



ATTACKED IN WESTERN NEW YORK STATE BEFORE HIS LECTURE

Salman Rushdie is stabbed on stage 33 years after fatwa, in NY hospital

Multiple injuries, say eyewitnesses;
lone attacker in custody, say NY police

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NEW YORK, AUGUST 12

AUTHOR SALMAN Rushdie, who spent years in hiding and under police protection after Iranian officials called for his execution 33 years ago, was attacked and stabbed in the neck on Friday while onstage in Chautauqua, western New York, the state police said.

The attack happened at about 11 am, shortly after . Rushdie took the stage to deliver a lecture at the Chautauqua Institution, a community in western New York that offers arts and literary programming during the summer.

Rushdie was taken by helicopter to a local hospital, the state police said in a statement. His condition is not yet known. It was not clear what motivated the attacker.

Rita Landman, an endocrinologist who was in the audience, said that Rushdie had multiple stab wounds, including one to the right side of his neck, and that there was a pool of blood under his body. But she said he appeared to be alive. "People were saying, 'He has a pulse, he has a pulse he has a pulse,'" Landman said.

Suzanne Nossel, the chief executive officer of PEN America, which promotes free expression, said that "we can think of no comparable incident of a public attack on a literary writer on American soil."

"Just hours before the attack,

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on Friday morning, Salman had emailed me to help with placements for Ukrainian writers in need of safe refuge from the grave perils they face," she said in a statement. "Salman Rushdie has been targeted for his words for decades but has never flinched nor faltered."

Rushdie spent about 10 years under police protection, living in hiding after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Supreme Leader of Iran after the 1979 Iranian Revolution, called for his execution in 1989 because his novel *The Satanic Verses* was considered offensive to Islam. The book was banned in India, where he was born, and he was barred from the country for more than a decade.

Rushdie had just come onstage to deliver the morning lecture at the 4,000-seat amphitheatre of Chautauqua Institution, a gated community that features arts and literary programming each summer, when he was

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Blood stains mark a screen as Salman Rushdie, behind the screen, is tended to after he was attacked during a lecture in Chautauqua, New York, on Friday. AP

AT EXPRESS IDEA EXCHANGE IN JANUARY 2013

‘Yes, I would write The Satanic Verses again...people define their identity not by what they love but what they hate’

PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

"YES, I would write *The Satanic Verses* again."

That was Salman Rushdie in January 2013, in *The Indian Express*, where he had dropped by for Idea Exchange, the newsroom's weekly interaction with

newsmakers.

He was referring to his 1988 novel that had set off a series of death threats against him and forced him to live in hiding for nearly a decade following the pronouncement of a fatwa against him by Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

On Friday, Rushdie, 75, was attacked by an unidentified as-



Rushdie and Deepa Mehta at *The Indian Express* in 2013

sailant in Chautauqua, New York, as he waited to deliver a lecture.

On its release, *The Satanic Verses* was banned in countries around the world for purportedly hurting the religious sentiments of Muslims for its satirical portrayal of the Prophet.

Incidentally, India had been the first country to ban the book.

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CPI DOWN TO 6.7% IN JULY, IIP UP 12.3% IN JUNE

Easing inflation, robust industrial output signals uptick in growth

Manufacturing, which accounts for
three-fourth of IIP, rose 12.5% in June

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

HELPED BY a moderation in food prices, retail inflation eased to a five-month low of 6.71 per cent in July, but continued to stay above the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) medium-term target of 4 +/- 2 per cent for the seventh consecutive month, data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) Friday showed.

Dataset released separately showed industrial output grew at 12.3 per cent in June, lower than 13.8 per cent a year ago and 19.6 per cent a month ago. The latest factory output print was higher than street estimates and was helped by a normalising base and strong growth in man-

ufacturing, electricity and capital goods output, which point to a strengthening recovery.

Food inflation eased by 100 basis points to 6.75 per cent in July from 7.75 per cent in the previous month, mainly due to lower prices of vegetables, oils and fats, meat and fish. Cereals inflation, however, crossed the 6 per cent mark after a gap of 23 months. "Lower buffer stocks of wheat (as on July 1, 2022) has been translating into higher wheat prices. Moreover, 13 per cent lower area under paddy by end July 2022 compared to last year coupled with higher demand for PMGKY is also keeping pressure on cereals," Sunil Kumar Sinha, Principal Economist, India Ratings and Research, said.

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Power, capital goods, metals, fire up small and mid-cap stocks

SANDEEP SINGH
MUMBAI, AUGUST 12

THE MARKET rally over the last six weeks which took the Sensex up 15.8 per cent to close at 59,462 Friday has been driven mostly by sectors that benefited from a decline in global fuel and commodity prices.

An uptick in capital expenditure aided by a gradual moderation in inflation from its peak of 7.79 per cent in April to 6.71 per cent in July has ensured that the rally is broad based, with even the mid-cap and small cap indices rising 16.3 per cent and 15.6 per cent, respectively.

A comparison of the performance of sectoral indices over the six-week beginning June 17 reveals that companies whose revenues and profit margins are dependent on global commodity prices have outperformed. For instance, the BSE Power Index has been the biggest gainer, jumping 26.5 per cent since June 17. The capital goods index rose 22.6 per cent, industrials 21 per cent, metal 20.8 per cent, consumer durables 20.6 per cent and auto 19.9 per cent.

On the other hand, sectoral

WHAT MOVED THE MARKETS?

Sectoral Indices	Aug 12	Change since June 17
S&P BSE Power	4,858.04	26.51%
S&P BSE Capital Goods	30,944.07	22.65%
S&P BSE Industrials	6,172.12	21.03%
S&P BSE Metal	19,239.98	20.79%
S&P BSE Consumer Durables	40,747.98	20.62%

indices such as BSE Telecom, BSE Healthcare, BSE Teck and BSE IT lagged behind, and underperformed the Sensex, rising by 8.1 per cent, 9.7 per cent, 11.5 per cent, and 11.7 per cent, respectively during the six weeks.

Over the last two months, while iron ore prices dropped sharply by over 25 per cent, that of tin and copper have fallen 33 per cent and 14 per cent, respectively. Even coal prices over the last one month

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Suspended
BJP leader
Nupur
Sharma

UP ATS: Nupur was Jaish target, Saharanpur man has been held

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LUCKNOW, AUGUST 12

A 24-YEAR-OLD man was arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Anti Terrorist Squad which said he had been tasked by terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) to eliminate Nupur Sharma, suspended as spokesperson of the BJP following her remarks on the Prophet.

Police said Mohammad Nadeem from Saharanpur was in touch with JeM and several other terror groups. He was also planning to attack government buildings and police premises, police said.

Nadeem, police said, has been booked for waging or attempting to wage a war against the government and under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

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In Babur's garden too, Taliban draw a line — men & women, even if family, cannot mingle



EXPRESS IN KABUL

NIRUPAMA
SUBRAMANIAN
KABUL, AUGUST 12

AT THE 500-year-old Bagh-e-Babur, the grand garden designed by the founder of the Mughal dynasty and also the site of his final resting place, there is a flutter at the ticket counter. A man buying a ticket has just learnt that men and women must enter the garden through separate gates.

After some questions and telling the ticket seller that it is a "rubbish rule", the family separates — women to the right, men to the left. They cannot reunite inside the garden either. The 11 hectare-terraced garden has been partitioned with green baize and ropes into separate sections for men and women af-



The (left) women's and men's sections of the park

ter a Taliban decree from the Ministry of Vice and Virtue.

The rule took effect within three months of the Taliban takeover in August last year, said an official at the garden, a UNESCO protected World Heritage Site. Since the park was restored in the first decade of this century, every year, hundreds of thousands of people have visited the 16th century garden where Babur lies buried.

For Kabul residents, the garden, with its chinar and walnut

trees and flower beds, is one of the few open spaces in the city, a green oasis that has provided a sense of peace and solace through the violence, turmoil and uncertainty that has constantly battered their country.

But even months after the rule was implemented, many members of the public seem still unaware of the restriction, and are taken aback when they learn about it as they arrive.

This Friday too, as families

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India message to China on Taiwan: Avoid actions to change status quo

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

IN ITS first statement since US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taipei 10 days ago which angered China and led to PLA military drills, India on Friday called for "exercise of restraint" and to avoid "unilateral actions to change (the) status quo" over Taiwan.

It did not spell out the One-China policy, and instead said that the government's "relevant" policies are "well-known and consistent" and "do not require reiteration".

Responding to questions on India's talks with NATO, Arindam Bachi, spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs, said, "India and NATO have kept in touch in Brussels at different

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Opened last year, Himachal highway stretch caves in

AMIL BHATNAGAR
SHIMLA, AUGUST 12

A PORTION of the highway between Parwanoo and Solan, inaugurated last year, collapsed Thursday, bringing traffic on the route to a standstill.

Two vehicles were damaged in the collapse. The Shimla-Kalka highway will remain closed until further notice.

Local residents travelling on the route said the road had

shown signs of degradation in the past few days before caving in on Thursday.

AS Khural, project director of NHAI, said, "We received information that a portion of the highway collapsed due to rain and at the moment, we are ascertaining the process of restoration. Consultations are being carried out, following which we can determine a timeline before it is functional. Construction was carried out in 2018 and the

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The caved-in section of the road. Videograb

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MAHENDER SINGH
MANRAL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

SECURITY AGENCIES are facing a peculiar problem ahead of Independence Day — of ensuring the Red Fort remains monkey-free when Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the nation from its ramparts and hoists the tricolour on August 15.

Around 10 trained monkey catchers employed by the municipal corporation and eight by the Delhi government's district conservator of forest office have

been working for the last 48 hours after intelligence agencies flagged the presence of monkeys on the premises during Independence Day rehearsal on Friday morning. Not just Red Fort, officials of the Central district are also combing Rajghat, which too will be visited by the PM, to make sure it is free of monkeys.

Usually, the civic body removes stray dogs from the premises before Independence Day and Delhi Police deploys men who imitate sounds made by langurs to scare monkeys away. "I have been working for



A cage being readied for the monkeys. One was later caught



the police for the last 10 years. Every Independence Day, they deploy me and seven members of my team at Red Fort for around 10 days. We imitate langur sounds, and the monkeys leave. This time, agencies have also deployed dedicated monkey catchers alongside us," said Ravi Kumar, a 'monkey expert'.

Sources said the civic body has deployed members of their veterinary department and around 10 cages, with bananas as bait, have been placed on the premises. On Friday evening, one of the monkeys was caught.

One of the monkey catchers,

Md Tasleem, told *The Indian Express* he has been working with the MCD for the last 15 years, but this is the first time he has been called to Red Fort for work.

"On August 10, we were deployed here and we saw around seven monkeys. We first conducted surveys and generated information about them and have now installed cages," he said.

This isn't the only initiative agencies are taking to ensure August 15 passes off smoothly. As first reported by *The Indian Express*, police have sought the cooperation of around 350 reg-

ular kite-flyers from the walled city area to ensure a clear sky for about three hours that morning.

"Independence Day preparation is in full swing and keeping in view the possibility of kite, balloon, chinese lanterns reaching the function area, adequate measures have been taken on ground to prevent any such incident. Kite-flyers have been identified and briefed to restrain from kite flying on August 13 and 15. Kite flying competitions will be allowed in the evening hours of August 15," Special CP (law and order of northern zone) Dependra Pathak said.

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New Delhi



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Salman Rushdie

attacked, witnesses said.

He was there for a discussion about the United States as a safe haven for exiled writers and other artists who are under the threat of persecution. The conversation was scheduled to be moderated by Henry Reese, the co-founder of a Pittsburgh non-profit, City of Asylum, which is a residency programme for exiled writers.

Rushdie had just sat down and was being introduced when the assailant rushed the stage and assaulted him. "I could just see his fists sort of pounding on Salman," one witness, Bill Vasu, 72, said.

A number of people rushed to. Rushdie's aid, Vasu said, and quickly pinned the attacker to the ground.

A trooper assigned to the event took the assailant into custody, the police said. The person interviewing Rushdie also suffered a minor head injury.

Governor Kathy Hochul of New York said on Twitter that she had directed the state police to assist in the investigation and that "our thoughts are with Salman and his loved ones following this horrific event".

Several witnesses said the attacker was able to reach Rushdie easily, running onstage and approaching him from behind. "There was just one attacker," said Elisabeth Healey, 75, who was in the audience. "He was dressed in black. He had a loose black garment on. He ran with lightning speed over to him."

"It was very frightening and it gave me a pit in my stomach," said Jane Bulette, 68, who has been coming for more than a decade. "How could they not have blocked off the stairs to the stage?"

"There was a huge security lapse," said Bulette's husband, John, 85, who witnessed the attack. "That somebody could get that close without any intervention was frightening."

Kyle Doershuk, 20, was working as an usher at the amphitheatre at the time of the attack. He said he was about 15 feet away from the assailant as he began to rush the stage with a knife, after dropping a backpack. By the time Doershuk understood something was going wrong, the attack had begun.

Doershuk said security at the Institution is lax and that there did not appear to be any additional measures in place for Rushdie's visit. "It's very open, it's very accessible, it's a very relaxed environment," he said. "In my opinion something like this was just waiting to happen."

The Iranian government publicly backed the fatwa for 10 years, until at least 1998, when Iran's then president, Mohammad Khatami, said Iran no longer supported the killing.

But the fatwa remains in place, reportedly with a bounty attached from an Iranian religious foundation of some \$3.3 million as of 2012.

Rushdie has published a memoir, Joseph Anton, about the fatwa. The title came from the pseudonym he used while in hiding.

In recent years, Rushdie has enjoyed a more relaxed life in New York City. In 2019, he spoke at a private club in Manhattan to promote his novel, Quichotte. Security at the event was relaxed, and Rushdie mingled with guests freely and had dinner with members of the club afterward. —NYT

‘...I would write’

"The ban was a moment of spinelessness but it wasn't the only such moment. At the time of the ban, there were no copies available in India," he said.

"I was upset when India banned The Satanic Verses – the first in the world to do so. Thankfully in this age you cannot ban books, because you can download them," Rushdie said, adding, "It is time we stop listening to people who didn't like the book, but to those who liked it. Books survive if enough people care about them."

The writer was speaking ahead of the release of Deepa Mehta's cinematic adaptation of his Booker Prize-winning novel The Midnight's Children (1981).

Rushdie had said The Satanic Verses was the "least political" of his books. "Shame was directly confrontational."

Commenting on the growing culture of intolerance in the country, Rushdie had said, "In India, it has become easy to attack cultural artifacts. People believe their identity is not defined by what you love, but by what you hate or are offended by... It is bad – the fear of religious reprisal affecting freedom of speech... People define their identity not by what they love, but by what they hate or are offended by."

The state, too, had a role to play in this hate-mongering, he said. "Because the people are apathetic and the state does not protect; the state should tell people some things are valuable. When it doesn't do this, smaller groups are allowed to get away with protests." Rushdie added: "People who want to limit free speech always speak about the dangers of speaking freely... We live in an age of victim culture."

Easing inflation

The RBI is two months short of having to explain its failure to keep inflation under check. As per the mandate of the monetary policy framework, if the average inflation rate breaches the 2-6 per cent target for three

consecutive quarters, the central bank will have to explain the reasons for breach in the inflation target to the government.

The inflation print in the coming months is expected to see an increase with the share of services expected to see an uptick, experts said. "Given the base effects, we caution that the next two CPI inflation prints could rise slightly from the 6.7 per cent seen in July 2022, in spite of which we believe that the average inflation for the ongoing quarter will modestly trail the MPC's projection of 7.1 per cent. Fears of a global recession and fresh geopolitical uncertainties have led to a correction in commodity prices from the peaks seen in mid-June 2022, which bodes well for easing domestic input cost pressures and the core-CPI inflation in the next few months. In contrast, the robust domestic demand for services poses risks, given its significant share in the CPI basket (services: 23.4 per cent), and hence, remains a key monitorable, along with the significant lag in kharif sowing of rice," Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA said.

Rural inflation (6.80 per cent) continued to be higher than urban inflation (6.49 per cent) in July even as it moderated from the previous month. In June, rural inflation was at 7.09 per cent, while urban inflation was at 6.86 per cent. Among states, the highest inflation rate was recorded by Telangana at 8.58 per cent, followed by Assam at 7.91 per cent and Gujarat at 7.85 per cent.

In July, food and beverages inflation stood at 6.71 per cent as against 7.56 per cent in the previous month. Vegetables and oils and fats inflation stood at 10.90 per cent and 7.52 per cent, respectively, as against 17.37 per cent and 9.36 per cent earlier. Cereals and products inflation was at 6.90 per cent in July, up from 5.66 per cent in June. Fuel and light inflation was at 11.76 per cent in July, up from 10.39 per cent in June, while clothing and footwear inflation was at 9.91 per cent in July, up from 9.52 per cent in June.

In the factory output data released by the NSO, manufacturing sector output, which accounts for more than three-fourth of the total weight of the Index of Industrial Production, rose 12.5 per cent, while electricity output grew at 16.4 per cent in June. Capital goods output grew 26.1 per cent, signalling higher capex. Consumer durables and nondurables posted a growth of 23.8 per cent and 2.9 per cent, respectively, in June after being in the negative zone for most of last year.

"The double-digit yoy growth of 12.7 per cent in Q1 FY23 is indicative of industrial recovery remaining on course despite global headwinds/uncertainty... the healthy growth in capital and infrastructure goods is encouraging, signalling revival in investment activity on the back of capex push by the

Union government (Government capex in Q1 FY23 grew 57.01 per cent YoY). The consumer non-durables sector is expected to witness a moderate recovery going forward given the progression of monsoon so far in the country. The rebound in this segment is important for a durable and sustained industrial recovery which so far has been witnessing a K-shaped recovery (tepid growth in consumer non-durables and high growth in consumer durables segment)," Sinha said.

Capital goods

have declined by nearly 15 per cent.

Market experts said while industrials and capital goods sectors are benefiting from higher capital expenditure by both the government and private sector, companies are set to benefit from the decline in input costs as well. Power companies performed well in the bourses also on account of cooling-off in the input costs.

The Chief Investment Officer with a leading mutual fund, who did not wish to be named, said, "Inflation has clearly peaked and capex revival is happening across the country. In such a scenario, banks and capex-led sectors will do well. The discretionary spending by consumers will also go up given the wage increases... this is reflected in the markets as of now."

Pankaj Pandey, Head of Research at Icidirect.com said there is a genuine recovery in certain sectors and they will also benefit from softening commodity prices. "Inflation cooling off is expected to drive profit margins and improve the PE (price-earnings) multiple," he said.

India message

levels for quite some time now. This is part of our contacts with various stakeholders on global issues of mutual interest."

The Indian Express reported Thursday that New Delhi held its first political dialogue with NATO in Brussels on December 12, 2019. The talks were attended by senior officials including from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Defence.

To questions on the Taiwan issue, Bagchi said, "Like many other countries, India too is concerned at recent developments. We urge the exercise of restraint, avoidance of unilateral actions to change status quo, de-escalation of tensions and efforts to maintain peace and stability in the region."

On the question of the One-China policy, the MEA spokesperson said, "India's relevant policies are well-known and consistent. They do not require reiteration."

India does not have formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan yet as it adheres to the One-China policy.

Without naming China, New Delhi also called Beijing's blocking of the proposal to designate Pakistan-based Abdul Rauf Azhar as a global terrorist

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as "unfortunate".

Referred to as Abdul Rauf Asghar in UN documents, he is the brother of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar and deputy chief of the proscribed terror group.

"We note with regret that a 'technical hold' has been placed on the listing proposal for Abdul Rauf Asghar. It is unfortunate that when it comes to our collective battle against terrorism, the international community has been unable to speak in one common voice," Bagchi said.

He quoted Ruchira Kamboj, India's Permanent Representative to the UN in New York, who, during the UNSC Open Debate on August 9, had flagged this concern categorically to all members: "There should be no double standards in dealing with terrorists."

"The practice of placing holds and blocks without giving any justification must end. It is most regrettable that genuine and evidence based listing proposals pertaining to some of the most notorious terrorists in the world are being placed on hold. Double standards and continuing politicization have rendered the credibility of the Sanctions Regime at an all time low," Kamboj said.

Bagchi said that Abdul Rauf was actively involved in terrorist attacks such as hijacking of Indian Airlines aircraft IC-814 in 1999, the Parliament terror attacks in 2001 and the terror attacks at the Indian Army camp in Kathua in 2014 and at the IAF base in Pathankot in 2016.

Abdul Rauf, he said, has been proscribed under Indian and US laws already, and therefore "the placing of the 'technical hold' against such wanted terrorist is most uncalled for."

"India will continue pursuing its principled position of bringing these terrorists to justice, including through the UNSC 1267 Sanctions Regime," he said.

On the Chinese Foreign Ministry saying that it was "completely unjustified for certain countries to cite the so-called security concerns" to pressure Sri Lanka – in the context of the Sri Lanka Foreign Ministry asking China to "defer" the arrival of the Yuan Wang 5,

a military vessel, at its southern port of Hambantota – the MEA spokesperson said, "We reject the insinuations in the statement about India. Sri Lanka is a sovereign country and makes its own independent decisions."

He said as far as India-Sri Lanka relations are concerned, "you are aware of the centrality that Sri Lanka occupies in our Neighbourhood First policy. India has extended this year itself an unprecedented support of over US\$ 3.8 billion for ameliorating the serious economic situation in Sri Lanka. India also is fully supportive of its democracy, stability and economic recovery."

On India-China relations, Bagchi said, "We have consistently emphasized the necessity of mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interests as a basis for the development of ties."

"With regard to our security concerns, this is the sovereign right of every country. We will make the best judgment in our own interest. This naturally takes into account the prevailing situation in our region, especially in the border areas," he said.

Nupur Sharma

According to police, the UP ATS received information through security agencies that a youth in Saharanpur had been influenced by terror groups, including JeM, and was planning attacks. He was detained for questioning and his cellphone was scanned.

"During a preliminary inquiry of Nadeem's cellphone, police found a PDF document – Explosive course Fidae Force. Police also recovered voice message and voice chat of Nadeem with members of JeM and other terror organisation," a press note issued by ATS stated.

During questioning, Nadeem admitted that he was in touch with members of JeM and other terror organisation through social media including WhatsApp, the ATS stated.

"Nadeem also told ATS officials that members of JeM and other terror organisation were calling him to visit Pakistan to attend special training of terrorists," the ATS stated, adding

that Nadeem was planning to go to Syria and Afghanistan via Pakistan.

Babur's garden

arrived with picnic baskets, groups of women with small children in tow streamed into the women's section.

The sudden sight of so many women together comes as a sharp realisation of their near total absence from the streets of Kabul, with restrictions decreed and enforced by the Vice and Virtue Ministry now preventing them from working, studying or participating in national life in any meaningful way other than as home-makers.

Here in the park, the women spread out sheets to sit on the lawn. With no fear of the Taliban policing them in this space, some had even let their hijab slip. They took selfies, snacked out of small picnic plates and chattered, as children played around them.

Babur's grave and the Shahjahan-built mosque next to it are on the men's side. Husbands and fathers separated from their families lounged on the lawns or under the chinar trees. Young children ferried trays of food to them from the women's side.

Dozens of Taliban too roamed the men's side of the garden on the public holiday before the first anniversary of their victory, enjoying the views of Kabul from the garden's top terraces, with the more senior ones sitting around in absorbed in discussions its terraces, but not before depositing their guns at the gate.

Park officials said the number of visitors to the park had dropped dramatically over the last one year. The Friday rush, he said, was not as much as it used to be before the regime change, he said.

"Some people get angry, and they even go away when they learn about the separate entrances. They come to spend time together, not separately," said one official, adding that it had hit revenues, and led to a series of cost-cutting measures including cutting down on the staff. It was all affecting the maintenance of the garden, one official confided.

The high visibility of the

Taliban in the park, especially on Fridays, was also affecting the footfall, the official said. However, they are not allowed to carry their weapons inside the park. The official said every Taliban entering the park has to deposit his arms at the gate.

Bagh-e-Babur was all but destroyed in the civil war that broke out between various groups of mujahideen in the 1990s.

In 2001, after US forces drove out the Taliban from Kabul, the Aga Khan Trust took up the restoration of the garden, including the planting of trees. Mohammed Shaheer, the late Indian landscape designer who was a consultant in the restoration for Humayun's Tomb and Sundar Nursery garden in Delhi, played a principal role in the restoration of the Bagh-e-Babur.

HP Highway

project was inaugurated last year. The cause behind the collapse will be determined in detail."

Highway authorities said the project was completed on the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) model by GR Infraprojects. Engineers and infrastructure experts have been called from Delhi who will be examining the road structure. Officials are yet to come up with a timeline for the road to become functional but said it could take up to weeks.

The 39.14 km four-lane stretch between Parwanoo and Solan is part of the 90-km Shimla-Parwanoo project that was conceptualised to reduce travel time from Delhi, Punjab, and Chandigarh.

The project began in 2015 and ran into several delays, including a tribunal order halting construction, and the unavailability of labourers during the pandemic among others.

The Solan stretch was inaugurated via virtual mode by Minister of Road, Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari in June last year. The stretch connects to a four-lane road towards Shimla.

Travellers can now take the Shamlech bypass road or the route through Barog to travel further. Since the regular route is impacted, there could be congestion and delays.

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CASES 19,80,402Aug 11 2,726
Aug 12 2,136
Total 8,343*

	Total	Vacant
HOSPITAL BEDS	9,408	8,837
ICU BEDS	2,117	1,934

	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Aug 11	2,726	2,085	6	18,960
Aug 12	2,136	2,623	10	14,225
Total	8,343*	19,45,692	26,367	3,96,87,260

*Total active cases in Delhi

NOIDA		
	Aug 11	Aug 12
Cases	193	271
Deaths	0	0
GURGAON		
Cases	590	472
Deaths	0	1

BRIEFLY

L-G directs agencies to ensure timely construction

New Delhi: To enhance efficiency, rationalise costs, ensure financial probity and improve quality in civil/ construction and other works, L-G VK Saxena Friday directed project execution and implementation agencies such as DDA, NDMC and MCD to ensure timely completion of work. Officials said that recently, the L-G reviewed ongoing projects and found that the delay has not only resulted in cost escalation but also non-availability of services.

Man jumps to death in front of train

Gurgaon: A 72-year-old man died after he allegedly jumped in front of an approaching train at Guru Dronacharya Metro station Friday evening, said police. Police recovered a suicide note from his pocket. The man was a native of Kanpur and had come to Gurgaon earlier this week to stay at a relative's house, police said, and added that in the note, he said that he was taking the step of his own volition and no one was responsible for the incident.

2k rounds of ammo seized, 6 arrested

New Delhi: Police recovered over 2,000 rounds of ammunition, including imported cartridges, and arrested six men, identified as ammunition couriers Ajmal (20) and Rashid (20), receiver Saddam, gun-house owner Parikshit Negi (42), and two others, Kamran and Nasir, who supplied cartridges to Negi, police said. Police said initial evidence indicated the involvement of criminal elements, while the terror angle had not been ruled out. **ENS**



Buildings around twin towers in Noida covered up ahead of the demolition. Gajendra Yadav

Supertech towers demolition now on Aug 28, SC grants additional week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

THE SUPREME Court Friday agreed to a request by the Noida Authority to fix August 28 for the demolition of the illegally built twin towers of real estate giant Supertech Ltd.

A bench presided by Justice D Y Chandrachud also allowed the Authority's prayer for an additional week to carry out the process should any unforeseen situation like bad weather or technical problem hamper the operation.

"Noida has stated that in view of the fact that certain work prior to demolition has to be completed by August 25, 2022, and as recommended by CSIR-CBRI (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Building Research Institute), the date of demolition may be confirmed as August 28, 2022, with a 'bandwidth of seven days' between August 29 to September 4, 2022, to take into account any marginal delay on account of technical reasons or weather conditions. The request made by Noida is acceded to," the bench, also comprising Justice A S Bopanna, said in its order.

The Supreme Court had on August 31, 2021, ordered the demolition of the twin towers for violating building norms in "collusion" with Noida officials.

The top court had held that the illegal construction has to be dealt with strictly to ensure compliance with the rule of law.

In February, the Noida Authority informed the top court that demolition work had started and would be completed by May 22. However, the Authority subsequently told the court that it may not be possible to demolish the entire structure finally by that date, and time would be required until August. It pointed out that the Director, CBRI, had, by communication dated May 11, indicated that the work of final demolition may be carried out by August 28.

On Friday, Noida filed a status report which said CSIR-CBRI had recommended that the demolition be confirmed for August 28.

Appearing for Noida Authority Friday, advocate Ravindra Kumar requested that as some more work remains to be completed by August 25, it may be fixed for August 28. "Considering any unforeseen circumstance/ factor/ or any delay in charging time on account due to technical reasons and/ or weather conditions, a bandwidth of seven days between 29.8.2022 and 4.9.2022 may be granted for carrying out the demolition in the event of the demolition not taking place on 28.8.2022 due to the aforesaid circumstances," the authority prayed.

Explosives to be placed in towers from today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, AUGUST 12

AFTER THE Supreme Court acceded to the request of Noida Authority to fix August 28 as the demolition date for Supertech twin towers, the process of charging the towers with explosives is expected to begin early Saturday, around 7 am, it is learnt.

For this, arrangements have been made along with Noida Police to ensure that the process is carried out smoothly.

On Friday, the Supreme Court, in a miscellaneous application filed by Supertech Ltd, allowed the demolition date to be fixed as August 28 after observing that the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) had given its clearance for the demolition, subject to assurances submitted by Edifice Engineering and Supertech Ltd.

The apex court further granted a bandwidth of seven days between August 29 to September 4 to take into account any marginal delay on account of technical reasons or weather conditions, as requested by the Noida authority.

Disposing of the miscellaneous application, the court instructed Noida authority to continue engaging with CBRI and Edifice Engineering at periodic intervals prior to the date of demolition so as to allow CBRI any further requisitions that it may have for safely conducting the demolition.

Meanwhile, Noida Police is expected to provide an escort for the vehicles transporting the explosives and detonators from Palwal (Haryana) to the demolition site, a source said, adding that explosives and detonators will be carried in two separate vehicles.

The process of charging will be carried out every day, starting Saturday, until it is completed, sources said. South Africa-based Jet Demolition, which has partnered with Edifice Engineering to execute the demolition, has sent a team of engineers who will work from 'sunrise to sunset' overseeing the charging process, they added.

According to a source, Edifice Engineering and Supertech are 99.9% confident that the demolition/ final blast will be executed on August 28 at 2.30 pm.

4 DETAINED

Not one person helped him: Mother of man stabbed to death

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

A 25-YEAR-OLD man was stabbed to death in South Delhi's Malviya Nagar on Thursday evening. CCTV footage shows the victim, Mayank Panwar, being attacked by a group of assailants while passersby look on.

On Friday evening, police detained four men in connection with the incident. Initial investigation found that the victim got into an argument with one of the accused "for staring at him". The accused then called his friends after leaving the spot and they came back and allegedly attacked the victim, police said.

According to police, they received a call about the incident which took place near gate number 3 at the Begumpur DDA Market. They found that the victim was taken to AIIMS Trauma Centre, where he succumbed to injuries.

Police said he was sitting at the Qila in Begumpur with his friend, Vikas, at 7 pm when four-five unknown people picked a fight with the duo. Mayank was



(Left) Screen grab of the video of the incident; Mayank Panwar

stabbed while he was trying to escape.

DCP (South) Benita Mary Jaiker said: "A case has been registered under IPC sections 302 (murder) and 34 (common intention)."

Mayank is survived by his parents Kuldeep and Savita, and his elder brother Priyank.

His mother recalled the last time she saw him: "He was walking out of the house at noon with a smile on his face. Not one person helped him while he was being attacked. Is there no humanity? How could this happen?"

The family said the attackers should be severely punished.

Sisodia takes aim at Centre again over 'rewri politics' row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish Sisodia Friday said Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is trying to scare people by alleging that welfare schemes given to ordinary citizens will destroy the country. "Instead of scaring and creating panic among the public, the Centre should invest in citizens," he said.

Accusing the BJP-led central government of running a 'dost-vaad' model, Sisodia quipped, "The BJP has waived Rs 5 lakh crore tax and Rs 10 lakh crore loan amount of their friends. It did not affect the government's exchequer but free education to poor children, healthcare and electricity have been destroying the country's revenue surplus!"

"A new practice has started where free schemes for ordinary citizens are looked down on and called 'freebies' and 'free ki rewri' by BJP leaders. Yesterday, minister Nirmala Sitharaman said how the schemes can destroy the country if they continued with the public tax money... I don't know what they mean by this, but if the government does not spend money on development and public welfare, it will collapse and the country will go to rack and ruin..." said Sisodia.

Highlighting the Delhi model of governance, Sisodia explained how welfare schemes introduced by the AAP government are resulting in development and helping ordinary people. "There is another model where the government uses people's taxes for their welfare, to provide free education, healthcare, subsidy on electricity, free trans-

EXPLAINED
Rewri row reaches SC

THE 'FREEBIE' issue has gone all the way to the Supreme Court, which is hearing a petition to stop political parties from promising freebies using public money to fulfil those promises. Chief Justice of India N V Ramana Thursday acknowledged that the impact of freebies promised on the country's fiscal health was "a serious issue", but said he was not in favour of derecognising any party over it as that would be "anti-democratic".

portation for women and teeth yatra for elders and pensions to senior citizens," said Sisodia.

Sisodia added the Finance Minister should see how the 'dostvaad' model is affecting the public. "If a farmer takes loans for farming and misses to pay even one due amount, the dostvaadi government seizes his land and house... This is their model, they can waive their friends' loan amount but not the poor farmer's... The government also doesn't believe in free education..." Sisodia also said the Centre doesn't believe in investing in a free healthcare system. "It has destroyed the government hospitals and is promoting private healthcare systems. They don't care if the poor lives or dies," he said, and added that the developed countries provide free schemes to their citizens.

