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# **TALKS IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 12, 2019**

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**TRUMP TAKES THE** 

**FIFTH AMENDMENT IN NY PROBE INTO** 

**BUSINESS DEALINGS** 

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

Islamabad, view in New Delhi that outreach will help address India's concerns

**ANISHA DUTTA** 

**EXPRESS NETWORK** 

SC GRANTS BAIL TO **VARAVARA RAO ON MEDICAL GROUNDS** PAGE 7

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

Given that North Atlantic alliance of 30 countries engages both Beijing and

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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 delegacountries and two countries in tion essentially attempted to as-

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

including from the Ministry of 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 **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 



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.



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

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday ordered that all ex-

isting 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.

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.

Nupur

Sharma

"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 FIRs...be transferred and clubbed for the purpose of CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

on domestic airfares from Aug 31: Centre

No upper, lower caps

#### **PRANAV MUKUL** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

WITHDRAWING THE last Covidrelated 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 netotim

#### 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 CONTINUED ON DAG

# **TOLD TO TAKE FLOOR TEST IN AUG 24-25 SPECIAL SESSION Back as CM, Nitish sounds** 2024 bugle: Opp must unite



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.

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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 CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Nitish Kumar with Tejashwi Yadav after the oath-taking in Patna on Wednesday. PTI MORE REPORTS, PAGES 5, 9

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** 

ON MAY 12, Tarkeshwar Prasad.

then Deputy Chief Minister, in-

augurated an investors' summit

for Bihar along with state

Industries Minister Shahnawaz

Hussain. The event, BJP sources

said, was to be inaugurated by

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and

PATNA, AUGUST 10

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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 House at a specially the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

In BJP cloud of gloom and rage, an

Union Finance Minister Nirmala

when Sitharaman's office

checked with the CM's office, it

was informed that the Chief

Minister had no idea he was sup-

posed to inaugurate the event.

With the CM not attending.

Sitharaman too pulled out, the

This was one of many strong

But the day before the event,

admission: We were complacent

Sitharaman.

sources said.

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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

indications in recent months

that all was not well in the [D(U)-

BJP alliance and that Nitish was

drifting away. Less than a month

before this, Nitish attended an

Iftar party organised at the house

of former Bihar Chief Minister

R[D and JD(U)] had been going on

for a month," said a leader of the

"Negotiations between the

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

#### **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 CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Face tech behind Delhi riots arrests: 'Accused told to match pose' PAGE 1 ANCHOR

#### **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 pre-

sented 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.

**'NITISH WANTED** 

**TO BECOME VICE** 

**NURSENATIONAL** 

SUSHIL KUMAR MODI

BJP LEADER, FORMER BIHAR DY CM

AMBITIONS'

PRESIDENT... HE DID

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 guality 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

New Delhi

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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Nitish Kumar resigns,

ISRO's launch failure,

and IIT-B hunger strike

Nitish Kumar resigns and joins forces with

successful SSLV-D1 mission, and IIT-Bombay

Guruswamy pointed out that

agreed but for the circumstances

that led to our order of July 19. It

says 'petitioner has now filed

pointing out, inter alia, that it has

become nearly impossible for

her to avail the alternative rem-

edy granted by this Court and

that there is an imminent neces-

sity for this Court to intervene

and protect her life and liberty as

guaranteed under Article 21 of

the Constitution. In support of

her plea, the petitioner has

averred in the miscellaneous ap-

plication that after the order

dated 01.07.2022 passed by this

Court, various subsequent events

have occurred...'Today's affidavit

again mentions that. This is the

reason that compelled or per-

suaded us to intervene and give

it a kind of a second thought... for

limited purposes," the bench

new circumstance had arisen af-

ter the last order and said that "in

terms of the threat, we will give

whatever security they need. But

the problem here is that they are

where you are under stress, the

entire system is under stress, the

states are under stress, the petitioner is under stress," the court

"Let's not create a situation

"What has happened to the

forum shopping".

Guruswamy argued that no

said

said.

miscellaneous application...

the Mahagathbandhan, ISRO's partially

## **FROM PAGE ONE**

was "unexpected".

knew it, but it did not expect this

to happen. It was caught off guard.

With the benefit of hindsight, I

can say we were complacent. The

state unit kept assuring Delhi this

was not going to happen.

Eventually, we have ended up do-

to consistently corner Nitish after

the 2020 Assembly polls, without

building a strong local leadership

in the state, has turned out to be

ble, the RCP Singh saga, taking

Sushil Modi out of the state or IP

Nadda suggesting that no regional

party can survive before the

might of the BJP, we constantly

made Nitish insecure. But we did

not have a leader with mass ap-

peal to replace him yet," a BJP

gued that the BJP, despite doing

very well in Lok Sabha elections

in the state, has failed to produce

leaders, and even some Union

Ministers from the state, staged a

dharna at the party office in Patna,

there appeared to be more lead-

ers than party workers at the

leader, that would not have been

the scene. Even Sushil Modi

would have managed more

crowds as workers would have

come for him. But then it has now

become a tradition in the party to

not allow regional satraps to

emerge," another party leader

Ram' all our leaders are throwing

at Nitish. It was coined by the RJD.

We don't even have our own slo-

"Look at the slogan of 'Paltu

"Had there been a strong

a mass leader in the state.

For many years it has been ar-

On Wednesday, as state BJP

leader said.

event

said.

"Be it the Chirag Paswan gam-

Several leaders said attempts

ing a Maharashtra to us."

not a very wise decision.

#### Nitish back

convened session of the Assembly on August 24-25.

He urged all Opposition parties to start preparing for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. "Let all parties stick together for the 2024 polls. All Opposition parties have to come forward." he said. declining to comment on queries about moving to politics at the national

level Responding to another query, Nitish took a swipe at his former ally which stayed away from the swearing-in ceremony, saying if BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi was still with him, this situation would not have arisen.

"Hamari mitrata rahi hai. Unko kahe nahi... Woh yahan rahte toh ye nahi hota (We were friends. But why was he (not retained as Deputy CM). Had he been here, this would not have happened)," he said.

Asked about his promise of ensuring jobs, Tejashwi said, "I have already spoken to the CM about it. Very soon, there will be bumper vacancies for government jobs in Bihar."

"This alone is the real alliance and government. Nitish Kumar has taken a fearless decision. We are socialists who know how to hold on to our legacies. How can BJP talk of finishing regional parties and disturb the Ganga-Jamuni culture? We cannot tolerate it," he said.

Sources said the cabinet expansion will take place any time after August 15 because the RID and JD (U) want a thorough discussion on distribution of portfolios, especially in the presence of Lalu Prasad in Patna.

Sources said there will be a power-sharing formula under which the RJD may get the ministries of finance, road construction, town planning and agriculture and some others, while the ID (U) might keep home, education, building construction and water resources and a few other min-

Meanwhile, BJP leader Sushil

# Kumar Modi told The Indian

Express that Nitish wanted to become Vice-President of the country. "Some Nitish Kumar aides approached the BIP state leadership with a message that he wanted to become Vice-President. This shows Nitish did nurse national ambitions," he said.

"We are stunned at what he did and in the manner he broke ties with us. When he snapped ties with us in June 2013, he had apprised the state and Central BJP leaders about his stand well in advance. So even if it was still a betraval of the mandate for NDA. we could still say that we knew it. But this time, it was a complete betrayal of the mandate for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The 2020 Assembly elections was not a

mandate for Nitish Kumar as ID (U) got only 43 seats and was placed third after RJD and BJP," Modi said. BIP leader and former Union Minister Radha Mohan Singh too

said, "It is true that Nitish Kumar wanted to become Vice-President. One does nurse big ambitions."

BJP MP and Union Minister Girirai Singh said. "Nitish Kumar distanced himself from us because of his national ambition for the 2024 polls. There can be no other

reason." PTI adds: JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh hit back, saying the party was "not scared of ED and CBI" following its break-up with the BIP.

Addressing a press conference, Lalan also mocked Sushil Kumar Modi's claim: "He has been shunted by the BJP as a punishment for the close relations he shared with Nitish Kumar. May such antics bring him some degree of political rehabilitation."

#### Gloom and rage

CPI which is part of the

the Wednesday, as the BJP protested

Some leaders said it was not possible to do a Maharashtra in Bihar, if at all the leadership in Delhi was thinking of doing so. "Nitish is not Thackeray. He

gan," the leader said.

#### GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER: SANGRAM DIVISION: PWD: AP SANGRAM-79118 PRESS NOTICE

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The Executive Engineer, Sangram Division, PWD, AP, Sangram on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal invites sealed item rate tender in CPWD Form-8 in Single Stage Double Bid system from the eligible registered in Class-I categories domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of the district as per the Arunachal Pradesh District Based Entrepreneurs and Professionals (incentives, development and promotional) Act 2015 as amended from time to time under which the work is to be executed for work as stated below:

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views to the media, that the dekeeps a keen eye on not just the velopment of Nitish parting ways movement of his party leaders, but also others. It is difficult to Another senior BJP leader said, catch him unawares as we did to There were rumblings and Delhi Thackeray," a BJP office bearer

> said. Sources, however, said the party workers were not too unhappy. "Nitish is saying he was humiliated. But he was no less in humiliating the local leadership of the BJP. Not a single work of party leaders or workers was getting done in his government. This development will only re-energise party workers. We now have nothing to lose," a BJP legislator said.

Sources said the party will now begin ground work with greater energy and make inroads into the Dalit votebank as it has done in UP.

"We have to work on getting the combination of forward castes and Dalits in our favour. It may take some time, but it will happen," a senior party leader said.

#### Off public glare

Pakistan, having opened selective training for Pakistani officers, and its military delegation visiting Pakistan in November 2019 for military staff talks, it is learnt.

The first round of dialogue was finalised for December 12, 2019, by the Indian mission in Brussels after it received a draft agenda for the meeting from NATO.

Upon receipt of the draft agenda, an inter-ministerial meeting was convened with representatives from the External Affairs and Defence ministries. and the National Security Council Secretariat

The government, sources said, was of the view that engaging NATO in a political dialogue would provide New Delhi an opportunity to bring about a balance in NATO's perceptions about the situation in regions and issues of concerns to India. Otherwise, the alliance's en-

gagement with China and Pakistan separately would leave it with lopsided perspectives on regional and global security matters of concern to India, they said.

On its part, the NATO 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

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ited the fare restrictions on a 15day rolling cycle - the restriction was applicable only for a ticket for travel within 15 days of book-While welcoming the move.

airline executives said the decision is not expected to have an immediate impact as current fares on most routes are not near the upper or lower limits.

"The fares will now be regulated by the market and consumers will be presented with competitive prices, hence normalising it for them. We hope this announcement will help the industry gain momentum in terms of growth and scalability.' said Bharatt Malik, Senior VP, Flights, Yatra.com.

Sectoral experts also believe the move will help airlines to lower the fares on certain routes to enhance their load factors. "The announcement will enable airline operators to price airfares solely based on the demandsupply of the routes, thereby showcasing the true nature of fare dynamics in the market. Airlines will be able to offer the benefit of lower pricing to customers on sectors/routes where flight loads are comparatively lower than others. Certain flight routes - for instance metros like Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, etc are likely to witness surge in pricing," said Indiver Rastogi, President & Group Head, Global Business Travel, Thomas Cook (India) & SOTC.

#### FIFA letter

meeting of the 35 Intervening Member Associations on 06.08.2022 with the express purpose of interfering with the proceedings of his Hon'ble Court," the CoA said in its petition.

the one registered in Delhi. A transcript of the meeting, which is part of the petition, Senior Advocate Menaka quoted Patel as saying: "My feel-Guruswamy said the FIR regising is, please trust me... See, I can tered in Maharashtra was the say only so many things. I cannot

that "it is clear" the Government is being "misled" by State the court had rejected Sharma's plea earlier. "We would have

students go on a hunger strike

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Associations, "as have FIFA-AFC who are ignorant of the duplicitous role being played by Mr Patel", the petition noted. The administrators pointed

to the meeting between Patel and State Associations on August 6 as an example of him "consistently" using "his position as Council Member of FIFA to orchestrate a campaign among the State Associations to undermine the various steps taken" by the Supreme Court.

"As recently as on 06.08.2022, the very deponents before this Court on behalf of the State Associations have participated in meetings conducted by Mr Patel where he impliedly admits that letters threatening suspension from the FIFA-AFC have been obtained to 'help' them, and that the Government is convinced to seek a review of the order fearing the worst," the CoA

petition said. Speaking to The Indian Express, a state football official, who was present at the meeting with Patel, said: "It was an unofficial meeting, which the states are free to have. The petition filed by the CoA shows that since they aren't able to vent their frustration on the Government, which is supporting the states, they are doing so on us."

### Nupur Sharma

investigation by Delhi Police," the atmosphere of the rule of law bench said on Wednesday. and our constitutional democ-Sharma's counsel, Senior racy by the petitioner's state-Advocate Maninder Singh, told

ments." the senior counsel said. the bench that the petitioner had The court said it was confident that the states and consticome to know about two more FIRs filed against her. "The most tutional authorities would take important consideration is threat care of that. to life," he submitted, and urged

"Some states are supporting this conduct. That is the problem here," said Guruswamy.

"That issue is not before us. So we will not go into that question," the bench responded.

Police investigations have

the

associates Tabrez Khan (36) and

Ishrafil, are allegedly the "key

conspirators". "They have been

spotted in CCTV footage. Ansar

and Tabrez have been arrested

while Ishrafil is still on the run.

Police recovered bricks and glass

bottles from Ishrafil's residence,"

#### Face tech

Among

#### Mahagathbandhan. The BJP, on the other hand, was caught napping, stunned by

developments. On Nitish's "treachery", Shahnawaz Hussain acknowledged, in inter-



rounds, sources said. In New Delhi's assessment, there was a convergence in the perspectives of both India and NATO on China, terrorism, and Afghanistan, including Pakistan's

role in Afghanistan, the sources

The first dialogue, it is learnt,

revealed three critical issues on

which India expected only lim-

ited common ground with

NATO: i) from NATO's perspec-

tive, it was not China, but Russia

whose aggressive actions, con-

tinued to be the main threat to

Euro-Atlantic security, and that

NATO had faced difficulties to

convene meetings of NATO-

Russia Council due to Russian re-

fusal to place issues such as

Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, on

Ukraine and Intermediate-

the agenda, ii) Given the diver-

gence among NATO countries, its

view on China was seen as

mixed; while it did deliberate on

China's rise, the conclusion was

that China presented both a chal-

lenge and an opportunity , and

iii) in Afghanistan, NATO saw the

Taliban as a political entity,

which was not in line with India's

stance. This was almost two

vears before the Taliban an-

nounced an interim government

in Afghanistan in September

maritime security as a principal

area of conversation in the fu-

ture, given a substantial com-

mon ground with NATO, the

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 do-

mestic flights of less than 40

minutes. The upper cap was to

However, the Indian side felt

2021

sources said.

said

New Delhi may consider proposals emanating from NATO, if any, on bilateral cooperation in areas

protect passengers from high fares, while the lower limit was to protect the financially weaker



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speak everything but I can say this much, the purpose of that letter is also to help you."

Other state association members, according to the transcript, thanked Patel who went on to suggest future steps to the officials and added that he "did not want India to get suspended".

Patel could not be reached for comment on the contents of the petition. The matter is likely to be taken up by the apex court on Thursday along with other petitions related to the case.

This football saga began after the AIFF failed to hold elections to appoint a new president within the set timeframe, owing to a logjam in finalising its constitution. This led to the Supreme Court appointing the threemember CoA, comprising ex-Chief Election Commissioner SY Quraishi, former Supreme Court judge Anil Dave, and former India football captain Bhaskar Ganguly, to run the daily affairs of the AIFF while ending Patel's term as president.

The CoA's petition comes after the FIFA and AFC, in a letter dated August 5, threatened to suspend India from international football and take away the hosting rights of this year's U-17 Women's World Cup for alleged "deviations" from the roadmap agreed to conduct the AIFF elections.

The FIFA-AFC said they were "informed" about the alleged deviations following a Supreme Court order on August 3, which directed the CoA to expeditiously conduct elections. The court had added that the elected committee would be an interim body. which would continue for a period of three months. There was a debate over the inclusion of former players in the Electoral College as well.

