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Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of the

Immovable Properties

Mortgaged/ Owner's Name

Borrower/Guarantors Account (mortgagers of property(les)) | 1/8/22/20 of Property |

M's Mahesh Mercandise Pvt. Ltd. Park. (Main. Bahadurgarh- Twenty two crore fifty one lakhs five

Registered Office Plot No. 72/24, Rohtak Road) Mundka, thousand two hundred seventy and Swaran Park, Mundaka, New Nangloi, Delhi (Khasra No thirty seven paisa with further

Delhi- 110041. Directors: Sh. 72/25/1 (0-6) measuring 6 Interest & other expenses w.e.f. Shish Pal Mittal. Sh. Amit Mittal. Bawa vide 204 dt 01.01.03 owned by Sh. Shish Pal. Commercial Shop at Swaran Park (Main Bahadurgarh - Rohtak Road) Mundka, Nangloi, Delhi 72/24/2 min (1-6) & 77/4/3 min (0-1)) as per Sale deed 203 dt 01.01.03 (C) 19.11.19

axes, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser

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E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable

property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as

mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

owned by Sh. Shish Pal. So total Land Mortgaged to the Bank is 1. D) Physical Possession

Bigha 7 Biswa & 6 Biswa (Total 1663.20 sq yards) "As per life deed the area of secured asset above is 1663.20 sq yds, however, actual area at site is

1173.33 sq yds. Sale certificate in favour of highest bidder will be issued for 1663.20 sq yds, as per title deed. Reserve price of proposed secured

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions: 2. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER

THERE IS BASIS", 3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the

Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation., 4. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://www.matcecommerce.com on dates as given above., 5. The

publication is also a statutory notice of 15 days to the borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors., 6, For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer

www.ibapl.in, www.tenders.gov.in, www.mstcecommerce.com , https://eprocure.gov.in/opublish/app, 7. The properties may be inspected after

prior appointment from authorized officer. 8. All statutory due/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty,

Equitable mortgage of A)06.05.19 Commercial Shop at Swaran B) Rs. 22.51,05.273.37 (Rupees

II) Outstanding Amount as on

ATO: Of Demand Notice uls 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2003

C) Passessian Oata als 1344 al SARFESI AET 2002

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LTD.

Re-e-Procurement Notice (National Competitive Bidding)
e-Tender No: RCON/B-1200026/WPO-SER/BNDM/Re-e-Tender/PEB Date: 14.08.2022
e-Open Tender in two packet system for and on behalf of IRCON International Limited is invite From eligible bidders for following work:

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having estimated cost (incl all taxes) of Rs. 1166.47 Lakh

End Date & Time of e-Bid Submission of tender

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- 2. The critical dates are as under :-Last date of Collection of application form - 25 August 22. Last date for submission - 15 September 22.
- 3. The application forms be collected from :-GSO 1 (M&H), MISO Dte Gen Info Sys, RTR Marg, New Delhi-10 Mob No.9813938966
- 4. The application form with complete documents to be deposited in drop box at Reception DGIS by 1700h on 15 September 2022.

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C) Rs 8,00 Lish

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Date: 12.08.2022

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21 st August, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FOR SETTLEMENT OF COMPOUNDABLE TRAFFIC CHALLANS

ON SPOT CHALLANS AND NOTICES OF ALL TYPE OF VEHICLES (INCLUDING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES) PENDING AT THE DELHI TRAFFIC POLICE PORTAL UP TO 30.04.2022

IN THE COURT COMPLEX OF: DWARKA, KARKARDOOMA PATIALA HOUSE, ROHINI, ROUSE AVENUE, SAKET & TIS HAZARI COURTS

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Considering COVID-19 protocol and maintaining social distancing, 1200 Challans/Notices in each Bench in all 120 Lok Adalats Benches shall be taken up for disposal, only 1,44,000 Challans/Notices shall be disposed off on 21.08.2022, in the all above court complexes.

All the notices/challans are to be downloaded by the Violators from Delhi Police Website and there will not be any facility of print out in the court Complexes.

To download and take printout of the notices/challans Log on to Delhi Police Website https://delhitrafficpolice.nic.in/notice/lokadalat & traffic.delhipolice.gov.in/notice/lokadalat

This link will be available on 17th August-2022 at 10:00 a.m. for National Lok Adalat till the limit of challans get exhausted.

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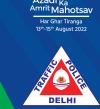
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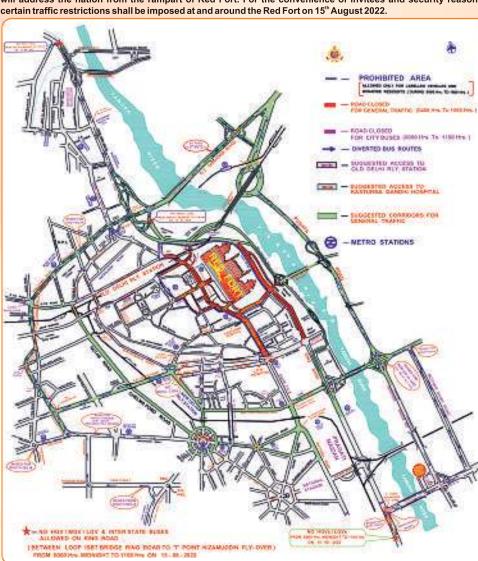
Independence Day Celebrations





At Red Fort on 15 August, 2022 (4:00 AM to 11:00 AM)

Independence Day Ceremony will be celebrated on 15th August-2022 at Red Fort. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India will address the nation from the rampart of Red Fort. For the convenience of invitees and security reasons,



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

No cameras, binoculars, Remote Control car keys, umbrella, handbags, briefcases, transistors, cigarette lighters, tiffin boxes, water

Members of the public are requested not to touch any suspicious object. They are requested to immediately report about the presence of any unidentified/suspected object, suspicious movement of individuals & vehicles or anything out of the ordinary, to the nearest policeman.

in view of care to be exercised during Covid-19 situation, the invitees are requested to follow guidelines issued by MHA & Ministry of Health & Family welfare at all times while they are in the IDC function area at Red Fort in this regard; attention is invited to the following (i) In the event of any invitee experiencing/having a history of any symptoms of Covid-19 within 2 weeks of the Independence Day 2022, which is yet untested or confirmed Positive for Corona (Covid-19) the invitee may consider refraining to attend the event.

(ii) At the entry gates, marking will be available at adequate distance and invitees are requested to position/move on these markings while

(iii) Controlling officers & ushers will be on duty to assist & guide for seating inside the designated enclosures (iv) Similarly on conclusion of the function at Red Fort, all invitees are requested to remain seated until requested/guided by the controlling

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officers/ushers of the designated enclosures to proceed to avoid crowding at exit. Flying of sub conventional aerial platforms like Par- gliders, para-motors, hang gliders, UAVs, micro light aircrafts, remotely piloted aircrafts, hot air balloons, small size powered aircrafts, quadcopters or para jumping from aircraft etc. are prohibited over the jurisdiction of National Capital Territory of Delhi up to 15.08.2022.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS AROUND RED FORT The following roads will be closed for general traffic from 4.00 AM to 10.00 AM and only labeled vehicles will be

Netaji Subhash Marg from Delhi Gate to Chatta Rail

Lothian Road from GPO Delhi to Chatta Rail 3. S.P.Mukherjee Marg from H.C.Sen Marg to Yamuna Bazar

Chandni Chowk Road from Fountain Chowk to Red Fort. Nishad Raj Marg from Ring Road to Netaji Subhash Marg. Esplanade Road and its Link Road to Netaii Subhash

Ring Road from Raighat to ISBT

8. Outer ring Road from ISBT to IP Flyover i.e. Salimgarh

ROADS THAT MAY BE AVOIDED FROM 04.00 Hrs to 10.00 Hrs Those vehicles which do not have parking labels for Independence Day Celebration may avoid C- Hexagon India Gate, Copernics Marg, Mandi House, Sikandra Road, W Point, A point Tilak Marg, Mathura Road, BSZ Marg, Netaji Subhash Marg, J.L. Nehru Marg, Ring Road between Nizammuddin Khatta and ISBT Kashmiri Gate & Outer Ring Road from Nizamuddin Khatta & ISBT Kashmiri Gate via Salimgarh orth-South Access

Alternative- 1: Aurobindo Marg – Safdarjang Road – Kamal Ataturk Marg- Kautilya Marg- S Marg- 11 Murti- Mother Teresa Crescent- Park Street- Mandir Marg - Panchkuian Road -Rani Jhansi Road and reach their destinations in North Delhi Alternative- 2: Reach Connaught Place - Minto Road -

Bhavbhuti Marg – Ajmeri Gate –Shradhanand Marg – Lahori Gate Chowk – Naya Bazar – Peeli Kothi – S.P. Mukherjee Marg up to ODRS and reach their destination in North Delhi and vice Alternative-3: Reach Nizamuddin Bridge to cross Yamuna

Pushta Road - G.T. Road and cross Yudhister Setu to ISBT and reach their destination in North Delhi and vice versa.

NH-24 (NH-9)- Nizamuddin Khatta- Barapula Road- unde

2. DND- Barapulla Road further as per 1 above OR via Ashram on Ring Road & proceed accordingly.

NH-24 (NH-9)- Nizamuddin Khatta- Ring Road- Bhairon Road- Mathura Road- Subrahmanyam Bharti Marg-Rajesh Pilot Marg- Prithviraj Road- Safdarjung Road-Kamal Ataturk Marg- Panchsheel Marg- SP Marg/Ridge

Road accordingly and vice versa. Vikas Marg- IP Marg- DDU Marg- Minto Road then either via Connaught Place or Ajmeri Gate- DBG & proceed

further. Pusta Road (Shastri Park)- GT Road- Yudhister Sei ISBT Kashmiri Gate and proceed accordingly via Ring Road or Rani Jhansi Road.

DND - NH24 (NH9) - Yudhister Setu- Signature Bridge-Wazirabad Bridge will remain open to reach Ring Road. Old Iron Bridge and Geeta Colony Bridge towards Shanti

People are advised to reach early to avoid last minute rush

guidance of vehicular traffic destined for the Red Fort at all mportant traffic junctions.

STRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT OF COMMERCIAL ANSPORT AND INTERSTATE BUSES:

Goods vehicles will not be permitted between Nizamuddin Khatta and Wazirabad bridge from 12:00 midnight of 14.08.2022 to 11:00 AM on 15.08.2022. Interstate buses will not be allowed between Maharana Pratap ISBT and Sarai Kale Khan ISBT from 12:00 Midnight of 14.08.2022 to 11:00 AM on 15.08.2022.

STRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT OF CITY BUSES APART OM RESTRICTED ROADS: Local city buses including DTC will not move on Rinc ISBT Kashmiri Gate and Ring Road - NH-24(NH-9)/NH The following road shall also be closed for movement for Inter

(C) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Marg

(D) Ring Road between Nizamuddin Khatta (NH-24) and Northern loop of ISBT Kashmiri Gate.

(E) 'C' Heaxagon, Shershah Road, Dr Jakir Hussain Road, Pandara Road, Shanjahar Road, Akbar Road, Rajpath,

Ashoka Road, KG Marg, Copernicus Marg, Tilak Marg, Purana Quila Road, Sikandara Road, Bhagwan Dass Road and BSZ Marg (F) Ashoka Road from R/A Windsor Place to "C" Hexagon.

(G) KG, Marg from Ferozeshah Road to "C" Hexagon (H) Vikas Marg, beyond loop towards Delhi Secretariat.

(I) Mathura Road from Ashram Chowk to W Point. Buses ordinarily terminating at Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Delhi Main Railway Station will be curtailed/diverted as

1) Opposite Ramlila Ground on J.L.N. Marg for buses approaching from South and West Delhi.

2) At Mori Gate and Tis Hazari for buses coming from North. North West via Barafkhana and East Delhi via ISBT Bridge 3) At Boulevard Road opp, Maharaja Agrasen Park for buses

coming from North Delhi side from Ring Road Normal bus service will be restored after 10:00 AM

How to Approach / Reach Important places: 1) Old Delhi Railway Station:

a) From West and South Delhi:- Mother Teresa Crescent - Park Street - Mandir Marg Panchkuian Road -Rani Jhansi Flyover - Azad Market - Boulevard Road - Mori Gate - Pul Dufferin - S.P.Mukherjee Marg

Road & thereafter as above & vice versa. b) From North:- Mori Gate - Pul Dufferin - S.P. Mukherjee Marg to reach the Railway Station. (c) From East/North East:- Pust Road- Yudhister Setu-

to reach the Railway Station or Dhaula Kuan- Ridge

Road (Vande Matram Marg) - Faiz Road- Rani Jhans

Mori Gate- Pul Dufferin- SP Mukherjee Marg then proceed further accordingly. New Delhi Rlv. Station: a) From East:- Vikas Marg , DDU Marg , Bhabhuti Marg

ND Railway Station. b) From North East:- Yudhister Setu, Rani Jhansi Road, R/A Rani Jhansi, DBG Road and reach ND Railway Station accordingly OR via Mori gate, Pul Duffrin, SP Mukherjee Marg, Qutub Road and reach.

From North:- Rani Jhansi Road, R/A Rani Jhansi,

DBG Road and reach ND Railway Station accordingly

OR via Mori Gate, Pul Duffrin, SP Mukherjee Marg Qutub Road and reach. d) From West:- Pusa Road. R/A Hanuman Murti Panchkuia Road, Connaught Place, Chelmsford

Road and Nd Railway Station OR via DBG Road to each ND Railway Station. e) From South: - To reach Connaught Place Chelmsford Road and ND railway Station OR via DBG

ISBT Kashmere Gate a) From New Delhi and South Delhi:- Mother Teresa Crescent- Park Street - Mandir Marg - Panchkuian Road - Rani Jhansi Road and Rani Jhansi Flyover -

Road to reach ND Railway Station.

Boulevard Road. b) From West Delhi:- Pusa Road, R/A Hanuman Mandir, Faiz Road, Rani Jhansi Road and thereafter

c) From North Delhi:- There is no restriction

d) From North-East Delhi:- Yudhister Setu, Boulebard Road. Mori Gate, Pull Dufferin, SP Mukherjee Marg, Old Delhi Railway Station 4) J.P.N. Hospital:- There is no restriction.

Kasturba Hospital:- Ajmeri Gate - Ajmeri Bazar - Chowk Hauz Quazi - Chawri Bazar - Chowk- Barshabullah-T' point (Nizamuddin Khatta) and take available alternativ

(A) Lothian Road from Chhatta Rail Chowk to Kashmiri Gate (i) G T ROAD/ISBT KASHMERE GATE RRIDGE: Buses bound for KauriaPul /Red Fort/Old Delhi Railway (B) Netaji Subhash Marg from Chhatta Rail Chowk to Delhi Gate.

Station shall operate via ISBT Bridge (Yudhistir Setu) and terminate at Boulevard Road - Near Mori Gate U Turn. Return route via Boulevard Road after taking 'U' turn from Mori

Gate 'U' - turn for ISBT Bridge (Yudhistir Setu). Buses bound for New Delhi/Connaught Place/Central Secretariat shall operate via new ISBT Bridge - Boulevard Road Rani Jhansi Flyover- Rani Jhansi Road - Mandir Marg Peshwa Road - Gole Market & Shivaji Stadium Terminal Central Secretariat Terminal.

Buses bound for South Delhi shall follow the route above upto Mandir Marg and proceed further via Shankar Road - Upper Ridge Road, Simon Bolivar Marg-Dhaulakuan. (ii) VIKAS MARG

Buses bound for North Delhi shall proceed via Margina Bandh Road (Pusta), G.T Road, Shastri Park, ISBT

Bridge, Boulevard Road and proceed further. Buses bound for South Delhi shall proceed via Mother Diary Road, NH - 24, towards Nizamuddin Bridge - Ring

Road towards Ashram Chowk. Buses bound for New Delhi shall deboard the passengers on Vikas Marg, New Secretariat. Bus stand and will take U turn from under IP Flyover for return journey towards

Vikas Marg. BUSES COMING FROM BARAF - KHANA All Buses otherwise terminating at Old Delhi Railway

India inside Tis Hazari Courts

Station/KauriaPul/Red Fort/Jama Masjid shall be curtailed as mentioned below:-Buses coming from Roshanara Road for Old Delhi Railway Station shall terminate opposite State Bank of

Return journey will be via Boulevard Road towards Buses coming from Old Rohtak Road for old Delhi Railway Station, Red Fort shall terminate at Mori Gate Return journey will be via Gokhale Road - Zorawar Singh

Buses coming from New Rohtak Road for Old Delhi Railway Station, Red Fort shall terminate on Gokhale Marg between Tikona Park and In Gate Tis Hazari Court. Return journey will be via Gokhale Road - Zorawar Singh

Buses coming from Malka Ganj for Old Delhi Railway Station, Red Fort shall terminate on Gokhale Marg adjoining boundary wall of Tikona Park. Return journey will be via Gokhale Road - Zorawar Singh

All private and mini buses shall be terminated at MCD car parking (MORI GATE). Gokhale road shall be one- way from R/A Mori Gate towards P.S Metro Station Kashmiri Gate & R/A Mori Gate to Gokhale Market 'T' Point.

SES COMING FROM AJMERI GATE/MINTO BRIDGE All Buses otherwise terminating at Old Delhi Railway Station, Red Fort, Bhai Mati Dass Chowk, Mori Gat ISBT, Pragati Maidan and Ambedkar Stadium Terminal shall terminate Opp. Turkman Gate Asaf Ali Road. Return journey by taking 'U'-Turn on J.L N Marg and

ISES COMING FROM MALL ROADSIDE

All buses otherwise terminating at Old Delhi Railway Station, Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Kauriya Pul shall terminate on Boullevard Road upto Mori Gate Return journey will be via Boullevard Road, Ring Road

SES COMING FROM SOUTH DELHI Buses bound for Red Fort, Old Delhi Railway Station, Bhai Mati Dass Chowk (Fountain) from South Delhi will be diverted ia Ring Road - NH -24, Marginal Bandh (Pushta) Road, new ISBT Bridge and shall terminate on Boulevard Road.

Return journey by taking 'U' Turn and proceed further via ISBT

Buses bound for Connaught Place from South Delhi shall be diverted towards Ring Road and further take Uppe Ridge Road upto R/A Karol Bagh and reach Connaugh Place via Jhandewalan Panchkuian Road Shivaji Stadium Buses bound for ISBT Maharana Pratap Termina

shallproceed Ring Road and further take Upper Ridge Road upto R/A Karol Bagh Faiz Road Filmistan Azad Mki Chowk, Boulevard Road and reach Mori Gate/ISBT. Buses bound for East Delhi from South Delhi shall proceed

via Ring Road-Hazrat Nizamuddin Bridge- (NH - 24) - Nev PatparGani Road. 4. Buses bound for East Delhi from South Delhi coming a Lala Lajpat Rai Marg will be diverted on Mathura Road towards the Ashram Chowk - Ring Road from Lodhi Fly

over R/A Neela Gumbad. Buses bound for Red Fort, Jama Masiid, KauriyaPul from Firozshah Road and going towards Mandi House shall take Barakhamba Road from Mandi House, Ranjit Singh Flyover and terminate Opp. Turkman Gate Asaf Ali Road.

Return journey via J.LN.Marg, Ranjeet Singh Flyover by taking 'U' Turn and proceed further. 6. Mudrika Services (Buses) shall take route via new ISBT Bridge, Shastri Park, Pusta Kailash Gandhi Nagar - Vikas Marg - Mother Dairy Road- NH - 24 - Nizamuddin Bridge

turn left Ring road for Sarai Kale Khan. NTER STATE BUSES INCOMING

1. All buses coming from Ghaziabad towards Delhi shall

move via Bhopura Chungi Road from Mohan Nagar for Wazirabad Road and then towards Chandgi Ram Akhara U turn ISBT and enter ISBT. All Buses coming from Dhaulakuan shall be diverted on

Ring Road for taking Punjabi Bagh - Azad Pur - Akhara Chandoi Ram - U turn ISBT and enter ISBT. All buses operating between ISBT and Faridabad (Badarpur) shall either terminate at Sarai Kale Khan or be

diverted on Ring road via Dhaulakuan Punjabi Bagh - Azad Pur - Akhara Chandgi Ram - U turn ISBT and enter ISBT.

No bus shall be allowed to take 'U' turn at northern loop of Ring Road near Budh Vihar (Monastery) and would be diverted towards Wazirabad to go Trans Yamuna or take U turn from Chandgiram Akhara and take loop of ISBT Flyover to go towards Shastri Park and Buses bound for DhaulaKuan shall take Boulevard Road, Rani Jhans Road, Link Road and upper Ridge Road (VandeMatram

Marg). Buses bound for Loni Border shall proceed via Wazirabad Bridge and those bound for Ghaziabad shall proceed via ISBT Bridge.

DTC recovery vans shall be stationed (from 0600 hrs onward till diversions are cleared) as under:

1. Central Control Room - Gokhale Marg

. Ghata Masjid 3. Yamuna Bazar

5. Chatta Rail Chowk

Note:- BUSES ORIGINATING FROM EAST, NORTH, CENTRAL, WEST, SOUTH AND INTENDING TO USE BSZ MARG-TILAK MARG- SUBASH MARG-RING ROAD [BETWEEN AKHARA CHANDGI RAM AND HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN BRIDGE BE DIRECED TO AVOID THESE STRETCHES & TAKE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES AS SUGGESTED ABOVE.

