atlantic alliance of 30 countries engages both Beijing and Islamabad, view in New Delhi that outreach will help address India's concerns

ANISHA DUTTA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

AWAY FROM public glare, New Delhi held its first political dialogue with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) in Brussels on December 12, 2019.

NATO is a political and military alliance of 28 European countries and two countries in

North America (USA and Canada). Attended by senior officials including from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Defence, it is learnt that the idea was to ensure that the dialogue was primarily political in character and to avoid making any commitment on military or other bilateral cooperation. Accordingly, the Indian delegation essentially attempted to as-

sess cooperation on regional and global issues of mutual interest, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

India's talks with NATO hold significance given that the North Atlantic alliance has been engaging both China and Pakistan in bilateral dialogue. There was a view here that given the role of Beijing and Islamabad in New Delhi's strategic imperatives, reaching out to NATO would add a key di-

mension to India's growing engagement with US and Europe.

Until December 2019, NATO had held nine rounds of talks with Beijing, and the Chinese Ambassador in Brussels and NATO's Deputy Secretary General engaged with each other every quarter. NATO had also been in political dialogue and military cooperation with

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EXPLAINED
Eye on China

IN ITS first round of talks with NATO, New Delhi realised it did not share a common ground with the grouping on Russia and the Taliban. With NATO's views on China also mixed, given the divergent views of its members, India's Quad membership is aimed at countering Beijing.

No upper, lower caps on domestic airfares from Aug 31: Centre

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

WITHDRAWING THE last Covid-related operational restriction on domestic air travel, the Ministry of Civil Aviation on Wednesday said it was removing the upper and lower limits on airfares with effect from August 31.

The restrictions were put in place in May 2020, when domestic flights resumed after a two-month gap, to prevent a fare war among airlines and also protect passengers from paying high prices on trunk routes due to the pent-up demand.

"After review of the current status of scheduled domestic operations vis-a-vis passenger demand for air travel... it has been decided to remove the fare bands notified from time to time

regarding the airfares with effect from 31.08.2022," said an order issued by the ministry.

"The decision to remove airfare caps has been taken after careful analysis of daily demand and prices of air turbine fuel. Stabilisation has set in and we are certain that the sector is poised for growth in domestic traffic in the near future," Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia tweeted.

Jet fuel prices have been falling over the last few weeks after jumping to record levels, primarily due to the Russia-Ukraine war that began on February 24. On August 1, the price of aviation turbine fuel in Delhi was Rs 1.21 lakh per kilolitre, which was about 14 per cent lower than last month.

In May 2020, the government had created seven bands

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Ex-football chief Praful 'arranged' FIFA letter on India ban: SC panel

MIHIR VASAVDA
MUMBAI, AUGUST 10

ACCUSING HIM OF "impliedly" admitting to having "arranged" a letter from world football governing body FIFA and Asian Football Confederation (AFC), threatening a ban on India, a Committee of Administrators (CoA) appointed by the Supreme Court filed a contempt petition on Wednesday in the apex court against former Indian football chief and NCP leader Praful Patel.

The CoA has requested the court to bar Patel from "holding any football related posts forthwith, including and not limited to positions in FIFA and AFC", where he is a member of the Executive Council and a Vice-President, respectively.

**NCP leader Praful Patel is former chief of AIFF**

Apart from Patel, the CoA has named seven other Indian football administrators in its petition for allegedly interfering in the "administration of justice, and the willful and flagrant disobedience" of Supreme Court orders.

"What is worse, and which is the primary cause for the present Contempt Petition, is the continuing central role of Mr Praful Patel, ex-President of AIFF, who has impliedly admitted to having arranged for the letter from FIFA-AFC, and has conducted a

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TOLD TO TAKE FLOOR TEST IN AUG 24-25 SPECIAL SESSION

Back as CM, Nitish sounds 2024 bugle: Opp must unite

**Nitish Kumar with Tejashwi Yadav after the oath-taking in Patna on Wednesday. PTI****'NITISH WANTED TO BECOME VICE PRESIDENT... HE DID NURSE NATIONAL AMBITIONS'****SUSHIL KUMAR MODI**
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In BJP cloud of gloom and rage, an admission: We were complacent

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
PATNA, AUGUST 10

ON MAY 12, Tarkeshwar Prasad, then Deputy Chief Minister, inaugurated an investors' summit for Bihar along with state Industries Minister Shah Nawaz Hussain. The event, BJP sources said, was to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and

Tejashwi too takes oath, will be Dy CM; Cabinet formation awaits Lalu arrival**SANTOSH SINGH**
PATNA, AUGUST 10

A DAY after he ended his alliance with the BJP and returned to the Mahagathbandhan, JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar took oath Wednesday as Chief Minister of Bihar for a record eighth time and urged all Opposition parties to prepare for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Along with him, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav too was administered the oath of office and will be the Deputy Chief Minister.

Ministers will be inducted any time after August 15 when RJD chief Lalu Prasad is likely to be in Patna.

On Tuesday, Nitish had met Governor Phagu Chauhan, and staked a claim to form the government. He submitted a list of 164 MLAs from seven parties in the Mahagathbandhan or Grand Alliance. The strength of the Bihar House is 243.

Nitish has been asked to prove his majority on the floor of the House at a specially

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THE NINE LIVES OF NITISH

BY PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

NDA SHRINKING

Bihar break-up underlines a new predicament for BJP— as party surges, the alliance it leads is dwindling

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SC relief for Nupur Sharma: Transfer all FIRs to Delhi Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10**Nupur Sharma**

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday ordered that all existing and future FIRs against suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma for her remarks on the Prophet should be clubbed together and transferred to the Delhi Police.

The bench of Justices Surya Kant and J B Pardiwala also extended interim protection from any coercive action to Sharma till the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of the Delhi Police completes its investigation.

Multiple FIRs have been filed against Sharma, across different states including Delhi, West Bengal and Maharashtra, for her remarks on the Prophet during a TV show on May 26.

On July 1, the bench had declined to entertain Sharma's plea for clubbing the FIRs against her, and had reprimanded her, say-

ing she has a "loose tongue" and is "single-handedly responsible for what is happening in the country". But on July 19, the bench had granted her interim protection from "coercive action", and clarified that it "never wanted" Sharma to go to "every court" to seek relief in the cases.

"Since this court has already taken cognizance of a serious threat to the life and liberty of the petitioner, and specific instances in relation thereto have been cited in our previous order dated July 19, 2022, besides those contained in the additional affidavit filed by the petitioner today, we direct that all the FIRs... be transferred and clubbed for the purpose of

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COVID VACCINATION

India allows mix and match, Corbevax can be used as third dose

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

ALLOWING THE mix and match of Covid vaccines for the first time, the Centre on Wednesday approved Hyderabad-based Biological E's protein sub-unit vaccine, Corbevax, as a "heterologous" booster in adults.

This means that those who have received Covishield or Covaxin as their first or second dose can take Corbevax as the third booster shot, officials said. According to the protocol until now, the third dose had to be the same vaccine that was used for the first and second doses.

The latest decision comes almost two months after India's drug regulator approved Corbevax as a heterologous Covid booster dose for individuals aged 18 years. The approval was based on clinical trial data that showed "significant enhancement" in immune response and "excellent safety profile" required for an effective booster.

On Wednesday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan informed states that Corbevax will be available as a "precaution dose" after the completion of six months or 26 weeks from the date of administration of the second dose of

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Face tech behind Delhi riots arrests: 'Accused told to match pose'

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

IN A first, the Delhi Police used the Facial Recognition System (FRS) to arrest and "confirm" the presence of several accused at the site of the Jahangirpuri riots that took place four months ago — and the images will be presented as evidence in court. Of the 37 chargesheeted, over 25 accused have been produced so far at the Forensic Science Lab (FSL) in Rohini to match CCTV visuals using FRS, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

However, unlike the usual

FRS procedure, where visuals are matched with dossiers, official IDs or still images of faces, the police have "tried to achieve maximum accuracy" this time by clicking photos of the accused in the same pose and angle as they were captured in CCTV footage, sources said.

During the Northeast Delhi riots in 2020, the police had used FRS to make arrests but were later pulled up by the Central Information Commission for not furnishing details about the technology's accuracy and how it was used. Police sources said not many details were shared at the time since the system was

"only used" to make "a few arrests" and not as "evidence" in the courts.

This time, sources said, the Crime Branch used FRS with permission from the local court. The Jahangirpuri clashes broke out on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti in April, leading to injuries to 8-9 persons including police personnel.

While initial arrests in the case were made by the police in Northwest district, the Crime Branch used FRS to make further arrests. DCP Vichitra Veer (Crime Branch) said, "With the permission of the court, the accused persons were photographed

**Thirty-seven people were chargesheeted for the riots in Jahangirpuri in April this year. Express file**

through FSL to match against the available video footage."

Explaining the procedure, a senior police officer said, "The footage recovered from the lanes of Jahangirpuri were of good quality and helped us in identifying people. To confirm their presence, we took permission from the court and took the accused to the FSL in Rohini. Their footage was pulled up and they were asked to pose in the same manner as they were found in the footage. This helped us in making successful arrests."

Sources said that since the procedure requires technical and manual analysis, it takes time to

produce results. Also, the officers have to get a "clear still" from CCTVs for the system to work, they said.

Senior officers told *The Indian Express* that the entire exercise was conducted in 7-8 days, with groups taken from the Tihar jail to the FSL every day.

"CCTV footage might have limited evidence value in the courts. The accused can always deny their presence in the visuals. To prevent this situation, we needed photos in the same angle and the same pose. This also helped us in identifying those who were carrying weapons and instigating crowds," said an officer.

Analysis of CCTV footage and mobile videos also revealed the activities of individuals in the crowd, officers said. "Persons carrying rods, bricks and stones were seen, and their images were taken from CCTV. This was further processed in identifying rioters," the officer said.

"We saw 4-5 accused wave their hands to call other people or make gestures to invite crowds for rioting. Some are seen picking up bags filled with glass bottles and giving them to others. These visuals have also been recovered and saved," said the officer.

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The Centre has already made an advance payment of Rs 1,500 crore to reserve 30 crore doses of this vaccine.

At present, Corbevax is being used in India for children aged 12-14 years, with 3.96 crore first doses and 2.89 crore second doses administered.

On its part, the NAO's delegation led by Bettina Cadenbach, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy, is learnt to have expressed keenness to continue engagement with India on a mutually agreed agenda. In NATO's view, India, given its geo-strategic position and unique perspectives on various issues, was relevant to international security and can be an important partner in informing the alliance about India's own region and beyond, the sources said.

It is learnt the two sides also discussed a possible second round in New Delhi in 2020, which was delayed due to the global Covid-19 pandemic. As far as India is concerned, it was felt New Delhi may consider proposals emanating from NATO, if any, on bilateral cooperation in areas

modified after the Indian government in Afghanistan in September 2021.

However, the Indian side felt maritime security as a principal area of conversation in the future, given a substantial common ground with NATO, the sources said.

No airfare caps

for domestic economy class travel, based on the duration of flights – starting from flights of up to 40 minutes, to flights of 180-210 minutes. For example, airfare could not fall below Rs 2,900 (excluding GST) or exceed Rs 8,800 (excluding GST) for domestic flights of less than 40 minutes. The upper cap was to protect passengers from high fares, while the lower limit was to protect the financially weaker



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LOK NAYAK STUDY SHOWS

More transmissible Omicron sub-variant detected in Delhi

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

A SMALL study done by doctors at Delhi's Lok Nayak Hospital has revealed that among the new cases of Covid that they analysed, most were caused by a more transmissible omicron sub-variant.

The severity of disease among patients infected with the sub-variant, however, was less.

Dr Suresh Kumar, medical director, Lok Nayak Hospital, told *The Indian Express* that they conducted a study on the variant infecting people at present, and found that the BA.2.75 sub-variant of omicron was predominant.

"We analysed samples from 90 patients. A majority of them were infected by the BA.2.75 sub-variant. The transmission of disease because of this variant is faster and it can overcome im-



The city recorded 2,146 cases and eight deaths Wednesday with a positivity rate of 17.83%. *Archive*

mune response, our study has shown. The severity of disease owing to the variant is less than that in other variants and patients are recovering within five to seven days. Our observations so far show that complications in these patients are also fewer. The sample size is small and a more detailed one will be required to get further details of the impact,"

Kumar said. Lok Nayak Hospital is the Delhi government's largest hospital, and was the first one to start admitting Covid patients at the beginning of the pandemic.

Gradually, at the pandemic's peak, it was turned into a Covid-only hospital.

Covid cases in the city have been on the rise for the past two

weeks, with the city recording 2,146 cases and eight deaths, as per Wednesday's health bulletin. The positivity rate was 17.83%.

According to Kumar, Covid patients in the hospital are mainly those with chronic diseases, such as cancer or tuberculosis or severe diabetes. In most cases, a Covid finding is incidental.

Some pregnant women who get admitted and give birth, he said, are also testing positive and in such cases, the newborns are not allowed close interaction with the mother till they test negative. The hospital also has two children under the age of 14 among the admitted patients.

"These children have not been vaccinated. We have seen that vaccinated people who do not suffer from chronic diseases are far less likely to be admitted to hospital as the severity of disease among them is lower," Kumar said.

City schools issue advisory amid Covid, dengue concerns

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

WITH MULTIPLE illnesses on the rise, schools in the capital are issuing advisories to parents to exercise caution.

The city has been experiencing an uptick in Covid cases and positivity rate over the past two weeks, with a daily positivity rate above 15% now. At the same time, there are concerns over dengue and Hand, Foot and Mouth disease.

Sanskriti School had last week issued an advisory with information on Hand, Foot and Mouth disease, and on Wednesday, issued another on dengue and other vector-borne diseases. It has informed parents that the school is fumigating classrooms and open spaces once a week and taking preventive measures against waterlogging on and around the school premises. It has also advised parents to dress students in clothes that cover their arms and

legs for protection against mosquitoes.

In Mount Abu Public School Rohini, the administration has issued a general advisory on health measures to parents. "It's not specific to any illness, just a word to maintain some caution such as avoid sending a child to school if he or she or someone in the family is unwell. We've told them about dressing children in full-sleeved clothes, and since quite a few children have been reporting stomach ache, we have advised them to avoid food from outside," said principal Jyoti Arora.

"Parents themselves have been writing to us if their children were coming down with fever or a cold, they would keep them at home for a few days. We have been having attendance more than 90% regularly. The practice we have been following is sending work done in the classroom across to students who have had to miss school because they were unwell," said Sudha Acharya, principal, IITL Public School.

3 held for dowry death after woman falls to death

New Delhi: A man, his sister and mother have been arrested in connection with an alleged dowry harassment case after a 21-year-old woman was found dead outside her in-laws' house in Northwest Delhi.


Police said the woman died after falling from the third floor of the house. Her parents levelled allegations of harassment over dowry and said she was pushed.

According to police, the woman's mother went to a police station Monday and informed the duty officer that the victim and her sisters-in-law were "quarrelling". In the meantime, the vic-

tim's husband informed her that the victim fell from the third floor. Usha Rangnani, DCP (Northwest), said, "We went with the mother to the spot and found that the victim was shifted to a hospital where she was declared dead."

"Enquiry revealed the victim had complained that she wasn't feeling well. A fight broke out between her parents and the in-laws. The mother had rushed to the police station when the incident happened," said the DCP.

Based on allegations and evidence, a case was filed against the accused under sections of dowry death, causing hurt etc. ENS



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1	Premium Income (Gross)	11,021.83	14,289.92
2	Net Profit/(Loss) After Tax	689.72	(771.73)
3	Paid up Equity Share Capital	877.20	877.20
4	Net Worth (Including Fair Value Change Account)	53,741.39	50,673.76
5	Total assets	146,178.09	142,454.14
6	Solvency ratio	2.14	1.74


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- Premium income is Gross written premium, gross of reinsurance and net of applicable taxes.
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CM seeks referendum on how to spend public funds

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is campaigning in Gujarat, demanded Wednesday that a referendum be held on whether public funds should be spent on better schools, hospitals and roads or to "help certain friends and families".

Attacking BJP and Congress without naming any party or leader, Kejriwal said an atmosphere is being created against providing services to the public at no cost by calling them freebies.

His statement came after PM Modi said that "rewdis (freebies)"

impede India's effort to become self-reliant and burden taxpayers. "Just a while back it was said that if free facilities are given to the public, then it will harm the country...I don't think this is true; I believe that taxpayers are cheated when they pay tax and with that tax money, politicians waive off the loans of a few of their friends," Kejriwal said.

"I demand that a referendum should be held within the country... Even the poorest man pays tax. He buys something from the market and pays GST," he added.



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SH. AJAY KUMAR JAIN
Special Judge, NDPS
NDPS Court, P. Building
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(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)
SC No. 93/2018
NCB Vs Devender Sen & Ors.

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एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उत्तराखण्ड सामंतिगत राज्य सिविल/प्रवर अधीनस्थ सेवा परीक्षा-2021 को सांख्यिक ऐसे समस्त अभ्यर्थी, जो प्राथमिक परीक्षा में सफल हुए हैं एवं किन्हीं कारणों से निर्धारित तिथि तक ऑनलाइन आवेदन एवं परीक्षा शुल्क जमा नहीं कर पाये, उन्हें प्रत्यावेदन पर विचार करते हुए वा आयोग द्वारा ऐसे समस्त अभ्यर्थियों को ऑनलाइन आवेदन करने एवं परीक्षा शुल्क जमा करने हेतु पुनः अवसर प्रदान किया गया है।

2. उक्तानुसार अभ्यर्थियों को दिनांक 14 अक्टूबर से 17 अक्टूबर, 2022 तक हरिद्वार, देहरादून एवं हल्द्वानी नगर के विभिन्न परीक्षा केंद्रों में आयोजित होने वाली मुख्य परीक्षा को सापेक्ष आवेदन करने एवं मुख्य परीक्षा का शुल्क जमा करने हेतु संबंधित महत्वपूर्ण विधियां निम्नवत हैं :-

- मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु परीक्षा शुल्क **Net Banking/Debit Card** 11 अगस्त, 2022 **Credit Card/UPI Payment** के माध्यम से जमा करने की (नृहस्तलिखित)
- मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु परीक्षा शुल्क **Net Banking/Debit Card** 20 अगस्त 2022 **Credit Card/UPI Payment** के माध्यम से जमा करने की (संविचार)

3. उक्त अभ्यर्थी मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु आवेदन करने एवं परीक्षा शुल्क जमा करने से पूर्व आयोग की वेबसाइट www.psc.uk.gov.in पर प्रकाशित विज्ञापित संख्या: 57/48/E-1/डीआर(पीसीएस)/2020-21 दिनांक 09 जुलाई, 2022, विज्ञापित संख्या: 116/46/E-1/डीआर(पीसीएस)/2020-21 दिनांक 28 जुलाई, 2022 एवं विज्ञापित संख्या: 132/46/E-1/डीआर(पीसीएस)/2020-21 दिनांक 02 अगस्त, 2022 का अध्ययन करना अवश्य सुनिश्चित करें।

(कर्मचारी सिंह) सचिव।

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GWALIOR DISTRICT - GWALIOR- NAYABAZAR: F1636, F1646, F1655, F1657, F1666, F1680, F1707, F1708, F1710, F1713, F1727, F1739, F1781, F1783, F1793, F1799, F1802, F1809, F1836, F1858, F1859, F1863, F1865, F1918, F1962, F2045, F2048, F533, F642, **DABRA:** F10560, F12501, F12719, F12729, F12749, F12755, F12764, F12766, F12782, F12787, F12800, F12809, F12812, F12815, F12827, F12845, F12884, F12888, F12897, F12898, F12900, F12911, F12921, F12941, F12949, F12950, F12959, F12965, F12978, F12985, F12991, F12992, F13019, F13034, F13055, F13117, F13168, F13300, **GWALIOR-MOOR BAZAR:** F10102, F10246, F12244, F12295, F12302, F12322, F12333, F12348, F12363, F12373, F12374, F12383, F12389, F12393, F12398, F12407, F12410, F12425, F12456, F12468, F12494, F12501, F12522, F12550, F12560, F12565, F12580, F12586, F12589, F12596, F12606, F12618, F12628, F12630, F12633, F12646, F12649, F12657, F12666, F12667, F12670, F12671, F12677, F12681, F12686, F12687, F12690, F12691, F12697, F12699, F12701, F12702, F12709, F12711, F12720, F12733, F12815, F13037, F13065, F13114, F13135, F13689, F8733, F8961, F9158, F9207, F9221, F9234, F9339, F9363, F9363, F9400, F9495, F9502, F9562, F9572, F9727, F9748, F9764, F9900, **GWALIOR-MORAR SADAR BAZAR:** F12075, F12466, F12919, F12951, F13122, F13626, F13774, F13902, F13974, F14178, F14705, F14796, F15427, F16564, F16584, F16618, F16670, F16672, F16679, F16681, F16687, F16690, F16697, F16753, F16764, F16766, F16820, F16826, F16841, F16881, F16905, F16913, F16914, F16915, F16924, F16933, F16936, F16937, F16941, F16947, F16957, F16984, F17008, F17017, F17047, F17062, F17069, F17071, F17073, F17095, F17102, F17114, F17127, F17134, F17140, F17143, F17147, F17149, F17150, F17161, F17166, F17168, F17169, F17172, F17173, F17174, F17175, F17181, F17190, F17198, F17206, F17212, F17213, F17215, F17219, F17223, F17228, F17233, F17250, F17526, F17645, F17705, F9503, F9506, **GWALIOR-CITY CENTRE:** F6326, F6346, F6362, F6385, F6388, F6416, F6435, F6437, F6443, F6453, F6467, F6481, F6486, F6493, F6495, F6504, F6508, F6511, F6512, F6514, F6518, F6522, F6526, F6529, F6530, F6680, F6682, **MORENA DISTRICT - MORENA-MS ROAD:** F10539, F10608, F10619, F10679, F15372, F15376, F15730, F16313, F16425, F16431, F17195, F17963, F18134, F18285, F18423, F18432, F18445, F18454, F18456, F18460, F18465, F18470, F18471, F18475, F18478, F18483, F18509, F18509, F18512, F18519, F18537, F18541, F18563, F18566, F18579, F18589, F18609, F18610, F18614, F18616, F18619, F18624, F18636, F18643, F18656, F18691, F18694, F18701, F18702, F18716, F18718, F18727, F18736, F18747, F18753, F18757, F18768, F18779, F18791, F18794, F18797, F18804, F18805, F18826, F18834, F18840, F18844, F18846, F18853, F18862, F18863, F18889, F18891, F18894, F18916, F18920, F18924, F19234, F19253, F19266, F19279, **SHIVPURI DISTRICT - SHIVPURI:** F8661, F8662, F9046, F9071, F9081, F9089, F9117, F9129, F9178, F9179, F9191, F9194, F9213, F9235, F9245, F9252, F9255, F9264, F9268, F9307, F9313, F9327, F9430, F9466, F9508.

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BADAUN DISTRICT - BADAUN:

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**VACCINATIONS IN
LAST 24 HOURS**
13,321

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: 536
OXYGEN SUPPORT 123
VENTILATOR SUPPORT 15

**DELHI TOTAL
CASES**
19,75,540
HOSPITAL BEDS 9,406
ICU BEDS 2,119

Total 8,205*
**Total active cases in Delhi*

	Total	Vacant
HOSPITAL BEDS	9,406	9,033
ICU BEDS	2,119	2,021
Aug 9	2,495	1,466
Aug 10	2,146	2,439
Total	19,40,984	26,351
Deaths	7	16,187
Tests	8	12,036
	3,96,54,075	

NOIDA		
	Aug 9	Aug 10
Cases	N/A	172
Deaths	N/A	0
GURGAON		
Cases	368	596
Deaths	0	0

Late-night brawl outside Gurgaon club, 6 bouncers, manager arrested

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
 GURGAON, AUGUST 10

A MANAGER of a multinational company filed a police complaint alleging that bouncers of a club in Gurgaon beat him and his friends after they confronted one of them for misbehaving with a woman from their group. Police said the club manager and six bouncers — Sonu, Mandeep, Sumit, Nitin, Ram Singh and Rakesh — have been arrested.