Monday, On the Government, fearing a FIFA ban, filed a review application in the Supreme Court, pointing to the election timelines and the membership structure in the August 3 order.

she should approach the Delhi The CoA, however, argued High Court.

first one in which Sharma was named as an accused.

the court to club all the FIRs with

Appearing for West Bengal.

However, considering the also revealed that "2-3 persons from the VHP rally on Hanuman threats pointed out by Sharma, the court granted her relief, and Jayanti", which triggered the riasked the Delhi Police to ensure ots, carried weapons. that the FIR in Maharashtra and chargesheeted, the police claim the one filed by its IFSO unit are that three accused, identified as investigated together, and the Mohammed Ansar (35) and his other FIRs are clubbed with

these. Referring to the storm over Sharma's remarks, Guruswamy urged the court to set up an SIT to probe the matter. "...There have been various politicians on either side who have come out in support. May I suggest the constitution of a joint SIT with members from different forces,' she said.

appreciated if all the FIRs are in-

vestigating agency, shall be at lib-

erty to collect... any information

if so required for the purpose of

reaching a logical conclusion," it

quest that the investigation be

monitored by the SC, Justice

Surya Kant said: "Monitoring by

the court of investigation of an

FIR... even as a High Court judge,

I have never appreciated it, be-

cause it puts undue and undesir-

able pressure on the investiga-

tive agency. Investigative

agencies should have complete

faith, trust and independence,

and dispassionate atmosphere

The bench said the directions

'shall also extend to any other

FIR/ complaint which may be

registered/ entertained against

the petitioner... in respect to the

same subject matter... and in

that event, the investigation of

the FIR or complaint to be regis-

tered in future shall also stand

transferred to the IFSO unit of the

Delhi Police for the purpose of in-

FIRs be quashed, the court said

On Sharma's plea that the

for investigation".

vestigation".

Rejecting West Bengal's re-

said.

"The IFSO, as a specialised in-

vestigated by the said unit".

the officer said. Corbevax either Covaxin or Covishield for But the bench said that "since IFSO of Delhi Police appears to be the adult population. a specialised agency, it shall be

Bhushan also conveyed that the availability of Corbevax as a "precaution dose" would go live on the CoWIN platform from August 12.

Corbevax is India's first indigenously developed Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) protein sub-unit vaccine against Covid, with two doses scheduled 28 days apart. It can be stored at 2-8 degrees Celsius, which is best suited for India's requirements.

Instead of using the whole virus, a traditional sub-unit vaccine platform triggers an immune response by using fragments. Corbevax contains the harmless S-protein. Once the human immune system recognises the protein, it produces antibodies as white blood cells to fight the infection.

Corbevax includes an antigen developed by Texas Children's Hospital Centre for Vaccine Development and licensed from BCM Ventures, which is Baylor College of Medicine's integrated commercialisation team.

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.

The application should be submitted along with the following documents failing which no tender paper shall be issued.

- 1. Attested copy of valid registration /enlistment paper confirming the eligibility of the firm.
- 2. Tender documents can be purchased from the office of the Executive Engineer, Sangram Division, PWD, AP at Sangram on payment of Cost of Tender Paper in cash (non-refundable) upto to 4.00PM on 12/08/2022 to 13/08/2022, by submitting the application for issue of forms.
- Tender paper shall be received upto to 1.00 PM on 25/08/2022, at the office of the Executive Engineer, Sangram PW Division, AP and shall be opened on the same day at 1.30 PM in presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives.
- 4. The earnest money should be deposited to any of the scheduled Banks and receipt of Treasury Challan / Deposit at Call Receipt of scheduled bank / Fix Deposited Receipt of a scheduled bank / Demand Draft of a scheduled bank guaranteed by the Reserve Bank of India issued in favour of the Executive Engineer, Sangram Division, APPWD, payable at State Bank of India, Koloriang Branch (Code:-011622) should accompany the Tender Documents.
- The Tender without earnest money shall be summarily rejected.
- 6. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the Tender without assigning any reasons.
- 7. Tender paper shall be issued only on production of the necessary certificate in support of desired class of contractors.
- 8. Once tender paper issued in favour of particular name/Firm shall not be changed in any circumstances.
- 9. The estimated cost put to tender based on APSR-2021.
- 10. In the larger interest of the public and for equitable distribution of developmental works, a contractor shall be allowed to have only 2 (two) works in hand in any of developments under government of Arunachal Pradesh at a time and for which he shall make a declaration to be executed in an affidavit that he is not engaged in more than two any tenders work under the state government. He shall also for participation in any tender be required to submit completion certificate issued by the engineer-in-charge duly counter signed by the concerned Superintending Engineer and Chief Engineer.
- 11. The APST contractors shall submit ST certificate to avail relaxation of Earnest Money in favour of them. Original ST Certificate should be produced at the time of opening of the Tender. No relaxation shall be admissible without submission of St Certificate.

Executive Engineer, Sangram Division, PWD, AP, Sangram

DIPR/ ARN/1438-40





## 3 THECITY

# 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 subvariant. 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 Covidonly 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 fullsleeved 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, ITL Public School.

# CM seeks referendum on how to spend public funds

impede India's effort to become

self-reliant and burden taxpavers.

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

should be held within the coun-

try... Even the poorest man pays

tax. He buys something from the

market and pays GST," he added.

"I demand that a referendum

their friends," Kejriwal said.

"Iust a while back it was said

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal, 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)"



Jnanabharathi, Bangalore - 560 056. Karnataka State No: ULC/LL.M/Admn/2022-23 Date: 25.07.2022

#### ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for admission to the I Semester of 2 Years LL.M Course in the University Law College and Department of Studies in Law, Jnana Bharathi Campus Bangalore University, Bangalore-560 056 for the academic year 2022-23 from candidates who have passed 3 or 5 year LL.B Degree with not less than 45% (in the case of SC/ST/Category-I/ Person with disability - 40% only).

Application shall be filled online uploading relevant documents by visiting the University website www.bangaloreuniversity ac.in or www.ulcbangalore.com. on or before 16-08-2022 and 19-08-2022 with late fee of Rs. 200/-. Online filled-ir Applications should be downloaded and submitted along with relevant documents to the Principal & Chairman. University Law College and Department of Studies in Law, Jnana Bharathi Campus, Bangalore University, Bengaluru - 560 056 on or before 23-08-2022 either in person or through post.

	Application / Processing Fee									
SI. No.	Particulars	General/ OBC	SC/ST/ Cat-I							
1.	Application fee	Rs. 800/-	Rs. 400/-							
2.	Penalty for Late submission	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 200/-							
	For more details, the candidates are advised to visit the University's website.									
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SH. AJAY KUMAR JAIN Special Judge, NDPS NDPS Court, P. Building **Patiala House Courts New Delhi** 

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS** 

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.) SC No. 93/2018

#### NCB Vs Devender Sen & Ors.

I) Whereas complaint has been made before me that Mr Vikrant Gurung @ Vikas, S/o Late Sh. Prem Dhwaj Gurung R/o. Village Kawalshawar, Distt. Damauli, Nepal (also at) H.No. 34/104, Sainik Vihar-I, Police Station- Sadar Bazar Tehsil- Agra, Distt Agra Pin- 282001. has committed (o suspected to have committed) the offence punishable unde section 20(c), 23 and 29 of NDPS Act 1985 and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest there upon issued that the said Mr. Vikrant Gurung @ Vikas cannot be found and whereas it has shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mr. Vikran Gurung @ Vikas has absconded, (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on the day of 30.09.2022.

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Sd/-xxxx Special Court, NDPS Act Patiala House Courts

## 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 inlaws. 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



#### **NOTICE INVITING BID**

Appointment of design and architectural Consultant for carrying out feasibility study, preparation of detailed layout, DPR including Bill of Quantities, transaction advisory and bid document for development of International Standard Shooting

Range in Sector-24 at Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. CIDCO of Maharashtra Limited through the process of E-tendering invites "ON LINE" Lump sum bids in two bid system (Part I: Technical Bid & Part II: Commercial Bid) rom experienced and eligible prospective bidders fulfilling the mandatory eligibility criteria and scoring minimum qualifying marks of 75 in the Technical Bid Evaluation, comprising of total 100 marks and who have completed work of similar nature i.e. feasibility study, reparation of detailed layout, DPR including Bill of Quantities, transaction advisory and bid document for development of International Standard Shooting Range for the work mentioned below :



# Quarter Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

	(₹ in Crore				
SL.	Particulars	Quarter Ended (Reviewed)			
No.		30.06.2022	30.06.2021		
1	Premium Income (Gross)	11,021.83	14,289.92		
2	Net Profit/(Loss) After Tax	689.72	(771.73)		

1. Name of Work: Appointment of design and architectural Consultant for carrying out feasibility study, preparation of detailed layout, DPR including Bill of Quantities, transaction advisory and bid document for development of International Standard Shooting Range in Sector-24 at Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. 2. C. A. No.: 01/CIDCO/EE(CP)/2022-23 3. Completion Period: 1) 90 (Ninety) Days for study and submission of feasibility study, preparation of detailed layout, DPR including Bill of Quantities, transaction advisory and bid document. 2) Providing Consultancy Services during execution of entire Shooting Range Project. 3) Quality Audit and certification during execution of work. 4) Co-ordination and obtaining statutory clearances from the various Govt. departments. **4. Bid processing fees:** ₹17,700/- (Rupees Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred only) [₹15,000/- Bid Cost + GST @ 18%] (Non-Refundable) **5. EMD:** ₹2,000,000.00 6. Selection process: Least Cost Quality Based Selection (LCQBS)

Bid Document along with Bidding Programme will be available on the website mahatenders.gov.in from 12/08/2022 at 17.01 Hrs.

CIN - U99999 MH 1970 SGC-014574

www.cidco.maharashtra.gov.ir

**Superintending Engineer** (CP)

CIDCO/PR/196/2022-23

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Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 30.09.2021 & MSGL, SPL-16, One plus, Guide Prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure Gold loans up to 31.12.2021 and MSGB, SME Suv EMI due up to 30.06.2022 which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far inspite of repeat 8.08.2022 from 10 am onwards

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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

#### Notes:

Place: Mumbai

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Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

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For and on behalf of the Board Directors

Sd/-**Devesh Srivastava** Chairman and Managing Director DIN: 08646006

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"I also got to know that the

MCD officials objected to undue

benefits given to the companies

on several occasions. Despite

that, this scam is continuing.

Immediate action and CBI probe

should be initiated in the matter

and the money collected from

the public as toll tax which has

not reached the MCD's vault

should be recovered," said

The MCD, however, dismissed the allegations and said

that the said company which

was awarded the contract in

2017 suffered losses after the

opening of the eastern periph-

eral and western peripheral ex-

pressways and due to the order

of the court to stop toll collection

The company sought com-

pensation for the loss. The MCD

held several rounds of meetings

to resolve the matter, and on the

failure of the company to make

from the free lane.

Sisodia.

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**VACCINATIONS IN** LAST 24 HOURS 13,321 PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: 536 **OXYGEN SUPPORT VENTILATOR SUPPORT** 

Total **DELHI TOTAL** | Vacant NOIDA CASES HOSPITAL BEDS 9,406 9,033 19,75,540 ICU BEDS 2,021 2,119 Cases Deaths N/A Deaths Tests Cases Recoveries 2,495 Aug 9 1.466 16,187 7 GURGAON 123 2,146 2,439 8 12,036 Aug 10 Cases | 368 Total 8,205\* 19,40,984 26,351 3,96,54,075 Deaths 0 \*Total active cases in Delhi

# 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), 354A(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 re-

sorted to violence and we understand it's absolutely unacceptable... We have fired the errant individuals and commenced legal proceedings ...?

# 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 Vinav 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 Harvana, 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 vear, 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.

due payments, it terminated the contract, the MCD said. 'The allegations made against the corporation are baseless and devoid of facts. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi is dedicated to public service and assures you that it will continue doing everything possible to provide the best civic amenities to the citizens of Delhi," the civic

body said in a statement.

### **BRIEFLY** – **MCD** issues quidelines for disposal of national flags

New Delhi: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has instructed all zonal offices to ensure proper disposal of the national flag under the central government's Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, an MCD official said. ... Soiled, distorted, damaged, (or) broken national flag would be disposed of as per directions issued by the MHA... under Flag Code of India-2002 under

Section-V(misuse) and in terms of the Prevention of Insults To National Honour Act, 1971 (as amended),' the official said.

### **Teacher dies** after bus hits scooter, 1 held

New Delhi: A 54-year-old Physical Education teacher

# 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

on which Supertech Ltd's mis-With days to go for the demcellaneous application will be olition, the Noida Authority is on heard by the apex court. track to file its status report on However, according to a



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

CUET: No snags reported but candidates

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

I had told him not to leave before

I was inside the centre, I was

days to charge the twin towers with explosives. Charging is the process which involves placing explosives in the building meant status of the demolition will become clearer on Friday, the date 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.

source, it will take around 17

#### The Noida Authority held a meeting on August 6 to discuss the status of demolition of the Supertech twin towers, following directions of Supreme Court. The court had allowed CBRI to seek requisite information and instructed Supertech and Edifice Engineering, the company entrusted with the demolition of the twin towers, to submit the said details by August 5, further directing Noida Authority to convene a meeting on August 6 to sort out the matter.

the authority, certain directions were taken in the meeting of August 6. The CBRI found that Supertech hasn't provided certain details pertaining to structural audit and same are to be provided by August 7. After receiving requisite information. CBRI will submit its report to Noida Authority by August 9 pursuant to which the authority will file a status report by August 11 before the Supreme Court.



Special Commissioner of Delhi Waqf Board were arbitrary and illegal. An FIR in this regard 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

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

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 Waaf

Board. The witnesses examined

are under extreme duress due to

Khan's criminal nature, the re-

port alleged. Officials said that

Khan allegedly forcibly removed

important documents from their

and messages seeking a com-

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 ap-

pointments in the Waqf Board.

dated August 9 by the L-G said

In the meantime, an order

Khan did not respond to calls

The L-G had in July also given

residence.

ment.

# ACB seeks removal of MLA Amanatullah as Delhi Waqf Board chairman, cites 'bullying' As per a press note shared by

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10 removal

died after his scooter was hit by a school bus in Shakarpur Wednesday. Police said the victim worked at a private school. The accident took place near Akshardham Flyover. The driver fled after the accident and was later arrested from Noida. ENS

#### **DU** teachers protest, ask absorption of ad-hoc faculty

New Delhi: Hundreds of teachers staged a protest at Jantar Mantar on Wednesday seeking absorption of ad-hoc teachers working in various Delhi University colleges, the DUTA said. PTI

**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 I D 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

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-

still confused about postponed tests 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.

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

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.

that Special Commisioner Gautam was transferred and ACB officials said that till asked him to report to PHQ for date, there are 23 criminal cases further posting.

# For Delhi-Haryana commuters, new integrated transit corridor

be carried out in a phased man-

ner. Deputy CM Manish Sisodia.

who also holds the portfolio of the

PWD, directed the officials to

complete the project in the stipu-

lated time and ensure that no in-

convenience is caused to the

commuters during the construc-

tion. The project is scheduled to

be completed over the next one

necting 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 junc-

tion during peak hours," said offi-

Officials said that the total

width of new carriageway will be

20 metres. The proposed under-

pass 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

"The junction is a major con-

and half years, said officials.

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

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 600metre-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 onelane for taking left turn lane from Nangloi to Mangolpuri, a twolane 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 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 hasslefree 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.

# 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 womenfriendly 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



residence

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 2,704 crimes being reported this known to the victim, and the year as against 2,096 last year.

Previous data show that in crime takes place at or near her 1.22% of rape cases, the accused Following the pandemic, dois not known to the victim. Also, mestic violence cases have also more than 60% of the accused seen an uptick with more than were arrested within seven to 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."

cials.

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### **DELHI CONFIDENTIAL**



### 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'.

#### **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 "jumlajeevi" never talks of the issues faced by the people.

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

Congress general secretary lairam 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 'jumlajeevi' 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

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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 ernments of three great powers. may gain political advantage, but that does not solve the problem. hopefully listen to it and accept an Adopting a short cut will definitely result in a short circuit. Instead of following short cuts, panel will comprise Modi, our government is engaged in they will meet and present a propermanent solutions to the problems.

# 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

Obrador said he feels that the gov-

Russia, China and the US, will

intermediation like the one he is

proposing. He proposed that the

Guterres and Pope Francis and

posal soon to end war everywhere.