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आज़ादी की ७५वीं सालगिरह की आपको ढेर सारी शुभकामनायें।

स्वतंत्रता दिवस की पूर्व संध्या पर - आज १४ अगस्त को शाम ५ बजे - आप जहां भी हों, अपने हाथों में तिरंगा लेकर राष्ट्रगान गाइएगा। हम सब देशवासी मिलकर राष्ट्रगान गाएँगे। मैं भी आपके साथ तिरंगा लहराउंगां, राष्ट्रगान गाऊंगा।

मेरी ज़िंदगी का एक ही मिशन है। मैं भारत को दुनिया का नम्बर वन देश देखना चाहता हूँ। अपने देश को आज़ाद हुए 75 साल हो गए। हम किसी से कम तो नहीं हैं। भगवान ने हमें सब कुछ दिया है - नदियाँ, पहाड़, खनिज पदार्थ, जड़ी बूटियाँ, फसलें, समुद्र। सब कुछ दिया है भगवान ने। भारत के लोग दुनिया में सबसे बुद्धिमान हैं, सबसे मेहनती हैं। कुछ लोग पूछते हैं - क्या भारत दुनिया को लीड कर सकता है? क्यों नहीं? भारत के पास दुनिया के बेस्ट इंजीनियर हैं, बेस्ट डॉक्टर हैं, बेस्ट वकील हैं, बेस्ट वैज्ञानिक हैं।

अब हम सबको ज़िम्मेदारी लेनी होगी। देश के 130 करोड़ लोगों को ज़िम्मेदारी लेनी होगी। व्यापारी, किसान, उद्योगपित, मज़दूर, नौकरीपेशा, डॉक्टर, इंजीनियर, वकील - सबको, सबको साथ आना होगा। 75 साल पहले जब सारा देश इकट्ठा हुआ था तो हमने अंग्रेजों को भगा दिया था। अब हम सब एक बार फिर इकट्ठे होकर भारत को दुनिया का सर्वश्रेष्ठ राष्ट्र बनाएँगे। आइए, आज़ादी के 75वें वर्ष में हम प्रण लें कि हम भारत के 130 करोड़ लोग एक साथ मिलकर, एक जुट होकर भारत को दुनिया का सर्वश्रेष्ठ और सबसे शक्तिशाली राष्ट्र बनाएँगे।

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RIFLEMAN'S LAST JOURNEY

People gather for the funeral procession of Rifleman Manoj Kumar Bhati at his village in Faridabad, Saturday. He was among four soldiers killed in an attack on an Army camp in Rajouri. Gajendra Yadav

SUNDAY **STORY**

THE BIHAR

Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav have come a long way since parting ways in 2017

Handshake

Panel gives clean chit to Wankhede in fake caste papers claim

SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI, AUGUST 13

THE MUMBAI District Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee on Friday gave a clean chit to former Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) zonal director Sameer Wankhede in the wake of allegations that he had forged his caste certificate. Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Nawab Malik and three Dalit activists had alleged that the Indian Revenue Service officer was a Muslim and had used a fake

caste certificate

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Wankhede

by birth, and determined that he belonged to the Mahar caste, which is a Scheduled Caste. "It is not proved that Sameer and his father Dnyandev Wankhede re-

nounced Hinduism and duly con-

verted to Islam," read the order.

The order further read, "The complaints filed by Manoj Sansare, Ashok Kamble, Sanjay Kamble and Nawab Malik regarding Wankhede's caste claim/caste certificate/religion are not substantiated and their complaint is being rejected as it

Reacting to the order, Wankhede said, "I have **CONTINUED ON PAGE 13**

DAY AFTER BEING STABBED ON STAGE IN NEW YORK

Severed nerves in arm, Salman Rushdie is put on ventilator, 'may lose an eye'

Police identify attacker as Hadi Matar, a New Jersey man of Lebanese origin

HURUBIE MEKO NEW YORK, AUGUST 13

AFTER AUTHOR Salman Rushdie was stabbed on Friday at the Chautaugua Institution in western New York, state and federal investigators were trying to determine the suspect's motivation, plans, communication and movements as Rushdie remained in a precarious condition on Saturday.

Rushdie, who had spent decades under proscription by Iran, was on a ventilator after undergoing hours of surgery and could not speak, Andrew Wylie, his agent, said.

Wylie said on Friday that the author's condition was "not good". Rushdie might lose an eye, his liver had been damaged



The area around Hadi Matar's home in Fairview, New Jersey, is blocked off. AP

and the nerves in his arm were severed, he said. Antonio Guterres, the secre-

general of CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

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ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN

Rushdie in Parliament: why attack provokes disquiet — and silence

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

AT A time when any issue touches off noisy, partisan rancour, the attack on writer Salman Rushdie has seen a rare consensus in the political establishment: an evasive silence.

Barring a few voices, the political class has largely stayed away from condemning the grievous assault.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru Saturday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, when asked about the attack, said: "I also read

that is something which the whole world has noted and any attack like this obviously the entire world has reacted to it."

Among the few who condemned the assault include CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor; his party colleague and Congress media chief Pawan Khera; and

Shiv Sena's Priyanka Chaturvedi. This isn't surprising given the record of political discourse on this issue.

Since the Rajiv Gandhi government banned The Satanic Verses in 1988 - the first **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**

Lanka U-turn, will allow China ship, says 'keeping all interests in mind'

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13 DAYS AFTER Sri Lanka deferred

the visit of a Chinese military vessel following concerns raised by India, Colombo Saturday made a U-turn and allowed the ship to dock at the Hambantota port from August 16 to 22.

The Yuan Wang 5, a Chinese research and survey vessel, was expected to dock earlier from August 11 to 17, but this was deferred after India raised the issue with Lanka.

In an official statement, the Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry said that after it had asked China to defer the visit of the vessel, it had engaged in extensive consultations at a high level through diplomatic channels "with all parties concerned", with a view to resolving the matter in a spirit of friendship, mutual trust and constructive dialogue, taking into account the interests of all parties concerned, and in line with the "principle of sovereign equality of states".

The Ministry said China had approached Sri Lanka on August



The Yuan Wang 5. brisl.org

12. "Having considered all material in place, on 13 August 2022, the clearance to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China was conveyed for the deferred arrival of the vessel from 16-22 August 2022."

Reiterating Sri Lanka's policy of "cooperation and friendship with all countries", the Foreign Ministry said: "Security and cooperation in the neighbourhood is of utmost priority. It is Sri Lanka's intention to safeguard the legitimate interests of all countries, in keeping with its international obligations.'

The Ministry said it was **CONTINUED ON PAGE 13**

ISSUES OVER INDIAN **BOUNDARY, TAIWAN DIFFERENT: CHINA P12**



FINAL JOINTS IN PLACE IN WORLD'S HIGHEST RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER CHENAB

protest to join J&K politics,

back in Centre as Dy Secy

Faesal, who quit IAS in

EXPRESS NETWORK, PAGE 13

World champion and CWG gold medallist boxer Nikhat Zareen takes a picture of wrestler Vinesh Phogat, a 3-time CWG gold winner, during a function in New Delhi, Saturday. Praveen Khanna

Tricolour a shield in Ukraine, inspiration in **CWG: Modi to medallists**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE EVACUATION efforts during the Ukraine crisis exhibited the "power" of the Tricolour, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday, underlining that the national flag acted as a "protective shield" not just for Indians who were stuck in the war zone, but also for people of other countries fleeing the east European nation facing Russian aggression. Modi made the remarks

while felicitating medallists of Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, at an event which was attended by the athletes as well as their coaches. "Your source of inspiration is

the Tricolour and, sometime back in Ukraine, we saw the power of the Tricolour. It became CONTINUED ON PAGE 13

For better compliance, tech transfer, Govt to ease data localisation norms

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE CENTRE could drop the contentious data localisation norms from the new data protection Bill and add these rules to the revamped version of the broader Information Technology Act, which the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) is working on, The Indian Express has learnt.

The localisation norms, criticised by Big Tech companies as

MALAVIKA PRASAD

SATURDAY MARKED the first

day of the final round of prepara-

tions for razing Supertech's twin

towers, with the demolition due

in just over a fortnight. With the

Supreme Court agreeing to the

Noida Authority's request to

postpone the demolition to

NOIDA, AUGUST 13



'Trusted geography'

TO EASE compliance for start-ups, the government could allow cross-border data flows to "trusted geographies" where it considers data of Indians to be safe. This would mark a dilution of the government's earlier stance on data localisation.

August 28, the process of charg-

ing the towers began Saturday

morning, officials at Edifice

Engineering, the firm carrying

Express, Utkarsh Mehta, Partner

at the Mumbai-based company,

said the delivery of the explo-

sives had been delayed by some

time. "They came in two vans es-

corted by the Noida police, from

Speaking to The Sunday

out the demolition, said.

well as start-ups for being too "compliance intensive", could be relaxed by allowing cross-border data flows to "trusted geographies", it is learnt.

A senior government official said that data localisation could find a place in the upcoming Digital India Bill – the proposed successor to the Information Technology Act, 2000.

"More than privacy or data protection, the idea of localisation of data is about access in the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 13**

an authorised magazine located

in the interiors near Palwal dis-

trict in Haryana... The charging

process began around 10 am, af-

ter the vans arrived at 8.30 am.

plosives used are specially de-

signed for demolition of such

buildings, and they had sourced

it as a special order from

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Mehta explained that the ex-

We first organised a puja."

Sources said the decision to appoint him in the Ministry was Countdown to demolition: Special explosives, planning down to seconds

approved by the Centre on The Indian Express had reported on April 29 that Faesal

Culture.

had been taken back into the IAS following clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs, and was likely to be posted in Delhi. His resignation had never

DEEPTIMANTIWARY

IAS OFFICER Shah Faesal, who

resigned from service in protest

in 2019 to float his own political

party in J&K only to quit politics

later, has been appointed Deputy

Secretary in the Ministry of

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

been accepted by the government and he withdrew it later. He was one of the petitioners in the Supreme Court against the government's August 2019 move changing the status of J&K. In April this year, in a series of

tweets, Faesal had hinted at his **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**



Shah Faesal resigned from service in 2019

'Security threat': 4 fired from J&K govt service

Srinagar: A son of Syed Salahuddin, the Pakistan-based chief of Hizbul Mujahideen, and the wife of jailed militant leader Faroog Ahmad Dar were among four government employees whose services were terminated on Saturday by the Jammu and Kashmir government for being a threat to "the security of the state" REPORT, PAGE 12

In Kabul, Afghan students wait for passage to India: Don't shut us out



EXPRESS IN KABUL

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN KABUL, AUGUST 13

SAHAR NOOR Mohammadi. who won an ICCR scholarship to study a course at Chandigarh's University Institute of Applied Management Studies, should have written her fourth semester examination in June this year. The course had begun online in 2020 amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. This year, classes shifted back to the classroom, and students were told to appear physically for the examination.

But locked out of India without a visa, Sahar could not write the exam. Other than an automated reply, she has heard nothing more about her e-visa application, though she knows of one person whose application was accepted. With no way to complete her course and get her degree,

Sahar says she has lost hope that the future she had planned, of setting up a small business with an Indian friend, has collapsed.

With the Taliban banning all higher education from Class 7 onward, she has no education options left in Afghanistan. "My younger sister's education has also stopped. She was in Class 8," said Sahar, as she showed all the desperate messages she sent to her teacher in Chandigarh.

"She just stopped answering, See the number of folded hands (emoji) I have added to every message," Sahar said.

Over 2,500 Afghans, who



An Afghan girl attends a class at an underground school in

were students in India until last year, are in the same boat as Sahar. Many had returned home to Afghanistan for the summer break. Some were hoping to obtain visas for the admissions they had secured in colleges across the country. Now they are staring at unfin-

ished courses, admissions that cannot be taken up, and in some cases, separation from families left behind in India, after Delhi cancelled all existing visas to Afghan nationals, unofficially citing security grounds in the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. It has issued barely 200 visas out of the thousands of applications for emergency evisas it has received since then.

Onib Dadgar, a topper of his Bachelor of Computer Applications course at Jamia Millia Islamia and gold medallist in the MCA course at JNU, has secured admission for a PhD course in Mysore University. He cannot imagine that India, which he called his "second home" when he was invited to speak at the Ministry of External Affairs in 2019, has not approved his isa application.

His PhD application for research on big data required two

published papers. He returned to Kabul to work on them. On August 15, his existing visa to study in India was cancelled when Delhi invalidated all visas issued to Afghans, citing a security scare due to the Taliban takeover.

"Why involve students with valid visas in this security issue? Students pose no security risk to India. When we were in India for so many years, no one said we were a security threat then,' Dadgar said. "You only know your true friends in times of difficulties," he said.

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EXPRESS AUDIO

Game Time: The biggest

Indian Express' Sandip Gjoins host Mihir

Vasavda to discuss the biggest highlights of

the tournament, and how the Indian teams

highlights of the 44th

Chess Olympiad

NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY

Rushdie

United Nations, said on Saturday that he was appalled by the attack on the author, who decades ago became a symbol of freedom of expression in the face of repression.

"In no case is violence a response to words spoken or written by others in their exercise of the freedoms of opinion and expression," Guterres said in a statement.

The New York State Police said at a news conference on Friday afternoon that there was no indication of a motive, but that they were working with the FRI

Hadi Matar, a 24-year-old New Jersey man, was arrested at the scene and charged with attempted murder and assault, the New York State Police said. He is being held at the Chautauqua County Jail, where he was to be arraigned on Saturday, according to officials.

Matar was born in the United States to Lebanese parents who emigrated from Yaroun, a border village in southern Lebanon, the mayor of the village, Ali Tehfe, told The Associated Press.

A video on TikTok that was subsequently taken down showed the chaotic scene on Friday, moments after the attacker had jumped onto the stage at the normally placid centre for intellectual discourse. Rushdie, who had been living relatively openly after years of a semi-clandestine existence, had just taken a seat to give a talk when a man attacked him.

A crowd of people immediately rushed to where the author lay on the stage to offer aid. Stunned members of the audience could be seen throughout the amphitheater. While some were screaming, others got up and moved slowly toward the stage. People started to congregate in the aisles. A person could be heard yelling "Oh, my God" repeatedly.

A sheriff's deputy and another law enforcement officer with a dog ran to the scene about a minute later.

In a statement on Friday, the US national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, called the attack against Rushdie "reprehensible".

"This act of violence is appalling," he said.

The state police did not provide an update on Rushdie's condition on Saturday morning. A spokeswoman for a hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania, where Rushdie is being treated, said it would not provide information on patient conditions.

At a house listed as Matar's residence in Fairview, New Jersey, no one answered the door

on Saturday morning. A woman in a gray Jeep Rubicon in the driveway kept her windows up, waving off reporters as she sped away. Many of Matar's neighbours said they did not know

Antonio Lopa, who lives across the street from Matar, said he saw between 10 and 15 FBI agents outside Matar's home on Friday afternoon. They stayed until nearly 1.30 am, he said.

Officials said at a news conference on Friday that they were working to get search warrants for a backpack and electronic devices that were found at the institution.

Rushdie had been living under the threat of an assassination attempt since 1989, about six months after the publication of his novel *The Satanic Verses*. The book was thought of as blasphemous by some Muslims. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who led Iran after its 1979 revolution, issued a fatwa on February 14, 1989. It ordered Muslims to kill Rushdie.

In 1991, the novel's Japanese translator was stabbed to death and its Italian translator was badly wounded. The novel's Norwegian publisher was shot three times in 1993 outside his home in Oslo and was seriously injured.

(WITHINPUTS FROM AP) In Parliament

country to do so — Parliamentary proceedings show that the ban has been cited more to score political points than make a case for the protection of freedom of speech.

Indeed, Rushdie himself, in a 1990 essay, wrote that the "the demand for the book's banning was a power play to demonstrate the strength of the Muslim vote, on which Congress has traditionally relied and which it could ill afford to lose."

Denying this to *The Indian Express*, Natwar Singh, who was Minister of State for External Affairs in the Rajiv government, claimed Saturday the ban was in view of the "law and order situation" and had nothing to with

"appeasing" one community. However, even the BJP, whose government headed by A B Vajpayee had given Rushdie a visa to travel to India for the first time over a decade after the ban, avoided taking a clear-cut stand on reversing the ban.

The immediate aftermath of the ban saw some Congress members congratulating the Government. In March 1989, Congress MP, Zainul Basher, thanked the then Prime Minister and the Finance Minister in Lok Sabha for taking the lead in banning the book.

"...Indonesia and Bangladesh have not yet banned this book but we were on the lead to ban this book in our country. Words fall short to appreciate this gesture of the Indian Government," he had

For the BJP, the ban was an example of what it called the Congress government's "double standards"

On August 17, 1993, BJP member B L Sharma (Prem) flagged a poster put up by NGO Sahmat at an exhibition in Ayodhya. Vajpayee slammed the then PV Narasimha Rao government for allowing such a poster. Then LK Advani then took over.

"...this issue of secularism...one of the things that are really polluting it, disturbing it, is the approach of double standards. You cannot have double standards about this poster and a different standard about Salman Rushdie's book. After all, Salman Rushdie's book hurts the sentiments of some sections. I can say that I differ with it but this Government went to the extent of banning it without even

reading it," Advani said. "It is the only democratic country in the world, mind you, in which this book was banned. I disapprove of the book, but at the same time you have one standard for that and another standard for Sahmat and that Sahmat which publishes this objectionable poster about which a reference has been made, is given the Government grant. On the one hand the Government gives them grants and on the other it gives them protection. This double standard will not be allowed. There is resentment among the people against it," he

had said. Mulayam Sing In 1999, the issue resurfaced in the context of granting a visa Rushdie's book has

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to Rushdie.

In Lok Sabha on February 24,1999, E Ahamed, the Muslim League MP, said he wanted to express the deep sense of resentment of the Muslim community of India on the Government's decision to grant a visa to Rushdie. "He has not regretted (it) so far, and it has wounded the sentiments of Muslims all over the country and all over the world....Such a man should not be welcomed in the soil of this

country," he said.
Samajwadi Party's Mohan
Singh saw a "sinister" purpose
behind the move. "The
Government is trying to create
communal riots in the country
so as to gain political advantage.
I oppose this intention of the
Government and appeal to the
Government...that the reason
on which Rushdie was issued
visa is totally wrong."

He said that Rushdie had not only made a comment on the Prophet but also on Hindu gods and goddesses. "Therefore, it is not only a question of the Muslim society but Rushdie's ideology about Hindu society also affects the sentiments of Hindu society. Therefore, efforts are being made by the Government of India to thrust India into the fire of communal riots by inviting such a person as a puest."

Mulayam Singh Yadav and Lalu Yadav weighed in. "Salman Rushdie's book has been banned and a conspiracy is being hatched to create riots by allowing him to come here," said Mulayam. "This Government has issued visa to Salman Rushdle for insulting the Muslim community," added Lalu.

Ajit Jogi, the Congress MP, too, urged the Government that "it should reconsider its decision in regard to issuing visa to Salman Rushdie as his ideology is against all the religious groups of the country."

Even in November 2015, Rushdie came up during a discussion in Lok Sabha on incidents of intolerance.

Countering the Opposition attack, BJP's Meenakshi Lekhi said: "I was going through the records and in the records I came across some comments on Salman Rushdie. Some words have been spoken about Salman Rushdie. His book was banned in the '80s. Who was in power at that time I need not say. In 2012, Rushdie was not even allowed to appear in a video conference in laipur."

"So soon after the Nupur Sharma diplomatic embarrassment and the killing of the tailor in Rajasthan, everyone would rather play safe," said a senior non-Congress Opposition leader. "The fact is Salman Rushdie has called out all of us across party lines...be it the Congress or the BJP. We are disturbed by the attack but are not sure of how a public stand will play out. Let's

quietly pray for his recovery."

performed

Faesal

reinstatement as he spoke about "another chance" and being "excited to start all over again".

"Eight months of my life (Jan 2019-Aug 2019) created so much baggage that I was almost finished. While chasing a chimera, I lost almost everything that I had built over the years. Job. Friends. Reputation. Public goodwill. But I never lost hope. My idealism had let me down," he said in a Twitter post.

"But I had faith in myself.
That I would undo the mistakes
I had made. That life would give
me another chance. A part of me
is exhausted with the memory
of those 8 months and wants to
erase that legacy. Much of it is already gone. Time will mop off
the rest I believe," he said.
Remarking that "life is beau-

Remarking that "life is beautiful", Faesal wrote, "It is always worth giving ourselves another chance. Setbacks make us stronger. And there is an amazing world beyond the shadows of the past. I turn 39 next month. And I'm really excited to start all over again."

The first Kashmiri to top the civil services exams, Faesal was allotted the home cadre in 2008. A doctor-turned-bureaucrat, he served in many capacities in J&K with his last position in the government being Managing Director of Jammu and Kashmir Power Development

Corporation (JKPDC).

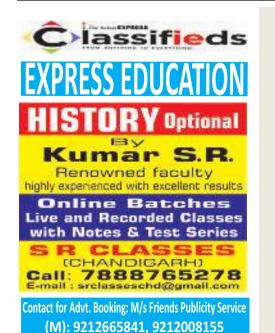
He was selected as an Edward Mason Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School in June 2018 and was to rejoin government service a year later.