Out to relieve herself, 12-year-old is raped, killed near railway tracks in Faridabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, AUGUST 12

A 12-YEAR-OLD girl, who had gone to relieve herself near a railway line in Faridabad, was allegedly raped and murdered on Thursday night. Police said the accused is yet to be identified.

Police said the girl lived in a slum area near the lines. Her mother works as a labourer with a private company while her father died a few months ago of an illness. A police officer said during the day, when her mother is at work, the girl would stay with her sister and her brother-in-law, who live near her house.

According to police, the incident took place around 9 pm when the girl went to the fields near the railway line to relieve herself. "She was accompanied by her sister and her sister's friend, who waited for her across the tracks. When the girl did not return for some time, they started searching for her. When they could not locate her, they called others from the slum to find her. After over an hour, her semi-naked body was found a kilometre away in the bushes and her clothes were next to the body. Preliminary probe suggests the accused sexually assaulted the girl and strangled her when she resisted," said a

Police said it is suspected that the accused forcibly picked up the girl and took her to a secluded place in the bushes where he allegedly sexually assaulted and killed her

police officer.

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saulted and killed her.

"Due to lack of washrooms in slums, people often go to the tracks to relieve themselves," added the police officer.

Police said the government railway police (GRP) received information of the incident around 11.45 pm, following which a team from GRP Faridabad rushed to the spot. The girl was taken to a hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival.

An FIR was registered against the unidentified accused under IPC sections 302 (murder), 376 (rape) and section 6 (aggravated penetrative sexual assault) of POCSO Act.

DSP GRP Faridabad, Sudhir

Taneja, said, "We received information that a girl who had gone to relieve herself near the railway lines had been murdered. There was some bleeding injury. We have registered a case of murder against unidentified accused. The body was handed over to the family after the post-mortem..."

The DSP added, "We have added POCSO section in the FIR since it is a case of a minor girl. More details will be known after the post-mortem report comes out... A probe has been initiated and efforts are to trace the accused."

Police said the family hails from Bihar.



Families living along the floodplains are shifting their belongings. Praveen Khanna

few things to a shelf closer to the roof. We will move the rest... clothes, bedding, utensils, gas stove, up to the roof by evening. *Ghabrahat nahi hain* (there is no worry). We do this every year." Soni is from Murshidabad, but has been living in the neighbourhood for nearly 25 years.

If the water rises further, she will move to the main road but tents had not been set up till Friday evening. There is fear of their belongings left on the roof getting stolen, but it is impossible to carry everything, said Soni, whose husband fishes

plastic and other waste out of the river in the hope of selling it. "There are no documents to worry about losing. No Aadhaar or ration card..." she said.

Khilli Ram Meena, Principal Secretary, Revenue, said the total number of people to be evacuated would be 30,000 from six districts. Evacuation will start after water level reaches 206 m. Anil Banka, District Magistrate, East Delhi, added, "We are watching the situation and readying for evacuation — some permanent structures will be used and tents will be set up; 7-8 schools have

been identified for people to move to. In the district, there are 15 places from where people may need to be moved..."

Evacuation began later in the night when the water level inched closer to 206 m. Banka said 2,500 people were being moved in the night.

For Harish Kumar and his team of 30 divers at Delhi Boat Club, that works with the East district administration, this is the busiest time of the year. "We have 24 motor boats patrolling the river from Palla to Jaitpur and 17 boats are on stand-by," he said.

WATER LEVEL AT 205.9 METRES, EVACUATION BEGINS

As Yamuna goes past danger park, some families look for higher ground

ABHINAVI HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

WITH THE water level in the Yamuna surging past the 'danger' mark on Friday, Delhi is gearing up for the annual inundation of the floodplains.

At 11 pm on Friday, the water level at the Old Railway Bridge was 205.9 m, above the 'danger' level of 205.33 m, and was rising. It had risen by close to 2 metres during the day — the level at 10 am was 203.94 m, comfortably below the 'warning' level of 204.5

m. After a particularly dry summer, when parts of the river were parched leading to a water shortage in the city, this is the first time this monsoon the river has crossed the 'danger' mark.

Discharge from Hathnikund barrage, located over the river in Haryana, determines the level of water downstream in Delhi. The peak discharge Friday was 1,49,849 cusecs at 1 am, lower than the peak of 2,21,786 cusecs recorded Thursday. Heavy rainfall in the basin states of the Yamuna — Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand — have caused

an increase in water level.

Ashish Kundra, Principal Secretary, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, said, "Tonight, the level is expected to touch 206 m after midnight, as per the discharge from Hathnikund. Yesterday, the discharge crossed 2 lakh cusecs at Hathnikund, but it takes time to reach here."

Meanwhile, families living along the floodplains are shifting their belongings. Soni (40), whose makeshift home is closest to the river among those located on the floodplain under the Old Railway Bridge, said: "We have moved a

Three-decade wait for woman for DDA plot, HC says ‘unpardonable’

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

THE “lackadaisical and abhorrently unprofessional approach” of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is “unpardonable”, the Delhi High Court has said while rapping the planning authority for failing to hand over a plot in Rohini to an octogenarian woman, who had applied for it in 1981 and got an allotment letter in 1991.

Upholding a single-bench decision directing the DDA to hand over a 60 sq. metres plot to the woman within four weeks, the division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad said that the facts of the case only demonstrate the harassment of “a poor lady” at the hands of DDA for reasons best known

to the officers concerned.

“In view of the harassment caused to the respondent by the DDA for over 30 years and for wasting precious judicial time by filing the instant frivolous appeal, this court is inclined to impose costs of Rs 50,000 on the DDA,” said the court.

The woman, Shail Shukla, had registered for allotment of a plot of land under Rohini Residential Scheme MIG (middle-income group) in 1981 and after draw of lots in March 1991, she was allotted a plot in Pocket-12 of Sector 24, Rohini. A total of Rs 59,805 was sought from her and after adjustment of the amount deposited for registration and interest accrued upon it, she paid the amount of Rs 51,310 in three instalments by 1993.

Since the plot of land was not handed over to her for almost a decade

and there was no response from the DDA, out of frustration, in December 2005 she asked the authority to refund her the money. In August 2006, she was asked to meet the Assistant Director, LSB (Land Sales Branch), Rohini and in December 2006, certain documents were sought from her.

Shukla in July 2008 submitted her affidavit about her being the original applicant, the bank account details, original demand-cum-allotment letter, original copies of challans by which the amount was deposited, residence proof, specimen signatures and photograph as well as the copies of correspondence made by DDA. With regard to Original FDR, she said it was submitted back in 1991.

The division bench said after that despite the lapse of six years, the DDA neither handed over the possession of

the plot nor did it refund the money. According to the petition, the woman withdrew her application for refund in August 2011 and asked for possession of the allotted land. When DDA declined the request, she approached the court. In June 2012, the court asked the DDA to keep reserved a plot for her in case she succeeds in the case. Accordingly, a plot in Sector-1, Pocket-B of Rohini was kept reserved for her.

The single bench of Justice Najmi Waziri in an order passed in April said, “Three decades have passed since the petitioner was allotted the flat and made all the payments. She is now in the eighth decade of her life and would rather see the fruition of her endeavours in this temporal world. She has established her case for handing over of the plot reserved for her by DDA.”

Another JEE (Mains) candidate moves HC over ‘discrepancies’

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

IN YET another case of alleged discrepancies in the exam-related record downloaded by JEE (Mains) candidates from the National Testing Agency's portal, the Delhi High Court has directed authorities concerned to immediately accept a student's application for JEE (Advanced) and asked the NTA to file all relevant records including his response sheet in five days before it.

“JEE (Advanced) is now scheduled for 28th August 2022, and whether petitioner is to be permitted to appear in the said examination or not, is the call that the court will take only after perusing the documents so produced by the NTA,” said Justice Sanjeev Narula, adding that the court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case, even on a prima facie basis.

As per the petition filed by Tanishq Mishra, he appeared in

JEE (Mains) and downloaded the score-cards pertaining to the first and second session from the NTA portal. The cut-off for applying to JEE (Advanced) is the percentile of 88.41 and the petitioner scored 98.79 in the first session and 99.23 in the second session, Mishra's counsel told the court.

However, the petition alleges when he attempted to apply for JEE (Advanced) on August 10 via the online portal, he was shown as not eligible as his score was declared to be less than the cut-off mark. On clarification, he got to know from NTA that he scored only 20.767 and 14.64 percentile in the first and second sessions, respectively. His counsel told the court the score-cards attached with the petition have been downloaded from the NTA website.

During the hearing held Thursday, the NTA told the court that documents presented as score-cards before the court are false and have no credibility.

CWG medallist in spat with AAP govt gets Rs 5 lakh from Tiwari

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

NORTHEAST DELHI BJP MP Manoj Tiwari Friday gave Rs 5 lakh to Commonwealth Games medallist, wrestler Divya Kakran, who is currently at loggerheads with the AAP-led Delhi government after she claimed she had not received help from it though she has been living in the city for 20 years and training here.

Tiwari visited her home in Gokalpuri and said: “I’ve come to (visit) my sister... Like a brother, I will extend all support to make her excel in her field,” Tiwari said. Kakran also tied a rakhi on his wrist.

Earlier this week, responding to a congratulatory tweet by CM Arvind Kejriwal, the wrestler had said: I thank the honourable Chief Minister from the bottom of my heart for congratulating me. I have been living in Delhi for the past 20 years and have been training here but till now I



Tiwari with Divya Kakran. Express

have not been awarded any money or received any help from the State government. It is my request that you honour me the way you honour players from Delhi who represent other States.”

The Delhi government Thursday claimed the wrestler was provided financial assistance till 2017, the year she last played for the city.

Candidates show up at CUET centre, find no exam taking place

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

CONFUSION SURROUNDING THE Common University Entrance Test (CUET) continued Friday, with candidates unsure about dates of their postponed papers showing up at an exam centre to find there was no exam.

The exam which had been scheduled for August 4 to 6 had been postponed due to technical issues to August 12 to 14. Later, another notice was issued stating that 15,811 candidates had approached it requesting a date other than August 12 to 14, and that many students had approached it requesting their exams not be scheduled from 12 to 14 due to festivals during this time.

The notice stated that “considering the above requests, it has been decided that in place of 12 to 14 August 2022, the CUET (UG) - 2022 examination for all these candidates will now be conducted between 24 to 28 August 2022, and fresh Admit Card will be issued well before the date of Examination.”

Students had been confused about whether this applied to all those whose exams had been postponed from August 4-6 or only those students who were not happy with the dates. Because of this, several candidates turned up at KRM Mangalam World School in Greater Kailash Friday to find closed gates.

“When we came on the 4th, there was a piece of paper pasted at the gate saying the exam had been postponed to August 12 and that the same admit card shall be valid for it. When we arrived Friday afternoon, there was no indication of an exam there. There was just a guard telling us the exam there was cancelled. This is the second time this is happening to us,” said the mother of a student, who had travelled from Noida.

Another student, Deepshri Bansal, said: “It is the second time I am returning from the centre without giving the exam.”

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	2020-21	2021-22
Profit Before Tax (₹ in Lakh) (Standalone)	₹ 52,798	₹ 94,391
Profit After Tax (₹ in Lakh) (Standalone)	₹ 38,194	₹ 70,436

Extract of Statement of Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended 31 st March 2022 (₹ in Lakh)					
SL. NO.	Particulars	Audited			
		Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		31.03.2022	31.03.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2021
		1	2	3	4
1	Total Income from operations	410988	229531	1281217	828118
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	30635	21294	81431	52540
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax (After exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	30663	21765	94194	53011
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	23384	16229	70239	38407
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after Tax)	24552	17007	70324	38604
6	Paid Up Equity Share Capital	55169	55169	55169	55169
7	Reserves/Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserves)	333018	279962	333018	279962
8	New Worth	388187	335131	388187	335131
9	Outstanding Debt (Long term)	136123	124727	136123	124727
10	Long Term Debt Equity Ratio	0.35 : 1	0.37 : 1	0.35 : 1	0.37 : 1
11	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/-each (₹)*				
	(i) Basic (₹)	4.24	2.94	12.73	6.96
	(ii) Diluted (₹)	4.24	2.94	12.73	6.96
12	Debt Redemption Reserve	**Refer Note	**Refer Note	**Refer Note	**Refer Note
13	Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	1.38	1.23	3.06	2.29
14	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	7.82	8.27	8.93	4.90

* Not annualised in case of quarterly figures ** In accordance with Gazette Notification No. GSR 574(E) dated 16th August, 2019 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Company is not required to create Debt Redemption Reserve in respect of the above referred debentures as they have been issued on private placement basis.

Formula used for calculation of Ratios:
a. Debt : equity Ratio = (Long Term Borrowings + Current maturities of Long Term Borrowings) / (Shareholders funds)
b. Debt Service Coverage Ratio = (Profit before Finance costs, Depreciation, Exceptional Items and Tax) / (Finance Costs + Current maturities of Long Term Borrowings)
c. Interest Service Coverage Ratio = (Profit before Finance costs, Depreciation, Exceptional Items and Tax) / (Finance Costs)

Key numbers of Audited Standalone Financial Results of the Company are as under: (₹ in Lakh)					
SL. NO.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		31.03.2022	31.03.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2021
		1	2	3	4
1	Total Income	414066	233670	1294862	840779
2	Profit / (Loss) before tax	30634	21621	94391	52798
3	Profit / (Loss) after tax	23355	16085	70436	38194
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period	24523	16863	70521	38391

Notes: 1. (a)The above revised financial results have been prepared consequent to receipt of opinion received on 26th July, 2022 from Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Hitherto, Company was charging off the utilities generated from trial run production and consumed internally to Profit and Loss Account and only net commissioning expenses were included under Capital Work in progress. In the absence of any specific guidance under Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS), as to value of trial run production consumed internally and the treatment thereof, the matter was referred to the EAC of ICAI by the Company. The EAC opined that the Company's treatment of crediting CWP with the value of utilities generated during trial run and consumed in ongoing commercial production and charging off the said amount to the Statement of Profit and Loss Account is not in order and further the financial statements are required to be restated in accordance with Ind AS 8 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, for accounting periods where such treatment was given after applicability of Ind AS. Accordingly accounting policy is suitably modified and restatement is being done effective from FY 2017-18 onwards. In accordance with Ind AS 8 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and Ind AS 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements, the Company has retrospectively restated its Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022(Current Year), 31st March 2021(Previous Year) and 1st April 2020 (beginning of the preceding period) and Statement of Profit and Loss and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st March 2022 and 31st March 2021, for the reasons as stated above in respect of material items and wherever retrospective restatement is practicable. (b) The Company had submitted consolidated financial statements considering audited / management certified accounts in respect of its Joint Ventures. However the Company has been directed by the office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India to submit consolidated financial statements considering audited financial statements of all its Joint Ventures. Incorporating the above referred changes, financial results are drawn in accordance with the accounting policies consistently followed by the Company. The results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 12th August, 2022. These results have been reviewed by the Statutory Auditors as required under Regulation 33 and Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. 2. The results for the quarter and year ended 31st March, 2022 are in compliance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act 2013 read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2016. 3. Board of Directors at their meeting held on 27th May, 2022 had approved financial results which were also communicated to the respective stock exchanges. Based on the same a final dividend of ₹ 2.37 per equity share of ₹ 10/- each, i.e. 23.70 % on paid up equity share capital of the Company for the financial year 2021-22 was declared which was subject to approval of Shareholder's of the Company. Consequent to revision in the financial statements and in compliance of guidelines issued by Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), Government of India, the Board of Directors have recommended a final dividend of ₹ 2.50 per equity share of ₹ 10/- each, i.e. 25 % on paid up equity share capital as against ₹ 2.37 per equity share of ₹ 10/- each recommended earlier. The same is subject to approval of Shareholder's of the Company. This is in addition to the interim dividend of ₹ 1.35 per equity share paid by the Company. 4. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the revised Financial Results for quarter and year ended on 31st March, 2022 filed with the BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the revised standalone and consolidated Financial Results are available on the website of the Company at www.rcftld.com and also available on the website of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
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6 GOVT & POLITICS

Tejashwi meets Sonia, says Bihar has shown the way by ousting BJP

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

VISITING DELHI for the first time after the power shift in Patna, Bihar's new Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav met Congress president Sonia Gandhi and leaders of the Left parties – all are constituents of the Mahagathbandhan or Grand Alliance – after which he said Bihar has shown the direction to the country by ousting the BJP from power.

As he met Sonia, sources in the Congress said the two parties are locked in hard bargaining over the number of ministerial berths in Bihar. The Congress is keen to have four ministers but the RJD, sources said, is reluctant to allow more than two from the Grand Alliance quota.

Bhakta Charan Das, AICC in charge of Bihar, swallowed his pride and called on RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav, who had lam-pooned him last year, and discussed ministry formation.



Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav speaks to reporters outside Sonia Gandhi's house in New Delhi on Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

Tejashwi, meanwhile, met CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury and his CPI counterpart D Raja. He then drove to 10, Janpath to meet Sonia.

Emerging from the meeting, he said all of them congratulated the RJD for backing Nitish Kumar after he snapped ties with the BJP. He said Nitish had taken a

timely decision and his move to walk out of the NDA was a "slap" on the face of the BJP.

"In the Bihar Assembly, all the political parties barring the BJP... all of us have come together. The same scene will now be seen in the country. People are fed up with price rise, unemployment, social and communal tension...

those who want to rule the country by pitting Hindus and Muslims against each other... where our Constitution and democracy are in danger.... where attempts were made to destroy bhaichara... our Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb... Bihar has once again... shown a new direction to the country," he said.

"And for that I thank the Chief Minister, Madam Sonia Gandhi, Yechury, Raja and Dipankar (Bhattacharya)," he said.

Responding to a question on who will be the Opposition camp's prime ministerial face in 2024 among Mamata Banerjee, Akhilesh Yadav and Nitish Kumar, Tejashwisaid: "I feel the time has come for all Opposition parties to sit together because Bihar has given that direction and the spirit to fight. So everyone should sit together and chalk out the roadmap on what to do."

Attacking the BJP, he said the ruling party was destabilising elected governments. "What happened in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh... what was

happening in Jharkhand... we have seen all that drama... *jo darega usko darao, jo bikhega usko khareedo...* This is what the BJP does. Our Constitutional institutions are being destroyed one by one, be it ED, CBI or Income Tax. They have become worse than a police station. And who are they trying to scare? We, the people of Bihar, are not the ones who will be scared. *Bihari jo hata hai... bikau nahi, tikau hota hai...* we don't compromise with our self-respect," he said.

Tejashwi said the BJP was out to finish regional parties. "Most of the regional parties are of backward classes and Dalits. And they wanted to finish Nitish Kumar who comes from the backward community. You broke Ram Vilasji's party into two. You want to finish his politics. If regional parties are finished, then there will be no Opposition. And if there is no Opposition, there will be no democracy. And if there is no democracy, the country will be ruled... the regime will be like a dictatorship... like a king," he said.

'Nitish may be honest but he is politically immoral'

AS NITISH Kumar takes fresh guard as Bihar Chief Minister, with Tejashwi Yadav as his deputy, former Union Law Minister and the BJP's Patna Saheb MP **RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD** speaks to **SANTOSH SINGH** about his party's struggles to hold on to its allies, if the state BJP will project a leader who can take on Nitish, and if the current "seven parties versus BJP" situation warrants the reformulation of the party's socio-political combinations in Bihar. Excerpts:



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INTERVIEW

WITH

RAVI SHANKAR

PRASAD

BJP'S PATNA SAHEB MP &

FORMER UNION MINISTER

Why does the BJP fail to read Nitish Kumar? Just a month after PM Narendra Modi called him a "valuable ally", the JD(U) leader chose to dump your party yet again.

By siding with the Congress yet again, Nitish has finally sounded the death knell of the socialist legacy of Dr Rammanohar Lohia, whose politics was all about anti-Congressism. Lalu Prasad has never been a conventional socialist, Nitish can claim to be so. But his latest flip-flop is troubling. This is perhaps the biggest flip-flop by a leader of Nitish Kumar's stature and experience and may become a test case in political history.

But why are your allies leaving one after another? Nitish alleges that the NDA under AB Vajpayee was assimilative while the one under Modi tries to gobble up its allies.

It is not true. The Akali Dal, Shiv Sena and JD(U) left on their own... We never asked our allies to go. Take the example of Nitish. What is the longest he has stayed in an alliance? He was with us from 1995 to 2013. Before that, he was briefly with Lalu Prasad and later in the Samata Party. Narendra

Only Yadav MLA from Cong wants ministry in Bihar, writes to Sonia, Rahul

SANTOSH SINGH

PATNA, AUGUST 12

IN A PARTY where leaders are not really known for their initiative, Congress Khagaria Sadar MLA Chhatrapati Yadav has thrown his hat in the ring.

With Cabinet expansion of the new Mahagathbandhan government any time soon, Yadav believes the Congress should pick him for the two-three Cabinet berths likely to fall in its kitty. He has gone ahead and



Chhatrapati Yadav

Yadav, 54, believes he has a distinct claim to a ministry: for being the Congress's only

Yadav MLA in the state. Confirming he had written a letter to Sonia, apart from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Bihar PCC president Madan Mohan Jha, demanding that he be made a minister in the Nitish Kumar-led Mahagathbandhan government, Yadav told *The Indian Express*: "There is nothing wrong in speaking my mind to our leaders."

Bihar Congress chief Madan Mohan Jha said it was up to the Central high command to decide who would become minister.

Modi always held him in high esteem for his honesty and development credentials. Of the eight times he has become CM, the NDA made him CM five times. Even when his party was reduced to two seats in 2014, we gave him an equal number of seats – 17 – to contest in the 2019 polls even if it meant denying tickets to five of our sitting MPs. After the 2020 poll results, in which we got 74 seats compared to JD(U)'s 43, Narendra Modi made Nitish the CM... Our fight was based on the twin planks of corruption and the misrule of Lalu Prasad. But he landed up in the Lalu camp again. At least, he should have had the basic courtesy to tell our central leaders that he was leaving.

But don't you think that BJP chief JP Nadda's 'regional

parties will be finished' statement could have alarmed Nitish? Doesn't BJP want regional parties to co-exist?

Of course, we want regional parties to co-exist. We do respect them. Nadda's statement was misinterpreted. He said in the context of regional parties practising dynastic politics. The PM also spoke of the threat of dynastic politics and praised Nitish for being an exception. But Nitish had to find some reason to leave.

Why is Nitish so important as an ally in Bihar?

He is nothing on his own. While people like Mulayam Singh Yadav, Mayawati, Mamata Banerjee, KCR (K Chandrashekar Rao), MK Stalin and Lalu became CMs because of their strength, here is a man called Nitish who has no courage to contest on his own. When he decided to leave us, why did he not press for a fresh mandate? He contested the 2014 polls alone and saw the result. He has clung to power with the help of others. He may be an honest politician but he is politically immoral.

Isn't the indispensability of Nitish in Bihar because of BJP's inability to project its own leader? Isn't it time the Bihar BJP has a leader who can challenge Nitish?

We have no dearth of leadership. We believe in collective leadership, with Modi being our sole leader to inspire the rank and file. We are thinking of the 2024 LS polls... As for the 2025 Bihar polls, the central leadership alone will take a call on whether there is a need to project a leader in the state.

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CM Nitish Kumar ties a rakhi on a tree in Patna on Friday. PTI

Asked for 4 central berths in 2019 but BJP said no, says CM

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PATNA, AUGUST 12

BIHAR CHIEF Minister Nitish Kumar Friday revealed he had sought "four ministerial berths" at the Centre after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, citing his JD(U)'s numerical strength, but the demand was turned down by the BJP, his now-abandoned ally.

Kumar, who broke his silence on the episode after three years, also dismissed claims by BJP leaders like his former deputy Sushil Kumar Modi that his consent was obtained before inducting the then JD(U) national president RCP Singh into the Union cabinet last year.

"I had sought four seats after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. It was

my contention that they (BJP) had 17 seats in Bihar while we had got 16. They were inducting five ministers from the state. Any other formula would have sent a bad signal across the state. You all may recall the turn of events thereafter," he told reporters here.

Kumar, who was then the party's national president, had gone to New Delhi after the Lok Sabha polls, with top JD(U) leaders saying that the party, which had returned to NDA only a couple of years earlier, was all set to join the new government at the Centre.

However, Kumar subsequently announced that his party will not join the new cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and returned after the swearing in.

Pavan Varma quits TMC months after he joined party

New Delhi: Diplomat-turned-politician Pavan K Varma, who had joined the Trinamool Congress last November, quit the party Friday, an announcement which he made through a tweet.

"Dear @MamataOfficial Ji, Please accept my resignation from the @AITCofficial. I want to thank you for the warm welcome accorded to me, and for your affection and courtesies. I look forward to remaining in touch. Wishing you all the best, and with warm regards, Pavan K. Varma," Varma tweeted.

Varma's move comes days after JD(U), which he represented in the Rajya Sabha in the past, exited the NDA alliance. **ENS**

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ON-SITED MEETINGS

AFTER TAKING over the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, one big change minister Bhupender Yadav has made is the way the ministry celebrates the special days. He made sure that meetings of the important bodies under the ministry are conducted at a location that has some relevance to the subject. So, the meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority in March was held in Pakke Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh, and the International Tiger Day in July was celebrated in Tadoba-Andhari National Park in Maharashtra, while a Project Elephant event was held in Rajaji National Reserve in Dehradun in March. The minister took a trip to Sultanpur lake in Haryana to observe the World Wetland Day. On Friday, Bhupender Yadav went to Periyar, Kerala, to observe the World Elephant Day. In order to make the visit memorable, Yadav took a morning boat journey in Periyar Lake to get the glimpse of its beauty and the animals.

NEXT CONG PRESIDENT

SETTING IN motion the exercise for election of the next Congress president, the Madhusudan Mistry-headed Central Election Authority is said to have written to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, proposing the timeline for the election process. Sources said the leadership is keen on completing the election process before the start of the Bharat Yatra on Sept 7. According to the broad schedule announced earlier, the party has to elect a new president between Aug 21 and Sept 20. Sonia is expected to convene a meeting of the CWC soon to approve the timeline. With Rahul Gandhi not willing to contest, there is much interest in the party on who will be the next president. While some leaders believe Sonia will be persuaded to continue, many others argue a status quo will be disastrous. Among the names doing the rounds include that of Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot.

BACK TO BASICS

RELIEVED OF his duties as a Union minister, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has been spending a lot of time in Uttar Pradesh, particularly Rampur. On Thursday, Naqvi was in Amroha, where he paid tributes to the UP Prachar Adhishthata of Arya Samaj, late Harish Chandra Arya. On Friday, he attended a party meeting with Rampur BJP chief Abhay Gupta. On Saturday, he will join residents and party workers at Rampur's Mahatma Gandhi maidan for a Tiranga festival where kites in Tricolour will be flown. Kite-flying has been an old tradition in Rampur and the residents have made the tricolour kites on their own.

AAP chief using freebies for political goals: BJP

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

THE BJP Friday accused the Aam Aadmi Party of using freebies to fulfil the political ambitions of Arvind Kejriwal.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra drew a distinction between the welfare measures of the Centre and the "politics of freebies", saying the Narendra Modi's government's policies are designed to help the people stand on their feet.

"Freebies are not meant for the poor. These are aimed at grabbing power. Freebies have no long-

term benefits. It has only one short-term benefit and that is to get power in the hands of Arvind Kejriwal. It is a bait to trap people to fulfil the ambitions of Kejriwal and the AAP," Patra told reporters.

Commenting on the RJD-JD(U), Patra said it will not be an exaggeration to say that "jungle raj has returned to Bihar". He cited a string of alleged cases of rapes, murders and lootings to make his point.

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav said: "Jungle raj is in the Centre where ministers are scared to so much as squeak. There is a complete dictatorship. And for a debate, why don't we pick up NCRB data?"

MONTHS TO GO FOR GUJARAT POLLS

Cong promises loan waivers, unmetered electricity for farmers, cattle-herders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

RAJKOT, AUGUST 12

WITH MONTHS left for the Gujarat Assembly elections, the Congress Friday announced its sankalp patra or resolution for farmers and cattle-herders, which promises farm loan waivers, unmetered power supply and trade of agricultural produce only at price above the

minimum support price (MSP).

The announcement was made by Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) president Jagdish Thakor, former Union minister Bharatsinh Solanki, former GPCC president Arjun Modhwadia, Congress Legislature Party leader Sukhrum Rathva and former Union minister Tushar Chaudhary at press conferences organised simultaneously in Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Vadodara

and Surat respectively Friday.

The resolution makes 11 promises, including supplying electricity to farmers for 10 hours every day during daytime and removing meters from agricultural power connections and charging farmers on a per-day basis. The resolution also promises to waive farm loans up to Rs 3 lakh for each farmer and bring in a law prohibiting purchase of farmers' produce below the government-fixed MSP.

Kejriwal eyes dividends from fight over 'freebies'

SOURAV ROY BARMAN

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

THE DEBATE on populist schemes and freebies, sparked by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks on "revdi" culture last month, has been raging, with the Supreme Court, hearing a PIL on "irrational subsidies", calling for a dispassionate evaluation of the issue.

At the same time, a political pushback is playing out, with Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party supremo Arvind Kejriwal taking the lead in framing a counter to the PM's pitch, even as the AAP has also moved the apex court to oppose the PIL. Hours after Modi's speech at



Kejriwal has taken the lead in countering PM Modi's pitch on populist schemes.

a function on July 16, where he said "attempts are being made to collect votes by distributing free revdis (sweets)", Kejriwal hit back, saying "I am being accused of distributing free revdis, I am being subjected to abuse."

While making the comment, Modi had not taken any name. However, sensing that the PM's

words offered an opportunity to challenge the BJP dispensation squarely on terms where the latter does not enjoy a monopoly, Kejriwal was the first off the blocks from the Opposition camp in joining issue with him.

The AAP believes that the ruling BJP has a formidable narrative on religion, caste, social mobility, which have far too many takers at the moment for any party to offer a compelling counter, but there are areas where its discourse is not as effective.

"We can still take on the BJP's model of welfareism where people are labharthi (beneficiaries). We are saying people are entitled to free education, power, water, health, transport under the umbrella of right to life and

dignity, it is not a charity," said an AAP functionary.

The party's application in the SC seeking intervention in the PIL filed by advocate Ashwini Upadhyay states that "By removing such socialist and welfareist agenda from electoral discourse, the petitioner seeks to advance the interests of a different, more parochial kind of politics reliant on caste and communal appeals instead of appeals to people's welfare".

Since July 16, Kejriwal has, on about half-a-dozen occasions, sought to project the PM's revdi statement as an alleged bid to curb welfare measures meant for uplifting the lives of the poor even as the "debts of corporates running into thousands of crores

are written off".

In remarks made through his speeches, largely in the poll-bound Gujarat, Kejriwal seems to be essentially trying to play to his strengths, by laying emphasis on class politics, without wholly abandoning the realm of religion and caste as evidenced by his various moves including his frequent temple runs.

Whether the AAP's politics of welfareism pays electoral dividends in states like Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh would also depend on the performance in the coming months of its government in Punjab, where replicating the "Delhi model" remains a work in progress.

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Migrant labourer from Bihar shot dead in Valley terror strike

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 12

A 19-YEAR-OLD labourer from Bihar was shot dead in the early hours of Friday in North Kashmir's Bandipora. He was identified as Mohammad Amrez from Bihar's Madhepura. At least 25 people, four of whom were non-locals, have lost their lives in targeted killings this year.

Amrez worked as a quilt weaver in Sumbal town of Bandipora district along with other members of his family. Mohammad Tanzeel, Amrez's elder brother, said he and his two brothers were sleeping when they heard gunshots just after 12.30 am. "My younger brother woke me up to ask where Amrez was. When we looked for him, we found him outside with gunshots. We took him to the hospital in Hajin, and from there, we were directed to take him to

Srinagar," he said.

Amrez died on his way to the hospital, Tanzeel said.

"During the intervening night (of August 11 and 12), terrorists fired upon and injured...Mohd Amrez... He was shifted to hospital for treatment where he succumbed," the Jammu and Kashmir Police said.

This is the second attack on workers from outside Kashmir in the last 10 days. A labourer — also from Bihar — was killed and two others were injured in a grenade attack at Pulwama's Gadoora on August 4.

Meanwhile, a policeman was injured when militants fired upon a joint party of the J&K Police and the CRPF in the Bijbehara area of Anantnag on Friday.

"In this terror incident, one police personnel got injured, and he was immediately evacuated to hospital for treatment. Area cordoned off. Search in progress," police said.

Amarnath Yatra ends, over 3 lakh pilgrims visit shrine

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 12

THE ANNUAL Amarnath Yatra concluded on Friday, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said over 3.65 lakh yatis participated in the pilgrimage this year, which, as per the UT administration, is the highest figure since 2016.

In 2019, the yatra was suspended in the run up to the revocation of special status to J&K, while in 2020 and 2021, the yatra could not be conducted due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The LG stated that despite inclement weather conditions for 20 days out of the total 44 days, the overall yatra remained peaceful.

Speaking on the flash floods

that led to 15 deaths on July 8, the LG said all stakeholders, especially the locals of J&K, quickly carried out rescue and evacuation operations and saved many lives. "The dedication and commitment of our police and the security forces had ensured safety and security of the pilgrims," he said.

The Lt Governor said the various new initiatives taken for the yatra, which was resumed after two years due to Covid pandemic, had assisted its smooth conduct.

The carrying capacity of yatis was increased by 80 per cent as compared to previous years. Special arrangements were made to accommodate 1,25,000 yatis against 70,000 earlier. A new "yatri niwas" at Chanderkote with a capacity of 3,600 people was also opened this year.

RAJIV GANDHI ASSASSINATION

Citing Perarivalan case, Nalini moves SC seeking early release

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

RAJIV GANDHI assassination case convict Nalini Sriharan has approached the Supreme Court seeking early release from prison.

Nalini, who is currently out on parole as she serves a life sentence, challenged a June 17 order of the Madras High Court dismissing her plea for early release. She cited the case of A G Perarivalan, a fellow convict who was granted similar relief by the Supreme Court.