Gurgaon police chief Kala Ramachandran said: "A video is viral wherein some bouncers are thrashing some men outside Casa Danza Club, Udyog Vihar. A case has been registered on a complaint alleging physical assault, touching the complainant's woman companion with bad intention and also snatching of some cash by the bouncers."

According to the police, the incident took place around 2 am late Sunday night.

Police said the complainant alleged that he and three of his friends had gone to the club, where he met two other friends outside. "At the time of entry, one security bouncer touched my woman friend inappropriately and when she confronted him, he started saying things to her. When I intervened, all the bouncers of the club came and called their two managers. When my woman friend and I complained to the managers, they directed the bouncers to beat us and get rid of us. The bouncers then started beating me and my friends. Apart from the two managers, at least 8-10 bouncers wearing black clothes dragged us to the middle of the road and pinned me to the ground to beat me with sticks. They hit me in the head and face with sticks," alleged the complainant in the FIR.

The complainant added that one of the bouncers snatched his friend's Apple watch while two bouncers snatched Rs 10,000-


From a video of the incident

12,000 cash from his pocket.

"The bouncers kicked and attacked my friends with sticks. Due to traffic congestion, the bouncers left us on the road and went inside the club while the managers threatened to kill us. My friends suffered injuries... my nose was bleeding and I was facing difficulty breathing. Someone

reported the incident to the police and a passerby also recorded a video of the incident," the complainant added in the FIR.

Police said the complainant was taken to a hospital for treatment and as per his medico-legal report, he suffered abrasions at multiple places.

In a video shared online, a group of men wearing black shirts can be seen slapping, punching and kicking at least two men while a woman yells at them to stop. In another such video, a man in a black shirt can be seen attacking someone with a stick.

Rajeev Kumar, ACP, Udyog Vihar, said, "We have registered an FIR against some bouncers and the manager associated with the club. A probe has been initiated." An FIR was registered against the accused under IPC sections 147 (rioting), 149 (unlawful assembly), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 354 A (1) (i) (sexual harassment), 379 A (snatching) and 506 (criminal intimidation), said police.

In a statement, the club said: "We condemn the violent episode that took place outside our premises between a group of visitors and third party security agency personnel. We deny the molestation allegations surrounding the bodyguard, as evident in the surveillance footage we have reviewed, confirming that there was no misdemeanour or untoward act by such security agency personnel against the alleged female or any other member of their group... From the naked eye perusal of videos and photographs, it can easily be ascertained that the guests initially verbally misbehaved which later on turned out to be a bigger mess... However, Casa Danza... sympathises with victims of the incident. Under no circumstance should the bodyguards have resorted to violence and we understand it's absolutely unacceptable... We have fired the errant individuals and commenced legal proceedings..."

Supertech demolition: Placing explosives to take 17 days, meeting deadline a challenge

MALAVIKA PRASAD
 NOIDA, AUGUST 10

PLACING THE explosives inside the two Supertech towers supposed to be demolished on August 21 will take 17 days, as per a source, which could be cutting it close given the deadline set to bring the two structures down.

The demolition is fixed for 2.30 pm on August 21, with a cushion period of one week until August 28, which is the last date for completion of the demolition process keeping in mind the Supreme Court's extension order of May 17.

The twin towers are located in Sector 93A, Noida. Two buildings, Supertech Emerald Court and ATS Village Apartments, are in the vicinity of the demolition site.

With days to go for the demolition, the Noida Authority is on track to file its status report on


The demolition is fixed for 2.30 pm on August 21, with a cushion period of one week until August 28. Archive

Thursday, in line with directions of the Supreme Court in its July 29 order, sources said.

Once the report is filed, the status of the demolition will become clearer on Friday, the date on which Supertech Ltd's miscellaneous application will be heard by the apex court.

However, according to a

source, it will take around 17 days to charge the twin towers with explosives. Charging is the process which involves placing explosives in the building meant to be brought down. Given the demolition date and the time that the process of charging will take, meeting the deadline could be a tight squeeze, sources said.

CUET: No snags reported but candidates still confused about postponed tests

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

THE COMMON University Entrance Test (CUET) papers on Wednesday were conducted smoothly in Delhi, though students whose exams have been postponed continue to say they are anxious about their exam dates.

Many who were writing the CUET on Wednesday had all their papers on that day itself, spread across the morning and afternoon slots.

Muskaan Kumari, a student of JD Tytler School, said the events of the previous week had made her nervous. "I have six papers today and I was very nervous. My father had come to drop me and

I had told him not to leave before I was inside the centre. I was afraid that something might just go wrong before that," she said.

However, she said four of her morning papers — Physics, Chemistry, English and the General Test — went smoothly. "While writing a Physics paper, it always feels like there is less time but everything was from our school curriculum. I have already appeared in both JEE and NEET. I didn't study separately for the CUET, it is my back-up," she said.

"I found the Maths test a little difficult, but it was from the school curriculum. The papers were easier than I thought, and thankfully there were no technical glitches today," said Satyam, a student of Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya, Dwarka Sector 19.

While the exam was conducted without any glitches on Wednesday, several students whose exams were postponed earlier due to technical glitches said they continue to be uncertain about their exam dates.

The NTA had announced that examinations which had been scheduled for August 4 to 6 have been postponed to August 12 to 14. Later, it issued another notice stating that 15,811 candidates had approached it requesting a date other than August 12 to 14, and that many requested that exams not be scheduled then because of festivals during the period. The notice stated that "considering the above requests, it has been decided that in place of August 12 to 14, 2022, the CUET (UG) — 2022 examination for all these candi-

dates will now be conducted between August 24 and 28, 2022, and fresh admit card will be issued well before the date of examination."

This has now caused confusion among candidates about whether exams will be scheduled for August 12 to 14 or August 24 to 28.

"We are not clear whether 'all these students' mentioned in the NTA notice refers to all those whose exams were postponed or those who had requested a change in dates. My English exam was postponed from August 6, but I had not asked for my exam to not be held on August 12-14 and I don't know where I stand now," said Harsh Raj, who wants to study Political Science in Delhi University.

eight days of the incident. Police further said that over 95% of rape cases have been chargesheeted from last year.

Delhi Police spokesperson Suman Nalwa, when contacted, said, "The data also indicates that in around 99.5% of rape cases, the accused are known to the victim. The increase in rape cases is also an indicator of the high reporting of such crimes. Our main objective is to ensure an enabling atmosphere for complainants to come forward and seek our help. More and more women officers are posted on the field, pink booths have been set up, dark spots identified and intensive patrolling is done in such areas. Women help desks function round the clock in police stations, and special helpline numbers for women have been set up."

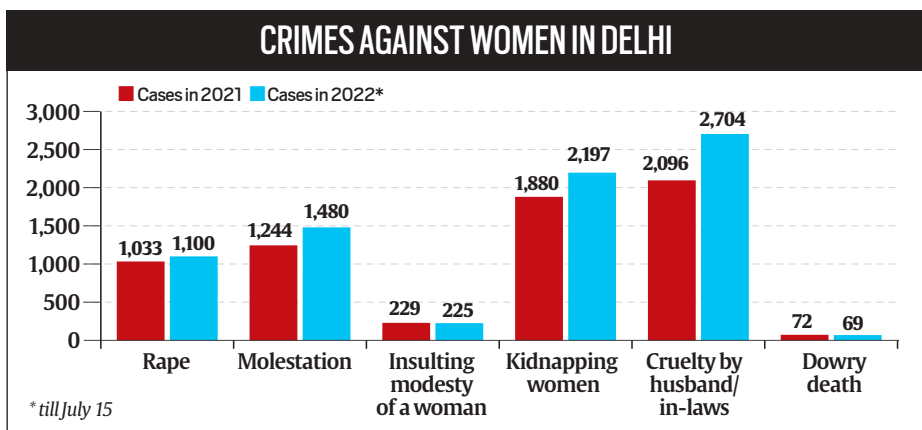
Delhi recorded 1,100 rape cases in Jan 1-July 15 period; police cite active registration and initiatives for uptick

JIGNASA SINHA
 NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

IN THE first six and a half months of 2022, as many as 1,100 rape cases were registered in the city, according to data between January 1 and July 15 from the Delhi Police.

The Delhi Police have reasoned that the rise in cases is because of active registration and the introduction of women-friendly helplines and booths.

According to the data, there has been a 6% increase in rape cases and a 17% rise in cases of molestation and assault on women this year when compared to the corresponding period last year. A total of 1,480 molestation and assault cases have been registered between January 1 to July 15. In the same



period last year, 1,244 such cases were registered.

During this period, 2,197 kidnapping cases were registered, recording a 20% increase as compared to last year.

Senior officials said that in

most cases the accused are known to the victim, and the crime takes place at or near her residence.

Following the pandemic, domestic violence cases have also seen an uptick with more than

2,704 crimes being reported this year as against 2,096 last year.

Previous data show that in 1.22% of rape cases, the accused is not known to the victim. Also, more than 60% of the accused were arrested within seven to

Sisodia writes to L-G seeking CBI probe into toll tax 'scam' in MCD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

DAYS AFTER the Aam Aadmi Party alleged corruption in toll tax collection by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Wednesday wrote a letter to Lieutenant Governor Vinay Kumar Saxena demanding CBI probe into the alleged scam, which he said led to a revenue loss of Rs 6,000 crore to the exchequer.

"I have written a letter to the L-G demanding CBI investigation in the Rs 6,000 crore toll tax scam. The money taken from about 10 lakh commercial vehicles coming to Delhi every day was consumed in connivance," said Sisodia in a tweet.

The deputy CM in his letter said that about 10 lakh commercial vehicles from Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and other neighbouring cities enter the national capital via 124 different routes. "These commercial vehicles such as tempos, lorries and trucks are allowed inside Delhi after they pay toll tax ranging from Rs 100 to Rs 1,200," he said.

The letter stated that the MCD awarded a tender to a private company in 2017 for the col-


Deputy CM Manish Sisodia

lection of toll tax, and the company had to pay Rs 1,200 crore to the MCD every year.

"The company has paid the full amount to MCD in the first year, but ever since, in connivance with MCD, they stopped giving the collected tax to the civic agency. The corporation, which should have cancelled the tender, blacklisted the company and issued a tender to a new company, has done nothing for the last four years," alleged Sisodia.

He has also alleged that in 2021, the MCD awarded a tender to the sister organisation of the previous company for a low amount. "The company was given relaxation of Rs 83 crore on account of the pandemic," said Sisodia.

ACB seeks removal of MLA Amanatullah as Delhi Waqf Board chairman, cites 'bullying'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

THE ANTI-CORRUPTION Branch of Delhi wrote to the Lieutenant Governor secretariat seeking the removal of AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan from the post of Delhi Waqf Board Chairman and alleged that his "criminal and bullying" nature is "obstructing free and fair investigation and preventing witnesses from coming out against him", said officials.

Special Commissioner of Police (ACB) SK Gautam, in a letter dated July 29 to the L-G secretariat, said, "The witnesses are afraid of Khan, an AAP MLA, due to his aggressive behaviour and his position in the Delhi Waqf Board. Accordingly, the ACB has sought Khan's removal from the post till the conclusion of the investigation in the case which pertains to financial bungling in the bank accounts of the Waqf Board, creation of tenancy in the board's properties, corruption in the purchase of vehicles and illegal appointment of 33 personnel in violation of the service rules, among others."

The case was filed in 2016 following a complaint from Sub-Divisional Magistrate (Headquarters), Revenue department alleging that appointments to various existing and


MLA Amanatullah Khan

non-existing posts by Khan in Delhi Waqf Board were arbitrary and illegal. An FIR in this regard was registered by the ACB in January 2020 under section 7 of the PC Act and section 120 B of the IPC.

According to information shared by the L-G office sources, the ACB in the letter said, "Fair investigation can't be conducted as long as Khan continues to hold his post... It has been noticed that witnesses are not coming out openly due to his aggressive behaviour and his position in the Waqf Board."

Meanwhile, the AAP said they were unaware of such a letter. "Was PM Narendra Modi removed from his post when the Rafale deal was being investigated? Is there any such provision?" an official said.

ACB officials said that till date, there are 23 criminal cases

against Khan, of which two are pending trial, and seven are pending investigation with various police stations, including one with the CBI.

The ACB letter comes in the wake of a report submitted by the Investigating Officer in the case elucidating alleged threats from Khan to the witnesses in the case.

"The matter of tenancies, expenditure and bank account signatories is being taken up for gathering supporting evidence," said the IO, adding that Khan has allegedly misbehaved with the then CEOs of the Delhi Waqf Board. The witnesses examined are under extreme duress due to Khan's criminal nature, the report alleged. Officials said that Khan allegedly forcibly removed important documents from their residence.

Khan did not respond to calls and messages seeking a comment.

The L-G had in July also given prosecution sanction to the CBI to proceed against the Okhla MLA, and former CEO and retired IPS officer Mehboob Alam, for alleged corruption related to illegal appointments in the Waqf Board.

In the meantime, an order dated August 9 by the L-G said that Special Commissioner Gautam was transferred and asked him to report to PHQ for further posting.

For Delhi-Haryana commuters, new integrated transit corridor

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IN A bid to decongest roads and provide a smooth commute for the public travelling from Delhi to Haryana, the Public Works Department has planned to develop an integrated transit corridor and improve street network connectivity at Outer Delhi's Peeragarhi junction, one of the key stretches connecting the borders of the capital.

Under this project, the PWD is planning to construct a 600-metre-long three-lane flyover on both sides of the Metro line on Laxmi Narayan Mandir Road near Udyog Nagar Metro station and an underpass for u-turn at Chaudhary Balbir. Besides, a one-lane for taking left turn lane from Nangloi to Mangolpuri, a two-lane slip road from Mangolpuri to Punjabi Bagh for south-left turn and a two-lane slip road for a westbound left turn from Punjabi Bagh to Vikas Puri have also been

proposed under the plan.

Officials said the project will be carried out in a phased manner. Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, who also holds the portfolio of the PWD, directed the officials to complete the project in the stipulated time and ensure that no inconvenience is caused to the commuters during the construction. The project is scheduled to be completed over the next one and half years, said officials.

"The junction is a major connecting point between Delhi, Haryana and other states and the traffic load has increased over the years. This project will help lakhs of commuters at Peeragarhi junction during peak hours," said officials.

Officials said that the total width of new carriageway will be 20 metres. The proposed underpass will make the stretch signal-free. The underpass will have a two-lane carriageway at Balbir Singh Marg. "Having a signal-free stretch will decongest roads and provide a smooth commute to

people of Delhi," said the official.

The department has also planned to widen the ROB (Road Over Bridge) alongside the Ring Road going towards Mangolpuri. "At present, the ROB towards Mangolpuri creates heavy traffic congestion as it is very narrow. Therefore, the 500-metre stretch will be widened to three lanes on either side of the road. This will smoothen the flow of traffic along the stretch," said an official.

Further, PWD has planned to construct two Foot Over Bridges (FOB) for smooth and safe pedestrian movements around the Peeragarhi junction and metro station.

"The Kejriwal government is committed to providing a hassle-free commute to all the commuters. In view of the same, the project to decongest Peeragarhi junction has been taken up from Jwala Heri Market (Chaudhary Balbir Singh) Red Light to Jwalapuri Red Light, NH-10 (Rohtak Road), by the government," Sisodia said.



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LEGIONS OF HONOUR

HIS PARTY may not be giving him responsibilities to match his astuteness and popularity, but Congress MP Shashi Tharoor seems to be getting all the recognition outside India. The French government is honouring him with its highest honour, 'Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur', for his writings and speeches. The French Ambassador in New Delhi has written to Tharoor, informing him about the honour, which will be conferred on him during the next visit of any minister of the French government to India. Last year, Tharoor had surprised the officials of the Embassy, Consulates, Alliance Francaise and military attaches by delivering a speech in French. Interestingly, Tharoor had received a similar honour from the Spanish government in 2010 when the King of Spain had bestowed upon him the 'Encomienda de la Real Order Espanola de Carlos III'.

CANDID CONFESSION

AT THE release function of "Shabdansh", a collection of Home Minister Amit Shah's speeches on varied issues, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was unusually candid. With the compere reciting couplets while inviting him to speak, Singh began his address: "Zaroorat se zyada mujhe chadaa diya (he has praised me a bit too much)". He said the publishers of the book had "made things difficult for me" by announcing that the "books released by me get sold off fast". "Now, all those wishing to see the sales of their books spiking will come to me for release," he said. Singh added that unlike many who would claim at the release functions that they have read the book to the last page, he didn't get time and could only glance through the book.

NEWS AT ALL TIMES

AT A lunch hosted for mediapersons, outgoing Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu revealed that he will not go for a retirement life and keep interacting with the youth and farmers. Naidu said he will be available for everyone at his 1, Thyagraj Marg, after his return from his native village later this month. On his last day in office, Naidu was liberal with one-liners he is famous for. Citing a friend's remark about him, Naidu said: "You must remember that 'Naidu is news in position, in opposition and in no position!'".

Justice Lalit is made 49th CJI, set to take charge on August 27

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

PRESIDENT DROUPADI Murmu Wednesday appointed Justice Uday Umesh Lalit as the 49th Chief Justice of India. Justice Lalit will succeed Justice NV Ramana who is due to retire on August 26.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, Judge of the Supreme Court, to be the Chief Justice of India with effect from August, 2022," a government notification said.

Justice Lalit, who will assume charge on August 27, will have a relatively short tenure of over three months and is due to retire on November 8. He will also only be the second CJI to have been appointed directly from the Bar without serving as a judge of a high court. Justice SM Sikri, who was CJI from January 1971 to April 1973, is the only other CJI who was directly appointed from the Bar.

Justice Lalit enrolled as an advocate in June 1983 and worked in the chambers of former



Justice NV Ramana with Justice UU Lalit. *File*

Attorney General Soli Sorabjee. He was one of the country's top criminal lawyers before being appointed a judge of the Supreme Court in August 2014. His father, U R Lalit, was an Additional Judge of the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court from 1974 to 1976.

Justice Lalit has been part of several important rulings in the SC and headed the bench that last month sentenced Vijay Mallya, who was found guilty of contempt of court in 2017, to four months' imprisonment and fine of Rs 2,000. He also headed the bench that convicted the fugitive businessman for contempt in May 2017.

Day 1: Himachal House pays homage to 4 ex-MLAs, Opp seeks no-confidence motion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SHIMLA, AUGUST 10

THE LAST session of the 13th Himachal Vidhan Sabha began on Wednesday amid calls for no confidence by the Opposition. The House paid homage to four former MLAs.

The session began with Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur paying homage to the four former MLAs — Sukh Ram, Praveen Sharma, Mastram and Roop Singh Chauhan. The CM said that the leaders had contributed toward the development of the state

during their tenures. The Opposition leaders hailed Sukh Ram, who served as IT minister during Narasimha Rao government, as a visionary who worked tirelessly for the people of Mandi.

Congress Leader of Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri demanded a no-confidence motion against the government. The Opposition alleged that the government machinery failed to function and that the mandate of development was not upheld. The ruling party argued that the Congress demand was an effort to divert attention and that they had the numbers to pass the floor test.

PM likens Cong protest to black magic: Won't help it regain trust

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 10

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Wednesday took a swipe at the Congress over its black-cloth protest against price rise by likening it to "black magic". He said this cannot end the opposition party's "bad days" and help it earn the trust of people again.

"On August 5, there was an attempt to spread black magic mentality. Those who think that by wearing black clothes, their period of despair will end are unaware that irrespective of the black magic and their belief in superstition, the public's trust will never be restored in them," Modi said on the occasion of World Biofuel Day when he dedicated the second generation (2G) ethanol plant in Panipat,



Modi dedicates the second generation ethanol plant in Panipat to the nation. *Express*

Haryana, to the nation via video conferencing.

He was apparently referring to the Congress leaders who, dressed in black clothes, held a protest against price rise and unemployment last Friday.

On Wednesday, it hit back at

Prime Minister Modi over the black magic remark, saying the "jum-lajeevi" never talks of the issues faced by the people.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh shared a picture of Modi in black clothes and said he was making a pointless issue about black clothes.

"They could not do anything to bring black money, now they are making a pointless issue about black clothes. The country wants the prime minister to talk about their problems, but 'jum-lajeevi' keeps saying anything," Ramesh said in a tweet in Hindi.

In an apparent reference to protests against the rising prices of fuel, the PM said, "If there is selfishness in politics, then anyone can come and announce free petrol and diesel. Such steps will take away the rights of our children and prevent the country

from becoming self-reliant. Due to such selfish policies, the burden on honest taxpayers of the country will also increase. To deal with the challenges that the country is facing, it needs clear intentions and commitment. It requires extreme hard work, policy and huge investments."

Further attacking his opponents, Modi said, "People who have a tendency to avoid problems by adopting shortcuts for political selfishness can never solve the problems permanently. Those adopting short cuts may get applause for some time and may gain political advantage, but that does not solve the problem. Adopting a short cut will definitely result in a short circuit. Instead of following short cuts, our government is engaged in permanent solutions to the problems."

THE PATNA POWERSHIFT



DEPUTY CM, AGAIN: Tejaswini Yadav after his swearing-in, in Patna on Wednesday. *PTI*

Kishor: CM's 6th experiment in 10 yrs; state's slide is a constant

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
PATNA, AUGUST 10

ON A day Nitish Kumar took oath as Bihar Chief Minister for a record eighth time, election strategist Prashant Kishor took a swipe at his former party leader and said the current political developments in Bihar should not surprise anyone, as this is the "sixth experiment" by Nitish in government formation since 2012. The only constants in this period have been Nitish as CM and Bihar doing poorly on most development indices, he said.

Kishor, who is likely to enter the electoral fray in 2025 through his outfit, Jan Suraj, called it a "state-specific development" and said not much should be read into it with 2024 General Election in mind.

Since 2012-13, Kishor told *The Indian Express*, the "only constant has been Nitish Kumar as CM and the poor state of health-care and education in the state, which has only gone worse since 2014-15. We must wait and watch how this government



'Premature to project coalition as Opp's 2024 formula'

performs, and how the coalition endures."

"At the moment, this is a state-specific development for governance and not a political development for the future. It would be premature to project it as the Opposition's formula for 2024," the former JD(U) top leader said.

On why Nitish broke the alliance with BJP and whether the latter overplayed its hand in cornering him, Kishor said, "Nitishji was never comfortable in this NDA coalition as he was in the NDA coalition before 2015. Similarly, he is not as comfortable today in the Mahagathbandhan as he was in his last alliance with RJD. The 2015 alliance had the people's mandate behind it. This is a post-poll alliance. So there are additional challenges that this al-

liance will face."

On Nitish being projected as the Opposition's face for 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Kishor said, "He had made that attempt in 2014 also, and had got some support. But it is one thing to have intent, and another to convert that into reality."

Playing down speculation over the Opposition's strength based on Nitish and Lalu being a formidable social coalition, Kishor said: "Whenever a coalition is formed, it looks formidable at the time.... Once a coalition is formed, and the government begins functioning, only then its challenges and problems or strengths emerge."

Kishor said these developments should not be read as weakening of BJP in Bihar, and that the saffron party remains a formidable force.

Pointing out that JD(U)'s fortunes have slid consistently in the last few years — from 117 Assembly seats in 2015 to 43 now — Kishor said they will decline further if the Grand Alliance government fails to deliver on governance.