At a press meet Monday,

years to ensure world peace.

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.

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 BIP Union Minister Narayan Rane.

### Form your own party, select new

## 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

# 'Nitish aides came to BJP with his wish to be V-P'

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, AUGUST 10

#### What was the trigger for Nitish to break up with BJP?

We are stunned at what he did and the manner in which he broke up with us. When he had done so in June 2013, he had apprised the state and Central BJP leaders about his stand well in advance. So even if it was still betraval of mandate for NDA, we could still say that we knew it. But this time, it was complete betrayal of mandate for PM Narendra Modi. The 2020 Assembly elections was not a mandate for Nitish Kumar as JD(U) had got only 43 seats and finished third after RJD and BJP.

#### Did BJP try to placate Nitish or just decided to move on?

Nitish Kumar should remember that we made him the CM five times since 2000. Even when ID(U) came third in 2020 polls, we kept our word and made him CM. iven after our recent two-day



SUSHIL KUMAR Modi BIHAR BJP LEADER AND FORMER DEPUTY CM

recently Dharmendra Pradhan held one-on-one meeting with him. Yet, Nitish did not complain much except making a passing reference to some grudges against Speaker Vijav Kumar Sinha



DEPUTY CM, AGAIN: Tejashwi 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

/Nitish Kumar took oath

Premature to project coalition as

formula'

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 201

reality.

Playing down speculation

over the Opposition's strength

based on Nitish and Lalu being a

formidable social coalition,

Kishor said: "Whenever a coali-

tion is formed, it looks formida-

ble at the time.... Once a coalition

is formed, and the government

begins functioning, only then its

challenges and problems or

ments should not be read as

weakening of BJP in Bihar, and

that the saffron party remains a

tunes have slid consistently in

the last few years – from 117

Assembly seats in 2015 to 43

now - Kishor said they will de-

cline further if the Grand

Alliance government fails to de-

Pointing out that ID(U)'s for-

Kishor said these develop-

strengths emerge."

formidable force.

liver on governance.

#### **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

### 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 pass the floor test.



**Justice NV Ramana with** Iustice UU Lalit. File

Attorney General Soli Sorabjee. 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

May 2017.

party meet, we said Nitish would continue to be CM till 2025. We

He was one of the country's

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

during their tenures. The

Opposition leaders hailed Sukh

Ram, who served as IT minister

during Narasimha Rao govern-

ment, as a visionary who worked

tirelessly for the people of Mandi.

Mukesh Agnihotri demanded a

no-confidence motion against the

overnment. The Opposition al-

leged that the government ma-

chinery failed to function and that

the mandate of development was

not upheld. The ruling party ar-

gued that the Congress demand

was an effort to divert attention

and that they had the numbers to

Congress Leader of Opposition

also talked about going to the 2024 (Lok Sabha) and 2025 (Assembly) polls with JD(U). We had not sensed much discomfort in JD(U). Even when Amit Shah talked to Nitish Kumar on phone Monday and asked if there was any problem, Nitish ji did not say

anything and said 'Just as you have Giriraj Singh in your party, we have Lalan Singh'.

What did he expect from BIP? Some Nitish Kumar aides had approached the state BJP leadership with the message that he wanted to become the Vice-

LIZ MATHEW

on for 2024.

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

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

after JD(U) parted ways, leaving

BIP's electoral calculations jittery

politically crucial Bihar.

The development comes a day

Do you think Nitish did not have smooth communication line with the BJP as he used to have with you as his deputy and the late Arun Jaitley?

President. This shows Nitish did

nurse national ambition.

It is not fair to say that, as only

Besides, PM Modi and Amit Shah and our national president JP Nadda would speak to him at regular intervals. But it is true that he used to share a very good rapport with Arun ji and me. He would often say in recent times that he had become CM this time on the PM's request and was not very comfortable in the present set-up. But there was no communication gap.

#### What is your response to allegations that the BJP often tries to subsume its allies?

If one is referring to the Shiv Sena and Eknath Shinde episode one should know Sena was no longer our ally. And what would we have gained by breaking JD(U)? It would have led to fall of our government as we have only 77 MLAs. And the insinuation of BJP trying to cultivate RCP Singh as an Shinde is preposterous as RCP is a bureaucrat...he cannot break [D(U). FULL INTERVIEW ON www.indianexpress.com

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 healthcare and education in the state, which has only gone worse since 2014-15. We must wait and watch how this government

party's UP ace to Bengal, Odisha, Telangana



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 todav 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 postpoll alliance. So there are additional challenges that this al-

symbol, Pawar also, and had got some support. But it is one thing to have intent, tells CM Shinde and another to convert that into

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 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.

THE BJP on Wednesday appointed Sunil Bansal, who played a key

tary Arun Singh

Incidentally, both Dharampal and Bansal have ABVP backgrounds. Belonging to Bijnor 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.

**BIP's** 

Bansal, general secretary (or-The party said that Karamveer ganisation) in UP since 2014, will has been appointed as BIP's be replaced by Dharampal, who Iharkhand unit general secretary. has been party's secretary (organ-He was BJP joint-general secretary isation) in Jharkhand, according to (organisation) in UP earlier. a statement by BJP general secre-

In West Bengal, Bansal re-

placed Kailash Vijayvargiya as BJP Sunil Bansal, general secretary in charge of the state — he replaced Tarun Chugh organisation in Telangana and D Purandeswari in-charge of in Odisha. three states

To recoup likely Bihar losses, BJP moves

Born in Rajasthan, Bansal, 52, has been with RSS since his student davs. 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 ID(U)'s exit — the NDA had won 39 of Bihar's 40 Lok Sabha seats in

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

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

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

EXPLAINED

tary (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 BIP is in power – all this while being a part of the party and the government's core group.



2019 - BJP will have to ensure that

dominance in national politics," a former BJP general secretary said.

far from smooth for long.

Key post for party, state govt

The role of general secre-



### **EXPRESS NETWORK** 6

# **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



Diptendu Dutta, who is in charge

of the hospital in Dr Murmu's ab-

sence, 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)."

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

Meanwhile, Mondal, the TMC

Bolpur

Sub-Divisional

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 altold reporters. leged cattle smuggling scam. Hospital deputy superintendent

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.

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

Commission (SSC) officers in

connection with an alleged scam

in the recruitment of teaching

and non-teaching staff in West

SSC advisory committee chair-

man Shanti Prasad Sinha and ex-

commission secretary Ashok

filed by the CBI that was interro-

gating them since Tuesday

weeks after the arrest of former

Both were named in an FIR

The move comes over two

Those arrested are former

Bengal schools.

Saha.

morning.

The prescriptions submitted by Mondal are of doctors from

# Bengal school jobs scam: CBI arrests 2 former SSC officers

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** their questioning.

the CBI got their medical checkup done and the two will be produced in court on Thursday morning.

Earlier, a division bench of the Calcutta High Court had formed a committee under a retired judge that indicated that there was manipulation of marks of candidates, changes in ranks besides forging of recommendation/appointment letters among other things.

It was on the basis of the committee's report that the division bench of Justices Subrata Talukdar and Ananda Kumar Mukherjee had upheld the directive of a single-judge bench of Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay or-

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

**IT'S YOUR MONEY, NOT FREEBIE, HE SAYS** 

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 10

STATING THAT this is not a "freebie" but "people's money, which is rightfully theirs", Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Keiriwal 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. Keiriwal said, "The Prime Minister has only said that there should be no freebies, and Yogi-ji has said that he



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Arvind Kejriwal

will give freebies. Maybe there's some disagreement between the two. He (UPCM) should be asked why he went against his boss." On AAP's promise of monthly

financial support to women, Kejriwal said, "I know several such daughters... who are smart and have been admitted in colleges... But their fathers are unable to afford the costs for commute, for fees, leading to these girls dropping out. By providing Rs 1,000, they will be able to complete their education. There are many married women who have to run their households amid this inflation.'

"Our mothers...feel like giving some money to their daughters



#### **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

when they come home ... But they have to depend on their sons and husbands. That dependency will end if they have this Rs 1.000. Giving Rs 1,000 to women will significantly impact the economic situation...," he said.

If money is given to the "aam aadmi (common person)", they will spend more, production and demand will increase, and it will improve the economic situation, Kejriwal said.



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 predecide 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-

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."

sion of the party concerned, and

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 sav 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

### Shah a backstage hero, has no desire for credit: Rajnath at book launch for his knowledge of politics,

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

UNION HOME Minister and senior BIP 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

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Rajnath Singh at the event on Wednesday. Amit Mehra

talks he does so meaningfully," Singh said. Lauding the Home Minister

the defence minister said Shah's life has had its share of bittersweet 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 Modiji

spirituality and other subjects

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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Top court sets aside CAT order holding advocate Pracha guilty of contempt

damage to the reputation of this

institution built over the years".

of this magnitude does not au-

gur 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 ear-

lier rulings "and yet, was por-

trayed in a light that made this

institution appear non-serious

in tackling the menace of offer-

On freebies, the EC said,

"there is no precise definition of

the term "freebies" in the exist-

ing legal/policy framework.

Furthermore, it is difficult to de-

fine the term 'irrational freebies'

as both 'freebie' and 'irrational'

are subjective and open to inter-

ing freebies".

pretation.

It said "reputational damage

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday set aside an order of the principal bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) that held advocate Mehmood Pracha guilty of contempt of court. The top court said no trial was held in the matter to establish charges against the counsel even after he had denied making the contemptuous remarks.

Allowing an appeal by Pracha against the CAT order, a bench of Justices K M Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy said that "after framing charge, it was necessary KOLKATA, AUGUST 10 that there should be a trial to THE CBI Wednesday arrested hold whether the charge should be supported by any evidence". two former School Service

It said the central issue had to be decided on the strength of evidence in the teeth of denial of the charge by Pracha.

The bench said, "The appellant denied the charges, but no trial was conducted .... We would think that in the facts of this case, denial of a right of a trial, which is also contemplated under Section 14(1)(c) of the Contempt of Courts Act as also Rule 15 of the Contempt of Court (CAT), has resulted in miscarriage of justice."

The SC said, "We are allowing this appeal only on the ground that with procedure under the

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 Dr Murmu, who is on leave

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.

SSKM and Bolpur hospitals.

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Soon after arresting them,

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The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Dehra invites following e- tradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work throug		Last date of submission of application starts from 11th August, 2022 a Last date of submission of online application is 21st August, 202			or their agent who choose to be present.		
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	Executive Engineer Dharamshala Division,	Details of the vacant positions are given in the table below:			TENDER NOTICE NO: CC/05/2022-23 Dated : 10.08.202 Sealed tenders with Pre-Qualification system duly superscribed on the cover		
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# 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 Nirbhava 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 in-

cidents of rape, including 213 incidents of murder with rape, followed by 33,977 (291) in 2018, 30.641 (278) in 2019 and 26,727



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

Ashok

Gehlot

crease 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 Karnal 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

### **'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** 

# **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 UU 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 listed in the SC yet," he said.

# **INDEPENDENCE DAY 'TERROR ATTACK PLOT'** Azamgarh youth's family says **ATS wrongly arrested him**

SABAHUDDIN AZMI, 25, arrested

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,

Expressing dismay over his ar-

his family and neighbours said.

rest, Azmi's family and neighbours

in Mubarakpur area of Azamgarh

claimed that he was innocent and

wrongly arrested by the UP ATS.

ATS has wrongly taken action

against him," Sabahuddin's cousin

Sabahuddin from our house. A

day later, the ATS picked two more

men from the area. On Tuesday,

Salauddin said.

"My brother is innocent. The

"Last week, police picked up

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police showed the arrest of Sabahuddin and released the two others vouths." he added.

Azmi had links with Islamic State (IS) and was also planning to tar-

knowledge anv about Sabahuddin.

"Sabahuddin used to play an ATS claimed on Tuesday that active part in the election campaigns. We don't know which political party he was supporting."

#### 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.

Varavara

Rao

V Raju, however, said Rao was try-

ing to delay the trial by filing a dis-

the counter-affidavit filed by the

agency and pointed to a letter al-

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Milind Teltumbde, who was killed

in an encounter in 2021, to an-

other 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

The law officer said Rao was a

these were "grave allegations".

member of the banned CPI

Maoist) and had engaged in ne-

farious activities due to which he

was denied permanent bail. "The

nature of his activities is danger-

ous and harmful for the nation. He

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

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 hear-

ing. 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

"We filed a petition to modify

pension scheme in Telangana".

the condition but it has not been

Reacting to the SC order,

The court, however, said it has

is very shrewd," said Raju.

bench told the ASG.

The ASG referred the court to

charge application.

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

#### murders fit a 'communal' pattern Mysuru Jail allegedly by gangster Kiran Shetty. Another accused, Imtiyaz, was stabbed by a gang linked to local gangster Lokesh EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE LUCKNOW. AUGUST 9

Incidentally, police are investigating possible links of Kodikere to the Fazil murder case too, since by the Anti-Terrorism Squad

INVESTIGATIONS into the communal murders in the coastal Karnataka region of Dakshina





20 in past decade, latest Karnataka

Kodikere in 2018

tween July 20 and July 28 indicate a pattern similar to that seen in 20 murders in the state over the past decade.

Kannada and Mangaluru be-

**JOHNSON TA** 

BENGALURU, AUGUST 10

As many as nine murders, including the recent three, were titfor-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

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

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Shivamogga, 2015	Mohammed Nasir,
M Raju,	Mangaluru, <mark>2015</mark>
Mysuru, <mark>2016</mark>	Safwan Pillar
Rajesh Kotian,	Someshwar, Ullal, 2016
Bantwal, DK, 2016	Mustafa Kovoor,
Praveen Pujari,	Mysuru, <mark>2016</mark> ,
Kodagu, <mark>2016</mark>	prison murder
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Bengaluru, <mark>2016</mark>	Bantwal, 2017
Sharath Madivala,	Md Haneef, Udupi, 2017
Bantwal, <mark>2017</mark>	Ashraf Kalayi,
Deepak Rao,	Bantwal, <i>DK</i> , <mark>2017</mark>
Mangaluru, 2018	Abdul Basheer,
<ul> <li>Harsha,</li> </ul>	Kovoor, <mark>2018</mark> ,
Shivamogga, <mark>2022</mark>	Masood B, Bellare, 2022
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 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

2022

the Bajrang Dal, Prashant Poojary,

Md Fazil, Mangaluru,

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

ously associated with the gangster. Two years after Poojary's killing set off the murders, in June 2017, SDPI activist Ashraf Kalayi

two of the arrested were previ-

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 externment were ordered," he said.

### 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. SHO

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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. ...Applicant MR ANURAG SHARMA ...Defendants D-1 MR ANURAG SHARMA S/O MR P.P. SHARMA

R/O A-89, AHSOK VIHAR, PHASE-III, 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-III, 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 you 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-I/and Recovery Officer-II 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

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 Maiithia 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



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.





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London: China has called

the US the "main instiga-

tor" of the Ukraine crisis. In

an interview with TASS

published on Wednesday,

China's ambassador to

Moscow, Zhang Hanhui,

accused US of backing

Russia into a corner with

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#### MEANWHILE Wildfires Rage In France

A wildfire was advancing through the Gironde region of southwestern France on Wednesday, destroying homes and forcing the evacuation of thousands of residents. More than 1,000 firefighters backed by water-bombing aircraft were fighting the fire that has razed more than 6,000 hectares and is still burning out of control.

### TOPOFTHE \_ WORLD

#### **JAPAN**

#### **PM** purges **Cabinet after** support falls

Tokyo: Japanese PM Fumio Kishida reshuffled his Cabinet on Wednesday in an apparent bid to distance his administration from the conservative Unification Church over its ties to the assassinated leader Shinzo Abe and senior ruling party members. Kishida said it was important to gain people's trust and that the new Cabinet included only those who agreed to strictly review their ties to church and help the victims of the allegedly fraudulent religious businesses. AP

### PAKISTAN

#### Sedition: Channel CEO, anchor held

Karachi: Pakistan's ARY news channel on Wednesday reported that police arrested its head and registered an FIR against CEO and others in connection with some controversial remarks made by opposition party leader Shahbaz Gill during a programme. Police arrested the head of ARY News Ammad Yousuf and booked producer Adeel Raja, anchors Arshad Sharif and Khawar Ghuman, the Dawn said. PTI

### **CHINA**

#### #MeToo case appeal rejected

Beijing: A Chinese court rejected an appeal on Wednesday from a woman seeking an apology and damages in a highprofile case from the country's short-lived #MeToo movement. The court in Beijing ruled after a hearing that evidence submitted by Zhou Xiaoxuan was insufficient to prove sexual harassment, upholding the initial judgment last September.