The top court had ordered



Nalini Sriharan

Perarivalan's release on May 18, exercising its special powers under the Constitution's Article 142. The Article enables the top court to pass orders to ensure "complete justice" in a case.

Though Nalini cited this before the high court, a Division Bench said it did not have the power to



The wreath laying ceremony on Friday of the four Army soldiers, who were killed in Thursday's militant attack in Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir. PTI

RAJOURI ARMY CAMP ATTACK: A FATHER REMEMBERS HIS 'LION'

'Sad but proud that my son sacrificed life for country'

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
SHAHJAHANPUR, FARIDABAD, AUGUST 12

"RIFLEMAN MANOJ Kumar Bhati amar rahe [Long live Rifleman Manoj Kumar Bhati]," reads a banner on a house wall with the soldier's photo next to his regiment insignia as one enters a lane in Faridabad's Shahjahanpur village. An elderly person comes and salutes the soldier's family as villagers pour in to offer condolences.

Manoj, 26, of Rajputana Rifles was among four soldiers who were killed in a militant attack on an Army camp in Rajouri district of J&K in the early hours of Thursday. "Dukh toh hai par garv bi hai ki mera beta desh ke liye shaheed hua [There is sadness but I am also proud that my son sacrificed his life for the country]. He and fellow martyrs killed two terrorists and saved the unit... Since childhood, it was his dream to join the Army," said his father, Babulal Kumar, a farmer. Babulal said he had spoken



Rifleman Manoj Kumar Bhati

with his son on Tuesday morning. "It was a routine call. He said things are fine. He was brave... like a lion. He did not usually mention anything about militancy. We spoke about daily life."

Babulal said he got the news of the demise at 8.30am on Thursday when a senior officer from his son's unit called him. "He said 'bete ko goli lagi hai' [Your son has been shot]. I said I am coming there. There was silence for a few seconds before the officer said that my son had been martyred...," said Babulal.

Youngest of four siblings, Manoj joined the Army on March 27, 2017. His family said he was posted in Leh and Jammu before moving to Rajouri some time ago. He got married in November 2021 and his wife is nine-month pregnant, said his family members.

"She [his wife] is devastated. They were going to start a family. He had come home on leave in June and left for duty on July 22. When I spoke to him last week, he mentioned that he would be visiting home in October, but it was n't meant to be. He was fond of wrestling and used to practise it at his unit in free time," said his elder brother, Sunil Kumar Bhati (34), who is also in the Army, posted as a Naik with 77 Armoured Corps in Nabha, Patiala.

Sunil said over 100 youths from their village are in the Army. "Har ghar mein fauji hai yahan [There is a soldier in every house here]. It is partly due to lack of jobs and also due to a sentiment to serve the nation. One can see young men preparing for Army on these village roads. But, this is the first time that a soldier from the village has been killed in action," added Sunil. The family is hoping for some assistance so that the future of his widow and their unborn child is secured.

Manoj's family said that his body is expected to arrive from Jammu on Saturday morning.

'FAMILIES WITHOUT TIRANGA CAN'T BE TRUSTED'

After backlash from Congress, Uttarakhand BJP chief says he was 'quoted out of context'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 12

AFTER FACING a backlash from Opposition Congress over his "families without a tiranga on their houses can't be trusted" remark, Uttarakhand BJP president Mahendra Bhatt has said that he had been quoted out of context.

"I had only said that those who do not have a tiranga cannot be trusted by the country. Why would someone have a problem putting up tiranga? This is the kind of mistrust I was talking about,"



Mahendra Bhatt

he clarified. Addressing an event in Haldwani as part of the government's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations on Wednesday, Bhatt said that India cannot trust those who do not hoist the national flag.

"Jiske ghar me tiranga nahi lagega, hum usse vishwas ki nazar se kabhi dekh nahi payenge. Mujhe

MAHANT 'SUICIDE'

Will file plea to withdraw case, didn't file FIR: Complainants

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THE CASE involving the alleged suicide of Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad chairman Mahant Narendra Giri has taken a turn with the complainants informing the Allahabad High Court that they will move an application in a trial court for withdrawing the FIR.

The CBI has chargesheeted three of Narendra Giri's disciples — Anand Giri, Adhya Tiwari and his son Sandeep Tiwari — for abetment to suicide and criminal conspiracy. The complainants, Amar Giri and Pawan Maharaj, also Narendra Giri's disciples, have reportedly said that they do not want any action against any person and that they had only informed the police about the mahant's death and did not file FIR against anyone.

An affidavit has been filed in the HC where the bail application of the main accused, Anand Giri, is pending. On September 20, 2021, Giri was found hanging from the ceiling of his room at Shri Math Baghambari Gaddi in Prayagraj's Georgetown police station area. The police found a purported suicide note in which Narendra Giri accused his disciples Anand, Adhya, and Sandeep of mentally harassing him.

A video found in Narendra Giri's cellphone purportedly showed him levelling similar allegations against the three. The accused are currently lodged in jail. While the FIR was filed against Anand Giri, the names of others cropped up during probe.

"In the affidavit, the com-



Mahant Narendra Giri

plainants said that they don't want any action on any person on the basis of the FIR and wanted to withdraw it (FIR)," added Tiwari.

Anand Giri's lawyer GS Chaturvedi said his client's bail application was pending and the court has fixed August 18 as the next date of hearing. The CBI said in its chargesheet that Narendra Giri, who took over as head of Baghambari Gaddi in 2004, executed a will on August 29, 2011, nominating Anand Giri as his successor. The agency said that on June 4 last year, Narendra Giri executed a fresh will in which he removed Anand Giri's name and nominated Swami Balbir Giri, his another disciple, as his successor.

In the revised will, Narendra Giri said that Anand Giri, who used to frequently visit foreign countries, had got involved in anti-religious activities there due to which the reputation of Math Baghambari Gaddi, Bade Hanuman Temple, besides his own, was getting damaged at the international level, the CBI said.

The agency found that in May last year, Narendra Giri wrote a letter to Panch Parmeshwar of Niranjani Akhara in Haridwar requesting them to expel Anand Giri from Niranjani Akhara, citing his "ill deeds". Anand Giri was expelled from Niranjani Akhara on May 14.

Yati calls for Tricolour drive boycott, cops say examining video

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GHAZIABAD (UP), AUGUST 12

YATI NARSINGHANAND, a priest no stranger to controversies, has come under police scanner owing to the surfacing of a video in which he is seen boycotting the Centre's Tricolour campaign and calling Hindus "hypocrites."

In a video that has been circulated widely, the priest of Devi Mandir of Dasna town, is seen questioning the BJP-run Uttar Pradesh government for "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign and urging the people to boycott it.

Police said they are looking into the video and would take appropriate legal action accordingly.

In the video, Yati is heard saying that to manufacture flags on a mass scale, the government has given contract to a West Bengal-based company that is owned by a Muslim person named Salauddin, and added that Hindus are the "biggest hypocrites in the world." "When these people came to power, they awarded government tenders to Muslims. The money which Hindus will pay to buy Tricolour would be pocketed by a Muslim and that will be donated to 'jihadis'," he purportedly said in the video.

He said if Hindus want to save their coming generations from Muslim militants then they must boycott the Tricolour campaign of BJP and prevent Muslims from financially benefiting from it.

He said Hindus can hoist any old flag from their rooftops.

HAR GHAR TIRANGA Thakur urges youth to take part in campaign

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

THE CENTRE will organise as many as 750 events in the coming days to establish dialogue with the youth to provide them a platform to express their views on various issues of national and global importance, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur said Friday.

Speaking at one such event in Delhi, Thakur urged the youth to participate in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan also spoke at the event.

"Tiranga is a symbol of unity of 130 crore Indians. Freedom fighters sacrificed their lives during the freedom struggle but what is now required from youth is yogdaan not balidaan to make the country Vishwa Guru," Thakur said.

Pradhan said apart from their rights, the youth must also be mindful of their duties and responsibilities. They must assume greater responsibilities to solve global problems, he added.

Kerala MLA Jaleel's PoK remark stirs row, BJP says against sovereignty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 12

CPM-BACKED INDEPENDENT MLA and former Kerala minister KT Jaleel on Friday courted a controversy calling Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) "Azad Kashmir". Jaleel, who represents the Thavanur assembly seat in Malappuram district, made the observation on PoK in a Facebook post after a recent visit to Srinagar.

"The part of Kashmir annexed to Pakistan was known as 'Azad Kashmir'. It was an area not directly influenced by the Pakistani government. Pakistan only controlled currency and military aid. Azad Kashmir had its own army. The unified army became the common army of Azad Kashmir during Zia ul Haq's presidency," he wrote in a post in Malayalam, while detailing about Kashmir.

Regarding Jammu and Kashmir, Jaleel said "India-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, which comprises Jammu, Kashmir valley and Ladakh". Jaleel also criticised the Centre's decision to take away the special status of J&K. "During the partition, Kashmir was divided into two. Both Kashmiris were given the right of self-determination by the British. Sheikh Abdullah and his beloved countrymen sided with India. Pandit Nehru gave them special status as a reward. People are saddened that the



KT Jaleel

special status was taken away without their consent. Has Article 370 enabled Kashmiris to achieve the expected material benefits?" he asked.

Jaleel said Kashmir's face was not bright enough. "Gun-toting soldiers everywhere... there was sadness on the faces of the common people. It seems that Kashmiris have forgotten to laugh..." he wrote.

"All political leaders are under house arrest. Political activity has stopped for months... Anger can be read from the faces of people against the Modi government, which had cut Kashmir into three..." Jaleel added in the post.

Meanwhile, Kerala BJP president K Surendran said Jaleel's comments are against the sovereignty of India. "He has no right to continue as a legislator. His comment is against the country's sovereignty. He should be booked for sedition. His Facebook post had distorted the Kashmir history and depicted the uniformed forces in poor light. At the same time, we can expect only such an anti-India stand from a former SIMI (Students' Islamic Movement of India) leader," said Surendran.





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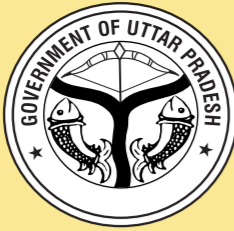
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GOVERNMENT 2.0

Yogi 2.0 has started with a fanfare and is marching towards the state's vision of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2027. The expressways and other developments will boost the state's agenda of returning to its industrial legacy. Investors' confidence is increasing with the focus of both central and state governments in developing UP.

Over FY22, UP's exports increased from Rs 1,07,423 crore to Rs 1,40,123 crore, an increase of 30%. The contribution of the CM's One District One Product scheme in this is about 72%.

Moving forward in phase 2, the state can build on the momentum and take a slew of socio-economic development strategies to reach its vision.

FOCUS ON FARMERS- WELFARE AND TO DOUBLE THE INCOME OF FARMERS

- Rs. 602 crore approved under Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Kisan Samridhhi Yojana for projects to make barren and rugged land cultivable.
- Rs.48,311 crore transferred to 2.60 crore farmers under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme.
- 19 mandis in the state modernized. Arrangement of pre-arrival -pass for farmers in mandis done under Ease of Doing Business.
- 54 Krishi Kalyan Kendras established in the districts to help the farmers.
- Payment of Rs. 12,537crore sugarcane prices to farmers in the first 100 days and total of Rs. 1,76,638 crore so far.
- Liquid nano urea sprayed in 1.10 lakh hectares to reduce the cost of production and protect the environment.
- Crop loans of Rs. 4,635 crore disbursed to 08 lakh farmers.
- Construction of 17 large godowns in the state increasing the food grain storage capacity by 2.20-lakh MT.
- 62 projects worth Rs. 591 crore completed in different districts for protection from floods.



COMMITTED TO PEACE AND SECURITY

- Uttar Pradesh government under Yogi Adityanath maintains zero-tolerance policy against crime and criminals.
- Action taken against 62 identified mafias and their 896 henchmen across th state. Also 431 members of criminal gangs arrested. Gangster Act imposed on 884 criminals while 13 others booked under the NSA.
- Illegally earned properties of mafia and criminals, worth approximately Rs. 844 crore, confiscated.
- Encroachment removed from 68,784 sites while 76,196 illegal parking places freed.
- Recruitment of more than 10,000 police personnel to improve policing. Also, 11 new police stations established in the state.
- Establishment of cyber help desk in every police station. 25 newly constructed fire stations inaugurated.
- A unit of Special Task Force (STF) formed in Ayodhya. New field units of ATS formed in Deoband, Bahraich, Aligarh, Kanpur and many other districts.
- More than 75,000 loudspeakers removed from religious shrines and volume of more than 50,000 tuned down as per norms.



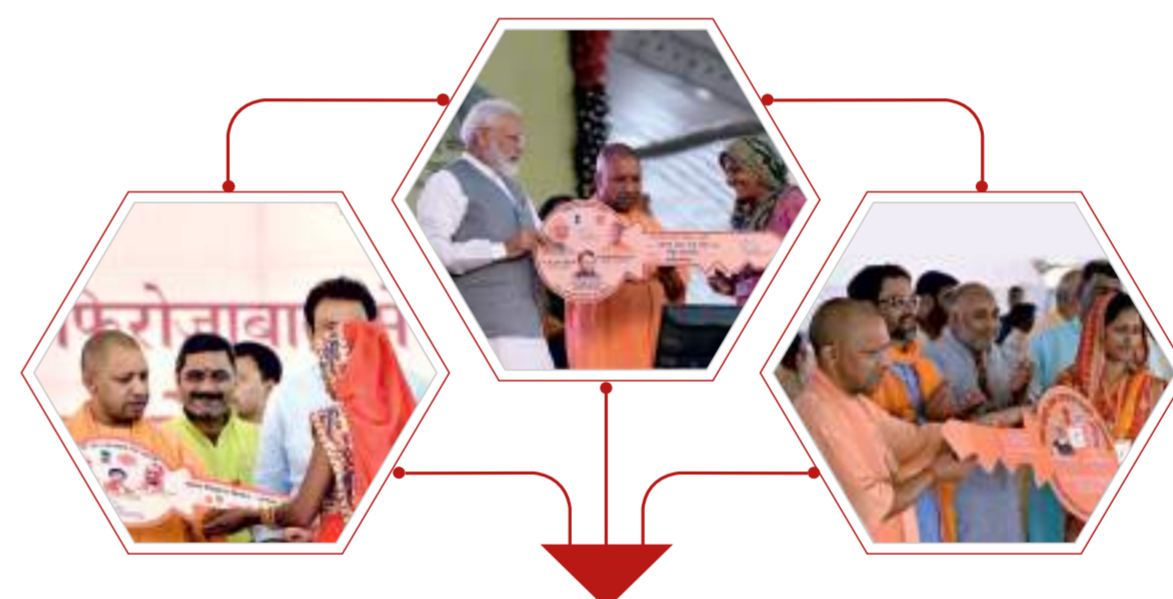
FLOURISHING INDUSTRIES AND INVESTMENTS

- Third ground breaking ceremony organized in Lucknow. Foundation stones laid for 1,406 projects worth Rs.80,224 crore. These projects will employ nearly 06 lakh persons.
- 296 km-long Bundelkhand Expressway inaugurated. Work on Ballia Link Expressway has started while the work on the country's longest Ganga Expressway is in progress.
- Medical Device Park established in Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) area. Work in progress for establishment of a Toy Park and Apparel Park, too.
- Centres of Excellence in the field of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning set up in NOIDA in collaboration with the IIT Kanpur and the FICCI.
- 241 Regulatory Compliance Burdens reduced for the ease of industries and businessmen and citizens.
- Procedures completed on 189 heads under the 'Ease of Doing Business' and 21 heads under the 'Ease of Living'. UP now ranks as 'Achiever State' in the 'Ease of Doing Business'.
- Process to set up 115 Export Oriented Textile units started with an investment of Rs. 3,000 crore.
- Silk Exchange at Varanasi beefed up under the One District One Product scheme.
- PM Gatishakti Rashtriya Mahayojana portal launched.
- Wool Yarn Processing Centre established in Prayagraj.



CREDIT FLOW AND INCENTIVES TO ENTREPRENEURS

- Industrial loans worth Rs. 37,000 crore disbursed under Credit Flow Campaign. 22,319 youth imparted self-employment training by the Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (RSETI) under the Swarojgar Sangam program.
- Loan disbursement of Rs.16,000 crore to craftsmen, artisans and small entrepreneurs under the mega loan scheme.
- Rs. 2.95 lakh crore annual loan scheme launched.
- ODOP Common Facility Centres projects completed at Sitapur, Siddharthnagar, Azamgarh, Agra and Ambedkar Nagar.
- Four investment proposals approved under the Uttar Pradesh Data Center Policy. Three data center parks and one data center unit will be set up with an investment of more than Rs.16,147 crore.
- 08 investment proposals of Rs.7625 crore approved under the Uttar Pradesh Start-up Policy.
- 25,000 artisans imparted training under the Vishwakarma Shram Samman scheme and 12,500 others trained under the ODOP scheme.
- 782 enterprises facilitated with loans under the Pradhanmantri Gramodyog Rozgar Yojana, Mukhyamantri Rozgar Yojana and Mukhyamantri Maati Kala Rozgar Yojana.



ENSURING HOUSING FOR ALL WITH IMPROVEMENT OF URBAN AMENITIES



HIGH PRIORITY TO SOCIAL WELFARE

- Chief Minister Abhyudaya Yojana being implemented in all districts of the state.
- More than 15 crore poor people in the state given 35 Kg of food grains along with pulses/ gram, salt and refined oil for three months at an expenditure of Rs.3200 crores under the National Food Security Act.
- Budgetary provision of Rs.3,302 crore done to ensure delivery of free LPG cylinders on Holi and Deepawali to all the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram, 12 drinking water projects worth Rs. 32.87 crore completed in minority-dominated areas.
- Class rooms, hostels and toilets constructed in 24 minority educational institutions under the Infrastructure Development in Minority Institution programme.
- Construction of hostel for backward class students in Ambedkar Nagar and Azamgarh districts. Hostel construction in progress in Gorakhpur. Proposal sent to the Government of India for construction of 07 new hostels.
- Facility of ration card to the homeless and the deprived citizens who pick up the garbage.
- Fair price shops developed into common service centres.

IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICES AND MEDICAL EDUCATION

- Both doses of Covid-19 vaccine administered to more than 16.6 crore people. Total vaccination crossed 35.42 crores benchmark.
- Intensive campaign against AES-JE virus under Special Communicable Disease Control/Dastak campaign. Purvanchal region of the state freed from the havoc-wrecking encephalitis.
- Cashless medical facility to state employees and pensioners.
- 812 new ambulances added to existing fleet in 108 ambulance service.
- Construction of 50-bed hospital at Devgaon in Ayodhya.
- Establishment of medical colleges in every district is in progress under the One District-One Medical College policy. Till now 59 medical colleges have gone functional. Approval of 22 medical colleges under process.
- As many as 1350 seats increased in MBBS course. 725 seats increased at PG level. Also, 7000 seats increased in Nursing course while 2000 seats increased in Paramedical courses.



- Construction of 1.08 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural) in the first 100 days of the State Government. Overall, More than 44 lakh PMAY (Rural+Urban) houses built under the Yogi government.
- Construction of 8,200 houses under the Chief Minister's Housing Scheme. 1944 Beneficiary Registered.
- More than 1.01 lakh houses completed under Inclusive Urban Development Scheme.
- 51 projects of water supply and sewerage work completed.
- Work on installation of more than 2.80 lakh toilet seats started under Mission Pink Toilet.
- 100% door-to-door garbage collection in 12,022 wards of various cities and towns.
- 50 new smart city projects started.
- Increase in fleet of e-buses in 14 cities for better transport facilities.
- 65 crematoria, 17 Kanha cow sheds and 35 Amrit parks built in various cities.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES BEING CREATED AND GIVEN

- Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission selects 3,532 candidates for various posts through a transparent process.
- Selections done on 1,473 posts of Lecturers in the Department of Secondary Education and 1,314 posts of workshop instructors in Technical Education Department.
- Eight examinations successfully conducted for a total of 3,404 posts of various services.
- UPSSSC declared the result of selection process for 940 posts through a transparent process. The process of selection on 9,212 more posts in the final stage.
- Registration and training of more than 10,000 youth in industries and establishments under Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme.
- More than 8,000 youth given employment in special mega job fairs. Selection of 48,608 candidates in more than 400 job fairs organized for employment generation.
- Selections done on 461 posts in Agriculture department, 256 posts of Medical Officer (Allopath) in Labor Department and 29 posts of District Economics and Statistics Officer in Planning Department.





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CLIMBING DOWN

A 6.7 per cent inflation print in July raises hopes that India might have seen off the worst of inflation for the time being

INDIA'S RETAIL INFLATION print for July came in at 6.7 per cent. While this is considerably higher than the Reserve Bank of India's target inflation rate of 4 per cent and even outside its comfort zone (2 per cent to 6 per cent), the July number brings relief. That's because retail inflation has shown a steady deceleration since it hit an eight-year high of almost 8 per cent in April; it grew at 7 per cent in May and June. Another reason for comfort is that the RBI had pencilled in an average inflation rate of 7.1 per cent for the second quarter (July, August and September). A 6.7 per cent print in July raises hopes that India might have seen off the worst of inflation for the time being. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das hit the nail on the head when, on August 5 while announcing the latest monetary policy stance, he said: "The inflation trajectory is now poised at a decisive point. While there are incipient signs of a confluence of factors that could lead to further softening of domestic inflationary pressures, there remain significant uncertainties".

The overall print of 6.7 per cent hides wide differences both across commodities as well as geographies. For instance, fuel inflation soared by almost 12 per cent in July. While housing inflation was below 4 per cent, food price inflation came in at 6.8 per cent — down from 7.8 per cent in June. But within this broad rubric, prices of vegetables grew by almost 11 per cent, while prices of spices and edible oils grew by almost 13 per cent and 8 per cent, respectively. Inflation also varied across states. For example, the inflation rate was as low as 4.1 per cent in Delhi and as high as 8.9 per cent in Telangana. Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, and West Bengal are the other states where consumers were still experiencing inflation rates in excess of 7.8 per cent, while Himachal, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka witnessed a sub-5 per cent spike in the price level.

However, policy challenges remain. For one, despite some moderation, inflation is likely to be above 6 per cent for the current financial year; not to forget the fact that it was above 6 per cent in the last quarter (January to March 2022) of the last financial year. Since May, when the RBI reacted to April's inflation spike by calling an unscheduled review, repo rates have gone up by 140 basis points to reach the pre-pandemic level of 5.4 per cent. Notwithstanding the recent moderation in inflation, steady economic recovery within India as well as a worsening balance of payment situation will likely force the RBI to raise repo rates by another 35 to 60 basis points in the remaining months of the current financial year. However, each effort to bring inflation back to the 4 per cent level will also come at the cost of economic growth.

CAP DIDN'T FIT

Government does well to do away with price restrictions in the aviation sector

IN THE EARLY days of the pandemic, the Union government had imposed capacity and price restrictions on domestic airlines. While restrictions on capacity were put in place to contain the spread of Covid, from the government's point of view, the rationale to impose both price floors and ceilings was two-fold. One, to prevent a price war among the airlines so as to protect the financially weaker airlines during an economically turbulent period. And two, to prevent consumers from price gouging as airlines sought to recoup their losses during a period of demand and supply mismatches. Over time, the government did do away with the restrictions imposed on capacity — in October last year it allowed for 100 per cent capacity utilisation — but the restrictions on pricing were kept in place. On Wednesday, the civil aviation ministry announced that the last remaining restrictions on pricing will be removed with effect from the end of this month. This is a long overdue corrective.

The price restrictions, imposed in May 2020, when the airlines had resumed their operations after the two-month lock-down, were based on the duration of flights. The seven price bands ranged from Rs 2,600 for flights under 40 minutes to Rs 8,700 for flights over three hours. Last year, these prices were adjusted upwards, though marginally. Considering the then economic environment, and the considerable uncertainty that the pandemic had injected in the aviation sector, some airlines did in fact support the imposition of these pricing restrictions. But by intervening in the functioning of the market, by making commercial decisions which should be the prerogative of airlines, these price caps ended up distorting the market, having unintended consequences on both demand and supply. While various justifications have been marshalled in favour of the imposition of this policy during the pandemic, the reality is that price restrictions by the government are the norm, not the exception. Across a range of sectors, ranging from urea to medical devices, price restrictions are prevalent, despite their well-known economic consequences.

The easing of the last of the Covid-era restrictions comes at a time of fresh developments in the airline sector. Air India has been recently sold off to the Tatas. A new airline, Akasa Air, has been launched. And Jet Airways is reported to have secured the permits to restart operations. At this juncture, the government must desist from playing an interventionist role, it must limit itself to facilitating the growth of the sector.

LYDIA & USHA

Theirs was one of the most exciting rivalries on the athletics track. Lydia's legacy will continue to inspire and endure

ONE OF THE most exciting rivalries on the athletics track was set up in the 1980s between Asia's greatest women athletes, India's sprint queen PT Usha and Philippines's Lydia de Vega, dubbed as the continent's fastest by her fans. So when Lydia lost her lengthy battle against breast cancer earlier this week, Usha was among the many who took to social media to pay tribute. The edge-of-the-seat races between Usha and Lydia can be viewed in pre-High Definition footage but only a trip down memory lane can paint the true picture of the fierce rivalry.

Recalling her five gold medals at the 1985 Asian Athletics Championships in Jakarta, Usha talked about a sly attempt by Lydia's coach, her father Francisco, to sabotage Usha's bid. Francisco told Usha and her coach OM Nambiar that an athlete could participate in only three events, hoping Usha would skip the 100 metres. The other camp also accused Usha of doping. India's sprint queen was clean but getting tested by anti-doping officials after virtually every final drained her out. There was mutual respect, too. Usha still cherishes the chain of silver medallions Francisco gifted her.

Lydia's ability to find the extra gear in the middle of a sprint and strong finish made her a worthy competitor. She broke a million hearts when she beat Usha in the 100 metres final at the Delhi Asiad of 1982. Post the Los Angeles Olympics, where Usha finished fourth in the 400 m hurdles, coach Nambiar believed Usha's time had come. True to form, Usha won both the 100m and the 200m during the gold medal rush at the Jakarta Asian Championships. Lydia was left to lick her wounds after bagging a bronze. A year later, at the Asian Games, fans were in for a treat. Lydia pipped Usha in the 100, while Usha got the better of the Filipino in the 200. Born just two months apart in the same year and peaking around the same time to become torchbearers of track and field in Asia, both Usha and Lydia will continue to inspire the next generations of women athletes.



SUHAS PALSHIKAR

CELEBRATIONS AROUND AUGUST 15 are mainly about freedom. This year is even more special as it marks 75 years of Independence and, as such, deserves a more nuanced commemoration. While freedom from foreign rule is a cherished gift we acquired 75 years ago, we must remember that the celebrations on August 15 are and should be as much about democracy as about our national self-respect and identity. India's freedom was not merely an assertion of nationhood. Implicit in that nationhood was also an idea about how to conduct the affairs of the nation. While our ability to sustain independence gives us pride and satisfaction, our ability to consolidate democracy should be a matter of deep concern and introspection. As we pause to review the life of India's democracy, we witness many a contradictory feature. In fact, it may not be an exaggeration to say that our democracy is marked by contradictoriness.

This contradictoriness emanates from the celebrations themselves. The celebrations are about the nation. They are also about the abstract idea of the people. Yet, we are on the path of limiting both the scope of the nation and the expanse of what constitutes the people. The present juncture is marked by attempts to shrink the nation to one community. This tends to result in exclusion rather than inclusion. The nation envisioned 75 years ago was certainly not confined to any one community but today, the entire nationalist rhetoric is marked by exclusion and an overemphasis on community identity. The famous phrase "we the people" will continue to be invoked but it will refer to only a select section as the people. Apart from privileging one community over others, the idea of the people is also beset with the exclusion of the physical peripheries of the nation. Besides, a new hierarchy between the nation and democracy is emerging. In this hierarchy, democracy is secondary to the nation. This also undermines the importance of the idea of the people because once democracy is sidelined, people exist only as constituents of the nation rather than as having agency.

The second contradiction is about the foundational document. India takes pride in a Constitution, which is both a stabilising and revolutionary document. There are celebrations of that document but the adoption of its spirit in social and political practice is half-hearted. More worryingly, the stabilising dimension of the Constitution is used to make the state all-pervasive and transform gover-

As we celebrate nation at 75, it is important to reflect on the mixed nature of our democracy

This pathology of contradictoriness makes our democracy both weak and vulnerable. These are certainly not contradictions that have arisen today. The present generation has inherited them from those present early in the post-independence moment. However, what makes these contradictions jarring at the present juncture is the relationship between them and the present regime. This regime is a product of these contradictions and, in turn, it exploits them in order to draw sustenance for itself.



FALI S NARIMAN

I WOULD LIKE to congratulate this newspaper on The Ideas Page on August 10. Both 'Notes from the House' by Liz Mathew and 'Why Nitish worries BJP' by Ghanshyam Tiwari were wonderfully nostalgic and excellently expressed. They have helped stimulate my own memories of the (now) old Parliament building — when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was Prime Minister, and Nitish Kumar was Union Minister for Railways (from March 2001 – May 2004). Although then Prime Minister Vajpayee always spoke in Hindi it was, for me, easily understandable Hindi and I vividly recall one such occasion mentioned below.

It is customary that when a Prime Minister of India returns from a foreign visit, the first thing he or she does is make a statement in each of the Houses of Parliament (if in session), and MPs, picked by the Chair, are customarily asked to put questions to the Prime Minister so that further information can be elicited.

On one such occasion, I, as a nominated member, was one of the fortunate few to be named by the Chair, Vice-President Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, along with two members belonging to different political parties. One of these two members posed his questions, and

WITH LAUGHTER & FAINT PRAISE

Remembering a House in which opponents were disarmed without losing one's temper

I too put a couple of questions to the Prime Minister who was sitting in his allotted seat in the House. The third MP was a former diplomat-turned-parliamentarian, the distinguished K Natwar Singh. He belonged at the time to the Congress Party, which was then in Opposition and his questions were very critical of the government and full of some invective as well.

Natwar Singh spoke in crisp English: "Mr Chairman Sir, I have six questions for the Prime Minister", he forcefully began. And he set them out one by one. While raising each question, he raised his voice as well. A decibel louder, and each time, angrier than when he had asked the previous question! When the Prime Minister rose to answer the questions, and, ultimately, came to the six questions posed by Natwar Singh, I was left wondering how he would deal with the pointed and somewhat inconvenient questions addressed to him.

But the Prime Minister -- who spoke in fluent but understandable Hindi (even to the angrezi wallahs!) in response to the questions addressed to him in English said that Natwar Singh was a great parliamentarian and that he (Vajpayee) had known him for many years. He noted that the

Congress MP was very intelligent as well and always knew his facts. He then added: "Lekin unko gussa bahut jaldi aa jata hai" (he gets angry very quickly). That riposte brought the House down. The six questions remained unanswered because they got dissolved in laughter! And there was much laughter in the House in those days, from 1999 to 2005.

Atalji was an astute statesman to his fingertips. Courageous when required, diplomatic when necessary. He taught me a great lesson — that it pays not to be angry or to lose one's temper when speaking in Parliament. It is always advisable to scotch your opponent with faint praise.

This is one of the things I learnt in my six-year sojourn in Parliament — to disarm your opponent, and never attack them with anger or derision. And I am eternally grateful to Atalji — who had a boyish and lovable sense of fun — for having taught his colleagues in the House that they are better appreciated when expressing their sense of joy rather than indulging in a sense of humour at some other Member's expense.

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AUGUST 13, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

BEIRUT BOMBING

US PRESIDENT RONALD Reagan has asked his West Asian trouble shooter Philip Habib to suspend negotiations towards ending the Lebanese crisis following the savage aerial bombardment of West Beirut. White House Press Secretary Lary Speakes says Reagan was shocked when he heard of the 10-hour Israeli bombardment which left at least 20 persons dead and 20 injured.

BANGLA NEWSPRINT

A GOVERNMENT-OWNED BANGLADESH firm, Chemical Industries Corporation, has of-

fered to supply 25,000 mega tonnes of newsprint every year for five years for Rs 4.87 per MT. The current price paid by newspapers for imported newsprint is Rs 6 per MT. The Bangladesh firm has made the offer to the STC. The Chemical Industries Corporation has approached the IENS, inviting their members to purchase newsprint against REP licences.

LEFT FRONT SQUABBLES

SQUABBLES IN THE Left Front in West Bengal have heated up after the Communist Party of India (Marxist) rejected the Forward Block's proposals on the portfolio bifurcation

issue. Pramode Dasgupta, secretary of the CPM's state committee, said that the secretariat had not approved the handing of the sports portfolio to the Forward Block though the latter had agreed to give the Irrigation Portfolio to CPI minister Kanai Bhowmick, who has been without a ministry thus far.

HONOUR FOR SHOURIE

ARUN SHOURIE, EXECUTIVE president of the Indian Express chain of newspapers, has been named the winner of the Ramon Magsaysay award for journalism, literature and creative communication arts. He is the third Indian recipient of the award.