Mexico's President proposes peace panel: Modi, Pope, UN chief

YOSHITA SINGH
NEW YORK, AUGUST 10

MEXICAN PRESIDENT Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has said that he will propose to the UN for setting up a commission, comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Pope Francis and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, aimed at stopping war and seeking a truce of at least five years to ensure world peace.

At a press meet Monday, Obrador said he feels that the governments of three great powers, Russia, China and the US, will hopefully listen to it and accept an intermediation like the one he is proposing. He proposed that the panel will comprise Modi, Guterres and Pope Francis and they will meet and present a proposal soon to end war everywhere.



Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador

According to information on his official website, the Mexican President said the commission's aim will be to stop war everywhere and reach an agreement to seek a truce of at least five years so that the governments of the whole world dedicate themselves to supporting their people, especially those who are suffering the most from the war and from its effects. He said he agrees with what the Secretary General of the UN has raised that countries must stop military confrontation, must opt for dialogue and not the use of force. **PTI**

Fadnavis tells ministers: Avoid controversy, work as team

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 10

MAHARASHTRA DEPUTY Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday asked the 18 new Cabinet ministers, who were sworn-in on Tuesday, to exercise caution and avoid courting controversies, as that could be detrimental for the BJP-Shinde Sena coalition government.

After the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Fadnavis addressed the ministers in a closed-door meeting. Once the cabinet had concluded, the bureaucrats were asked to leave and only 20 of them — Shinde, Fadnavis and the 18 ministers — were present in the room.

The word of caution came after Shinde faction spokesperson Deepak Kesarkar (now a minister) had courted controversy by making remarks on BJP Union Minister Narayan Rane.

Form your own party, select new symbol, Pawar tells CM Shinde

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MUMBAI, AUGUST 10

NCP CHIEF Sharad Pawar on Wednesday advised Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who is engaged in a legal battle with the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena for the party's election symbol, to set up his own party and select a new symbol.

"The ongoing battle over the election symbol of the party is sad. Bow and arrow was a symbol decided by the late Balasaheb Thackeray. It belongs to Shiv Sena. If Eknath Shinde has a different opinion then he should form his own party and select a new symbol," Pawar told mediapersons in Baramati.

Pawar said he did this when he left Congress and formed NCP.

Keshav Maurya made leader of UP Upper House

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 10

THE BJP on Wednesday made Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya the Leader of the Legislative Council, replacing Cabinet Minister Swatantra Dev Singh.

Earlier in the day, Singh resigned from the post.

The party cited no reason for the resignation of Singh and the appointment of Maurya in his place. In May, after the BJP returned to power, Singh was made leader of the upper house, replacing former deputy chief minister Dinesh Sharma.

Singh was also made a Cabinet Minister. His term as state BJP chief ended in July.

Maurya, who lost the state polls, was elected to the Council.

To recoup likely Bihar losses, BJP moves party's UP ace to Bengal, Odisha, Telangana

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

THE BJP on Wednesday appointed Sunil Bansal, who played a key role in the party's victories in Uttar Pradesh since 2014, as national secretary in charge of West Bengal, Odisha and Telangana — three Opposition-governed states the party is paying special focus on for 2024.

The development comes a day after JD(U) parted ways, leaving BJP's electoral calculations jittery in politically crucial Bihar.

Bansal, general secretary (organisation) in UP since 2014, will be replaced by Dharampal, who has been party's secretary (organisation) in Jharkhand, according to a statement by BJP general secre-



Sunil Bansal, BJP's organisation in-charge of three states

tary Arun Singh.

Incidentally, both Dharampal and Bansal have ABVP backgrounds. Belonging to Bijpur district of western UP, Dharampal had joined the Sangh's students' front in 1990 as a full-time worker and was ABVP joint zonal organisation secretary for UP and Uttarakhand.

The party said that Karanveer has been appointed as BJP's Jharkhand unit general secretary. He was BJP joint-general secretary (organisation) in UP earlier. In West Bengal, Bansal re-

placed Kailash Vijayvargiya as BJP general secretary in charge of the state — he replaced Tarun Chugh in Telangana and D Purandeswari in Odisha.

Born in Rajasthan, Bansal, 52, has been with RSS since his student days. He was handpicked by Home Minister Amit Shah while preparing the 2014 Lok Sabha poll strategy for UP. Before that, Bansal was an RSS pracharak.

Known to be close to Shah, his elevation in BJP is expected to make him a significant power centre in the organisation.

Sources in BJP said that appointing Bansal in states where the party is eyeing to increase its tally in 2024 is an "acknowledgment" of the top leadership's trust in him. Equally, they averred, it is a "big challenge" for him.

To compensate for the prospective losses in Bihar after JD(U)'s exit — the NDA had won 39 of Bihar's 40 Lok Sabha seats in 2019 — BJP will have to ensure that Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand and Telangana contribute much to its tally. "Bansal will have to deliver in at least two of the states he is given charge of, because it is very important for BJP to gain more seats from these states to retain its dominance in national politics," a former BJP general secretary said. The decision to move Bansal from UP was on expected lines after this year's Assembly poll results, as sources said communication between the Adityanath government and Bansal has been far from smooth for long.

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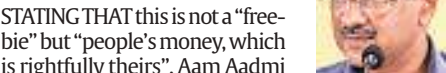
The role of general secretary (organisation), or sangathan mahamantri, is considered crucial in any BJP unit, as these leaders are RSS appointees in the party. The party's general secretary (organisation) is supposed to play the key role of a communicator between the Sangh and the government of any state where BJP is in power — all this while being a part of the party and the government's core group.

IT'S YOUR MONEY, NOT FREEBIE, HE SAYS

Rs 1,000 a month to women: Kejriwal's Gujarat poll promise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 10

AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal



STATING THAT this is not a “freebie” but “people’s money, which is rightfully theirs”, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday announced that if voted to power in Gujarat, the party would provide a monthly financial support of Rs 1,000 each to women above 18 years.

The state is schduled to go to Assembly polls later this year.

Speaking at a townhall in Ahmedabad, the Delhi Chief Minister said, “We have already given four guarantees and it is the fifth guarantee we are giving for women... After AAP forms government (in Gujarat), all women above 18 years, and those who want it, will be given Rs 1,000 every month...”

Taking on the Prime Minister, who recently described pre-poll promises as “free revdi (sweets)”, Kejriwal said, “They say it’s free revdi... (But) it is your right, it is not a freebie. It is your money; you should get it back, it should not go to Swiss banks.”

Responding to a question on UP CM Yogi Adityanath’s announcement to provide free travel on state buses to women aged above 60 years, Kejriwal said, “The Prime Minister has only said that there should be no freebies, and Yogi-ji has said that he

May not be apt to be part of SC panel on poll freebies: EC

ANANTHAKRISHNANG
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

BEING A constitutional authority, it “may not be appropriate” for the Election Commission of India (EC) to be part of the committee proposed to be set up by the Supreme Court to suggest ways to deal with the issue of promise of freebies by political parties, the poll panel has told the apex court.

In a supplementary affidavit filed in SC, which is hearing a petition to stop political parties from promising freebies using public money to fulfill those promises, the Commission stated that it “welcomes” formation of such an expert panel. But, it added, “it may not be appropriate for the Commission, being the Constitutional Authority, to

offer to be part of the Expert Committee, especially if there are Ministries or Government Bodies in the expert body”.

It said there are “continuous elections in the country and any opinion/view/comment during deliberations in a multi-member body might, in the event of being publicised, amount to pre-decide the issue and disturb the level playing field”. The EC said it will be “greatly benefitted by recommendations of the expert body that the Honourable Court may...set up, and commits to give its highest consideration to the same...”

The EC had earlier taken the stand that it has no power to regulate or take action against parties making such poll promises. It said that “...offering/distribution of any freebies either before or after election is a policy deci-

sion of the party concerned, and whether such policies are financially viable or its adverse effect on the economic health over the state is a question that has to be considered and decided by the voters.... The ECI cannot regulate state policies and decisions which may be taken by the winning party when they form the government.”

Hearing a petition by advocate Ashwini Upadhyay on August 3, the SC had expressed its displeasure over EC’s stand—Chief Justice of India NV Ramana had stated. “I am [a] little concerned about these issues.... The ECI and the government can’t say we don’t want to do...”

In the supplementary affidavit, the poll body said the oral observations had come to be widely reported in the media and “has caused irreparable

damage to the reputation of this institution built over the years”.

It said “reputational damage of this magnitude does not augur well for the country, which is relatively younger but the largest and stable democracy in the world”. The Commission said that in the first affidavit, it had “only reiterated the limitations imposed by” the court in its earlier rulings “and yet, was portrayed in a light that made this institution appear non-serious in tackling the menace of offering freebies”.

On freebies, the EC said, “there is no precise definition of the term ‘freebies’ in the existing legal/policy framework. Furthermore, it is difficult to define the term ‘irrational freebies’, as both ‘freebie’ and ‘irrational’ are subjective and open to interpretation.”

BENGAL CATTLE SMUGGLING CASE

Forced to prescribe bed rest to TMC leader, claims doctor Mondal skips CBI appearance again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 10

A MEDICAL officer who had examined TMC leader Anubrata Mondal alleged Wednesday that he had been forced to prescribe bed rest to the accused in the alleged cattle smuggling scam.

Dr Chandranath Adhikari from the Bolpur sub-divisional Hospital told reporters that the hospital superintendent, Dr Buddhadeb Murmu, ordered him to visit Mondal’s residence for a medical check-up.

Dr Adhikari told reporters: “I was on leave Tuesday, but Dr Murmu called me up and asked me to visit Mondal’s residence for a medical check-up. Mondal asked me to prescribe him bed rest for 14 days. I then called Dr Murmu and told him since I was on leave, I had not been carrying my official letterhead. Dr Murmu insisted I must write the medical advice on plain paper.”

Dr Murmu, who is on leave till August 10, said the Birbhum district administration had asked him to send a medical team to Mondal’s house. “Even though I am on leave, I am obliged to send a medical team after receiving instructions from the district administration,” he



TMC Birbhum president Anubrata Mondal

told reporters.

Bolpur Sub-Divisional Hospital deputy superintendent Diptendu Dutta, who is in charge of the hospital in Dr Murmu’s absence, said he had not sent any doctor to Mondal’s house. “And I don’t have any idea about who sent them (the medical team).”

Meanwhile, Mondal, the TMC Birbhum president, Wednesday again dodged CBI summons—the 10th summon in connection with the alleged scam—citing health problems, said an official of the central agency probing the case.

The TMC leader, who is in his sixties, attached copies of two prescriptions along with his letter and sought two weeks from the officers of the probe agency to appear before them at its city office, said a senior CBI officer.

Mondal’s counsel on Wednesday morning dropped the letter at the central agency’s office in the city, he added.

The prescriptions submitted by Mondal are of doctors from SSKM and Bolpur hospitals.

Shah a backstage hero, has no desire for credit: Rajnath at book launch

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

UNION HOME Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah is a “backstage hero who has no desire for credit”, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Wednesday.

“It will not be an exaggeration to say Shah is a backstage hero (nepathya ke nayak). He has no desire for credit. He remains in the background and does so much work for the government as well as for the party, and still gets time to read so much,” Singh said while releasing the book Shabdansh, a collection of Shah’s speeches on a number of issues, in New Delhi.

“He talks less, but when he



Rajnath Singh at the event on Wednesday. Amit Mehra

talks he does so meaningfully,” Singh said.

Lauding the Home Minister

for his knowledge of politics, spirituality and other subjects, the defence minister said Shah’s life has had its share of bitter-sweet memories. He was referring to the Gujarat leader spending months in jail over the Sohrabuddin Sheikh case in which he was acquitted later.

“The investigating agencies harassed him. Not only him, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi also went through it. (Shah) went wherever the probe agencies summoned him. He had trust and faith in the justice system,” Singh said, taking a swipe at the Congress which had held protests when Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi were summoned by the ED in the National Herald case.

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Total No. of Package

:- 1 No. Package

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Tender Cost

:- Rs. 1078.03 Lakh (approximately)

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Cost of Bid Document

:- Rs. 10,000.00 (On-line payment)
“Bid Security Declaration” as per F.O.D.M. No.

5

Bid Security

:- FIN-COD-MISC-0007-2019/8943/F, dated 18.03.2021

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Class of Contractor

:- “SPECIAL” & “SUPER” Class Contractor

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Period of Completion

:- 12 (Twelve) Calendar Months

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Other details are as follows.

Procurement Officer Bid Identification No. Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From To Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System, Chandikhole

CE&BM, MBBS AUL 01 of 2022-23

16.08.2022 at 10.00 hrs up to 17.00 hrs

02.09.2022 up to 11.30 hrs

03.09.2022

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e-mail id

cembbschandikhole@gmail.com

Further detailed conditions can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersorissa.gov.in

HIMACHAL PRADESH

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Dharamshala Division, on behalf of Governor of H.P., invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost in Rs.	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of tender form	Start date for downloading of bid	Deadline for submission of Bid
1	Construction of School of Computer Science and Engineering in Govt. College Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra, HP (SH)- Construction of Building portion including water supply, sanitary installation and rain water Harvesting Tank)	2,18,15,991/-	4,36,350/-	Twelve month	5000/-	18.08.2022	29.08.2022
2	Construction of M.B.A. Block for Govt. College Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra, HP (SH)- Construction of Building portion including water supply, sanitary installation and rain water Harvesting Tank)	2,00,13,584/-	4,00,300/-	Twelve month	5000/-	18.08.2022	29.08.2022

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reasons.
--HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK--

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Executive Engineer Dharamshala Division, HP, PWD, Dharamshala. On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh.

PRESS NOTE TO BE ISSUED FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWS PAPERS FOR E-TENDERING

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Dehra invites following e- tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through e-tendering process:

Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time of Completion
Providing LWSS to Jawalamukhi Town, Temple and its adjoining area by C/o Percolation well in tehsil Jawalamukhi Distt. Kangra (HP) (SH: C/o WTP 5.33 MLD Cap 16 hours run and Node No. X, C/o U/G sector tank 125000 Ltr Cap at point No.B, C/o U/G Sector tank 60000 Ltr Cap. at point No.C, C/o U/G sector tank 70000 Ltr Cap at point D, C/o U/G sector tank 200000 Ltr Cap point No. E and C/o U/G sector tank 240000 Ltr Cap at Point F, C/o U/G sector tank 250000 Ltr Cap point G, C/o U/G sector tank 90000 Ltr Cap at Point H, C/o U/G sector tank 260000 Ltr Cap at Point I and C/o U/G sector tank 110000 Ltr Cap at point J, C/o barbed wire fencing around the head works at 1st stage and main stage, sector storage tank, collection tank and pump houses, C/o R/Wall around the main and sector storage tank, Nallah and Khad crossing, auto gaseous chlorination, restoration of road and footpath in NP Jawalamukhi, Providing and fixing water meter and individual connection, i/c automation of total project and Providing laying Gravity main and distribution system various dia.)	Rs. 118749819/-	Rs. 1187498/-	Two years

Last date of filling/ uploading the tender through e-tendering :- 22/08/2022 upto 11.00 A.M. The tender form and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.Hpiph.org

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Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Dehra

North Eastern Railway

E-Tender Notice

Divisional Engineer/MWS for Chief Workshop Manager, N.E. Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur- for and on behalf of President of India invites open tenders through online (E-Tendering) for the following work:

S. No. : 1, E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work : 09-2022-08-01 Proposed Development of Accounts Office, Personal Office and Front Facia of CWM Office at MWS-GKP. Estimated Cost: Rs. 83,56,412.55, Earnest Money: Rs. 1,67,100.00, Tender submission last date & Time : 02.09.2022 11.00 hrs. S. No. : 2, E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work : 09-2022-08-02 Left Over works for repair of pathway from Power House to outgoing gate near Dharamshala Bazar & Shed for maintenance of Wheels of LHB coaches in South side of Gas Godown at MWS-GKP. Estimated Cost: Rs. 21,67,440.73, Earnest Money: Rs. 43,400.00, Tender submission last date & Time : 02.09.2022 11.00 hrs. S. No. : 3, E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work : 09-2022-08-03 Installation of 03 Nos. Automatic Bacteriological treatment (Chlorination) Plant with running & maintenance of the same for treatment drinking water at MWS-GKP. Estimated Cost: Rs. 29,72,400.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 59,500.00, Tender submission last date & Time : 02.09.2022 11.00 hrs. The Details of above tenders are also available on Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. CPRO/Mech-40 Chief Workshop Manager Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur

About any Passenger AGENCY complaint SMS on Mob. No. 09794845955

Do not smoke Bid/Cigarette in train

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MUMBAI

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN BIDDING PROCESS FOR VARIOUS PROJECT WORKS AT THE AIRPORT

Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), is inviting interested parties to participate in the competitive bidding process for various Project Works at the Airport.

Interested parties are requested to visit the website, www.csmia.adaniairports.com and obtain the Request for Qualification (RFQ) document(s).

RFQ shall be available for download from 10th August 2022 till 5:00 pm IST on 13th August 2022.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

L.No. JHS-DY.CEE-WS-T-02-2022-23 Date : 07.08.2022

TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of President of India, the Dy. CEE/Work Shop, North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (E-Tendering) for the following works:-

Description of work	Tender value	Bid Security
Provision of Illumination arrangement in the new pocket yard area and earthing arrangement in new sheds/Shops.	Rs. 52,45,882/- only	Rs. 1,04,900/- only

Tender No. : JHS-DY.CEE-WS-T-02-2022-23

Completion period : 04 months

Closing date of tender : 06.09.2022 (upto 15:00 Hrs.)

Tenderer will submit the tender online upto 06.09.2022 (upto 15:00 Hrs.). Complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railways Website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> 1032/22 (AN)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR @northcentralrailway

State Health Society, National Health Mission Government of Uttar Pradesh

RECRUITMENT FOR 100 CONTRACTUAL PHN TUTOR VACANCIES (Please view vacancy details at www.upnrhm.gov.in)

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Recruitment for PHN Tutor Vacancies under National Health Mission, Uttar Pradesh

Ref. No: 623/SPMU/NHM/2022-23/3240 Dated : 10.08.2022

The National Health Mission (NHM) seeks to provide universal access to equitable, affordable and quality health care, which is accountable, yet at the same time responsive to the needs of the people, resulting in the reduction of child and maternal deaths, as well as population stabilization, gender and demographic balance.

NHM, U.P. is seeking applications from eligible candidates for 100 PHN Tutor contractual vacancies.

Please visit www.upnrhm.gov.in for detailed information regarding eligibility, online application form, condition of engagement, instructions, etc and other relevant details.

Details of the vacant positions are given in the table below:

Position Name	Total Vacancy	Honoraria	Place of Posting
PHN TUTOR	100	35000/- PM	ANMTC, LHV Centers, GNM Training Center & other training Centers

Online Submission of application starts from 11th August, 2022 at 02:00 pm. Last date of submission of online application is 21st August, 2022, 11:59:59 pm.

Notes:

(1) Candidates of Uttar Pradesh state who are claiming reservation in their respective category (ST, SC, OBC) must submit the Caste certificate along with permanent residential proof in the prescribed format issued by competent authority. Candidate having domicile of other state will be treated under Un-reserved category.

(2) The appointment will be purely on contractual basis for a period of one-year, renewable subject to satisfactory performance. Any claim for absorption in the regular position shall not be entertained in future.

(3) If at any stage of recruitment, it is found that candidate does not fulfill the eligibility criteria and/or that he/she has furnished incorrect/false information/certificate/documents or has suppressed any material fact(s), his/her candidature will stand cancelled. The decision of the Society in any matter relating to the recruitment at any stage of the recruitment process will be final and binding up on the candidates.

(4) Please note the 11 August, 2022 shall be taken as reference date for computing experience, age, qualification etc.

(5) The posts are non-transferable and for allocated District Health Society only.

(6) Society reserves the right to cancel any or all positions at any stage of recruitment process. Number of Vacant positions may vary at any stage during the recruitment process.

Please visit NHM, UP website www.upnrhm.gov.in in time to time for detailed and updated information.

UPID-178556 Date-10.08.2022 www.up.gov.in Mission Director NHM, Uttar Pradesh

Lumpy skin disease: Tomar launches vaccine

New Delhi: Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Wednesday launched an indigenous vaccine for lumpy skin disease, which has spread across states, causing deaths of hundreds of cattle since 2019.

Lumpi-ProVacInd, the vaccine, has been developed by two institutes un-

der the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) -National Equine Research Center, Hisar (Haryana) in collaboration with the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izzatnagar (Bareilly).

Tomar said the development of the vaccine was a milestone event as live-stock, along with human

resource, is the “biggest asset of our country”.

Ever since the disease came to India in 2019, research institutes have been engaged in developing the vaccine, the Ministry of Agriculture said in a statement. The vaccine is 100% effective, complying with all standards, it said.

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TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD CHENNAI CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE NO: CC/05/2022-23 Dated : 10.08.2022

Sealed tenders with Pre-Qualification system duly superscribed on the covers with Name of Work, reference No, due date and Name of Tenderer are invited for the following works so as to reach the office of the Superintending Engineer (Chennai Circle), Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Chennai-600 035 upto 11.00 A.M (as per office clock) on the due dates mentioned below. The tenders will be opened by the undersigned at his office at 11.30 A.M on the same day in the presence of the tenderer or their agent who choose to be present.

Sl. No.	Description of work	Approximate value (Rs. in Crores)	EMD in Rupees
1	2	3	4
1.	Construction of 80 HIG flats (Stilt + 5 floors) of 4 Blocks with one Amenities Block in S.No.251/11, Padikkupam Village, Ambattur Taluk, Chennai District under self finance scheme.	53.78 (+GST 12%)	26,99,000/-

Last date & time for receipt & opening of tender on 16.09.2022 upto 11.00 A.M & 11.30 A.M respectively. Period for sale Upto 15.09.2022 Upto 1.00 P.M Cost of tender document is Rs.15,750/-. The tender document can be downloaded www.tender.tn.gov.in at free of cost. The tender notice & other Conditions details can be had from Superintending Engineer/Chennai Circle, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-35.

485,MTB Building, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600035. Ph.No.044-24322070

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (i/c) Chennai Circle

DIPR/3724 /TENDER/2022

“சேதமடைந்த உட்கட்டு கட்டுப்பாட்டு அமைப்புகள், சாதனம் பற்றிய எந்திரியை பதப்படுத்து”

Gehlot claimed rise in murder after rape, data shows otherwise

ESHAROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

DATA COMPILED by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) on rapes in the country, specifically "murder with rape/ gangrape", do not conclusively point to an increasing trend of rapists killing their victims to eliminate evidence, as suggested by Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

According to "Murder with Rape/Gang Rape" data, maintained by the NCRB since 2017, such crimes make up less than 1 per cent of total rapes in the country annually — and the increase in this category has been marginal.

Speaking in Delhi last Friday, Gehlot had said that ever since the death penalty was introduced for rape, there had been a rise in victims being murdered by accused to prevent them from testifying.

"After the Nirbhaya incident a law was brought in for death penalty... after this, there has been an increase of murders of girls (victims). After the incident (of rape), the rapist sees that the survivor can be a witness against him. So he commits rape, and then murders the victim. This is a very big challenge that I see playing out across the country. It is a very dangerous trend," said Gehlot.

Other political parties, including the BJP and AAP, the Delhi Commission for Women and Nirbhaya's family had slammed Gehlot for his remarks.

According to NCRB data, murder with rape comprised 0.6 per cent of rape of women in 2017, 0.85 per cent in 2018, 0.9 per cent in 2019 and 0.81 per cent in 2020.

In 2017, there were 31,237 incidents of rape, including 213 incidents of murder with rape, followed by 33,977 (291) in 2018, 30,641 (278) in 2019 and 26,727



Ashok Gehlot

(218) in 2020. While there has been a marginal increase, experts say the data "is insufficient and cannot be used to attribute the increase to a stricter law".