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# TRIES TO AVOID SELF-INCRIMINATION IN CIVIL INVESTIGATION INTO HIS FAMILY'S BUSINESS PRACTICES Trump refuses to answer questions in NY deposition, invokes Fifth Amendment shield

#### REUTERS NEW YORK, AUGUST 10

FORMER US President Donald Trump said on Wednesday he refused to answer questions during an appearance before New York state's attorney general in a civil investigation into his family's business practices, citing his constitutional right against selfincrimination. Trump, his son Donald Trump

r and daughter Ivanka Trump, had fought unsuccessfully to avoid appearing for testimony in state Attorney General Letitia James's probe into whether the Trump Organization inflated real estate values to obtain favourable loans and understated asset values to get tax breaks.

### Polio spreading in London, booster campaign starts for kids under 10

#### REUTERS LONDON, AUGUST 10

BRITAIN IS launching a polio vaccine booster campaign for children in London aged below 10, after confirming that the virus is spreading in the capital for the first time since the 1980s.

The UK Health Security Agency has identified 116 polioviruses from 19 sewage samples this year in London. It first raised the alert on finding the virus in sewage samples in June. The levels of poliovirus found

since and the genetic diversity indicated that transmission was taking place in a number of London boroughs, the agency said on Wednesday. No cases have yet been iden-

tified but, in a bid to get ahead of a potential outbreak, GPs will now invite children aged 1-9 for booster vaccines, alongside a wider catch-up campaign alreadv announced. Immunization rates across London vary, but are on average below the 95% coverage rate the WHO suggests is needed to keep polio under control.



Former President Donald departs Trump Tower. Wednesday. AP

"I declined to answer the questions under the rights and privileges afforded to every citizen under the United States Constitution." Trump said in a statement issued roughly an hour after he arrived in a motorcade to the attorney general's office in lower Manhattan.

The Constitution's Fifth Amendment protects against selfincrimination. Trump's decision not to answer questions still could carry consequences. Should the investigation lead to a trial, jurors could take his silence into account. Politically, it also could give adversaries ammunition about whether Trump has something to hide as he mulls another run for the presidency in 2024.

James has said her investigation has uncovered significant evidence that the Trump Organization, which manages hotels, golf courses and other

real estate, gave banks and tax authorities misleading financial information to obtain benefits.

cent, why are you taking the Fifth Amendment?" Trump said in his statement. "Now I know the answer to that question." Trump added, "When your

family, your company, and all the people in your orbit have become the targets of an unfounded, politically motivated Witch Hunt supported by lawyers, prosecutors, and the Fake News Media, you have no choice.



THE FIFTH Amendment to Constitution establishes a number of rights related to legal proceedings, including that no one "shall

### Withdraws promise not to send troops to Taiwan if it takes control China calls US

to annex Taiwan

China reaffirms

military threat

#### AGENCIES **BEIJING, AUGUST 10**

CHINA ON Wednesday repeated military threats against Taiwan while appearing to wind down wargames near the self-governing island it claims as its own territory that have raised tensions between the two sides to their highest level in years.

The message in a lengthy policy statement issued by the Cabinet's Taiwan Affairs Office and its news department followed almost a week of missile firings and incursions into Taiwanese waters and airspace by Chinese warships and air force planes.

An English-language version of the Chinese statement said Beijing would "work with the greatest sincerity and exert our utmost efforts to achieve peaceful reunification." "But we will not renounce the use of force and we reserve the option of taking all necessary measures. This is to guard against external interference and all separatist

activities." it said. China had said in two previous white papers on Taiwan, in 1993 and 2000, that it "will not send troops or administrative personnel to be based in Taiwan" after achieving what Beijing terms "reunification". That line. meant to assure Taiwan it would enjoy autonomy after becoming a special administrative region of China, did not appear in the

ment said. Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council condemned the white paper, saying it was "full of lies of wishful thinking and disregarded the facts" and that the Republic of China - Taiwan's official name - was a sovereign state.

# **UAE overturns jail term** for former Khashoggi attorney, will deport him

#### **ISABEL DEBRE** DUBAI, AUGUST 10

THE UNITED Arab Emirates on Wednesday overturned a threeyear prison sentence for an American citizen who had represented slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, one of his

Ghafoor's lawyer spoke on condition of anonymity because he did not want to disrupt the proceedings as his client was still in the UAE. He said Ghafoor was ordered to pay the \$1.36 million

fine before he could leave the

country. There was no immedi-

ate acknowledgement from

Emirati officials. The US Embassy

in Abu Dhabi did not respond to

through Dubai en route to

Ghafoor had been transiting

request for comment.

tion facility in Abu Dhabi, where

he was sentenced to three years

in prison followed by deporta-

# THAILAND AGREES TO LET HIM STAY FOR SHORT PERIOD After weeks in Singapore, Gotabaya is likely to leave for Bangkok today

He will look for permanent refuge in third country: Thailand PM

#### AGENCIES

SINGAPORE, BANGKOK, AUGUST10

> THAILAND HAS agreed to allow Gotabaya Rajapaksa to stay in the country temporarily during which the ousted Sri Lankan president will search for a third nation that will offer him permanent refuge, Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha said on Wednesday. Rajapaksa, who is currently in

Singapore after fleeing Sri Lanka in July amid mass anti-government protests, is seeking refuge in Thailand as his Singapore visa runs out on Thursday.

The PM of Thailand confirmed a temporary visit to Thailand by the 73-year-old embattled Sri Lankan leader for humanitarian reasons, and said he

promised not to conduct political activities in the kingdom dur-Post newspaper. ing his search for permanent

Rajapaksa is expected to leave Singapore and head to Thailand's capital Bangkok on Thursday, two sources said. "This is a humanitarian issue.

We have made a promise that it's a temporary stay. No [political] activities are allowed, and this will help him find a country to

take refuge in," Prayut was

dock in Lanka after Bangladesh denies entry Karachi: Sri Lanka has allowed

Pak warship to

Pakistan's Chinese-built frigate warship PNS Taimur to make a port call in Colombo while on its way to join the Pakistan Navy on August 15 after the Bangladesh government denied it permission to dock at Chattogram Port.

The warship was to anchor outside the Chattogram port from August 7 to 10 on its journey from Shanghai to Karachi. The Sheikh Hasina government denied permission to PNS Taimur as August is a month of mourning for Hasina whose father Sheikh Mujib-ur-Rehman was assassinated on August 15, 1975. "The warship which is equipped with laser guided missiles is now anchored at the Colombo port after the Sri Lankan government gave it permission," an official said, PTI

Foreign Minister Don

#### 'The Snowman' children's author **ZONAL OFFICE, PATNA ZONE**

#### 123 DAYS OF MASSIVE UPRISING: The protesters leave the main anti-government protest camp at Galle Face promenade, bringing an end to 123 days of protests. Reuters

quoted as saying by the Bangkok Pramudwinai said the ousted

president can stay in Thailand for 90 days as he is still a diplomatic passport holder, the report said. Don said Sri Lankan gov-

ernment did not oppose the visit and Thai government would not make accommodation arrangements for him.

# the United States

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be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself". In the most direct sense, that means criminal defendants don't have to give damning testimony in their own cases. But it has come to apply in noncriminal contexts, too.

Trump in his statement again denied wrongdoing and sought to portray the investigation by James as part of a years-long vendetta against him by her and others including the news media. "I once asked, 'If you're inno-

#### Bank of India

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLIC AUCTION OF PLEDGED GOLD JEWELLERY/ORNAMENTS/COINS

It is hereby brought to the notice of the following gold loan borrowers, their legal heirs, persons engaged in business of gold jewelry/ornaments/coins and general public that in spite of repeated reminders/ notices by the Bank, the following borrowers are not repaying their dues to the Bank

Account No. Name of the Borrower		Address	Gross Weight of the Gold	Place of auction				
443765310000145	Bipul Kumar	S/o Vijay Prasad Yadav, H/O Meena Kumari, At- Anand Bihar Colony, Ashiana Khajpura, Patna	46.17 gm	Bank of India, Ashiyana Ramnagri - Branch				
441065310000012	Gunja Kumari	D/o Tejendra Prasad Singh, Kamal Bhawan Yarpur, Rajputana PO-GPO, Phulwari, Patna	19.36 gm	Bank of India, B C P Marg - Branch				
443765310000189	Shailendra Narayan Das	HO Mr. R D N Singh At A- 8, Road No. 1 Majistrate, Colony Opp. Sharons Public School, Patna		Bank of India, Ashiyana Ramnagri - Branch				

Notice is hereby published that if they fail to deposit all their dues in their respective gold loan accounts (including up-to-date interest and all costs charges/ expenses) by **29.08.2022** then from **3:00 PM of 30.08.2022** their pledged gold jewelry/ornaments/ coins will be put up for public auction in the branch premises. For this, Bank shall not be held responsible for any inconvenience or damage caused to the concerned borrowers and no allegations or epresentations will be entertained from any borrowers in this regard

Persons interested to take part in the bidding should deposit Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) with the Branch Manager before the scheduled time/ date towards earnest money. Persons having taken part in final bidding must be able to deposit full amount to the Bank within 48 hours, failing which their earnest money, deposited with the Bank will be forfeited. Bank reserves the right to cancel the auction without assigning any reasons in case, the bidding price so arrived at, is observed to be low or inadequate. Further, if need be, Bank reserves the right to change the date, time or place of the above scheduled auction or cancel the same without assigning any reasons thereon.



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#### Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Punjab National Bank, Circle SASTRA Ara, 1st Floor Mahuli Kothi, Near Peer Baba More, Ara-802301 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financia Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 ead with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 25.05.2021 calling upon the Borrower M/s Maa Tara Traders, Sh. Ramdhani Jaiswal (Prop), and Smt. Geeta Devi to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 82,96,330.72 (Rupees Eighty Two Lacs Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty and Paisa Seventy Two Only) and interest thereon from 01.04.2021 vithin 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and public in general hat the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **5th day of** August, 2022.

Fhe borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any lealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank of Rs. 1,00,59,381.72 (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty One and Paisa Seventy Two Only) as on 31.07.2022 with further interest and charges from 01.08.2022 until payment in full

The Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of subsection (8) of section 13 of he Act in respect to time available to redeem the secured assets

#### Description of Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of property situated at- (1) Mauza- Dandawa, Anchal+PS- Mohania, Thana No.- 535 Khata No. 255, Khesra No.1306, Area<mark>-</mark> 1.25 Decimal, Owner:- Smt. Geeta Devi W/o Sh Ramdhani Jaiswal Deed No. 2063 dated 13.03.1996- Boundary:- North- Khanta Road, South- Siwan Awari, East- Puranwasi West- Rest Plot of 1306 & **(2)** Mauza- Dandawa, Anchal+PS- Mohania, Thana No.- 535, Khata No. 255 Khesra No.1306, Area- 1.25 Decimal, Owner:- Smt. Geeta Devi W/o Sh Ramdhani Jaiswal. Deed No. 2066 dated 13.03.1996- Boundary:- North- Khanta Road, South- Siwan Awari, East- Geeta Devi, West-Manorma Devi

Date : 05.08.2022     (Authorised Officer)       Place : Kaimur     Punjab National Bank
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# **Raymond Briggs passes away at 88**

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** LONDON, AUGUST 10

asylum in another country.

BRITISH CHILDREN'S author and illustrator Raymond Briggs, whose creations include "The Snowman" and "Fungus the Bogeyman," has died. He was 88. Briggs' family said he died

Tuesday, and thanked staff at Royal Sussex County Hospital, near his home in southern England, "for their kind and





thoughtful care of Raymond in his final weeks." "We know that Raymond's

books were loved by and touched millions of people around the world, who will be

sad to hear this news." the family said in a statement released Wednesday through Publisher Penguin Random House.

Born in London in 1934, Briggs studied art and briefly worked in advertising before starting a decades-long career as a children's illustrator. He won a Kate Greenaway Medal - considered the Oscars of children's publishing - in 1966 for illustrating a book of nursery rhymes, "The Mother Goose Treasury."

lawyers said, instead punishing him with a fine of \$1.36 million and deportation. The US citizen, Virginia-

based lawyer Asim Ghafoor, had been convicted in absentia in the UAE on murky charges that included money laundering and tax evasion. Authorities have not released specifics about the case, saying only that it involved illegal money transfers through the UAE banking system.

Last month. Ghafoor's supporters say Emirati security agents arrested him upon landing at Dubai International Airport and sent him to a deten-

Istanbul for a family wedding. His supporters say he had no idea the UAE had convicted him at some point in the past. Emirati authorities claim they had investigated Ghafoor at the request of the US. The State Department, however, said

Washington had not ordered

Ghafoor's detention.

Afghan man arrested for New THIS WEEK'S DELUGE BROUGHT HEAVIEST RAIN IN 115 YRS IN SEOUL Mexico killing Like a scene from 'Parasite': Floods of four Muslims

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS** AUGUST 10



Muhammad Syed Syed

arrest of a local Muslim man originally from Afghanistan who

Muhammad Syed, 51, was arrested on Monday after a traffic stop over 160 km away from his home in Albuquerque. He was charged with killing two victims and was identified as the prime suspect in the other two slayings,

Police Chief Harold Medina said it was not clear yet whether the deaths should be classified as hate crimes or serial killings or both. "The offender knew the victims to some extent, and an interpersonal conflict may have led to the shootings," police said.

#### THE AMBUSH **HYONHEE SHIN &** killings of four **HYEYEON KIM** Muslim men in SEOUL, AUGUST 10

USING A plastic bowl, Ha In-sik bailed water out of his lower ground apartment in the low-income housing district of Sillim in southwestern Seoul on Wednesday, where flooding caused by torrential rain forced his family to sleep at a nearby park.

The 50-year-old man, along with his wife and daughter had collected home appliances, furniture, books and even cutlery, and put them outside to see what was salvageable.

The scene bore uncomfortable similarities with the sewage-flooded semi-basement flat depicted in the 2020 Oscarwinning South Korean film "Parasite," that was a tale of growing social disparity in Asia's fourth-largest economy.

The floods have caused inconvenience and monetary losses in the wealthier parts of



A submerged house following heavy rain in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday. AP

the capital, like the glitzy Ha said. "But I'm hopeless now. Gangnam neighbourhood a few Everything is gone, there's no miles away. But in places like help and I don't even have a Sillim, the floods have snuffed spoon to eat food with." Ha wasout what little hope desperate n't alone in his misery. Other respeople like Ha had clung to in oridents in Sillim were scooping up der just to keep going.

water with large bowls or comb-"I've got no money, nothing. ing through the detritus to see But I had come here to live in this whatever was still usable. basement, as it was only option I had to live with my daughter," members living in the neigh-

lay bare social disparity in S Korea with developmental disabilities, drowned in their lower ground apartment. President Yoon Sukyeol visited Sillim a day later.

On Wednesday, Yoon apologised for the tragedy and called for measures to improve housing safety to protect old, poor or disabled people and families, like Ha's, whose homes were most vulnerable to flooding.

At least 10 people have perished as a result of the torrential rain that has swept across the northern part of the country since Monday, knocking out power, causing landslides and flooding roads and subways.

This week's deluge brought the heaviest rain in 115 years in Seoul, according to the Korea Meteorological Administration. An official at the Gwanak dis-

trict office said recovery efforts can be slower due to the concentration of tiny apartments and houses lining the narrow streets, which has wide boulevards and office buildings. REUTERS



On Monday, three family

knew the victims, authorities said.

authorities announced Tuesday.

#### munity but inspired a flood of information, including a tip that led to the

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### EVERYDAY SCIENCE

# WHAT IS LANGYA, THE NEW ZOONOTIC **VIRUS DETECTED IN CHINA?**

#### SAURABH KAPOOR NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

ALMOST THREE years after novel coronavirus was detected in China, a new zoonotic virus has been discovered in the country's two eastern provinces with 35 infections identified so far. This is a new type of Henipavirus, which is being called the Langya Henipavirus or the LayV.

Henipaviruses are classified as biosafety level 4 (BSL4) pathogens. They can cause severe illness in animals and humans, and there are no licensed drugs or vaccines for humans.