But six months before his return, he surprised everyone when he announced his decision to resign from IAS on January 9, 2019, and hinted at joining politics.

At the time of his resignation, he had tweeted, "To protest the unabated killings in Kashmir and absence of any credible political initiative from Union government, I have decided to resign from IAS. Kashmir lives matter."

In March that year, he floated his own political party, the Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement (JKPM). Following the August 5, 2019 decisions that stripped the erstwhile state of its special status and bifurcated it into Union Territories, Faesal, in an interview to The Indian Express on August 10, called the government decision on Kashmir a "catastrophic turn in our collective history".

Later, he was prevented from flying to Istanbul from Delhi and subsequently placed under detention. He was released in June 2020. Soon, Faesal announced that he was not only resigning from his party but quitting policies altogether. Ever since, he has been trying to return to the service. During this time, Faesal deleted his past tweets that were critical of the Centre.





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SHRIKANT TYAGI ARREST

Ex-BJP leader sends defamation notice to **Noida police chief**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, NOIDA, AUGUST 13

MINISTER and Samajwadi Party Member of the Legislative Council Swami Prasad Maurya has sent a defamation notice to Noida police commissioner Alok Singh, days after the latter told media that Shrikant Tyagi, who was booked by police last week after he was caught on video pushing and abusing a woman at a residential society in Noida, had claimed that he had got the "vidhayak" (MLA) sticker on one of his vehicles "through Maurya".

In the notice, Maurya's lawyer has sought compensation of Rs 11.5 crore along with an unconditional apology from

Tyagi was arrested Tuesday.

Maurya, a former BJP MLA, had joined the Samajwadi Party ahead of the Assembly elections earlier this year. He lost the elections and is currently a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC).

Speaking to The Indian Express, Maurya said that the "pass" about which the Noida police commissioner talked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

TWO DAYS after a 25-year-old

man was stabbed to death in

South Delhi's Malviya Nagar,

four men were arrested in con-

nection with the incident

a resident of Shahpur Jat and a

hotel management graduate,

was attacked Thursday evening

at gate no 3 of the DDA market

in Begumpur after an argument

with the accused over him al-

legedly urinating near a public

wall. Police said a quarrel broke

Police said Mayank Panwar,

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

Saturday

about in the press conference was bogus and was never issued from Vidhan Sabha.

"He is a highly ranked police officer of ADG rank. How can he announce my name without getting facts checked properly? I have sent him a defamation notice. He has tarnished my image as a conspiracy. I am a mass leader. How can anybody's name be made public without any probe," Maurya said.

He added, "I feel that the police commissioner did that conspiracy to get into the good books of the Chief Minister."

In a statement issued Saturday night, according to PTI, Gautam Buddh Nagar police said, "Today information has been received through social media that a notice/letter has been issued by an advocate on behalf of former cabinet minister Swami Prasad Maurya in the context of the press conference held on August 9. In this regard, it is to be informed that no such notice/letter has been officially received by the Noida Commissionerate Police, After receiving the said notice/letter and studying the facts mentioned in it, a suitable answer

Man stabbed to death near market: 4 held

out and Mayank slapped

Manish, who called his friends

and they pelted stones at the

victim and his friend, Vikas, and

chased the duo. Police said

while Vikas managed to escape,

Mayank was allegedly over-

powered and stabbed multiple

times in the abdomen allegedly

by Manish (19), the main ac-

DCP (South) Benita Mary

Jaiker said, "The accused claimed

they were drinking (near

Sarvapriya Vihar) when

Manish's mother objected to

Mayank urinating near the wall

of the Lal Gumbad and was (ver-

will be prepared and sent to the concerned.'

Maurva said that as far as photographs of Tyagi were concerned, he has also been photographed with BJP national president J P Nadda, CM Yogi Adityanath, Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya and several other BIP leaders.

"If names have to be taken merely on the basis of photographs, then names of these leaders should come first," Maurva said.

Asked whether he had any links with Tyagi, Maurya said that he has met thousands of BJP leaders and does not check the character of visitors.

In the notice, Maurya's lawyer said, "That you have leveled serious allegations against my client without any basis and evidence in the press conference held on August 9 that the Secretariat Pass (vehicle pass) was get provided by Shri Swami Prasad Maurya to Shrikant Tyagi... the defamatory statements made by you in the press conference held on August 9. 2022, which injure the reputation of my client and will tarnish the political career of my client."

Mayank succumbed to in-

While Manish was arrested

juries at the AIIMS Trauma

from his uncle's house in

Bawana, Rahul (19), Ashish

Tanwar (20) and Suraj (19) were

Red Fort to reopen after Independence Day with a new addition — its own restaurant

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

AS SOON as the Red Fort reopens after Independence Day on August 16, it will have a new addition — a restaurant. With Cafe Delhi Heights' new outlet inside the complex throwing its doors open to patrons from August 16, the Red Fort becomes the country's first national monument to host a full-fledged restaurant.

The timings of the new outlet

will be in consonance with that of the monument, fixed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), as per its rules for protected monuments. "On offer will be favourites from the Cafe's menu, such as biryani, pasta and burger, and a generous dash of street food favourites from across the country," Vikrant Batra, founder of Cafe Delhi Heights, told *The Indian Express*.



Besides adding street food favourites to the menu, the pricing has been kept 30-40 per cent lower than other outlets since the Red Fort gets visitors from all strata, he added, Batra says the food menu starts as low as Rs 30 for a samosa, and goes up to Rs

as per the agreement, the restaurant will be 100 per cent vegetarian, he added

The restaurant is designed to allow the cafe to be an extension of the Mughal monument's architectural style.

The seating is minimal, allowing the historical atmos-



The Red Fort becomes the country's first national monument to host a full-fledged restaurant. Express

phere to be accentuated. The walls of the all-day-dining, casual-cafe are adorned with paintings and frames taking one through the history of Indian culture.

It is located on the ground floor barracks across Chatta Bazaar, right below the interpre-

Dalmia Group in the Red Fort complex. In fact, the restaurant is part of an agreement between Dalmia Group, which became the Monument Mitras for Red Fort in 2018 under the govern-Adopt-a-Heritage ment's scheme, the ASI and Cafe Delhi

The Cafe bestsellers and chef specials on offer include the ISBT Makhni Maggi, Mumbai Vada Pav. their famous burgers, an array of salads, appetisers, pizzas and lasagne, besides Dal Makhan Wala, Rajasthani Lal maas and Jammu special Rajma rice. The dessert section includes the likes of motichoor laddu cheesecake and chocolate mud-cake sundae.

Batra added, "Food and culture are inseparable, and it's our honour to be able to facilitate an amalgamation of Delhi's most favourite comfort food being

Gig workers flag concerns: Lack of incentives, insurance, insufficient backing from employers

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR NEW DELHI. AUGUST 13

ISSUES FACING gig workers from food delivery executives to those working with cab aggregators and home service providers - were flagged at a gathering at BTR Bhawan in Mandi House on Saturday.

Rikta Krishnaswamy, Delhi-NCR coordinator of the All India Gig Workers Union (AIGWU), opened the meeting by asserting: "The rates for work are set by gig companies. Workers are not setting the conditions of their own work, and do not have ownership of the data."

picked up from their friends' Many gig workers, including those from outside houses. Police said CCTV footage from the area was analysed and Delhi, came forward to address the gathering. Prashant Ghosh, photographs were shown to locals while identifying the acemployed with an app-based food delivery company, said, Police said the knife, along "Parking is a big issue for us. We with clothes worn by the asget fined by the police while we sailants at the time, was recovare forced to wait for food in ered. A case was registered unno-parking areas without any der IPC sections 302 (murder) other option. If we earn about Rs 750 a day, imagine how

What NITI Aayog had proposed

IN A report titled 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy', Niti Aayog has recommended extending social security measures such as income support, paid sick leaves, insurance and pension plans to people working for platform companies like Swiggy, Zomato, Ola, and Uber. It also proposed fiscal incentives, like tax breaks or start-up grants, for companies with about one-third of their workforce as women and people with disabilities. This is in an attempt to increase participation of women in the gig economy.

much is lost in fuel expenditure and things like fines.'

Dulal Samadder from

Durgapur in West Bengal, who rides for two ride-hailing apps, said: "We often don't get enough rides. There are incentives to complete a certain number, but often we stop getting rides just as we are about to meet that target. New drivers also don't get as many rides."

Srikanth from Telangana had a similar account, "If we have a ride target of 23, for example, it may stop at 20 rides and we do not get any more. When this happens, income is not sufficient. The compensation per kilometre should also be increased since fuel prices are up."

Akshay Choudhary, another food delivery executive, said, "We should be provided with a minimum salary since we often stop getting orders before we meet the target. If we don't get the incentive for this, we sustain losses. We

livery partners, but partners get a share of profit also, not just

are called de-

Beauticians working for an app that provides services at home also shared their concerns. One of them said: "A customer falsely claimed that I had been paid even though I had not received any money. Now I am not able to get the money, and the company has not helped

Vikas Jha, who also drives for ride-hailing apps, said the firms do not reliably respond to insurance claims. "With both companies I have friends who were not compensated after they met with an accident, Despite our efforts, they were not paid," he

Tapan Sen, general secretary of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), also addressed the crowd: "The employer-employee relationship is what labour laws are based on. But

with the rise of the gig economy, the line between the employer and the employee is being blurred. The employer appears to be a mobile app. This is where new legislation and framework should come in to address this

AIGWU general secretary Saubikh also proposed a demands charter — including a legal test to determine employee status, minimum wage guarantees and benefits, flat pay rates instead of incentives, worker ownership of their own data, safety provisions, and accountability for algorithms of digital platforms

Several gig workers also spoke on the need to unionise. 'We must also remember the direction in which action has to be taken. Otherwise a union becomes nothing more than an

BRIEFLY

5th monkeypox case in Delhi

New Delhi: A 22-year-old from an African country has become the second woman to test positive for monkeypox in Delhi. According to Dr Suresh Kumar, MS at Lok Nayak Hospital, the patient had travelled from Nigeria around a month ago and has been staying in Delhi's south district since then. She is currently admitted to the hospital. There have been five confirmed cases admitted so far and one has already been discharged.

Delhi Gymkhana club director booked

New Delhi: Delhi Gymkhana Club director and state BJP general secretary Kuljeet Singh Chahal was booked Saturday, along with five other club members, for taking out a Tiranga march in New Delhi district without permission. DCP (New Delhi) Amrutha Guguloth said: "An FIR has been registered at Tughlak Road police station under IPC sections 186 (obstructing public servant) and 188 (disobedience to order of public servant.)" The DCP said the march was taken out without permission when the VIP carcade rehearsal was underway. On Saturday, there was a full I-Day dress rehearsal.

Man killed in accident

New Delhi: A man was killed while two others were iniured in an accident on Dharmapura flyover, when their motorcycle rammed into the flyover wall. **ENS**

bally) abused by him." and 34 (common intention). **DELHI COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

VACANCY NOTICE

Delhi Commission for Women invites applications from interested individuals fo nepost of Senior Program Coordinator, Senior Legal Counsellors, Legal Counsellor Programme Coordinator, Assistant Program Coordinator and Record Keeperhaving the requisite qualifications & experience. Guidelines and other details can be downloaded from the website http://delhi.gov.in/wps/wcm/connect/lib dcw/DCW/Home/Advertisement/.

Application complete in all respects should be made online on the following web address only www.bit.ly/DCWMay2022

The last date of submission for applications was 5 PM - 31st July 2022 which is extended up to 5.00 p.m. on 31st August 2022. The Commission's decision with regard to the rejection or acceptance of the application shall be final and binding. NOTE: No applications received via another mode (physical, email etc) will be accepted

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P. For details places contact Station HO (FOHS Coll) Haldwani at Tole No 05046					

2. For details please contact Station HQ (ECHS Cell), Haldwani at Tele No 05946 282374. Last date of receipt of application is 06 Sep 2022 (Tuesday). Interview will be conducted on 12 Sep 2022 (Monday) at 1030h onward at Military Station Station Headquarters Haldwani. Candidates will bring original certificate/degree along with one certified copy including testimonials/ experience duly attested by a gazetted officer & medical fitness certificate is also required from Govt Hospita at the time of Interview. No TA/DA is admissible for the interview.



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Sd/- Assistant Secretary Delhi Commission for Women

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Medical Specialist	MS/MD	02	-	-	_	Rs. 1,00,000/-
Medical Officer	MBBS	07	01	-	01	Rs. 75,000/-
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Nursing Assistant	GNM	_	01	_	_	Rs. 28,100/-
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14 Sep 2022						
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Safaiwala	Eighth Class	01	01	01	-	Rs. 16,800/-

2. For Terms & Conditions, Application Form & Remuneration. Kindly see our website www.echs.gov.in. For additional details, please contact Station HQ (ECHS Cell) Meerut at Telephone No - 0121-2658264 between 0900h-1400h. Also approach concerned ECHS Polyclinics for details. Preference will be given to the Ex-servicemen.

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Interview Date, Timing & Venue. Candidate must reach Station HQ (ECHS Cell) Meerut at 0800 hours on 13 & 14 Sep 2022 for the interview to be held between 0900 hours to 1500 hours. Candidates must bring all the original certificate / mark sheets / degree of 10th / Matric, 10+2 & Graduation / Post Graduation / Diploma / Course, work experience and discharge book, PPO, service records and two PP size colour photographs at the time of interview. No TA / DA is admissible. Only candidate meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply. Medical fitness certificate from **SEMO / CMO** will be attached with the application.



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No.SCZCC/Admn/1695/2022-23

01 | A | Name of the Post | Dy. Director (Admin & Accounts)

New Delhi

Date: 12/08/2022

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Application are invited from the eligible candidates through their departments duly approved by competent authority for filling up the post of Dv. Director (Admin & Accounts) on priority basis. South Central Zone Cultural Centre, Nagpur is one of the Seven Zonal Cultural Centers set up by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India to promote art and culture in the area of operations assigned to this Centre. The format of application and other details are available on the Centers website www.sczcc.gov.in. The eligibility criteria and other details are given below: -

В	Number of Post	One (01)		
С	Scale of Pay	Scale of Pay 15600-39100 + GP-6600/- as per VI ^{III} Pay Commission & corresponding scale of Level 11 (67700-208700) pay level as per VII ^{III} Pay Commission.		
D	Classification	Group "A"		
Ε	Age	Not more than 56 Years		
F	Tenure of appointment	Initially for one year which may be extended up to maximum 3 (Three) years in case of outstanding performance.		
G	Place of duty	SCZCC, Nagpur.		
Н	Duties and Responsibility	Overall Incharge Accounts / Administration / Programme.		
I	Eligibility Criteria	(i) The incumbatant should be graduate of any discipline and must be below 56 years age.		
		 (ii) He / She should have experience in administration and knowledge about handling Departmental Promotion Committee/Promotions/Pay Fixation/ Disciplinary matters / Pay and Allowances / Central Government Rules. 		
		(III) Officers desirous should have 5 years regular service in 15600-39100 + GP-5400 for the post of Dy. Director.		
(iv) Of		(iv) Officer's carrier should be clear from vigilance angle.		
		 Officer selected will be placed in Nagpur and may required to travel tour on as required basis. 		
		(vII) Knowledge and Fluency In HIndl, English In must.		
		(viii) The term & condition of deputation as stipulated in DOPT OM dtd. 17-06-2010 are applicable.		
J	Last date of receipt of application at SCZCC, Nagpur.	25 days from the date of publication of advertisement.		

Yamuna remains over danger mark, over 7,000 residents hit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THOUSANDS OF people left their makeshift homes on the Yamuna floodplains and moved to temporary shelters Saturday, with the water level in the river remaining above the 'danger'

In the evacuation that began Friday night, people living on the floodplains in East Delhi have moved to higher ground, said Amod Barthwal, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, East. Tents were set up at four locations in East Delhi near Hathi Ghat close to ITO, near Sarai Kale Khan, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, and behind the Commonwealth Games Village

Khilli Ram Meena, Principal Secretary, Revenue, said around 2,000 people in Northeast Delhi, 5,000 people in East Delhi, and 600 people in Southeast Delhi have been affected by rising water levels. "They have shifted to higher land near their jhuggis and also onto the roadside in the East district. Food, shelter, water and



People living on the floodplains in East Delhi have moved to higher ground. Praveen Khanna

sanitation facilities are being provided by the district administration. In three districts — Shahdara, Central and North no shifting was done as there is no serious threat at this level of water, which was around 205.99 m. Now the water level has started decreasing," he said.

"People will move in and out

of the shelters, but there is unlikely to be any need for further evacuation tonight since the water level is not likely to increase further," Barthwal added

The water level remained above the 'danger' mark of 205.33 metres all day on Saturday. At 8 pm, the level at the Old Railway Bridge was 205.88

mark recorded at 4 pm. Officials in the city's flood control room said the level was falling as of 8

RINKU GHOSH

sweetmeat shops became hide-

outs for young revolutionaries,

who could easily disguise them-

selves as kitchen hands, hold se-

cret meetings and get a constant

supply of food unnoticed. A box

of laddoos meant bombs were

landing, a box of Bengal rosogol-

las meant a big consignment of

explosives, while barfis meant

cartridges and ammunition

have passed into our oral histo-

ries and nobody has compiled

them together. But our freedom

fighters were only following tac-

tics followed by French revolu-

tionaries, who hid in bakeries

and loaded up on bread that

would sustain them while they

were on the run. Bengal, Punjab

and Maharashtra were the focal

points of our freedom move-

ment and coincidentally these

were all sweetmeat hubs. So nat-

urally exchanging sweets be-

came a subterranean mode of

communication," food anthro-

pologist and chef Sabyasachi

First, the British fell in love with

Indian sweets and given their

popularity and open distribution

during pujas and festivals, would

least suspect that they could be

used as a mode of communica-

tion. They would hardly open a

box to see the scribbled mes-

sages. Second, the mithai shops

were hardly raided, becoming

safe houses for freedom fighters

to meet and pass on the message

to the next hideout like a relay

race. Since the British had

banned public gatherings, the

buzz around sweet shops helped

freedom fighters blend in easily.

"There were two reasons.

Gorai said.

"Unfortunately, these stories

were on the way

According to the Central Water Commission (CWC) forecast, the level is likely to dip further tonight. The water level at the Old Railway Bridge is likely to fall to around 204.75 metres by around 1 pm on Sunday, which is below the 'danger' mark, but above the 'warning' level of 204.5 metres.

Going by a CWC flood situation report issued Saturday, a warning for a 'severe' flood situation remains for August 14 and 15, which means that the water level could touch or exceed the 'danger' mark. Isolated very heavy rainfall remains on the forecast for Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, both basin states of the Yamuna, on August 14, according to the India Meteorological Department.

The water level crossed the 'danger' mark on Friday for the first time this season after heavy discharge from the Hathnikund barrage upstream of Delhi.

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13 DID YOU know that the sweets of Purani Dilli were once used like morse codes, their boxes used to convey messages to our freedom fighters, each sweet an indicator of either a bomb attack, an agitation or simply a command to sleeper revolutionaries to prepare for action against the British Raj? Not just that, some

Shyam Sweets came up in 1910 at Chawri Bazaar

How Old Delhi sweet shops played

a role in country's freedom struggle

Several accounts mention how Chandrashekhar Azad and Bhagat Singh would move around Matia Mahal at night for kulhad chai and head to Ghantewala for puri-aloo and *halwa*. Of course, that shop has shut now. The fact that the imperial soldiers conducted major demolitions and cleared trees

and undergrowth at the time showed that they were trying to smoke the revolutionaries out," he said.

"Sweets were high-calorie and energy-giving. So, if you look back at those times, you will find that these

shops were making pinnis, roundels of desi ghee, whole wheat flour, jaggery, almonds and raisins. sometimes even with urad dal paste to lend protein value. These could last a long time and were preferred as the travellers' food," said Gorai. "The interesting thing about motichoor ladoos were a few coloured boondi dots. If you joined the dots, you could make out a map of an area. Only the trained eye would understand their worth. A regular buver would just think of it as an attractive presentation. And if a consignment were to come from Bengal, couriers would carry rosogollas, placing them in water pitchers to last the

long train journeys, to indicate

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the arms were on the way and revolutionaries should regroup to receive them.'

Shyam Sweets, which came up in 1910 at Chawri Bazaar with the shifting of the imperial capital, has lived through these turbulent times. Its sixth generation scion, 31-year-old Bharat Agarwal, said: "With the Raj came new businesses and

contractors. A lot of Marwari businessmen then settled in these parts and got the ghevar (discshaped sweet cake made of besan, ghee, milk and soaked in sugar syrup). Nothing is recorded of the freedom fighters at our **CAPITAL**

shop as such but ves there has been a tradition of high-calorie sweets that can last a long time. Often ghevars would be dipped in sugar syrup just before eating so that it could be preserved for a longer time. Or topped with rabri and nuts. In fact, we have embellished it much later. There is no record of what we made on Independence Day because elders say soon after the declaration, a lot of rioting started in Old Delhi. But surely in an independent India, and maybe around Diwali that year, we decided to increase the size of our *ghevars*.'