The NCRB data shows that Gehlot's state Rajasthan, UP, MP and Maharashtra registered the most reported incidents of rape for the period 2017-2020. For the same period, UP, Assam, MP and Maharashtra recorded the highest number of cases for rape and murder.

Rajasthan, the NCRB data shows, registered four cases of murder with rape/ gangrape in 2017, six in 2018, seven in 2019 and eight in 2020. At the same time, the number of rape cases in the state rose from 3,305 in 2017 to 4,335 in 2018, 5,997 in 2019 and 5,310 in 2020.

Experts point out that increased reporting of incidents may be one of the key reasons behind rise in numbers. The NCRB data also shows nearly 40 per cent acquittal rate in rape-murder cases nationwide (2017-2020), while the filing of chargesheets was at over 90 per cent.

After the Nirbhaya gangrape in New Delhi in December 2012, the Central Government introduced the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2013, which was passed in Parliament the same year. The Act amended the IPC to allow death penalty only in rape cases where the accompanying brutality leads to death or leaves the victim in a persistent vegetative state, and in cases of repeat offenders.



RALLYING FOR THE FLAG

BSF personnel take part in a Tiranga bike rally during 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar on Wednesday. *Shuaib Masoodi*

'BUY TRICOLOUR TO GET RATION' VIDEO

Flag row: Haryana suspends licence of ration depot holder

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 10

AUTHORITIES IN Haryana's Kamal district have suspended the licence of a ration depot holder after he was found forcing people to buy the national flag and telling them they won't be given the provisions otherwise.

Karnal deputy commissioner Anish Yadav said, in a statement, "A ration depot holder at Hemda village was selling the flags stating if they don't buy the Tricolour for Rs 20, they won't be given the ration. As soon as the matter came to the knowledge of the district administration, his licence was suspended with immediate effect."

Yadav added that authorities must be informed immediately

if anybody misleads people in this way. "For the convenience of the people, the district administration has provided 88,400 flags for ration depot holders. As per willingness, anyone can take the flag at the rate of Rs 20. Nobody needs to be misled," he said.

When local media persons went to Hemda village Monday, the ration depot holder admitted that he was charging Rs 20 for a flag.

The depot holder told the media persons: "I have made it clear that the flag will cost Rs 20 as there are orders from the government. We have to deposit the money (charged in lieu of the flags). We have to follow the orders of the government."

However, a government official clarified people should buy the national flag only if they want to.

'AT HOME' EVENT

Invite those named in 'Mann Ki Baat', kin of martyrs: MHA

New Delhi: Women village heads, kin of martyred soldiers and people mentioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 'Mann Ki Baat' radio address will be among the invitees at the 'At Home' function to be hosted by the Governors and Lieutenant Governors on Independence Day.

In a communication to states and Union Territories, the Union Home Ministry stressed that the invitation for the 'At Home' function to be held at Governor or LG House on August 15 should be sent to specially-abled achievers in different fields, those who made an exemplary contribution to society, eco-warriors.

The home ministry said there should be a system whereby the invitees' list is generated afresh every year so that the opportunity is given to a broad set of people. Adding that special attention may be paid to the band at the event. "It should play patriotic songs ..." the ministry said. **PTI**

INDEPENDENCE DAY 'TERROR ATTACK PLOT'

Azamgarh youth's family says ATS wrongly arrested him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 9

SABAHUDDIN AZMI, 25, arrested by the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) of the UP Police from Azamgarh for allegedly planning to carry out a blast on Independence Day, dropped out of school after Class VI and worked as an AC repair mechanic, his family and neighbours said.

Expressing dismay over his arrest, Azmi's family and neighbours in Mubarakpur area of Azamgarh claimed that he was innocent and wrongly arrested by the UP ATS.

"My brother is innocent. The ATS has wrongly taken action against him," Sabahuddin's cousin Salauddin said.

"Last week, police picked up Sabahuddin from our house. A day later, the ATS picked two more men from the area. On Tuesday,

BHIMA KOREGAON CASE

Permanent bail to Varavara from SC on health grounds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

TURNING DOWN objections raised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the Supreme Court on Wednesday granted regular bail to Bhima Koregaon case accused Varavara Rao on medical grounds.

"The medical condition of the appellant has not improved to such an extent over a period of time that the facility of bail which was granted earlier (by the Bombay High Court) be withdrawn. Considering the totality of circumstances, the appellant is entitled to bail on medical grounds," a bench of Justices U U Lalit, Aniruddha Bose, and Sudhanshu Dhulia ordered.

The court noted that the matter has not been taken up for framing of charges though a chargesheet has been filed. It also took into account the fact that he had spent two-and-a-half years in prison as an undertrial in the case.

In February 2021, the Bombay High Court had granted him medical bail for six months. Though this was extended from time to time, the HC in April this year rejected his prayer for permanent bail and asked him to surrender within three months. The SC deleted the condition to surrender but directed that he should not leave Mumbai without NIA Special Court's permission.

It clarified that the relief has been granted only for medical reasons and that it should not be seen as a reflection on the merits of the case, adding that the order shall not be a precedent for the cases of other accused.

Appearing for Rao, Senior Advocate Anand Grover submitted that Rao was suffering from Parkinson's disease and had issues of blood clotting.

Additional Solicitor General S



Varavara Rao

V Raju, however, said Rao was trying to delay the trial by filing a discharge application.

The ASG referred the court to the counter-affidavit filed by the agency and pointed to a letter allegedly from co-accused Comrade Milind Teltumbde, who was killed in an encounter in 2021, to another accused Rona Wilson, and to certain other correspondences from Maoist cadres. Raju said the discussions were about plans to finance the procurement of weapons to be used against the country's armed forces and added these were "grave allegations".

The law officer said Rao was a member of the banned CPI (Maoist) and had engaged in nefarious activities due to which he was denied permanent bail. "The nature of his activities is dangerous and harmful for the nation. He is very shrewd," said Raju.

The court, however, said it has to take a holistic view. "He had been inside for 2.5 years at the age of 82. You are also not saying that liberty was misutilised," the bench told the ASG.

Reacting to the SC order, Varavara Rao's nephew N Venugopal said: "Our anxiety has come down. We were uncertain for the past 17 months waiting for the next adjournment and hearing. The bail is now permanent." However, he said, Rao "could not afford to live in Mumbai" as he has to "undergo a cataract surgery", which he could avail "through the pension scheme in Telangana".

"We filed a petition to modify the condition but it has not been listed in the SC yet," he said.

Three LeT militants killed in encounter in J&K's Budgam

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 10

THREE LASHKAR-E-TAIBA (LeT) militants, who were involved in the killing of Rahul Bhat and Amreen Bhat, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district on Wednesday, police said.

Security forces had launched a cordon-and-search operation at Waterhail following inputs about the presence of terrorists there. The search turned into an encounter after the ultras opened fire, they said.

"All the three hiding LeT terrorists neutralised. Bodies being retrieved from the site, identification yet to be ascertained. Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition recovered. A big success for us," Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir Zone, Vijay Kumar tweeted.

Earlier, Kumar said three Lashkar men had been trapped at the encounter site. "03 terrorists of terror outfit LeT (TRF) including terrorist Lateef Rather trapped in ongoing encounter. Terrorist Lateef is involved in several civilian killings including Rahul Bhat & Amreen Bhat," Kumar tweeted.

Bhat, a Kashmiri pandit, worked as a revenue department official, and was gunned down by terrorists in Budgam on May 12. Days later, TV artist Amreen Bhat was shot dead by LeT terrorists in Chadoora.

Cabinet clears PMAY (Urban) till Dec 2024

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the proposal of the housing ministry for continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U), Modi government's flagship 'housing for all scheme', up till December 31, 2024.

The Cabinet said financial assistance is to be provided for the completion of already sanctioned 122.69-lakh pucca houses till March 31, 2022.

The scheme covers all urban areas of the country, including all statutory towns, as per Census 2011 and towns notified subsequently, including notified planning/development areas.

The continuation of the scheme based on the requests of states/UTs up to December 31, 2024, will help in completing the already sanctioned houses under beneficiary-led construction (BLC), affordable housing in partnership (AHP) and In-Situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR) verticals, it added. **ENS**

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II, DELHI
4TH FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993.

In the matter of
OA No. 300/2020
ICICI BANK LTD. Vs
MR ANURAG SHARMA
...Applicant
Vs
...Defendants

D-1
MR ANURAG SHARMA
S/O MR P.P. SHARMA
R/O A-89, ASHOK VIHAR, PHASE-II, DELHI-110052
ALSO AT:
R/O HOUSE No. 0329, BLOCK-E, SPACE NIRVANA COUNTRY, SECTOR NO.49, 50 & 57
ESPAVCE, GURGAON-122001, HARYANA
D-2
MR PREM PRAKASH SHARMA
R/O A-89, ASHOK VIHAR, PHASE-II, DELHI-110052

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 09.09.2022 at 10:30 A.M.

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/ Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/software;
(ii) Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-/Jand Recovery Officer-I shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head.
(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at **Ph. No. 23748478**.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 16th day of July, 2022.

By Order of The Tribunal

20 in past decade, latest Karnataka murders fit a 'communal' pattern

JOHNSONTA
BENGALURU, AUGUST 10

INVESTIGATIONS into the communal murders in the coastal Karnataka region of Dakshina Kannada and Mangaluru between July 20 and July 28 indicate a pattern similar to that seen in 20 murders in the state over the past decade.

As many as nine murders, including the recent three, were tit-for-tat killings, while all involve local gangsters with affiliations to either right-wing Hindutva fringe groups, or the radical Islamist outfit Popular Front of India (PFI).

In the latest incidents, Masood B, 18, was killed in Bellare village of Dakshina Kannada on July 20, followed by the murder of BJP youth leader from the same village, Praveen Nettaru, 32, on July 26, and that of Mohammed Fazil, 23, at Surathkal in Mangaluru on July 28.

Officials said their probe had shown that Masood's murder stemmed from a trivial dispute, with a local gang including activists of the Bajrang Dal attacking the 18-year-old. In the Nettaru case, at least two of the six arrested have links to the PFI. Fazil is believed to have been killed as a retaliation to Nettaru's murder. Six with criminal history have been arrested so far. Police sources said the six have links to Hindutva groups, and the involvement of a local gangster was being looked at.

The previous three attacks

KARNATAKA: SUSPECTED COMMUNAL MURDERS



Masood B, 18, Praveen Nettaru, 32, and Mohammed Fazil, 23, were killed between July 20 and July 28.

BY ACCUSED LINKED TO RADICAL MUSLIM GROUPS

- Prashant Poojary, Moodabidri, **2015**
- Vishwanath Shetty, Shivamogga, **2015**
- M Raju, Mysuru, **2016**
- Rajesh Kotian, Bantwal, **DK, 2016**
- Praveen Pujari, Kodagu, **2016**
- Rudresh, Bengaluru, **2016**
- Sharath Madivala, Bantwal, **2017**
- Deepak Rao, Mangaluru, **2018**
- Harsha, Shivamogga, **2022**
- Praveen Nettaru, Bellare, **DK, 2022**

seen as tit-for-tat in Mangaluru and Dakshina Kannada happened after a murder in 2015.

First, a flower seller linked to the Bajrang Dal, Prashant Poojary,

was killed in Moodabidri region by a gang comprising Muslims. This was followed by the killing of one of the accused, Mustafa Kovoov, in 2016, inside

Mysuru Jail allegedly by gangster Kiran Shetty. Another accused, Imtiyaz, was stabbed by a gang linked to local gangster Lokesh Kodikere in 2018.

Incidentally, police are investigating possible links of Kodikere to the Fazil murder case too, since two of the arrested were previously associated with the gangster.

Two years after Poojary's killing set off the murders, in June 2017, SDPI activist Ashraf Kalayi was killed by a group that allegedly included Bajrang Dal activists, in Bantwal, Dakshina Kannada. A few days later, RSS worker Sharath Madivala was killed in the same region. Among those arrested were PFI Karnataka office-bearers.

On January 3, 2018, Hindu right-wing activist Deepak Rao was killed in Mangaluru. The same day, a local Muslim businessman, Abdul Basheer, was killed by a gang as part of a plan allegedly hatched by gangsters with right-wing affiliations who were lodged in Mangaluru prison.

Following the recent murders, the Karnataka Police is taking a re-look at policing measures in the region. ADGP Alok Kumar admitted they needed to do more. "We are trying to find accused involved in communal crimes in the past in the region, understand what these people are up to and what preventive action has been taken, whether the Goonda Act was invoked, and whether actions like externalment were ordered," he said.

HC grants bail to Majithia, says evidence frail and not credible

JAGPREET SINGH SANDHU
CHANDIGARH, AUG 10

OBSERVING THAT "the evidence against the petitioner (Bikram Singh Majithia) is frail and not credible and so reasonable grounds exist to believe that the petitioner is not guilty of 'financing' drug trafficking", the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday granted bail to senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Bikram Singh Majithia on Wednesday.

A division bench of Justices M S Ramachandra Rao and Sureshwar Thakur said that Majithia should deposit his passport with the investigating agency concerned and can travel abroad only with the leave of this court. Majithia was



Bikram Singh Majithia

booked under the NDPS Act on the basis of a 2018 report of a probe into a drug racket. He surrendered before the police on February 24, 2022, and had been lodged in Patiala Central Jail.

"We are satisfied that reasonable grounds exist to believe that the petitioner is not guilty of the offences alleged... and he is not likely to commit such offences while on bail. It will take time for the trial to start and culminate..." the bench said while directing to release Majithia on regular bail.

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Unknown S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown** was found dead at New Delhi Railway Station, Ajmeri Gate Side, Near Metro Gate No. 4, way to Ginger Hotel, New Delhi on

06.08.2022. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 50A dated 06.08.2022** at P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age:** 45 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Yellow colour T-shirt. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

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NDA SHRINKING

Bihar break-up underlines a new predicament for BJP — as party surges, the alliance it leads is dwindling

AS NITISH KUMAR took oath as Bihar Chief Minister for the eighth time on Wednesday, the RJD by its side again, it is a moment for the BJP to ask itself some searching questions. The party's coalition (mis)management has drawn unflattering attention lately. In Bihar, it is being speculated that Nitish Kumar decided to quit the NDA and resurrect the Mahagathbandhan because of apprehensions that the BJP might replicate the “Eknath Shinde model” that it used to topple the Shiv Sena-led government in Maharashtra in Bihar — that is, lure a section of JD(U) MLAs to its side by offering office and then form a government with the rebels. Nitish's Mahagathbandhan ally and new Deputy CM of Bihar, RJD chief Tejashwi Yadav, put it bluntly: “In the entire Hindi heartland, the BJP has no ally now. It is all because the BJP tries to finish its ally.”

For now, the BJP can shrug off such criticism because the party has the numbers in Lok Sabha. But politics in India is a tricky and unpredictable terrain and the utility of coalitions to spread into newer territories cannot be discounted. In fact, in the past, the BJP had cast away the tag of “political untouchable” in the 1990s by reaching out to regional parties and accommodating their interests in alliances — Atal Bihari Vajpayee had to resign as prime minister in 1996 after he failed to win allies during his 13 days in office and the BJP learnt its lesson from that setback. The Congress, too, took the cue from the BJP-led NDA and formed the UPA in 2004, which stayed in office for a decade. Since 2014, the BJP under Narendra Modi has won simple majorities and consolidated its gains. But its rise has also been facilitated by long-standing allies such as the Akali Dal in Punjab and Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, which opened up areas that had limited BJP presence. The NDA, with a large number of influential regional outfits such as Trinamool Congress, Dravidian parties, JD(U) and IJP, helped bolster the BJP's pitch as it presented itself as the national alternative to a declining Congress. Now, after the realignment in Bihar, the BJP has no major regional party as an ally. The NDA has essentially been reduced to the BJP and a handful of parties in the Northeast — the split in Shiv Sena awaits closure in the Supreme Court and the AIADMK, a pale shadow of the party under J Jayalalithaa, leads the alliance in Tamil Nadu which allows the BJP to contest a few seats during elections.

Increasingly, regional outfits seem wary of the BJP's aggressive and ambitious expansion plans and fear that the latter could ignore the coalition dharma and even break or swallow smaller groups to further its political goals. In the long run, this perception can hurt the BJP. Also, in the foreseeable future, the party will need allies to grow in southern and eastern India, where regional parties still hold sway.

RELIEF ON FOOD

Inflation triggered by successive supply-side shocks within last two years or so is declining

GLOBAL FOOD PRICES fell 8.6 per cent in July over the previous month. This was the steepest monthly decline for the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) benchmark price index since October 2008. What it hopefully suggests is an end to “peak inflation” triggered by successive supply-side shocks within the last two years or less. These include extreme weather events, Covid-19, war and export controls. The pandemic is no longer coming in the way of the movement of people and cargo. Most countries — notably Indonesia, the world's biggest palm oil supplier — have lifted or relaxed curbs on farm produce shipments. India has, wisely, not banned exports of cotton or rice, after doing so in wheat and sugar (by imposing a quantitative cap that has now been raised). As for war, the good news is the resumption of grain exports from Ukraine's Black Sea ports and Russia agreeing not to target ships in transit.

That leaves the fourth factor — climate shocks. They are here to stay. Take India, which last year registered five consecutive excess rainfall months from September to January. These not only resulted in inundation of the kharif crops at the time of their harvesting, but also impacted yields of the rabi mustard in flowering/pod development stage during January. Worse followed when temperatures suddenly spiked from mid-March, singeing the standing wheat and causing premature grain ripening. Things look better this time, at least so far. Monsoon rainfall was deficient in much of the country during June, but has recovered to notch up a cumulative surplus of 7.7 per cent as of August 10. Overall, kharif sowing has been satisfactory. More area under soyabean and cotton, plus the rains, should translate into improved feed and fodder availability for livestock and poultry. Acreage shortfalls in rice and pulses can be covered by surplus carryover stocks (especially of the former) and imports (for the latter). Also, rice is grown both during kharif and rabi, and in a wider geography than wheat.

On the whole, today's situation is far less grim than in March, after Russia's invasion of Ukraine and when the FAO's food price index hit an all-time high. Back home, if the monsoon delivers reasonably, as it has, in the remaining part of this month and the next, the benefits would flow to the ensuing rabi crop as well. The RBI will, then, have no reason really to further hike interest rates. Given that food items have a 45.86 per cent weight in the consumer price index, relief on this front is practically half the battle won.

A LEGACY OF DESIGN

Issey Miyake believed beautiful couture could also be accessible and functional. His innovations continue to shape fashion

ISSEY MIYAKE, WHO died on August 5 at the age of 84, hated being described as a fashion designer. He preferred to be called a designer who was in the business of making clothes. Fashion, to him, signified vulgar consumption that paid obeisance to fleeting trends and ran counter to his own approach: The Japanese designer claimed that he would want his customer to be able to pair their trendy pants with a sweater he designed 10 years ago.

Witnessing the 1968 student riots in Paris shaped Miyake's ideas about fashion. He was working with the legendary couturier Hubert de Givenchy at the time, and grew disenchanted with making clothes for a privileged few. He believed beautiful couture should also be accessible and functional. This new approach, combined with his passion for technology and research, gave rise to such innovations as his bestselling Pleats Please line comprising permanently pleated clothes that are crease-resistant and machine-washable and the instantly popular and widely plagiarised Bao Bao bags with vinyl triangles sewn onto polyester mesh which changed shape as they were used. Long before sustainability became a buzzword in fashion, he created the A-POC line — A Piece of Cloth — in which a pre-programmed machine wove an enormous tube of cloth with outlines for garments that could be cut out, with little wastage.

Miyake, who was born in Hiroshima in 1938, was seven years old when the Enola Gay flew over his hometown and devastated it with an atomic bomb. His mother died three years later due to radiation poisoning, while Miyake, who had been injured, developed a pronounced limp. This was something he rarely spoke about as he did not want to be known as the man who “survived Hiroshima”. The experience, however, did manifest itself in his philosophy of design — he preferred, he said, “to think of things that can be created, not destroyed, and that bring beauty and joy”.



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

IT IS VERY difficult to put a halo of high purpose, idealism, virtue or great hope around Nitish Kumar dumping the BJP and joining forces with the RJD. The fascinating thing about Nitish's move is quite the opposite. It is pure political skulduggery in an old fashioned sense. Many politicians are opportunists. But they are often terrible at sensing opportunity. Nitish is the ultimate master at it. One might be tempted to say of Nitish to borrow Byron's phrase “Thou Art Not False/But Thou Art Fickle.” But this would be to underestimate him. It speaks to Nitish's nose for power that he knows when and how to strike, and nothing, not even his own past, constrains him.

Nitish's standing in Bihar politics defies easy explanation. He has not built a strong party organisation. His social base pales in comparison to Lalu Prasad's. He has no decisive record of leading from the front. His governance record after the first term raised immense hopes. But it has reverted to mean since. Bihar is staring at a huge fiscal deficit and is more dependent on central transfers than almost any other state. But he has managed to retain a kind of elusive popular presence in Bihar, especially amongst women voters, that all parties acknowledge.

This kind of switch is also made more possible by the social milieu of Bihar politics. Bihar is the one state where the deep socialisation of the JP and anti-Emergency movements had a lasting impact on the popular culture. Unlike in UP, even the Bihar BJP has often felt constrained by it and not managed the same degree of communal polarisation. This milieu has also created deep working relationships across party lines. Then there is the fascinating Lalu-Nitish relationship which has anchored state politics for decades. There is palpable mutual respect: Nitish is in awe of Lalu's still persisting core base; Lalu appreciates Nitish's popular presence.

By all accounts, Lalu had been favouring this tie-up for a long time, but was being resisted by Tejashwi. In some ways, this is an even more pivotal moment for Tejashwi. His ability to negotiate broad coalitions, work

Bihar drama should not be a moment for euphoria for Opposition, it isn't a pathway to national regeneration

In a democracy, dispersion of power is important and there will be a temporary sigh of relief that the BJP does not have an imprint in one more state government. But this dispersion of power will be accompanied by the deepening crisis of institutions. In the short run, the BJP's strategy in the east will involve two instruments: The use of CBI and ED to expose corruption, and then running with a narrative that regional leaders are self-serving, corrupt and narcissistic. This may not yield immediate dividends in the state. But it certainly tames the regional parties and puts a break on their ideological posturing and national ambition.

with a senior partner and yet hold his own and his governance instincts will be tested. So it will be interesting to see if this generational divide can be bridged and actually mobilised as a force in politics.

What are the consequences of this? The one lesson from Bihar is that if you don't take contingency seriously you are not taking politics seriously. But here are three axes on which to think about the possible consequences.

The first is institutional. In a democracy, dispersion of power is important and there will be a temporary sigh of relief that the BJP does not have an imprint in one more state government. But this dispersion of power will be accompanied by the deepening crisis of institutions. In the short run, the BJP's strategy in the east will involve two instruments: The use of CBI and ED to expose corruption, and then running with a narrative that regional leaders are self-serving, corrupt and narcissistic. This may not yield immediate dividends in the state. But it certainly tames the regional parties and puts a break on their ideological posturing and national ambition. The BJP has done that with the TMC, for example. So expect more Centre-state tussles on corruption and governance. For a variety of reasons, the “Modi is cleaning up the system” narrative still has resonance, not least because it satiates the conscience of some Modi voters, and gives them a pretext to vote for him.

The second dimension is the local social coalition. On the face of it, the new Nitish-led alliance is formidable. The new alliance is a broad spectrum of social groups: EBCs, Dalits, OBCs and minorities. In Bihar, at the margins, the Left and Congress vote still matters. Amit Shah is good at strategising three or more cornered contests. The climb is steeper when the Opposition is united. So the BJP can be pushed back in Bihar. But precisely this advantage, a broad social base, can become a disadvantage if not properly managed. Will there be enough power to share or goodies to distribute to manage this coalition? That no one from the JD-U has defected so far is an achievement. But almost

all social groups are now electorally mobile.