#### What is Langya virus?

The new virus is a "phylogenetically distinct Henipavirus", according to a recent study - A Zoonotic Henipavirus in Febrile Patients in China -- published in The New England Journal of Medicine.

The Henipaviruses identified prior to this include Hendra, Nipah, Cedar, Mojiang and the Ghanaian bat virus. According to the US CDC, Cedar, Mojiang and Ghanaian viruses are not known to cause human disease. But Hendra and Nipah infect humans and can cause fatal illness

Langya, meanwhile, causes fever, with the NEJM study calling for a deeper investigation of associated human illness.

The study adds that Langya's genome organization is identical to other Henipaviruses, and is closely related to the Mojiang virus.

#### How was it discovered?

Langya was discovered during surveillance testing of patients who had fever along with a recent history of animal exposure. It was identified and isolated from the throat swab sample of one of those patients. According to the NEIM study, 35 patients with LayV infection were found in Shandong and Henan, out of which 26 were found only infected with this new virus.

#### What are the symptoms?

The study looked at the 26 patients with

SCIENTISTS HAVE found evidence to sug-

gest that spiders might be more like hu-

mans than previously imagined. While

they snooze, they might not just be resting,

but perhaps even dreaming.



The virus was discovered in eastern China during surveillance testing. Gettyimages

only LayV infection to identify the associated symptoms. While all 26 had fever, 54% reported fatigue, 50% had cough, 38% complained of nausea. Also, 35% of the 26 complained of headache and vomiting. The study found that 35% had impaired liver function, while 8% had their kidney function impacted. The patients were also accompanied by abnormalities of "thrombocytopenia (35%), leukopenia (54%)". Thrombocytopenia is low platelet count, while leukopenia means a fall in the white blood cell count.

#### Where has the virus come from?

In all likelihood, the new virus has jumped from an animal to humans. The LavV virus RNA has been predominantly found in shrews, which may be its natural hosts. The study zeroed in on shrews after conducting a serosurvey of domestic and wild animals. Among domestic animals, seropositivity was detected in goats and dogs.

#### What about human-to-human transmission?

The authors of the study have underlined that the sample size of their investigation is too small to determine humanto-human transmission. However, they point out that among the 35 patients, there was "no close contact or common exposure history", which suggests that the "infection in the human population may be sporadic".

# SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER Bihar churn in Opp calculus

Nitish Kumar's power play has been read as a twist in the emerging 2024 tale. Can he be the Opposition face against PM Narendra Modi? On what assumptions is this narrative based, what are the challenges?

#### MANOJCG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

TWO DEVELOPMENTS - the split in the Shiv Sena and the fall of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government in Maharashtra, and the political trapeze of Nitish Kumar in Bihar – have injected fresh vigour in Indian politics. Maharashtra and Bihar together have 88 seats in Lok Sabha – a little more than a sixth of the total – and are critical for both the BIP and the Opposition.

In 2019, the BJP, in alliance with the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra and JD(U) and LJP in Bihar, had swept these states, winning 80 seats in all -40 of which were the BJP's own. In Maharashtra, the Opposition won just 7 seats - and in Bihar, the Congress got 1 seat and the RJD was wiped out.

Political equations have been turned on their head now. Nitish Kumar has switched back to the Opposition, which is pushing the narrative that the BIP is friendless - or without allies — and is out to finish all other parties. Indeed, since 2019, the BJP has lost three major allies: Shiromani Akali Dal in Punjab, Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, and JD(U) in Bihar.

But can the Opposition, disparate and divided, find a common thread against the BIP for the 2024 elections? Will it be able to find a face it can agree on, to challenge Narendra Modi? Can Nitish Kumar be that face and unifier?

#### Does the opposition need a face opposite Modi's for 2024?

With the Congress, the central pole in the anti-BJP tent, in terminal decline, several other Opposition stalwarts - Mamata Banerjee, Arvind Kejriwal, K Chandrasekhar Rao, Sharad Pawar – nurse national ambitions. But the appeal of almost all of these leaders is confined largely to their states, and none of them appears willing to accept any of the others.

Almost all coalition governments before the Modiera – the United Front, UPA, or even NDA-I - took shape after the elections, with candidates emerging out of negotiations among parties. But the political situation now is completely different from 2004, 1996 or even 1989. The overwhelming dominance of the BJP, the rightward shift of the centre of gravity of mainstream politics, and the hugely successful presidential nature of Modi's campaign have changed the rules of

An influential section of the Opposition



Nitish Kumar Wednesdav ruled himself out of the race to become the next PM. but warned the BIP to worry about its 2024 election prospects. Express Archives

Flying abroad, why customs wants your PNR data

spectrum believes that projecting a face, or West, or Northeast,

The silence of Mamata Banerjee and Arvind Kejriwal on Nitish's switch is telling. The Gandhis too have not spoken. Sharad Pawar has merely said that Nitish has taken a wise step, anticipating the crisis that the BJP was planning to create in his state – a comment which fits into the narrative that the BJP devours its allies.

Samithi, on the other hand, have appeared enthusiastic. And former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda has tweeted: "...The developments in Bihar [have] made me think of the days when the Janata Dal parivar was under one roof. It has given three PMs. I am in my advanced years but if the younger generation decides, it can offer a good al-

#### Which other leader can be a possible contender to lead the Opposition?

have all said that the Opposition should come together, but no leader has mentioned

any specifics; neither has there been any concerted effort at converting speech into action. Kejriwal has maintained a distance from the rest of the Opposition, which he believes suits him politically. Each of these leaders thinks they have a chance – and a roadmap.

Mamata believes the Trinamool Congress can sweep West Bengal, which has 42 seats, and win a handful of seats elsewhere. Many TMC leaders think the Congress will slide further. Mamata is comparatively better placed than the other contenders.

With his party's influence limited to 17 seats in Telangana, KCR can only hope to emerge as a catalytic agent to bring the Opposition together.

Pawar is head and shoulders above the field in stature. But he is 81, and past his prime. Pawar does not believe a viable Opposition coalition is possible without the Congress.

#### So where does the Congress stand in all of this?

The Congress is in a dilemma. Rahul Gandhi seems to believe that the family needs to make a tactical retreat from the leadership of the party. His return as Congress president will automatically pitchfork him as the challenger to Modi, a situation he wants to avoid.

With some regional parties challenging the premise of Congress preeminence, the party took a back seat in the selection of opposition candidates for President and Vice President. The party is also ready to explore the option of allowing a non-Congress leader to head, and possibly revive, the largely defunct UPA. But Mamata's aggression – entering the fray in Goa and trying to lead the Opposition in the selection of the presidential candidate - has not gone down well with the Congress.

Mamata can likely be countered better by Pawar or even Nitish. The Bihar CM sent a signal on Wednesday: he has no "daawedari" on Prime Ministerial ambitions, he said, but the BJP should remember that 2014 is the past and they should worry about 2024.

A section of the Congress feels the party is too caught up with electing its president to give serious thought to rallying the opposition for 2024. The party also hopes to change the political narrative with its fourmonth, 3500-km Kanyakumari to Kashmir vatra beginning September 7.

It is clear that despite the Bihar switch boosting the anti-BJP parties, the Opposition space remains as fluid as ever

Daniela C. Rößler, a behavioural ecologist from the University of Konstanz in Germany, along with her colleagues recorded baby jumping spiders (Evarcha arcuata) infrared cameras with overnight, and found that they exhibited characteristics that were similar to human sleep PAPER cycles, such as leg curling, twitching and eye movement. This could suggest that jumping spiders experience NEW RESEARCH an "REM sleep-like state" that

dream, and is considered to play an integral role in learning and memory retention.

ing of limbs.

REM sleep is the movement of

#### The most noticeable sign of the eyes, but it is difficult for re-

#### creased brain activity. The body's muscles begin to paralyze, suppressing most body movements but allowing for slight flutterthe game entirely. This is the phase in which most people

liance, would be counterproductive - and amount to walking into Modi's trap. They say there is no face in the Opposition space with a pan-Indian appeal. Others argue that there is a pressing need to present an alternative – a credible narrative and a counter story. Can Nitish Kumar be the Opposition's

#### face, if anti-BJP parties do decide to put up one?

even entering into a pre-poll anti-BJP al-

Nitish has been Chief Minister of Bihar since 2005, except for a brief period when he stepped aside for Jitan Ram Manjhi in 2014-15. Both his critics and well wishers believe he has national ambitions. He remains a staunch socialist with a record of governance that is unmatched in Bihar.

Secular in outlook, Nitish has stitched an impressive caste coalition in his state. He is one of the few anti-BJP leaders of stature in the Hindi heartland, where the BJP pulverized the Opposition in 2014 and 2019. And he carries no taint of corruption.

But because of his legendary flip-flops, and especially his move to embrace the BJP

in 2017, there is a certain deficit of trust in Nitish. Also, he has no appeal in the South,

The DMK and Telangana Rashtra

ternative...'

The Congress, Mamata, Pawar, and KCR



Spiders dream like humans

when they snooze, study finds

humans and other vertebrae undergo, the researchers claimed in their study published in the journal, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS) on August 8.

REM or Rapid Eye Movement sleep is characterized by shifting of eyes and insearchers to determine how widespread it is amongst the animal kingdom, as insects and most terrestrial arthropods lack movable eyes. While the eight eyes of jumping spiders are fixed to their heads, they have long tubes that allow their retinas to move around at the back of their

principal eyes. Baby spiders also temporarily lack pigment in their exoskeletons, which allows scientists to peer inside and observe the retinal tubes.

Scientists have hypothesized that the eye movements which occur during REM sleep are reflective of visual dream sequences. SOURCE: PNAS

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#### **AANCHAL MAGAZINE &** PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

WITH ITS new Passenger Name Record Information Regulations, 2022, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has asked airlines to mandatorily share PNR (passenger name record) details of all international passengers with the National Customs Targeting Centre-Passenger, 24 hours prior to departure of flights.

The regulations are aimed at "risk analysis" of passengers to prevent economic and other offenders from fleeing the country, as well as check illicit trade like smuggling.

#### The new regulation

As per the notification issued Monday, airlines will have to share 19 data points with the authorities. This includes the name of the passenger; date of intended travel; all available contact details; payment or billing information such as credit card numbers; travel status, including confirmation and check-in; baggage, seat information; and travel agency or agent from where the ticket was issued.

Every aircraft operator will have to seek registration with Customs for its implemen-

Airlines will have to mandatorily share 19 data points with the Customs department. Express Archives

tation and will have to transfer PNR information, not later than 24 hours before the departure time, or at the departure time wheels off. For each act of non-compliance by an aircraft operator or its authorised agent. the National Customs Targeting Centre-Passenger can impose a penalty between Rs 25,000-50,000.

#### Objective behind the move

"The objective is to collect advance information on passengers for better risk profiling," a senior CBIC official said.

Airline officials said the move creates a standardised process of passenger data sharing, given that non-standard requests could potentially lead to privacy infringements.

The consent will be "manifested" by the person's registration in the passengers' list of the aircraft operator, and the data will be recorded for prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of offences under the ustoms Act.

With this, India joins over 60 countries, including the US, that have regulations on sharing of advanced passenger information with Customs and border control authori-

"The onus of collecting and sharing such information in a timely manner has been put on the airline operators. Further, while strict privacy guidelines have been stipulated under the said regulations, the government should ensure that the same are duly enforced to prevent unauthorised usage," said Abhishek Jain, Partner, Indirect Tax, KPMG in India.

#### Ground rules

In addition to the Customs department, law enforcement agencies or government departments of India or any other country can also gain access to the data "on a case-

to-case" basis. This is subject to maintenance of the same level of information protection. privacy and safeguards, and provided these agencies specify the purpose of the information being sought.

In a statement Wednesday, the Finance Ministry said that the information collected is subject to strict information privacy and data protection and there are adequate legal and administrative safeguards built in. Processing of the information to reveal ethnicity, race, religious or philosophical beliefs, health etc. is strictly prohibited. Hardware and software necessary for data protection has already been envisaged. The information received is used for further processing only by a senior officer of the rank of Principal Additional Director General/Additional Director General," it said.

The National Customs Targeting Centre-Passenger, set up by the CBIC, will process information for dealing with offences under the Customs Act, and also for law enforcement agencies or government departments or any other country.

There shall be an extensive independent system audit and security audit on an annual basis to prevent misuse. The information would be retained in the Customs designated system for a maximum period of five years.

# Why is govt pushing for a common charger for all personal devices

#### SHRUTI DHAPOLA & **HARIKISHAN SHARMA** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

THE UNION government is exploring the possibility of adopting a common charging standard for mobile phones and other portable electronic devices.

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs has now invited industry and other concerned stakeholders for a meeting to brainstorm a framework where there are only two types of charging ports in India - one for feature phones, and the other for "small and medium sized electronic devices like smartphones. laptops, tablets, earbuds, portable speakers, etc".

#### Reason for the push

The ministry's move comes in the backdrop of the concept of LiFE – Lifestyle for the Environment – announced by the Prime Minister at the UN Climate Change Conference (CoP 26) held in Glasgow last year. Besides, the Union Cabinet has also approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) – a climate action plan to cut emissions, according to which, the country has committed to reducing the emissions intensity of the GDP by 45% by 2030. To achieve this, the ministry is aiming to reduce electronic waste.

#### Involving stakeholders

The ministry has invited representatives of industry bodies and other stakeholders for a meeting on August 17. In a letter calling for the meeting, Secretary, Consumer Affairs, Rohit Kumar Singh, said that it has been observed that due to the incompatibility of charging ports between old and new devices, consumers are forced to buy a separate charger and cable every time they purchase a new gadget. Not only do consumers face inconvenience, this also adds to avoidable e-consumption, the letter adds. Based on this rationale, the government wants to brainstorm the possibility of ending the redundancy of having multiple chargers in every household.

#### Impact on industry

If there is a directive mandating a common charger for all smartphones, laptops, earbuds, etc., then Apple would be the biggest player impacted, especially in the phones segment. The reason: Apple's iPhone is still using the Lighting port for charging, and this requires a different cable compared to most other Android phones.

If you have an iPhone and a MacBook Air M1. vou require two separate chargers. But if you have the new iPad and MacBook, you can charge them both using the same Type-C cable. Also, while Apple has reintroduced its famed MagSafe charging on the new M2powered MacBooks, it has continued support for Type-C charging. So, regular Type-C charging can be used to keep these going as well.

Apple's Lightning port is in stark contrast to devices from players like Samsung, Xiaomi, Oppo, Vivo, and Realme -- the top five brands in the Indian smartphone market. All five have switched to phones with Type-C charging ports.

There are also some older budget phones in the market with the micro-USB cable such as the basic Redmi or Realme series, but these are mostly priced under Rs 10,000. The segment above Rs 10,000 has largely adopted the Type-C cable.

Some of Amazon's older Kindle ebooks also come with the older micro-USB charging ports. Still, the newer Kindle Paperwhite Signature has switched to the Type-C USB. Even in the truly wireless stereo (TWS) and Bluetooth headphone segment, most brands are offering Type-C charging. This holds true even for the most affordable budget segment earbuds in the market.

The directive could extend to laptops as well. Many laptops come with their own custom charging ports and cables. But brands like Asus, Lenovo, HP and Dell have also adopted Type-C charging. Many of the Type-C ports on these devices can be used to charge the laptop as well. While custom port chargers in some laptops ensure faster charging, a regular Type-C cable also gets the job done.

#### Not a new idea

This idea of 'one charger for all devices' is not new. In June, the European Union had reached an agreement for establishing a single charging solution.

According to reports, the new requirements will apply once a law is passed, which is likely to happen this year. The EU plans to give a grace period of 24 months to phone manufacturers and 40 months to laptops manufacturers to adopt new standards.

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# NDA SHRINKING

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

S 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 BJPled 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 LJP, 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

LOBAL 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 re-

# 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 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 selfserving, 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.

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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.

The nine lives of Nitish

Bihar drama should not be a moment for euphoria for

Opposition, it isn't a pathway to national regeneration

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 Nitishled 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 oldfashioned politics. But this is not a moment for euphoria, or a pathway to national regeneration.

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# A BETRAYAL IN BIHAR

Opposition needs a new vision and vocabulary, not Nitish

sumption 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

SSEY 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".

#### 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 wellstrategised 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

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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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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 24hour 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

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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.







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# 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 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 -- midnight 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 Iamaat-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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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), longterm 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.