In the early years, they didn't depend on milk as much considering it would go bad in the heat without refrigeration. "Before Independence, the emphasis



was on rolling out sweets which had a long shelf life. There wasn't much variety and we restricted ourselves to boondi, chota rasgullas, petha (white pumpkin candy) and lauki (bottle gourd) barfis. In the early 1950s, Bengali civil service officers brought their families and settled here. That's when we started making sandesh, something which we started preparing consistently since the 1970s as the number of settlers in-

creased," said Agarwal

We do not know if the revolutionaries ever stopped at Kanwarji, which stands at the head of Parathewali Gali, but the legacy of its food-on-the-go proves that it catered not only to them but also the working class who had come in droves from various parts of the country to build the new capital. It created the Dalbiii, a crunchy mix of besan sev. lentils, musk melon seeds and a blast of spices that continues to be a family secret. But Sheeren Bhawan, at Chitli Qabar, Jama Masjid, reminds you why a healthy dessert was the Delhiite's obsession about 80 to 90 years ago. Its sixth generation flagbearer, Ahmar Shiraz, will tell you that hakims were consulted to curate a whole range of halwas. Known for their white gajar halwa, made out of specially grown white carrots, they add cloves and saffron in ghee and milk to fight the harsh winters. Maybe the jaggery sherbet, now only available at Pahadi Imli, was invented to revive and nourish the tired young men and women, constantly dodging British law-keepers through the maze of Old Delhi.

'No toilets in our slum, people go to rly tracks': Mother of 12-year-old rape-murder victim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, AUGUST 13

TWO DAYS after a 12-year-old girl, who had gone to relieve herself near the railway lines in Faridabad, was allegedly raped and murdered, police were yet to make an arrest.

The girl's mother, who works as a labourer in a private company, told the media, "We want justice. The only semblance of closure would come if the accused is arrested, hanged. An example needs to be set... No girl should suffer this terrible fate... We do not have enmity with

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events of Thursday night, she said she had gone to her brother's house for Raksha Bandhan and left her children at her sister's house. "At 9 pm, my daughter went to the fields on the railway tracks near our slum. There are no toilets here in the slum so people go to the tracks to relieve themselves. Her sister and a friend had accompanied her. She crossed the tracks and they waited. Two trains passed, but she did not return for half an hour. They thought she must have gone to our house, but

ity for *chowmein*, but she was not there either. She said other family mem-

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बलरामपर दिनांक 10.08.2022

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लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी विभाग, खण्ड-बलरामपुर (छ.ग.)

ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

छत्तीसगढ के राज्यपाल की ओर से जल जीवन मिशन अंतर्गत नल जल प्रदाय

योजना अंतर्गत विभिन्न कार्यो के लिए प्रतिशत दर फार्म 'अ' में निम्नानुसार निविदा

निविदा एवं कार्य का विस्तृत विवरण यथा धरोहर राशि, बिड वैद्यता की तिथि,

कार्य की अवधि निविदाकार की श्रेणी एवं कार्यो तथा स्थल संबंधी जानकारी ऑन

लाईन ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in पर दिनांक

17.08.2022 से देखी जा सकती है तथा निविदा दिनांक 02.09.2022 तक

बिड डाली जा सकती है। निविदा में आगामी संशोधन पृथक से समाचार पत्रों मे

प्रकाशित नही किए जावेंगे। अतः निविदाकार ऑन लाईन निविदा प्रक्रिया मे सतत

संपर्क में रहें। अन्य विवरण कार्यालयीन समय पर लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी विभाग

कार्य की अनुमानित

लागत (रु. लाख में)

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bers then joined the search and located her body in the bushes near the tracks after an hour. "I suffered a fit when I saw her body," she said.

The girl's elder sister said, "She was lying motionless... bleeding. It was horrifying."

The family said the girl would take care of her younger fiveyear-old sibling when their mother went to work and stayed at her aunt's place during the day.

The government railway police (GRP), which is investigating the case, said the post-mortem report showed the girl was sexually assaulted and died of asphyxiation. Police said prima facie, the probe suggests that the accused forcibly picked up the girl and took her to a secluded place in the bushes, where he allegedly sexually assaulted and strangled her when she resisted.

Police said they have ques-

tioned at least 50 men living near the railway lines, but the accused is yet to be identified. A police officer said, "We have recovered footage from the CCTV cameras of a company nearby. In the footage, two men could be seen going towards the bushes. We have taken pictures from the footage and are checking with the family for identification of the accused. At the time of the incident, two goods carriage trains had stopped on the track for a few minutes. We are questioning railway staff to identify the accused.'

Dated:10/08/2022

Directorate of

(State Project Implementation Unit)

Employment and Training

Indravati Bhawan, Block No-04, first floor, Nava Raipur, (C,G.)

केन्द्र सरकार की STRIVE योजनांतर्गत पत्र क्र. 1269 दिनांक 08.04.2022 द्वारा

Consultant के विभिन्न पद हेतु विज्ञापन जारी कर दिनांक 05.05.2022 तक आवेदन

पत्र आमंत्रित किये गये थे। प्राप्त आवेदनो की स्क्रूटनी उपरांत पात्र/अपात्र एवं अनुभव के

अंको की अनंतिम सूची संचालनालय के वेबसाईट पर प्रदर्शित कर दिये गये है। यदि किसी

आवेदक को पात्र-अपात्र सूची में आपित हो, तो वह स्व प्रमाणित प्रमाणपत्रों के साथ दिनांक

29.08.2012 सायं 05.00 बजे तक अपना दावा आपित्त संचालनालय में स्पीड

पोस्ट/व्यक्तिगत रुप से प्रस्तुत कर सकते है। निर्धारित तिथी के बाद प्राप्त दावा आपत्ति पर

(अवनीश कुमार शरण)

स्टेट प्रोजेक्ट डायरेक्टर एवं संचालक

विषय:-Consultant के विभिन्न पद के लिए दावा आपत्ति आमंत्रित बाबत।

DET/TRG/STRIVE/Recruitment/2817

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

NOTICE

PENSION ADALAT PENSION ADALAT PENSION ADALAT Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan will hold its 37th Pension Adalat on 15.12.2022 (Thursday) in the Vivekananda Auditorium / English Medium School from 10.00 hrs., Chittaranian In the Pension Adalat the grievances of pensioners/family pensioners of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works in regard to non-receipt of Pension/Family Pension/Provident Fund/DCRG/Commuted value of pension/Encashment of Leave Salary/Railway or Group Insurance will be settled on the spot. Cases involving purely legal points e.g. succession etc. are not within jurisdiction of Pension Adalat, hence shall not be entertained.

Pensioners/Family Pensioners of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works with any grievance as mentioned above may submit their representation in duplicate along with complete particulars such as Name, Details of last post held. Date of retirement/Death, Type of grievance, P.P.O No., Full present address and Mobile Number in a closed envelop address super scribing on the top "FOR PENSION ADALAT-2022" by 31.10.2022 addressed to:- THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER, CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, P.O. CHITTRANJAN, DISTRICT: PASCHIM BARDHAMAN, WEST BENGAL, PIN CODE-713331 PCPO/CLW/CHITTARANJAN

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PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF TECHNICAL CONSULTANT

E-Tender Notice No. 33-Engg-RNY-2022-23-01 & 02, E-Tenders me insted by the undersigned for the following orks: Tender No. 1. Brief Description of Item: At Naharlagon-Request for Procesal (RFP) for Selection of technical Consultant for providing architectural and technical consultancy for feasibility study, mester planning, urban designing engineering & Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for integrated Station. Tender Value: ₹20,25,0100 Barnest Money: \$52,500%. Tender No. 2. Brief Description of Item: At Mendipothar-Request for Proposal (RFF) providing architectural and technical consultancy for Teasibility study, maste planning, urban designing. Engineering (DPR) for integrated redevelopment of Mendipathar Railway Station, Tender

Value: \$11,40,081.4. Earnest Money: ₹22,800/- Date & Time of closing of E-tender: 14,30 hrs. of 30-08-2022 8 opening at 15.00 hrs. of 30-48-2022 st DRM (W), Rangiya Office: For details

please visit www.ireps.gov.in HORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Date of

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) North Central Railway, Jhansi for and alf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through online (E Tendering) for the following work

of work	No.	Cost	Money	Tender	/Period	
Jhansi - Kanpur section: (A) Balance finishing work of 8 units Type - II quarters already					from issue acceptance letter	
constructed at Orai station. (B) Construction of 02 units Type - Il quarters at Orai stations. (C) Improvement to road surface and providing toilet facilities and drinking water arrangement to LC gates between J H S - C N B	JHS- ENGG- C- 2022- 91	8816565.22	176300/-	06.09.2022 at 15:00 hrs.	09 Months	

Note:- (1) Tender online can be submitted upto 15:00 hrs. on 06.09.2022 (2) For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) North Central Railway, Jhansi for and on behalf President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the

Description of work E-Tender No. Approx Cost Earnest Money with Stage, Toilet Block, Dressing oom, Badminton court etc. at Sr. ENGG-Institute Jhansi. 4327163.31 221600.00 (B) Proposed new pavilion shed, sitting HQsteps, approach and provision of grill 2022-92 and gate in existing Boundary wall in

Sr. institute Hockey ground Jhansi. Date of closing Tender: 07.09.2022 at 15:00 hrs. Date of completion/period from Issue acceptance letter: 12 Months

Tender on line can be submitted upto 15:00 hrs. on 07.09.2022. For full details ar ubmission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in 1052/22(F

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अल्पकालीन ई-पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

Lucknow

Short Term e-Re-Tender Reference No-WRD/MID/GODDA/F2-09 /2022-23 Date-13/08/2022 निविदा आमंत्रित योजना का विपत्र का प्राप्ति की आमंत्रित करने ई-निविदा पदाधिकारी के राशि (लाख में) (रूपये में) प्रकाशन तिथि तिथि स्थान कार्यालय का ना**म** अवधि (रूपये में) तिथि का संपर्क नम्बर एवं पता केन्दुआ जोरिया पर सम्पर्क नं0 9771979309 . त्रघु सिंचाई, श्रृंखलाबद्ध चेक डैम का पथरगामा 177.573 3,55,500.00 10,000.00 लघु सिंचाई 10:00 A.M. दुमका to 5:00 P.M

केवल ई–निविदा ही स्वीकार किया जायेगा।

2. प्राक्कलित राशि घट-बढ सकती है।

3. दिनांक— 27.08.2022 के 3:00 बजे अपराहन तक परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य, अग्रधन की राशि, विभागीय निबंधन की छाया प्रति एवं

बेबसाइट में अपलोड किये गये समस्त निविदा अभिलेख की हार्ड कॉपी के साथ नगर थाना परिसर, गोड्डा में जमा लिया जाएगा। 4.विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेवसाईट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर लॉग ऑन करें।

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(ई० मृत्युंजय कुमार देहरी) कार्यपालक अभियंता,

New Delhi

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📵 NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. NER-BSB0SnT-OT-10-2022 "Open Tenders" through Online E-Tendering) are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecomm.) Varanasi/North Eastern Railway for and behalf of the President of India for

the following works:-SI No.-1, Tender Notice No. and Description of Work: NER-BSB0SnT-OT-10-2022: Name of Work: Supply & laying of Quad Cable in section of ARJ-JNU Section (60 Km) for LC Gate Manning of BSB Division. **Details:** Approx. Value (Rs.): ₹ 72,74,996.60 Earnest Money (Rs.): ₹ 1,45,500/-Cost of Tender Form (Rs.): ₹ 00.00 Completion Period: 12 Months Tender Closing date & Time: 05-09-2022 ip to 15:00 Hrs

(1) Tender Online will be submitted up 5:00 Hrs. on date 05-09-2022. (2) For full details and submission o oid kindly visit the Official website o Indian Railways i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

Divl. Rly. Manager (S&T)

CPRO/Signal-31 Varanasi About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955

Do not smoke Bidi/Cigarette in train.

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विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।

he Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division, Baggi invites tend pible contractors for the following works(s) through e- tending p

Cost of Tende Documents Limit Providing Sewerage Scheme to Nerchowk Town in Tehsil Balh Distt. Mandi H.P. (SH: Providing Sewer network, C/O RCC Manhole chamber 4038 Nos. Design and Construction of Intermediate Pumping Station for Zone C, C/O House Connection Chamber 2104 Nos. and 53,88,97,339/ 53,89,000/ 2500/-Nalla/ Khad crossing of Sewer network).

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering: 12/09/2022 upto 05.00 P.M. The tender form and other detail and condition can be obtained from the website https://hp hakti Division Baggiupto the date specified above.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER :: PWD BUILDING:: ASSAM::GUWAHATI-3

No.CE/BLDG/ARC-II/88/2022/02

PRESS NOTICE

The Chief Engineer, P.W.D (Building), Assam, on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites Bids for Technical & Financial offer as per Request for Proposal from qualified and experienced firms (criteria as per in RFP document) for providing "Project Management Consultancy Services" for the following work:

Approx. Value of the project Approx. PMC Value PMC services for "Construction of Freedom Movement Park at Jorhat Jail, Assam.

• The details may be seen in e-procurement portal website i.e. www.assamtenders.gov.in The validity period of the Bid shall be 180 days from the date of submission. The Bidders must be registered with the E-tendering system (ETS) of the Govt. of Assam $(website: {\color{red} \underline{\textbf{http//assamtenders.gov.in}}})$

The Chief Engineer P.W.D (Building), Assam reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without showing any reasons what so ever. Chief Engineer, PWD (Bldg.)

Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3.



Date - Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Venue - Apparel House, Sector 44,

Gurugram

Time - 4:00 PM





"आज का ये समय भारतीय खेलों के इतिहास का एक तरह से सबसे महत्वपूर्ण कालखंड है। आज खिलाड़ियों का हौसला भी बुलंद है, ट्रेनिंग भी बेहतर हो रही है और खेल के प्रति देश में माहौल भी जबरदस्त है। "

- नरेन्द्र मोदी



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Chief Minister, Haryana

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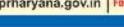


Jasmine Boxing











12 GOVT & POLITICS

Sonia Gandhi tests positive for Covid-19, again

New Delhi: Over two months after contracting the Covid-19 infection, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Saturday tested positive for the virus again and will remain in isolation.

Earlier this week, her daughter and Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had also

tested positive. "Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi has tested positive for Covid-19 today. She will remain in isolation as per Govt. protocol," Congress gen-

Gandhi eral secretary

Jairam Ramesh said in a tweet Saturday. Sonia had tested positive for Covid-19 in June as well.

11 Opp parties to fight 'misuse' of EVMs, media

New Delhi: Eleven Opposition parties, including the Congress, on Saturday resolved to fight against what they called the misuse of electronic voting machines (EVMs), money power and the media by the BJP-led government at the Centre, claiming it poses the "gravest challenge" to democracy in India.

The 11 parties are the Congress, CPI(M), SP, BSP, CPI, NCP, TRS, RJD, RLD, Welfare Party and the Swaraj India. The parties also passed three resolutions at a conference in New Delhi. The parties discussed the challenge of 3Ms – machine, money and media - faced by India's electoral democracy.

Islam does not permit violence: AIMPLB member

Lucknow: All-India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) member Maulana Khalid Rasheed Farangi Mahali Saturday condemned the attack on author Salman Rushdie and said Islam does not permit such acts.

The Sunni cleric said as per Islamic laws, one must follow the law of the land."...And the laws regarding anyone's sentiments becourse of action. Islam does not permit violence. The act against Rushdie should not be associated with Islam or Muslims because Islam doesn't allow such an act No. religion supports such actions," he told The Sunday Express. **ENS**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FORMER DEPUTY Chief Minister

and BJP MLA Nitin Patel suffered

minor hairline fracture on his left

knee during a Har Ghar Tiranga

Yatra after a stray cow ran

through the rally in Mehsana's

official, Patel was taken to the

Hospital in Kadi, which is also his

constituency and was dis-

charged following primary care.

surfaced on social media, show

a cow running through the rally

causing few persons, including

said, "The rally was passing

A block-level health official

Patel, to tumble and fall down.

Videos of the incident, which

According to a district health

Bhagyoday

Kadi Saturday.

privately-run

AHMEDABAD, SURAT, AUG 13

different from LAC issue: China envoy

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE TAIWAN question is different from the boundary question between India and China, China's ambassador to India, Sun Weidong, said on Saturday in his first media interaction since the border standoff began two years

Sun said both sides are continuously trying to bring the ties back on track.

Calling the current border situation "stable", he said the two sides are working towards switching over from "emergency response" to "normal management" of the situation.

On the standoff, he said India and China have met several times at diplomatic and military levels, and have agreed to maintain the dialogue in a "constructive and forward-looking manner". On infrastructure building and military exercises along Line of Actual Control, Sun said China always conducts normal exercises, and the two sides are

working on the "principle of mutual and equal security".

There should not be a winner takes all and the law of the jungle [approach]...the two sides are making joint efforts and should handle their differences carefully," he said.

Sun recounted the "positive impetus" created by the BRICS meeting, participated by both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and China's President Xi Jinping; Chinese Foreign Minister and State Councillor Wang Yi's meetings with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval; congratulatory letter from Xi to newly elected President Droupadi Murmu. He said the "leaders' guidance" has an "irreplaceable role" in relations between the two countries.

He was non-committal on a possible meeting between Modi and Xi on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Uzbekistan next month, and instead said the two sides need to strengthen "mutual confidence".

Responding to questions, he

What Beijing says, what Delhi wants

Taiwan an internal question for Beijing,

THE CHINESE envoy has differentiated between the Taiwan issue and the India-China border issue His remarks make it clear that Beijing views the two issues differently, but New Delhi has been firm and wants to draw the line on the impact of the border situation on bilateral relations

said, "Taiwan question is different from the boundary question between China and India. The Taiwan question is truly an internal affair because Taiwan has always been and will always be a part of China. This is a fact and nobody can change it.

"So how to solve the Taiwan question is purely a business of the Chinese government. No foreign forces, or the so-called in-

dependent Taiwan forces, can change that. This is the firm determination of China.

"The China-India boundary question is an issue left over from history. Or, I may say, this is a historical burden that was leftover.... So China and India have boundary disputes. This is a fact. And how to solve it, we have clearly stated. I think the Indian side also agreed that these disputes should be solved through dialogues and consultations to seek for a fair and reasonable and mutually acceptable solution. And before that, we should try to maintain peace and tranquillity along the border areas."

Calling it a "boundary issue", the Chinese envoy said, "This is not the kind of territory which always belonged to China. And some other forces tried to separate this part of China's territory. So the Chinese government and people will never tolerate such actions.... That's the difference of nature between the Taiwan question and the boundary

Lashing out at US House

Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan as a "political farce" and calling the US the "culprit of this crisis", Sun said the One-China policy is the "political foundation" of India-China relations. "India's One-China policy has not changed; we hope the Indian side will once again reiterate," he

New Delhi has not reiterated the One-China policy, and the MEA spokesperson had said on Friday that it did not spell out the One-China policy. The MEA spokesperson stated that the government's "relevant" policies are "well-known and consistent" and "do not require reiteration".

On blocking the listing of Pakistan-based terrorists as global terrorist at the UN, Sun said China is a "responsible" country and needs more time to evaluate but underlined that "terrorism is common enemy" and that Beijing supports the fight against "terrorism".

He also said that Indian students can return to China "soon". but did not offer any timeframe.

Hizb chief's son, Bitta Karate's wife among 4 fired from J&K govt service

Dismissed for being threat to 'security'

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, AUGUST 13

A SON of Syed Salahuddin, the Pakistan-based chief of Hizbul Mujahideen, and the wife of jailed militant leader Farooq Ahmad Dar were among four government employees whose services were terminated Saturday by the J&K government for being a threat to "the security of the state"

Syed Abdul Mueed, Manager (Information Technology) at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Assabah-ul-Arjamand Khan, a Kashmir Administrative Service (KAS) officer, Majid Hussain Qadri, a Senior Assistant Professor in Kashmir University, Muheet Ahmad Bhat, a senior scientist in Kashmir University, were dismissed under Article 311 (2)(C) of the Constitution that allows the government to dismiss an employee without holding an inquiry against the person.

Over 30 government employees have been dismissed so far under this provision.

While the KAS officer, Assabah-ul-Arjamand Khan, is the wife of the jailed Farooq Ahmad Dar who is also known as Bitta Karate, Syed Abdul Mueed is son of Syed Salahuddin. Mueed is the third son of Salahuddin to be dismissed from government service.

The General Administration Department (GAD) order terminating the service of Dr Muheet Ahmad Bhat stated: "Whereas the Lieutenant Governor is satisfied after considering the facts and circumstances of the case and on the basis of the information available that the activities of Dr Muheet Ahmad Bhat, Scientist-D in Post Graduate department of Computer Sciences, University of Kashmir... are such as to warrant his dismissal from the service... And whereas the Lieutenant Governor is satisfied under sub clause (C) of the proviso of clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution of India that in the interest of the security of the state, it is not expedient to hold an enquiry in the case of Dr Muheet Ahmad Bhat... Accordingly, the Lieutenant Governor hereby dismisses Dr Muheet Ahmad Bhat... from service with immediate effect".

A doctorate in Computer Sciences, Bhat was a senior scientist in Kashmir University and is one of the employees credited with the digitisation and automation exercise there, especially of its examination wing. A resident of Srinagar, Bhat is a former president of the Kashmir University Teachers Association.

issued for the dismissal of the three other employees - Khan, Qadri and Mueed. Khan, a District Panchayat Officer (DPO) in the Rural

Similar circulars have been

Development Department, is a 2011 batch KAS officer.