In fact, this could also be an opportunity for the BJP to deepen its social base, by promising avenues of mobility to new leaders and groups rather than relying on old alliances. But this will not be easy in the short run. The BJP has many competent politicians and administrators but it does not have a credible state-level leader who enjoys commanding support in the party and outside. It is itself the object of an anti-incumbency sentiment. But it would be a mistake to assume that the possibility of a social churn or breaking away of sections of the coalition does not exist. In fact, the larger the coalition, the more likely sections can be weaned away.

The third dimension is national. Here there is reason to be sceptical. Even if the new coalition does well in the state, the BJP is still likely to retain a sizeable chunk of its Lok Sabha presence, where the absence of a single state leader will matter less. It is also likely that voters will distinguish a national from a state election. The very fact that Nitish is resorting to a “this is in the nation's interest” narrative is a sign of weakness. He has very little appeal outside Bihar, where the opportunism is easier to project than social familiarity with him. And there is one lesson every chief minister aspiring for a national role needs to learn. You should be able to project your state as some kind of achievement story. But it is difficult for Nitish to foreground the Bihar story in any national narrative. His party does not itself have a strong organisation in Bihar, let alone nationally, and it is just hard to see him projecting the kind of energy that will be needed to take on Modi as a prime ministerial aspirant.

So the drama in Bihar is fascinating. In an age marked by polarisation and violence there is something reassuring about old-fashioned politics. But this is not a moment for euphoria, or a pathway to national regeneration.

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GURU PRAKASH

TO BORROW A phrase from Franklin Roosevelt, August 9 will be remembered as “a day of infamy” in the history of Indian politics. The 2020 Bihar election was significant in multiple ways: It was one of the first elections not only in India but globally to take place amid the pandemic. It was projected as a litmus test, especially as Bihar saw a large number of migrant labour coming back from different parts of the country. The result was a clear response from the people on the government's handling of the once-in-a-century crisis. Shamika Ravi and her team conducted a detailed study on the impact of the pandemic on the voting patterns of the people in the predominantly rural parts of Bihar. The findings indicated a resounding faith in the policies of the central government. A well-strategised national lockdown and the delivery of foodgrain generated a sense of assurance among the people. Therefore, the BJP's strike rate in the polls was the highest amongst the political parties.

In the age of social media, no one can run from their past. “Mitti me mil jayenge par dobara aap logon (RJD) ke saath nahi aayenge,” (we will go into oblivion rather than ally with the RJD again), Nitish Kumar had said on the floor of the Vidhan Sabha. Kumar is now compromising on the ideas that were once articles of faith for him. This will be the final nail in the coffin of the JD(U), a party that has failed to provide a holistic

A BETRAYAL IN BIHAR

Opposition needs a new vision and vocabulary, not Nitish

Questions will be asked about Nitish's silence over the last two years when he was made the CM despite being from the third largest party in the assembly. His political journey has been nothing but trying out permutations and combinations to cling to power. His ascent in national politics was made possible after the intervention of Vajpayee and subsequently Narendra Modi. The BJP was gracious enough to treat JD(U) as an equal partner until Nitish Kumar announced the breakup

vision for Bihar and cultivate a second-generation leadership for the future. Not one Dalit, Mahadalit or woman leader has emerged from its ranks since the party came into existence. George Fernandes, Digvijay Singh, Sharad Yadav and Jaya Jaitly had a formidable role in shaping the erstwhile Samata Party (of which Nitish is a product). But Nitish, for his shrewd politics, left no opportunity to insult each one of them. There are no official party events to commemorate the birth and death anniversaries of a stalwart like Fernandes who rose from being one of the most vociferous leaders during the Emergency to a powerful Union defence minister under whose stewardship India conducted its nuclear tests. It was not Nitish Kumar but George Fernandes who was single-handedly responsible for expanding the footprint of the NDA under Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

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tion of seats in the Lok Sabha election where the BJP had to even compromise by discontinuing sitting MPs to the division of portfolios in Bihar (Home and Education are with Nitish) to the nominations for the members of the Legislative Council. History will not be kind to Nitish Kumar. He will be remembered as a self-serving, power-seeking politician for posterity.

The opposition and its subsidiary intellectual infrastructure who are apparently finding new hope in Nitish are unmindful of the fact that this hope is highly misplaced. They fail to realise that Indian politics has changed fundamentally in the last decade. What has not changed is the poverty of Congress's imagination which is unwilling to look beyond the family. The politics of issues has trumped the politics of identity. The marginalised have become more assertive and aspirational in New India — with Droupadi Murmu, members of tribal communities are seeing a reflection of and a stake for themselves for the first time in the life of our nation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi comes from a backward community and has extraordinary empathy for the issues and concerns of the marginalised. The opposition does not need a Nitish but a vision and a new vocabulary beyond caste, community and family.

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AUGUST 11, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

FRENCH NUCLEAR FUEL

FRANCE WILL IMPOSE no special conditions for supplying enriched uranium to the Tarapur plant nor will it exercise any control over the reprocessing of spent fuel by India, under an agreement to be concluded shortly, French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson gave this information at a crowded press conference during his 24-hour visit to New Delhi on August 8. He said there would be no difficulty if the same sort of safeguards as devised by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) were included in the agreement. His government only demanded that the fissile material be under

IAEA safeguards to prevent its use in making an atomic bomb.

ZIA ON KASHMIR

PAKISTAN PRESIDENT ZIAUL Haq said that a no-war pact with India would not change his country's stance on the Kashmir issue. Addressing a press conference in Karachi, General Zia said “Pakistan's stand on Kashmir is well-known to the world. He said talks on Pakistan's no-war pact offer and India's “counter-proposal” for having an inter-ministerial commission will take place in Islamabad from August 11. In an interview with BBC, Foreign Minister Yakub Khan said

his country had suggested to India a mutual reduction of forces by the two countries.

BEIRUT BESIEGED

ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN forces exchanged artillery fire in Beirut as the besieged city awaited the outcome of US-Israeli talks on evacuating Palestinian guerrillas. Israel delayed judgement on a plan for Palestinian guerrillas to evacuate Beirut after receiving an urgent message from Secretary of State George Shultz. According to AFP, Israeli premier Begin told Shultz that Israel opposed the deployment of a buffer force in Beirut before the evacuation of the Palestinians.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Pakistan’s poor gambit

Withdrawal from Chess Olympiad in India is more evidence of self-damaging reaction by its deep state



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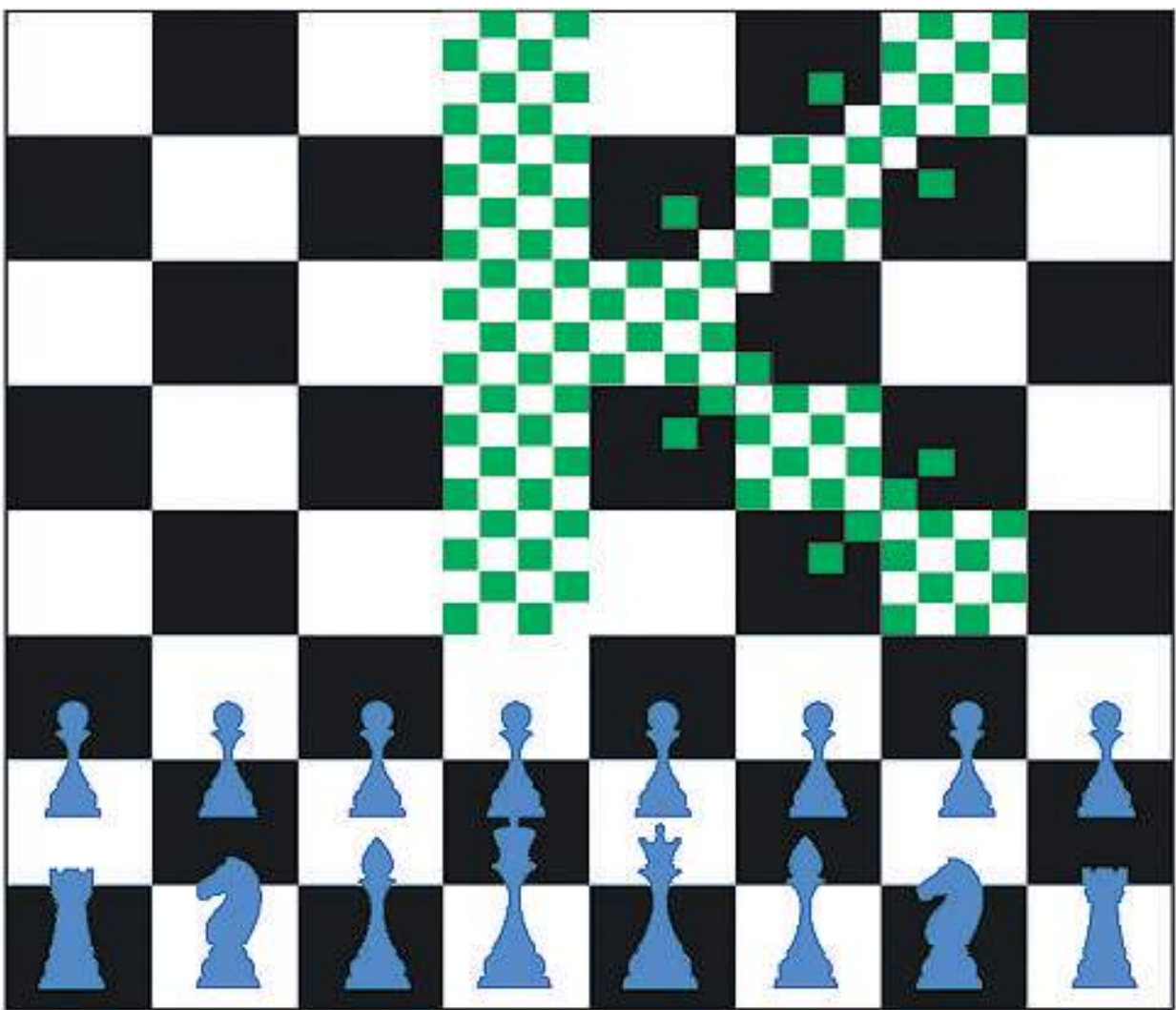
PAKISTAN'S CHESS TEAM arrived in Chennai with players from 200 countries for the 44th Chess Olympiad but was recalled because a symbolic torch relay through 75 cities had crossed Srinagar. This withdrawal reflects a self-damaging reaction to Kashmir by Pakistan's deep state that poisons its peace, politics, and prosperity. We hope that despite the learning disability of Pakistan's deep state, three structural changes convince it to end the export of terrorism to J&K and accept the Line of Control as the International Border. This decision will also place the Pakistani people's prosperity ahead of the Pakistani army's plan of perpetual conflict.

Defeat in three formal wars birthed Pakistan's fourth proxy war in J&K, starting in 1988. The first act of this proxy war – mid-night bomb blasts at the Central Telegraph Office and Srinagar Club in July 1988 – was a symbolic public announcement of the return from training in Pakistan by the first batch of terrorists; the self-titled “HAJY boys” – Hamid Sheikh, Ashfaq Wani, Javed Nalka and Yasin Malik. In September 1988, the first Kalashnikov was recovered from the mother's kitchen of Pakistan-returned BSc graduate Manzoor Islam in Kupwara – the police used the small arms dictionary to identify the unfamiliar weapon.

Pakistan's role in early assassinations is obvious: Inspector Saiddullah in Maisuma (who was the police face arresting Pakistan returned militants), Tika Lal Taploo in Lal Chowk (the RSS Valley head, who had taken a vocal position against Pakistan), Neelkanth Ganjoo in Hari Singh High Street (as sessions judge, he had delivered the death sentence to JKLF founder Maqbool Bhat), and Mohammed Din in Tangmarg (who received the Padma Shri for alerting the Indian army to Pakistan's 1965 invasion of Rajouri).

It's unclear whether the deep history or events in 1988 caused the Valley's “phase transformation”. Deep history indeed provided fuel. But which of the many events? The dithering Maharaja taking Ramchandra Kak's poor advice in 1947? The marauders led by Major General Akbar Khan of the Pakistani Army that attacked India and crucified Salim Sherwani in Baramulla in 1947? The arrest of Prime Minister Sheikh Abdullah in 1953? The return of the Haji Pir pass to Pakistan in the Tashkent agreement of 1965? The partition of Pakistan in 1971? The Simla agreement that resulted in India returning land and prisoners without freezing borders in 1972? Or General Ziaul Haq partnering with Jamaat-e-Islami Emir Mian Tufail Mohammad to Islamise his military after hanging Bhutto in 1979?

But the late 1980s promise by PoK President Sardar Qayyum Khan to General Zia to deliver “Kashmir to Pakistan in two instalments” has three possible triggers. First, America's partnership with Afghanistan's Mujahideen. Second, Rajiv Gandhi's adamant call to Farooq Abdullah at his Gupkar Road residence in 1987 asking him to ensure that Muslim United Front candidates like Muhammad Yusuf Shah, later



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called Syed Salahuddin -- then Batmaloo mosque preacher, later Hizbul Mujahideen Chief, and currently Jihad Council Chief based in PoK -- must lose his Amira Kadal election. Finally, entitled politicians weaponised Article 370, religion and took Pakistan's aid to grow their power, wealth, and dynasty. Even Baba-e-Quom Sheikh Abdullah -- whose 1982 funeral procession took 10 hours to cover the 8 km from the Polo View to Nagin because of lakhs of mourners -- became dynastic towards the end, with some people calling him “Kunba Parast”. On a recent visit to pay respects, we were sad that the grave of Sher-i-Kashmir -- who fought Pakistani marauders in the Valley alongside the Indian army in 1947 -- needs protection from desecration by a police platoon and concertina wire.

A better future beckons because of three structural changes. First, Army and Air Force cross-border strikes after Uri and Pulwama have changed Pakistani calculations that assumed perpetually timid Indian responses. With multi-decade security force requests for “hot pursuit” finally granted, the superior firepower of central forces is creating the conditions for a phased return to J&K Police enforcing law and order through context awareness, community embedding, local intelligence networks, local recruitment, language fluency, paramilitary support, and special operations groups.

Second, ending Article 370 could lead to the entry of new politicians in the next elections. Article 370 made J&K politics oligopolistic, if not monopolistic. Politicians in other parts of India are not less corrupt, myopic, or self-centred. But first-generation regional leaders like Lalu Prasad in Bihar, Karunanidhi in Tamil Nadu, Mayawati in Uttar Pradesh,

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Sharad Pawar in Maharashtra, and Jyoti Basu in West Bengal used politics to churn the status quo of power, elites, and class.

Third, J&K will see economic vibrancy with property rights (Article 370 legitimised a Tehsildar's refusal to register a telephone exchange -- central government property -- in the name of the President of India), long-term investments (there is now a Radisson Hotel in Sonamarg), and strategy diversity (Kashmir, Jammu, and Ladakh will attract different jobs). Economist Albert Hirschman wisely suggested that interests trump passions.

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Terms of disengagement

CM Gehlot's comment on rape, backlash to it, point to the same problem: A discourse that prioritises rhetoric over evidence-based argument



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AT A press conference last week in Delhi, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot criticised the legislative expansion of the death penalty for sexual offences, holding the Centre responsible for encouraging sexual offenders to kill the victims after raping them in an attempt to destroy evidence and avoid prosecution. Gehlot made an overarching claim about this “dangerous” trend playing out nationally. Empirical evidence, however, doesn't support his contention. Inevitably, he has invited sharp criticism from political opponents, many of whom have called out the Rajasthan CM for his failure to address sexual violence in the state. The chairperson of the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW), Swati Maliwal, has strongly reiterated her support for the death penalty for rape. Unfortunately, both Gehlot's comment and the backlash to it expose the dodgy state of political discourse on sexual violence against women and children.

The gang rape and murder on December 16, 2012 led to public clamour for imposing the death penalty on rapists. In response, the government constituted a three-member committee headed by Justice J S Verma. The Committee invited suggestions from women's groups across the country on various issues relating to sexual violence against women, including the question of punishment. Women's groups overwhelmingly opposed the death penalty for rape. In fact, many of them shared the concern that introducing the death penalty for rape may lead perpetrators to kill their victims in an attempt to destroy evidence. Consequently, the Verma Committee did not recommend legislating the death penalty for sexual offences. Despite the Committee's clear position against the death penalty, based on well-founded arguments, the death penalty was first introduced for non-homicidal sexual offences (repeat sexual offending and rape leading to permanent vegetative state) through the Criminal Law Amendment Act (CLA) 2013. Ever since, India has seen a consistent legislative expansion of harsher sentences for sexual violence, including the introduction of the death penalty as a possible punishment for non-homicidal child rape. Contrary to the feminist analyses which see sexual violence as an outcome of deep-rooted structural inequalities, the punitive legislative approach locates such violence in an ahistorical framework. Curbing something as pervasive as sexual violence goes well beyond the realm of criminal law. It is, therefore, not surprising that many recommendations of the J S Verma Committee on preventing sexual violence had little to do with legal changes.

Gehlot's is not a stray comment. A lot of the political conversation and law-making on sexual violence is rooted in speculative and fallacious beliefs. A recent example is the introduction of the death penalty for child rapists despite the overwhelming evidence from CCL-NLSIU studies that it will deter children and their families from reporting sex-

ual abuse by family members and relatives. The parliamentary discussions in the lead-up to the amendment also reveal the complete lack of understanding that nearly 95 per cent of the perpetrators are persons well known to the victims. Notably, a study of rape trials adjudicated before and after the legislation of CLA 2013 in Delhi revealed that the introduction of harsher sentences through CLA 2013 had led to a reduced rate of conviction in rape cases.

Therefore, Gehlot's comments do not reflect a deep understanding of the issue. There are many empirically tenable pro-victim arguments against harsher sentences, particularly the death penalty for sexual violence. Besides, the legislative expansion of harsher sentences including the death penalty for non-homicidal sexual offences is not something unique to the present government. As previously stated, it began with CLA 2013.

The criticism of Gehlot's comments from his political opponents, however, is equally devoid of substance. The Rajasthan CM has been criticised for his inability to curb increasing instances of sexual violence in the state. Rajasthan has been described as the “centre of atrocities against young girls.” This allegation is not backed by evidence. Crime statistics compiled by the National Crimes Records Bureau, the only official data released by the Indian state, were last published for the year 2020. Besides, the NCRB only collects data through police complaints without any inquiry into the nature of cases. Given the immense empirical evidence demonstrating the criminalisation of adolescent sexuality by registering elopement cases as abduction and rape complaints, statistics on sexual violence need a deeper look. My own ethnographic study of rape trials in 2015 in Lucknow, published in the Indian Journal of Gender Studies, revealed that over 50 per cent of the trials were elopement cases where the women's parents used the rape law to restrict their sexual autonomy and prosecute their partners. Research in other parts of the country has yielded similar findings. Despite the repeated calls from women and child rights activists to focus on governance reforms, the Centre has opted for punitive measures. Research documenting the experience of rape victims demonstrates that the gaps in the criminal legal system need to be fixed at the stages of reporting, investigation and forensic examination. Moreover, victim support mechanisms are, by and large, absent. Calling out Gehlot for his government's failure in preventing sexual violence in Rajasthan will serve no purpose.

That the death penalty for non-homicidal rape may push perpetrators to kill their victims has been a longstanding concern of women's groups in India. Construing all opposition to the death penalty for rapists as an anti-victim stance dismisses the rigorous research and groundwork of various child and women's rights activists and prioritises vengeance as the only legitimate response to rape. This may not always coincide with a victim's idea of justice.

It is difficult to be not reactive to what comes across as a disingenuous comment from Gehlot. We may even feel the urge to take sides. But doing this will only take one away from the nuance that is necessary for any conversation on an issue as pervasive and complex as sexual violence.

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THE OTHER Backward Classes or OBCs largely come from farming and other “middle level” communities in India. The Justice Rohini Commission, ostensibly set up to ensure equitable distribution of reservation benefits among the OBC castes through sub-categorisation, was given yet another extension (10th in five years) last month. However, the political aim behind this endeavour is likely the desire of the current ruling dispensation to divide the OBC block, which constitutes over 50 per cent of the country's population.

The issue of sub-categorisation arises from the perception that a few dominant castes among the OBCs have cornered a disproportionate amount of the benefits emanating from the reservation. The truth of the matter cannot be ascertained until a caste census is conducted.

A far more pressing matter than the sub-categorisation of OBCs is a glaring, prevalent injustice. Currently, for each state, there are two OBC lists -- from the state and the Centre. So, a caste may be included in the OBC list of a state and enjoy the reservation benefits in state government jobs and educational institutions but not with respect to central government jobs or educational institutions. Across all the states, there are hundreds of such OBC castes whose members are being denied reservation benefits in central government jobs. How did this happen? And what is the remedy?

Articles 15(4) and 16(4) of the Constitution

The same discrimination

Non-inclusion of state-level OBC groups in central OBC list is a problem

make special provisions for socially and educationally backward classes of citizens (SEBCs, popularly known as OBCs), the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). So, provisions available to SCs and STs should have been extended to OBCs. In 1955, the first Backward Classes Commission identified and listed 2,399 castes as OBCs and recommended various welfare measures for the same. But, the then central government took the strange decision not to implement the recommendations of the Commission. It said, instead, that no all-India lists of backward classes should be drawn up nor any reservation be made for any group of backward classes in central government jobs.

Ignoring the recommendations of the Commission proved to be detrimental to the uplift of more than 50 per cent of the population. The Centre suggested that state governments may draw up their own lists. This was a body blow to the castes in the category. Due to the much-delayed introduction of OBC reservations in the 1990s, those from OBC castes have an abysmal representation in central government jobs -- just about one-third of their proportion in the general population. As a counterfactual, the SCs and STs -- who have had the benefit of reservations right from Independence -- have a much more robust representation in central jobs.

The second Backward Classes Commission known as the Mandal Commission, gave its re-

port in 1980. This report leaned heavily on various state OBC lists to draw its list. But, unfortunately, once again nothing was done about the recommendations by the central governments for almost a decade. Finally, the V P Singh government decided to implement the recommendations. On the issue of inclusion of various castes in the central OBC lists, Singh said in Parliament: “While in the first phase, we are taking that which is common, those castes and minorities which are common to both the State Lists and the Mandal Commission List, in the next phase we will be interacting with the States and identifying ‘socially and educationally backward’ and in that sense, with this interaction we can make further progress regarding this.”

The central government introduced a reservation of 27 per cent for OBCs in government jobs on August 13, 1990. The issue went to the Supreme Court. Pursuant to its judgment in what came to be known as the Indira Sawhney case, the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 was enacted and the central government reemphasised: “The OBCs for the purpose of the aforesaid reservation would comprise, in the first phase, the castes and communities which are common to both the lists in the report of the Mandal Commission and the State Governments' Lists.”

It is thus clear that a class deemed as belonging to the OBC category by a state is a suf-

ficient reason for the central government to include it in the Central OBC list for that state. In the Supreme Court, during the hearing of the Jat reservation case (Ram Singh and Ors vs Union of India), the Attorney General of India argued that the inclusion of classes or groups in state OBC lists is a strong and compelling reason for the inclusion of such classes in the central lists because in our constitutional scheme, the Union and state governments need to work in tandem and not at cross purposes. The Supreme Court judgment validated this argument.

The SCs and STs are identified as such “with respect to any State or Union Territory” and have only one list and one status at the state and central levels. So, why are the OBCs being identified differently? We all know that the most powerful jobs -- IAS, IPS, IFS, IRS -- are under the Centre and so are coveted educational institutions like the IITs, IIMs, AIIMS and central universities. The “two-status” castes are being denied reservations in all these important avenues.