A system that heals

Primary health centres should place the family at the centre. Initiatives in Kerala offer hope



SUJATHA RAO

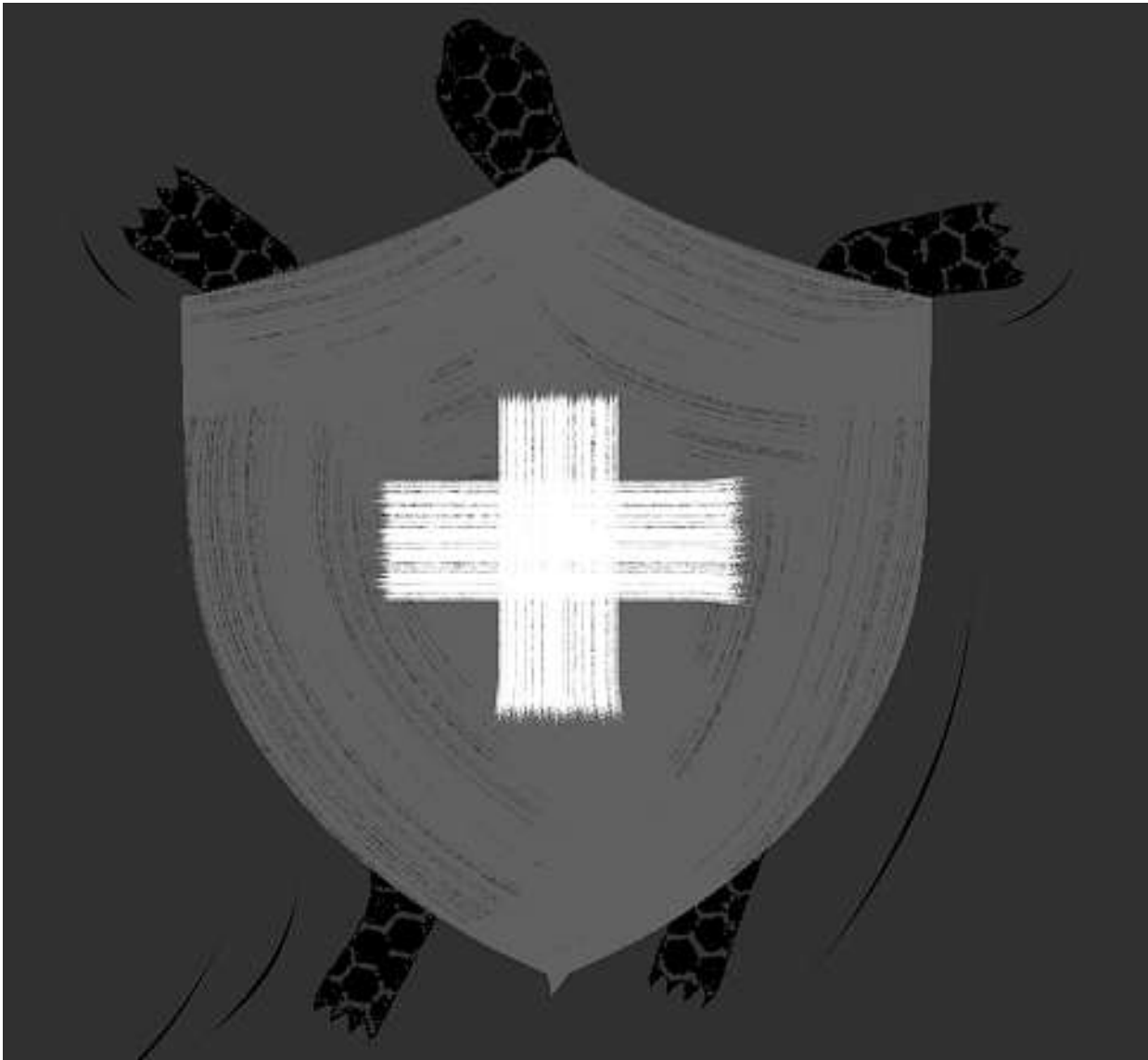
SINCE INDEPENDENCE, INDIA has been striving to establish a comprehensive primary healthcare care system. The Bhole Committee Report of 1946, the Kartar Singh Committee Report of 1973, the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) of 2005 and the Ayushman Bharat Mission of 2019 are significant landmarks in this endeavour. The system today comprises a multi-tiered structure with a 30-bed community health centre operated by four specialists at the block-level and a community worker at the village-level. The services cover 12 diseases/needs.

The NRHM was a game changer. Backed by political imagination and a three-fold increase in budget, the mission set standards for physical infrastructure, human resources and service delivery — the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS). The focused approach resulted in substantial gains — institutional deliveries went up from 41 per cent in 2005 to 89 per cent in 2021, the maternal mortality ratio went down from 407 per one lakh women in 2,000 to 113 per one lakh women in 2021 and the infant mortality ratio reduced from 58/1,000 live births in 2005 to about 28/1,000 live births in 2021. With increased availability of drugs, diagnostics and doctors, the healthcare system's footfall has registered an impressive improvement in states like Bihar and UP. The embedding of a million foot soldiers in the community is a major achievement.

Despite these efforts, however, less than 10 per cent of the facilities match up to the IPHS. One reason for the deficit is that public spending on healthcare is barely 1.1 per cent of the GDP. The other reason is the wavering political support for primary care. As a result, the primary healthcare system continues to be plagued with gaps and deficiencies and the current facilities serve two to ten times the population they are designed to cater to.

The Covid pandemic once again highlighted the need for an effective primary healthcare system. The overcrowding of hospitals with anxious patients, the utter confusion and the stress on families, desperate for credible advice, brought to the fore the need for family doctors and a resilient primary health system. It is not as if policymakers have been unaware of the need for close-to-home facilities to address everyday healthcare needs. The UK's GP (general practitioners) system has been a part of the public health discourse in the country for nearly a decade. The barrier has, however, been the lack of understanding of how to transplant this system to India, given the wide differences in the history, culture and conditions of the two countries.

Kerala seems to have quietly begun the reform process. In 2014, the state set up a pilot in three PHCs under guidance from and help of the Imperial College, London along with support from DFID. The reconstruction process started with the acceptance of the basic but often-ignored fact — the facility design must cater to community needs. This meant assessing the demographic and epidemiological ground realities and acknowledging that the 70-year-old PHC structure did not have the institutional capacity to manage chronic diseases — the deficit had to be plugged urgently because most such diseases last several years and treating them



CR Sasikumar

requires a holistic approach.

Renaming the facilities as family health centres underlined the centrality of the family in the endeavour. A series of coordinated interventions were made — changing timings, redesigning the centres and equipping them with patient and people-friendly facilities, providing intensive training to the staff to undertake new functions and responsibilities, improving diagnostic facilities, computerising data to make processes paper less, triaging patients for maximum utilisation of doctors time, referral of patients to higher levels of care and ensuring post hospitalisation follow-ups. The PHCs in Kerala provide a wide range of drugs and medical services, including nebuliser treatment for asthma patients. It's the only state where mobile teams provide palliative care at home. Almost 550 FHCs are functioning in the state.

This comprehensive approach has been enabled by a tripartite partnership between the state's health department, women's collectives and community-level bodies. While the local bodies provide the funding, the volunteer base comes from the collectives and the health department delivers the services. Kerala appears to be the only state to revamp its primary healthcare system along the foundational principles of comprehensive primary care — a community-anchored delivery system, a continuum of care, and patient-centred, protocol-driven, evidence-based treatment.

The state's task is, however, not over. Reform needs deepening, and the accountability framework needs to be strengthened. In other words, the doctors, paramedics and frontline workers must be held responsible for the health and well-being of every mem-

Interstate differentials in morbidity patterns are wide and health systems need to be tweaked according to a state's disease burden. National policy, therefore, needs to be nimble and allow for differential strategies — a single system may not be apt for the entire country. The sooner the Centre accepts the principles of flexibility, decentralisation and provides the space for innovation to states and districts to plan, design and implement primary care in accordance with local needs, the better it would be — the Centre's role should be limited to measuring outcomes.

ber of the families that are under their charge, and this responsibility has to be backed by financial and non financial incentives. Such interventions can be particularly useful in reducing the insulin dependence of a diabetic through sound case management and effective counselling on lifestyle changes — proper medications, diet, exercise, and yoga. A proactive primary healthcare system such as this can help early in the diagnosis, reduce hospitalisations and bring down severe morbidity and mortality. Achieving these goals is of immense importance in cash-strapped and low-resource settings, especially because the cost of healthcare escalates threefold, the higher one goes up the care ladder.

But then what Kerala is attempting is not what Bihar, UP or Assam should. Interstate differentials in morbidity patterns are wide and health systems need to be tweaked according to a state's disease burden. National policy, therefore, needs to be nimble and allow for differential strategies — a single system may not be apt for the entire country. The sooner the Centre accepts the principles of flexibility, decentralisation and provides the space for innovation to states and districts to plan, design and implement primary care in accordance with local needs, the better it would be — the Centre's role should be limited to measuring outcomes.

The question is not only about increasing financial resources but resetting the approach and changing the design. We have spent 75 years struggling to have a sound primary healthcare system, one that prevents illness as well as heals. It's time to speed up the effort.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Rather than genuinely contemplating on the bloodshed that marked the painful partition of undivided India, the BJP is using the events of 1947 and their remembrance as a political gimmick to please its rabid vote bank, which willingly laps up all anti-Pakistan/anti-Muslim moves." —DAWN, PAKISTAN

Labour and its discontents

The paradigm driving employment and labour policies must change. It must enable generation of better-quality livelihoods



ARUN MAIRA

INDIA'S GRAVEST SOCIO-ECONOMIC problem is the difficulty a vast majority of citizens have in earning good livelihoods. Their problem is not just employment. It is the poor quality of employment — insufficient and uncertain incomes, and poor working conditions, wherever they are employed.

The dominant "theory-in-use" to increase employment is to improve the ease of doing business, with the expectation that investments in businesses will improve citizens' ease of earning good livelihoods. In this theory, large and formal enterprises create good jobs, and labour laws must be "flexible" to attract investments. Investors say the laws protect labour too much. Reforms were begun by the UPA government. Their principal thrust was to improve administration by simplifying procedures and digitisation. Those improvements were appreciated by employers as well as workers. However, they did not make the labour laws more employer-friendly. Therefore, the NDA government became bolder in 2014 and moved to reform the content of the laws.

The government designed a framework for reforms and, since labour is a state subject, it encouraged states to implement changes. First off the blocks was Rajasthan. Other states followed. Economic reforms are a process of learning. The V V Giri National Labour Institute's interim report, "Impact Assessment Study of the Labour Reforms undertaken by the States", provides insights into the impacts of the reforms so far. Labour laws cover many subjects — payment of wages, safety conditions, social security, terms of employment, and dispute resolution. The report has focused on the reform of the Industrial Disputes Act, which is to raise the limits of applicability of laws relating to terms of service and modes of dispute resolution (roles of unions) to 300 persons.

The report spans the period 2004-05 to 2018-19. It focuses on six states that have implemented reforms: Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, and Uttar Pradesh. The report reminds readers that labour laws are the only one factor affecting business investment decisions. Investors don't go out to hire people just because it has become easy to fire them. An enterprise must have a growing market for its products, and many things must be put together to produce for the market — capital, machinery, materials, land, etc. not just labour. Therefore, it must be worthwhile to employ more people before firing them!

Reading through the report, one conclusion is unmistakable. Reforms of labour laws have had little effect on increasing employment in large enterprises. The report says that the effects of labour reforms cannot be revealed immediately — they will take time. Therefore, it is telling that Rajasthan, the first state to implement the reforms, seems to have benefitted the least from them.

The overall story is hardly better. The share of employment in plants employing

more than 300 persons increased from 51.1 per cent to 55.3 per cent between 2010-11 to 2014-15, the period when the emphasis was on administrative reforms, and then increased less, from 55.3 per cent to 56.3 per cent, in 2017-18, when some states made the bolder reforms favourable for employers. Though overall employment is affected by many factors, the bolder reforms post-2014 were designed to promote larger factories. This hardly happened because application of the Industrial Disputes Act are conceptually flawed. They cannot induce the creation of large enterprises to whom the laws will continue to apply. In fact, the report says, employment in formal enterprises is becoming more informal. Large investors can afford to use more capital and are also employing increasing numbers of people on short-term contracts, while perversely demanding more flexibility in laws!

The report defines "formal" employment as the grant of paid leave, a written contract, and some "social security". An enterprise should not have to employ more than 300 persons before it provides these benefits. Along with the right to be heard and dignity at work, these are the minimal "essentials" all employers must provide to all those who work for them, whether in small enterprises or domestic help. Increasing the threshold of the laws dilutes the rights of association and representation of workers in small enterprises.

The question the report leaves unanswered is whether the reforms have benefitted workers. After all, the primary purpose of labour laws is to protect workers, not promote the interests of investors. Surely, the benefits of reforms should be assessed from workers' perspectives too. Sadly, the report includes a long chapter on the views of employer associations about the benefits of the reforms and nothing about the views of employees and unions. The employers' associations say the reforms have been beneficial. The question is, beneficial for whom?

Rising above the analysis of numbers and trends of employment in the report to see the big picture again, the conclusion is clear. The gap between where our economy is and where it needs to be is increasing. Between 1980 and 1990, every one per cent of GDP growth generated roughly two lakh new jobs; between 1990 to 2000, it decreased to one lakh jobs for every per cent growth; and from 2000 to 2010, it fell to half a lakh only. Fundamental reforms are required in the theory of economic growth — more GDP does not automatically produce more incomes at the bottom. And the paradigm driving employment and labour policies must also change to enable the generation of better-quality livelihoods for Indian citizens now and in the future.

To achieve this, a fundamental reform is required in the ways policies are made. If the benefit of reforms is supposed to be the improvement of all citizens' ease of earning better livelihoods and with more dignity, whether they are farmers, factory workers, or service employees, should they not be listened to, most of all, within their enterprises, and in the process of shaping policies?

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SANJAY KUMAR

In Bihar, Mandal 2.0

JD(U), RJD will mobilise backward castes, they will have to contend with BJP's inroads

THE LATEST TURN of events in Bihar politics reaffirms two things. First, there are no permanent friends and foes in politics. The JD(U) and RJD fought a fierce electoral battle in the 2020 assembly elections. They will now be sharing power in the state. The BJP and JD(U) contested the 2015 assembly election against each other, became friends in 2017 and formed a coalition government. Second, Tuesday's developments underline that ideology has very little role in Indian politics today. Ordinary voters are confused if Nitish Kumar was doing justice to his ideology when he was in alliance with the BJP earlier or if he is being true to his leanings now while forming a government in alliance with the RJD and others.

These are larger questions. The more immediate question is: Will the new coalition government survive? Other questions arise as well: Can Nitish Kumar run a JD(U)-RJD coalition government when he received a mandate to run a BJP-JD(U) government? What will be the impact of this change in Bihar politics and how will the development impact national politics?

The latest turn of events will certainly mean a realignment of social and political forces in Bihar. The state seems to be all set for Mandal 2.0 politics with the JD(U) and RJD aiming to mobilise OBCs and other margin-

alised sections of voters while the BJP would try to maximise on upper castes votes while also making inroads amongst the Dalits and OBC voters, especially the "lower" sections of the latter, with an eye on the 2024 Lok Sabha election. In the last few years, the BJP — riding on the popularity of Nitish Kumar in Bihar and Narendra Modi at the Centre — has been able to attract lower OBC voters and a section of the Dalits. The Bihar realignment could pose a challenge to the party in retaining this support base. The prime minister has recently appealed to the marginalised sections amongst Muslims, the Pasmanda community. However, his call is unlikely to resonate with this community in Bihar.

Though the Congress is a junior partner in the alliance, being part of the ruling coalition will give it a new lease of life, not only in Bihar but in other states as well. This could boost the morale of party workers. Smaller parties like the LJP and LJNSP will have no choice but to be a part of one or the other alliance. The politics of Bihar could turn completely bipolar, at least in 2024.

The BJP could lose some seats in 2024 if it contests against a united opposition. However, in the long run, this turn of events could pave the way for the expansion of the BJP's support base in Bihar. The party could build a new leadership helping it to emerge

from the shadow of Nitish Kumar.

The realignment could also give a new lease of life to the JD(U), but it remains to be seen what the development means for Nitish Kumar in the long run. There were clear signs of the party being on the wane in the last few years. Its vote share has undergone a steady decline since 2019. Lokniti-CSDS surveys gave clear evidence of Nitish Kumar's popularity during the initial years of his chief ministership. But there has been a steady decline in his appeal in the past five to seven years. The latest change may dent Kumar's image further.

The coming together of the JD(U)-RJD and Congress also sends a message to regional parties in other states. They must come together to halt the Shah-Modi duo's victory march (Ashwamedh yajna). The recent toppling of the Maharashtra government and BJP President J P Nadda's assertion that regional parties are on their way out has alarmed the leaders of these parties. The selective use of central forces against Opposition leaders is another cause for concern. The experiment in Bihar may, therefore, motivate the regional parties to come together before the 2024 Lok Sabha election. But the big question is: Can these parties sink their differences?

Despite his political somersaults and declining credibility, Nitish Kumar may still be

acceptable to leaders of some regional parties as the possible face of the Opposition for 2024. But the task is cut out for him. It is difficult to assume that leaders like Mamata Banerjee, Arvind Kejriwal and some others will accept Kumar as the leader of a united Opposition. In any case, there is a big "if" about opposition parties coming together in their fight against Modi.

But all this does not mean that this realignment will have no impact on the BJP. The coming together of the JD(U) and RJD could make the Opposition more vocal and critical of the Centre's policies. It would be better placed to mount an attack on the BJP over rising prices and growing unemployment. These critical voices may get subdued in the euphoria over nationalism — likely the BJP's most important plank for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections given that the construction of the Ram Mandir is likely to be completed by then. In recent times, Opposition parties have raised questions on matters related to price rise and unemployment but they have failed to find resonance with the common voters on the ground.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FREEBIE DEBATE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'EC has a point' (IE, August 12). India is a welfare state and socialist policies are often put in place. But fiscal prudence must prevail over any political gain. More so when most of our states are in precarious financial health and there is no source of a major increase in revenue in sight. Spending money governments don't have for the sake of votes is tantamount to fiscal suicide. Health and education should not be considered freebies as they are basic rights to be provided by governments. It is good that the Elections Commission has kept itself away from this sensitive issue. But for the larger interest of the states and the nation, all parties must sit together and discuss this issue threadbare since all of them are guilty of indulging in this practice.

Bal Govind, Noida

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'EC has a point' (IE, August 12). It rightly points that the Election Commission is correct in keeping away from the debate on freebie culture. The Supreme Court also needs to refrain from weighing in on such issues from such topics. Alexander Hamilton writes in the Federalist Papers that, the "Judiciary has no influence over either the sword

or the purse". In India, we have the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003 (FRBM). Under this act, states and Union governments have a cap on borrowing powers. Within the funds available, elected governments have the discretion on where to spend. And "we the people" of India have power and the right to judge the performance of the government via voting rights.

Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad

NATO BENEFITS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Breaking a taboo' (IE, August 12). India is a unique country in terms of its engagement with global actors. It is a member of the China and Russia-led SCO as well as the US-led Quad. India imports the majority of its defence requirements from Russia while Delhi has deepened its partnership with the US in the last two decades. In this backdrop, the strategy of multi-alignment adopted by New Delhi is crucial. As far as NATO is concerned, India can benefit in terms of advanced technology in defence, capacity building of the armed forces, joint exercises and most importantly a deepening partnership with the West. It is in India's national interest to engage NATO on a sustained basis.

Dewang Ganesh Thosar, Raigad

TOPOF THE WORLD

Gotabaya fled Sri Lanka last month. *File*

THAILAND

Gotabaya inside hotel, told not to come out

OUSTED SRI Lanka President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is staying at a hotel in the heart of Thailand's capital, where police have advised him to remain indoors for security reasons, according to a media report on Friday. Rajapaksa arrived in Thailand with three other people on a chartered flight from Singapore Thursday. At the hotel, the location of which was not disclosed, plainclothes police officers from the Special Branch Bureau have been deployed to ensure safety of Rajapaksa. **PTI**

SOUTH KOREA

Seoul pardons Samsung's Lee 'to fight crisis'

SOUTH KOREA'S President Yoon Suk-yeol pardoned Samsung Electronics Vice Chairman Lee Jae-yong on Friday, with the justice ministry saying the business leader was needed to help overcome a "national economic crisis". The pardon is largely symbolic, with Lee already out on parole after serving 18 months in jail for bribery in a scandal that led to massive protests and brought down then-President Park Geun-hye in 2017. However, analysts said the pardon should mean Lee will be able to carry out business activities with fewer legal restrictions. **AP**

UKRAINE

UN ship to take grain to Horn of Africa

THE FIRST ship hired to carry Ukrainian grain directly to famine-stricken parts of the Horn of Africa since the Russian invasion halted food exports six months ago will arrive in Ukraine on Friday, UN officials said. Brave Commander is expected to dock at the Yuzhny port in southern Ukraine, where it will be loaded with grain purchased by the UN's World Food Program and distributed to "countries worst affected by the global food crisis," said a spokesman for the programme. So far none of the 14 grain-laden vessels that have departed Ukraine are heading to countries facing food shortages. **NYT**

SRI LANKA

Pakistan ship docks at Colombo port

PAKISTAN'S newly-commissioned Chinese-built frigate warship PNS Taimur arrived at the Colombo port on Friday and will conduct a joint exercise with the Sri Lankan Navy in western seas. The docking of the Pakistani warship at the Sri Lankan port came days after Colombo urged Beijing to defer the visit of 'Yuan Wang 5', a Chinese research vessel, at the strategic Hambantota port after India expressed security concerns over its presence. **PTI**

Rushdie has lived under Iran death sentence since '89

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khomeini had put a bounty on the author and issued a fatwa that ordered Muslims to kill him

STEVEN ERLANGER
AUGUST 12

SALMAN RUSHDIE has been living under a death sentence since 1989, about six months after the publication of his novel "The Satanic Verses," which was considered blasphemous by some Muslims because it fictionalized part of the life of the Prophet Muhammad.

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Supreme Leader of Iran after the 1979 Iranian Revolution, issued a fatwa on February 14, 1989, ordering Muslims to kill Rushdie and putting a price on his head of several million dollars.

Rushdie, who lived in London at the time, immediately went into hiding with 24-hour protection from the British police, moving every three days from place to place until a fortified safe-house was prepared for him. He lived there for most of the next 10 years.

Even before the fatwa, the book was banned in a number of countries, including India, Bangladesh, Sudan and Sri Lanka. Many died in protests against its publication, including 12 people in a riot in Bombay in February 1989 and six more in another riot in Islamabad.

Salman Rushdie is being taken to a helicopter. *Reuters*

Books were burned. Reaction intensified after the publication of the book in the United States that same month, even as more countries banned it. There were attacks on bookstores and threats to many more.

After the fatwa, a halfhearted apology from Rushdie, which he later regretted, was rejected by Iran.

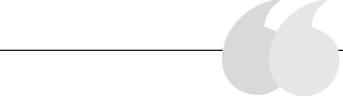
Many people connected to the book were also targeted, and several were injured.

In July 1991, Hitoshi Igarashi, the novel's Japanese translator, was stabbed to death and its Italian translator, Ettore Capriolo, was badly wounded. In October 1993, William Nygaard, the

novel's Norwegian publisher, was shot three times outside his home in Oslo and seriously injured.

The fatwa was maintained by Iran's government after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini for 10 years, until 1998, when Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, who was considered relatively liberal, said that Iran no longer supported the killing. Rushdie then began to make public appearances again, attending book events, parties and dining out in restaurants.

But the fatwa remains in place, with a bounty attached from a semiofficial Iranian religious foundation.



Appalled that Sir Salman Rushdie has been stabbed while exercising a right we should never cease to defend. Right now my thoughts are with his loved ones. We are all hoping he is okay
BORIS JOHNSON,
UK PRIME MINISTER



Salman Rushdie has been targeted for his words for decades but has never flinched nor faltered. He has devoted tireless energy to assisting others who are vulnerable and menaced
SUZANNE NOSSEL,
CEO, PEN AMERICA



I never thought it would happen. He has been
AMITAV GHOSH,
AUTHOR

living in the West, and he has been protected since 1989. If he is attacked, anyone who is critical of Islam can be attacked. I am worried.
TASLIMA NASREEN,
AUTHOR



This attack is shocking and appalling. It is an attack on freedom of speech and thought, which are two bedrock values of our country and of the Chautauqua Institution.
CHUCK SCHUMER,
U.S. SENATOR



Horried to learn that Salman Rushdie has been attacked at a speaking event in New York. Wish him a speedy recovery.
NEIL GAIMAN,
AUTHOR

HURUBIE MEKO
AUGUST 12

LITERARY FIGURES and public officials said that they were shocked by the news that the author Salman Rushdie had been stabbed in the neck on Friday while on stage to give a lecture at the Chautauqua Institute in western New York.

"We cannot immediately think of any comparable incident of a public violent attack on a writer during a literary event here in the United States," said Suzanne Nossel, the chief executive officer of the nonprofit literary organization PEN America. Rushdie is a former president of PEN America, which advocates for writers' freedom of expression around the world.

She said in a statement that the organization's members were "reeling from shock and horror." Nossel said Rushdie had emailed her hours before the attack to ask about helping Ukrainian writers in need of safe refuge.

"Salman Rushdie has been targeted for his words for decades, but has never flinched nor faltered," she said. "He has devoted tireless energy to assisting others who are vulnerable and menaced."

The author Neil Gaiman

wrote on Twitter that he was "shocked and distressed" about the attack. "He's a good man and a brilliant one and I hope he's okay," he said.

Governor Kathy Hochul of New York said she had directed state police to assist with the investigation into Rushdie's attack.

Senator Charles E. Schumer of New York also spoke out on social media, calling the attack "shocking and appalling."

"It is an attack on freedom of speech and thought, which are two bedrock values of our country and of the Chautauqua Institution," Schumer wrote. "I hope Mr. Rushdie quickly and fully recovers and the perpetrator experiences full accountability and justice."

A spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the country's largest Muslim civil rights group, said he was concerned that people might rush to blame Muslims or Islam for the stabbing before the attacker's identity or motive were known.

"American Muslims, like all Americans, condemn any violence targeting anyone in our society," said Ibrahim Hooper. "That goes without saying. We will have to monitor the situation and see what facts come to light." **NYT**

MACRON DOSSIER AMONG FILES

Classified material in documents taken from Trump home: warrant

MAGGIE HABERMAN,
GLENN THRUSH &
CHARLIE SAVAGE
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A LIST of documents removed from former President Donald Trump's Florida residence, Mar-a-Lago, includes materials marked as top secret and meant to be viewed only in secure government facilities, according to a copy of the warrant reviewed by *The New York Times*.

Federal agents who executed the warrant did so to investigate potential crimes associated with violations of the Espionage Act, which outlaws the unauthorized retention of national security information that could harm the United States or aid a foreign adversary; a federal law that makes it a crime to destroy or conceal a document to obstruct a government investigation; and another statute associated with unlawful removal of government materials.

The search on Monday seized 11 sets of documents in all, including some marked as "classified/TIS/SCI" documents — shorthand for "top secret/sensitive compartmented information," according to the report. Sections of the warrant and an accompanying inventory were reported earlier in the *The Wall Street Journal* on Friday.

In total, agents collected four sets of top secret documents, three sets of secret documents and three sets of confidential documents. Included in the manifest were also files pertaining to the pardon of Roger J. Stone Jr., a longtime associate of Trump, and material about President Emmanuel Macron

Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort was searched this week. *File*

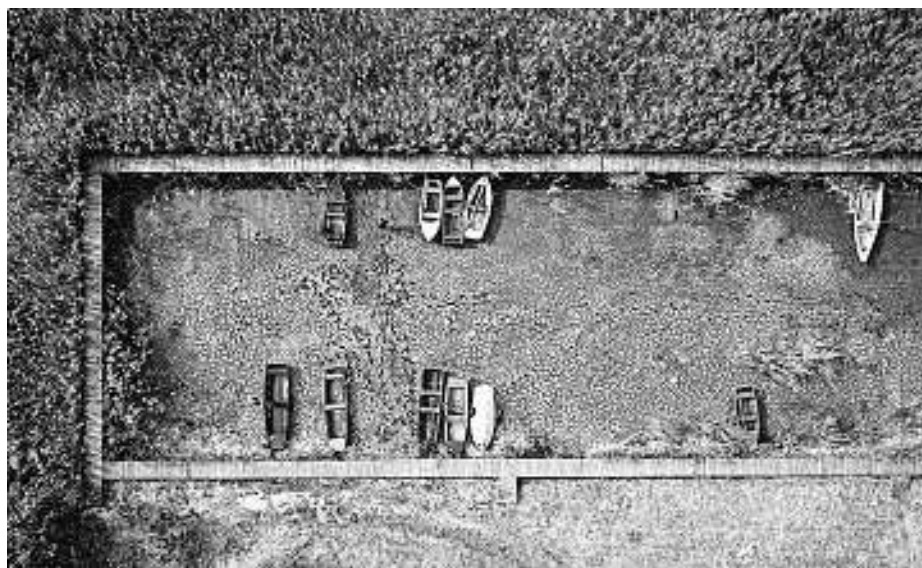
Biden set for new win with \$430 billion bill

UNITED STATES House of Representatives will vote Friday on a \$430 billion bill to fight climate change and lower prescription drug prices, in what Democrats view as a major political win for President Joe Biden ahead of November's midterm elections.

Titled the "Inflation Reduction Act," the measure passed the Senate along party lines on Sunday. House approval would send the bill on to the White House for Biden to sign into law. "This bill makes a tremendous difference at the kitchen table of America's families," Speaker Nancy Pelosi said. **REUTERS**

of France.

The inventory, which accompanied a warrant issued by a federal judge, is expected to be released as part of the Justice Department's efforts to make the warrant and some supporting materials public. **NYT**

EUROPE DRYING UP: A lake bed in a port in Velence, Hungary. An unprecedented drought is affecting nearly half of the European continent. *AP*

Drought declared in parts of England

AGENCIES
AUGUST 12

THE BRITISH government said on Friday that parts of southern, central and eastern England had officially moved into drought status after a prolonged period of hot and dry weather.

England suffered its driest July since 1935, with only 35% of

the average rainfall for the month, and parts of England and Wales are now in the middle of a four-day "extreme heat" alert.

Water Minister Steve Double said in a statement: "We are better prepared than ever before for periods of dry weather, but we will continue to closely monitor the situation, including impacts on farmers and the environment."

The source of the River

Thames has also dried up further downstream than ever before, officials said. The natural spring that supplies the river, known as the source, dries up most summers. But this year the dry riverbed reaches further downstream than in previous years.

Amid a lack of significant rainfall for two months in Europe, officials have predicted the worst drought in 500 years.

Polio found in NYC sewage, suggesting virus circulating

JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN
AUGUST 12

THE POLIO virus has been detected in wastewater from New York City, suggesting the virus is likely circulating in the city, New York's health authorities said Friday.

The announcement came after a man in Rockland County, north of the city, was stricken with polio that left him with

paralysis.

Health officials fear that the detection of polio in New York City's wastewater could be followed by other cases of paralytic polio.

The vaccination rate across the city fell slightly during the pandemic, as children's pediatrician visits were postponed.

But most adults were vaccinated against polio as children. Across New York State, nearly 80 per cent of people have been

vaccinated. The spread of the virus poses a risk to unvaccinated people, but the polio vaccine is nearly 100 percent effective in people who have been fully immunized.

Three doses of the vaccine provides at least 99 percent protection, but in some ZIP codes fewer than two-thirds of children 5 years and younger have received that, worrying health officials.

Health authorities urged parents of children who were not

yet fully vaccinated to bring them to their pediatricians.

"The risk to New Yorkers is real but the defense is so simple — get vaccinated against polio," said Dr. Ashwin Vasani, the New York City health commissioner.

Polio had already been detected in wastewater samples taken north of New York City. But Friday's announcement was the first indication it had been detected in New York City.

Before the current outbreak

the last case of polio in the United States was in 2013.

The city's health department did not provide details about where exactly in the five boroughs polio had been found in the wastewater, nor did officials provide dates for when the virus was detected or say how many samples had tested positive.

Before vaccines, the virus was a source of dread, especially in summer, when the potential for it to spread tended to peak. **NYT**

BELOVED IN FRANCE, POPULAR AROUND THE WORLD

French cartoonist Sempe, famous for New Yorker covers, dies

GEERT DE CLERCQ
PARIS, AUGUST 12

FRENCH CARTOONIST Jean-Jacques Sempe, who won international acclaim with a series of more than 100 drawings for the covers of *The New Yorker* magazine, has died at the age of 89.

His cartoons often showed small figures set in large urban landscapes, drawn in delicate lines and offering gentle social commentary on modern life.

"Tender irony, the delicatessen of intelligence, the jazz: we will not be able to forget Sempe. We will sorely miss his view of the

world and his pencil," French President Emmanuel Macron wrote on Twitter.

One of France's most famous visual artists, Sempe drew scenes of daily life in elaborate detail, usually from an overhead or faraway perspective and in pastel colours.

Born August 17, 1932 in a village near Bordeaux, Sempe did not complete high school, drifted from job to job and briefly joined the army before moving to Paris in the 1950s and starting to earn a living with his drawings.

He had his first success in the late 1950s with the "Le Petit Nicolas" series of children's

Sempe is the creator of the 'Le Petit Nicolas', a famous series of children's books. *Reuters*

books about a schoolboy, with Asterix writer Rene Goscinny.

His international breakthrough came in the late 1970s, when he started drawing covers for *The New Yorker*, sketching city life as seen by an outsider looking in, his characters often lost in big crowds or set against wide panoramas.

Most of his drawings had little or no dialogue, but short captions often subtly hint at the characters' worries or hopes.

"There is a lot of silent emotion in the drawings of Sempe," *Le Monde* cartoonist Plantu said on France Inter radio.

Sempe's favourite subjects

were children, trees, cats, musicians and life in Paris and New York. His cartoons rarely used text to make wry comment on big-city life.

A November 2015 *New Yorker* cover shows a wealthy-looking older couple going for an autumn stroll on a New York sidewalk as two uniformed doormen shovel dead leaves in front of them to create the illusion of a walk in the forest.

People riding bicycles were one of Sempe's favourite subjects.

"It's always been one of my dreams — to have a group of friends who go for bike rides in

the country every Sunday morning. In real life, it never happened. I kept trying to organize it but everyone was always too busy to slow down for it," he told *The New Yorker* in a 2019 interview.

Sempe's wife, Martine Gossiaux Sempé, announced the death to news agency Agence France-Presse.

His biographer, Marc Lecarpentier, said Sempé — as he signed his work and was known universally — died at a vacation home, but did not specify where that was, AFP reported. Sempé had a home and studio in Paris.