Pakistan denied 14 talented players including Amer Karim, Junaid Sohail, Mehak Gul, Aleena Zahid and Wasif Zenobia the chance to win the Chess Olympiad because "India politicised a prestigious international sporting event". This misunderstanding of politics is unsurprising — most deep states are unfamiliar with Bernard Crick's 1962 book *In Defence of Politics*, which celebrated the self-healing genius of brutally competitive politics within a stable constitution. The then J&K Chief Justice A S Anand told us that his 1980s request to an Oxford University li-

#### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The US always puts up a 'righteous' face when blaming others, but it looks so natural when it does the 'wrong' deeds itself." -GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

# 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



#### Neetika Vishwanath

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 wellfounded 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 deeprooted 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 JS Verma Committee on preventing sexual violence had little do with legal changes.

ual abuse by family members and relatives. The parliamentary discussions in the leadup 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.

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.

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Chief, and currently Jihad Council Chief

based in PoK -- must lose his Amira Kadal

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and dynasty. Even Baba-e-Quom Sheikh

Abdullah – whose 1982 funeral procession

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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 -

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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, prestigious international sporting event". This misunderstanding of politics is unsurprising — most deep states are unfamiliar with Bernard Crick's 1962 book 'In Defence of Politics', which celebrated the self-healing genius of brutally competitive politics within a stable constitution.

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brarian for a copy of the Pakistani constitution got the smiling response: "We don't keep magazines and periodicals." Strategy is the art of moving the possible to plausible and probable. Peace in Kashmir has moved from possible to plausible. Ongoing hard work in creating new jobs and politicians in Kashmir combined with the Pakistani people controlling their deep state will make it probable.

MN Sabharwal is former Director General of J&K Police and Manish Sabharwal is a J&K-born entrepreneur 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 sexIt 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 same discrimination

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

#### Pushpendra Singh

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 subcategorisation 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

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 sufficient 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 subcategorisation 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 Chouksey, 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

# 12 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

# Classifieds

#### PERSONAL

I, HIMANSHU DAS, S/o RAJESH DAS, ADD.WZ-606, NARAINA VILLAGE, NEW DELHI-110028, Changed my name to HIMANSHU. 0040626619-8

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

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

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

#### 0040626501-1

I.hitherto known as MOHASSIN PSS/OATTAKOYAR/OC-5, Type-3,Police Ouarters.Sultanpuri. Sultanpuri C Block, Delhi-110086, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MOHASSIN PUTHIYA SIRAMBIKAL. 0040626622-1

I.Vanshika W/o-Dinesh.R/o A-33.A-Block, Mailis, 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 SALUIA 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 0040626620-4 purposes.

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 0040626621-4 accordingly.

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 0040626619-1 Purposes.

I,Shailesh choudhary, S/o:Arjun Choudhary, R/o:H.No-913.Niti.Khand 1. Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar-Pradesh 201014, changed my name to Shailesh Chowdhary.

0040626627-5 I,Santosh Kumar S/o Sohanpal

R/o-L-268 Shastri,Nagar,Ashok,Vihar Delhi-110052 inform, that my,name wrongly,written Santosh in my.minor.son Kartik School, records but my

I,NISCHAL BHATIA F/O NOOR BHATIA R/o-A-47, DERAWAL NAGAR DELHI-110009, HAVE CHANGED MY DAUGHTER NAME TO NOOR NISCHAL BHATIA

I,Monika w/o-Sanjeev

0040626627-4 LMAHINDER 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. LINDER 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. LHERMNN SINGH SAPROO S/o GURJOT KAUR R/0-A-2/17 MODEL TOWN-1 DELHI-110009. HAVE CHANGED MY

#### I,GULSHAN KUMAR,S/O.PREM CHAND SHARMA, ADD-R-2.3 SF, PRIVATE NO, 17, BLOCK-D.K-MOHAN GARDEN WEST

DELHI.110059.Changed my name to GULSHAN KUMAR SHARMA, permanently.

I.Ekta Aggarwal, D/o Ajit Kumar,Sneh Aggarwal,W/o Govinda Goel.R/o-H.No.119. Street.No.13.Bholanath Nagar,North East-Delhi-110032, Have Changed My Name To Ekta Goyal,For All 0040626619-2 Purposes. I,ASHISH KUMAR,S/O PRAHELAD KUMAR,R/O Z-19,PHASE-5,AYA-NAGAR, DELHI-110047, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHISH KUMAR JAJLI. 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-UPPAL, TEHSIL-UPPAL, DISTRICT-MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI,STATE-TELANGANA, PIN-500039,myson 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/0.7-C,Surya Apartment,

KUMAR JAIN to AJAY JAIN, for all, future purposes. 0040626627-9 I,SACHIN KUMAR,S/0 RAM CHANDER KUKREJA R/o-WZ-71/C-1 MUKHERJEE PARK

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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.

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NAME TO HERRMAN SINGH 0040626619-5

R.VANI VIHAR UTTAM NAGAR

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D.C.Chowk, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my Name AJAY

## DELHI-110018 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SACHIN KUKREJA

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 # 2GF1 ATS Greens Paradiso GH 3 CHI 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 Vaaneeshaa Aanand. 0070798769-1 I. Neerai Kumar S/o Murari Lal

Dixit, R/o H.No-90, Darkauli, Hathras, U.P. have changed my name to Neerai Kumar Dixit for all 0070798745-1 future purposes. l, Naina Sharma D/o Shri.Shashi Bhushan, R/o-H.No.191, Sector-16,

Faridabad.have change my name Naina Prabhakar to Naina Sharma, for all future purposes 0040626561-1

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

0070798746purposes. I, Munnazer Ali, S/o Ijhar Ali, R/o M-1st, 338, Steert No-6, Sangar 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/O.SWETABH, ADD-B-4,S/F,LAJPAT-1 NAGAR-I,DELHI 110024, changed my name to RENU KUER, for all, future 0040626620-1 Purposes. I, Mehul Sharma D/O Vijay Kumar Sharma, R/o House Number-786-B, First Floor, Sector-15 Part-2, Gurgaon, Harvana-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 Sirsa 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 Yaday S/o Adalat Yaday

R/o Laxman Chhapra, Shivpur Urf Karan Chhapra, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh-277214, have changed my minor son's name from Appu Yadav aged 17 Years to Raghav Yaday forever 0070798758-1

L 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

0040626572-1

all purposes 0040626569-1 I. Kamal Kumar Tvagi R/o C-7021 Gaur Green City, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my minor Son (Born 26.06.2006) name from Shrey Kamai to Shreys Tyaggi to

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

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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

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Aastha Soni D/O. Saniav Soni R/o lii K 9, Lajpat 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-I-115 Gali.No.5, Dada

Chhatriwala Marg, Raj Nagar, Part-I. Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name from Sulakshna to Sulakshana Grewal Vide Affidavit, dated-16.08.2021 at Dwarka (New Delhi).

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#### LOST & FOUND

Lost my-orignal Share Certificate of my Flat.No.47.Ground-Floor.Vidva-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 notedaddress. 0040626621-10 LOST MY, ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IS DDA FLATE POSITION LETTER, DOCUMENT NO-L/353(2303)2015/DDA14/RO,DE MANDI FTTER NO-106974 DDA REGISTRATION.NO-7.1437,MY FLAT ADDRESS NO.FLAT NO-44 GROUND FLOOR POCKET-6,BLOCK-B1,SEC-35, ROHINI, NEW DELH.Finder contact; Chetram Meeena S/D/W/O-KISHOR MEENA, GA-114/9, GUPTA COLONY, PUL PEHLADPUR, DELHI.

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I, Amrik Singh S/o Late Jagat Singh R/o Flat.No-1605, Ground Flr, Pocket-1, Sec-C, Vasant Kunj, Delhi, have lost my DDAdemand 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 Kuni, Delhi, File No-F126(6629)83/SFS/VK/III. If

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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

Kawaldeep Kaur D/o Sh. Gurjeet Singh Sahni R/o J-3/23, Raiouri Garden, Delhi have lost my Agreement to Sell, Payment Receipt & GPA executed on 13 07 10

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PUBLIC NOTICE nstructions of Ms. Harjeet Kaur, D/o: late Sh Kesar Singh, R/o: XV/3622-34, Dariba Pan Paharganj, New Delhi-110055 do hereby ma publically that the premises no. XV/36/ 34,Dariba Pan, Paharganj, New Delhi-1100 was in the tenancy of late Sh. Kesar Singh, w vas inducted as tenant by Sh. Ranjit Singh or 1.07.1976 at a monthly rent of Rs. 7/- P.M. That the public at large is hereby informed that my client became the tenant after the death of her father at the monthly rent of Rs. 7/- P.M being financially dependent on him, as she has not have any independent source of income That one lady Ms. Ravinder Kaur, W/o Late S

That one lady Ms. Ravinder Kaur, Wio Late Sh. Avtar Singh, who have alleged to have purchased the property from Late Sh. Ranjit Singh has filed false and finolous suit through her Attorney namely Sh. Ajay Aggarwal against my client, whereas name of my client in the sad suit is wongly mentioned as Ms. Inderjeet Kaur, itis Ms. Harjeet Kaur. The public attarge 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 is not bound or liable for any such dealing. Sahit Kaitra (Advocate) Sahil Kalra (Advocate) 7/103, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-110027

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Raj Kumar S/o Sh. Rai Gopal R/o CP-115, 1st Floor, Nea Ekta Dairy, Pitam pura Delhi sever all relations & disowned/debarre HIS SON RAHUL KUMAR SHARN DAUGHTER-IN-LAW PRIY BATRA from all movable/in roperty/assets due to the isbehavior. Anybody dealing wit em, shall do at his own risk. ADVOCAT

Enrl.No. D/3416/20 Ch. No. 1219 Lawyer's Chamber Block Rohini Court Complex Delhi-11008 PUBLIC NOTICE

is to inform to the public at large that Raghvinder Singh acquired Built u operty no. 59/60, measuring 60 so te Khasra No. 281, situated i Mr. Haghvinder Singh acquired Built up Properfy no. 59(60, measuing 60 sq. yrds., Khasra No. 281, situated in Village Nawada, Bhagwati Garden Extn. Gali No. 19, Jain Road, Uttam nagar, New Delhi vide Sale Deed dt. 28.04.2016 executed in favour of himself as GPA of Mrs. Poonam and Now Mr. Raghvinder 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 encumbrance 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/heritheir 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 vidd and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

ISO liteated as waived and not bindin in our client. Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate 1.No, 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar Lainat Nanar 4. New Delhi 11002 ajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi PUBLIC NOTICE

Seneral Public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Pratago Singh Maurya, So Late Sh. Mawasi Kam, and his wife Smt Ram. Devi, Rio H.NO.51-Procket A-4. Himogin Anadrment (alkaji Exth. New Defini-110019, has severed all there relationship with their son namely Sh. Kamal Singh Maurya, and his wife Shr. Ksimma Maurya, as hey are no longe in their control. My latents have decided to disswn them room all moveable and immoveable adale in any other shall do so the own token any clients. Ath own the room all moveable and immoveable stable in any other dealing with their sk and my clients. Ath own hird party in any transaction histoscover.

YOGESH SHARMA-ADVOCATE

Ch. No. 711, 7th Floor,Sake Courts, New Delhi -11001

PUBLIC NOTICE votice is given on beha of Our Client, Dr. Neelu Gandhi Wife of Dr. Kumar Gandhi, Daughter of Late Dr. S.K. Gupta R/o House No. G-17, Preet Vihar Delhi-110092 New the Our Client has undivided indivisible and impartible ownership rights in the plot of land measuring 370 Sq. Yds., bearing No G-17, situated at Pree Vihar, New Delhi-110092 with all rights, title and interest easements, privi leges and appurtenances thereto, with all fittings connections lixtures. structure standing thereon, with all rights it common entrances passages, staircase lif 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 exchange sale, mortgage, charge, gift maintenance. inher lance, possession, lease lenancy, sub lenancy fen, license, hypotheca transfer of title o beneficial interest under any trust, right of pre scription or pre-emption or under any Agreement or other disposition or under any decree, orde or Award or otherwise claiming, howspever, an hereby cautioned not to deal in any manner what-soever 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, Nev Delhi within a period of 3 days (both days inclu-sive) of the publication hereof 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 o the said person(s) and Our Client shall be entitled to be indemnified for the same. SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY East: Property No. G-18 West: Property No. G-18 North: Road 150 ft Wide South: Service Lane Sahil Chopra Advocate The Law Chamber +91-9654440009

सार्वजनिक सूचना मेरी मुवक्किल श्रीमती दुलारी पत्नी स्व. श्रं नत्थी लाल निवासी मकान नं. 533 कबीर बस्ती, मल्का गंज, दिल्ली–110007, ने अपने पुत्र नरेश उर्फ मोंटू को गलत व्यवहार/आचरण वुत्र नररा उक्त माहू फा गरेता व्यवहार जायर के कारण अपनी चल अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल कर सभी सम्बन्ध विच्छेद कर लिए है भविष्य में यह कोई लेन देन करते है तो उसवे जम्मेदार खुद होंगे। मेरी मुवक्किल व उनक परिवार दीवानी और फौजदारी के लिप जेम्मेदार नहीं होगा।

#### RAJIV KUMAR ADVOCATE D/3560/2009

RAJ KUMAR

PUBLIC NOTICE i Devi wife of Late Sh. Ba o H.No.C-2/ 124B, Gali Na. 4, Phas Aya Nagar, New Delhi-110047, Sl s severed their relations/connection has severed their relations/connection and disowned her sons named Deepa Bairwa and Tarun Kumar Bairwa, ha lebarred him from all of their movea ind immoveable properties, In ful inybody dealing with them shall do s is/her own risk. My client and their far will not be responsible for any act done the hem with anyone in future.

ADVOCATE Chamber No. 466 Saket District Courts New Delhi-110017

public that Mr. Sitaram who claimed to be owner and in possession of the Western Portion of Plot No. 27, Nagar Nigam No. 420/379, area measuring 555 Sq. Yds., Mu No. 30, Killa No. 19(8-0), Situated at Dabua, Tehsi and District Faridabad (Haryana). by virtue of Sale Deeds dated 15.04.1991 & 04.08.2021 Unfortunately Mr. Sitaram has lost original documents like Sale Deed in favour of Mr. Ram Baud & Mr. Sitaram Dated 15.04.1991. Now Mr. Sitaram bated 15.04.1991. Now Mr. PUBLIC NOTICE Singh Arneja & Mrs. Upkar d One Shop on Ground Kartar Singh Ameja & Mrs. Ubkar Kau acquired One Shop on Ground Floor measuring 12 sq. vrts without roof rights with root indhs on property no. P.40 Shardara. Delth Web CPA (18,06) Shardara. Sitaram has approached Jana Sma Finance Bank Limited for financi sistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the said Bank. We give having any claim/objection regardin ownership and/or creating mortgag ownership anioo retaining morage of the said property or any port do the said property in favour of Jana Smal Finance Bank Limited, is/are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address mention below within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any cf. such which any claim, if any, of suc persons will be consider to have bee waived and/or, abandoned and ou

# PUBLIC NOTICE Ar. Azaz Anwar aged about 51 yrs. F I.No. 8/325, 1st Floor, Lalita Park, Lax H No. 8/25, 1st Fior, Lalita Park, Lawni Nagar, Delhi-110992, have disowned and debarred their son along with her daughter-in-law namely Mar. Asif Khan and Mrs. Khushi along with her grand daughter namely Aaima Khan from her movable and immovable properties and severed all kinds of relations with my client and now they (my client and her husband) have no responsibilities for the act done by aforesaid persons and if any person deals or make relations with them shall do so at his own risk and costs. My

client shall not be liable for their any a n future.