Before the government thinks of any sub-categorisation among the OBCs, it should give proportional representation to the OBCs after conducting an extensive caste census. But it must first end the discriminatory non-inclusion of hundreds of state-level OBC groups in the central OBC list.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MANDATE BETRAYED

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Break and make’ (IE, August 10). Nitish Kumar has shown disrespect to the voters. When two parties have a pre-poll alliance, the mandate is for the alliance and not party. In such a case, when the chief minister feels discomfort from an alliance partner, s/he should see a fresh mandate and not change sides.

Suchak D Patel Ahmedabad

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Break and make’ (IE, August 10). Nitish Kumar's desertion of BJP has rekindled the fading hopes of the opposition to oust Narendra Modi as PM. It's also a manifestation of the continuing distortion of the democratic process by all political parties. The BJP failed to grasp or retain power in Karnataka, Maharashtra and now Bihar despite emerging as the single-largest party. Its rivals who had fought against one another in the elections came together after the polls. Kumar has once again taken the help of RJD, a party with a dubious record. Such opportunism is weakening democracy.

Y G Choulsey, Pune

BEGIN AFRESH

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Notes from

the House’ (IE, August 10). The old Parliament building is reminiscent of an era that was marked by camaraderie among MPs from parties that professed different ideologies. Senior cabinet ministers and even the PM interacted with members of the House. The shift of Parliament to the new building must be seen as an opportunity to revive this tradition of mutual respect. The Opposition should get a chance to raise issues for the benefit of their constituents and air their views.

Samiul Hassan Quadri, Bikaner

WELCOME VERDICT

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘A fuller right’ (IE, August 10). The Delhi High Court's decision on the right of an unmarried woman to terminate her pregnancy was according to the letter of the law. The Supreme Court approached the term “change in marital status” in the spirit of the law. It considered women's rights to reproductive choice under the right to privacy. Women's rights to bodily integrity and autonomy, irrespective of their marital status, should be upheld. The right to abortion for unmarried women should be seen in this light. The verdict acquires greater significance after the US's Dobbs judgment.

H Upadhyay via email

Classifieds

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TAHSEEN AFTAB W/O MD AFTAB AHMAD, R/O 4741, 4TH FLOOR, MAIN ROAD, COTTI BARADARI, BALLIMARAN, DELHI-110006, have changed my name to **TAHSEEN NIGAR** for all purposes 0040626526-1

I,renu Garg,W/o-puneet KumarAdd-House-no.332/1, ward.no.19,opp civil hospital, KrishnaNagar Rohtak haryana-124001,have changed my name to renu. 0040626620-7

I,km Nirmala W/o Indra Jeet R/O-A-2548, Vikasपुरi New-Delhi, West Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Nirmala Devi, for all future purposes 0040626501-1

I,hitherto known as **MOHASSIN P S/O,ATTAKOYA R/O C-5, Type-3,Policce**, Sultampur, Sultampur C Block, Delhi-110086,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **MOHASSIN PUTTHIYA SIRAMBIKAL.** 0040626622-1

I,Vanshika W/o-Dinesh,R/o A-33,A-Block, Majlis,Park Adarsh,Nagar N.S.Mandi Delhi-110033,have changed my name to Renuka, for all purposes 0040626627-7

I,TUSHAR KANT SALUJA ALIAS TUSAR KANT SALUJA,S/O SH.SHYAM SUNDER SALUJA R/O-31D,RADHA NAGAR, KRISHNA NAGAR,NEAR SAI BABA MANDIR, MATHURA,UTTAR PRADESH-281004,have changed my,name to TUSHAR SALUJA for all,future purposes. 0040626620-4

I,Subhash Chander, S/o-Bhagwan Dass gulati, Add-951-A/22, jhang colony,near Vijay park -2 rohtak haryana-124001, changed my name to Subhash Chander gulati. 0040626621-1

I,Siddharth Mehlawat,S/o Sanjeev Kumar R/O,Flat.No.5,Tower-Y.4, Pocket.D6 Vasant-Kunj,New Delhi-110070,Name of my father has been inadvertently written as Sanjeev Mehlawat in my 10th-Class and 12th-Class certificate but actual-name of my-father is Sanjeev Kumar which should be amended accordingly. 0040626621-4

I,Shiv Narayan,S/o Madan Lal Chawla R/O-168 Second Floor,janta-Flat,GTB Enclave,Delhi-110093,Have changed my Name To Shiv Narayan Chawla For All Purposes. 0040626619-1

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I,Santosh Kumar S/o Sohanpal R/o-L-268 Shastri,Nagar,Ashek,Vihar Delhi-110052 informed,that my,name wrongly,written Santosh in my,minor,son Kartik School,records but my actual,name is Santosh Kumar. 0040626619-7

I,SUBODH S/O BALESHWHER PRASAD R/O KH.No.1201, RANG PURI,MAHIPAL PUR,DELHI-110037,have changed my name to SUBODH KUMAR. 0040626620-6

I,SMRITA LAHRRY,W/O PRABHAT KUMAR MICHAEL LAHRRY,R/O APARTMENT.NO.1101,TOWER-2,STAR COURT,JAYPEE GREENS,GREATER NOIDA,GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR,U.P.201308,changed my name to SMRITA JOHN. 0040626627-3

I,Krishan Kumar S/o Bharat Bhushan,R/o Flat.No.A-1/142-D,3rd-Floor,Janta,Flat Paschim, Vihar Delhi-110063, changed my name to Krishan Kumar Kapoor. 0040626627-8

I,SEEMA RANI W/O-SH.PRADEEP KUMAR R/O RZ-136,SADEE NANGLOI,NEAR ST.MARKS GIRLS SCHOOL,PASCHIM VIHAR,NEW DELHI-110087,have changed my,name to SEEMA SRIVASTAVA,for all,future purposes. 0040626620-3

I,RAHUL,S/O SUBODH KUMAR,R/O KH.No.1201,RANG PURI,MAHIPAL PUR, DELHI-110037,have changed my name to RAHUL KUMAR. 0040626620-5

I,PRABHAT MICHAEL LAHRRY,S/O PREM SINGH,R/O APARTMENT.NO.1101, TOWER-2,STAR COURT,JAYPEE GREENS,GREATER NOIDA,GAUTAM-BUDH NAGAR, U.P.201308,changed my name to PRABHAT KUMAR MICHAEL LAHRRY. 0040626627-2

I,POOJA RANI,W/O ROHIT KAMBOJ,R/O FLAT.No.1001,TOWER-2,FLOOR.10,GH 03, GOLF-AVENUE-2, SECTOR-75,NOIDA, GAUTAM-BUDH NAGAR,U.P.201301, changed my name to POOJA KAMBOJ. 0040626627-1

I,Farah D/O Nawab Jaan Saifi W/o Surender Singh,R/o A5/82B Janakpuri, Delhi-110058,have changed my name to Farah Saifi. 0040626647-1

I,ANCHAL,D/o-GULAB SINGH R/O- RUDRAPARTMENT PLOT.No-202 THIRD FLOOR,SHAKTI KHAND-2 INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD,UP-201014,Changed my name to ANCHAL CHAUHAN. 0040626627-6

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I,Monika w/o-Sanjeev Bhagi,R/o,H.No-176-A,1st-Floor, Street.No-08,Near Khandelwal-Communication, East Azad Nagar,Krishna-Nagar,Delhi-110051,have changed my name to Monika Bhagi permanently. 0040626627-4

I,MAHINDER YADAV S/O JAGRAM R/O HNO.109, KAMARUDDIN NAGAR, NANGLOI, DELHI-110041,CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHENDER YADAV. 0040626621-7

I,LAL CHAND SANGWAN S/O KARAN SINGH R/o-H.No-528 AUCHANDI DELHI-110039 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO LAL SINGH. 0040626619-6

I,INDER DEV SHARMA,S/O RAM NIWAS SHARMA,R/O A-69,KEWAL PARK EXTENSION,SHRI RAM MARG,AZADPUR,DELHI-110033,CHANGED MY NAME TO INDER DEV. 0040626621-6

I,HERRMNN SINGH SAPROO S/O GURJIT KAUR R/O-A-2/17 MODEL TOWN-1 DELHI-110009,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HERRMAN SINGH 0040626619-5

I,GULSHAN KUMAR,S/O,PREM CHAND SHARMA,ADD-R-2,3 SF,PRIVATE NO.17,BLOCK-R,VANI VIHAR UTTAM NAGAR, D-K-MOHAN GARDEN WEST DELHI.110059,Changed my name to GULSHAN KUMAR SHARMA, permanently. 0040626621-2

I,Ekta Aggarwal,D/o Ajit Kumar,Sneh Aggarwal,W/o Govinda Goel,R/o-H.No.1119, Street.No.13,Bholanath Nagar,North East-Delhi-110032,Have Changed My Name To Ekta Goyal,For All Purposes. 0040626619-2

I,ASHISH KUMAR,S/O PRAHELAB KUMAR,R/O Z-19,PHASE-5,AYA-NAGAR, DELHI-110047,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHISH KUMAR JAULI. 0040626621-3

I,ARMY NO-15209169M RANK L/NK(DMT),name D SRINIVASULU, presently,residing at,H.NO-8-43-47-1, EAST BALAJI HILLS NEAR AYYAPPA TEMPLE,(BODUPPAL) POST-UPPALL, TEHSIL-UPPALL,DISTRICT-MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI,STATE-TELANGANA, PIN-500039,my-son namely DEVARAJUGATHU VENKATA TEJA by mistake in my service-records but at that time i change the name DEVARAJUGATTU VENKATA TEJA true name in my-service records,Vide-Affidavit-NO-IN-DL71628990682043U dated-08/08/2022. 0040626621-5

I,AJAY JAIN,Son of Sh.Kashi Ram Jain R/o,T-7,C,Surya Apartment, D.C.Chowk, Sector-13,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my Name AJAY KUMAR JAIN to AJAY JAIN,for all,future purposes. 0040626627-9

I,SACHIN KUMAR,S/O RAM CHANDER KUKREJA R/O-WZ-71/C-1 MUKHERJEE PARK DELHI-110018 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SACHIN KUKREJA 0040626619-4

I, Vaibhav Jagwayan S/O Prem Chand Jagwayan, R/o BH-28A, Opposite Petrol Pump, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed the name of my minor daughter Vanya Jagwayan aged about 2 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Ishaanvi Jagwayan 0070798729-1

I, Umesh Kumar Maurya S/O Jawahar Lal Maurya R/o.223, Mahagun Villa, Plot No.4/30, Sector-4C, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, UP-201010 have changed my minor son's name from ANSH MAURYA to ARYAMAN MAURYA for all future purposes. 0070798736-1

I, Shreshtha D/o. Rajesh Kumar R/o,C/5, Khajuri Colony, Varanasi-221002, have changed my name to Shreshtha Gaur for all purposes. 0040626537-1

I, Shikha D/o Suresh Prasad Ambastha,R/o F-259,G.F.,New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060 have changed my name to Shikha for all future purposes. 0040626622-2

I, Satyendra Mohan Garg S/O Sunil Kumar Garg, R/o A-32, Sector-48, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Satyendra Garg. 0070798728-1

I, Ruchi D/O Munesh Kumar, R/O RZ D-74, Dabri Extension East, Dabri, Palam Village S.O, South West Delhi, Delhi- 110045, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ruchi Rajput 0070798727-1

I, Rekha Rani W/O Devendra Singh, R/o 508, Takrabbapur Ladpur-1, B.B. Nagar, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh-245402, Declare that name of Mine has been wrongly written as Rekha Singh in my minor Son Deepanshu, aged about 16 Years, In his 10th Class Certificate. The actual name of Mine is Rekha Rani, which may be amended accordingly. 0070798726-1

I,MEENA RANI W/O SH.RAJ KUMAR DUGGAL,R/O-452,BHERA ENCLAVE, PASCHIM VIHAR,NEW DELHI-110087,have changed my name to MEENA DUGGAL for all,future purposes. 0040626620-2

I, Ram Lal S/O Kartar Chand,Holder of Indian Passport no-M1095464 and valid until 15.10.2024, R/o Jandiali, Jalandhar, Distt.Nawanshahr, Punjab India have changed my Name Lal and surname Ram. All concerned Please note. 0040626499-1

I, Parmod Kumar Garg S/O Vijay Kumar Garg R/O-339C, Ashoka Enclave Main, Sarai Khawaja, Faridabad-121003 have changed my name to Parmod Garg 0070798784-1

I, Paariitosh Aanand S/o Kanahya Lal Anand residing at Flat #2 G2F1 ATS Greens Paradiso GH 3 CH1 4, Greater Noida, Alpha, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201310, have changed the name of my minor daughter Anushree Anand aged 14 years and she shall hereafter be known as Vaaneshsha Aanand. 0070798769-1

I, Neeraj Kumar S/o Murari Lal Dixit, R/O H.No-90, Darkauli, Hathras, U.P. have changed my name to Neeraj Kumar Dixit for all future purposes. 0070798745-1

I, Naina Sharma D/o Shri..Shashi Bhushan, R/O-H.No.191, Sector-16, Faridabad,have changed my name Naina Prabkhar to Naina Sharma, for all future purposes. 0040626561-1

I, Murari Lal S/o Sahab Singh Dixit R/O/H.No-90, Darkauli, Hathras, U.P. have changed my name to Murari Lal Dixit for all future purposes. 0070798746-1

I, Munnazer Ali, S/o Ijhar Ali, R/o M-1st, 338, Steert No-6, Sangam Vihar Devli, Delhi-80, have changed my minor son's name from Fardeen Khan to Aarav Khan for all future purposes. 0040626622-3

I,RENU ROY,W./SWETABH, ADD-B-4,S/F,LAJPAT-1 NAGAR-I,DELHI 110024, changed my name to RENU KUER,for all,future Purposes. 0040626620-1

I, Mehul Sharma D/O Vijay Kumar Sharma, R/o House Number-786-B, First Floor, Sector-15 Part-2, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Maira Sharma 0070798730-1

I, Manoj Babber S/O Bishamber Kumar, R/o House no. 407 Gali No.1 Kirti Nagar Begu Road Sirdsa Haryana-125055, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Manoj Kumar Babber.publish in indian express (delhi edition) on 11/8/2022 0070798734-1

I, MADAN SINGH S/O Kunwar Singh Surywanshi, R/O-E-29/A, Khasra No.426, T.F, Jawahar Park, Devli Road, Khanpur, Delhi-110080, have changed my name to MADAN SINGH SURYWANSHI for all purposes 0040626505-1

I, Kishor Yadav S/O Adalat Yadav R/o Laxman Chhappra, Shivpur Urj Karan Chhappra, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh-277214, have changed my minor son's name from Appu Yadav aged 17 Years to Raghav Yadav forever 0070798758-1

I, Kamal Kumar Tyagi R/o C-7021 Gaur Green City,Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changedmy minor Son (Born 17.12.2007) name from ShivamTyagi to Sshivam Tyagi for all purposes 0040626569-1

I, Kamal Kumar Tyagi R/O C-7021 Gaur Green City, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my minor Son (Born 26.06.2006) name from Shrey Kamal to Shreys Tyaggi for all purposes 0040626572-1

I, KANWALJEET Kaur W/O Surinder Singh, R/o H.No- 303B, F/F, Gali No. 2, Guru Nanak Nagar, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi 110018, have changed my name from Kanwaljeet Kaur to Kawaljeet Kaur for all future purposes. 0040626425-1

I, Charu D/O Munesh Kumar, R/O RZ-D-74, Dabri Ext. East, South West Delhi, Delhi-110045, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Charu Rajput 0070798735-1

I, Bhuvan Chandra Akolia S/o Sh. Bhawani Dutt R/O B-334, 3rd Floor, Near Gurudwara VTV New Friends Colony, South Delhi-110025, have declare that Bhuan Chandra and Bhuvan Chandra Akolia both names one, and the same person. In future I, will be known-as Bhuvan Chandra Akolia for all purposes. 0070798787-1

I, Azaharuddin S/o Mohammad Afir R/O-RC-71, Deepak Vihar, Khara Colony, Ghaziabad, confirm that in my 10th-class Marksheet my name has been wrongly mentioned as Azaharudin instead of Azaharuddin. Correct name of mine is Azaharuddin. 0070798785-2

I, Atul Sharma S/O Om Prakesh Sharma, R/O B-37, Kewal Park, Azadpur, Delhi- 110033 have changed the name of my minor Son Arnab Sharma aged about 13 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Rishit Sharma 0070798731-1

I, Ashima Wallia D/o Sanjay Handa R/O-1803, Tower-6, Uniworld Garden-1, Sec-47, Gurgaon-122018 have changed my name to Ashima Handa for all future purposes. 0070798742-1

I, Amar Chand alias Amar Chand Chhabra alias Amar Chhabra S/o Sh. Gokul Chand Resident of House No. 738, Sector-15, Sonipat-131001, have changed my name to Amar Chhabra for all purposes.That Amar Chand, Amar Chand Chhabra & Amar Chhabra are the name of one and same person. 0040626500-11

I, Parveen Rani D/o Sh. Ram Lal, W/o Sh. Amar Chhabra Resident of House No. 738, Sector-15, Sonipat-131001, have changed my name after marriage to Parveen Chhabra for all purposes.That Parveen Chhabra & Praveen Chhabra are the name of one and same person. 0040626500-12

I, Aparna Sankaran Kalahasti, W/O Murali Krishna Murthy. N R/O-A-247 Ground Floor, Nirman Nagar, Ajmer Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan- 302019, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Nelaturu Aparna 0070798748-1

I, Anand Kumar S/O Late Shri Sat Narayan Gupta R/O 63, First Floor, Pocket-4, Sector 21, Rohini, Delhi-110086 have changed my minor daughter name from Arshia, aged 14 years, to Aashvi Bindal for all purposes 0050202040-1

I Aastha Soni D/O, Sanjay Soni R/O III K/9, Lalpat Nagar New Delhi 110024 have changed my name to Astha Soni for all purposes. 0040626587-1

I Sulakshna, Spouse of Jogender Singh Grewal Resident/of H.No-1-115 Gali No.5, Dada Chhatraliwalla Marg, Raj Nagar, Part-1, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name from Sulakshna to Sulakshana Grewal Vide Affidavit, dated-16.08.2021 at Dwarka (New Delhi). 0070798747-1

LOST & FOUND

Lost my-original Share Certificate of my Flat.No.47,Ground-Floor,Vidya-Vihar Apartment(Vidya-Vihar CGHS Ltd.),Sector-9,Rohini,New Delhi-110085.Finder may Contact-Kusum Lata Sharma,W/o-Madan Mohan Sharma,at above noted-address. 0040626621-10

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I, Amrik Singh S/O Late Jagat Singh R/O Flat.No-1605, Grogat Kurj, Pocket-1, Sec-C, Vasant Kunj, Delhi,have lost my DDA-demand letter, possession letter, NOC of water & electricity, and other Documents, in respect of DDA-SFS Flat. No-1605, Pocket-1,Sec-C, CAT-III in Vasant Kunj, Delhi, File No- F126(6629)83/SFS/VK/III. If found cont:- 9816025346 0070798766-1

I Sunita D/o Sh. Raghuraj Singh R/O-M-153, Jagat Ram Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have lost my GPA, Agreement to Sell & Payment Receipt of Property No. 98, Narain Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 executed on 26.09.1979 by Amar Lal Daultani in favour of Kailash Wati. Finders may contact at above address. 0040626498-5

I Kawaldeep Kaur D/o Sh. Gurjeet Singh Sahni R/O J-3/23, Rajouri Garden, Delhi have lost my Agreement to Sell, Payment Receipt & GPA executed on 13.07.1995 by Gopal Kwatra in favour of Rattan Gupta W.R.T Ground Floor of Property No.C-1/4, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051. Finders may contact at above address. 0040626498-6

I KANWALJEET Kaur W/O Surinder Singh, R/o H.No- 303B, F/F, Gali No. 2, Guru Nanak Nagar, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi 110018, have changed my name from Kanwaljeet Kaur to Kawaljeet Kaur for all future purposes. 0040626425-1

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Information is given to general public at large that my client Mrs. Poonam w/o Mr. Gyanendra owner of Freehold Residential House measuring area 155 Sq Yd or say 129.60 Sq Mt., Pertaining to Kharsa no. 157M, situated in Mohalla Brij Kishori, Muradnagar, Village Ukharsa, Pragna, Jalandhar, Tehsil Modi Nagar & Distt Ghaziabad, UP above Mentioned Property Documents Sale deed executed by Mrs. Kavita w/o Mr. Aadesh Kumar in favour of Mrs. Mitleshw W/o Mr. Dhaneesh Chand Tyagi in respect of the said Property, registered with the office of SR-Modinagar, vide Doc No. 10655, in Book No. 1, Vol. No. 2167, Pages No. 105/120, on dated 24.09.2007 has been lost/ misplaced & same Property to be Loan financed by Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd. Office Add- F-8, 1st Floor, Mahalakshi Metro Tower, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad-201010.
If any person(s) have any objection(s) or Claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the Said Property then contact us within 7 days from the date of this notice on the number mentioned herein below, failing which the same shall be deemed to be waived and the said Property shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.
Sd/- Anu Goswami (Advocate)
Ch. No. 119, 1st Floor, Main Road, Tehsil compound Distt. Ghaziabad Mob. 9997806112

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Manorma Sharma alias Madhu Sharma wife of Shri A.C. Sharma residing at B-38, Panwara Apartments, Mayur Vihar-1, Delhi-110091 is the lawful owner of property bearing Plot no-1133 msq 400 sq yds, Sector-17, Faridabad by virtue of sale deed duly regd on 04-12-1992 as document No. 245 in Book No. 1 at the office of Sub-Registrar, Faridabad
Before marriage, I was known as Manorma Rani and after marriage with Shri A.C. Sharma, my name was changed as Manorma Sharma. Now, I have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mrs. Madhu Sharma vide New Delhi Gazette Notification no.42 dated 15th October to 21st October, 2016.
I want to change my name in the aforesaid property from Manorma Sharma to Madhu Sharma. In case, any person has objection, he/she may raise the objection within 30 days of this Publication.
MANORMA SHARMA ALIAS MADHU SHARMA, Mobile no.9811444520

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client Shakuntla W/o Surender R/O E-2/182, Shiv Ram Park, Nangloi, Delhi and Surender Singh S/o Hanam Singh R/O E-2/182, Shiv Ram Park, Nangloi, Delhi 41 have disowned/ debarred have daughter-in-law namely Lalita Yadav. Son namely Ankit Yadav and grandson and Granddaughter namely Priyanshi and Aanya from their immovable and movable properties, due to Lalita and Ankit's disobedience and commits cruelty upon my clients. My clients have severed all connections due to their misbehaviour and out of control actions. Anybody dealing with them, my client shall not be responsible for their act and conduct
ADVOCATE
RAKESH TANWAR
C-7/76, FIRST FLOOR, SECTOR-7, ROHINI, DELHI- 85 B-124, FIRST FLOOR, BAWA BLOCK, TISHAZARI COURT, DELHI- 54

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
The present Notice has been issued on the instructions of Ms. Harjeet Kaur, D/o: late Sh. Kesar Singh, R/o: XV/3222-34, Dariba Park, Paharganj, New Delhi-110055 do hereby made publicly that the premises no. XV/3222-34 Dariba Park, Paharganj, New Delhi-110055 was in the tenancy of late Sh. Kesar Singh, who was inducted as tenant by Sh. Ranjit Singh on 1.07.1976 at a monthly rent of Rs. 7/- PM. The public at large is hereby informed that the client became the tenant after the death of her father at the monthly rent of Rs. 7/- PM being financially dependent on him, as she has not any independent source of income. That one lady Ms. Ravinder Kaur, W/o Late Sh. Avtar Singh, who have alleged to have purchased the property from Late Sh. Ranjit Singh has filed false and frivolous suit through her Attorney namely Sh. Ajay Aggarwal against my client, whereas name of my client in the said suit is wrongly mentioned as Ms. Indeept Kaur & Ms. Harjeet Kaur.
The public at large is advised that nobody shall deal with the aforesaid property without prior informing to me or my Client Ms. Harjeet Kaur in case it still deals with the tenanted premises, my client, shall not be liable for any such dealing.
Sahil Kalra (Advocate)
7/103, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-110027

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PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Raj Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Gopal R/o CP-115, 1st Floor, Near Exta Dairy, Pham pura Dethi severd all relations & disowned/debarred HIS SON RAHUL KUMAR SHARMA daughter-in-law PRIVA BATRA from all movable/immovable property/assets due to their misbehaviour. Anybody dealing with them, shall do so at his own risk.
Sd/-
(AKSHAY KUMAR) ADVOCATE
Enr.No. D3/162017 Ch. No. 1219, Lawyer's Chamber Block Rohini Court Complex, Delhi-110085

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It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Raghuinder Singh acquired Sull up Property No. 59160, measuring 60 sq. Yds., Kharsa No. 281, situated in Village Nawada, Bhagat Garden Estate, Gali No. 19, Jan Road, Uttar nagar, New Delhi vide Sale Deed dt. 28.04.2016, executed in favour of himself as GPA of Mrs. Poonam and Now Mr. Raghuinder Singh is the undisputed owner of above said Property. Or Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or circumstance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/his share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and any claim as waived and not binding on our client.
Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate)
H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vasant Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is given on behalf of Our Client, Dr. Neelu Gandhi Wife of Dr. Kumar Gandhi, Daughter of Late Dr. S.K. Gupta R/o House No. G-47, Preet Vihar, New Delhi-110082 that Our Client has undivided, indivisible and impartible ownership rights in the plot of land measuring 37.07 Sq. Yds., bearing No. G-170, situated at Preet Vihar, New Delhi-110082, with all rights, title and interest easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, with all fittings, fixtures, connections, structure standing thereon, with all rights in common entrances, passages, staircase lift and other common facilities and amenities provided therein.
(Therefore any person(s) dealing in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub tenancy, lien, license, hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial interest under any trust, right of prescription or pre-emption or under any Agreement or other disposition or under any decree, order or Award or otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby cautioned not to deal in any manner whatsoever with respect to above referred property or part thereof without prior intimation to the undersigned at their office at F-31, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi within a period of 3 days (both days inclusive) of the publication thereof failing which the transaction, if any shall be void ab initio. In the event any person(s) deal in respect of the above referred property or part thereof the same shall be done at the costs, risks and consequences of the said person(s) and Our Client shall be entitled to be indemnified for the

SECTOR WATCH
CONSUMER INTERNET

Microsoft's ONDC bet: Eye on social e-commerce foray & better pricing

SOUMYARENDRABARIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

MICROSOFT HAS become the first big tech company to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), a government-backed project aimed at enabling small merchants and mom-and-pop stores in some parts of the country to access processes and technologies that are typically deployed by large e-commerce platforms such as Amazon and Flipkart.