REUTERS
~with NYT inputs

SENTENCING ORDER IN JHARKHAND JUDGE MURDER CASE

Incident shook judiciary, led to fear among officials’ kin: judge

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, AUGUST 12

IN THE sentencing order in connection with the murder of Jharkhand judge Uttam Anand, Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Rajni Kant Pathak has underlined how the incident had shaken the judiciary as well as the citizens, and created an atmosphere of fear among the family members of judicial officers.

ASJ Pathak had convicted Lakhman Verma and Rahul Verma under sections 302 (murder) and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence) and under 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) on July 28 and sentenced them to rigorous imprisonment till death on August 6. The judgement copy was made available on Friday.

In the sentencing order, the court said: “Nobody could think that a judge of Jharkhand judiciary would be murdered in such a way. This incident shook not only the judicial fraternity of the country but also the citizens... After the incident, there was an atmosphere of fear among the



The auto that was used to run over Judge Uttam Anand

family members of judicial officers and the people of the country. The general people were compelled to think if this can happen to a judge what would happen to an ordinary citizen...the convicts should be punished severely.”

When the defence pleaded for leniency, the court said: “...it is difficult to accept the prayer that a lenient view be taken in this case, specially when a judicial officer was murdered by the convicts in a planned manner...if they are released, it would send a wrong message to society...Also, they may commit the same offence again, having no respect and regard for human

life and law of the land.”

The verdict came a year after an autorickshaw ploughed straight into Judge Anand on an empty road in Dhanbad, leading to his death.

Defence counsel Kumar Bimlendu had argued that it was not a case of murder as there was no motive. As per the court records, defence submitted that it was the ‘system’ that ‘killed’ the judge, adding: “...moreover, who killed the judge...firstly, it’s the system as he was alive for four hours, but was left unattended by medicos of SNMMCH, as is with common man. Secondly, the gate of Sadar Hospital was closed, no state-of-the-art trauma centre is in the nearby town.”

However, the court said that the motive was “not necessary” for conviction and the hit was “intentional and deliberate.” Judge Pathak in the order wrote: “...I find motive is not necessary and it cannot stand in the way of conviction. Moreover, from perusal of evidence available on record, the prosecution has been able to prove that there was clear cut and deliberate intention of the auto driver as well as its co-assistant.”

Woman falls into river in MP, saved after 15 hrs and 2 attempts

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, AUGUST 12

A WOMAN who fell into the Betwa river on Thursday was rescued 16 km downstream after a 15-hour nightlong operation. She was rescued once in between, but, as fate would have it, the motorboat bringing her ashore overturned and she got lost in the gushing waters again.

Sonom Singh, 33, of Vidisha district was riding pillion with her brother Kallu Dangri to her parental home in Padariya village for Raksha Bandhan.

Around 6:30pm when they were crossing Barrighat bridge, a bag she was holding slipped and fell into the river which was already flowing over the bridge.

According to Sub-Divisional Officer of Police (SDOP), Manoj Mishra, “It seems that in an effort to catch the bag, Sonam fell into the river as the motorcycle skid.” Her brother Kallu tried to follow her on his motorcycle but lost her trail after about a kilometre.

Kallu then informed the police but with the daylight gone, the search team could not find



Sonom Singh, 33, after being brought ashore. She had fallen back into the river after a boat that picked her up overturned. Express

Sonom despite looking for her over the next three hours.

Another team of district administration heard a woman’s cries for help. “It was pitch dark and maybe Sonam spotted the searchlights and started shouting for help,” added Mishra.

Sonom was spotted by the patrolling team, clinging on to the iron rods of a pillar of the under-construction Ganj Ghat

bridge about 2.5 km away from where she went missing.

A team of four finally managed to reach Sonam at 3:15 am. She was given a life jacket and brought onto a motorboat. But as the boat was making its way to the shore, currents toppled it and all on board, including Sonam, fell into the river.

“I was called by the SP at 3:30 am and informed that we rescued the woman. And 30 minutes later, I was told that the boat had overturned,” said Mishra.

Officials urged villagers to look for a woman in Betwa. The only solace this time was that Sonam had a life jacket on her.

“We were sure that she was a good swimmer because she survived a distance of 2.5 km in gushing waters. It was about 12 km further down the river that she was finally spotted, clinging on to a tree near Raj Kheda,” Mishra told *The Indian Express*.

The tree was about 120 metres away from the shore. With help of five local villagers, Sonam was pulled to the shore and taken to a primary health centre. After being declared medically fit, she was handed to her family.

5-yr-old girl found dead near Golden Temple, mother held

ENS & PTI
AMRITSAR, AUGUST 12

THE PUNJAB Police Friday detained a woman from Haryana, a day after her five-year-old girl was found dead near the Golden Temple.

The footage from CCTVs installed outside Golden Temple showed Maninder Kaur, a resident of Yamunanagar in Haryana, carrying the child in her lap, police said. The footage was leaked and has been shared widely on social media.

Police said preliminary investigations point out that the victim, identified as Deepjot Kaur, was left there by her Maninder Kaur on Thursday. The child’s body was found in the Golden Temple Plaza.

Police got a breakthrough in the case on Friday, when the woman seen in the CCTV footage reached Punjab’s Rajpura city police station, about 230 km from Amritsar, to report that her daughter was missing after they



A CCTV grab from the Golden Temple shows the woman and daughter

visited the Golden Temple. SHO Harmanjit Singh Cheema, identifying the woman from the CCTV footage and photographs on social media, detained the woman.

The footage showed that the woman was accompanied by a boy and was walking with the girl in her lap. The suspect was seen carrying a child, who appeared to be in a motionless state in her lap all the time, police said.

Activists allege Dalit man tortured in custody, police deny accusation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, AUGUST 12

DALIT AND tribal organisations in Udaipur have accused the district police of trying to play down the alleged brutal assault of a Dalit youth in police custody. The police have denied the accusation.

As per Ramesh Meghwal, his son Ajay Meghwal (21), got a call from a girl he knew on August 2, asking him to drop her off to school since she had missed the school van. However, the girl’s parents, who were allegedly present outside the school, assaulted Ajay before handing him over to Hiran Magri police station, Ramesh claimed. Police officials said the girl is a minor.

“For two days, Ajay was brutally assaulted by five policemen. They inflicted third degree torture on him and injured his kidneys,” said advocate PR Salvi, Udaipur district general secretary of Dr Ambedkar Memorial Welfare Society.

Since Ajay was arrested under CrPc section 151, he was released on August 3 evening; he had to be checked into a hospital the same day following his severe injuries, Salvi said. Police claim that Ajay got admitted at the hospital only on August 8.

On August 9, several Dalit organisations, including Bhim Army, Bharatiya Tribal Party and Adivasi Mahasabha, protested outside the Hiran Magri police station.

Udaipur SP Vikas Sharma said: “A complaint came to me so we constituted a Medical Board which has examined him. Some more tests are scheduled for Saturday. Once the report comes, we will take action accordingly.”

CM inaugurates projects in Murmu’s home dist Mayurbhanj

Bhubaneswar, Baripada: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Friday inaugurated Subarnarekha and Deo irrigation projects during his hour-long visit to Mayurbhanj, the home district of President Droupadi Murmu.

He said several welfare schemes of the BJD government had been successful due to proper coordination with the tribal people. “The state could make progress through education and employment schemes for the tribals,” Patnaik said at the meeting.

Tribals constitute 53 per cent of Mayurbhanj’s population. Patnaik’s whistle stop visit to Mayurbhanj is considered to be BJD’s strategy to counter BJP’s alleged attempt to take advantage from Murmu’s election as the President. The BJP has been allegedly making efforts to take mileage from the presidential election and create an impression that Murmu, regarded as the “daughter of the soil”, could occupy the highest post due to the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Punjab State AIDS Control Society
(Department of Health & Family Welfare), Punjab
Tender Notice Reference No. PSACS/Proc/2022-23/ 101 Dated: 12/8/22 Chandigarh
The Department of Punjab State AIDS Control Society, Chandigarh invites bids for the Procurement of ARV Medicines for PLHVs as follows:

Sr No	Item
1	ARV Drugs
2	Modified ARV Drugs
3	Third Line ARV Drugs
4	Pre-Exposure ARV Formulation

Closing date & time: 12/9/22
For details log on to: www.pbsahs.gov.in linked Department Punjab State AIDS Control Society
Note: Any correspondence to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/-
Project Director
Punjab State AIDS Control Society
16314PS

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, BATHINDA

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Invites application from the eligible candidates on Contract basis for the post of Senior Medical Physicist, Medical Physicist, Senior Radiotherapy Technician Gr-I and Technician (Radiotherapy) Gr-II for which Walk in Interview is scheduled on 24 Aug 2022. For further details, please visit website www.aiimbsbathinda.edu.in

Director & CEO, AIIMS, Bathinda
DAVP-17184/12/0005/2223

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Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 27/3022, Punnem Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001, CIN : U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: 91 491 491140, 2331427

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, SP-15, One plus, Guide Prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure Gold loans up to 31.12.2021 and MSGB, SME Savarna & EMI due up to 30.06.2022 which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far inspite of repeated notices, will be auctioned from 20.08.2022 from 10 am.

BHAGALPUR DISTRICT - BHAGALPUR: F1006, F1023, F1038, F1051, F1075, F1076, F1087, F1091, F1094, F1098, F1104, F1109, F1124, F1133, F1138, F1140, F992, **DARBHANGA DISTRICT - DARBHANGA-BIHAR:** F1121, F1122, F1147, F1148, F1161, F1170, F1171, F1176, F1192, F1199, F1218, F1219, F1223, F1231, F1235, F1242, F1243, F1244, F1248, F1263, F1265, F1267, F1269, F1274, F1286, F1315, F1328, **KATIHAR DISTRICT - KATIHAR:** F134, F140, F142, F152, F172, F179, F187, F21, F48, F49, F495, F511, F517, F530, F534, F541, F547, F555, F567, F586, F588, F590, F616, F629, F641, F657, F659, F682, F674, F678, F73, **MUZAFFARPUR DISTRICT - MUZAFFARPUR GOBAR SAH:** F1001, F1044, F1064, F1066, F1078, F1082, F1090, F1098, F1099, F1101, F1104, F1108, F1112, F1113, F1114, F1117, F1120, F1121, F1130, F1141, F1150, F1152, F1154, F1158, F1163, F1172, F1175, F1179, F1184, F1189, F1194, F1195, F1200, F1204, F1364, F264, F273, F297, F299, F306, F383, F394, F424, F442, F443, F450, F451, F460, F479, F529, F531, F590, F627, F638, F627, F899, F933, **MUZAFFARPUR ZERO MILE:** F101, F102, F110, F337, F345, F358, F367, F368, F369, F381, F383, F407, F442, F449, F565, F74.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 01.09.2022 at 10.00 am at **BHAGALPUR DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Door No: BC-013-0034, Girish Chand Banerjee Road, Bhagalpur, Bihar - 812001, **DARBHANGA DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Khata No-20026, 20027 & 20028, Kotwall Chowk, Darbhanga, Bihar - 846004, **KATIHAR DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Door No. 1, Aditya Complex, Matchhallan, Katihar District, Bihar - 854105, **MUZAFFARPUR DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Door No: A2, Sunaina Bhawan, Muzaffarpur Gobar Sahi, Muzaffarpur, Bihar - 842001. The bidders are requested to produce Photo ID card, Pan Card. The successful bidder should transfer the money through RTGS.

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GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EXCISE
L-BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI
No.F.10(56)/96-97/IMFL/EX/PF/2217-33 Dated: 12.08.22

ORDER

In pursuance of the provisions of Rule 52 of Delhi Excise Rules, 2010, it is hereby ordered that the following date shall be observed as “Dry Day” in the National Capital Territory of Delhi by all the licensees of the Excise department and opium vends located in Delhi:

Sl. No	OCCASION	DATE	DAY
1	INDEPENDENCE DAY	15.08.2022	MONDAY

The licensees shall not be entitled to any compensation on account of any changes effected in the above list.

The restriction of sale on liquor on dry day mentioned above shall not apply to the service of liquor to residents in case of hotels having L-15 license.

All the licensees shall exhibit this order at some conspicuous place of their licensed premises.

The business premises of a licensee shall be kept closed on dry day.

Sd/-
(JITENDRA AGARWAL)
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (EXCISE)
DIP/Shabdarth/0290/22-23

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NOTIFICATION
May 17, 2022

NOTIFICATION
May 17, 2022

No. 162/VIII-S.L.A.O./Amroha 2022-Under sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, whereas the Government of Uttar Pradesh/Collector (for the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of 2-0177 hectares of land is required in the village **Asawar, Gazrola Prabhawan, Naipura, Saidabad and Eat ka Rada, Pargana Amroha, Tehsil Amroha**, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) through Canal Construction (name of requiring body).

2. Social Impact Assessment study was carried out by the state social impact Assessment agency and submits its recommendations to the Appropriate Government which has approved its recommendation on dated.

3. The Summary of the Social impact Assessment Report as follows:

Sd/-

4. A total of families are likely to be displaced due to the land acquisition. The reason necessitating such displacement is as under:-

Deputy Collector/Assistant Collector..... is appointed as Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resettlement of the project affected families.

5. Therefore, the Governor is pleased to notify for general information that the land mentioned in the Schedule below is needed for public purpose.

DISTRICT	TEHSIL	PARGANA	VILLAGE	PLOT NO.	AREA TO BE ACQUIRED (IN HECT)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Amroha	Amroha	Amroha	Asawar	3/1	0-1269
				3/2/1	0-1275
				7 Ro	0-2640
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	0-5184	
			Gazrola Prabhawan	16 Ro	0-1148
				20 Ro	0-1540
				14 Ro	0-0360
				15	0-0370
				187	0-0390
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	0-3808	
			Naipura	128	0-0175
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	0-0175	
			Saidabad	51	0-0250
				57	0-5390
				68	0-1650
				70	0-3520
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	1-0810	
			Eat Ka Rada	75 Ro	0-0200
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	0-0200	
			G.TOTAL OF VILLAGES	2-0177	

6. The Governor is also pleased to authorise the Collector for the purpose of land acquisition to land acquisition to takes necessary steps to entre upon and survey of land, take levels of any land, dig or sub soil into the sub-soil and do all the acts required for the proper execution of work as provided and specified under section 12 of the Act.

7. Under section 15 of the Act, any person interested in the land may within (days) 21 (Twenty-one), after the publication of this notification, make an objection to the acquisition of land in the locality in writing to the Collector.

8. Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification till such time as the proceedings of land acquisition is completed, without prior approval of the Collector.

NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition.

UPID No. 17859 DATE 11/08/2022
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(Sd.) ILLEGIBLE,
Collector, Amroha.

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NOTIFICATION
May 30, 2022

No. 225/VIII-S.L.A.O./Amroha 2022- Under sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, whereas the Government of Uttar Pradesh/Collector (for the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of 2-8093 hectares of land is required in the village **Kalakhera, Raipur urf Shajadpur, Shakarpur Samsapur and Salarpur Khalsa, Pargana Amroha, Tehsil Amroha**, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) through Canal Construction (name of requiring body).

2. Social Impact Assessment study was carried out by the state social impact Assessment agency and submits its recommendations to the Appropriate Government which has approved its recommendation on dated.

3. The Summary of the Social impact Assessment Report as follows:

Sd/-

4. A total of families are likely to be displaced due to the land acquisition. The reason necessitating such displacement is as under:-

Deputy Collector/Assistant Collector..... is appointed as Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resettlement of the project affected families.

5. Therefore, the Governor is pleased to notify for general information that the land mentioned in the Schedule below is needed for public purpose.

DISTRICT	TEHSIL	PARGANA	VILLAGE	PLOT NO.	AREA TO BE ACQUIRED (IN HECT)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Amroha	Amroha	Amroha	Kala Kheda	92	0-0160
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	0-0160	
			Raipur urf shajadpur	48	0-2185
				49	0-0794
				38	0-1380
				37	0-1260
				68	0-0864
				69	0-1140
				71	0-0684
				72	0-0816
				73	0-1152
				74	0-1536
				40	0-0188
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	1-1999	
			Shakarpur Shamsapur	173	0-5100
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	0-5100	
			Salarpur Khalsa	17	0-1102
				24	0-0053
				27	0-0263
				28	0-0048
				30 a	0-1813
				30 x	0-0044
				39	0-0300
				46	0-0319
				58	0-0875
				83	0-0150
				77	0-1225
				91/1	0-1369
				91/2	0-0175
				67	0-0515
				69	0-0658
				400 Ro	0-1525
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	1-0834	
			G. TOTAL OF VILLAGE	2-8093	

6. The Governor is also pleased to authorise the Collector for the purpose of land acquisition to takes necessary steps to entre upon and survey of land, take levels of any land, dig or sub soil into the sub-soil and do all the acts required for the proper execution of work as provided and specified under section 12 of the Act.

7. Under section 15 of the Act, any person interested in the land may within (days) 21 (Twenty One) after the publication of this notification, make an objection to the acquisition of land in the locality in writing to the Collector.

8. Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification till such time as the proceedings of land acquisition is completed, without prior approval of the Collector.

NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition.

UPID No. 178524 DATE 11/08/2022
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Collector, Amroha

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प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा प्रकाशित

NOTIFICATION
May 17, 2022

No. 165/VIII-S.L.A.O./Amroha 2022- Under sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, whereas the Government of Uttar Pradesh/Collector (for the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of 0-7263 hectares of land is required in the village **Hebatpur And Lambiya, Pargana Amroha, Tehsil Amroha**, District Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) through Canal Construction (name of requiring body).

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DISTRICT	TEHSIL	PARGANA	VILLAGE	PLOT NO.	AREA TO BE ACQUIRED (IN HECT)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Amroha	Amroha	Amroha	Hewatpur	23	0-0360
				50	0-0760
				66 अ	0-1345
				66 व	0-0095
				158 फ़ि	0-0200
				185 अ	0-0355
				185 व	0-0125
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	0-3240	
			Lambiya	57	0-0480
				62/3	0-1281
				62/4	0-0047
				67	0-0394
				150	0-1350
				197	0-0321
				225	0-0150
			TOTAL OF VILLAGE	0-4023	
			G. TOTAL OF VILLAGE	0-7263	

6. The Governor is also pleased to authorise the Collector for the purpose of land acquisition to takes necessary steps to entre upon and survey of land, take levels of any land, dig or sub soil into the sub-soil and do all the acts required for the proper execution of work as provided and specified under section 12 of the Act.

7. Under section 15 of the Act, any person interested in the land may within (days) 21 (Twenty-one) after the publication of this notification, make an objection to the acquisition of land in the locality in writing to the Collector.

8. Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification till such time as the proceedings of land acquisition is completed, without prior approval of the Collector.

NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition.

UPID No. 178522 DATE-11/08/2022
www.up.gov.nic.in

(Sd.) ILLEGIBLE,
Collector, Amroha.

संरकारी गज़ट, उत्तर प्रदेश
प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा प्रकाशित

NOTIFICATION
May 17, 2022

No. 164/VIII-S.L.A.O./Amroha 2022- Under sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, whereas the Government of Uttar Pradesh/Collector (for the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of 1-0451 hectares of land is required in the village **Hasan Saray, Sarkari Mundi, Shahwajpur Kala, Nagla Kila and Ahmadpur Devipura, Pargana Amroha, Tehsil Amroha, District Amroha** is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) through Canal Construction (name of requiring body).

2. Social Impact Assessment study was carried out by the state social impact Assessment agency and submits its recommendations to the Appropriate Government which has approved its recommendation on dated.

3. The Summary of the Social impact Assessment Report as follows:

Sd/-

4. A total of


EASTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF A.P. LTD
CORPORATE OFFICE : VISAKHAPATNAM

E-TENDER NOTICE
The APEPDL is inviting e-tenders from the eligible bidders for the works relating to "Supply and Erection of new 33/11KV Semi Indoor AIS Sub-stations and 33KV lines" in Srikakulam Vizianagaram Rajamahendravaram and Eluru Circles of APEPDL under Navaratriku Peddalandariku Ilu Flagship Programme on partial Turnkey basis. Bt/No.CGM/Projects/APEPDL/JHC/SS./1)SKL&ELR/01/2022-23 of Srikakulam and Eluru Circles, 2)R.JVM/02/2022-23 of Rajamahendravaram circle. 3) VZM&RJM/03/2022-23 of Vizianagaram and Rajamahendravaram circles. All the interested bidders may visit www.apeprocurement.gov.in to view details of the tender and time schedule of the above works.
Phone No.: 0891-2582325, 0891-2582326 Advt-45 **Chief General Manager/Projects**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत्त बाडमेर
क्रमांक: 803 दिनांक: 04.08.2022

निविदा सूचना संख्या : 04 वर्ष 2022-2023
NIB No.PWD2223A1517
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से विभिन्न सड़क निर्माण कार्यो हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदको एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदको, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदको को सम्मकश हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 06 कार्य जिनको लागत राशि रु. 1212.82 लाख है के लिए ईटेंडरडिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु अंतिमनादन निविदायेँ आमंत्रित की जाती है।

ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड:
एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख

05 अगस्त 2022, 9:30 बजे से 25 अगस्त 2022, सायं 06:00 बजे तक

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेब साईट <http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in> व <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> व <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर ऑनलाईन समाप्तित की जायेगी। इच्छुक संवेदको को अपने इतिवृत्त हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट <http://proc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है। कार्यवाह यू.डी.एन संख्या निम्नानुसार है।

PWD2223WSRC05415 PWD2223WSRC05416 PWD2223WSRC05417
PWD2223WSRC05418 PWD2223WSRC05419 PWD2223WSRC05420

हस्ता./- (सुप्रेम शर्मा)
अधीक्षण अभियन्ता,
सा.नि.वि. वृत्त बाडमेर

DIPR/c/10428/2022

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead at near Bangal Sahib Bus Stop, Opposite Bangla Sahib Gurudwara, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi on 07.08.2022 at 10:28 AM. In this regard vide **DD No. 48A, Dated 07.08.2022** has been lodged at **P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi**. The Dead body has been preserved in Lady Harding Medical College Mortuary for Identification.

The description of the dead body is given as under:
Name: Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 45 years, **Height:** About 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **ID Mark:** Mole over forehead, tattoo mark on left forearm, **Wearing:** Grey Colour Shorts Only.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

S.H.O
P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi.
Ph: 011-23364100

DP/65/ND/2022

CHHATTISGARH GRAMEEN AAJEEVIKA SAMVARDHAN SAMITI (CGSRLM-Bihan)
(Under the aegis of Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of Chhattisgarh)
2nd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 19, North Block, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh-492001 Phone No. 0771-2512395, 2960615
Email- mdcgsrlm@gmail.com Website- www.bihan.gov.in



No. -CGSRLM/Proc/DDUGKY/MSC/RFP-001/2022/Add.01 Dated: 12/08/2022
Corrigendum-01 to Request for Proposal For Hiring Services of Agency for establishing Migration Support Centre for DeenDayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushalya Yojna (DDUGKY) under Chhattisgarh Gramteen Aajeevika Samvardhan Samiti (CGSRLM-Bihan)
Ref.: 1058/CGSRLM/DDUGKY/MSC/ 2022-23/02, dated: 12/07/2022

S. No.	Existing Clause of RFP	Amended Clause
1	Instructions to Consultants -E. Data Sheet- Clause no. 17.7 and 17.9 The proposal must be submitted no later than: Date: 12th August, 2022, Time: 15:00 hours IST The proposal submission address is: State Mission Director, Chhattisgarh State Rural Livelihoods Mission (Bihan), 2 nd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-19, Nawa Raipur Atal Nagar (CG)-492001 Ph:-0771-2960615, 2512395, 2512392	Instructions to Consultants -E. Data Sheet- Clause no. 17.7 and 17.9 The proposal must be submitted no later than: Date: 23rd August, 2022, Time: 15:00 hours IST The proposal submission address is: State Mission Director, Chhattisgarh State Rural Livelihoods Mission (Bihan), 2 nd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-19, Nawa Raipur Atal Nagar (CG)-492001 Ph:-0771-2960615, 2512395, 2512392

Rest all other terms & conditions of RFP remains the same. Further details regarding submission of Request for Proposal can be seen from our official-website-www.bihan.gov.in.

sd/-
Mission Director, CGSRLM
Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (CG)

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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, जल संसाधन वृत्त, उदयपुर (राज.)

क्रमांक:- अ.अ./लेखा/2022/2620 दिनांक:-03/08/22
ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 02 वर्ष 2022-23

निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्यो हेतु इच्छुक सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत वीलीदातरों से दिनांक 25.08.2022 को सायं 6.00 बजे तक निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम	
1	2	
1	Construction of Udeshwar Maladevanicut village Dhana Tehsil Bhim District Rajsamand Rs 679.57 Lac UBN: WRD2223WLOB01028	
2	Renovation of Naga Talab, Nibela Talab, Khejadliya and Khediya Anicut Bada Bhanuja Panchayat Tehsil Nathdwara and Renovation of Paroliya anicut Tehsil Raimaliga District Rajsamand Rs 563.79 Lac UBN: WRD2223WLOB01029	
3	Renovation of Mata ji Ka Kheda Dam Tehsil raimaliga District Rajsamand 530.67 Lac UBN: WRD2223WLOB01030	
4	Renovation of Gaon Guda Canal Tehsil Khamnor District Rajsamand 531.41 Lacs UBN: WRD2223WLOB01031	
5	Construction of Surging jis Bhagal Sub Minor from Ch: 300 of Khari Feeder and Renovation of Bhesakamnd canal Tehsil Khaninor District Rajsamand 398.63 Lacs UBN: WRD2223WLOB01032	
6	Repair and Renovation of Delwara Talab and Palera Feeder Uthanol Talab and its canal and Undi Rai Talab on Akodara Pakhand road Tehsil Delwara District Rajsamand 277.17 Lacs UBN: WRD2223WLOB01033	
7	Repair & Renovation of Bhopsalagar Minor Irrigation Project Tehsil Bhim 195.96 Lacs UBN: WRD2223WLOB01034	

निविदा में वर्णित कार्य से सम्बन्धित विवरण व अन्य शर्त वेबसाईट <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in,<http://sppp.raj.nic.in> एवं www.water.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

हस्ता./-
DIPR/c/10389/2022


Maharashtra Ex-Servicemen Corporation Limited (MESCO)
(Government of Maharashtra undertaking)
2nd Floor, Raigad Building, Opposite National War Memorial, Ghorpadi, Pune 411001


1) Applications are invited online & offline from the interested candidates for the following posts for conduct of residential skill development and entrepreneurship development program being undertaken by Maharashtra Ex-Servicemen Corporation Limited Ltd (MESCO) Pune.

Post	Vacancy	Qualification	Place of Duty
National Head	01	Any Post Graduate with 10 years's Experience	Pune
MIS Head	01	Any Post Graduate with 05 years Experience	
Training Center Manager	20	Any Graduate with 05 Year Experience	Training Centers located in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh,
Training Center Admin	20	Any Graduate / Diploma with 03 Year Training Experience	Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal.
Sewing Machine Operator Trainer	20	Any Graduate / Diploma with 03 Year Training Experience	
Soft Skill Trainer	20	Any Graduate / Diploma with 03 Year Training Experience	

2) The terms and conditions are as follows.
(a) Tenure of the said appointment will be initially only for a period of 4 months on a contractual basis, which may be renewed based on requirement.
(b) Candidates should be preferably able to read, write and speak local language.
(c) Pay will be commensurate with the qualification and experience and as per industry standards.

3) Candidates should submit their application along brief resume by E-mail on mslepune@mescoil.co.in and also offline to MESCO-Skill Development Department, Opposite Bhusant Park Office, Mahasankh Industrial Estate, Bhusant, Pune 411026 before 18 August 2022

Date : 10-08-2022 Place : Pune


SALUTE THE SOLDIER

LATE SUBEDAR HAZARI LAL
05 DEC 1957 - 13 AUG 2002
In everlasting memory of Late Subedar Hazari Lal, who made the supreme sacrifice for the honour of the Nation on 13 Aug 2002 in J & K . His Memory will continue To inspire all ranks of SHOLAS.
CO & All Ranks 16 RAJPUT

Office of the Suprintending Engineer Water Resources Construction Circle, Dungarpur

No. SE/Acc// 2022/1458 E-NIT No. 03/2022-23 Date: - 03.08.2022
Bids for the works mentioned below are invited from interested bidders upto date upto 27.08.2022 till 6.00 PM.

S.No	Name of Work
1	2
1	Repair and Renovation of Kantri Dam and Canals Village Kantri Tehsil Aspur District Dungarpur Rs.-:369.38 Lakh UBN NO:- WRD2223WLOB01035

Other particulars Of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>. <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>.
www.diprrajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd
UBN:- WRD2223WLOB01035

Sd/-
Suprintending Engineer
Water Resources Const. Circle
Dungarpur

DIPR/C/10405/2022


MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI
75th
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

ADVERTISEMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF COMMERCIAL OFFICER
Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Civic Centre (25TH Floor),
Jawaharal Nehru Marg, New Delhi-110002
Ph. No. 011-2322-7511/08, E-Mail Id: acadvt.t.mcd@mcd.nic.in
E-TENDER NOTICE
Bids are invited on behalf of Commissioner, MCD through following two different e-Tenders from eligible bidders:-
1. E-Tender Notice No. CO/Advt/E-Tender-01/2022-23/MCD/NIT/D-333 dated 11.08.2022 for allotment of advertisement rights through Unipole Clusters/Individual Unipole sites/Flag-Sign Clusters under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years.
2. E-Tender Notice No. CO/Advt/E-Tender-02/2022-23/MCD/NIT/D-334 dated 11.08.2022 for allotment of advertisement rights through LED Clusters/Individual LEDs under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years.
The Last Date of Submission of bids in all above e-tenders is:- 06.09.2022, Till 16.00 Hours.
The detailed Tender documents are available on MCD's website i.e. www.mcdonline.nic.in and <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>
Commercial Officer,
RO No 21/DPI/MCD/2022-23 **Advertisement Department, MCD**

Online Tender Notice No:16 of 2022-23 Sports Authority of Gujarat
Block No.14/3rd Floor, Dr.Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar
Tender Id.543177

Secretary, Sports Authority of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Block no. 14, 3rd floor, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar invite 'Engagement of an Event Management Agency for Event Days Operations and Overlays for 36th National Games, Gujarat 2022' for Rs.45.00 Crore.
• The tender may be download on the website <https://sy cad.nprocure.com>.
• The Last date of On-line Submission of tender dt.23/08/2022; 18:00 hrs.
• For any further information contact to PIU Branch in the office of Secretary, Sports Authority of Gujarat, Block no. 14, 3rd floor, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar in office hour. Contact no.079-23254409, 9978406811.
INF/1123/22-23


BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Projects-Central-05) Division, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002

No.EE/PC-5/TEND/01/2022-23 **Date: 12.08.2022**
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)
The Executive Engineer (Projects-Central-05) Division, invites tenders from eligible tenderers on Item based on Tenderer's Design on the basis of Parameters fixed by the BBMP for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amt. to tender (Rs. in Crores)	EMD (Rs. in Crores)
1	Construction of Elevated Corridor by integrating Ejipura Main Inner Ring Road Junction, Sony World Junction and Kendriya Sadana Junction along 100 Ft. Inner Ring Road, Koramangala, Bengaluru - Balance Portion (As is where is basis).	141.60	1.42


1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal. 2) Last date for receipt of queries: **26.08.2022 upto 5.30 p.m.** 3) Pre-Tender meeting : **29.08.2022 at 3.30 p.m** 4) Last date for submission of proposals: **16.09.2022 upto 5.30 p.m.** 5) Date of opening of technical bids: **19.09.2022 at 4.30 p.m.** Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned or GoK e-procurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>
Sd/- Executive Engineer, (Project Central-05) Division.
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.



BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
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म.प्र. वेअरहाउसिंग एण्ड लॉजिस्टिक्स कॉर्पोरेशन
प्रधान कार्यालय : ऑफिस काम्प्लेक्स, ब्लॉक 'अ', गौतम नगर, भोपाल-462023, फोन नं. : 0755-2600148, 2600524, 2600518, 2600503, 2600507, फैक्स नं. : 0755-2600584
Website : www.mpwarehousehousing.com
E-mail : hompwlc@gmail.com
No./MPWLC/Acctts/2022/2859 **Dated : 12.08.2022**
NIT FOR THE AGREEMENT OF INSURANCE

M.P. Warehousing & Logistics Corporation is a statutory Corporation constituted under the Warehousing Corporation Act 1962. Corporation provides scientific storage facilities for Notified Commodities, agricultural inputs and produce, cotton bales, minor forest produce, industrial raw materials, Public Distribution items and consumer durables in Madhya Pradesh at around 278, branches with a capacity of 236 lakhs MT. Approximate value of stock is Rs. 6000 cr. The Corporation desires to obtain standard fire and special perils insurance policy, Burglary Policy and fidelity insurance policy, on floater declaration basis for insurance of various goods stored in various godowns owned & stocks kept in open packs by MPWLC.
IRDA licensed General Insurance Companies/Corporations may submit their competitive specific proposals, along with the premium rates for agreement of insurance. The bidder shall submit firm offer of rates based on the prevailing tariff as per IRDA rules & guidelines. Tender documents may be downloaded Online from www.mptenders.gov.in from 12.08.2022 at 15:00 Hrs. to up to 29.08.2022, 15:00 Hrs. after paying Rs. 1000/- Online. Offers in prescribed format shall be accepted Online **up to 29.08.2022, 15:00 Hrs.** and bid shall be opened on date 30.08.2022, at 15:00 Hrs.
Before finalization, of proposals past performance will also be taken into account. The Corporation reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. For more Details, please visit our website www.mpwarehousehousing.com .
M.P. Madhyam/105932/2022 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**


बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
Bank of Baroda
विद्यया यशसा
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REGIONAL OFFICE
Muzaffarpur Region, 2nd Floor
Krishna Honda Building,
Akharaghat Road,
Muzaffarpur-842001

Public Auction Notice					
Sr. No.	Branch Name & Contact No..	Borrower/ Defaulter's Name	Vehicle Model & Manufacturing Year	Vehicle Chassis No., Engine No.	Reserve Price
1.	Gopalganj 8294634974	Rahul Kumar Singh S/o Sukhdar Singh	Escorts Ltd. Euro 42/2019	C No-T053444011BH E No- E3499557	Rs. 2,60,000/-
2.	Gopalganj 8294634974	Raj Kumar, S/o Jokhu Choudhary	Sonalika Ltd. /2017	C No-DZYT678929S3 E No- 3100EL1731672806F3	Rs. 2,10,000/-

Note:- Public auction will be held out at Gopalganj Branch on14/09/2022 between 12.00pm to 2.00pm (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes till sale is concluded) on "AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the following terms & conditions:-

- EMD of 10% of the reserve price to be deposited with the application on or before12/04/2022atGopalganj Branch.
- After end of the auction, the highest bidder has to deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately and rest is to be deposited within 15 days.
- Bank reserve the right to reject or cancel or postpone the auction without assigning any reason(s) thereof.
- As the Vehicle will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" registration of Vehicle & other formalities will be the responsibility of auction purchaser only.
- Interested parties/ persons should contact the respective Branch (contact no. - 8294634974) for inspection of vehicle or any query regarding the terms and conditions, i.e. mode of participation in the auction and other information regarding the auction of vehicle.