NAVDEEP KUMAI Advocate Chamber No. F-515A, Lawyers Chambers, Karkardooma Courte

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of Mortgage in respect thereof. For Juris NextGen Law Offices E-56,LGF, Greater Kailash Enclave Part-New Delhi-110048 GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE OPENING DATE AMOUNT/EM CLOSING DATE (APPROX.) II (TIME) RUPEES AME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH NAME OF WORK WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH NODAL OFFICER/CON TACT DETAILS/EMAIL CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL www.etenders 9999716115 08.08.2022 72.41 LACS PRECAST BOUNDARY WAL ON MC LAND ON LEFT SID OF SOHNA BALUDA ROAD COUNCIL hry.nic.in 16.08.2022 IN VILL BALUDA MC SOHN (+3 OTHERS WORKS)

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#### (तृतीय शुद्धि पत्र – PR No- 274066)

ई—टेन्डर रेफरेन्स नंo—Sub Cluster (JJM Dhanbad-2)/07/2022-23 दिनांक :-- 10-08-2022

प्राक्कलित योजना की Cluster परिमाण विपन्न कार्य पूर्ण करन् राशि कार्य की विवरणी राशि राशि (रू0 में) की अवधि No. Construction of 2845 Nos. FHTC in Block Topchanchi, comprising of suitable R.C.C/Frame Structure ESR, distribution line Sub 0 Month + 101 Cluster-890.78 8.91 10000.00 Source (as required) all complete job in Month Trial Brahmandiha & Adjoing Village in 1A Run Topchanchi Block of District Dhanbad for the Year of 2021-22 वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि From 10-08-2022, 4:00P.M वेबसाईड पर बिड प्राप्ति तिथि/समय 16-08-2022 up to 04:00P.M 17.08.2022 up to 2:00P.M कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या−02, धनबाद⁄अधीक्षण निविदा की हार्ड कॉपी जमा करने की 4 तिथि / समय / स्थान अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, धनबाद ⁄क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता, पेयजल एव रवच्छता विभाग दमका प्रक्षेत्र, दमका। निविदा प्राप्त बिड खोलने की तिथि⁄समय 18-08-2022 up to 01:00 P.M 5 निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता। - 6 कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या–02, धनबाद। कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या—०२ धनबाद / अधीक्षण निविदा खोलने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता। अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, धनबाद। प्रोक्योरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या 7992394524 9 ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या 0651-248045 • किसी भी प्रकार का बदलाव <u>http:// Jharkhandtenders.gov.in</u> पर देखा जा सकता है। • अन्य किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना http:// Jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। निविदा में प्राक्कलित राशि घट–बढ सकती हैं। तत्पश्चात अग्रधन की राशि मान्य होगी। कार्यपालक अभियंता PR.NO.275541 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23):D पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डलसंख्या–02, धनबाद **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE** 

actual,name is :

LSUBODH S/O BALESHWER PRASAD R/O KH.NO.1201, RANG PURI, MAHIPAL PUR, DELHI-110037, have changed my name to SUBODH KUMAR.

#### 0040626620-6

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I,SMRITA LAHRRY,W/O PRABHAT KUMAR MICHAFL 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

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

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 0040626627-1 KAMBOJ.

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

I,ANCHAL,D/o-GULAB SINGH **R/o- RUDRA APARTMENT** PLOT.NO-202 THIRD FLOOR, SHAKTI KHAND-2 INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD, UP-201014, Changed my name toANCHAL CHAUHAN.

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I, Vaibhav Jagwayan S/O Prem Chand Jagwavan, 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 Maurva S/o Jawahar Lal Maurya R/0.223, 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

0040626537-1 purposes. 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 0040626622-2

purposes. 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 Satyendrra Garg. 0070798728-1

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 0070798727-1 Rajput

L Rekha Rani W/O Devendra Singh, R/o 508, Takarrabapur 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

purposes I. KANWAL IEET 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

0070798735-1 Rajput I. Bhuwan 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 Chand and Bhuwan Chandra Akolia both names one, and the same person.

In future I, will be known-as Bhuwan Chandra Akolia for all purposes. 0070798787-1 Azaharuddin S/o Mohammad

Arif R/o-RC-71, Deepak Vihar, Khora 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 Arnav Sharma aged about 13 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Rishit Sharma

0070798731-1 l, Ashima Walia 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 0070798742-1 purposes.

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 0040626500-12 same person.

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

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE



Sd/- Arun 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 resident of B-38, Parwana Apartments Mayur Vihar-1, Delhi-110091 is the lawful owner of property bearing Plo no.1133 msg 400 sq yds, Sector-17 Exidenced widther of end aced with no.1133 msg 400 sq yds, Sector-17, Faridabad by virtue of sale deed duly regd on 04-12-1992 as document no.7435 in Book no.1 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Faridabad Before marriage, I was known as Manorma Rani and after marriage with Snri A.C. Sharma, my name was changed as Manorma Sharma. Now, I have channed my name and shall 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 nerson bas oblection he/she may any person has objection, he/she may raise the objection within 30 days of this Publication. MANORMA SHARMA

ALIAS MADHU SHARMA Mobile no.981144452

#### PUBLIC NOTICE My Client Shakuntla W/o Surende R/o E-2/182. Shiv Ram Park

No E-2/182, Shir Van Fan Nangloi, Delhi and Surender Singt S/o Harnam Singh R/o E-2/182 Shiv Ram Park, Nangloi, Delhi 4 have disowned/ debarred have daughterin-law namely Lalita Yadav, Son namely Ankit Yadav and Grandson and Granddaughter namely Priyansh and Lavanya from their immovable and movable properties, due to Lalita and Ankit's disphediance and commits crulely disobedience and commits cruelt upon my clients. My clients hav evered all connections due to the nisbehaviour and out of contro actions. Anybody dealing with them, my client shall not be responsible for their act and onduct ADVOCATE RAKESH TANWA C-7/78, FIRST FLOOR, SECTOR -7, ROHINI, DELHI - 85 B-124, FIRST FLOOR, BAWA BLOCK, TIS HAZARI COURT, DELHI - 54 1. The Executive Engineer Electrical Division No-I, HPPWD Shimla-9. on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in Single /2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms. Eligible contractors registered with HPPWD in appropriate Class. The bidder shall have to fulfil the criteria as specified in Technical Qualification Criteria (TQC) in Form- 8 available online in tender document.

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** 

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Time	Cost of Tender	Class of contractor Eligible
1	Construction of Himachal Niketan at Dwarka Sector 19 New Delhi (SH: Providing E.I. There in)	Rs 3,01,95,553/-	604000/-	Two Year	2000/-	A Class
2	Construction of Himachal Niketan at Dwarka Sector 19 New Delhi (SH: Providing Fire Alarm System There in	Rs. 25,75,947/-,	51600/-	Two Year	1500/-	Specialized

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website https://hptenders.gov.in.

Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in zetendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

#### 3. Key Dates:

1.	Date of Online Publication	17/08/2022	05.00 PM
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	17/08/2022	05.30 PM
		24/08/2022	05.00 PM
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	17/08/2022	05.30 PM
		24/08/2022	05.00 PM
4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	25/08/2022	11.00 AM
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid	25/08/2022	11.30 AM
	followed by Opening of Financial Bid.		

#### 4. Tender details:

The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 1 Cover/2 Cover :

- Cover 1: Shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Document/Eligibility information"
- Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer or each ii) item.

5. Submission of original documents: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/o Executive Engineer Electrical Division No-I, HPPWD Shimla-9 as specified in Key dates under Sr. No. 3 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared nonresponsive.

6. Bid opening details: The bids shall be opened on 25/08/2022 at 11:30 Hrs in the office Executive Engineer Electrical Division No-I, HPPWD Shimla-9 by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders.

7. If it happens to be holiday on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue and no separate notice will be given in this regard.

8. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

10. The competent authority on behalf of Governor of H.P reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason.

11. Registration with HP Sales Tax is essential. If the bidder has not registered and found to be the lowest bidder he is supposed to register him on award of work. He shall submit the sales tax paper to the employer, before any payment is made to him.

Executive Engineer
Electrical Div No1,
HPPWD Shimla-9
(on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh)
HIMSUCHAN AVAM JANSAPARK

3120/HP

New Delhi

SILVER

International market data till 1900 IS

# THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022 **B**ECONOMY

SENSEX: 58,817.29 ▼ 35.78 (-0.06%) NIFTY: 17,534.75 ▲ 9.65 (0.06%) NIKKEI: 27,819.33 ▼ 180.63 HANG SENG: 19,610.84 ▼ 392.60 FTSE: 7,491.39 ▲ 3.24 DAX: 13,558.47 ▲ 23.50

### **SECTOR WATCH CONSUMER INTERNET**

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

**Microsoft coming** 

government-backed

supply chain like buying, sell-

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.

for where ONDC has gone

live, the app will connect to

When a buyer searches for an item on the Paytm app,

the ONDC plat-

form, which will

connect it to

seller side inter-

faces that will list

all the sellers that

have listed that

particular item.

On the ONDC,

An ONDC strategy paper

published earlier this year

ing and logistics services.

How does ONDC work?

project gets its first

on board ONDC

means that the

international

marquee name

**SOUMYARENDRA BARIK** 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 ecommerce platforms such as Amazon and Flipkart.

The US software giant intends to introduce social ecommerce – 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.

EXPLAINED

#### 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 netthere will be several other works. ONDC is to be based backend partners such as loon open-sourced methodolgistics service providers, enogy, using open specificaterprise resource planners, ecommerce store hosting tions and open network protocols independent of any service providers, etc. specific platform. It is being developed as a counter to the What issues will it solve? current duopoly in the Indian e-commerce market which is largely dictated by Amazon flagged the rising dominance and Walmart-owned of global players in India's e-Flipkart. In May, the commerce ecosystem, point-Department for Promotion of ing out that the large quan-Industry and Internal Trade tum of investment required (DPIIT) went live with ONDC to build competitors to the with a test run in cities like integrated solutions offered by the big players has be-Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Bhopal, and come an entry barrier for dig-Shillong where it plans to onital marketplaces. It also

#### What does Microsoft

board 150 sellers.

# **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.

mendations 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.

The norms follow the recom-

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

#### **WORKING GROUP** RECOMMENDATIONS



The norms issued on Wednesday by the Reserve Bank follow the recommendations of a working group for digital lending, whose report was made public last November

curb illegitimate lending.

### '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 just six such deals of over \$100 **ACTIVITY** can be the result of million aggregating to \$2.2 billion

global headwinds like recession and high interest rates in the LOWEST INVESTMENTS FOR ANY MONTH in a year were seen in July, which were also lower ABSENCE OF LARGE DEALS than the \$4.9 billion recorded was a cause for the shortfall, with across 118 deals in June

**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

### INPUTS FROM ENTERPRISES WITH NET WORTH OF AT LEAST 7100 CR Pvt 5G: DoT invites cos for study

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developed world

flagged the inability of marketplace sellers to move out THE DEPARTMENT of Telecomissued 'Guidelines for Cantive munications (Dol esday invited stakeholders to participate in a demand study for direct assignment of spectrum for setting up captive nonpublic networks (CNPNs), also known as private 5G networks. Enterprises with a net worth 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

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

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

sions but not regulated by the RBI. and entities lending outside A standardised key fact statement (KFS) must be provided to the purview of any statutory or the borrower before executing the loan contract. The all-incluwork is focussed on the digital sive cost of digital loans in the lending ecosystem of RBI's regform of annual percentage rate ulated entities (REs) and the LSPs (APR) will have to be disclosed engaged by them to extend to borrowers. The APR shall also credit facilitation services. As for 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

# **76%** Fall seen in investments into



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

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

#### ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, AUGUST 10

portfolio for an enterprise value

of about Rs 10,530 crore. This is

the largest acquisition by JSW

Energy in a space where invest-

ment flows have been steadily

rising over the last few months.

through its wholly-owned sub-

sidiary JSW Neo Energy, and will

The deal is being executed

Source: IVCA

& EY/PTI

The deal is being executed through its

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

and repayments of digital loans, the norms mandate that any fees **40%** Share of pure-play PE/VC investments

investments, compared to 90% in

July 2021 and 82% in June 2022

eration by the government to

Apart from direct disbursals

business, entities authorised to

carry out lending as per other

statutory or regulatory provi-

The latest regulatory frame-

regulatory provisions.

(excluding real estate and infrastructure sectors) within total

start-ups - which had given a leg-up to the overall venture investing landscape in last 18 months-to\$820 million





**(3)** \$96.65 ₹52,811 🙆 79.51/USD Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of August 8

RUPEE

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THE CENTRE on Wednesday re-

leased an advance instalment in

addition to the regular monthly

instalment of tax devolution to

states totalling Rs 1.16 lakh crore

with an aim to increase capital

and developmental expenditure.

mitment of the government to

strengthen the hands of states to

accelerate their capital and de-

velopmental expenditure. The

Union Government has released

two instalments of tax devolu-

tion to state governments

amounting to Rs 1,16,665.75

crore on 10th August, 2022, as

against normal monthly devolu-

tion of Rs 58,332.86 crore," a

Finance Ministry statement said.

released an advance instalment

of tax devolution to state govern-

ments amounting to Rs 47,541

crore in addition to the regular

devolution for the month, taking

the total release amount to Rs

90,082 crore. It had advanced the

payment of an instalment of tax

devolution of Rs 47,541 crore in

collected is devolved in 14 instal-

ments during a financial year.

At present, 41 per cent of tax

The advance release of the

tax devolution amount to states

is expected to ease fiscal pres-

sure of states and incentivise

them for extra spending, espe-

cially after the end of the com-

pensation mechanism under the

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

regime, an official said. As per the

GST (Compensation to States)

Act, 2017, the states were guar-

anteed compensation at the

compounded rate of 14 per cent

from the base year 2015-16 for

November 2021 also.

The Centre had, in January,

"This is in line with the com-

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

GOLD

# Capex push: ₹1.16L-cr in two instalments released to states

OIL

Advance instalment along with monthly tax devolution from Centre

#### **EASING PRESSURE**

The advance release of the tax devolution amount to states is expected to ease fiscal pressure of states and incentivise them for extra spending

losses arising due to implementation of the taxation regime, for five years since its rollout. This came to an end on June 30.

Experts said that given the higher-than-anticipated nonexcise tax revenues. tax devolution to states is expected to overshoot the budget estimates.

"Presuming that the amount devolved in July 2022 was half of the August 2022 figure, as the latter has been pegged as two monthly instalments, implies that a total of Rs. 3.18 trillion has been devolved in the first five months of FY2023, which is equivalent to 39% of the BE. We anticipate that central tax devolution will need to be as large as Rs. 9.3 trillion in FY2023, overshooting the FY2023 Budget Estimates, led by an expected upside in non-excise tax revenues," Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA said.

Given that capital spending and projects involve a considerable lead time, Nayar said, an early reassessment of the monthly amounts being shared with the states will help enable them to boost their capital spending. "In FY2022, a large part of the upside in tax devolution was backended to Q4, which ended up reducing state government borrowings in that quarter but did not translate to higher

spending," she said.

#### 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

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

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 platformcentric model to a facilitatordriven interoperable decen-

of the platform ecosyster

tralised network. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

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

**FEARS OF FORCED** 

\$6.9-bn worth

**Tesla stocks** 

**TWITTER DEAL** 

Musk sells

# 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,

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

on these phones. Nearly 10 million foldable phones were shipped globally in 2021 and the South Korean player has a majority of the marmarket, 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 10-40. IRDA 1.0C Net Meter in PP Box, (c) 3Ph LTCT100/5A 0.5S4CT 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/A 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 (a) 100 Sq.mm 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, 1020 R.O. No.: 509-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23 Sd/- CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&MM

wholly-owned SAJJAN JINDAL-LED JSW Energy on Wednesday signed an agreesubsidiary ment to acquire Mytrah Energy's **JSW Neo Energy** 1,753 MW renewable energy

> 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-

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

#### **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, Guiarat 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 or 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, Navinal Island, Near Dhrub, Mundra, Kutch - 370421.
- The electronic copy of the above mentioned Petition is available at the website www.adaniports.com.

#### For MPSEZ Utilities Limited

Director

Sd/-

New Delhi

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

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

#### **Pilot licence**

in India as on July 29.

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** 

# Oil up, bond **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

gories to provide a clearer pic-

ture of underlying inflation. Core

prices rose just 0.3 per cent from

Iune, the smallest month-to-

month increase since March.

And compared with a year ago,

whopping 9.5 per cent.

vields tumble New York: Oil prices rose Wednesday as a lowerthan-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

Last month's declines in core inflation amounted to 5.9 travel-related prices helped lower so-called core inflation. a per cent in July, the same yearmeasure that excludes the over-year increase as in June. volatile food and energy cate-

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.



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

# position in the foldable segment. "Through our unwavering fo-

category from a radical project





cus and industry leadership, excitement for the foldables continues to grow. We've

successfully transformed this

to a mainstream device lineup enjoyed by millions worldwide,

Samsung Electronics.