The US software giant intends to introduce social e-commerce — group buying experience — in the Indian market, which would include a shopping app for Indian consumers along with their social circle, harnessing the ONDC network to discover the best pricing among retailers and sellers.

What is ONDC?

It is an initiative aimed at promoting open networks for all aspects of exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks. ONDC is to be based on open-sourced methodology, using open specifications and open network protocols independent of any specific platform. It is being developed as a counter to the current duopoly in the Indian e-commerce market which is largely dictated by Amazon and Walmart-owned Flipkart. In May, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) went live with ONDC with a test run in cities like Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Bhopal, and Shillong where it plans to on-board 150 sellers.

What does Microsoft joining the platform mean and who else is there on board?

Microsoft onboarding the ONDC wagon means the project gets its first international marquee name ahead of its Bengaluru launch. Many participants are currently live on the ONDC network, offering a number of services in the e-commerce

Microsoft coming on board ONDC means that the government-backed project gets its first international marquee name

supply chain like buying, selling and logistics services.

How does ONDC work?

The ONDC platform lies in the middle of the interfaces hosting the buyers and the sellers. So far, the buyer side interface is being hosted by Paytm, whereas the seller side interface is being hosted by players like GoFrugal, etc.

When a buyer searches for an item on the Paytm app, for where ONDC has gone live, the app will connect to the ONDC platform, which will connect it to seller side interfaces that will list all the sellers that have listed that particular item. On the ONDC, there will be several other backend partners such as logistics service providers, enterprise resource planners, e-commerce store hosting service providers, etc.

What issues will it solve?

An ONDC strategy paper published earlier this year flagged the rising dominance of global players in India's e-commerce ecosystem, pointing out that the large quantum of investment required to build competitors to the integrated solutions offered by the big players has become an entry barrier for digital marketplaces. It also flagged the inability of marketplace sellers to move out of the platform ecosystem given that the value created by these small players is stored with the larger platforms. With this in mind, ONDC eyes transforming the marketplace ecosystem from an operator-driven platform-centric model to a facilitator-driven interoperable decentralised network.

Full report on
www.indianexpress.com

RESERVE BANK ISSUES GUIDELINES TO CURB MALPRACTICES

Digital lending norms: Direct credit to a/c, sans third party

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, AUG 10

AIMING TO curb rising malpractices in the digital lending ecosystem, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday issued guidelines for entities engaged in digital lending, with the norms stating that all digital loans must be disbursed and repaid through bank accounts of regulated entities only, without pass-through of lending service providers (LSPs) or other third parties.

The norms follow the recommendations of a working group for digital lending, whose report was made public last November. "The concerns primarily relate to unbridled engagement of third parties, mis-selling, breach of data privacy, unfair business conduct, charging of exorbitant interest rates, and unethical recovery practices," the central bank said in the final guidelines.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS



File

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The regulator classified digital lenders into three categories: entities regulated by the RBI and permitted to carry out lending

business, entities authorised to carry out lending as per other statutory or regulatory provisions but not regulated by the RBI, and entities lending outside the purview of any statutory or regulatory provisions.

The latest regulatory framework is focussed on the digital lending ecosystem of RBI's regulated entities (REs) and the LSPs engaged by them to extend credit facilitation services. As for entities falling in the second category, the respective regulator may consider formulating rules on digital lending, based on the recommendations of the working group, the RBI said. For entities in the third category, the working group has suggested specific legislative and institutional interventions for consideration by the government to curb illegitimate lending.

Apart from direct disbursements and repayments of digital loans, the norms mandate that any fees

or charges payable to LSPs in the credit intermediation process shall be paid directly by the RE and not by the borrower.

A standardised key fact statement (KFS) must be provided to the borrower before executing the loan contract. The all-inclusive cost of digital loans in the form of annual percentage rate (APR) will have to be disclosed to borrowers. The APR shall also form part of KFS. Automatic increases in credit limit without the explicit consent of borrowers has been prohibited. The loan contract must provide for a cooling-off or look-up period during which borrowers can exit digital loans by paying the principal and the proportionate APR without any penalty.

All digital lending products extended by REs over merchant platforms involving short term credit or deferred payments must also be reported to credit bureaus by the REs. **WITH FE**

'PE/VC investments plummet 69% in July to \$3 billion'

Investments by private equity and venture capital (PE/VC) funds into Indian entities fell by 69% to \$3 billion during July, a report by IVCA and EY said

SLOWDOWN IN DEALMAKING ACTIVITY can be the result of global headwinds like recession and high interest rates in the developed world

just six such deals of over \$100 million aggregating to \$2.2 billion

ABSENCE OF LARGE DEALS was a cause for the shortfall, with

LOWEST INVESTMENTS FOR ANY MONTH in a year were seen in July, which were also lower than the \$4.9 billion recorded across 118 deals in June

40% Share of pure-play PE/VC investments (excluding real estate and infrastructure sectors) within total investments, compared to 90% in July 2021 and 82% in June 2022

76% Fall seen in investments into start-ups — which had given a leg-up to the overall venture investing landscape in last 18 months — to \$820 million



Buyouts — the only segment that recorded a growth — was the best performing deal type in July at \$1.6 billion across 5 deals, as against \$1.1 billion in July 2021 across 9 deals

Largest deal in July saw Edelweiss Infrastructure Yield Plus fund buy eight road assets of L&T for \$886 million

Source: IVCA & EY/PTI

INPUTS FROM ENTERPRISES WITH NET WORTH OF AT LEAST ₹100 CR

Pvt 5G: DoT invites cos for study

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications (DoT) on Wednesday invited stakeholders to participate in a demand study for direct assignment of spectrum for setting up captive non-public networks (CNPNs), also known as private 5G networks.

Enterprises with a network of at least Rs 100 crore who are willing to set up CNPNs by obtaining spectrum directly from the government can send their inputs for the demand study until September 9, the DoT said.

These networks are typically set up by an enterprise or organisation like factories for their private use and are not accessible to the general public. The DoT had issued 'Guidelines for Captive Non-Public Network license' in June with an aim to set up a regulatory framework for CNPNs. It had said that enterprises setting up CNPNs will have to ensure there is no interference caused to any public network or any other licensed user of spectrum.

The norms call for enterprises wanting to obtain spectrum directly from the government to take a 10-year renewable licence, for which the

government won't charge any licence fee. An applicant will have to pay a one-time non-refundable application processing fee of Rs 50,000 and the licensee will be required to follow stipulated network security norms regarding procurement of telecom equipment from trusted sources.

Eligible enterprises must submit details including ownership, net worth, requirement of spectrum in various bands, among other things. The DoT said that participation in this demand study will not entitle the enterprises any claim for spectrum assignment. **Full report on www.indianexpress.com**

JSW Energy to buy Mytrah Energy's renewable portfolio for ₹10,530 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, AUGUST 10

SAJJAN JINDAL-LED JSW Energy on Wednesday signed an agreement to acquire Mytrah Energy's 1,753 MW renewable energy portfolio for an enterprise value of about Rs 10,530 crore. This is the largest acquisition by JSW Energy in a space where investment flows have been steadily rising over the last few months.

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help the company achieve its renewable-led capacity growth target of 10 GW by FY25.

Mytrah Energy's portfolio comprises 10 wind special purpose vehicles (SPVs) with a generation capacity of 1,331 MW and seven solar SPVs with a gen-

eration capacity of 422 MW, operating primarily in the southern, western and central parts of India. The assets have power purchase agreements and an average remaining life of 18 years, it said in a regulatory update.

The transaction, which is subject to Competition Commission of India and other customary approvals, is expected to be completed by November 15, 2022. The enterprise value of Rs 10,530 crore is after adjusting for net current assets, subject to net working capital and other adjustments. **FE**

BRIEFLY

Bank credit up

Mumbai: In the fortnight ended July 29, bank credit rose 14.52% to ₹123.69 lakh crore and deposits 9.14% to ₹169.7 lakh crore, as per data from the RBI's Scheduled Banks' Statement of Position in India as on July 29.

Pilot licence

New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday issued guidelines for medical examiners to assess fitness of transgender persons who have applied for commercial pilot licence.

Alibaba stake

Tokyo: SoftBank Group Corp said it would book a gain of \$34.1 billion by cutting its stake in Alibaba Group Holding to 14.6% from 23.7%, as the investment behemoth looks to shore up its cash reserve to weather the market downturn. **PTI**

Oil India Q1 PAT

New Delhi: Oil India Ltd (OIL) reported a massive 206% rise in its profit after tax (PAT) for the quarter ended June 2022 at ₹1,555.49 crore against ₹507.94 crore during the year-ago quarter. **ENS**

US inflation slows from a 40-year peak but remains high

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 10

FALLING PRICES for gas, airline tickets and clothes helped give Americans a slight break from the pain of high inflation last month, though overall price increases slowed only modestly from a four-decade high that was reached in June.

Consumer prices jumped 8.5 per cent in July as against a year earlier, the government said Wednesday, down from a 9.1 per cent year-over-year rise in June. On a monthly basis, prices were unchanged from June to July, the smallest such rise in more than two years. Much of the relief last month was felt by travelers: Hotel room costs fell 2.7 per cent from June to July, airfares nearly 8 per cent and rental car prices a whopping 9.5 per cent.

Last month's declines in travel-related prices helped lower so-called core inflation, a measure that excludes the volatile food and energy categories to provide a clearer picture of underlying inflation. Core prices rose just 0.3 per cent from June, the smallest month-to-month increase since March. And compared with a year ago,

Oil up, bond yields tumble

New York: Oil prices rose Wednesday as a lower-than-expected US inflation figure drove investors into riskier assets. As of 1746 GMT, Brent rose 68 cents, or 0.7%, to \$96.99 and US WTI 83 cents, or 0.9%, to \$91.33.

Meanwhile, the yield on the two-year US Treasury fell to 3.14% from 3.27% late Tuesday and the 10-year yield to 2.76% from 2.78%. Wall Street, however, shot up, with the S&P 500 rising 1.9%, the Nasdaq composite index by 2.5%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average by 1.4%, as of 1:34 p.m ET. Bitcoin rose 3.3% to top \$24,000. **REUTERS & AP**

core inflation amounted to 5.9 per cent in July, the same year-over-year increase as in June.

All told, the July figures raised hope that inflation may have peaked after over a year of relentless increases. Still, core prices have slowed in the recent past only to re-accelerate in subsequent months.

FEARS OF FORCED TWITTER DEAL
Musk sells \$6.9-bn worth Tesla stocks

Elon Musk AP/file

San Francisco: Tesla Inc chief executive Elon Musk sold \$6.9 billion worth of shares in the electric vehicle maker, saying the funds could be used to finance a potential Twitter deal if he loses a legal battle with the social media platform.

"In the (hopefully unlikely) event that Twitter forces this deal to close "and" some equity partners don't come through, it is important to avoid an emergency sale of Tesla stock," he said in a tweet late on Tuesday.

Shares of the microblogging site rose 3.5 per cent to \$44.35 in early trading, but were still significantly below Musk's offer price of \$54.20 per share. Musk in early July tore up his April 25 pact to buy Twitter for \$44 billion. **REUTERS**

Two new Galaxy phones in Samsung's foldable offerings

SHRUTI DHAPOLA
BENGALURU, AUGUST 10

SAMSUNG HAS expanded its foldable phone lineup with two new devices launched in Seoul, South Korea: the Galaxy Z Fold 4 — which can open into a nearly tablet-size display — and the Galaxy Z Flip 4 with its iconic 'flip' design are likely to further cement Samsung's dominant position in the foldable segment.

"Through our unwavering focus and industry leadership, excitement for the foldables continues to grow. We've successfully transformed this category from a radical project to a mainstream device lineup enjoyed by millions worldwide," TM Roh, president and head of Mobile eXperience Business at Samsung Electronics.

Both phones come with var-

The Galaxy Z Fold 4 and the Galaxy Z Flip 4 were launched in Seoul

ious improvements over the previous generation, including the latest Qualcomm flagship processor, better cameras and battery life for users. Samsung has also improved multitasking on these phones.

Nearly 10 million foldable phones were shipped globally in 2021 and the South Korean player has a majority of the market. While players like Huawei, Oppo and Vivo have released foldable devices in the China market, these are not being sold globally, keeping Samsung's dominance in this segment unchallenged. **Full report on www.indianexpress.com**

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LTD.

e-Procurement Tender & Auction Notice

TSSPDCL intends to float tenders for procurement of (a) 1 Ph 5-30A IRDA 1.0C Net Meter in PP Box (b) 3Ph 10-40A IRDA 1.0C Net Meter in PP Box, (c) 3Ph LTCT100/5A 0.5S/4CT Net Meter in PP Box (d) LT TVR 200/5A meters (4 CTS-0.5S) DLMs Protocol without Box (e) LT TVR 100/5A Meters, 0.5S (CAT-C) with DLMs & IRDA without box, (f) LT TVR 100/5A 0.5S (CAT-C) meter with DLMs & IRDA with box, (g) LT TVR 200/5A Meters (4CTS-0.5S) with DLMs & IRDA with box and (h) 100 Sq.mmm AAA Conductor on e-tender platform. For further details of each item above, please visit www.tssouthernpower.com, www.tender.telangana.gov.in Phone: 040-23431319, 1035, 1026

R.O. No.: 509-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/11-2022-23 Sd/- CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&MM)

MPSEZ UTILITIES LIMITED

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the matter of

Petition No. 2133 / 2022, filed before the Hon'ble Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission for seeking approval of the Power Purchase Quantum and deviations from the Model Bidding documents, as per the Ministry of Power guidelines dated 06.03.2019, for Procurement of 600 MW Power under Long Term from Power Stations set up on Design, Build, Finance, Own & Operate (DBFOO) basis by MPSEZ Utilities Limited (MUL), Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, Nr. Vaishno Devi Circle, S. G. Highway, Khodiyar, Ahmedabad – 382 421.

PETITIONER

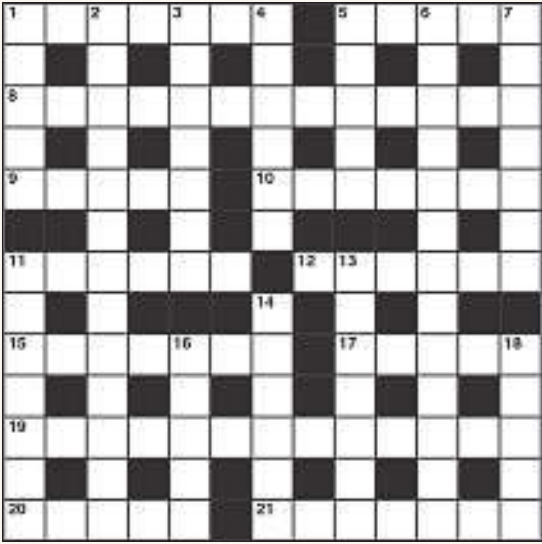
- Pursuant to Hon'ble GERC directive vide daily order dated 08.08.2022, it is hereby notified that the persons who are interested in filing their views / comments / suggestions / objections to the above Petition may file the same with The Secretary, Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) 6th Floor, GIFT ONE, Road 5-C, Zone 5, GIFT CITY, Gandhinagar - 382355 with the documents on which they want to rely upon in five sets, duly supported by an affidavit within 15 days from this publication and also indicate whether they want to be heard in person. One copy of such submission is required to be sent at the below mentioned address of registered office of MPSEZ Utilities Limited. It is also to be noted that the date of hearing in this matter is scheduled by the Hon'ble Commission on 07.09.2022 at 11:30 A.M.
- For reference of those who are interested, copy of the Petition is available for inspection at the office of MPSEZ Utilities Limited, 2nd Floor, Adani House, APSEZ, Navanal Island, Near Dhruv, Mundra, Kutch - 370421.
- The electronic copy of the above mentioned Petition is available at the website www.adaniports.com.

For MPSEZ Utilities Limited

Sd/-
Director

Regd Office: Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, Nr Vaishno Devi Circle, S. G. Highway, Khodiyar, Ahmedabad – 382 421 (GUJRAT) India.
Tel. No: +91 79 2555 7334, **Fax No:** +91 79 2555 6099

CROSSWORD 4817



- ACROSS**

1 Collar the boy - he's a hoodlum (7)

5 Built to accommodate either way (3,2)

8 The state of the fraternity rows among the monks (13)

9 Game by the fireside (5)

10 Perhaps a performer rates it differently (7)

11 The rest of the layers may depend on them (6)

12 Tusked mammal from the West Urals (6)

15 He's in the right position not to be found out (7)

17 A trimming of lace one gathers (5)

19 As worn by clergymen and office workers? (8,5)

20 Make a financial return (5)

21 Kind of labour we get fed up about (7)
- DOWN**

1 Improve one's knowledge of Polish (3,2)

2 They are kept from going astray by crooks (6,2,5)

3 To succeed, it must follow her in first (7)

4 No right way to see the country (6)

5 Indicate the precise spot (5)

6 The rest cure as organised accumulated wealth (8,5)

7 You have to do so (7)

11 It is run on American lines (7)

13 Shorten a game (7)

14 Fancies a doctor must have the same trouble (6)

16 Newspaper Lydia edited (5)

18 Used some oil from a seed perhaps (5)

Solutions Crossword 4816: Across: 1 Afire, 8 Namesake, 9 Sieve, 10 Academes, 11 Snail, 12 Ill, 16 Asylum, 17 Untrue, 18 Pug, 23 Scale, 24 Marchers, 25 Bingo, 26 Suppress, 27 Agate. Down: 2 Fairness, 3 Revellie, 4 Cancel, 5 Heady, 6 Halma, 7 Heist, 12 Imp, 13 Lug, 14 Stocking, 15 Sunlight, 19 Unrest, 20 Smash, 21 Grips, 22 Charm.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Force and mind are opposites; ___ ends where a ___ begins. - Ayn Rand (8,_,3)

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Answer: Force and mind are opposites; UNMIND ends where a MIND begins. - Ayn Rand

NORTHERN RAILWAY
INVITATION OF TENDERS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

Tender Notice No. 35/2022-2023 Date : 10.08.2022

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

S. N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1	06221135	M.S. FLAT SIZE 40X6 MM	108268 KGS	05.09.2022
2	07221149	DOUBLE ACTING HYDRAULIC SHOCK ABSORBER	952 Nos.	24.10.2022

NOTE -1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. **2.** No Manual offer will be entertained.

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UJVN Limited
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Gurgaon-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866
Website : www.ujvn.com

RO No. 515 **TENDER NOTICE** Dated : 10/08/2022

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), UJVN Ltd., Kalagarh, Pauri Garhwal, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No. 07/EE(Civil)/Kalagarh/Pauri Garhwal/2022-23, 08/EE(Civil)/Kalagarh/Pauri Garhwal/2022-23 & 09/EE(Civil)/Kalagarh/Pauri Garhwal/2022-23

Name of Work :-1- "Annual M & R Work of Kalagarh Power House for the year 2022-23".

2- "Annual M & R Work of Type - Ist & A-Type Residences at Hydrel Colony Kalagarh".

3- "Annual M & R Work of Type- Illrd & IVth Residences at Hydrel Colony Kalagarh"

Estimated Cost: Rs. 24,81,202.29, Rs. 19,77,566.87 and Rs. 24,70,135.25 Respectively(GST extra)

Date of availability of bid Document on website: From 17:00 hrs of 12.08.2022

Last Date for submission of Tender: Up to 15:00 hrs of 06.09.2022.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website, the tender document can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvn.com

Executive Engineer (Civil),

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ
OPEN TENDER NOTICE
E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 33/P-69/2022-23/TMCHQ/NCR/ Prayagraj Dated: 08.08.2022

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, Subedarganj, Prayagraj-211015 invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:

(The complete information along with tender document of this E-Procurement Tender are available in website on <http://www.ireps.gov.in> upto 15:00 hrs. of the due date of tender opening).

S. N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Tender Value(₹)	Earnest Money(₹)
1	0302223	Toe Load Measuring Device Mechanical Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document.	24,43,308/-	48,900/-

Quantity: As per Section IV of tender document. Date of opening of Tender 02.09.2022. Note:-1. The complete information along with Tender document of above E-Procurement Tender is available on website <https://www.ireps.gov.in> up to 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. **2.** Following condition has been included in Tender Document vide Railway Board Letter No. 2001/RS(Ig)/779/7 P.II, Dated: 29.06.2017 "Whenever tender is floated with purchase restriction from sources approved by nominated authorities and there exists a suspected cartel situation by approved sources or the rates available from approved sources are adjudged unreasonably high, despite fair efforts as permissible, the purchaser reserves the right to place order on firms outside the approved vendors list, without any restrictions". **3.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class-III Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **4.** This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in **5.** Allocation for Security deposit and Earnest money is "Deposit Misc stores "00844523". **6.** In case of any difficulty/helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **1038/22 FA.**

www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPFR2022 @northcentralrailway @subedarganjprgraj

URBAN IMPROVEMENT TRUST ALWAR
क्रमांक:-/ लेखा/2022/7586-95/22 दिनांक: 01.08.2022

NOTICE INVITING BID-14/2022-23

Bids for WMM Road and Tent works invited from interest bidders upto 04.08.2022 (for item no-02 upto 23.08.2022) 4.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state and www.uitalwar.in in the approximate Value of the Procurement is Rs. 369.00 Lakhs)

UBN No.	UAL2223WSOB00123	UBN No.	UAL2223WSOB00124
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Raj,Samwad/C/6135/2022-23

Executive Engineer
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice

As per the instructions given by Railway Board, Moradabad Division has published Notice inviting Tender (NIT) for development of Gati Shakti Multimodal Cargo Terminal at /near Daltapaur railway station of Moradabad Division.