Place : Gopalganj
Date : 12.08.2022


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



KSRTC, one of the largest fleet owners of the country, intends to invite Expression of Interest for

- Development, deployment and maintenance of Online Passenger Reservation System for KSRTC _SWIFT Buses. (e-Tender ID: 2022_KSRTC_503329_1)
Pre-bid meeting of registered bidders – 12.00 pm on 23.08.2022 (Online)
- Implementation of a Comprehensive Intelligent Transportation and management system for KSRTC. (e-Tender ID: 2022_KSRTC_503352_1)
Pre-bid meeting of registered bidders – 12.00 pm on 24.08.2022 (Online)
The documents may downloaded from the e-tender portal:
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
For the detailed visit: www.keralartc.com
e-mail : edpc.krtc@kerala.gov.in


sd/-
Chairman & Managing Director
12.08.2022


NORTHERN RAILWAY


TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No	02/22-23/GSU dated : 12.08.2022
1. Name of work with its Location	Construction of S&T Building for Electronic Interlocking (EI) at Shahabad-Markanda (SHDM) station on Delhi-Ambala (DUK) section and 03 Nos Relay Huts between Delhi-Shahdara Yard under CPM/Gati Shakti/Delhi Division
2. Approx. cost of work	Rs. 13243548.90
3. Earnest money	Rs. 216200.00
4. Completion period of Work	05 Months
5. Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs on 30.08.2022 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 30.08.2022
6. Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

128-W/269/OET/22-23/GSU/NIT 01 Dated: 12.08.2022 2081/22
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE


NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, in terms of Railway Board letter no. 2022/TC(FM)/10/04 dated 13.06.2022, invites bids through e-Auction (www.ireps.gov.in) for leasing of parcel space of SLR compartments in following trains originating from Delhi division for a period of two years as per schedule given below:-
• 12506 (F1), 13258 (F1), 14018 (F1), 15128 (F1) -11.10.2022 at 11:30 am.
• 12265 (F1, F2 & R1), 12562 (F1), 14014 (F1)-12.10.2022 at 11:30 am.
• 12428 (F1), 13414 (F1), 22418 (F2 & R1)- 13.10.2022 at 11:30 am.
Important notes:
1. For more information, requirement and various aspects regarding these e-Auctions, interested bidders are advised to visit <https://www.ireps.gov.in/html/helpdesk/learning-centre.html>. (e-Auction leasing section.)
2. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):** 5% of the total contractual bid value to be deposited online during the auction. EMD of the successful bidder will be retained as Security Deposit.
3. Railway Administration reserves the full and absolute rights to short terminate these contracts at any point of time and /or for taking any decision regarding the discontinuation / continuation of these contracts with modified/additional terms and conditions depending upon the continuation/discontinuation of these trains or commencement of new train services.
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File No- B-I-Home-(Jud.)-34/2022 31062/ Bhubaneswar, the 10th Aug., 2022
Invitation for Bids
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SECTOR WATCH
INTERNET COMPANIESSelf-regulation:
Divide among
Big Tech firms
on way forwardSOUMYARENDRABARIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12CONTOURS BEING
CHALKED OUT

THERE is a growing divide among internet companies on setting up a self-regulatory body—to address complaints by social media users—as an alternative to the Centre's Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC).

Snap and Google oppose an industry proposal to create such a body. They have flagged concerns over the potential inability to legally challenge any final content moderation decisions of a self-governing body, in addition to the difference in the moderation policies of different platforms, many executives aware of these discussions told *The Indian Express*.

Facebook and Twitter, however, are learnt to be in support of the body's creation.

Social media companies, along with industry body Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), are currently chalking up the contours of a self-regulatory mechanism in response to the Ministry of Electronics and IT's (MeitY's) proposal to set up "government-appointed committees" to address complaints raised by users about social media companies' content-moderation decisions.

In proposed amendments to the Information Technology Rules, MeitY has suggested setting up Grievance Appellate Committees (GACs), even though the Ministry said it is open to a self-regulatory body of social media companies to handle such issues.

In June, during a public consultation with stakeholders, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrashekar had said that the government will go ahead with the proposed appellate committees.

He had added that if the industry were to come up with a self-regulatory mechanism that worked for the government, the Ministry would "move to that." During a closed-door meeting, Google is learnt to have expressed reservations about the current structure of the self-regulatory body which, in a draft policy, said that decisions passed by the body will be binding in nature. This is where the company's concern stems from.

"Orders passed by the GAC can be challenged in court, whereas the scope for challenging a 'binding' order passed by a self-regulatory body is much lower," a source said.

Another argument is that while having senior executives of all social media companies in the self-regulatory body could make it easy to reach a consensus, disagreements are also likely. "Different companies have their respective content moderation guidelines. What is acceptable for a certain firm may not be OK for the other because their community guidelines are different. So the real challenge for any self-regulatory body is to reach a consensus on content

moderation decisions for all platforms," an executive said.

In a statement, a Google spokesperson said: "We had a preliminary meeting and are engaging in active discussions with the industry as well as the Government. We are exploring all options and look forward to working with stakeholders to find the best possible solution." Facebook declined to comment. Queries sent to Twitter, Snap and IMAI remained unanswered.

An absence of consensus among social media companies could jeopardise its bargaining power with the government to allow a self-regulatory body instead of its proposed GACs. Industry bodies like the US-India Business Council and the Asia Internet Coalition which count major American tech firms as members, have opposed the formation of these government-appointed committees, questioning their effect on independence.

Industry sources also hinted at a "disjointed" way in which deliberations about the self-regulatory body have happened so far. "Many IMAI members, including some social media companies, were not aware about the steps the body had taken towards the formalisation of the self-regulatory body. A WhatsApp group was initially created and a document was circulated among the members of the group which did not involve many IMAI members," a source at another tech firm said.

The IMAI currently runs two self-regulatory bodies—the Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC) for online content streaming companies, and a body for edtech companies called India Edtech Consortium (IEC). Another self-regulatory body that was set up under the aegis of IMAI, the Blockchain and Crypto Assets Council (BACC), which represented firms like CoinSwitch Kuber, WazirX, and CoinDCX, was dissolved last month due to regulatory uncertainty surrounding cryptocurrencies.

Senior government officials said that MeitY is expected to go ahead with the GACs in the final version of the IT Rules amendments as it is of the view that a self-regulatory body may not be inclusive of all companies and could end up "prioritising" a handful of the bigger social media firms like Facebook, Twitter and Google.

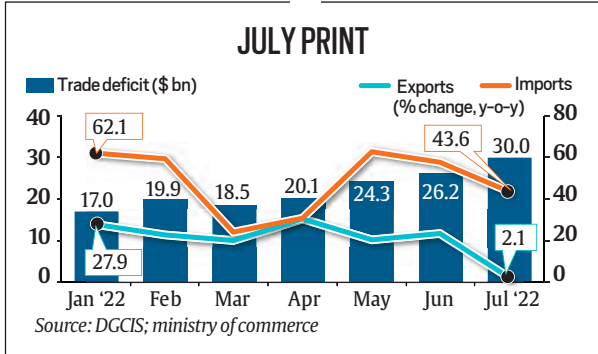
EXPORTS RISE 2.1% IN JULY WHILE IMPORTS SURGE 43.6%

Trade deficit almost triples to record \$30 bn on oil imports

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

TRADE DEFICIT almost tripled to a record \$30 billion in July from a year before, as a surge in imports, driven by elevated global commodity prices, continued unabated, while export growth lost pace, albeit on an unfavourable base.

According to data released by the Commerce Ministry on Friday, merchandise exports rose just 2.1 per cent on-year in July to \$36.3 billion, while imports jumped 43.6 per cent to \$66.3 billion. Sequentially, exports in July fell 9.5 per cent from June.



In the first four months of this fiscal, exports grew 20.1 per cent to \$157.4 billion, while imports jumped 48.1 per cent to \$256.4 billion, leading to a deficit of \$99

billion. Elevated prices of crude oil, coal and fertiliser in the wake of the Ukraine war has inflated India's import bill.

However, the country's trade

EXPLAINED **E** **Eye on deficit**
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deficit may narrow a tad in August, easing concerns on the current account deficit (CAD), albeit to a limited extent, analysts recently said. **FE**

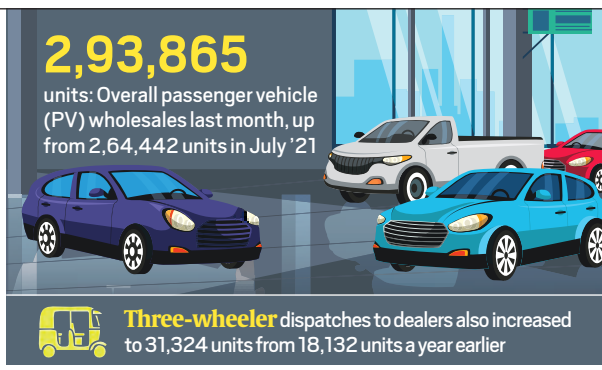
'July PV dispatches rise 11% as chip situation improves'

PV dispatches increased 11% in July as improvement in chip supplies helped firms to ramp up production, SIAM said

Two-wheeler dispatches rose 10 per cent to 13,81,303 units from 12,60,140 units. Scooter wholesales climbed to 4,79,159 units against 3,73,695 units

Utility vehicle wholesales grew 11 per cent to 1,37,104 units last month from 1,24,057 units in the same period last year

Source: SIAM/PTI



Van dispatches also increased to 13,239 units from 10,305 units in July 2021

Motorcycle wholesales increased to 8,70,028 units in July compared to 8,37,166 units a year ago.

No GST on residential premises if rented out for personal use: Govt

New Delhi: The government on Friday said GST will not be applicable on residential units if they are rented out to private persons for personal use.

The government dismissed media reports which claimed that there is an 18 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) on house rent paid by tenants. In a tweet, the government said GST would be levied only when the residential unit is rented out to a business entity. "No GST when it is rented to private person for personal use. No GST even if proprietor or partner of firm rents residence for personal use," it said.

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Indirect Tax Abhishek Jain said the clarification provides relief to GST-registered proprietors or partners in GST-registered firms who take on rent immovable property for their personal use such as renting of a house for family accommodation. **PTI**

J&J to end sales of talc-based baby powder

REUTERS
BENGALURU, AUGUST 12

JOHNSON & Johnson will stop selling talc-based baby powder globally in 2023, the drugmaker said on Thursday, more than two years after it ended US sales of a product that drew thousands of consumer safety lawsuits.

"As part of a worldwide portfolio assessment, we have made the commercial decision to transition to an all cornstarch-based baby powder portfolio," it said, adding that cornstarch-based baby powder is already sold in countries around the world.

In 2020, J&J announced that it would stop selling its talc Baby Powder in the US and Canada.

LIC Q1 net surges multi-fold to ₹682.8 cr

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
KOLKATA, AUGUST 12

LIFE INSURANCE Corporation (LIC) on Friday reported a multi-fold increase in net profits to Rs 682.88 crore for the quarter ending June compared to a profit of Rs 2.94 crore in Q1FY22. It may be recalled that business activity in the country had come to a virtual standstill in the June 2021 quarter during the second wave of the Covid pandemic. Seen sequentially, LIC's performance was less impressive as the insurer had posted profits of Rs 2,371.55 crore in the three months to March.

The total income stood at Rs 1.68 trillion as against Rs 1.54 trillion in the year-ago period, LIC said. Total income stood at Rs 2.11 trillion in March quarter. The net premium income during Q1FY23 of Rs 98,351.76 crore, was about 20 per cent higher y-o-y. On a sequential basis, net premium was lower by about 32 per cent.

The first-year premium for the reporting quarter came in at Rs 7,429 crore as against Rs 5,088 crore in the year-ago period. **FE**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
GUVNL invites tenders for setting up of Pilot Projects of 500 MW / 1000 MWh Standalone Battery Energy Storage Systems in Gujarat through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (Phase I) followed by e-reverse auction. For tender documents please visit the website www.bharat-electronicstender.com and www.guvnl.com. The last date of bid submission is 15.09.2022
Date:13/08/2022 General Manager (RE & IPP)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Two Cover system) (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal Only)
Tenders are invited from reputed companies/ persons having adequate knowledge, expertise and funds mobilisation capacity for Liaisoning, Movement, handling and delivery of upto 21.6 lakh MT of Coal from Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Talcher in Odisha to Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS) in Karnataka by Rail-Sea-Rail route for a period of 9 months. The last date for receipt of completed bids: 12.09.2022, 17.00 Hrs. The tender document can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in> Further details can be had from The Superintending Engineer (Mines), KPCL, No. 82, Shakil Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Telefax: 080-22203894. e-mail: cefuelskpcl@karnataka.gov.in Website: www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in

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URBAN IMPROVEMENT TRUST BIKANER ONLINE
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
UIT invites Expression of Interest (EOI) on online e-procure in the interested Agencies for **DESIGN, BUILT FINANCE, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (DBOT) FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITH PARKING** Near Mohata Sarai, BIKANER.

Bidding Procedure: The complete set of EOI document for work can be downloaded from www.eprompt.com Demand draft (towards EOI documents fee) for an amount of **INR 5,000/-** drawn in favor of Secretary UIT Bikaner shall be furnished with EOI in separate cover. Last date for online submission of Biodata/Company Profile Documents for **DESIGN, BUILT, FINANCE, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (DBOT) FOR DEVELOPMENT OF Commercial Complex with parking** at BIKANER ON is 23.08.2022 Hard copy should reach at the address mentioned below on or before 23.08.2022 upto TIME 11.00 AM hrs. by **RPAD/Speed Post only**. To, Secretary Urban Improvement Trust Bikaner. NIB No. **ITB2223AA0051**, UBN No. **ITB2223WSOB00102**

राज.संवाद/सी/2022-23/6169 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED CIN:U40102RJ2005SGC016484 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking) Vidyut Bhawan, Janpath, Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur-302005 E-mail: accountsrvnl@yahoo.com Website www.rvunl				
Extract of Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2022 (₹ In Lacs)				
S. No	Particulars	For the Quarter ended 30th June 2022	Standalone For the Quarter ended 31st March 2022	For the year ended 31st March 2022
		Un-audited	Un-audited	Audited
1	Total Income From Operations	4,20,698.66	4,60,930.69	14,23,020.57
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(62,149.63)	(53,705.98)	(1,63,020.00)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(2,67,131.28)	(63,656.83)	(1,99,322.11)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(2,67,131.28)	(63,656.83)	(1,99,322.11)
5	Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(2,68,982.45)	(59,519.00)	(2,06,726.80)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value ₹10/- per share)	10,60,523.00	10,60,523.00	10,60,523.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(10,50,693.71)	(7,81,711.27)	(7,81,711.27)
8	Net Worth (Share Capital + Reserves and Surplus (excluding fly ash utilization fund) - Miscellaneous Expenditure not written off)	8,143.12	2,76,926.57	2,76,926.57
9	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt*	47,24,192.14	46,48,799.91	46,48,799.91
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio (Paid-up debt capital / Shareholder's Equity)	580.14	16.79	16.79
12	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations-Basic & diluted)(₹)	(2.52)	(0.60)	(1.89)
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
14	Debtenture Redemption Reserve**	-	-	-
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio [(Profit for the period + Interest + Depreciation + Exceptional Items) / (Interest net of transfer to expenditure during construction + lease payments + Scheduled principal repayments of long term borrowings)]	0.71	0.45	0.45
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio [(Profit for the period + Interest + Exceptional Items) / Interest net of transfer to expenditure during construction]	0.46	0.61	0.65
17	Current ratio (Current assets / Current liabilities)	0.64	1.64	1.64
18	Long term debt to working capital ratio (Long term borrowings including current maturity of long term borrowings / working capital excluding current maturities of long term borrowings)	15.04	2.73	2.73
19	Bad debts to accounts receivable ratio (Bad debts / Average Trade receivables)	-	-	-
20	Current liability ratio (Current liabilities / Total liabilities)	0.31	0.28	0.28
21	Total debts to Total assets ratio (Paid up debt capital/ Total Assets)	0.86	0.81	0.81
22	Debtor turnover ratio (Revenue from operations/ Average trade receivables) - Annualised	0.85	0.70	0.67
23	Inventory turnover ratio (Revenue from operations / Average Inventory) - Annualised	19.00	22.16	17.85
24	Operating Margin (%) (Earnings before interest, tax and exceptional items / Revenue from operations)	13.40%	16.15%	23.25%
25	Net Profit Margin (%) (Profit for the period/ Revenue from operations)	-63.50%	-13.81%	-14.01%

** Comprises Long Term Debt and short term debt.

** Debenture Redemption Reserve could not be created due to accumulated losses.

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Quarterly and yearly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly and yearly financial results of the Company is available under investors section of our website "energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl".
- The figures for the quarter ended 31-Mar-2022 are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of full financial year 2021-22 and the year to date figures upto the 31st March of 2021-22, which were subjected to limited review. As the company is not having corresponding quarterly results for the quarter ended 30-Jun-21, the reporting of the corresponding figure for that quarter is not applicable in terms of SEBI circular dated 05.10.2021.
- Figures for the previous period have been regrouped/reclassified wherever necessary, to conform to current period's classification.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Date:- 12-08-2022
Place:- Jaipur
Raj.Samwad/C/22/6266

RVUN/PR-3714

(R.K. Sharma)
Chairman & Managing Director
DIN: 08970593

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,Parveen Khanna S/O.Panna Lal Khanna R/O-A-2/76, Rajouri garden,Tagore garden,New Delhi-110027,have changed my name to Parveen Kumar Khanna,for all purposes.

0040626970-2

I,PALLAVI AGARWAL PARWANDA W/O.PANKAJ PARWANDA, ADD-FLAT.NO-607,TOWER-B2 KLASSIC APARTMENTS-JAYPEE GREENS-WISH TOWN SECTOR-134,MAHARISHI-NAGAR NOIDA GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR,U.P-201304, Changed my name to PALLAVI AGARWAL,for all,future Purposes.

0040626901-5

I,JOY KUNJOONJAMMA W/O.KUTTAMATHU MATHEW JOY,H.NO-JC-20A,LIG-FLAT HARI-NAGAR, SOUTH WEST,DELHI-110064.Changed my name to KUNJUKUNJAMMA.For all,future Purposes.

0040626902-3

I,BINCY SAM,W/O.SAM KOCHUMPERURATHU VARUGHESE,H.NO-JC-20A,LIG-FLAT HARI-NAGAR, SOUTH WEST-DELHI-110064. Changed my name to BINCY JOY,for all future Purposes.

0040626902-2

I,Akash Kumar Kansal,S/O-Ram Avtar Kansal,R/O-D-81,Ashok Vihar,Phase-1,Delhi-110052,have changed my name to Akash Kansal. 0040627001-2

I,PAWAN KUMAR YADAV S/O.SURENDER SINGH ADD-PALI(38)REWARI REWARI HARYANA 123102,changed my name to PAWAN KUMAR, for all,future Purposes.

0040626902-5

I,Upendra Narain Sinha S/o Late Ramjann Singh R/o 94 First Floor Sec-3F Vaishali Ghaziabad have changed my name from Upendra Narain Singh & Upendra Narayan Sinha to Upendra Narain Sinha 0050202262-1

I,Laxmi Kumari W/o Upendra Narain Sinha R/o 94 First Floor Sec- 3F Vaishali Ghaziabad have changed my name from Lakshmi to Laxmi Kumari 0050202262-1

I,Abhinav Parashar S/O K. A. Parashar being father of minor Gouri Parashar R/O 327 Sec-1 Vaishali Ghaziabad have changed name of my daughter from Gauri Parashar to Gouri Parashar. 0050202251-1

I,Sohail Ahmed S/o Ashfaq Ur Rehman, R/O 2965/71, Third Floor, Choti Baradari, Ballimaran, Delhi-110066, Have Changed My Name To Suhail Ahmed For All Purposes 0040626925-1

I,hitherto known as Raju Kumar,S/o Sh. Ramroop, residing at, Chhivainath-Nagar,Asother, Fatehpur,U.P.-212620,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rameshwar Ramanuj Das. 0040626901-2

I,Vishal Kumar Kansal,S/O-Ram Avtar Kansal,R/O D-81,Ashok Vihar, Phase-1,Delhi-110052,have changed my name to Vishal Kansal. 0040627001-3

I,Veena D/o Tara Chand W/o Santosh Kumar,R/o-960, Pocket-2,Janta-Flats, Paschimpuri,N.Delhi-110063, have changed my name to Veena Devi. 0040626970-6

I,Vanessa Phillips D/o Mr. Christopher Phillips R/o 163, Yamaha Vihar, Sector-49, Dadri Road Barolia, Noida have changed my name to Vanessa Phillips for all Purposes. 0040626912-2

I,Satbir Singh,S/O-Shri Mehma Singh,R/O-J-537, Jahangir Puri,Delhi-110033, have changed my minor daughter name from Vashneet Saini to Vashneet Kaur. 0040627001-1

I,VIJAY KUMAR CHAUDHARY, S/O SRINATH CHAUDHARY, R/O A-2/283,3rd-FLOOR,A-2 BLOCK,JANAKPURI,DELHI-110058.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VIJAY KUMAR. 0040626901-10

I,Sunny Kumar,S/o Naval Mandal R/O H.no-5,road.no.12, Punjabi Bagh extension New Delhi-110026,changed my name to Sunny Mandal. 0040627000-3

I,Santi Bisht M/O, No.1567/130M SIGMN Late Nitesh Bisht R/O,H.No.-8,Gali.No.34,B-Block, Kaushik Enclave,Salempur Majra,Burari,Delhi-84, have changed my name to Shanti Bisht vide affidavit 12.8.22, before.Delhi. 0040627000-1

I,SHAMMI BEGUM W/O SALEEM KHAN R/O-A-25, GALI.NO. 7,BIHARI COLONY, SHAHDARA DELHI 110032,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHAMIM BEGUM. 0040626970-9

I,SAWARNJIT KAUR BHULLAR ALIAS SAWARANJIT KAUR BHULLAR,W/O GURDIAL SINGH RESIDENT 368/12,LAJPAT NAGAR, DELHI CAMP,DELHI ROAD, SONIPAT,HARYANA,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SWARANJEET KAUR. 0040626970-4

I,Renu Bala Dhawan,D/O Kewal Krishan Dhawan,R/O 51-B, Pocket-A,Vikas Puri Extension,Tilak Nagar,New Delhi-110018,has Changed my Name to Renu Dhawan. 0040627000-2

I,Ram Narain,S/o Inder Singh,R/O Devi Colony Gali.No.2 H.No.1034 Bahadurgarh Distt. Jhajjar Haryana-124507,changed my name to Ram Narayan 0040626970-2

I,Prince Singh,S/o Joginder Singh,R/O Flat.no.H.4,GS APARTMENT ROHINI SECTOR-13,ROHINI DELHI-110085,Have changed name to prince. 0040626901-1

I,Prabhjot Kaur,W/O Vikas Mahajan,R/O WZ-309,Second Floor,Sri Nagar, Shakur Basti,Delhi Changed Name to Prabhjot Mahajan. 0040626905-1

I,Parmod Kumar,S/o Dashrath Chaudhary,R/O G-10 (U.G.F.),Budh Vihar-2, Sharma Colony,Delhi-110086,Have Changed My Name To Parmod Kumar Chaudhary. 0040626901-3

I,NEHA MANCHANDA,D/O SHRI,LEKHRAJ MANCHANDA,R/O.B-358,E,F, STREET.No.3,0AJILIS-PARK,AZADPUR, DELHI-110033,HEREBY DECLARE THAT IN MY PASSPORT.NO.J6691808 (EXPIRED) NAME OF MY FATHER INADVERTENTLY MENTIONED AS LEKHRAJ, HIS FULL NAME IS LEKHRAJ MANCHANDA, FURTHER IT IS STATED THAT LEKHRAJ AND LEKHRAJ MANCHANDA IS ONE & SINGLE PERSON,AS PER AADHAR CARD NO.5154-96076314, LEKHRAJ MANCHANDA. 0040626905-3

I,Mohit Mathur,S/o Anar Singh,R/o A-30/B, Street.No.3,100ft-Road,West Jyoti Nagar,Near-Durgapuri Chowk,Shahdara Delhi-110094,have changed my name,from Mohit to Mohit Mathur,for all Purposes. 0040626901-8

I,Meena W/o Shri.Arun Khari,R/o H.No.16,Sultanpur M.G.Road, South Delhi,Delhi-110030,declare that my name has been wrongly-written as Meenu in School-Record of my minor-daughter Arshati Khari aged-14-years,My actual-name is Meena,which may be amended accordingly. 0040627000-6

I,Manjeet Bali,D/o Balwant Singh,W/o Parmod Bali,R/O-398,Second Floor,Hero Bhawan,Bholanath-Nagar,Shahdara Delhi-110032,Have Changed My Name To Manjit Bali,For All Purposes. 0040626905-2

I,Mohit S/o Rajender Kumar R/O-229, Patparganj Village, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Mohit Mehra. 0040626970-5

I,Manjeet Bali,D/o Balwant Singh,W/o Parmod Bali,R/o-398, Second Floor,Hero Bhawan,Bholanath Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032,Have Changed My Name To Manjit Bali,For All Purposes. 0040627000-5

I,MOHINIDEVI SOLANKI,W/O ROSHAN LAL BHAVARISINGH SOLANKI,R/O 123,D-BLOCK,CAMP-2,J.J.COLONY, NANGLOI, DELHI-110041.CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHINI DEVI ROSHAN LAL SOLANKI. 0040626901-6

I,Kumkum JHA,W/o Raman Ji Jha,R/O S-146/B-156,Aadarsh-Basti Mohammed Pur, R.K.Puram New-Delhi.66, changed my name to Kum Kum Devi,permanently 0040626901-9

I,Kamla Devi W/o-Rajesh Kumar Ahirwar R/O B-83/S-2 Vrinda Apartment Dilshad Colony Delhi-110095 have changed my name to Kamla for,all purposes. 0040626906-1

I,Jay Prakash S/o Late Sh. Tulsiram R/o Flat No.-621, Sector-28, Noida G.B.Nagar (U.P) have changed my name to Jai Prakash for all purposes. 0040626912-1

I,Jatinder Pal Singh S/o-Jasbir Singh, R/O:F-126,Vikasपुरi, New Delhi-110018, Have Changed My Name to Jatinder Pal Singh Bhasin. 0040627004-1

I,JAI PRAKASH S/O BANARSI DASS R/O 243,THIRD-FLOOR,TARUN ENCLAVE, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JAI PRAKASH GARG. 0040626970-10

I,Harsh Raj Singh,S/o-Ravinder Kumar,R/O S-117, Pandav Nagar, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092,have changed my name to Harsh Raj for all future purposes. 0040627001-4

I,Garima Gautam W/o-Harmeet Singh R/O-T-29/F-13/1-A, Punjabi Basti, Baljeet Nagar Delhi.110008,have changed my name to Harshpreet Kaur. 0040626970-1

I,GURDAYAL SINGH BHULLAR,S/O BHAJAN SINGH RESIDENT 368/12,LAJPAT NAGAR,DELHI CAMP,DELHI ROAD, SONIPAT,HARYANA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GURDIAL SINGH. 0040626970-3

I,DIVYA,D/O.SANJEEV KUMAR RATHORE,H.NO-A-87-B VIKAS SOM BAZAR UTTAM NAGAR,OUTER DELHI 110059.Changed my name to DIVYA RATHORE, for all,future Purposes. 0040626902-4

I,Baljeet Singh S/o,Surjit Singh Chowdhry R/O.10/112, second-floor, double-storey, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Baljeet Singh Chowdhry, for all purposes. 0040626970-8

I am, Arjun Puri of R/O P2 Hans Apartments CBD Shahdara Delhi-110032. By mistake my father's name in my passport is mentioned Charanjeev Minocha, whereas it should be Charanjeev, 0040626917-2

I,ARTI NARANG W/O GAURAV MALIK R/O 423,SD-BLOCK, PITAMPURA,SHALIMAR BAGH,DELHI-110088,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AARTI MALIK. 0040627000-4

I,ABDULLAH S/O MOHD HUSSEIN,R/O 1029 MADARASA MUBBEN BAKSH,MATIA MAHAL,JAMA MASJID,DELHI-110006,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ABDULLAH MIRZA. 0040626902-1

I, Yash Kumar Swangla S/o Shamlal Swangla & Hema R/O H.No.82 Gali No.37C B-Block Kaushik Enclave Burari Delhi-84 have changed my name to Yash Kumar changed my father's name to Shyamal & changed my mother's name to Hemlata for all purposes. 0040626920-1

I, Sudhir Singh S/o Shri Birpal Singh R/O A1/142, 2nd Floor, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029, have changed my name to Sudhir Kumar. 0040626951-1

I, Shyam Lal S/o Sumer Chand R/O A-1/647-648, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to SHYAM LAL GUPTA. 0040626922-1

I, Shakira D/O Abdur Razzaq R/O T-7 Near Kali Masjid, Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi-110013, have changed my name to Shakira Razzaq for all future purposes. 0040626903-1

I, SALMAN S/O ILYAS AHMED ALVI ADD-782,GALI.NO-21,ZAKIR NAGAR JAMIA-NAGAR OKHLA, DELHI-110025, Changed my name to SALMAN ALVI, for all, future Purposes. 0040626902-6

I, Rajvir Singh Teli, S/o Ram Lal Singh, R/O Chotpur Colony, Gali No-05, Bahlopur Sector-63, Noida, U.P.-201301, have changed my name to Rajvir Singh. 0070799173-1

I, Noor Nishan, W/o Roshan Ali, R/o House No. K-77, K-Block, Street No. 2, Sunder Nagri, Delhi-110093, have changed my name to Noor Nisha. 0070799189-1

I, No 4077305Y LNK Deewan Singh,S/O Sh. Dabbal Singh,R/O,Durga colony,H.N K39/A Post-Office Roorkee Distt Uttarakhand-274667, I,have changed my son's name,from Sashmeet to Sashmeet negi,in future, for all purpose. 0040626901-7

I,Narendra Kumar S/o Madan Lal R/O-H.No.25, Second-floor, Nishant Kunj, Near-Kohat Enclave Metro Station, Pitampura,Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Narendra Kumar Arora 0040626932-1

I, NAAZAM AHMED W/o Mohd Ashraf R/o 7062 Gali Masjid Wali, Beri Wala Bagh, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to NAJMA, for all future purposes. 0040626984-1

I, Manzoor Hassan, S/o Wasiul Hassan, R/O- B243, DDA Colony, Khayala, New Delhi, have changed my name to Manjoor Hassan for all purposes. 0070799166-1

I, Jagjeet Kaur W/o-Jatinder Pal Singh Bhasin, R/O:F-126, Vikasपुरi, New Delhi-110018, Have Changed My Name to Jagjeet Kaur Bhasin. 0040627004-2

I, Heena Afsa, W/o Alham Zaidi, R/O-65, Bulandshahr Road, Avas Vikas, Hapur, Up, have changed my name to Heena Afsa. 0070799165-1

I, Harmandip Kaur, D/o Surjeet Singh and W/o Kulbir Singh, R/o H.No-2093/B, 3rd Floor, Gali No-5, Jain Nagar, Karala, North West Delhi-110081, have changed my name to Nisha Kaur. 0070799221-1

I, HUZAIFA D/o Mohammad Sadiq R/O T-363, Ahata Kidara, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to HUZAIFA QURESHI, for all future purposes. 0040626984-2

I, Dashrath Choudhary S/o Vaua Lal Choudhary R/O G-10 (U.G.F.) Budh Vihar-2, Sharma Colony, Delhi-110086 Have Changed My Name To Dashrath Chaudhary. 0040626901-4

I,Arushi Nagpal, D/o Rajkumar Nagpal and W/o Prateek Sethi, R/O 36, H.I.G, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201011, have changed my name to Chehak Sethi. 0070799219-1

I,Arjun, R/O P2 Hans Apartments CBD Shahdara Delhi-110032 have changed my name from Arjun to Arjun Puri for all future purposes. 0040626917-1

I,hitherto known as SHUBHRANSHU alias SHUBHRANSHU PANDA S/O RAJENDRA KUMAR PANDA residing at C-120, Albert Square Diz Area Gole Market, New Delhi-110001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHUBHRANSHU PANDA. 0040626918-1

I,Komal Wadhwa W/O, Nitish Aggarwal R/O B-1535, Third Floor, Shastri Nagar Delhi-110052 have changed my name to Komal Aggarwal for all purposes. 0040626908-1

I,Veena Parmod Kumar Mehtani W/O, Parmod Kumar Mehtani R/o Flat No. 1024 Tower 5, Ashiana Upvan, Ahinsa Khand 2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad 201014 have changed my name to Veena Mehtani for all purposes. 0040626997-1

I,Divya Sachdeva W/o Sh. Salil Talwar R/O H.No.688/1, Pocket-1, Paschim Puri, New Delhi-110063 have changed my name after marriage (16.11.2005) to Divya Talwar for all purposes. 0040626900-3

I,Renny Andrew S/O, M.C. Andrew R/O C-602, Maxbills Whitehouse, Sector 75, Noida have changed my name to Renny Andrew Moonjeely for all purposes. 0040626909-1

I,Jasbir Loyal S/o Late Sh. Joginder Singh Loyal R/O II/40-14/14, Dalip Singh Building, Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi-110010 have changed my name to Jasbir Singh Loyal for all purposes. 0040626900-4

I,hitherto known as Paramjit Singh Bhatia alias Parmajeet Singh Bhatia alias Parmajeet Singh, S/O.Gurbachan Singh,residing at, WZ-79A,Street.No.4,Shiv Nagar, Jail Road, New Delhi-110058,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Paramjit Singh.It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040627000-7

I, km Nirmala W/o Indra Jeet R/O-A-254, Vikaspuri New Delhi, West Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Nirmala Devi, for all future purposes. 0040626501-1

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

I, MADHUBALA daughter of Late Kamlesh Prasad Singh is legally wedded spouse of Ram Jee Singh Presently residing at Flat No.22, House No.252, Near Baba Food Baker, Munirka, Delhi have changed my name from MADHUBALA to MADHUBALA KUMARI, vide affidavit dated-8-8-22, IN-DL7148774087773U. 0040616996-6

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shalini Rajani w/o Ashis Das R/o Tower 15/319 Silver City, Sec-93, Noida, GB Nagar, UP confirm that Shalini Rajani Das and Shalini Rajani is one and same person.