Majid Qadri was Senior Assistant Professor in Kashmir University's Department of Management Studies. He was arrested in 2004 - when he was a research scholar at the university for alleged contact with militants. Following his release, he completed a doctorate and was later appointed as Assistant Professor in the Kashmir University.

Mueed, a Manager in Information Technology at the JKEDI, a premier institute for entrepreneurship development in J&K, is the son of Hizb chief Syed Salahuddin. Mueed's two brothers, Shahid Yousuf and Syed Shakeel, have already been dismissed from government service. Reacting to dismissals, People's

Conference chairman Sajad Gani

Merely hoisting flag doesn't make us patriots: Uddhav

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, AUGUST 13

SHIV SENA president Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday took a swipe at the BJP-led central government's Har Ghar Tiranga drive, stating that merely putting up the Tricolour doesn't make one a patriot.

He also said that while BJP was asking people to hoist National Flags on their homes, many Indians did not have a place to live.

Thackeray was speaking on the occasion of the 62nd anniversary of Marmik, a magazine founded by his father Bal Thackeray in 1960. "Now, we can see Har Ghar Tiranga campaign everywhere. I received a message recently in which a person is asking for a house first so that a flag can be hoisted there. Even after 75 years of provide homes to the poor and we are asked to hoist the Tiranga. Merely hoisting the Flag doesn't make us patriots,"Thackeray said.

In a veiled attack on the Eknath Shinde faction, Thackeray said that Sena is not

Gujarat ex-Dy CM injured after

through the market area when a

cow ran through the crowd. The

fall has caused a minor hairline

fracture on his left knee plate but

he was discharged after primary

care. Healing of the injury will

Speaking to mediapersons af-

ter being discharged, Patel said, "I

was at the rally and a cow came

running making people run hel-

ter-skelter in the rally and I fell,

along with two three other people. The weight (of fallen people)

primarily require rest."

Nitin Patel

suffered a

fracture in

his left leg

minor

cow runs through rally crowd



Shiv Sena president Uddhav **Thackeray**

an object lying in the open which can be picked up by anyone who can stake claim over its legacy.
"Some people think Shiv

Sena is an object lying in the open which they can pick up and take away," he said, adding that the party's foundations are deep and strong. "Shiv Sena has a over six decades of history and ideology," said Thackeray.

Taking a dig at the CM, as the allocation of portfolios is yet to be done, Thackeray said: "Today, people are roaming around and tation programmes.

Slamming BJP chief J P Nadda for saying that only an ideologydriven party like BJP will survive, he said: "He may wish to finish off all parties, but Shiv Sena cannot be finished off." PTI INPUTS

came on me. Workers around me

and police personnel immediately

gave me cover." He suffered a mi-

nor fracture in his left leg during

the incident, the BJP leader said.

ganised at Kadi where nearly

2.000 people participated. It had

completed almost 70 percent of

the distance and reached a veg-

etable market when a cow sud-

denly came running," Patel said.

ister has been advised rest for

and Pilgrimage Purnesh Modi

said: "It was an accident and we

are saddened by it. Stray cattle

and cows are different issues and

brought an Act to control stray

cattle and we should all work for

nearly three weeks.

its implementation.'

The former deputy chief min-

Minister for Road Transport

"A Tiranga Yatra had been or-

COLOURS OF FREEDOM

Victoria Memorial illuminated as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, ahead of Independence Day, in Kolkata on Saturday. Shashi Ghosh

'Shah Bano, Satanic Verses… issues dealt with not on merit but for votes, a disaster for nation' Mr Shahabuddin himself later adcere about the ban, they made no

THE BAN on Satanic Verses by the Rajiv Gandhi government in 1988 followed its decision to circumvent the Shah Bano judgment and to allow shilanvas at Babri Masjid, all seen as measures taken to placate different sectarian groups. Kerala Governor ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN, a staunch advocate of reforms in Muslim personal laws. had quit the Rajiv government over its actions following the Shah Bano order. Excerpts from an interview with MANOJ CG:

How do you see the attack on Salman Rushdie 33 years after a fatwa was issued against him by Iran's Avatollah Khomeini?

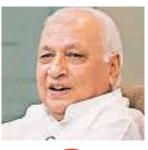
So far, we do not know about the antecedents of the assailant. But the general impression is that the attack has something to do with the fatwa. In a civilised society, there is no room for violence or taking the law in one's own hands. This heinous act deserves severe condemnation.

How do you see the growing, and disturbing, trend of violence in the name of should not be twisted. We have blasphemy? Violence in the name of blas-

phemy is reprehensible and violates basic scriptural teachings that prescribe to 'turn away from vain talk and say: To us our deeds and to you yours: Peace be on vou, we seek not engagement with ignorant (Quran 28.55)'.

Three events that happened in the second half of the 1980s were said to be linked -- the Rajiv Gandhi government's decision to overturn the Supreme Court judgment in the Shah Bano case by bringing a legislation in Parliament, the decision to open the locks of the Babri Masjid, and the ban on Rushdie's Satanic Verses. You resigned from the government over the decision overturning the Shah Bano judgment. How do you see what happened?

I have written and spoken about these events in detail. It is intriguing that India was the first country in the world that banned the book. Next day there was a protest march in Pakistan and anger was shown on the ground that India had acted, but the Muslim government of Pakistan had not banned the book. On the first day itself, more than 10 lives were lost and property worth crores burnt down. Later, Muslim countries started competing with each other and the fatwa of Iran came. About three months later.





ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN KERALA GOVERNOR, FORMER UNION MINISTER

in response to my question in Parliament, the government replied that after the ban, not a single copy of the book was seized. Actually, the book had record sales after the ban. It is also interesting that Sri Sved Shahabuddin, who played a crucial role in getting the Shah Bano judgment overturned, was the man who wrote to Sri Rajiv Gandhi demanding the ban, and he was immediately obliged.

mitted that personally he had not read the book and the ban was demanded on the basis of some news reports.

In 2015, senior Congress

leader P Chidambaram, who was Minister of State for Home at the time of the ban on Satanic Verses, said the decision was wrong. What in your view prompted Rajiv Gandhi to take that decision?

Around 2015, many senior Congress leaders found fault with the somersault on Shah Bano as well. But in 2017, it was the Congress leaders who were again supporting the (All India Muslim) Personal Law Board and did not allow the law banning triple divorce to be enacted in the Rajya Sabha. The law could be enacted only in 2019, when their numbers in the Raiya Sabha dwindled. All these issues which you have referred to were dealt with not on merit but purely to build sectional vote banks, and the consequences proved disastrous for the country.

After all these years, the ban on the book has still not been revoked. Do you think it is time to revoke the ban?

Possibly because the decision makers were themselves not sinHow should politics in a democracy like India --

attempt to stop sales of the book.

where identity politics plays a big role -- respond to challenges to freedom of expression? What is the tension between politics and iudiciary on this?

Freedom of expression is a sacred right, it is part of our fundamental rights, (there is) sort of a national commitment to uphold it. More than that, it is part of our cultural heritage. Historically, India is known not only for promotion of knowledge and wisdom but also for its free spirit. For example, Charvaka rubbished everything that Indians held sacred but nobody abused him or threw a pebble at him. Instead he was referred to respectfully as Mahatma, an acknowledgement of his cerebral powers. In fact, the Sanskrit language has no word for blasphemy. Ishninda (criticism of God) is a term of recent vintage. That explains the proverbial Indian tolerance or respect and acceptance of diverse traditions. These unfortunate episodes make it abundantly clear that it is extremely dangerous to compromise long-term national interests at the altar of political convenience.

HC drops proceedings against judge who concluded POCSO trial in a day

SANTOSH SINGH AND **ANANTHAKRISHNAN G**

PATNA, NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE PATNA High Court has dropped disciplinary proceedings initiated against a Bihar judicial officer, accused of acting in "undue haste" after he concluded trial in a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. 2022, in a day and sentenced the convict to life imprisonment.

An official communication dated August 12 said the HC"...has

been pleased to drop departmental proceedings against...Shashi Kant Rai, Spl Judge POCSO-cum Additional District and Sessions Judge VI, Araria, initiated against him vide Court's Memorandum... dated 05.08.2022"

The judge had approached the Supreme Court against the action. Hearing his plea on August 8, a bench of Justices UULalit and S Ravindra Bhat had orally told Advocate Gaurav Agarwal who appeared for the HC that it is ad-

visable to drop the proceedings. "Our sincere advice is to drop everything. If you don't want to,

we'll go threadbare into it. Unless you're alleging corruption, there has to be something glaring," the bench had said. It added that "he is only following up on his orders" and that the action "is extremely unfair against him".

The HC, sources said, had also taken into consideration the SC order of August 8 as well as the communication received from Advocate Agarwal. Sources added that the judge is likely to resume his duty on August 16.

Initially while issuing notice on the plea by the judge, the SC bench had taken exception to his approach. "You have heard and sentenced the accused to life imprisonment in a single day. It does not happen like this. Pendency is one issue and approach to a matter is different," remarked Justice Lalit. In another case of child rape

the judge had sentenced a man to death after completing trial within 4 days. The SC said while it did not mean that the judgement has to be set aside merely because the process was completed in 4 days "but we cannot say such an approach is commendable. That is why departmental proceedings are initiated".

Senior Advocate Vikas Singh, who appeared for the judge, pointed out that he was suspended on February 8, 2022, "for doing his job" and strongly pleaded for revoking the action.

"We have been trying to devise methods to assess mitigating factors on death sentences and they have to see the prison records. Here, this judge has passed the death sentence in 4 days," said Iustice Lalit. "What about sentencing issues to be heard?...There are umpteen judgments of the Supreme Court which say that sentencing issues should not be done on the same day," he added. Singh said the case in which the death sentence was awarded involved the murder of a Dalit girl. But Justice Bhat said, "There is a system of rewards for prose-

cution to have death sentences". Singh, however, said, "These issues have to be legislated" and asked "why suspend the judge?"

The judge said fast track completion of trial and sentencing in the two cases had "caught immense media attention and was widely reported and appreciated" and complained of "institutional bias" against him because of this".

New Delhi

Kerala MLA withdraws PoK remark after facing backlash

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

AUGUST 13

AMID PROTESTS against his "Azad Kashmir and India-occupied Kashmir" remarks, CPM-backed Kerala legislator KT Jaleel with-

drew his statement on Saturday. Jaleel in a Facebook post had called Pak-occupied Kashmir as "Azad Kashmir". Regarding J&K Jaleel said "India-occupied J&K," which comprises Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. As protest mounted,



Jaleel turned to Facebook, "I have noticed that some of my words

have created misunderstanding. My note on Kashmir visit had been misconstrued. I inform everybody that I had withdrawn those lines to ensure social harmony and for the benefit of society."

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deeply appreciative of the support and understanding of all countries to Lanka, especially during its severe economic crisis. It also sought further information and material that could assist in consultations on the matter.

Earlier, announcing that it had asked China to defer docking of the ship, Lanka had said it was doing so "in light of certain concerns" raised with it, without naming India. The ship was since awaiting clearance to enter from its location 600 nautical miles east of Hambantota, Ships like Yuan Wang 5 can track satellite, rocket and intercontinental ballistic missile launches. China has around seven of these tracking ships that are capable of operating throughout the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans, The ships supplement Beijing's landbased tracking stations.

New Delhi is concerned about the possibility of the ship's tracking systems attempting to snoop on Indian installations while on its way to the Sri Lankan port.

Hambantota, a strategically important deep-sea port, where the ship is headed, was developed by Lanka mostly using loans from

PM to medallists

a protective shield not just for Indians coming out of the war zone, but also for people of other countries," Modi said. Around 22,500 Indian nationals, mostly medical students, have returned from Ukraine since February 21.

As part of the government's evacuation efforts, christened Operation Ganga, 90 special flights, of which 76 were by commercial airlines, and 14 by Indian Air Force were operated. During the crisis, many evacuated students, carrying the Tricolour for easy identification by border security forces, crossed into neighbouring countries like Poland and

Modi said that just like Indian freedom fighters, despite representing different streams of thought, had a common goal, the country's athletes also compete with the same spirit.

Among the freedom fighters whose names the PM took were Mahatma Gandhi, Subhas Chandra Bose, Jawaharlal Nehru, Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Birsa Munda, Rani Lakshmibai, Jhalkarinai, Ashfaqulla Khan, and Alluri Sitarama Raju.

You weave the country in unity of thought and goal, which was also one the great strengths the Independence movement to the building of a free nation, the way India unitedly made efforts, you also take to the field with the same spirit. Regardless of your state, district, village, language, you perform for the country's pride and prestige," Modi said.

India bagged 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze medals in various disciplines in CWG 2022. In his address, Modi also said, "While all of you were competing in Birmingham, crores of Indians were keeping awake till late night here in India, watching your every action. Many people used to sleep with alarms set up, so that they remained updated on the performances.'

Data localisation

event of a crime. Law-enforcement agencies investigating cases often need quick access to data related to individuals. So while as an idea, data localisation is important, the Ministry is of the opinion that it belongs in the larger IT Act replacement, than in the data protection Bill," the official said.

The official added that the view in the government is that data should be stored in a region that is "trusted" by the Indian government and should be accessible in the event of a crime.

The government is targeting to finalise the Bill by the Winter Session of Parliament, with some officials also saying it could get pushed to the Budget session next year.

If finalised in this version, this would be a significant departure from the government's long-held stance on data localisation, which has been a key part of multiple iterations of the Data Protection Bill the initial one formulated by the Iustice BN Srikrishna Committee in 2018 and the one finally recommended by the Joint

Committee of Parliament in 2021. Earlier this month, the government withdrew the Bill from Parliament, saying that it would come up with a "comprehensive legal framework" for the online

The withdrawal came despite

IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw saying in February 2022 that he hoped to get Parliament's nod on the Bill by the Monsoon Session.

The localisation requirements in the old data protection Bill were strongly opposed by industry bodies — that represent top tech firms like Facebook, Google and Amazon — flagging that the norms could have "negative effects on the ability of companies to do business in India".

In a 2018 letter to then IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, industry groupings like the US-India Business Council and Digital Europe had requested the government to remove "forced localisation requirements" from the

Under the withdrawn data protection Bill, companies were required to store a copy of certain sensitive personal data – like health and financial data within India and the export of undefined "critical" personal data from the country was prohibited.

Earlier this month. The Indian Express had reported that after receiving several complaints by start-ups, the government was looking at diluting data localisation norms

"It would allow start-ups to use tools, software and servers of foreign companies, which would have been a challenge under the localisation requirements in the withdrawn Bill," a start-up founder said.

Countdown

Solar Industries, one of the country's biggest brands in the same. "KMP Enterprises, Palwal, an authorised magazine holder, that can store explosives and transport them, was hired."

Explaining the difference between the explosives used for this demolition and for mining purposes, Mehta said that the latter were deployed underground and were heavy. "The towers do not require those kinds of explosives. A few of the explosives used in mining are being used here in specific columns that are stronger. These columns have to go because then only the fall will be created. They are generally located in the lower floors, at the base. On the top floors, we are using a very minimal quantum of explosives as that is enough to blast the columns.

Approximately, 80 gm / metre explosives will be used, and placed almost 2 metres in. "The explosives resemble a plastic tube containing a powder of sorts. Roughly 3,700 kg of explosives is what we expect will be used for around 250-300 kg will be used every day for charging the building (placing the explosives in). There are 9.640 holes drilled in the towers, which are to be charged.'

On Saturday, when work went on till 7 pm, they achieved around 15% of the scheduled charging for the day. Mehta said.

"Not even a single gram of explosives" can be stored at the site, he added. "Once we are finished for the day, we record exactly what we have used. It is as precious as gold," he said, elaborating on the precautions.

There were 46 people involved in the charging process, Mehta said. "The team consists of around 10 Indian local blasters, around five blasters from Jet Demolition, a South Africa-based company which is partnering with Edifice for the demolition, and one additional expert from the UK, who has an experience of over 50 years. They are accompanied by 30 labourers.

Mehta added that residents of the two buildings located in the vicinity of the demolition site, Supertech Emerald Court and ATS Village, had nothing to be alarmed out.

"People living in the radius of 250 metres of the demolition site have to evacuate between 7 am and 5 pm, which is again a safety measure; nothing is going to happen. We have studied the vibration prediction report, which we got done by a third party in the UK, we have done an analysis of the Emerald building vis-a-vis the fall. All of it suggests that the vibrations will be minimal. This zone falls in Seismic Zone 5, and the vibrations that you get there also known as the Peak Particle Velocity – are approximately 300 mm per second. Here what will be generated by the demolition is one-tenth that. We will also make sure that all animals are evacuated from the 250-metre radius."

Some towers of ATS Village located right next to the two towers to be demolished are covered in large sheets of cloth, to ward off dust arising from the exercise.

Wankhede

tremendous faith in the judiciary, the caste scrutinising committee and the government of Maharashtra... Truth prevails."

Malik, who was arrested in a money laundering case earlier this year, had alleged that Wankhede had forged his caste certificate and other documents to secure a job under the SC quota after clearing the civil services examination. An inquiry into Wankhede's caste certificate was set up after activists Manoj Sansare and Ashok Kamble filed a complaint against Wankhede on November 3, 2021.

This was after Wankhede led the probe in the Cordelia cruise ship drug bust case of October 2020, in which actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan was arrested. Aryan was later released on bail by the Bombay High Court, which observed that there was "hardly any positive evidence" to show a conspiracy between the accused as alleged by the NCB.

In May this year, an NCB SIT discharged Aryan in the case while the Union Ministry of Home Affairs initiated a probe against Wankhede for "shoddy investigation". Wankhede was subsequently transferred in May to the DG Taxpayer Service Directorate in Chennai.

Malik had claimed that Wankhede is a Muslim by birth, and that his father's name was not Dnyandev. Wankhede had denied the claims.

Kabul

Onib has spent the last year appealing to Indian officialdom through various channels – through Indian media, former President Hamid Karzai, former Vice-President Abdullah Abdullah, Afghan Ambassador in Delhi, on social media - all to no avail yet.

Those who have applied for visas cannot help noticing that India has evacuated Hindus and Sikhs in several batches. But even thinking aloud the possibility that their religion might have gone against them is difficult for many. "We have grown up loving

India, its movies, its culture. For us, it is the safest place, because of our historical links, natural affinity, the language, everything. Victimising students for the security issue is not on," said Haroon Wali, a research scholar at the **English and Foreign Languages** University in Hyderabad. Wali now faces dismissal from

his job as an Assistant Professor which funded his studies at EFLU, and the demand to return the entire funding, as he has not been able to fulfill the main requirement for the financing – that scholars submit regular progress reports or a degree. "How can I do that when I am here? I have no progress to report. I am broke, I am in a financial crisis, and I am in every other kind of crisis," he

Pointing out that 16,000 students have been "supported" by India since 2001, Wali said it was because India knew these students would be its best ambassadors in Afghanistan. "This is what Pakistan wants to achieve but cannot. It is unthinkable that India has left us in the lurch," he said.

Every country including China, Pakistan, Turkey and Russia that had Afghan students stuck in Afghanistan during the Taliban takeover either evacuated them immediately or arranged for their visas, Dadgar said, "but not India".

Some senior scholars unable to return to India have families there. They had left them behind, believing their own return to India was imminent, Gulab Mir Rahmany's wife and three children are in Kerala. His wife is pursuing a PhD in Physics in Kerala University. Rahmany is also a doctoral student in the same univer-

After failing to get any response to his e-visa application, he went to Iran in February to try his luck from there. He has now maxed his Iranian visit exten-

"I have been away from my wife and children for more than one year. Imagine the depression my wife and I are undergoing. She has to do her course work, she is in the lab, and she has to look after the kids," he said. "My request is that the Government of India should assess its position neutrally, see the record of the students. Every student has a track record. I have my supervisor who knows me, knows my work."

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Maharashtra couple killed over caste; 5 in custody

Jalgaon woman's 17-yr-old brother among those nabbed

SAGAR RAJPUT

MUMBAI, AUGUST 13

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy, along with four others, has been taken into custody by police in Maharashtra's Jalgaon district for allegedly strangling his 20-year-old sister to death and shooting dead a 22-year-old man – from a different caste – who was in a relationship with her

The police said that the four others are also related to the woman with one of them being a minor. They were opposed to the woman's relationship with the deceased, Rakesh Sanjay Rajput.

The killings took place late Friday, after one of the accused spotted the woman with Rajput

near their house.

A police officer said, "Around 8 pm, the relative spotted the couple together and took them home. All five accused assaulted Rajput at the house." 'The five then made the cou-

ple sit in a car and took them to an isolated area on the border of Jalgaon. The 17-year-old brother shot Raiput," the officer added. 'Rajput was shot on his

head... The five ensured that the woman saw her lover die and then strangled her with a cloth." Soon after the incident, the 17-year-old boy surrendered.

"A team was sent to the spot and the bodies were recovered from a drain at Varad road. They were sent to the city civil hospi-

tal, where both were declared dead," said the officer.

The police detained the other minor and the three accused on Saturday, "The two minors have been produced before the juvenile justice board, which has sent them to a children's home. The three adults will be produced in court on Sunday," said Sub-Divisional Police Officer Krushikesh Rawale.

When contacted, a relative of Rajput said, "The woman's relatives had earlier threatened Rajput that they would kill him if he is seen with her.'

A policeman said: "Both the victims belonged to different castes. There was growing enmity between both families.'