S. N.	Station	Project Cost	EMD (In Rs.)	Cost of tender form Including GST (INR)	Pre bid conference date and timing	Date and time of submission of bid
1	Daltapaur (DLP)	Rs.18,21,71,730.25	Rs.1,82,17,200	Rs.11,800	22.08.2022 at 12:00 pm	21.09.2022 at 15:00 hrs

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system

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

S. N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1	82221400C	Inj Ranibizumab 10mg per mL in Vial (0.23mL) (PPS)	280	05.09.2022

Note-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. **2.** No Manual offer will be entertained.

Tender Notice No. 82221400C Dated: 10.08.2022 2054/22

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE (Through e-Tendering)

Name of work with its location	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract Ansaldo make EI at CYZ station for 03 years.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 13,78,125/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 27,600/- only.
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time - 31.08.2022 up to 15:00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.
No.: 558-Sig-16-Tele-M-Tender-AMC-060-2022-23 Dated: 08.08.2022	2044/2022

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RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender Notice No. RWF/S/P/008/2022-23 Dated 10.08.2022

E-TENDER: On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager invites electronic Tenders from Interested Vendors for supply of the following items on the Indian Railways E-Portal – www.ireps.gov.in. The Tender documents and the Corrigenda to the Tenders, if any, will be available on the Portal only.

Sl	Tender No.	Due date	Description	Qty
1.	P1221912	27-08-2022	Magnesium Aluminium Silicate granules as per WAP specification (Developmental Tender)	41 kgs
2.	P1221914	12-09-2022	Magnesia Carbon bricks as per RWF specification	167270 Nos
3.	P1221922	20-09-2022	Steel Blooms 340 mm sq R43 as per RWF specification	16500 MT
4.	P1221898	06-10-2022	Ferro manganese as per RWF specification	1038200 kgs
5.	P1221940	07-10-2022	Asbestos Gasket as per RWF specification	215010 Nos

Principal Chief Materials Manager

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

09 FEB 1964 TO 11 AUG 2001

In remembrance of Late Hav Lakhwinder Singh who left us for his heavenly abode on 11 Aug 2001.

May Wahe Guru Ji give strength to CHHE SIKH fraternity and his family to bear this loss with courage and fortitude. He will continue to be a source of inspiration and strength for us.

Let us pray for him in our hearts and remember a life lived so wonderfully in the service of the nation.

HAV LAKHWINDER SINGH

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE (Through E-Tendering)

Name of Work with its Location	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of 07 Nos. Siemens make EI installed at stations PM, BWSN, GGN, JSKA, PTRD, IHP and KIP stations of Delhi Division for three years.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 1,66,66,751/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 2,33,300/-only
Address of the Office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time - 31.08.2022 up to 15:00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S & T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.
Tender No.: 558-Sig-16-M-TENDER-AMC-059-2022-23 Dated: 08.08.2022	2046/22

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CHHATTISGARH RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
VIKASH BIIAVAN, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.)

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. 804,805,806 & 807 /TC-T/CGRRDA/2022, Dated 10/08/2022

Chief Engineer (Tender Cell), CGRRDA, Raipur on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites package wise bids in electronic tendering system for, Vendor for Supply, Installation, Renewal maintenance Under PMGSY road, Construction of C.C. Road under MMGGPY, PMGSY Road year 2016-17 sanctioned for different districts of the state as per B.O.Q. from the eligible contractors / Firms registered with unified registration system (e-registration) for the works mentioned below. Date of release of invitation for Bids through e- procurement:

S.N	NIT	Work Name	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	Districts	Rate invited
01	804	Vendor for Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of GPS enabled Vehicle Tracking System in Key machinery and equipment engaged during execution of road works under PMGSY III and onwards project in CG State.	Total Cost Rs 144.60 Lacs (Excluding GST)	For all Districts of Chhattisgarh	Item rate Tender
02	805	Renewal Maintenance Under PMGSY Roads	Total Cost 709.02 Lakhs (Const. Cost 592.04 Lakhs. Maint. Cost 116.98 lakhs.)	Jashpur,	Percentage Rate SOR 22.02.2018 issued by CE, CGRRDA Raipur
03	806	MMGGPY	Total Cost Rs 77.72 Lakhs	Bilaspur	Percentage Rate SOR 22.02.2018 issued by CE, CGRRDA Raipur
04	807	Construction & maintenance of PMGSY Road Year 2016-17 Batch-I &II	Total Cost (including 5 year maint. Cost.) Rs 191.58 Lakhs.	Bijapur	percentage Rate SOR 04.02.2016 issued by CE, CGRRDA Raipur

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on our website <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> from 12.08.2022 from 5:00 PM & onwards. In future any related corrigendum would be seen in the notice section of this website.

sd/-
Chief Engineer (Tender Cell)
Chhattisgarh Rural Road Development Agency
Civil Lines, Raipur (C.G.)
E-mail-pmgsyrc-4@yahoo.co.in

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
As much as the planets are urging you to risk your all financially, so they are sending fair warning that a gamble is likely to incur heavy losses. Caution has never been more necessary. One thing is certain, that your responsibilities are shifting, and could be growing more intense.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Venus, your charming planetary ruler, is now hovering on the edge of a sensitive region of your chart. You will shortly find that it is pure feeling and romantic aspirations that dominate your daily affairs. A suspicion is also about to be laid to rest.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
There are very sound astrological reasons why you should keep your own counsel and not get too bound up in what other people imagine is the right thing to do. You see, what may be fine for them could be utterly wrong for you. You may be out of sync with a partner, but it won't last long.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Wait a while before broaching controversial subjects. Other people may not be ready to hear what you have to say. The fact that you are ahead of the field gives you a certain amount of leeway. In any event, your lunar alignments are supportive, so you can afford a breather.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
For most of you, everything will become less of a strain after the weekend, so why not go along with busy, challenging trends instead of resisting them? You may expect news from afar before long, and it could be this which finally determines you to take a new path.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
If you have been despairing of someone else and finally ceasing to hope that emotional plans will ever work out, then cheer up: Venus' new role in your chart is bound to bring all the love you can handle, not to mention new friends and a fresh social scene.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Even a challenging planetary alignment can't put you off your pursuit of certain personal aims and ambitions. I have a feeling in my bones that what is said over the next few days may make up for past disappointments. And that just has to be good news.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
I don't think you will regret having made certain compromises or concessions. By being flexible and open to suggestions you will help ease a logjam that was creating problems for many people. And, in freeing a blockage in your own life, you'll ease difficulties for others.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Aquarius is a fixed sign, which means that although you appear to be ever so adaptable, in fact you tend to panic when faced with change that is not of your making. Be a little more flexible now, and you'll open the way to an invitation you always dreamt of.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Personal events over the past few months have forced you to be more forthright and open, but you may still feel that one or two pieces of information need to be kept under wraps for now. You must, and will, seize the initiative, but you have to carry partners with you.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
An important opportunity is around the corner, and you will need to be ready, willing and able to take the plunge. You may already have an inkling of what is in store for adventurous Pisceans. You're difficult to pin down, and that can be an advantage.

BRIEFLY

Bangladesh win final ODI in Zimbabwe

Harare: A batting-friendly pitch still proved too much trouble for Zimbabwe as Bangladesh got a 105-run consolation win in their third and final One-Day International on Wednesday. Zimbabwe had already clinched the series by winning the first two games but was bowled out for 151 at Harare Sports Club in 32.2 overs while chasing Bangladesh's 256-9. Opener Anamul Haque made 76 from 71 balls for Bangladesh and No. 6 Afif Hossain was 85 not out from 81 to set up the visitors' 2-2. **AP**

Osaka retires, Raducanu exits

Toronto: A tearful Naomi Osaka retired injured and US Open champion Emma Raducanu fell at the first hurdle as the top women's players continued their preparations for Flushing Meadows at the Toronto Open on Tuesday. Osaka, in only her second tournament back from an Achilles injury, battled on gamely before retiring while trailing Kaia Kanepi 7-6(4) 3-0. Toronto-born Raducanu lost to Camila Giorgi 7-6(0) 6-2. **REUTERS**

Bhavani defends fencing title

London: India's Bhavani Devi won the gold medal in the ongoing Commonwealth Fencing Championship here, defending the title she won last time. The 42nd ranked Indian fencer defeated second seeded Australian Veronika Vasileva 15-10 in the senior women's sabre individual category final on Tuesday. Speaking after her win, Bhavani said, "It was a tough final and I am glad I could add another gold medal for India this year." **PTI**

MP girl wins int'l wushu tournament

New Delhi: Priyanka Kewat from Madhya Pradesh clinched a gold medal in U-18 48kg category at the wushu tournament held in Georgia. Priyanka belongs to an economically-disadvantaged family of Madhila village of Sidhi district and her father works as a cashier at a local nursing home. "It was my first international competition, and I felt very proud to see my country's flag flying high," Priyanka said. **PTI**

Fulham sign Diop from West Ham

Newly promoted Fulham FC have signed French defender Issa Diop from West Ham United, both Premier League clubs announced on Wednesday. The 25-year-old, who signed a five-year deal, played 26 games, scored one goal and made two assists for West Ham last season. "Issa's)... experience and formidable presence will be important to our squad in this Premier League season and for us to build a bright future in the years ahead," Fulham co-owner Tony Khan said. **REUTERS**

Guru who showed the light

Commonwealth Games steeplechase silver medalist Avinash Sable remembers late coach Snesev, who had the biggest role in his development as an athlete

NIHAL KOSHI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

A DAY after winning a historic silver in the men's 3000 metre steeplechase, Avinash Sable was overcome with emotion when looking back at the time he first broke the national record in 2018. Sable took a few moments to pay tribute to late distance coach Nikolai Snesev, his mentor who made him shed his self-doubts.

Sable's timing of 8:29.80 set in Bhubaneswar bettered the nearly four-decade-old national mark in the name of Gopal Saini. But Sable's mind was full of apprehensions even when he became the fastest steeplechase athlete in the country.

"I was not sure if I would get better. I ran 8:29 but I was not confident if I could do it again. So many athletes in India had run 8:35, 8:36 but after doing it once, they could not repeat it," Sable said before recalling the contribution of Snesev, a Belarusian known to be a hard taskmaster.

Snesev passed away on March 5 last year. He had returned to the country to coach Sable for the Tokyo Olympics. The Belarusian was found dead in his room at the National Institute of Sports in Patiala on March 5.

Sable and Snesev were about to renew their coach-trainee partnership but the alliance was short-lived.

Snesev had quit his India job in 2019, though he had a contract till the Tokyo Olympics, when Sable didn't buy into his foreign-camp training plan in the Issyk-Kul region in Kyrgyzstan. Sable decided to continue to train with Army coach Amrith Kumar in India ahead of the Tokyo Olympics.

But Snesev has a special place in Sable's heart and he has acknowledged his contribution, at the time of his death and after winning silver at the CWG.

"I will never forget what Nikolai coach did for me. In my life, I will have many coaches and each one has their positives. But there are things in life which you cannot forget. Nikolai helped me change my thought process by saying 'Avinash, we can do this'. I never thought I could do all this. I sometimes feel like crying because I have not seen such an honest coach. I feel very bad. His death was a very tough time for me. After that, I was disturbed a lot," Sable said earlier this week.

A couple of weeks after Snesev passed away, Sable broke the national record again at

the Federation Cup in Patiala.

No shortcuts

Sable had posted an Instagram tribute to Snesev back then. "Your void in my sporting life can never be filled. Sir for two years I was away from you but I have followed every rule of yours. I am doing the same things in practice, which you have taught me. I keep remembering one thing that you had told me. 'I am 72 years old, but for you Avinash I am willing to take a risk'. Sir I did not know that we would be together again only for a few days," Sable had posted.

Producing record-breakers and medal winners is what made Snesev, 72 when he died, a respected coach among athletes and officials in India. He first came to India as a coach in 2005. Five years later, Preeja Sreedharan and Kavita Raut won gold and silver respectively in the 10,000 metres and Sudha Singh took the steeplechase gold at the Guangzhou Asian Games. At the 2016 Rio Olympics, Lalita Babar, also trained by Snesev, reached the final of the steeplechase, a first for an Indian track athlete since PT Usha 32 years earlier.

Snesev was willing to train only those athletes ready to follow his tough training regimen. He laid down a strict list of 'don'ts'. At competition venues, his athletes loved him in and out of a stadium like he was an army commander. They didn't even dare to talk to each other in whispers.

Snesev's athletes stuck to a boiled-vegetable-and-chicken-soup diet, they fasted till dinner on their weekly off from training. Like a parent rationing the mobile phone usage of a child, Snesev kept a close watch on their screen time. One or two phone calls a week were all they were allowed.

He was even worried about the quality of air they breathed. Lighting of incense sticks were discouraged because the fumes could affect recovery. His athletes were not allowed to take diet supplements and he himself cooked healthy meals for them.

Raut recalled how Snesev's word was final. On the day Snesev died, Kavita had recalled the coach's 'waste no time' policy.

Raut had to immediately turn her focus to improving the colour of her medal at the Asian Games once the 2010 Commonwealth Games were over.

"After I won bronze in the 10,000 metres at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, he didn't allow me to leave the camp. I was being invited for many felicitation functions. One or-

ganiser was even ready to fly me up and down in a helicopter. But Nikolai sir said 'nothing doing'. He told me 'This is not the time to celebrate this medal because if you do, you will lose focus and time'. A few months later, I won a silver at the Asian Games. Every single medal I have achieved from 2006 to 2014 is because of him. Without his coaching and care, there would be no success for me," Raut had said.

Attention to detail

Snesev wore many hats and was a coach, nutritionist, life coach all rolled into one. Every meal of the athletes was monitored by him. "He would not allow us to even have a recovery drink after a training session. He wanted us to consume only things that were natural. So, he would mix lemon juice, a little honey and warm water and give it to us. He would taste it first and then give it to us," Raut recalled.

The athletes Snesev trained had to get used to aches and pains because any sort of painkillers were banned. "He felt if we took any sort of medication, it would slow down our recovery. He wanted us to consume natural substances. Everything we ate had to be made in front of him or after being cleared by him. Boiled fish, boiled chicken without any spices and only boiled vegetables and a soup is what he made us eat every day. It was not easy to train under him, but it was rewarding," Raut said.

In Sable's personal diary are notes that read like a testimonial to Snesev.

"I have trained under you before and for a big competition, I need a coach who is experienced and disciplined, and who has good workout techniques as well as can set lofty targets for me. Wherever I am today, and the timings I have run, is all because of you. I need you to realise my dream of competing in the World Championships and the Olympics," an entry without a date reads.

Sable has admitted the mistake of not moving to a training base in a foreign country before major events, even though Snesev was keen.

In a recent media interaction before the World Championships, Sable spoke about how he was reluctant to travel abroad earlier. He was based in Colorado Springs before the World Championships and credited training and running with some of the best athletes in the world for his improved self-belief. Snesev knew Sable had the talent. Confidence was what Snesev wanted to instill in him a few years ago.

"Nobody worked as hard as him (Snesev) as a coach. He had lots of plans. He had planned an outside camp (foreign camp). But I made a big mistake by not going outside. I didn't take any risk. He got angry and didn't come back," Sable said.

LANNING TAKES BREAK FROM CRICKET

Sydney: World Cup-winning captain Meg Lanning is unlikely to lead Australia in the tour of India later this year as the skipper is taking an indefinite break from the game to "focus on myself." Australia are slated to tour India mid-December for five T20s before the home series against Pakistan and the T20 World Cup in South Africa next year.

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Mentor Murali guides jumps squad to success

Despite being sacked by AFI after his son's poor show at the Tokyo Olympics, he holds no grudges

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES silver medalist long jumper Sreesankar's coach and father Sivasankaran Murali isn't someone who likes to dwell on the past. Despite being publicly sacked by the Athletics Federation of India after his son's poor show at the Tokyo Olympics, he holds no grudges.

Just ahead of the CWG in Birmingham, the Indians were left in a lurch after Russian jumps coach Dennis Kapustin was denied a visa by UK authorities amid the ongoing war in Ukraine.

But Murali, whose name was on the personal coaches' list, stepped up and offered to guide the young jump contingent which returned with India's best medal haul at the Games.

Tejaswin Shankar, who bagged India's first CWG high jump medal, gave coach Murali a long warm hug during his victory lap. It was his way of thanking his friend Sreesankar's father. More than his coaching, young Shankar was impressed by the former triple jumper's work ethic and enthusiasm.

"When I met him at Birmingham, the first thing he told me was: 'I don't know much about high jump but I will be the first one to come to the stadium and last one to leave during your competitions'. That's exactly what he did throughout for all the jumpers," says Tejaswin.

That was all the youngster needed. His Kansas State University coach Cliff Rovelto was following his jumps from a different continent. "It makes a huge difference to have a familiar face in the crowd. During competitions, your heart goes into overdrive and you need someone to give you some feedback. His presence made a huge difference for me," admits the bronze medalist.

During the high jump final, Murali also kept a close watch on Tejaswin's approach before take-off and the mid-mark during the run-up. He had to ensure Tejaswin cranked up the speed just before take-off to get maximum purchase. "I mark my runup mid-point with a tape but during the actual jump, you have to do the calculation in your mind. You can't keep your eye on the marking. He was there to tell me I was doing it right," explained Tejaswin.

Coach Murali obviously had a bigger role to play in triple jump, a sport he knows like the back of his hand. He was present at all of the warm-ups, workouts and competitions. One-two finishers Eldhose Paul and Abdulla Aboobacker already share a good bond with Murali who meets them regularly on the domestic circuit.

"He took care of the whole jumps squad there. We could reach out to him for anything at any time. He definitely played a big role in me performing well and winning the medal there," says Tejaswin.

As far as the sacking and reinstatement is concerned, Murali feels all is well that ends well. "The federation is now supporting us a lot. Those things are in the past now," he had said before leaving for Birmingham.



Tejaswin (L) gave S Murali a warm hug during his victory lap.

2 Pakistani boxers missing after CWG

Karachi: Two Pakistani boxers have gone missing in Birmingham after the conclusion of the Commonwealth Games, the national federation said on Wednesday.

Pakistan Boxing Federation (PBF) secretary Nasir Tang confirmed the news that boxers Suleman Baloch and Nazeerullah disappeared a couple of hours before the team's departure for Islamabad.

The Birmingham CWG ended on Monday

"The travel documents including their passports are still with federation officials who accompanied the boxing team to the games," Tang said.

He said the team management has informed the Pakistan High Commission in the UK and the relevant authorities in London about the disappearance of Suleman and Nazeerullah.

Tang said the documents of the missing boxers have been kept as per the standard operating procedure for all athletes who travel from Pakistan.

The Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) has formed a four-member committee to investigate the matter of the missing boxers.

Pakistan failed to win any medal in the boxing competition of the Commonwealth Games where it ended up with eight medals, including two gold, won in weightlifting and javelin throw. **PTI**

FROM FARM TO ELITE FIELD

From throwing sugarcanes, bamboos to CWG bronze: Annu Rani's story

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IT'S 9am and India's finest javelin thrower Annu Rani's elder brother hasn't arrived at their home in Meerut's Bahadurpur village yet for the scheduled interaction. "He's gone out for a bit and will be back in a few minutes," informs Annu's aunt.

Annu, even before she bagged the Commonwealth Games bronze on Sunday, is India's best female javelin thrower by a huge distance. The 2014 Asian Games bronze medalist has dominated the domestic circuit for almost a decade now and has broken the national mark nine times so far. No other thrower has disturbed the national record book since 2014.

Upendra, drenched in sweat and wearing a soiled sports jersey, parks his atlas cycle. "That's him," confirms the aunt. "I was cutting and tying up the sugarcanes into bundles at our field," he explained. Sugarcane and javelin have a unique connection with this family.

To reach Bahadurpur, a village of 400 families, one has to weave through endless fields of sugarcane. It is at one of these fields that Annu Rani first learnt the art of throwing, not with a javelin but with a cane.

"I was a runner myself but I was always fascinated with the javelin, whenever I went to



Annu Rani won bronze at the CWG with a throw of 60 metres. **PTI**; (Right) Her brother Upendra had asked her to try javelin after seeing her playing cricket and noticing that she had a strong arm

local meets I used to watch the event. Annu used to play cricket with us and had a strong arm. I asked her to try javelin," recalls Upendra. Annu agreed but the immediate hurdle was to find a coach and a javelin. After sugarcane, Annu switched to bamboo before finding a sponsor for a standard javelin. The then 16-year-old was coached by Upendra at the



initial stage and even managed to win her first national medal under his guidance in 2011.

"I just learnt by watching other throwers at competitions. I didn't know the nitty gritty of the sport back then. All I knew was that you had to run, stretch your arms and hurl the spear as far as you can," he says.

Without specialised guidance, Annu

started hurling the 600-gram javelin over the 45-metre mark regularly at school. Annu's school physical education teacher was mighty impressed by the young girl's talent and wanted her to participate in district and state-level meets. But here came a big challenge. Annu's overprotective brother and father did not want her to go out of Meerut for

competitions.

"She was very young and we were very protective about her. So we struck a deal with the teacher. She could go out under only one condition: that a family member would accompany her to all her meets outside Meerut," says Upendra.

But probably Anu's family didn't realise at that point that their daughter would soon be travelling across the globe to compete against the best in business. Her exploits in the junior meet caught the eye of the Athletics Federation of India and she was called for a camp in 2010 ahead of the Asian Junior Championships in Vietnam.

"Lalit (Bhanot) sir (now the chairman of the AFI planning committee) called me and said get her passport done and send her to camp. That was the first time we got to know that you need something called a passport to go abroad. Hume laga team ke saath nikal jayegi (We thought she would just leave along with the rest of the team)," says Upendra now laughing at his naivety.

But Annu's passport formalities couldn't be completed on time and she missed the bus to Vietnam. "We were actually relieved in a way. We didn't want her to go to a different country," he says. But both Upendra and his father had a change of heart when coach Kashinath Naik convinced them to let Annu pursue her dream freely. Naik, who now

coaches at the Army Sports Institute in Pune, worked with Annu from 2012 to 2018 where he led her to an Asiad bronze.

"He was a great guy and superb coach. He was the one who refined Annu's technique and made her the best thrower in the country. We believed in him and Annu progressed a lot under him," says Upendra.

But Annu's family was a little too overprotective at that time? "Things were different 10 years back. But Annu has changed the way we think. It is a matter of pride for the village that our girl has gone out and brought us laurels," says Annu's neighbour.

Meerut, despite being a sports manufacturing hub, has inadequate training facilities in the district. Its most popular stadium, Kailash Prakash, still doesn't have a synthetic track and is overcrowded on most days.

Whenever, rarely though, Annu visits home she always talks about her dream of seeing a basic stadium come up in the village. "That's her dream actually. We have so many athletes in this region but with no facilities," says Upendra.

A small step was taken a couple of years back when an empty ground was allotted by the village officials to be used as a training ground. "It's a mud track. Around 30-40 kids come here and train every evening. Maybe now after the CWG medal, they will lay a synthetic track on it," says Upendra.