LOST & FOUND

My original property-documents of Property Bearing-No.E-50, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015,has been lost.Finder contact:Kanta Kumari Sachdev,W/o.Surender Kumar Sachdev Mobile-No.93135052077. 0040626970-11

I,Pravesh Yadav, S/o Sh.Satish Kumar Address, Plot.4, Pocket.10, First-Floor, Rohini Sector.21, Delhi-110086, have lost my-ICICI Bank-ID Card.No.2225478. If someone Finds this article, Kindly return me,Till then Neither Bank,Nor I am responsible for it. FIR Number:670202/2022. Mobile:9650395073. 0040626905-5

I,Rajesh Kumar Son of Shri Shrinivas Sharma,R/o-Plot.No.3, Street.No.1,121 Sq.Yds.,Asola Enclave, Fatehpur Beri,ND-74, do hereby declare that original title paper of my-property(e.g. Original,GPA,Fard and Will)qua the property being No.Late Smt sudha Sharma,W/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Plot.No.3,Street.No.1, 121 Sq.Yds., Khasra No. 453,456, 458,450,172,446,449 and 448, Village-Asola,Tehsil-HauzKhas (Mehrauli), Fatehpur Beri,New Delhi,have been lost.If found, please may contact me i.e.Rajesh Kumar, Mob.9818560194. 0040627000-8

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice
My client Sh. Sabudh Nisha Jha S/o Sh. K. N. Jha R/O 65, Greenwood-2, Sector-Omega-First, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, U. P. has lost the Original 'Allotment' Letter dated 16/06/2016 issued by Ghaziabad Development Authority in favour of Smt. Shambhavi Kumar in respect of Flat bearing no. 806 on 8th Floor, Kadamajri Apartments, Kausambhi, Ghaziabad, U.P. The Information Report SO No.430/2014 Delhi Police LR No.685566/2022 dated 11/08/2022, regarding the same has already been lodged. Any person in possession of the above said lost document or using the same in any manner will do so at his/her own risk and cost and is liable for legal action. My client shall not be responsible for the unauthorised and illegal use of said documents in any manner at any point of time. If any person/corporation/bank etc. has any claim to word the above said relevant property, the same should be lodged to me and within 15 days from the date of this publication, post expiration of which, any claim, right, title, interest or objection, if reflected of record shall be treated as null and void and shall be treated as waived.
SURESH KUMAR ADVOCATE CH.NO. D-717, 7TH FLOOR, CIVIL COURT KANKARPOUR DELHI (MOB.) 9810099445

Public notice
Public at large is hereby informed that my Client Smt. and Shri Omprakash S/o Late Shri Bhulan Singh resident of H.No.103, Near Sanjay Park, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have severed all kinds of relations and have debarrd their son Mr. Ravi Kant and his wife namely Smt. Sunita (G) Sapna and their daughters from their all kind of movable and immovable properties for their misbehavior. Any person dealing with them shall be doing so at his own risk, cost and consequences and my Client Shall not be liable in any manner.
SUNJEEV JAIN (Advocate) A-8/90, East Gokul Puri, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that my client Smt. PUSHPA DEVI W/O SHRI ANGEELI SINGH R/O H.NO. 108, PRADHAN KEHAR SINGH GALLI, POKHARI NAGAR, ALIAS NAYA BANS, DELHI-110082 (2) MRS. NISHA GANGRAHALI W/O MR. ANGEELI SINGH & D/O SHRI ANGEELI SINGH (3) MR. VISHAL S/O SHRI ANGEELI SINGH (4) MR. NABHIL S/O SHRI ANGEELI SINGH (5) H.NO. 82, VILLAGE, RADHAT NAGAR ALIAS NAYA BANS, DELHI-110082, inherited and in possession of PLOT BEARING NO. 75 WITH ROOF RIGHTS, LAND AREA MEASURING 80 SQ. METRE, APPROX. SITTING AT VILLAGE RADHAT NAGAR ALIAS NAYA BANS, DELHI-110082. ON THE BASIS OF INHERITANCE, after the Meeting of their beneficiaries Smt. and Shri ANGEELI SINGH and Mr. NABHIL SINGH, who is missing since 10/07/2008, and the fact that the same has been lodged in PG-Shahdai Dairy, Delhi. And my clients have legal rights to sell the above mentioned property. If any person claiming any objection in the above said property may contact with me in my Mobile No. 9870891774, within 15 days of publication of this notice. All the information given by my client and I, Sanjeev Jain Advocate, giving this Public Notice on behalf of my clients.
SANJEEV JAIN (Advocate) Enrl. No. D-22691

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that my client Smt. Saria Verma W/O Late Sh. Virender Singh Verma R/O CIA/88-C, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058 has applied for issuance of Certified Copy of Lost Documents of the aforesaid flat vide File No.W/28036/172 Gen/JP in DDA. The original documents DDA/Possession, NDC for Electricity and Water, Site Possession Slip and Demand Note of the above mentioned flat has been lost. An NCR No. 473734/2022 to this effect has been lodged in the PS Janak Puri, New Delhi. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest or responsibility and my client's shall not be responsible for the same in future.

PARKASH CHAND (Advocate)
Enrl. No. D-3065/2019

Adv. Virender Kumar
227, Authority Building, Janakpuri

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I BASUDHA D/O JAGAT SINGH R/O H.No. 16, Gali No. 21, Block- 8A, Kaushik Enclave, Burari, North Delhi, Delhi-110084, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as BASUBHA in my Application form for PGT (Home Science), Post Code 81/20 of Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. The actual name of mine is BASUDHA, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client, Ms. Anja Wetzlaugk, aged about 36 years old, is the 50% (fifty percent) owner of the property bearing No. E-211 situated at East Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 being approx. 400 square yards out of the total area admeasuring approx. 800 sq. yards thereinafter referred to as "**Schedule Property**". It is hereby informed to the general public that any transaction of sale / mortgage / agreement to sell / lease deed by any person other than my client in reference to the Schedule Property shall amount to a fraud / misrepresentation under the law being in force and any such transaction shall be null and void. Sd/-
TANYA GOEL
PAV LAW OFFICES
F-1/11, HAUZ KHAS ENCLAVE HAUZ KHAS, NEW DELHI-110016

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public is informed at large, that Mrs. Nikita Sharma, W/O Mr. Praveen Kumar, Block-332, 3rd Floor, Raghubir Nagar, New Delhi, has entered into an Agreement with Mrs. Rita Khosla, W/o Late Mr. Praveen Kumar Khosla, Block-36/1, Tagore Garden, New Delhi, to purchase Entire 2nd Floor without roof rights, with ownership rights in undermentioned Property No.38, Shivaji Enclave, New Delhi, that the Original Perpetual Lease Deed dated 30.12.2004, in name of Mr. Hardeep Singh & Mrs. Harneet Kaur with Original Demand Letter & Possession Letter is untraceable. If any person has any information about such lost documents or objection with respect to the said transaction or has any interest whatsoever in the said property, may submit their objections before Advocate Mr. Shalabh Gupta vide E-Mail adv.shalabh.gupta@gmail.com or vide telephone No.-91-9717215434, with supporting documents within 15 days from the date of this publication.
SHALABH GUPTA, ADVOCATE ENRL. NO. D/600/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public is informed at large, that Mr. Amit Dave, S/o Late Mr.Satya Narayan Dave and Mrs. Mrdula Dave, R/o Mr. Amit Dave, R/O No.110,65, Sector A, Pocket A, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, have entered into an Agreement with Mr. Arjun Surya, S/o Mr. K. Suryanarayanan, to purchase Freehold DDA Built Up Flat No.1135, 1st & 2nd Floor (Duplex), with scooter garage, Pocket A, Sector A, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi (Said Property). That Mr. Amit Dave & Mrs. Mrdula Dave have approached State Bank of India, RAFC Branch, South Extension I, New Delhi, for availing Credit Facilities for purchase of same and has also offered the said property for creation of mortgage with the Bank. That it is further stated that Mr. Arjun Surya have lost Original Sale Deed dated 03.07.2006 in favour of Mr. Arjun Surya along with Original Conveyance Deed dated 27.12.2000 in favour of Mr. VK Varghese of the said property. That with respect to same Information Report bearing LR No.682489/2022 has already been lodged. If any person has any information about the lost title deeds or has any objection with respect to the same or has any interest whatsoever in the said property, may submit their objections with evidence before Advocate Mr. Shalabh Gupta vide E-Mail adv.shalabh.gupta@gmail.com or vide telephone No.-91-9717215434, with supporting documents within 15 days from the date of this publication.
SHALABH GUPTA, ADVOCATE ENRL. NO. D/600/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE
Re: Property bearing No. No. 1818 OLD No. 572, area measuring 85 Sq. Yds out of Khasra No. 524/315 and 525/315, Situated in the area of Village Salempur Mazra, Madipur, now colony known as Nari Bagh, Shakur Basti, Delhi, hereinafter referred to as "said property". Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc., that, as informed by our clients, (1) Mr. Mahesh Kumar, and (2) Mr. Vijay Kumar, both sons of Shri Neb Raj, 1818, Nari Bagh, Shakurbasti, North West Delhi-110034, they are the joint owners and in possession of the said property. In this connection, they have informed that initially a Plot No.42-A was purchased by S/Shri Ram Chand, Tapan Das and Neb Raj vide Sale Deed registered in the office of concerned Sub-Registrar at Sector-13, Noida, on pages 36-40, dated 27.12.2000, in favour of Shri Neb Raj and that Shri Neb Raj became the sole and absolute owner of the said property. Shri Neb Raj expired and after his death the death of his wife, the property devolved on his surviving legal heirs viz. Mrs. Poonam Mahotra, (Daughter), Mrs. Sheel Dhinra, (Daughter), Mr. Mahesh Kumar (son) and Mr. Vijay Kumar (son). Finally, Mrs. Poonam Mahotra and Mrs. Sheel Dhinra relinquished their respective share in the said property in favour of Mr. Mahesh Kumar and Mr. Vijay Kumar vide Relinquishment Deed registered as Document No. 350, in Book



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THIS WORD MEANS

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

It is a disease that affects the nervous system, the immune system and the body's production of energy

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

A WOMAN from Bengaluru has filed a petition in the Delhi High Court to stop her Noida-based friend, who has been suffering from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome since 2014, from travelling to Europe to undergo a physician-assisted euthanasia.

The petition stated that his condition has deteriorated over the past eight years, making him “completely bed-bound and just able to walk a few steps inside home”.

The disease

Also known as myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME/CFS), Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, is a serious and debilitating disease that affects the nervous system, the immune system and the body's production of energy, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Experts have suggested that the term can trivialize the severity of the illness. In a 2015 report, the US Institute of Medicine proposed the term systemic exertion intolerance disease (SEID).

Its causes are still unknown. However, the potential triggers would include viral or bacterial infection, hormonal imbalances and genetic predispositions. There is no specific test for the disease, and doctors have to rely on medical examinations, blood and urine tests.

ME/CFS can affect anyone, from children to adults of all ages. According to the CDC, it's more common in women and people between 40 and 60 years old.

Symptoms

The biggest telltale symptom is a significantly lowered ability to do activities that were performed before the illness. This is accompanied by at least 6 months (or longer) of debilitating fatigue that is more severe than everyday feelings of tiredness. This fatigue is not relieved by sleep or rest and exercising usually makes the symptoms worse, according to the UK's National Health Services (NHS).

Other symptoms include trouble sleeping, difficulty in thinking, memory retention and concentration, dizziness/light-headedness, headaches, muscle pain, joint ache, flu-like symptoms, tender lymph nodes and digestive issues.

According to the New York state health department, the most recognizable symptom is post-exertional malaise (PEM). Patients often describe it as a “crash” in physical/mental energy following even minor activities like grocery shopping or brushing teeth.

Treatment

As of yet, there is no specific cure or approved treatment. Instead, doctors recommend ways to deal with the symptoms of the disease.

To manage PEM, patients are recommended ‘pacing,’ in which patients learn to balance rest and activity to prevent crashes caused by exertion.

The CDC earlier recommended cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) and graded exercise therapy (GET), which uses physical activity as a treatment for ME/CFS. After concerns over their effectiveness and possibility of harm, the CDC stopped recommending these treatments, according to the New York state health department.

Giant meteorite impacts created continents, study shows

A NEW Curtin University study has found the most robust evidence yet showing that Earth's continents were formed by giant meteorite impacts.

The paper, ‘Giant impacts and the origin and evolution of continents’, was published in *Nature* on August 10.

Dr Tim Johnson from Curtin's School of Earth and Planetary Sciences, who is one of the study's authors, said: “By examining tiny crystals of the mineral zircon in rocks from the Pilbara Craton in Western Australia, which represents Earth's best-preserved remnant of ancient crust, we found evidence of these giant meteorite impacts.”

These impacts were prevalent during the first billion years or so of the planet's history.

“Studying the composition of oxygen isotopes in these zircon crystals revealed a ‘top-down’ process starting with the melting of rocks near the surface and progressing deeper, consistent with the geological effect of giant meteorite impacts. Our research provides the first solid evidence that the processes that ultimately formed the continents began with giant meteorite impacts,” Dr Johnson added.

He said that understanding the formation and ongoing evolution of the Earth's continents was crucial given that these landmasses host the majority of Earth's biomass, all humans and nearly all of the planet's important mineral deposits.

While the hypothesis has been there for decades, so far there was no solid evidence to back it.

The researchers now plan to test the findings from Western Australia on other ancient rocks and see if the model is more widely applicable.

SOURCE: CURTIN UNIVERSITY



The Pilbara Craton
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India's NATO engagement

NATO is learnt to have expressed keenness to continue engagement on a mutually agreed agenda. As far as India is concerned, it may consider proposals from the NATO suiting its interests

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

THE INDIAN Express reported Thursday that New Delhi held its first political dialogue with NATO in Brussels on December 12, 2019. The talks were attended by senior officials including from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Defence. The meeting had not been announced by the Indian government so far.

What is NATO?

NATO, or the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, is a political and military alliance of 28 European countries and two countries in North America (USA and Canada).

Set up in 1949 by the US, Canada, and several western European nations to ensure their collective security against the Soviet Union, it was the US's first peacetime military alliance outside the western hemisphere.

Headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, NATO has 30 members. The headquarters of the Allied Command Operations is near Mons, also in Belgium.

What is NATO's collective defence principle?

Members of NATO are committed to mutual defence in response to an attack by any external party. Collective defence lies at the very heart of NATO, “a unique and enduring principle that binds its members together, committing them to protect each other...”

Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, the founding treaty of NATO, reads: “The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them...will assist the Party or Parties so attacked by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area.”

How did it begin?

At the end of WWII, as battered European nations started to rebuild their economies, the US, which believed that an economically strong, re-armed, and integrated Europe was critical to prevent the westward expansion of communist USSR, embarked on a programme to supply economic aid to the continent on a massive scale.

The European Recovery Programme,



PM Narendra Modi, US President Joe Biden, Canada's PM Justin Trudeau at the G7 meeting at Schloss Elmau Castle, Germany, in June. PTI

known as the Marshall Plan, promoted the idea of shared interests and cooperation between the US and Europe. The USSR declined to participate in the Marshall Plan, and discouraged eastern European states from receiving US economic assistance.

In the 1946-49 Greek Civil War, the US and UK worked to thwart the Soviet-backed communist takeover of Greece. The Western nations threw their weight behind Turkey as it stood up to Soviet pressure over control of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles Strait—and in 1947-48, the US committed itself to containing the communist uprisings in Turkey and Greece.

Czechoslovakia, which led to the installation of a communist regime in a country sharing borders with both Soviet-controlled East Germany and the pro-West West Germany. In 1948-49, the Soviets blockaded West Berlin to force the US, UK, and France to give up their post-war jurisdictions in the country, leading to a major crisis and an 11-month airlift of supplies by Western countries to keep their part of the city going.

All these events led the US to conclude that an American-European alliance against the USSR was necessary. The Europeans too were convinced of the need for a collective security solution, and in March 1948, the UK, France, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg signed the Brussels Treaty of collective defence.

A few months later, the US Congress passed the Vandenberg Resolution, a landmark action “advising the President to seek US and free world security through support of mutual defence arrangements that operated within the UN Charter but outside the

Security Council, where the Soviet veto would thwart collective defence arrangements”.

The Vandenberg Resolution was the stepping stone to NATO. The US believed the treaty would be more effective if it included, apart from the signatories of the Brussels Treaty, countries of the North Atlantic — Canada, Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Ireland, and Portugal. From the US perspective, these countries were the links between the two shores of the Atlantic Ocean, and could help facilitate military action if it was needed.

The treaty was signed in Washington DC on April 4, 1949. It had 12 signatories initially: the US, UK, Canada, France, Denmark, Belgium, Norway, Portugal, the Netherlands, Italy, Iceland, and Luxembourg.

Is India's talks with NATO a new development?

In academic circles, India's engagement with NATO has been discussed and debated for a while now.

David Scott, an academic at the School of Social Sciences, Brunel University in UK wrote a paper, “NATO and India: The politics of strategic convergence” in 2011 in the International Politics magazine, where he said, “After having experienced a distinctly cool relationship throughout most of the post-war period and for the 10 years following the end of the Cold War, India and North Atlantic Organization (NATO) are now gradually moving towards each other.”

“Indeed, during the past decade, NATO's ‘out-of-area’ operations have taken it eastwards from the Mediterranean, while India's

‘extended neighbourhood’ framework has brought it westwards from the Indian subcontinent. This has created a geopolitical overlap between these two actors, most notably in Afghanistan but also elsewhere in the Indian Ocean...Unstated potential concerns over China are also a feature in this strategic convergence. However, while NATO has adopted a flexible range of ‘Partnership’ frameworks, India's sensitivity on retaining ‘strategic autonomy’ will limit their cooperation to informal ad hoc arrangements,” he wrote.

But, has there been a recent push?

US Congressman Ro Khanna, who is of Indian-origin, had said in July this year, that adding India as the 6th country to NATO plus would move New Delhi towards a security alignment with the United States.

This had come after the US House of Representatives on July 14, approved an amendment with an overwhelming majority to the National Defence Authorization Act (NDAA) that proposes the deepening of India-US defence ties. This amendment was offered by Khanna, a progressive Democrat from California.

What's the significance of India's talks with NATO?

While India has moved closer strategically towards the US, its engagement with European countries has not been uniform. The trajectory of strategic ties with France is much ahead of other European countries.

But India's talks with NATO hold significance given that the North Atlantic alliance has been engaging both China and Pakistan in bilateral dialogue.

What are the next steps?

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.

It is learnt the two sides also discussed a possible second round in New Delhi in 2020, which was delayed due to the global Covid-19 pandemic. As far as India is concerned, it was felt New Delhi may consider proposals emanating from NATO, if any, on bilateral cooperation in areas of interest to India, based on the progress achieved in the initial rounds. While many say it is logical to follow up and formalise the talks, some caution because of sensitivities attached to the perception of NATO—seen by some as expansionist in nature.

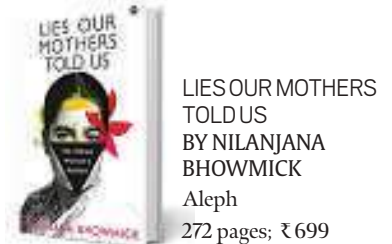
EXPLAINED BOOKS SATURDAY SUMMARY

Every woman in the story, her cross to carry

POOJA PILLAI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

EARLY IN her book *Lies Our Mothers Told Us*: The Indian Woman's Burden, journalist Nilanjana Bhowmick recounts a childhood spent watching her mother struggle against the bars of the cage that an Indian woman's married life can be. Her mother, who worked against the odds to join the police, is unhappy living in a joint family after marriage, where she is constantly subjected to the spoken and unspoken expectations placed upon a woman in her position. Her career is of little consequence to everyone — husband, in-laws — except herself, and she's pushed to carry far more of the domestic responsibilities than she would like to — or even can — take on.

She longs for the day when she and her husband and children can move into their own house. Yet, when that day comes, it brings with it its own problems. She now finds that being



a working woman remains as hard as it was when she was under her mother-in-law's roof, perhaps harder, because now there's no one to take care of her children or cook their meals when she is at her demanding job as a cop.

The story of Bhowmick's mother aptly captures the burden that the author has undertaken to explore and describe in this book.

On the one hand, the struggles of women like Savitribai Phule, Tarabai Shinde and Kamini Roy and the wider post-Independence women's movement in India

have made it possible for the Indian woman to have a life beyond her home and hearth. On the other hand, though, is the inescapable reality that not only is that wider world often unwilling to let women grab these possibilities, but that these possibilities, once grabbed, start exacting their own toll. One's children might have to be brought up by the domestic help, who might be leaving her own child with a neighbour. Or one might have to give up an exciting job offer because there is an ailing parent at home who needs care — and no male member of the family can be expected to take on the responsibility, while professional caregivers are unaffordable.

To show how weighed down the average Indian woman is by the domestic burdens she carries — along with responsibilities outside the home — Bhowmick relies on hard numbers as well as anecdotal evidence, gathered from her own life as well as conversations with friends and acquaintances, and women she encounters as part of her job. The

stories from those she meets, as well as from her own family, underscore the chilling impact the various burdens have on Indian women's mental health.

In her seminal 1963 work, *The Feminine Mystique*, Betty Friedan had laid bare “the problem that has no name” — the deep dissatisfaction that the American woman felt about being unable to fulfil her mission because everyone around her — parents, husband, college and church — have told her that the only life for her is at home. Bhowmick's book does something similar. Just like Friedan had ripped apart the facade of post-war American prosperity to show the unfulfilled lives on which it was built, Bhowmick shows who really pays the cost when a nation is striving for *sabka vikaas* without dismantling the scaffolding of inequalities on which it is built.

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Fatwa, death threats, exile — how one book changed Salman Rushdie's life

PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

ON FRIDAY, as he waited to deliver a lecture at the Chautauqua Institution in western New York, on the importance of the US offering asylum for artistes in exile, author Salman Rushdie, 75, was attacked by a man who stabbed him onstage. Even as Rushdie fell to the floor, his assailant was taken into custody.

Fatwa and death threats

Since the publication of *The Satanic Verses* in September 1988, the British-Indian writer who won the Booker Prize for his *Midnight's Children* (1981) has faced innumerable threats to his life. On February 14, 1989, Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini pronounced a fatwa on Rushdie for “insulting Islam” with his novel. The repercussions of this would continue to be felt for decades to come. Even as Rushdie went into hiding following the fatwa, book bans, book burnings, firebombings and

death threats continued unabated for years to come, raising important questions about freedom of expression in the arts around the world.

The controversy around *The Satanic Verses*

In an interview to Channel 4 in 1989, soon after the publication of *The Satanic Verses*, Rushdie had responded to the rising criticism of the book by making a case for freedom of expression. “If you don't want to read a book, you don't have to read it. It's very hard to be offended by *The Satanic Verses* — it requires a long period of intense reading. It's a quarter of a million words.”

But the author had not bargained for the backlash his novel would bring. Told through a framework of magic realism, *The Satanic Verses* tells the story of Gibreel Farishta and Saladin Chamcha, actors of Indian Muslim origin, whose miraculous escape from, and transformation after, a plane crash forms the basis of the satire. On its release, the book received favourable reviews in the West, winning the 1988



Author Salman Rushdie is tended to after he was attacked during a lecture, Friday, at the Chautauqua Institution in New York. AP/PTI

Whitbread Award for novel of the year and becoming a 1988 Booker Prize finalist.

In India, however, nine days after its publication, the book was banned by the

Rajiv Gandhi government for hurting religious sentiments. In the UK, too, protests took shape. By the end of the year, the book was banned in a number of countries, in-

cluding Bangladesh, South Africa, Sudan, Kenya. Other countries would soon follow.

Iran, though, initially, was not among the countries protesting the book. But as the clamour against the book — and Rushdie — grew, a group of clerics read out sections of the book to Khomeini, including a portion featuring an imam in exile that was suspiciously like a caricature of him. The rest, as it goes, was history.

Life in hiding

Even as a bounty of more than \$3 million was offered for the assassination of the writer, for the next nine years, Rushdie would remain in hiding, moving from place to place, guarded heavily by bodyguards and security services. In his poignant 2012 memoir *Joseph Anton*, Rushdie wrote about adopting the pseudonym (taken from Joseph Conrad and Anton Chekhov's first names) to avoid scrutiny and turning into “an invisible man in a whiteface mask”. He would issue clarifications explaining his position, even as the novel, a bestseller in some countries such as the US, would have to be

withdrawn from shops around the world because of vandalism.

The Iranian government would eventually distance itself from the fatwa in 1998.

Re-emergence in public life

It was only after 1998 that Rushdie re-emerged in public life, becoming an advocate of free speech and artistic freedom, while continuing to write bestselling novels. He returned to India in 2000 for the first time since the fatwa with his son Zafar for the announcement of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best Book.

In an interview to *The Indian Express* last year, the writer, who is working on his first play based on Helen of Troy, said, “My creative relationship with India remains just about my strongest motivating force. Thanks to the pandemic, my personal relationship is in abeyance. I truly hope India comes through the nightmare as soon as possible. After that, I hope I'll be back”.

Rushdie, a former president of PEN America, has also been serialising his new novella, *The Seventh Wave*, on Substack.

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CINEMA & MUSIC

The Light in the Dark



ROHAN NAAHAR

JAMIE FOXX plays a down-on-his-luck vampire hunter in *Day Shift*, his second major Netflix film after the similarly comic-inspired *Project Power*. A tongue-in-cheek throwback to the glory days of Michael Bay — at least when it isn't actively reminding you of the early Netflix tentpole *Bright* — *Day Shift* is the kind of film in which an elderly lady vampire vomits black goo on the hero in the very first scene. But it's also the kind of film in which the hero trips and falls on the goo, immediately after being puked on. Nobody is taking themselves too seriously here.

Directed by debutante JJ Perry and co-produced by Chad Stahelski, *Day Shift* feels very much like a film that was conceptualised as one thing, but (perhaps after being bitten in the neck) was transformed into something else.

Set in modern-day San Fernando Valley — although the oversaturated visuals, the buddy comedy humour, and a Peter Stormare cameo could remind viewers of '90s action films — *Day Shift* combines an overly straightforward man-on-a-mission plot with dense lore not just about the vampires that roam freely among us, but also a union that oversees working-class hunters like Foxx's Bud Jablonski.

DAY SHIFT

★★★

Director: JJ Perry
Cast: Jamie Foxx, Dave Franco, Meagan Good, Natasha Liu Bordizzo, Snoop Dogg

After a series of misadventures, Bud was thrown out of the union and forced to sell his wares — vampire fangs and the like — in the black market. Penniless and estranged from his wife, he is reinstated as a union member, but on one condition. He'll be allowed to conduct business only with a chaperone — a paper-pusher named Seth, played by Dave Franco.

He's a dorky foil to the braggadocious Bud. Seth has the rulebook memorised, thinks guns are 'immoral', and is very proud of his most recent purchase — an ergonomics chair for his office desk. So, when he's instructed to accompany Bud on 'hunts', the moment Bud puts a toe out of line, Seth is thrown outside his comfort zone.

The jokes rarely land, but the action is regularly engaging. Somewhat problematically, however, the '90s vibe (perhaps inadvertently) also invites some casual sexism in the script. Either in its excitement to honour the kind of films that it has been inspired by, or because nobody involved knew any better, *Day Shift* represents both the best and worst of that era. Either way, it's still a marked improvement over recent Netflix action movies, including the unmatchable *The Man from Toronto*, the shockingly cheap *Carter*, and the more high-profile *The Gray Man*. I'm grading on a curve, though, because praising a film like *Day Shift* serves as a reminder of just how dark the situation has really become.

LAAL SINGH CHADDHA

★★

Director: Advait Chandan

Cast: Aamir Khan, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Mona Singh, Manav Vij, Naga Chaitanya



Ties that Confine

SHUBHRA GUPTA

WITHIN TWO minutes of the opening, you are confused: is this 2022, or 1962?

A film featuring a man with four younger sisters, thinking of only one thing, *How To Get Them 'Married Off'*, and the extent he has to go to that end, is the focus of *Raksha Bandhan*.

It's not as if you do not have brothers who are completely devoted to their sisters' welfare in this day and age. Sibling love has always been a strong element in Hindi cinema. But both the way the plot plays out, and even more importantly, how it is treated, pushes us back in time, and not in a salutary way.

Lala Kedarnath (Akshay Kumar) runs his *chaat ki dukaan* in Chandni Chowk with a solo USP: all expectant women who eat his *gol-gappas* will deliver sons. Boom. There goes your first gong; your jaw drops. This is just the beginning, of course. Within seconds, Lalaji waltzes into his house, ensconced in a narrow *gali*, labelling his unmarried sisters by their physical characteristics: one is overweight, the other is dark, the third is a hoyden; only the oldest, the *achcha bacchcha* (good girl) is naturally the only one who is fair and demure. Nope, not kidding.

So this is what we get. Lalaji negotiating the 'burden' of his *unbyaahi behens* on the one hand, and on the other, trying to balance his filial duties with his own desires. A childhood sweetheart (Bhumi Pednekar), waiting in the wings, her loudmouth father (Neeraj Sood) hovering. When there are marriages to be arranged with cash and kind changing hands, there have to be marriage brokers (Seema Pahwa). And how can dowry deaths be far behind?

I'm not sure what made me more uncomfortable — the mothballed plot detailing, the contrivances, the high-pitched melodrama, which used to be part and parcel of movies we thought we had deep-sexed decades back, or the conviction that low-rent family dramas with their uneasy mix of humour and crassness, hugely popular at one time, is the way out for a beleaguered Bollywood.

Lalaji being much older than the women he is surrounded by, is given a reason when we are well into the film, leading to more sniffles. A funeral provides everyone a chance to have a good cry. Finally, once everyone on screen has been wrung out of the last tear, a few rays of positivity appear. Remember the standard method used to shove in a shard of progressiveness well after the film had bludgeoned us with its saccharine? Here too, once the

RAKSHA BANDHAN

★★

Director: Anand L Rai
Cast: Akshay Kumar, Bhumi Pednekar, Sadia Khatib, Sahajmeen Kaur, Neeraj Sood, Sahil Mehta

Holding on to the Past

SHUBHRA GUPTA

THOSE WHO remember *Forrest Gump* know, pretty much, what's in store for them in *Laal Singh Chaddha*, the official remake of the heavily-decorated 1994 Hollywood dramedy which won Tom Hanks an acting Oscar. It's perhaps no coincidence that the Gump-like character is played by Aamir Khan, an actor who hews closest to Hanks in the way the audience perceives both — sincere, likeable, relatable.

No worries if you haven't seen the original. In fact, you may get more out of the film if you come to it fresh, instead of constantly comparing scenes which have been faithfully adapted. When we first come upon Laal Singh Chaddha, he is in a train, holding on to a box of *gol-gappa*, or *pani-puri*, and a backpack full of memories.

Initially, he comes across as that perfectly pleasant, extra-chatty person you dread sitting next to, focussed upon his need to tell us his tale. Soon, though, Laal succeeds in drawing in the disinterested woman across him, and then the entire compartment. As he prattles on, we realise that Laal has been plumb at the centre of events that changed India, and what appears like an ordinary journey turns into an extraordinary one.

Or, one that rightfully should have. Given that it is Aamir, who is known for his meticulous building of a character, and the source material which overcomes its heavy doses of schmaltz by a superb performance by Hanks, *Laal Singh Chaddha* should have been a movie we could take home with us. But it is the train which gathers speed, not Laal's meandering tale, which only kicks in towards the last half hour.

It's not just the pace which is the trouble. It is also, centrally and crucially, Sardar Laal Singh Chaddha himself. And here, a comparison is a must. The only way we began getting more and more involved with Forrest Gump, as he told us about his childhood spent with his legs-in-braces, a group of bully boys, a little girl who was the most beautiful thing he ever saw, and a loving mother who gave him strength and a barrelful of truisms that stayed

him in good stead, is the way Hanks ratchets it up, while keeping the essential goodness and slowness of his character intact. Aamir falls back on easy clutches — widening of the eyes, crooking of the neck, clearing of the throat, pants hitched up high, shirts with collars up to the neck, and a slightly fixed smile — a series of tics that demand too much of our attention.