Dalit boy dies; kin say assaulted for touching 'upper caste water'

DEEP MUKHERJEE

JAIPUR, AUGUST 13

AFTER A 9-year-old Dalit boy from Rajasthan's Jalore district died at a Ahmedabad hospital on Saturday, family members alleged that the child died of an assault on July 20 by a teacher, who got infuriated upon seeing him drinking water from a pot meant for upper-caste people.

Police said the accused teacher has been arrested and booked for murder and under the SC/ST Act. "We have registered an FIR under relevant sections, including murder (IPC) and SC/ST Act. The boy's postmortem will be conducted and a police team has been sent to Ahmedabad," said Jalore SP

'Mass conversion' ban, 10-year

jail: Himachal House passes Bill

Harsh Vardhan Agarwalla.

"On July 20, my son Indra Kumar, a student of Class 3 at Saraswati Vidya Mandir in Jalore, was beaten up by teacher Chail Singh because he drank water from an earthen pot meant for Singh. My son didn't know that the pot was meant for Singh, who belongs to an upper caste,' said Dewaram Meghwal, father of Indra and a resident of Surana village in Jalore district.

A complaint letter submitted to the Saila police station by the family on Saturday says that Singh beat up Indra while abusing him with casteist slurs for drinking water from an earthen pot meant for upper caste people. The letter adds that Indra had sustained injuries in his right ear and eye due to the beating by Singh.

HC warns TN police over use of orderlies

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, AUGUST 13

THE MADRAS High Court on Friday chastised higher-level police officers in Tamil Nadu for deploying their colleagues as "orderlies" at home to conduct menial tasks. The court called it a continuation of the "colonial slavery system". Justice S M Subramaniyam warned that the court would be forced to act if strict action is not taken to end this practice.

Reminding that "no public servant can imagine or live in a world of Mughal emperors, and all such authorities under the Constitution are "public servants" and they are bound to serve the public in accordance with the principles laid down in the Constitution and as per statutes and rules enacted by Parliament and State Legislature", the HC said: "It is needless to state that

Unnao victim moves SC, seeks 'counter case'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

THE UNNAO rape victim has moved the Supreme Court seeking the transfer of a criminal case filed by the father of one of the accused in her sexual assault case from a trial court in Uttar Pradesh to Delhi. A Delhi court had in December

2019 sentenced expelled former BJPMLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar to imprisonment for the remainder of his life for kidnapping and raping the girl in UP's Unnao in 2017 when she was a minor. A local court at Unnao recently

issued a non-bailable warrant against the victim on a criminal complaint of alleged cheating and forgery filed by the father of one of the accused being tried in the gang rape case in a Delhi court.

The transfer plea, filed in the apex court, alleged the "counter judicial proceedings" against the victim girl have been initiated in the Unnao court with the ulterior motive of propping up a defence in the sexual assault case. Sengar's appeal against the

conviction is pending in the Delhi High Court.

indisciplined higher police officials lose their morale in enforcing discipline in uniformed forces, more so, against their subordinate officials.

Earlier, the state government made a submission that it had issued orders to police officers to follow government orders as well as interim orders passed by the HC against use of police personnel for household work and later informed that 19 police personnel were withdrawn (from menial jobs at seniors' houses) and put on regular departmental duties. Stating that the court is "aware

of the fact that large number of uniformed police personnel are still performing household and menial works in the residences of the higher police officials", the iudge said the instructions issued by the government in June 2022 to stop orderly system "has not been followed scrupulously by the Police Department".

Appointment of Kerala CM secy's wife in transfer to Delhi varsity stirs row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AUGUST 13

THE SAVE University Campaign Committee has submitted to Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan that the wife of CPI(M) leader KK Ragesh, who is also the Chief Minister's private secretary, was selected as an associate professor at Kannur University over several deserving candidates.

The committee had furnished details it obtained through the Right To Information Act, which showed that the university had selected Priya Varghese, wife of Ragesh, flouting the norms.

The committee, in its complaint to the Governor, pointed out that Varghese had the lowest research score, fixed as per the UGC norms, among six candidates who had applied for the post in the Malayalam Department in November last year. Varghese's research score was 156 against that of Joseph Skaria's 651, C Ganesh's 645 and Muhammed Rafi's 346. However, Varghese had emerged as the top scorer in the interview with 32 marks out of 50.

ernment tabled the amendment **AMIL BHATNAGAR** to Himachal Pradesh Freedom of SHIMLA, AUGUST 13 Religion Act, 2019, on Friday.

ON THE last day of the final session of the current House before the state heads for polls slated for November, the Himachal Pradesh Assembly on Saturday passed a Bill amending the current anti-religious conversion law to ban any "mass conversion" and enhance the maximum punishment for forced conversion to a maximum of 10 years imprisonment from the exiting seven years.

The Jairam Thakur-led BJP gov-

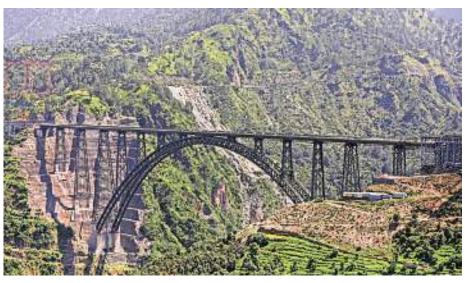
The Himachal Pradesh Freedom Religion

(Amendment) Bill, 2022, passed unanimously by the House, inserts in the 2019 law a reference to "mass conversion", which is described as two or more people converting at the same time. The government asserted

that it brought the amended legislation to make the 2019 anticonversion law more stringent, which prohibits religious conversion through coercion, misrepresentation or fraudulent means while stipulating a maximum seven-year jail punishment for the crime.

Opposition parties argued that the amended law will contravene constitutional provisions for persons belonging to SC and ST communities. The lone CPI(M) MLA, Rakesh Singha, said these vulnerable communities will be victimised by the new law.

The Chief Minister said, ...there is no specific targeting of any community. It only focuses on the fact that if a person is voluntarily converting to another religion they must declare it be-



The bridge over the Chenab river in Reasi district on Saturday. PTI

Final joints in place in world's highest rly bridge over Chenab

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU. AUGUST 13

The 'golden joint' connecting two ends of the overarch deck of the world's highest railway bridge over Chenab river was inaugurated on Saturday in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.

Constructed at Rs 1,250 crore, the 1.3-km bridge is 359 metres above the Chenab river bed and it is 30 metres higher than the Eiffel Tower. It will provide all-weather rail connectivity to Kashmir. At present. Kashmir only has a truncated railway line running between Jammu province's Banihal area to Baramulla in the Valley.

With the completion of the golden joint, the work on railway

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bridge over Chenab is almost over, officials said.

The occasion was marked by bursting of firecrackers, with Konkan Rail workers waving national flags, singing the national anthem and chanting 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' from the centre of the

bridge. "This is a historic moment," a senior official said, adding that the completion of the 'golden joint' has been a long journey. The term 'golden joint' was coined by the civil engineers who worked on connecting the two ends of the deck of the bridge, he added.

Konkan Railways Chairman and MD Sanjay Gupta said: "The term 'Golden Joint' was coined by the engineers working on the

enjoying political freedom but in

the literary field and the cultural

field, social field, freedom is a sub-

jective concept. We have to give

freedom to all. As far as the unity

of the nation is concerned, art and

literature are important. What is

the basis of democracy? The right

to differ, to criticise others. We can

give maximum importance to

Opposition parties... our minds are

Goa Raj Bhavan, Garad, a resi-

dent of Davorlim in South Goa,

With the intervention of the

project... it is important because this joint not only connects both side of the deck but also proves the quality and precision of work by different teams."

With the completion of the joint, the Bakkal and Kouri sides of the bridge are linked with each other, opening a new chapter in the connectivity between them, said Surinder Mahi, Chief Administrative Officer of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railways.

The bridge had to overcome several challenges. The geology, the harsh terrain, and the hostile environment were just a few of them. The structure, with a main arch span of 467 metres, has been designed to withstand winds up to 100 kmph.

Four literary figures felicitated in Goa; among them, a wheelchair-bound writer who has MS

MAYURA JANWALKAR

"SINCE I cannot hold a pen in my hand, I type with one finger on the mobile phone," says 35-yearold Shraddha Garad, who has been physically challenged since she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2014. But after numerous taps of her right index finger, she published her first book in Konkani in 2020 and was recognised with the Sahitya

Akademi Yuva Puraskar. "The mobile phone is the only kids" was on its way and was exsource I have. Writing is a lifeline for me. Only through writing do I have happiness," says the to publication and she hopes to wheelchair-bound woman. finish her sixth book by next year.



Garad was among Goa's four gree in Konkani, said her first literary figures felicitated at the Raj book Kavya Parmal — a collection Bhavan by Governor P S of her poems — won her acco-Sreedharan Pillai on Saturday. lades and her book on "Stories for Inanpith awardee Damodar pected to be released next month. Four more books are on the way

Mauzo, among Goa's most prominent writers, was also felicitated. Two days ahead of India's 75th Independence Day, Pillai said: "What is freedom... we are already

has been receiving treatment at the Goa Medical College along

not closed.'

with aid of Rs 1 lakh from the Governor's discretionary fund.

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charged with sedition for 'Pak flag' hoisting

UP man held,

Lucknow: A 21-year-old was arrested for allegedly hoisting Pakistan's national flag atop his house in Bedupura village under Taryan Sujan police station area in Kushinagar district on Saturday.

Police said the accused, Salman Ahmed, was produced before a local court which sent him to judicial custody. "During questioning, Salman said he didn't have any specific motive behind hosting Pakistan's national flag and said it was a mistake...." police said.

An FIR was lodged on charges of sedition and promoting enmity between two groups against Salman and his aunt Shehnaz at Taryan Sujan police station. **ENS**

SUNDAY STORY

The Bihar Handshake

Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav have come a long way since 2017, when they parted ways after two years of what had then seemed an unlikely alliance. Now, as Nitish's JD(U) splits from the BJP and reunites with the RJD, SANTOSH SINGH charts their journeys — two leaders separated by age, experience and politics, yet now joined by a shared purpose: taking on BJP in 2024



BIHAR: State of play

■RJD ■BJP ■JD(U)

2015 ASSEMBLY POLLS

18.4%

2019 LOK SABHA

21.81%

2020 ASSEMBLY POLLS

19.46%

27

7.86%

15.39%

9.48%

■ Congress ■ LJP

■ CPI (M-L)

24.4%*

TEJASHWI: 2017 VS 2022

- In 2015, Tejashwi was 27 and a rookie MLA, whose promotion to Deputy CM was seen as a nod to father Lalu. It was also against the backdrop of a continuing family tussle. Now he is a leader in his own right, having led the RJD to single-largest party in the 2020 Assembly elections
- Tejashwi insists RJD will be accommodative "in the interest of the state, country, democracy and Opposition". This is set to be reflected in its choices for Cabinet
- RJD avoided any muscular celebrations after return to power, to dispel fears of Yadav hegemony. Tejashwi has also told Nitish to convey any such issues promptly

NITISH: 2017 VS 2022

Greater flexibility. For someone who quit the Mahagathbandhan on the issue of corruption after Tejashwi was booked in the IRCTC case, Nitish now has no qualms about joining hands with the RJD — and Tejashwi

- After the tensions of the last Mahagathbandhan government, when JD(U) accused the RJD of interference, Nitish and Tejashwi have reportedly arrived at a working relationship
- Nitish would want to ensure that the RJD's overtly Yadav image doesn't put off his own core vote base – women and EBCs

NITISH 2.0

HERE'S SOMETHING about Nitish Kumar and the number 7. As Chief Minister, he has been staying at 7, Circular Road, while using 1, Anne Marg, the official CM residence, as his office. Now, with Nitish severing his five-yearold alliance with the BJP and walking over to the Mahagathbandhan camp, many point out that a famous Delhi address -7, Lok Kalyan Marg, the official residence of the Prime Minister – could be on his mind. After all, as he left the NDA, Nitish sent out current occupant of 7, Lok Kalyan: "Jo 2014 me aaye the, 2024 me aayenge kya (the one who came to power in 2014, would he also return in 2014)?'

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rekindled national ambition. Though he hasn't spoken openly about his PM hopes and continues to talk about "serving" Bihar, soon after taking oath as Chief Minister for a record eighth time, Nitish had urged all Opposition parties to start preparing for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. JD(U) sources hint he may soon start touring other states to explore the chances of a broader national coalition to take on the BJP in the 2024

JD(U) national spokesperson K C Tyagi told *The Sunday Express*, "We have been getting a very positive response (about Nitish Kumar walking out of the NDA). Just the thought of Nitish playing an important role in national politics looks exciting. It is too early to say, but Nitish Kumar has recharged the Opposition."

Saying the Mahagathbandhan, an alliance of seven parties that has the JD(U), RJD and Congress, besides other smaller parties, could "offer a template for a national opposition against the BJP", another top JD(U) leader said, "Bihar has been the factory of political experiments and coalitions. The BJP is now up against a tough Opposition in Bihar. Who knows, there might be a strong Opposition at the national level too?"

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JD(U) sources point out that Nitish has little left to prove in state politics. He is credited with turning around Bihar's fortunes after its long years of decay and for building a formidable social coalition built around women and the extremely backward classes among OBCs. He is also the state's longest-serving CM, having broken the record of 16 years held by Dr Srikrishna Singh, Bihar's first CM and earlier its state premier. As a close Nitish aide says, "Arre, ab to deputy PM aur PM hi bacha hai na (now only the posts of deputy PM and PM are left to be achieved)."

But those sceptical of a larger national role for Nitish or the possibility of him being the Opposition's joint face against Modi point to his "paltu ram" image, the consummate politician who has swung between

camps with the ease of a trapeze artiste.

Nitish, who joined hands with the BIP

Nitish, who joined hands with the BJP in 1995, first quit the NDA in 2013, in the runup to the Lok Sabha elections, when it became clear that Narendra Modi would be the prime ministerial candidate. Though he didn't openly pitch himself for the post, he was evidently uneasy about Modi's growing profile. When he finally parted ways with the BJP in 2013, it was on the ground that the NDA should have a leader with a "clean and secular image".

Then, in the run-up to the 2015 polls, Nitish did the unthinkable by joining hands with his old socialist fellow-traveller and later foe, Lalu Prasad's RJD. In the elections that year, held two years after Nitish quit the NDA, the coalition got 178 seats, with the BJP reduced to 53 seats. Nitish had found his sweet revenge against Modi.

Barely two years later, in 2017, he snapped ties with the RJD citing his no-cor-

ruption plank as the CBI booked RJD leader and now his Deputy CM, Tejashwi Yadav. in the IRCTC case.

with an left the Mahagathbandhan camp, Nitish is back, rallying the Opposition to prepare for the 2024 polls and ruing his time in the BJP. Another somersault, yet Nitish had managed a clean landing — displaying no unease about the contradictions inherent in his moves. The Nitish of 2022 had clearly travelled a fair distance from the Nitish of 2017.

For someone who would often talk of the "triple Cs" of crime, corruption and communalism" as the guiding principles of his governance model, Nitish, when asked if 'corruption' was no longer an issue, didn't bat an eyelid when he said, Tejashwi by his side, "Very much so. We cannot compromise on corruption."

JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh a.k.a. Lalan Singh too defended the party's decision to return to the RJD despite its strident stand on corruption, saying, "It has been five years since the IRCTC case. There is hardly any movement in it. It is nothing but an act of political vendetta."

Nitish's last stint in the Mahagathbandhan camp was anything but smooth. Only a few months into the arrangement, the stress had started showing, with the JD(U) accusing the RJD of interference. Nitish was no longer the last word in matters of governance, as he had been in the NDA. While the BJP had no strong state leader to match Nitish's charisma, here in the Mahagathbandhan, he had to share space and spotlight with Lalu and family. The RJD leader's constant reference to Nitish as "chhote bhai (younger brother)" is also believed to have rankled Nitish.

All that, JD(U) sources insist, is behind them now. Nitish and Tejashwi have reportedly worked out a working arrangement. Tejashwi has already been granted Z-plus security, a perk Nitish's deputies in the BJP — Sushil Kumar Modi, Tarkishore Prasad and

Renu Devi – never enjoyed

Sushil Modi recently said, "I was deputy CM for over 12 years, yet the government didn't feel the need to give me a bullet-proof vehicle or Z-plus security."

Nitish, who by all accounts felt "suffocated" in the BJP, believes he is now his own man — that his 71 years and record-breaking stint as CM have equipped him to tackle a young and ambitious Tejashwi and handle the transfer of the BIP.

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Nitish would also want to ensure that the
RJD and its overtly Yadav image don't put off
his own core vote base — women and EBCs.
Sources say that this time around, the RJD is
on the same page as the JD(U) as it seeks to
expand beyond its Muslim-Yadav vote base,

a shift that is likely to reflect in Tejashwi's choice of min-

isters too. Nitish's growing discomfort with the BJP had also sprung from his party's shrinking footprint. In the 2020 elections to the 243-member Assembly which the JD(U) contested as part of the NDA, the party had shrunk to 43 seats from its previous tally of 71 while the BIP's had increased from 53 to 74. The RJD had ended up as the single largest party that year, winning 75 seats while the Congress won 19 and Left parties 16. Nitish, sources say, now believes his party has a better chance outside the NDA.

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JD(U) leaders point to JP
Nadda's statement, made at
the BJP's recent national executive in Hyderabad,
where he questioned the
future of regional and dynastic parties, to say that
Nitish's fear isn't misplaced:
that any prolonged association with the BJP could end
up diminishing the JD(U)'s
influence in the state.

JD(U) president Lalan *Vote share i Singh told The Indian Express: "How can J P Nadda say regional parties will be finished? The BJP tries to gobble up its allies. We called

their bluff."

His critics in the BJP, however, say Nitish needed the BJP as much as it needed him. "We have seen leaders like Mulayam Singh Yadav, Mayawati, Mamata Banerjee and Navin Patnaik who can win polls on their own. But here is Nitish Kumar who needs others to win. We dare him to contest alone if he thinks he is so experienced. What he did is politically immoral," said former Union minister and BJP Patna Saheb MP Ravi Shankar Prasad.

Morality aside, even the staunchest of Nitish's critics would agree that he is playing the long game.

One lasting image of the Grand Alliance 2.0 is the Nitish-Tejashwi hug. It is a half-embrace, like Nitish is wont to — he seldom does a full embrace.

OT LONG ago, in his sharpest attack on Tejashwi Yadav till date, Nitish Kumar mentioned his long association with Tejashwi's father Lalu Prasad, adding: "I often keep quiet because

The remark in the Assembly by Nitish followed then Leader of Opposition Tejashwi's charge against him of "plagiarism and payment of a fine of Rs 25,000".

he is the son of my brother-like friend."

As the saying goes, there are no permanent friends or enemies in politics, only permanent interests. And then there is Bihar. A state where one JP Movement would spark enough leaders — including Nitish and Lalu—to upturn its own and national politics, and

where politics has revolved around the same faces for decades since. The former comrades are sometimes friends, sometimes enemies, but always around.

With Tejashwi's return to his 'Chacha' Nitish as Deputy CM, that is set to continue.

But if Nitish's somersaults have come to surprise few, it is the new Tejashwi who made this latest turnaround possible.

Observers say this is the prime reason Mahagath-bandhan 2022 is unlike Mahagathbandhan 2015, and more likely to survive. In 2015, Tejashwi was 27 and a rookie MLA, whose promotion to Deputy CM was seen as a nod to father Lalu. It was also against the backdrop of a family tussle for power, which had not been settled till then.

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Now he comes to the alliance as a leader in his own right, having led the RJD to single-largest party in the 2020 Assembly elections, shouldering the burden of the campaign as illness and prison sidelined Lalu. Brother Tej Pratap Yadav is now firmly in low, waiting hopefully for at

Tejashwi's shadow, waiting hopefully for at least a ministerial portfolio. Showing willingness to take charge,

Tejashwi did not even put Lalu's photos prominently in the 2020 campaign material, and went beyond his father's tested slogans of "social justice" and "secularism". His main promises were "10 lakh jobs" and "economic justice".

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when the RJD ended short of managing to form a government, Tejashwi adopted his role as Leader of Opposition with all seriousness, sharp and impressive in his attacks, interspersed with facts and figures.

The RJD under him has a devoted 'research team' besides a political advisor in friend Sanjay Yadav. Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Kumar Jha (an academic), RJD national spokesperson Subodh Mehta and state RJD chief Jagdanand Singh are part of his core team.

The RJD has also been trying assiduously to change its image from a MY (Muslims, Yadavs) party to one open 'A to Z'. Tejashwi's wedding to a school friend, a Goan Christian, has helped sharpen that image. The RJD leader has talked about the wedding having the full blessing of Lalu.

TEJASHWI 2.0

At the same time, Tejashwi has ensured Lalu remains very much in the picture, taking his inputs on key decisions. The decision to put aside what happened with Nitish last time, when he swung to the BJP and caused the Mahagathbandhan government to collarse, and re-align with him, was also taken

Once Tejashwi would have resisted to this, party leaders say. This time, he did not need much persuasion to make the more pragmatic and sagacious move.

The RJD leader, now 32, is also said to be clear in his mind about the role he sees for himself in his second innings in power.

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Including conceding to Nitish's seniority for now, despite the RJD having nearly double the seats as the JD(U) in the Assembly.

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after due consultation with Lalu.