TM Roh, president and head of Mobile eXperience Business at

Both phones come with var-

ket. While players like Huawei, Oppo and Vivo have released foldable devices in the China

#### 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 has also improved multitasking cement Samsung's dominant

# CALENDAR

#### **CROSSWORD 4817**



DOWN

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Polish(3.2)

(6.2.5)

in first (7)

country(6)

(8.5)

Improve one's knowledge of

To succeed, it must follow her

2 They are kept from going

astray by crooks

4 No right way to see the

5 Indicate the precise spot

6 The rest cure as organised

accumulated wealth

You have to do so(7)

11 It is run on American lines

14 Fancies a doctor must have the

16 Newspaper Lydia edited (5)

18 Used some oil from a seed

(7)13 Shorten a game (7)

same trouble (6)

perhaps(5)

#### ACROSS Collar the boy - he's a hoodlum

- Built to accommodate either 5
- 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

about(7)

office workers? (8,5) 20 Make a financial return (5) 21 Kind of labour we get fed up

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

#### **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.



Answer: Force and mind are opposites; morality ends where a gun begins. - Ayn Rand SOLUTION: ROYAL, QUILT, MUSING, TYPING

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2	07221149	DOUBLE ACTING HYDRAULIC SHOCK ABSORBER	952 Nos.	24.10.2022	UBN No. UAL2223WSOB00123	UBN No. UAL2223WSOB00124
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#### CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



#### MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

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## **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.

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

CO & All Ranks 6 SIKH

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#### **DAY TODAY**

WELL,

FLATTER

AND ONLY YOU.

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

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

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

with a partner, but it won't

for you. You may be out of sync

For most of you,

everything will

become less of a

strain after the

**BY PETER VIDAL** 

certain, that your responsibilities are shifting, and could be growing more intense

Other people may imagine that they have you cornered, but how wrong they are. There is nobody as good as a Taurean at waiting and watching until the trouble has passed. You will emerge unscathed. But over the next week your big ambitions will come home to roost.

#### 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.

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.

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) l don't think you will regret having made

certain compromises or concessions. By being flexible and open to suggestions you will help ease

problems for many people. And, in freeing a blockage in

have forced you to 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.

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**TENDER NOTICE** 

Sealed Tenders are invited from firms/contractor/vendor for Providing Security Services with professional expertise at Army Public School, Delhi Cantt-10.

The above RFPs with specification can be downloaded from school website www.apsdelhicantt.com. Tender Form duly completed in all respect be submitted to APS Delhi Cantt by 30 Aug 2022 at 1030 hrs along with DD (Tender Form fee & EMD) as per RFP in favour of Army Public School Delhi Cantt. For any queries contact APS Delhi Cantt on 25693777, 25692720.

Dated 10/08/2022

dominate your daily affairs. A suspicion is also about to be laid to rest. SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Aquarius is a fixed sign, which means that although you

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TENDER NOTICE

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 Hydel Colony Kalagarh'

3- "Annual M & R Work of Type - IIIrd & IVth Residences at Hydel 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 documer can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com

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**OPEN TENDER NOTICE** 

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 33/P-69/2022-23/TMC/HQ/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 Teriders:

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

SN	Tender No.	Brief Description	Tender Value (?)	Earnest Money (?)
1	TMC 0302223	Toe Load Measuring Device Mech- anical Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document.	24,43,308/-	48,900/-

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#### **E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

#### NIT No. 804,805,806 & 807 /TC-T/CGRRDA/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- pocurement:

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					CGRRDA Raipur
04	807	Construction & maintenance of PMGSY	Total Cost ( including 5 year	Bijapur	percentage Rate SOR
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					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 Signatur 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.

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# THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022 **15** SPORT

#### BRIEFLY —

### Bangladesh win final **ODI in Zimbabwe**

Harare: A batting-friendly pitch still proved too much trouble for Zimbabwe as Bangladesh got a 105run 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' total. 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 economicallydisadvantaged 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 Snesarev, who had the biggest role in his development as an athlete

#### NIHAL KOSHIE 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 Snesarev, his mentor who made him shed his self-doubts.

Sable's timing of 8:29.80 set in Bhubaneshwar bettered the nearly fourdecade-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 Snesarev, a Belarusian known to be a hard taskmaster. Snesarev 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 Snesarev were about to renew their coach-trainee partnership but the alliance was short-lived.

Snesarev had guit 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 Amrish Kumar in India ahead of the Tokyo Olympics.

But Snesarev 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.

the Federation Cup in Patiala.

#### No shortcuts

Sable had posted an Instagram tribute to Snesarev 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 Snesarev, 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 Snesarev, reached the final of the steeplechase, a first for an Indian track athlete since PT Usha 32 years earlier.

Snesarev 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 followed 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.

Snesarev'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, Snesarev 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.

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

Snesarev 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 Snesarev 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 Snesarev.

"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 Snesarev was keen.

In a recent media interaction before the World Championships, Sable spoke about how he was reluctant to travel abroad earlier. He

#### 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.

# **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

#### ANDREW AMSAN AUGUST10

COMMONWEALTH GAMES silver medallist long jumper Sreeshankar'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 Sreeshankar's father. More than his coaching, young Shankar was impressed by the former triple jumper's work ethic and enthu-

"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 medallist. 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 midpoint 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 Teiaswin.

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



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 proce dure 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



# Avinash Sable. PTI

"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 Snesarev passed away, Sable broke the national record again at

Raut recalled how Snesarev's word was final. On the day Snesarev 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 orwas 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. Snesarev knew Sable had the talent. Confidence was what Snesarev wanted to instill in him a few vears ago.

"Nobody worked as hard as him (Snesarev) 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.

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.

#### **FROM FARM TO ELITE FIELD**

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

#### **ANDREW AMSAN**

AUGUST10

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 medallist 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 iavelin 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 sath 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 vears 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.

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# Before kick off a late twist

Organizers have asked for the WC to start one day earlier to allow Qatar to feature in first match

#### **TARIQ PANJA** AUGUST 10

QATAR has had 12 years to plan for the World Cup. Now, with the first games of the tournament just over 100 days away and the intricate match schedule announced months ago, organizers have requested changes that would make the event start a day earlier so the host nation can have a featured place in the opening game.

In recent years, the World Cup host nation has appeared in the tournament's first match, as the headliner in the monthlong event's elaborate opening ceremony. But this year, in a break with that tradition, organizers took the unusual step of scheduling Qatar's first game as the third of four matches on a busy first day of competition on Nov. 21.

Now a proposal to move Qatar's game to Nov. 20 has been sent to the most senior officials of FIFA, soccer's global governing body and the organizer of the World Cup. Those officials, a group that includes the leaders of soccer's six global confederations and the FIFA president, Gianni Infantino, will decide whether to approve it.

It is unclear why organizers – and FIFA – had not originally planned for Qatar to play in the tournament's opening game, a stage reserved for every tournament host since the World Cup was staged in Germany in 2006. Before then, the defending champion was customarily granted the honor of opening the tournament. "It has been a longstanding tradition to mark the start of the FIFA World Cup with an opening ceremony on the occasion of the first match featuring either the hosts or the defending champions, a factor that is considered to have significant value from a ceremonial, cultural and commercial point of view," FIFA wrote in a letter to members of the bureau that was reviewed by The New York Times.

In addition to changing the date of Qatar's opening game against Ecuador, the proposed adjustment would affect another match set for the tournament's opening day: Senegal's game against the Netherlands, which would be moved out of its afternoon time slot into an evening window. Planning for the Qatar World Cup has been bumpy. Granting the hosting rights to Qatar eventually required FIFA to move the event to the Northern Hemisphere's winter because the searing summer temperatures in the Gulf were deemed to pose a potential health risk to players, officials and



The World Cup is the first in the tournament's 92-year history to be played outside of the traditional northern hemisphere summer. AP

#### WHAT CHANGES

#### **OLD SCHEDULE**

November 21 Senegal vs the Netherlands: 3.30pm England vs Iran: 6.30pm Qatar vs Ecuador: 9.30pm USA vs Wales: 12.30am

#### PROPOSED NEW SCHEDULE

lovember 20 Qatar vs Ecuador: 9.30pm England vs Iran: 6.30pm Senegal vs the Netherlands: 9.30pm USA vs Wales: 12.30am

the hundreds of thousands of fans expected at the tournament.

The switch has upended the soccer calendar, leading to an unprecedented midseason interruption to the European league season and other competitions around the world. Negotiations with clubs – furious about the weeks-long disruptions to their league schedules and television contracts resulted in the tournament being played in fewer days (28) than any other event since it was expanded to 32 teams in 1998.

"As the tournament approaches, the FIFA administration is now fully aware of the various sporting, operational, commercial and legal implications of this uniquely compressed schedule," FIFA wrote in its letter. FIFA told officials that it would like them to approve the change by Thursday evening European time.

The sudden push to change the date of the opening game has only added to concerns about Qatar's readiness to stage the World Cup. Already fans are complaining about a shortage of accommodations and a lack of clarity over the consumption of alcohol during the tournament.

Should the switch of the opening match be approved, overseas ticket-holders who had planned to attend would face the potential challenge of changing their travel plans and rebooking hotel rooms, and any players competing in European leagues – Ecuador at times has more than a dozen – would have one fewer day to travel and prepare. The plan has already caused disquiet among ticket holders, with the proposed changes making some combinations of games all but impossible for visitors to attend. New York-based Martín Bauzá told The Times he had secured tickets for the game between Senegal and the Netherlands and the United States opener with Wales later that day. FIFA switching Senegal's game to the later slot means he would not be able to attend both games, with the second game starting an hour after the first ends.

"I did purchase Senegal/Netherlands specifically because of the time difference between matches and in accordance with the FIFA ticket rules that require 4 hours between matches (i.e., cannot purchase tickets to back to back matches) which is now the scenario I will have to deal with," Bauzá said in a message. World Cup organizers said they had consulted with Qatar and the soccer associations of the two affected teams before proposing the change. Its letter suggested neither national team objected to the change

Separately, a FIFA appeals committee is considering an appeal by Chile to throw Ecuador out of the World Cup over accusations that Ecuador had fielded an ineligible player. Several Ecuadorean players based in Europe would only have six days to prepare for the tournament, fewer than any others involved in the World Cup. "The FIFA administration has assessed the commercial and legal implications of the proposal — including the impact on contractual commitments across media rights, sponsorship, and ticketing and hospitality – as well as the impact on traveling fans, and has determined that any risk is sufficiently outweighed by the value and benefits of the proposals," FIFA said in the letter. NYT

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# STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2022

		Amount in ₹ Lakhs except EPS								
SI.	PARTICULARS	0	Year ended							
No.		30.06.2022 31								
		(Unaudited)	(Note-10)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)					
1	Revenue from Operations	85,259.06	69,096.12	24,336.96	1,87,947.84					
2	Other Income	2,441.72	2,583.29	1,457.05	7,282.55					
3	Total Income	87,700.78	71,679.41	25,794.01	1,95,230.39					
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax and exceptional items	32,930.30	28,720.82	11,107.76	89,351.74					
5	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax and after exceptional items	32,930.30	28,320.37	11,107.76	88,951.29					
6	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after Tax	24,552.39	21,378.25	8,252.46	66,368.91					
7	Total Comprehensive income (Comprising Profit/(Loss) (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	24,848.87	21,666.20	8,721.85	66,806.91					
8	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face value of ₹2/- each)	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00					
9	Other Equity				1,72,388.05					
10	Earning per equity share (EPS)*									
	Basic (₹)	3.07	2.67	1.03	8.30					
	Diluted (₹)	3.07	2.67	1.03	8.30					

EPS for guarters are not annualised. Number of shares used for calculation of EPS are 8000 lakhs. (Refer note no.9 below

The above unaudited financial results of the Company have been reviewed by Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 10th August, 2022. The Statutory Auditors have conducted limited review of the unaudited Financial results.

- The above unaudited Financial Results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the Indiar Accounting Standards (Ind-AS) as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended from time to time.
- Catering contracts awarded before 22nd March, 2020 have been treated as zero period due to Pandemic and accordingly, no income as well as Railways share payable has accurated during the year 2020-21 and for the period up to 26.11.2021. Catering services has been restarted with cooked food from 27.11.2021 in a phased manner and income and Railway share payable has been accrued accordingly. However, the effect of enhancement of License Fee for the periods from 18.11.2019 to 22.03.2020 and 27.11.2021 to 30.06.2022 has not been ascertained & recognized on account of increase in catering tariff as per the CC-60 of 2019 issued by the Railway Board, since
- due to Pandemic, the sales assessment by the Company was pending which is now in progress. During the Financial Year 2021-22, an amount of ₹ 2713.32 lakhs was paid and charged to revenue on account of 15% Railway share in profits of Railneer plants (owned and PPP plants) up to 31.3.2021 as Railways have not agreed with the contention of the company i.e railneer is part of catering segment which is in loss and also demands 40% convente the for PDP Direct. 40% revenue share for PPP Plants. No provision was made for the Financial Year 2021-22 in view of the loss incurred in Railneer segment after considering above payment of ₹ 2713.32 lakhs as expense for that year. For the guarter ended 30th June, 2022, an amount of ₹ 137.79 Lakhs have been booked as expense which is @15% of the Profits of Railneer Plants. These matters are subject to confirmation and reconciliation with Railways.
- As per the terms and conditions of the tender, in respect of 4 PPP Railneer plants, the Developer cum Operato (DCOs) are to be reimbursed the GST on sales net of Input Tax Credit (ITC) availed by them. The impact for the same was accounted for in Financial Year 2021-22 except for one plant where figures of ITC claimed by the DCC was not available. Further, due to non-availability of figures of ITC claimed by respective DCOs of 3 PPP Rail Neer Plants for the quarter ending 30th June 2022, the same could not be estimated and accounted for in the quarter ended 30th June 2022 and these DCOs have represented against the claim of IRCTC for Input Tax Credit. IRCTC the participated a comparison of the participate of the contrast time of the available. Income the contrast time of the participate of t has nominated a committee to examine the provisions of the contract agreement vis-à-vis applicable laws an
- nas nominated a committee to examine the provisions of the contract agreement vis-a-vis applicable laws and impact will be given in the books as per the approval of the Competent Authority. The Anti Profiteering Authority issued notice dated 25.02.2022 for profiteering amount of ₹5041.44 Lakhs under section 171 of the CGST Act, 2017 for not passing the benefit of tax reduction to consumers. The show cause notice is being contested by the Company and the matter is pending.
- Arbitration award was pronounced in April, 2022 amounting to ₹7400 Lakhs plus simple interest @6% per annun from July, 2018 onwards, in favour of certain licensees which represents principal amount towards claims fo supply of welcome drinks not paid to licensees and recovery of differential costs for the supply of regular meals to the passengers on the instructions of Railways whereas the price of combo meal, which is lower than the price of regular meal, was reimbursed to these licensees. The matter has been referred to the Railways for their instructions from Railways in case ultimately it is made liable to pay. The matter is pending.
- For the Financial Year 2021-22, net Exceptional expenses amounting ₹ 400.45 Lakhs includes (i) ₹ 2248.54 Lakhs being reversal of excess provisions for previous years relating to Performance Related Pay, (ii) ₹ 2713.32 lakhs being expense on account of 15% Railway share in profits of Railneer plants up to 31.3.2021 (refer Note no.4); and (iii) ₹ 64.33 Lakhs being excess provisions written back for previous years relating to various other expenses.
- During the Financial Year 2021-22, the Company has Sub-divided its 1600 Lakhs equity shares of face value of ₹ 10/- each fully paid up into 8000 Lakhs equity shares of face value of ₹ 2/- each fully paid up we ef. 29th October, 2021 as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the Shareholders of the Company. Earnings per Share have been calculated / restated, as applicable, for all the period(s) presented after considering the new number of equity shares post such sub-division in line with the provisions of the applicable Ind AS and to make figures of EPS comparable with previous periods/year.
- Figures for the quarter ended 31st March, 2022 represents the derived figures between audited figures in respect of the full Financial Year ended 31st March, 2022 and the unaudited published year to date figures up to 31st December, 2021 being the date of the end of the third quarter of the relevant Financial Year which were subjected to limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company.
- . The figures for the previous periods have been regrouped/reclassified/restated, wherever considered necessary. For & on behalf of the Board of Directors

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