There are solid supporting acts surrounding Laal. Mona Singh as his mother, who tells him he is as good as anyone else. New face Naga Chaitanya as his South Indian Army mate who is obsessed with the right fit of *chaddi-baniyaan*, which leads to a most amusing strand. Manav Vij, as the crippled soldier who moves from black despair to optimism. And Kareena Kapoor, as Rupa, the love of Laal's life, desperate to put her painful past behind, infuses real feeling into her part.

The flashes of the life-changing events (Operation Bluestar, the assassination of Indira Gandhi, the 1984 Sikh massacres, among others, including the friendly appearance of a fellow superstar) inserts Laal in the proceedings, but this contrived device, which led to a mix of eye rolls and wonderment in the original, leaves little impact here. The Kargil war gets the most play, with Laal at the forefront of a brave rescue act. The omissions (the Gujarat riots) and the commissions (Swachh Bharat) give you a quick snapshot of the India that we live in today, where even an innocuous line like '*mazhab se malaria phailta hai*' seems audacious.

It's only when Laal Singh Chaddha leaves the dull shackles of his mannerisms, and hits the road, passing by some of the most spectacular sights that India possesses — the intense blue Ladakh lake, the shimmering Himalayan night, a scenic Southern coastline — that he starts to grow on me. The film, that struggled with lifting its character out of the reductive labels of *buddhu*, *pagal*, *bhundu*, *khotaya*, *atrangi*, becomes surer, and more confident of the paths Laal is treading; the way he ties his turban with the beauty of *Ek Omkar* in the background, is a moment. Finally, he is what the film wants us to see: a man to be admired, not patronised, fuelled by a wisdom that comes out of genuine simplicity.



three-fourth mark is safely over, after the loss of a young girl and, wait for it, a kidney, the film suddenly becomes a beacon for girls to stand on their own feet, and fight the evils of dowry. Well, hurrah, but this better-late-than-never change of heart feels like a calculated after-thought, to keep the carping so-called progressives happy after the supposedly traditional types have had their fill.

What keeps us going, in as much as it does, is the absolute commitment that Akshay displays in his role of *bada bhaiyya*, not slipping out of his character even once. The ladies aren't too bad either, whenever they get a chance to get in a word edgewise: Pednekar, particularly, has nothing much to do other than wait for her suitor, and that's a shame. When they are shown to be their

own persons, owning their size and shade (unbelievably, the labels *kali* and *moti* are bandied about), the film shifts welcome gears. You wish there was more of this.

You end up asking, is this the only way that the *bhaiyya mere, rakhi ke bandhan ko nibhaana* vibe can be top-lined for today's audiences? This feels like a last-ditch attempt to appeal to those who have currently deserted Bollywood, in the garb of preserving family values. Do, by all means, show us the horrors of dowry, and the other evils associated with this never-ending tradition of *shaadi-vaadi*, but how about being aware of the responsibility of an artiste with such a large catchment? You start with a girl happy to go it on her own, instead of hurriedly, almost apologetically ending with it, and see how the world changes

STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



I AM GROOT

DISNEY+HOTSTAR

When Groot first featured in the *Guardians Of The Galaxy*, and the adorable tree found many fans. Now, Marvel Studios' *I Am Groot*, a collection of five original shorts, will follow its life on its home planet. The mischievous toddler, Baby Groot, learns how to grow up amongst the trouble in the stars along with the help of his friends and family in the ragtag superhero team the Guardians of the Galaxy. Its voice cast features Vin Diesel, Bradley Cooper and others.

NARUTO: SHIPPUDEN: S1-S4

NETFLIX

Naruto: Shippuden is a popular anime series mainly adapted from Part II of Masashi Kishimoto's original manga series. It is set two-and-a-half years after the original series in the *Naruto* universe, following the ninja teenager Naruto Uzumaki and his allies. After training abroad for more than two years, Naruto Uzumaki returns home and joins forces with Sakura Haruno to battle an evil organisation.



MIND THE MALHOTRAS: S2

PRIME VIDEO

The second season of this comedy-drama, featuring Mini Mathur as Shefali and Cyrus Sahukar as Rishabh, is back with the story of their rollercoaster marital journey. The first season explored the struggle of Rishabh and Shefali to cope with midlife issues. That continues, even as they prioritise individual professional goals. While Shefali tries to notch up the number of her social media followers as an online chef, Rishabh is engrossed in his merger that will help him become a millionaire. Their family troubles make the couple seek therapy to strike the right balance.



MALAYANKUNJU

PRIME VIDEO

Malayankunju is an emotional story of survival where a man gets trapped in a landslide. The Malayalam-language movie follows the journey of Anil (Fahadh Faasil), who comes across as an ill-tempered technician and leads a quiet life with his mother. His life is disrupted when his neighbour's newborn stirs up undesirable memories from his past. The film, directed by Sajimon Prabhakar, once again showcases Faasil's ability to handle complex roles.



NEVER HAVE I EVER

Creators: Mindy Kaling and Lang Fisher **Cast:** Maitreyi Ramakrishnan, Poorna Jagannathan, John McEnroe **Streaming on:** Netflix

The Troubled Teen Grows Up

ALAKA SAHANI

MUCH BEFORE Ms Marvel burst into the OTT universe with its characters and sensibilities imbued with South Asian culture, there was Netflix's *Never Have I Ever*. It introduced us to a first-generation Indian-American teen's struggle to balance *desi* culture and parental expectations with her amorous ambitions. This gave *Never Have I Ever* a unique voice — making it stand out among the multiple teen dramas streaming on Netflix — as its protagonist, the ill-tempered and fiercely competitive Devi Vishwakumar (Maitreyi Ramakrishnan), embarked on the mission to find a hot boyfriend.

Now, the show is back with its third season. The coming-of-age drama retains its freshness, which can be credited to its writing. This season seems to have a better grasp over Devi's world and the journey of

its characters.

The first two seasons of *Never Have I Ever* revolved around Devi's complicated life following the trauma of losing her father. At the beginning of the show, a buoyant Devi shared a detailed strategy with her two best friends, Fabiola (Lee Rodriguez) and Eleanor (Ramona Young), to make the most of their school years. Not yet ready to confront her grief, which had rendered her paralysed for three months, she found her escape in dreaming of swimming champion Paxton Hall-Yoshida's (Darren Barnet) sculpted physique.

As Devi determinedly pursued her plan of finding a handsome arm candy and, eventually, gaining popularity at school, she made a mess of things. But she realised her mistakes and bounced back every time. Or, as her mother Nalini (Poorna Jagannathan) says in season 3, Devi "persevered".

Although she loses her cool and pours cold coffee on a boy once, Devi does appear to have

a better grip over her emotions in the new season. Could it be because this season starts with Devi walking in slo-mo, holding Paxton's hand, and finally making it official that she is dating the hottest guy on the campus? Devi is thrilled about making mean popular girls jealous but her insecurities and confusions kick in as they slut-shame her. Still, it's the matters of her heart that dominate the narrative.

Though mainly focussed on Devi, the series has followed the lives of those around her, mainly her mother, cousin Kamala (Richa Moorjani), Fabiola and Eleanor. The viewers are also familiar with the lives of Devi's two love interests — her competitor at school Ben (Jaren Lewison) and Paxton. As Devi navigates her emotions and ambitions, we see the arc of supporting characters evolve. Paxton doesn't dwell on his popularity as he prioritises hard work. Leaving behind his obsession with grade, Ben chooses to relax, albeit occasionally.

Season 3 packs in a few transformative moments for the characters. After realising that she is not ready for marriage, for the first time in her life, Kamala decides to live alone. Nalini learns to let Devi make her choices while stepping in to defend her daughter when needed. This season, however, the show steers away from Nalini's private life. That's something the fourth and the final season, scheduled to release next year, will hopefully address.

As it has been the case with the two previous seasons, one of the high points of the show remains tennis legend John McEnroe's crackling voice-over. He takes a brief break this season as comedian Andy Samberg is once again brought in to narrate an episode of Ben's life.

Occasional outbursts aside, Devi is now more sure of herself. That's one of the triumphs of this season — making a teen girl confident of her choices. Her past still haunts her but she is steadily coming to terms with it.

Javelin World
Champion
Peters beaten
and thrown off
party boat

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TWO-TIME World Champion in the javelin throw, Grenada's **Anderson Peters** was injured after he was beaten up on a boat on which a party was being held and thrown overboard.

According to the Caribbean National Daily, the Grenada police have confirmed that several crew members of the boat Harbour Master were taken into custody following the incident. Peters, an on-field rival of India's javelin star Neeraj Chopra, had defended his world title in



Nadeem who produced a personal best of 90.18 meters.

"There are no words to adequately express my regret, disappointment and dismay at what was seen on the video of an altercation involving Grenada and Caribbean sport hero Anderson Peters," Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees (CANOC) President Brian Lewis told *insidethetimes.com*.

The boat is owned by the son of the Trinidadian trade minister, *insidethetimes.com* reported. The Grenada Olympic Committee released a statement on Thursday which said that the attack on Peters was carried out by non-nationals and the athlete did not suffer life-threatening injuries.

"We have received preliminary information on the incident and understand that our world champion sustained non-life-threatening injuries from the assault meted out by these non-nationals. The Grenada Olympic Committee joins with all of Grenada in condemning these barbaric actions and look forward to the relevant authorities taking decisive actions against all the perpetrators.

We stand ready to lend our support with his recovery and look forward to an expeditious resolution to the matter," the statement said. The Caribbean National Weekly also carried a statement by the opposition New National Party.

"We strongly denounce all acts of violence and submit that such should not be tolerated. Grenada is marked by its peaceful nature and without a doubt, we subscribe to the rule of law," it said.

IPL TEAMS SPREAD WINGS

No Indian player can feature in overseas T20 leagues: BCCI

If CSK wants their icon player Dhoni as mentor for its SA team "he has to retire from IPL"

DEVENDRA PANDEY
AUGUST 12

NO INDIAN player, contracted or retired and playing in IPL, will be allowed by the Indian cricket board to feature in the two upcoming T20 leagues of South Africa and UAE. No one playing in the IPL would be even allowed to be a mentor in these overseas leagues.

Or in other words, Chennai Super Kings (CSK) Cricket Limited can't use its icon player MS Dhoni even in a mentorship role for its team in SA T20 League as he is still playing for CSK in IPL. "It's clear, no Indian player including domestic players can take part in any other league until he is retired from all forms of the game. If any player wants to take part in these upcoming leagues he can only do so when he cuts off all ties with the BCCI," a BCCI official told *The Indian Express*.

When asked if a player like Dhoni can be part of such a league as a mentor or as a coach, the BCCI official said, "Then he can't play IPL for CSK. He has to retire here first."

In 2019, Dinesh Karthik had to issue an apology for violating a clause of his central contract by watching a Caribbean League match from Trinbago Knight Riders' dressing room. As per the central contract, Karthik should have taken permission from the BCCI before attending the match. In his reply, Karthik wrote that he had gone to the dressing room at the request of KKR's new coach Brendon McCullum and watched the game wearing the KKR jersey on McCullum's insistence.

Six Indian Premier League (IPL) owners have bought teams in the South Africa T20 League. In a press release, Cricket South Africa stated that the owners of Mumbai, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Chennai, Rajasthan and Delhi franchises from the IPL now own the South Africa T20 teams from Cape Town, Durban, Gqeberha (formerly known as Port Elizabeth), Johannesburg, Paarl and Pretoria respectively.

The UAE T20 league already boasted five out of the six franchises with Indian owners, three of which have teams in the IPL. Mumbai Indians, Delhi Capitals and Kolkata Knight Riders have invested in UAE T20 League.

Kolkata Knight Riders, Punjab Kings and Rajasthan Royals owners had already invested in the Caribbean Premier League before.



Six IPL owners have bought teams in SA league

FILE

Dravid given break, Laxman to be coach for Zimbabwe one-dayers

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, AUGUST 12

RAHUL DRAVID, India's coach, has been given a break of a few days and VVS Laxman will be travelling as coach with the Indian team. He was on duty during India's tour of Ireland followed by one T20 game against England. With the Indian team playing back to back series, the BCCI will be going ahead with this new formula of using Laxman every now and then.

The Indian team will be playing three ODIs in Harare on August 18, 20 and 22. The BCCI is sending a second string team, led by KL Rahul, who was declared fit by the Indian board medical team. BCCI secretary Shah in his statement had stated, "The BCCI Medical Team has assessed KL Rahul and cleared him to play in the upcoming three-match ODI series in Zimbabwe. The All-India Senior Selection Committee has appointed him the captain of the side and named Shikhar Dhawan as his deputy."

Players like Rahul, Deepak Hooda, Avesh Khan, Axar Patel will join the Indian team for Asia Cup at the conclusion of three-ODI series.

Laxman will be the Indian team coach," Shah told this newspaper.

Laxman is the chief of National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru. It's not the first time Laxman will be travelling as coach with the Indian team. He was on duty during India's tour of Ireland followed by one T20 game against England. With the Indian team playing back to back series, the BCCI will be going ahead with this new formula of using Laxman every now and then.

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Players like Rahul, Deepak Hooda, Avesh Khan, Axar Patel will join the Indian team for Asia Cup at the conclusion of three-ODI series.

Chess streamer daughter adds to legacy of GM parents

SANDIP G
AUGUST 12

THE FIRST time Swedish Grandmaster Pia Cramling Bellon took her daughter Anna to a chess tournament was when she was around three months of age. She had not competed for the entire duration of her pregnancy and as soon as she recovered, she returned to the familiar tunes of the chess circuit. "Those were my active days and I desperately wanted to get back into the circuit," Pia recollects.

There was no one to baby-sit, except for her father who had to come from Sweden while they were living in Spain. "So I would take her to tournaments. She was a nice girl and would mostly sleep during my games," she recollects.

When she got older, she would sit on her lap as Pia sat contemplating her moves. Anna would peer curiously at the pieces. At the next stage, she would run all around the venue with her cartoon books. Years rolled on in a blur and Anna is now 21, but still accompanying her mother, now as a team-mate though.

Pia winning a gold medal on board one made the Olympiad a memorable outing for the family.

It was a destiny Anna could not escape, not when your parents are both grandmasters. Her father Juan Manuel Bellon Lopez, now the Swedish team captain, was one of Spain's finest players with a peak rating of 2510. Add that to Pia's peak of 2550 and Anna's 2065, the Bellon household has a combined ELO rating of 7125 points. Only the Polgar household could perhaps come close.

You could imagine how their house could be — score sheets flying around, thick chess books splattered around, the parents and daughter debating the possibilities of an opening at teatime, dissecting games for lunch, conversing in purely chess diction and sleeping with a chess board beside their pillow. Anna bursts into peels of laughter: "No, no I know how you imagine it to be, how most imagine it to be. But it's not like that. We are like any other normal family, doing things that a normal family would. At home, we barely discuss chess or our games. Not like we don't speak chess at all, but mostly it's other stuff, the routine household talks," she says, still laughing.

The game, though, is the centre of the universe. When she was young, Anna tried to escape chess, but simply could not.

"I never wanted to be a chess player. I learned the game when I was quite young, obviously, but did not set my eyes on becoming a competitive chess player then. Everything flowed organically. My parents never put any pressure on me. They simply let me be on my own," she says.

But the world outside saw her as the



Anna with her parents.

would-be Grandmaster of a Grandmaster couple. Sometimes, perfect strangers would stop her and ask whether she has become a Grandmaster or not. "It was more people from outside who thought that I should become a grandmaster because my parents too were. I understand that, doctor's children are expected to be doctors, like that," she says.

Even if Anna tried to escape chess, chess would not escape Anna. Often, she would be travelling with them during the tournaments because she did not like staying at home alone, moving around in the close-knit chess community and talking to chess players, most of whom were her parents' friends or like an extended family. "Most of my childhood memories are related to chess only, cities, hotels, venues, chess players," Anna chimes in.

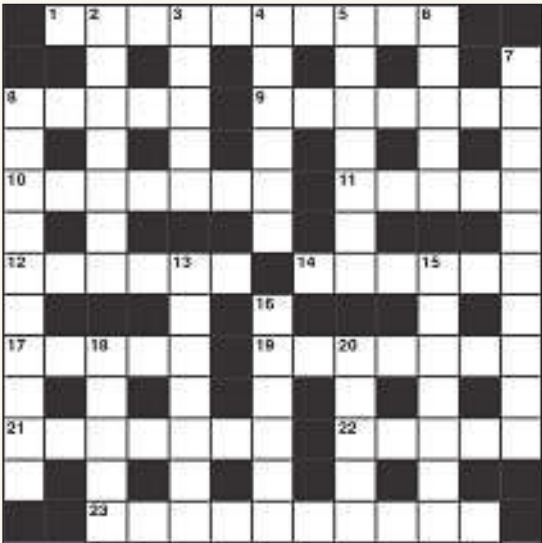
But the more she played and watched, the deeper she began to love the game. And she conveyed it to her parents.

"She made all the choices on her own, though we were extremely happy when she developed the same passion as we have. All we did was we guided her, like the senior teammates would a youngster. We imposed no pressure at all, but somehow or other we knew that she would become a chess player. We could see that she was really enjoying the game, and we were clearly delighted," Pia says.

She did not have to browse for chess clubs or coaches. Whatever mentoring she needed, she just needed to yell out papa or mama. Her style, Pia says, is closer to her father. Free-spirited and aggressive. The openings are closer to her mother, who is more of a positional player. "She is not that tactical, but can be extremely good positionally," Pia reckons.

These days, though they travel together, they are in their own world. Anna has carved a parallel career as a chess streamer with millions of fans while her parents are more into coaching and guiding. They hardly walk bunched together at a venue. But their universe still revolves around chess.

CROSSWORD 4819



ACROSS

- 1 He hopes to find insects on tap (10)
- 5 Fish looks right in the light (8)
- 9 Develop a way through the Scottish mountain (7)
- 10 Performing with an academic chap continuously (2,3,2)
- 11 Old capital of Japan changed to Tokyo (5)
- 12 Opening quarrel? (6)
- 14 Payday for a servant? (6)
- 17 Book for a boy about five (5)
- 19 Venetian merchant who was in debt for a pound (7)
- 21 Say! That's quick! (7)
- 22 Confirms, though almost opposed to it (5)
- 23 Wasted no time collecting the loot? (10)

DOWN

- 2 Carry on business — with a knife? (7)
- 3 Outmoded description of St Peter's for example (5)
- 4 Falling off Big Ben (6)
- 5 There's a harsh critic at the door (7)
- 6 Lariats and cowboys may be thrown at it (5)
- 7 Profane lines create pandemonium (6,4)
- 8 A publisher's cover man (10)
- 13 One cell prepared for an Irish girl (7)
- 15 Inferior cell for old offenders (7)
- 16 Una upset with sea sickness (6)
- 18 It creeps through after six (5)
- 20 Pursue a certain line (5)

Solutions Crossword 4818: Across: 1 Godiva, 4 Maiden, 9 Tapster, 10 Based, 11 Utter, 12 Present, 13 Trench coats, 18 Idyllic, 20 Tidal, 22 Split, 23 Station, 24 Dry rot, 25 Statue. Down: 1 Get out, 2 Depot, 3 Veteran, 5 Amble, 6 Dessert, 7 Nudity, 8 Drop the case, 14 Royalty, 15 Outcast, 16 Biased, 17 Glance, 19 Lotto, 21 Drift.

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.

The limits of my ____ means the limits of my world. —Ludwig Wittgenstein (8)

HVYAE



BINONU



AGLAL



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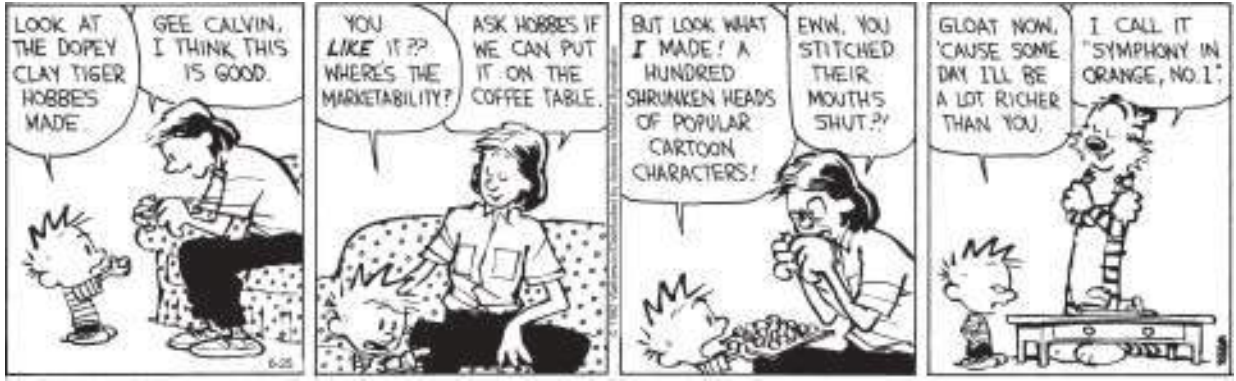


ANSWER: HEAVY, ALGAL, BINOUN, NOGIN

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4925

Difficulty Level 2s

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4924



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

One powerful planetary aspect follows another. Right now there's an intense solar alignment coming up, so expect storms. The disruption in your energy pattern at such times always makes other people slightly erratic and you may have a great deal to put up with. Grin and bear it.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Your travel stars are still strong, so there's good luck in store if you are planning to get away. However, you may decide that you'd rather stay at home, after all! Can this be arranged? If so, please make sure that partners are happy with the new plans.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Jupiter's celestial patterns are truly delightful and, by rights, you ought to be celebrating your good fortune. However, those of you who are blind to your benefits and advantages may let a marvellous opportunity slip through. It's all a question of keeping a clear head.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Mercury's celestial patterns are truly delightful and, by rights, you ought to be celebrating your good fortune. However, those of you who are blind to your benefits and advantages may let a marvellous opportunity slip through. It's all a question of keeping a clear head.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

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VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Certainty alternates with uncertainty, and what takes place over the next few days will shake up your ideas. You may also be enabled to make up lost ground. A social engagement may be affected by what can only be described as inexplicable developments.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Recent events may have made you aware that certain commitments and obligations must change. You may already have decided that specific promises should never have been made. Perhaps items of personal property may have to be off-loaded. And perhaps for good.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Everything should be moving this weekend. For one thing, it looks as if a foreign connection or travel arrangement should be completed, finalised or terminated. For another, you're entering a new professional phase. At least you'll know what you must do next.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Mars' impact on the work and professional angle of your solar chart is bound to keep you busy. However, don't stick to your normal routine. Make a break with tradition and you'll discover just how easy life can be. And take pleasure from the fact that an ambition is now attainable.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Hopefully you will keep yourself in check at this turbulent time. Normally in such circumstances I'd advise you to make sure that your head rules your heart, but the situation now seems too complex for such simple advice. You see, your heart looks to the future while your head longs for the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Partners and friends certainly seem to be in a stropky mood. There is no reason, though, why this shouldn't be one of the most rewarding and exciting periods you have ever experienced. But think about this, are they dissatisfied because you have ignored their feelings?

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

With the Moon as sensitively influenced as it is today, you must make culture, leisure, pleasure, romance, fun and relaxation your priorities, otherwise you'll miss out. Contacts with younger relatives should improve, and all young-at-heart Pisceans will thrive.

Cricket chases the American dream

With a new league, new stadiums and big investment, the game is again trying to crack the vast US market

ABHISHEK PUROHIT
MUMBAI, AUGUST 12

IN MARCH this year, the owners of Major League Cricket (MLC) announced plans to invest around \$110 million (approx. Rs 875 crore) to build and renovate eight stadiums in the United States of America. In May, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella was announced as a lead investor in a \$44 million fundraising by MLC, with another \$76 million pledged, primarily for cricket infrastructure upgrades across the country. The Knight Riders group is among the early stakeholders in the six-team MLC, planned to begin next year.

The International Cricket Council has been invited to submit a proposal this month for cricket to be considered for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, the final decision on which is expected next year at the International Olympic Committee's session in Mumbai. Also, the 2024 T20 World Cup will be co-hosted by the USA and the West Indies.

Cricket has made sporadic attempts to crack the US sports market, but it is only now, with the backing of big names and big money, that the chase appears to have gained pace.

With the proposed new, renovated as well as repurposed stadiums, a significant increase in turf pitches, a 26-team Minor League aimed to increase grassroots participation, and attempts to woo the average American, cricket hopes to finally make it

in the land of its bat-and-ball cousin - baseball.

The main challenge remains daunting - the game still isn't much of a draw in the USA, beyond the South Asian and other cricket-connected diaspora.

"The US ranks number two in digital consumption of cricket content, after India. There's a huge market, maybe made up primarily of the diaspora to start with. The best way to describe the US market is that we're looking at the number one media market in the world combined with the second-most watched sport... in the medium to long term, we must get the average American sports fan interested in T20 cricket or cricket in general," Knight Riders CEO Venky Mysore had told *Livemint*.

Tom Dunmore, vice-president (marketing) at MLC, says, "The South Asian expat cricket fan is the obvious No. 1 target but we know that in the long-term holistic view of the game here, we need to develop new audiences and engage new fans into the sport."

"There is still some perception here that cricket is outdated. The biggest barrier is that many people just do not understand the fundamentals of the game."

Information and buzz

From setting up explainer kiosks at grounds to tapping social-media influencers, cricket is trying to get the message across that it is not some stuck-up, quaint British pastime, but something that is good enough



A baseball ground is being repurposed into a cricket facility after MLC acquired a long-term lease.

to compete for eyeballs with popular American sports.

"At the Minor League finals in Morrisville, North Carolina, we were able to draw a crowd of new fans. We got it out to the media that this is a fun event, cricket is maybe not what you think it is, it is fast-paced and athletic, T20 cricket is shorter than a baseball match, come and experience it," Dunmore told *The Indian Express*.

"Young Americans are starting to follow international sport more, whether it is soccer, rugby or F1, and cricket fits into this diversity as the second-most popular sport in the world. We are starting to see those audiences engage with the game."

"It is also about educating people about the sport. We have our Cricket 101 explainer zones

at some Minor League matches where fans can get information about how the game is played and the terminology."

This battle for attention will not be won overnight, but cricket does enjoy more visibility on video platforms today than it did a couple of decades ago, and that is a boost. "If we can get past some of the barriers such as terminology and get people excited about the sport, the stars, the action, the storylines, we will see some success with new audiences," says Dunmore.

Build and upgrade

There is still only one ICC-approved international venue in the USA, in Miami, where India recently played a couple of T20Is against West Indies. MLC, under a strategic partnership agree-

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ment with USA Cricket, the game's governing body in the country, proposes to build new ones in the greater Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle metropolitan areas. The existing grounds in Morrisville and Houston will get added facilities and capacity, but the ground that's been envisaged as the 'home of USA cricket' is the AirHogs Stadium in Grand Prairie, Dallas.

Fittingly, it is a baseball ground that is being repurposed into a cricket facility after MLC acquired a long-term lease. It was home to the Texas AirHogs, a minor league team that folded during the Covid pandemic.

"The flagship stadium in Grand Prairie will be ready by next year. It is the first time a baseball venue is being converted into a cricket venue. That will certainly be a fantastic option to host World Cup matches. We will also have the upgrading in North Carolina and Houston and then, of course, the existing venue in Florida which has already hosted high-level international cricket."

"Those four are certainly good options and whether we can get any other venue ready in

time for 2024 remains to be seen. It is certainly a tight timeline," says Dunmore on the venues that are likely to host T20 World Cup games.

"Construction takes time, especially when you are working with local governments on the land and development. In both San Jose, which is just south of San Francisco, and Orange County in the Greater Los Angeles area, we have agreements in place to finalise development plans with the local government entities."

Pitching it right

Apart from fan engagement and stadium facilities, a basic requirement for cricket - the pitch - is another challenge. Natural turf surfaces are not just difficult to lay and prepare, maintaining them across seasons can be a nightmare, given that experienced curators are hard to come across in the USA. MLC is going for hybrid pitches instead, under an arrangement with an Australian company. These are a combination of natural soil and synthetic grass, allowing for low upkeep but also maintaining near-usual variation in how the ball behaves after pitching.

Hybrids are proposed to be installed at 20 venues this year across the Bay Area, New Jersey, Chicago, New York City, St Louis, Michigan, Seattle, Philadelphia, Dallas, Orlando, Ohio, Boston and Atlanta. After several false starts this century, cricket seems better prepared to chase the American dream.

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Unhappy WFI to review wrestlers' show at CWG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

THE NATIONAL federation is not pleased that four Indian women wrestlers could not take advantage of a weak field at the recently-concluded Commonwealth Games and missed out on gold medals. All 12 Indian wrestlers won medals at the Games, returning with six gold, a silver and five bronze. From among women, only Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik won gold while Anshu Malik, who was also a gold medal favourite, returned with silver in 57kg category.

"It was not a great show by our women wrestlers. If you are not winning such a weak field, what it reflects on your performance," said a WFI official. "We are going to sit with the wrestlers and review the performance."

Veer placed third

India's Veer Ahlawat continued his love affair with Singapore as he shot a superb 7-under 65 to jump to third place at the inaugural USD 1.5 million International Series Singapore here on Friday. Ahlawat, 26, finished a career-best T-5 at the Singapore Open in January, a week after missing the cut at the Singapore International at Tampines, Tanah Merah, which is hosting the current event.

Durand Cup set to begin

Defending champions FC Goa will face Mohammedan Sporting in the opening match of the Durand Cup football tournament at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Tuesday. The two sides will clash in a Group B game in what will be a repeat of last edition's final. Twenty teams are taking part in the tournament.

Sad to see players retire for T20 leagues: Capitals co-owner Jindal

MIHIR VASAVDA
AUGUST 12



PARTH JINDAL, the co-owner of IPL heavyweights Delhi Capitals, has said the 'cricket lover' within him doesn't 'really like' the direction cricket has taken, vis-à-vis players retiring from international sport prematurely to play T20 leagues. However, as a team owner, he is cognizant of the business side of the game as well.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Jindal, the director of JSW Sports, said: "I really find that extremely upsetting. You had the West Indies coach [Phil Simmons] saying, 'I can't make players to play for the West Indies anymore'. It's really sad. I don't know, I'm not very happy to see this happening."

He added: "Because the IPL is two-and-a-half months long, it is very difficult to maintain the engagement with our fans and sponsors. So when we had an opportunity to buy a team in the South African League, and then our partners bought a team in the UAE lead, we felt that this was an opportunity to keep the brand alive and relevant for a longer period of time."

Jindal was talking in the context of the precarious position international cricket finds itself in. With franchise T20 cricket becoming more powerful and taking up bigger space in the annual calendar, through leagues across the world, and the fact that some of the top cricketers are turning into T20 mercenaries by taking early international retirement, putting into doubt the future of ODI and Test cricket.

Delhi Capitals is one of the teams leading the expansion of cricket's global footprint, with the group adding Dubai Capitals and Pretoria Capitals to its bouquet. They aren't the only ones - the Knight Riders, for instance, have teams in the T20 leagues of the Caribbean, the UAE, South Africa and also the upcoming tournament in the US.

JSW Sports' chief executive Mustafa Ghouse compared the proliferation of the leagues to the sudden mushrooming of 'IPL-style' leagues across sports in India. Ghouse, a former Davis Cupper, was slightly apprehen-

Jindal, 32, said their next frontier is swimming, with the programme under South African coach Rushdee Warley - also the CEO of Inspire Institute of Sports - targeting the 2026 CWG and the LA Olympics

Jindal plays down those incidents and says the government, federation and private organisations are now on the same page. "There's a sea of change in the way the government, through its TOP Scheme, as well as the federations are approaching high performance and sport in general. There will always be certain idiosyncrasies but in general, the federations are more professional, consultative and open to suggestions and feedback," Jindal said.

He, however, does not feel the same way about the way football is governed in the country. Jindal owns one of India's most successful clubs, Bengaluru FC, but has been left disillusioned with the way the sport is run. In 2019, he had written a letter to Indian Super League chairperson Nita Ambani, requesting a roadmap to make the league more sustainable financially.

While he says efforts have been made on that front and remains bullish about the ISL's future, Jindal is concerned about the current state of affairs at the All India Football Federation (AIFF), which doesn't have an elected body and is run by a Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators. "What's happening on the AIFF side is extremely tragic. We talk about professionalism and I can tell you for a fact that the worst Olympic federation is better than the AIFF," he said. "I resigned from the Western India Football Association last week because I just don't want to be associated with the governance of football. What's going on is not acceptable. I hope and pray that the Supreme Court, in its wisdom, takes the right decision for Indian football."

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

S.No	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED		QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED	
		JUNE 30, 2022	JUNE 30, 2021	MARCH 31, 2022	MARCH 31, 2022	JUNE 30, 2022	JUNE 30, 2021	MARCH 31, 2022	MARCH 31, 2022
		UN-AUDITED	UN-AUDITED	AUDITED	AUDITED	UN-AUDITED	UN-AUDITED	AUDITED	AUDITED
1	Total Income	8,445.53	5,625.66	7,561.49	29,802.38	8,503.07	5,648.20	7,627.99	30,106.29
2	Net Profit for the period before tax (before Exceptional Items)	823.80	484.35	802.21	3,250.13	789.02	343.25	785.73	3,058.11
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items)	823.80	484.35	802.21	3,250.13	789.02	343.25	785.73	3,058.11
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional Items)	624.52	365.44	627.05	2,473.02	585.58	256.46	620.56	2,329.05
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	623.09	359.91	638.19	2,467.58	559.39	249.48	646.55	2,328.45
6	Equity Share Capital (face value Rs. 2/- per share)	39.96	39.96	39.96	39.96	39.96	39.96	39.96	39.96
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)				15,742.96				15,806.69
8	Earnings per share on net profit after tax - face value Rs. 2/- each (In Rupees)								
	a) Basic	31.25	18.29	31.38	123.78	29.55	12.82	30.59	115.96
	b) Diluted	31.25	18.29	31.37	123.74	29.54	12.82	30.59	115.93

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- The above results for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee meeting held on August 12, 2022 and approved by Board of Directors in their meeting held on August 12, 2022.

New Delhi,
Date: August 12, 2022

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
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