Speaking to *The Sunday Express* on his priorities, Tejashwi said: "It would be a combination of jobs, strengthening of the social sector, such as in health and education, and a focus on youths." Providing 10 lakh jobs was "the top agenda and first priority", he added. "Soon there will be bumper recruitment in Bihar. After

that, we will move to incentivising job creation in the private sector, especially in the small and medium sector. I am glad the discussion on demand for jobs and employment is taking place," the new Bihar Deputy CM said.

On the BJP questioning him over the job promise, Tejashwi said: "It is healthy for a democracy that people remember poll promises. They will now question the BJP on its endless list of promises... The BJP promised 19 lakh jobs, wasted almost two years of Bihar and did not create a single job," he said, speaking over the phone from Delhi, where he met senior leaders of RJD allies the first time after the tie-up with the JD(U) was struck, including with Sonia Gandhi.

Asked specifically how Mahagathbandhan 2.0 was different, Tejashwi said: "The RJD has always been accommodative in the interest of the state. Two, we have been accommodative in the interest of the country, state, people, Constitution, democracy and a united Opposition. The difference would be that we will work to show results in key areas in the first year itself."

Whether Cabinet expansion would reflect this accommodation, a detail being watched closely, Tejashwi said: "Our party is diverse and so are our representatives. This diversity would definitely be reflected."

However, the apprehension in many quarters of a return of Yadav domination goes beyond Cabinet, to fears that the RJD in power means return of jungle raj. Tejashwi didn't sound apologetic on the matter. "It is like crying wolf all the time. The claim is baseless and

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meaningless. Unfortunately, it is something that is perpetuated unquestioningly by friends in the media also. How is it that until days ago all was fine and within 24 hours the bogey of jungle raj is back? Their baseless allegations in the last 30 years have done greater harm to Bihar and Biharis." he said.

In what might make Mahagathbandhan 2022 a smoother ride, there are signs that the RJD and JD(U) have reached an agreement for Nitish to move on to the national stage sooner rather than later, leaving Bihar to his Deputy CM.

Tejashwi did not admit this, but did not hedge either. Asked if he saw Nitish becoming a fulcrum of anti-Modi politics in 2024, he said: "Opposition unity needs to be worked out on a priority basis and we will take part in discussions to present an alternative that people are desperately looking for."

A senior RJD leader admitted to "longterm" goals, noting that Tejashwi has the ad-

vantage of age with him. "In 2015, it was a matter of an erratic and unplanned frog jump. The JD(U) and RJD came together with the short-sighted goal of retaining power and keeping the BJP out. But Mahagathbandhan 2.0 is equivalent to a lion's jump.

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That said, the real chal-

lenge to the alliance will come soon, on the matter of transfers. This had been a problem in 2015 too. This time, the RJD is mindful of not asserting in a manner that would make Nitish "uncomfortable".

As for signs that a shuffle of the cards was imminent in Bihar, before Nitish and Tejashwi revealed their hand, there were plenty. But with few leaders of Lalu and Nitish vintage or stature in Patna, the BJP perhaps was ill-equipped to spot them.

The first issue on which Nitish reached out to Tejashwi was the caste census, with both leading a joint delegation on the matter to the Centre. Then came an iftar party earlier this year, when Nitish dropped in at Lalu family residence for the first time in five years. At the iftar party he himself hosted, the CM pointedly walked out till the gate to see Tejashwi off, a moment captured by an excited media. In July, Nitish visited Lalu at AlIMS, after he was airlifted there for treatment.

The first thing Tejashwi did after taking oath as Deputy CM was to ask his enthusiastic supporters not to engage in overt celebrations but to get back to work. But the joy was difficult to contain, especially at Lalu's 10, Circular Road Residence, where the shadow of recent cases, arrest of a close Lalu aide, and raids seemed to lift.

An RJD supporter quipped: "Let the ED and CBI open small offices at Laluji's residence, rather than bothering the family."

Tejashwi will move soon though, to the Deputy CM's residence at 5, Deshratna Marg. It is an address just 250 metres down from CM House.



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WHITHER SOVEREIGNTY?

democratic in 2047?

a republic

For centuries, most parts of India were sovereign only in the sense they were not ruled by foreign kings and queens. The state was 'sovereign' but the people were not. Several rulers were despots, incompetent and did little to improve the lives of the people.

READERS WILL recall the three words

Sovereign, Secular and Democratic in the

Preamble to the Constitution of India.

They are the defining qualities of a mod-

ern republic. India won its freedom on

August 15, 1947, in order to establish such

the 75th anniversary of Independence. I

am certain the nation will survive to cel-

ebrate the 100th anniversary and many more anniversaries, but — I ask this ques-

tion with great trepidation - will the

Republic remain sovereign, secular and

Tomorrow, the nation will celebrate

Under a republican Constitution, it is not only the State that is sovereign, the people are also sovereign. The power to change the rulers is the hallmark of a sovereign people. Free and fair election is the sovereign right of the people. However, in recent years, that has come under a cloud. Elections, nowadays, seem to be largely determined by money and it is the BIP which has the largest amount of money. In fact, the BJP government invented a diabolically clever and opaque instrument (Electoral Bonds) to garner nearly 95 per cent of the money donated to political parties. The BJP has also other instruments to win elections: media that is tamed, institutions that are captured, laws that are weaponised and agencies that are suborned. And if the BJP loses an election, it has the ultimate weapon called Operation Lotus that it shamelessly employed in Goa, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh,

'Sovereign, Secular, Democratic'

Pradesh and attempted in Rajasthan. Will we reach a point when elections cease to be free or fair? I sincerely hope not, but that danger cannot be ruled out altogether. Congress-mukt Bharat is not a bullet aimed at the Congress alone. Mr J P Nadda's recent statement that "small parties will vanish leaving only the BJP as a national party" is more than the usual political rhetoric; it is an idea that is carefully nurtured in the BJP nursery.

Meghalaya, Karnataka and Madhya

The people will not lose their sovereignty in a flash. It will be like the spread of slow poison. The erosion will begin by depriving, bit by bit, personal liberty, freedom of speech and writing, right to dissent, right to protest, privacy, freedom to travel and, ultimately, freedom from fear. Ask yourself, in which direction is India headed?

WHITHER SECULARISM?

India will be the most populous coun-

try in a few years and the population will peak at 160 crore. Since fertility rates are converging, the religious composition of the population will not change significantly from the current proportions: Hindu 78.4 per cent, Muslim 14.4, Christian 2.2, Sikh 1.7 and others 3.3. For 2,000 years India was a plural country and, today, India is a plural country, but we seem to be in an overdrive to deny our pluralism. On the contrary, the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, among others, proudly acknowledge the huge benefits of having a plural society. Their institutions including courts, media and universities, <u>actively</u> seek and promote diversity in their ranks. Currently, there is one honourable judge each from the Muslim and Christian communities in the Supreme Court and none from the Sikhs.

Ask yourself, can India be anything but secular? Our music, literature, cinema, sports, science, medicine, law, teaching and civil services will be poorer if we exclude Muslims and Christians. It is the leaders of the BJP and the RSS who gave a bad name to secularism. They called it 'appeasement', and that has distorted their outlook and policy on Jammu & Kashmir, electoral representation, reservations, language, food habits, clothes, and personal law. The death of secularism and the declaration of a Hindu rashtra (nation) will be a body blow to the idea of India and may hasten the death of democracy itself. The

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pointed until after the incumbent retired.

overwhelming majority of Indians does not wish that outcome, but the overwhelming majority of BJP supporters seems to want a Hindu rashtra. When an irresistible force (the Hindutva believers) meets an immovable block (the moderate and tolerant Indians), I do not know which will prevail.

WHITHER DEMOCRACY?

Democracy is not just voting once every five years. Democracy has to be practised every day through dialogue, discussion, debate and dissent. By that standard, democracy in India is gasping for breath. There are fewer days every year on which Parliament and the Legislative Assemblies meet. The Sweden-based V-Dem Institute called India an "electoral autocracy" and lowered India's rank to 53 in the Democracy Index 2021. Each state party fights for its space in its home-state but is loath to help other state parties to protect their spaces or to join forces to fight the BJP. Nightmarish as it may seem, we cannot rule out the emergence of a one-party system (as Mr Nadda devoutly wishes). His party will claim we are a democracy but with Indian characteristics!

Tomorrow, when you salute the Tricolour, please remember its designer. Pingali Venkayya, and that, in the current political context, the tri-colour represents sovereignty, secularism and democracy.



Has India changed enough?

IF YOU were born as I was, almost exactly three years after that momentous midnight of August 15, 1947, then your story reflects in some ways the story of India as a modern nation. This is the only reason that this week I bring some of my own story into this column. My first memory of home is of a tall, narrow house called Hasan Manzil in Karnal. It was allotted to my father's family when they were forced out of Pakistan. There was no running water and only one toilet of the kind that needed a manual scavenger to come and clean it once a day, so the reek of that lavatory permeated every small room in this old-fashioned haveli. It mingled with the stench of cow dung and the open drain that wafted up from the bazaar below. This was my grandmother's house.

My father was an Army officer, so mercifully this was not our permanent home. We moved with him to military towns like Ambala and Babina. Housing for Army officers was more salubrious and had modern toilets, but the towns were dismal, dirty and depressing. Those of us privileged enough to live in the cantonment were warned to stay far away from 'civil areas'. Of course, India was in those times also a country of romantic, beautiful towns and jungles full of wildlife. But, before my eyes, the jungles shrank, and the beautiful towns became squalid urban settlements. Then there were the shortages. Everything was in short supply and everyone, even rich people, lived in discreet, socialist poverty.

The first speech from the Red Fort that I covered as a journalist was on August 15, 1975. Indira Gandhi looked scared, twitchy, and frail. It was not just because she suspended democracy weeks before, but because it was in the early hours of that morning that Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated along with his whole family. Dictators get nervous when they hear of such things and Mrs Gandhi was unable to conceal her nervousness that day. It was a bad time for India, and it seemed for a while that things would get worse rather than better. Then came that election of 1977 when Mrs Gandhi and her son lost their own seats and it seemed for a moment that India would shake off the shackles of socialism and central planning

and really begin a new journey. This did not happen. It was only in 1991 when P V Narasimha Rao became prime minister that India changed dramatically. He was boring and uncharismatic, and he made boring speeches from the Red Fort, but just by allowing the breath of free markets to start filtering through India's stagnant, statist economy, he succeeded in bringing magical change. Suddenly an Indian middle class became visible, and it grew and grew and grew.

That was when a 'new' India was born, and it was our good fortune that the prime ministers who came after Narasimha Rao like Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Dr Manmohan Singh, continued with the process of dismantling the stranglehold that the state had over the economy. Then when Dr Manmohan Singh won a second term. Sonia Gandhi made him regent and became de facto prime minister herself. She brought back socialist controls and dynastic democracy. But that is another story.

Tomorrow as India celebrates her 75th birthday as a modern nation state, should we be optimistic? Filled with hope? Or are there evil currents in the air that could drag us towards another long season of bad times? It is hard to say for sure. Liberal democracy and free markets have so far proved to be the recipe for prosperity and progress in more countries than we can list here. And, before Narendra Modi became prime minister, he often said that he believed in these ideas, and that he would ensure 'minimum government and maximum governance'. It is a promise that he has so far failed to keep. It is not just big business that comes upon an interfering official around every corner, ordinary people do as well. Officials seem even to want to control the kind of films that Bollywood makes. Official interference in the media

proved exponentially in the past eight years, Modi might have only a few disgruntled dissidents to worry about. But the truth is that the lives of ordinary Indians have not really improved. They will not improve unless there is enough economic growth for millions of jobs to get created. They will not improve if government schools remain academies of literacy, not education. They will not improve unless public services like healthcare show significant reform. They will not improve if millions of Indians continue to be compelled to live in shanties and filthy villages.

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is no secret.

There is much good that Modi has succeeded in doing as prime minister. This is why he won a second term. This is why an India Today poll last week shows that if a Lok Sabha election was held tomorrow, Modi would bring the BJP a full majority. But there are things that have not changed since those years when the Indian nation had just been born. It is only when those things change, and the average Indian can look forward to seeing real improvement in their lives, that the old shadows will lift. Meanwhile Happy 75th India.

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OUTFOXING BJP

JD(U) CHIEF Nitish Kumar has been smarting ever since the 2020 Assembly elections when the BJP deliberately undercut the JD(U) by encouraging Chirag Paswan to field candidates against his party. Since the numbers always favoured a JD(U)-RJD tie-up and Tejashwi Yadav was willing to bury the hatchet, why did Nitish bide his time? The Bihar CM knew that the BJP is a wily enemy to cross. As long as it remained the largest party, it was entitled to be called first to form a government by Governor Phagu Chauhan. (After the 2020 polls, the RJD emerged as the largest single party, finishing ahead of the BJP, but the BJP quickly wooed smaller parties and Independents so that it soon inched ahead of the RJD). But on June 30 this year, the tables suddenly turned - four MLAs from Owaisi's AIMIM merged with the RJD. While some media headlines suggested that Owaisi was shell-shocked at the defections, a savvy Bihar politician hinted that Nitish had actually engineered the coup with Owaisi's consent. With the four AIMIM MLAs joining the RJD, it became the single largest party. Nitish was emboldened, aware that the Governor had no option but to invite the RJD first.

Wrong Message

Mamata Banerjee is reportedly furious with her nephew Abhishek Banerjee for instantly disassociating the TMC from former minister Partha Chatterjee and announcing his suspension from the party. Abhishek acted within a week of the embarrassing photographs of mountains of cash found by the Enforcement Directorate from the residences of Chatterjee's friend Arpita Mukherjee. While Abhishek patted himself on the back, tweeting that unlike the BJP, the TMC acted promptly against corruption, Banerjee, a shrewd politician, had a different take. In a closed -door meeting of a few senior party members, she reportedly blasted her nephew for his childish behaviour. She pointed out that if the party turned totally against Chatterjee, he would have no option but to turn approver against them and accuse TMC leaders of being in the know of the pay-offs in the teachers' recruitment scam. A seasoned politician would have given a non-committal reply about the law taking

its course and merely removed Chatterjee as minister to demonstrate the TMC's commitment to fighting corruption.

NOT SO FRIENDLY

Akhilesh Yadav appears to have fallen out with his recent buddy and ally, RLD leader Jayant Chaudhary. Though the issue on which the two scions of two of UP's most important political dynasties fought is minor, the ramifications in western UP politics could be significant. One reason that Akhilesh is peeved is that he supported Jayant's Rajya Sabha bid on the understanding that Jayant would ask for the allotment of Akhilesh's old Pandara Park bungalow so that the Yadav family would have a house in Delhi. But Jayant instead opted for a house on Shahjahan Road. Jayant believes that part of his Assembly alliance agreement was that the SP would support his nomination for the Rajya Sabha, but Akhilesh kept him dangling till the last moment.

DOOR STILL OPEN?

Uddhav Thackeray, fighting to retain leadership of the Shiv Sena, requested his close lieutenant Milind Narvekar to speak to all the MLAs who have defected to Eknath Shinde's side and ask why they had betraved the party. Narvekar reported back that it was a gloomy picture as most of the MLAs had a long litany of complaints on the Thackerays' style of functioning. To Narvekar's surprise, Uddhav perceived the MLAs' response as good news. Uddhav explained to his puzzled aide that the first sign of a possible reconciliation is open communication. That the defecting MLAs spoke so freely was a hopeful sign. If they had cut him dead, then there would have been reason to worry.

Unhappy coincidence

The Congress's black-clothes protest on August 5 was probably a bad idea. Amit Shah quickly noted that it was the anniversary of laying the foundation stone for the Ram Janambhoomi temple. Natwar Singh had an equally negative interpretation: Black shirts were the uniform of Benito Mussolini's fascist militia.

TOUGH DEADLINE

Former NITI Aayog chief Amitabh Kant, a Modi favourite, was the surprise choice for the much coveted post of the G-20 Sherpa. The three-member committee of Kant, former foreign secretary Harsh Shringla as coordinator and Swagat Das as security in-charge has a tough task ahead. India is to host next year's G-20 Summit, but Pragrati Maidan, which will be the summit headquarters, looks far from complete.

life & WORK **RICHARD KAMEI**

THE LATE Kaka D Iralu, in his book The Naga Saga (2000), articulates that Naga nationalism is an outcome of the aspirations of the Nagas to reclaim an independent Naga nation which existed before the British set foot in the lands of the Nagas. He argued that since then, self-determination and political meanings had been integrated into the idea of nationalism for the Nagas. The words from Iralu speak in volume to the length and breadth of the Nagas' demands for a solution to the on-

going Indo-Naga peace talks. Recently, on August 1, 2022, the NSCN (I-M) observed the 25th anniversary of the "Indo-Naga" ceasefire with the release of a booklet titled "25 Years of Indo-Naga Ceasefire (1997-2022)". The NSCN-IM signed a ceasefire agreement with the Government of India on July 25, 1997, which became effective on August 1, 1997. This heralded the start of Indo-Naga peace talks. It opened an avenue in the search for a solution to the long-standing political demands of Nagas living across the re-

gion between India and Myanmar. At this moment, the past reminds the Nagas of how their ancestors were denied their rights and territories. Dating back to the early nineteenth century, the British's takeover of Assam and Manipur in 1826 with the Treaty of Yandabo led to the gradual conquest of the Nagas from 1832. The year 1881 marked the conquest of the Naga Hills by subduing the Nagas. Around the time of the Naga Club's memorandum to the Simon Commission, asserting their self-determination in 1929, the Zeliangrong movement upheld the fight against the British to bring about freedom for the Nagas.

The emergence of the Naga National Council (NNC) in 1946 kept alive the need forthe sovereignty of Nagas. In response to the NNC, then prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's militarised intervention against the Nagas paved the way for the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AF-SPA), which is still in force. A few decades later, the Shillong Accord in 1975 led to the formation of the NSCN, which split in 1988 and formed the NSCN-IM, led by Isak Swu and Thuingaleng Muivah, and NSCN-K, led by Khaplang. In 1997, the NSCN-IM and the Government of India entered a

ceasefire agreement. Sometime in 2001, the NSCN-K also joined the Indo-Naga peace talks with the Government of India, but left it in the year 2015 and rejoined in 2019. From

25 yrs of Indo-Naga talks: In search of a destination



PM Modi, NSCN (IM)'s Muivah at the signing of the 2015 Framework Agreement

1997 onwards, several rounds of talks were held, which finally culminated in the Framework Agreement signed be-NSCN-IM in August 2015. The agreement identified the unique history of the Nagas and acknowledged the decades of struggles for their political demands. Yet, the agreement is far from reaching a solution for the Nagas.

Since 1997, the NSCN-IM has remained the primary stakeholder in the Indo-Naga peace talks. However, the peace talks have also seen the participation of various groups, particularly the Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs), since 2017. In the recent past, the Centre, represented by interlocutor R N Ravi, conducted several rounds of meetings in which he included several Naga political groups. This was signalled as a step towards inclusivity, which boiled down to the speculated October 31, 2019, for concluding the peace talks.

To the echoes of inclusivity, it is important to note the Naga Mothers' Association (NMA) statement made around that time where it appealed for proper inclusivity, urging for inclusion of the Naga Hoho (NH), the NMA, the Naga Students' Federation (NSF) and the Naga Peoples' Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR) on the basis of their contribution to the peace process for decades. The Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation's (ENPO) demand for 'Frontier Nagaland' since 2010 also raised a question about the existing idea of inclusivity among the Nagas.

In the year 2020, the interlocutor, Ravi, made it to the news when his letter addressed to the Chief Minister of Nagaland was leaked on June 25. The incident led to distrust as Ravi had painted the Nagaland government and the insurgents in a bad light, linking them to failures of law and order. Following this incident, the NSCN-IM released the contents of the document of the Framework Agreement of 2015 in August 2020. Eventually, in September 2021, Ravi quit and was replaced by former IB special director A K Mishra as the sixth interlocutor for the Indo-Naga peace talks. The soured relationship between the NSCN-IM and Ravi was put to an end. The peace talks have now resumed to achieve a solution for the Nagas soon.

As the Indo-Naga peace talks marked their 25th year this August 2022, the prospect of the solution to Naga political demands still has no clear answers. The NSCN-IM remains firm over its demands for a separate flag and constitution for the Nagas. The hope for the unification of all the Naga-inhabited areas continues to live in the minds and aspirations of the Nagas. Recently, the Global Naga Forum (GNF) organised a two-day "Naga Solidarity Walk' from Kohima, Nagaland, to Senapati Manipur, under the theme "One People, One Destiny". The rally demonstrated that the Nagas are one and uphold Naga history and the need to defend their lands.

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'BHAI', FOR me, has always been dad, not brother. Part of a joint family where he was the eldest of three brothers, he was mota bhai (elder brother in Gujarati) and my mother mota bhabhi - not just to his younger siblings, but all of us children too. We addressed our grandparents as "mummy" and "papa", just the way Bhai and his brothers did.

Now as I sit outside a hospital ICU where he has landed after his metabolic parameters went haywire — I am trying my best to summon all my memories of Bhai in his heyday. Trying hard not to think of him as the 81-year-old on the other side

Bhai, are you listening?

of the ICU door, in a state of stupor, with irregular heartbeats and incessant coughing due to aspiration.

Doctors counsel relatives of patients every morning and, depending on the severity of the condition, it's often the more composed among them who is apprised of the situation. Yes, they were doing their best and there were chances of recovery but there is always a downside and some what-ifs that remain unanswered. My siblings and I would take turns to appear for these sessions, little realising that I would break down so fast on reaching home.

Bhai. The way he held my gold medal at the university convocation or the times he proudly prodded me with a 'kya, journalist madam" in front of relatives, or that one instance when I sobbed bitterly as he refused to let me travel to another city for work.

Many of these memories, treasured ones, are from the Saturday evenings that meant dressing up to meet my boyfriend who would soon be my husband. Despite all that my mother did to desperately talk me out of my interfaith match, it was the glowering look on Bhai's face that remains stuck in my mind. As I would walk out of the door for the appointed date with my boyfriend, there he would be, sitting on the rocking chair, grim-faced and bespectacled, hiding behind the folds of a newspaper, trying hard not to say anything.

Of course, now, several years later, our Saturdays are incomplete without a mandatory visit to the parents during which *Bhai* and his son-in-law spend hours in mindless chatter - who was the better James Bond, Roger Moore or Sean Connery, of old Pune when Liberty Cinema (theatre) and West End Cinema were vibrant, or simply where you could find the best khaman dhoklas in Pune.

And God forbid, if we missed even a single visit, there would be several follow-up calls asking, nay demanding, why we hadn't made time to call

At the old family house, the regular gatherings, laced with banter and good food, rarely ended without a card game of Seven of Hearts (Badaam Saat). Mota Bhabhi would initiate the game and Bhai and other would happily join in.

There are countless other memories. Of *Bhai* the dentist, who insisted on

wearing white clothes and who would loudly express his displeasure if his laundry wasn't delivered on time with his freshly ironed whites. Of him scrubbing his favourite red scooter, a daily chore, before setting off with Mota Bhabhi for the morning visit to the temple.

Despite Mota Bhabhi being all ready for the temple visit, much to her chagrin, he would make it a point to press the horn at 8 am and shout, "Arre, sambhlej ke (are you listening)?'

Now it's a weary Mota Bhabhi's turn to nudge a hand that has lost count of the innumerable needle pricks and say, "Mota Bhai, sambhloj ke? Uto, chalo ghare (Mota Bhai, are you listening? Get

up, let's go home)." It has been a fortnight. And Bhai is still behind that ICU door.

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FREEDOM ISSUE A Man of Letters

As India completes 75 years, three new letters enrich the history of its most charismatic revolutionary - Bhagat Singh



FREEDOM ISSUE Girl, Woman, Other

In forgetting their contribution and treating them with prejudice, India continues to diminish its women



THE THINGS WE CARRIED WITH US

The arts had been a domain of freedom and disruption in the run-up to the Independence. How did they catalyse India's journey after 1947? In this Independence Day special, first, a look back at the defining cultural moments of the last 75 years



BY AMIT CHAUDHURI

HAT HAVE been the most compelling works in the arts and in literature in India in the last 75 years? The anniversary gives us a chance to consider the question anew, but the answer is more difficult to arrive at than we assume. After all, we love our cultural icons much more than we do their work.

Anyway, the question is too general and, as a result, unwieldy. Let me narrow it down. Before doing so, let me also say that I think the idea of "Independence" as a break and catalyst in our modernity is of limited use. Many of the greatest shifts and innovations in culture took place well before Independence, in the 19th century: it was then that the sphere of culture - of poetry, dance, fiction, art, the classical genres, cinema

– began to be formulated as a domain of freedom and unpredictability. It was then and not after Independence – that

we became either citizens or daydreamers, or both. I would roughly, perhaps tendentiously, date the moment of citizenship, at least in Bengal, to 1828, to the formation of the Brahmo Samaj, and daydreaming to 1860, to the composition of the Meghnadabadhakabya by Michael Madhusudan Dutt and Hutom Pyachar Naksha by Kaliprasanna Sinha. Since Others will date these moments differently; but, whatever their dates might be, they will predate Independence. I see the legacy of those traditions of citizenship on the one hand and daydreaming on the other carried forward well after Independence to, at least, the late 1970s. In the '80s, another break or fissure, more significant than Independence, begins to appear, to do with the onset of globalisation and the free market, the ascendancy of English, the creation of a neoliberal elite, and the gradual rise of the Right. All of these were formalised in India in 1991 by both economic deregulation and the assault on the Babri Masjid. Whether, since 1991, we have been "free" - in our dreams, our imagination, and our thoughts and actions - is moot.

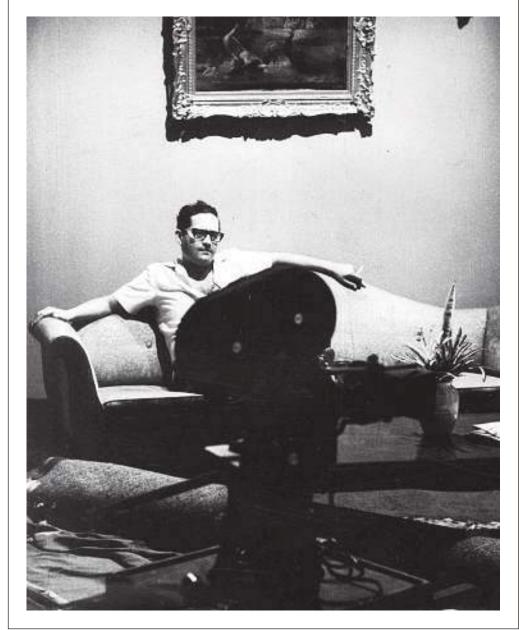
I'd like to dwell briefly, first, on just a few of the developments that extend, post-Independence, the legacy of daydreaming — a form of freedom that not only overrides the coloniser, but our own citizenly proprieties as "Indians". In that legacy's line, I'd put Ustad Amir Khan's post-Independence innovations in the vilambit or "slow" Khayal, which made it "ati vilambit", or "most slow"/ "radically slow". Amir Khan had taken a cue from the pre-Independence singer Ustad Abdul Waheed Khan, whose secretive experiments had already been moving the Khayal in the direction of slowness, consolidating the legacies of enchantment, trance, and daydream, severing Khayal from overt intelligibility, and pushing it towards seeming purposelessness. This lineage has had a great spiritual impact, after Independence, on the Indian notion of music as a form whose limits - and whose very musicality – are to be tested. The emergence of Amir Khan's idea of the Khayal is not unrelated to a mode of thinking that makes a film like Pather Panchali possible in 1955. These projects and artworks extend an already-existing domain of possibility and enchantment, of freedom, that had been put in place by 19th and early 20th-century forebears like Rabindranath Tagore, Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay, and Abdul Waheed Khan.

Perhaps, the most intelligent and uncompromising theorist-

practitioner in the last 50 years in this domain of freedom, who never underestimated the power of

whether it's "independent" or otherwise, to curtail or delegitimise the imagination, was Mani Kaul. His scepticism and concerns about the deep, probably inescapable, legacies for Indians of the Enlightenment and the European Renaissance (with their privileging of the instrumental and of knowledge as a form of mastery) informs the poetic resistance knowledge that can't be assimilated to a clear purpose. The great value of this type of resistance — of its seeming irresponsibility and obfuscation — in Nehruvian India shouldn't be ignored. It created an important option for us. Kaul's theoretical positions in relation to his belligerent poetics are to be found scattered across his interviews and snippets of lectures uploaded on YouTube. They point to an idea of the arts as a kind of dissent which we have now lost sight of, just as the challenge posed

by Kaul's work has slipped from our sights. With globalisation came a seemingly irreversible change. One of its principal manifestations - in the world and not least in India has been the roughly 30-year-old dominance of the English language. In writing, this has









POETIC RESISTANCE (Clockwise from top) Guru Dutt; Mani Kaul; Ustad Amir Khan; Ritwik Ghatak meant that certain locations (New York; London — in that order) are seen as final arbiters of approbation. Much of our writing, and the idea of writing, now comes to us in India mediated by elsewhere. This is a pity on several levels. It gives us permission not to make our own judgements; to end up loving our cultural icons more than we love their work. And it allows us to reaffirm, on some level, the myth that India had no criticism and, by implication, no history. Again, this is a pity in a country that has such a remarkable intellectual history, and which produced critics as shrewd and profound as Bhattanayaka and Abhinavagupta. For this reason, I'd like to acknowledge two instances of cultural reassessment in Independent India which imply a robust critical milieu at work. Such reassessments, though they may be relatively few, are cause

The first has to do with the work of the Bengali poet Jibanananda Das, which has been central to post-Independence Bengali poetry but whose centrality itself represents a critical shift. Das's work wasn't really understood in his lifetime. His reputation was, to some extent, dependent on Buddhadeva Bose's championing; his ongoing, posthumous reputation in the '50s, '60s, and '70s is part of a reconsideration on the part of Bengali poets and readers of the qualities of Das's poetry, as well as of what makes poetry itself indispensable. This reassessment is unrelated to Das's reputation in the Anglophone world or abroad, where it is still near non-existent, Das's 20th-century standing in Bengal is a testimony not only to his poetry, but to the aliveness of his inheritors. The poetry was written mainly before Independence; the reassessment is a post-Independence achievement.

The same could be said of Kaagaz ke Phool (1959) by Guru Dutt, which failed at the box office and deepened the filmmaker's depression and may have contributed, alongside the circumstances of his personal life, to his untimely death. But the fortunes of the film itlike Iqbal Masud and others re-evaluated its significance, so that it now stands at the core of our present-day ease with the idea that a so-called "commercial" Hindi film can also be an artwork, Dutt's reputation — like Ritwik Ghatak's — is as much a homemade achievement as his films are.

These are important instances of the complex negotiation we call "freedom". If we leave the assessments of our inheritance and contemporaries to others - to other countries, to corporations, to the State, to the powerful among us, or to ideologies — how can we be free?

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Vandana Kalra

Satish Gujral, Partition series, '40s-50s

Born in Jhelum in 1925, a young Gujral accompanied his father to help relocate refugees to India during Partition. The trauma he experienced and his painful memories of the time led to several acclaimed works in the '40s and '50s, including Days of Glory (1952-86), in which helpless, huddled figures sit in isolation, and The Despair (1954), that portrays loss through its wailing subjects.

MF Husain, Zameen, 1955 Considered one of his seminal works, Zameen, captures MF Husain's love for the land. The panoramic painting won him the National Award in 1955. Divided into various segments, the figures come together to tell the story of India, its daily life and festivities. The motifs range from a rooster to a packhorse, bull and the wheel, several of which became recurring themes in the artist's work.

KG Subramanyan, The Tale of the Talking Face, 1970s

The artist-pedagogue started working on the series during the Emergency. The blackand-white drawings, also published as a book in 1989, depicted the perils of democracy and how authoritarianism only brings suffering. The allegorical satire had as its central protagonist an autocratic princess whose dictatorial measures bring hardships on her kingdom.

A Brush With History

Works of Indian art, over the decades since Independence, that reflect on the country's sociopolitical realities





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UNITY IN DIVERSITY (Clockwise from above, left) Gulammohammed Sheikh's City for Sale (1981-84); Riyas Komu's Dhamma Swaraj (2018); MF Husain's Zameen (1955)

Gulammohammed Sheikh, City For Sale, 1981-84

The epic painting referenced how sectarian violence had become commonplace in Gujarat. The multilayered canvas captured and merged disparate scenes from the city

of Baroda, Sheikh's home since the 1950s. His largest work till then, it had riots raging in one part of the city, even as everyday life continued in other parts, represented through scenes of people heading for a movie, Silsila (1981), and a woman with a vegetable cart making her way to town.

Nalini Malani, City of Desires,

The artist's first site-specific wall-drawing installation, briefly on view at Mumbai's Chemould Gallery, was video-recorded for posterity. Dignity in poverty had been her sub-

ject since the '80s. City of Desires saw Malani sketch live with charcoal and watercolours the plight of Mumbai's homeless; Vietnamese refugees in boats; and others, capturing the effects of disparity. She erased the mural in remembrance, and to mourn the loss, of a 19thcentury fresco at Rajasthan's Shrinathji Temple

New Delhi

in Nathdwara to neglect and vandalism.

Jitish Kallat, Public Notice series, 2003-10

In the series, Kallat turns to historic texts as reminders of the vision of our forefathers. In the first, made in 2003, he hand-inscribed India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru's Tryst With Destiny speech on the eve of Independence, using rubber glue on acrylic mirror panels and setting it aflame. It reflects on the founding ideals of a new nation — the promise of a democracy, peace, unity, end of poverty and ignorance. In subsequent works, Kallat deployed Gandhi's 1930 speech on Dandi March eve; and Swami Vivekananda's 1893 World Parliament of Religions speech in Chicago, about fanaticism and universal tolerance.

Riyas Komu, Dhamma Swaraj, 2018

By bringing together BR Ambedkar's $\it dhamma$ and Mahatma Gandhi's swaraj, Komu's triptych asserts that freedom can't exist without justice and justice implies equality. "Dhamma Swaraj is a conversation. A will to dissent. It's conceived as an orientation towards the future...to invoke dialogue between the past and present, intensities of thoughts, philosophies and politics. The figures of Gandhi and Ambedkar extend outside the frame...to reach out to the potentials and possibilities of a shared politics, of coming together as communities abandoned by ideologies of the present. The intertwined figures act as a memory of politics, a vision of acting together... to show what binds and decides, what's preserved and what's decaying," he says.

F R E E D O M I S S U E

The Territory of Shade



ORDINARY PEEPAL

Border post 918 continues to shade India and Pakistan

A tree stands tall between two nations

Peeyush Sekhsaria

E WERE at the Suchetgarh border post on the India-Pakistan border in Jammu. Driving fast through rice fields alongside village homes, the fact that we had arrived at one of the highest militarised zones in the world had taken me by surprise. So far, the only indicator had been the high, elaborate fence we drove along for some distance. For all present, it seemed like a picnic with a dash of pride, everybody was taking pictures, posing and re-posing.

Someone offered to take my pictures on my phone. "Where would you like to stand?" he asked. "I would just like to stand and watch," I responded a bit hesitantly. He smiled. In the distance, an empty guard tower on the Pakistan side watched over us. Suchetgarh wasn't always a heavily militarised zone. Established in the mid-18th century during the Dogra rule, it was the last place in Dogra territory, whereafter Punjab began. With Sialkot just 11 km away, it was an important trade hub and railway station between Jammu and Sialkot right up to 1947. It still serves as the crossing point for the UN Observers to Pakistan and vice versa. While I was watching elaborate photography sessions with a mix of amusement and boredom, one of our folks drew my attention and said, "See that tree there...it is a border post!"

It took me a second to realise what exactly he meant, there were concrete pillars painted with numbers. The tree, a beautiful peepal, clearly was in line with the border pillars. I looked at it carefully, and it too had a number, "918" painted on it. The concrete post before it had "917" and the post after, I strained my eyes, had "919" painted. It was quite a handsome tree, and pretty large at that, but, perhaps, younger than our Partition and the border. I wondered whether it was more Indian than Pakistani or vice versa. The peepal leaves caught the breeze that seemed to flow that afternoon from the Indian side into Pakistan, the scampering squirrels and the noisy mynahs couldn't be bothered either. The border post had left me intrigued and read up after that visit.

The tree did not always demarcate the dividing line, concrete border pillar 918 stood there. The tree's trunk with the passage of time slowly engulfed the pillar. Nor did the Indian BSF or the Pakistan Rangers guarding their respective borders cut the tree and, at some point, "918" was painted on it, marking it as the official border, perhaps, the only place in the world where a tree demarcates the boundary of two countries.

I came across another similar story, but this time the tree didn't seem so fortunate. It was a newspaper article about an old siris (Albizia lebbek) tree on the Indian side of the Petrapole-Benapole Indo-Bangladesh border post that held up the installation of a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi. Right across, on the other side, was a huge wall with the picture of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangladesh's founding father. The BSF was awaiting clearances to cut or alter the old tree. I searched online with foreboding to see if there had been any further development on the siris since 2015. I couldn't find anything. My fear is that the old tree would have lost to the Mahatma's portrait.

In the interim, border post "918" continues to gently expand its territory of shade on either side of the border, a 2021 article in The Statesman stated, "During sunrise in the mornings, the tree gives its shade in Pakistan and in the afternoon on the Indian side of the border."

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A Man of Letters

As India completes 75 years, three new letters enrich the history of its most charismatic revolutionary



BY CHAMAN LAL

HE COMPLETION of 75 years of Independence is a good time to recall Bhagat Singh, the iconic hero of India's freedom struggle who has been frequently invoked by political parties of late, although often without sufficient knowledge of — and respect for — his true revolutionary ideals.

The last time the great personalities of the Independence Movement were celebrated at a scale somewhat approximating the current one was in 2007, the year in which five national anniversaries were observed — 150 years each of the First War of Independence and the birth of Lokmanya Tilak; 60 years of Independence; and 75 years of the death and 100 years of the birth of Bhagat Singh.

The Manmohan Singh government formed national committees with leaders of all opposition parties including the BJP, a large number of programmes were held at the national and state levels and a range of publications appeared between 2006 and 2008.

Earlier, in 1997, when IK Gujral was the prime minister, the golden jubilee of Independence was celebrated with great solemnity but limited noise. The focus in 1997 was on Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Subhas Chandra Bose, while in 2007, greater attention devolved on Tilak and Bhagat Singh. In 2022, the spotlight remains on Bhagat Singh, and he shares it with Sardar Patel, Birsa Munda, and Dr BR Ambedkar.

In 2007, the government's Publications Division commissioned me to prepare a volume of the writings of Bhagat Singh, which was published in Hindi with a translation in Urdu. The Hindi original was updated in 2020 and published in four volumes.



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In 2019, I edited *The Bhagat Singh Reader*, a collection of all his writings that could be located until 2018. Singh wrote in English, Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi, though he was also well versed in Sanskrit and Bengali, and was learning Persian in jail. Of the 133 writings in *The Reader*, 58 are in English and 46 in Hindi. Since then, I have come across three more important documents — a letter by Singh to the

Special Magistrate, Lahore Conspiracy case, published in *The Hindustan Times* on February 13, 1930, in which he laid down the reasons for his refusal to come to court, and two hitherto unseen letters in his own hand, part of the

Lahore Conspiracy case files. Both petitions protest the fact that he'd been refused legal counsel, and that hurdles had been put on his attempts to communicate with the court. These new writings will be part of a forthcoming updated edition of *The Bhagat Singh Reader* likely to come out later this year.

A summary of the short, remarkable life of Bhagat Singh, and the context in which these three letters were written, would be in order. Singh was arrested twice and faced two trials in his 23-year life. He was first arrested on May 29, 1927, and kept in police custody until July 4, 1927, during which he was brutally tortured to extract a confession. He was given bail against Rs 60,000, a very large sum in those days, and the case was withdrawn after it was hotly debated in the Punjab Assembly.

He was arrested for the second time on April 8, 1929, at the Central Assembly in Delhi, the present Parliament House, which had been inaugurated two years earlier. Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt offered themselves for arrest after throwing bombs at the Assembly. Both were convicted on June 12 and were transferred to Mianwali and Lahore jails, respectively, on June 14. During the journey, they went on a hunger strike that ended after 110 days on October 4. Their comrade Jatin Das, who too was on a hunger strike, died on September 13, 1929.

Proceedings in the Lahore Conspiracy case, the second case Singh faced, began on July 10, 1929. On a hunger strike at the time, Singh was brought to court in Lahore from Mianwali jail on a stretcher. Singh, Dutt and some other revolutionaries went on a hunger strike again on February 4, 1930, as the colonial administration refused to honour their commitments.

The letter published in *The Hindustan Times* was accompanied by the news of the hunger strikes by the revolutionaries. The two handwritten letters are from the last days of the trial by the Special Tribunal, comprising

three High Court judges. Its proceedings began on May 5, 1930, and the verdict was announced on October 7. The date of execution was fixed for October 27, 1930, a few days before the term of the Tribunal was scheduled to

end. Following an appeal and its rejection, Bhagat Singh was hanged on March 23, 1931, along with comrades Rajguru and Sukhdev.

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Bhagat Singh's petition dated 6 May 1930, pleading that "he is not in a position to engage whole time counsel", "that he does not want to accept any help from the government", and that "an order be passed to accommodate his legal adviser in a body of the court"



HEAR ME OUT

Bhagat Singh's petition dated 27 August 1930, protesting the refusal of the court registrar to accept from him an application to the court; the lack of information on whether

his two earlier applications had been delivered to the court; and that even though he has been asked to produce his defence, he has not be allowed interviews to co-accused and relatives, which are very essential to the purposes of his defence

Reasons for refusing to come to court: 'Harassed Ceaselessly'

Lahore accused's letter to Special Magistrate

Lahore, Feb 10

BHAGAT SINGH and B K Dutt have sent the following [letter] to the Special Magistrate, Lahore Conspiracy case, Lahore through the

Superintendent, Central Jail, Lahore: In view of your statement and order dated 4th February, 1930, we feel it necessary to make a statement clearing the position of the accused as regarding their refusal to come to your court...

Harassed Ceaselessly

We should like to point out that we have not so far boycotted all the British courts. But there are special circumstances which force us to take this step... We have been feeling from the very beginning that we are being harassed ceaselessly, but deliberately with a view to hamper our defence. Many of our grievances had been placed before you in a bail application, but while rejecting that petition, you did not feel the necessity of even making a mention of the grievances of the accused...

Magistrate's foremost duty
The first and foremost duty of
the Magistrate is to keep his attitude

the Magistrate is to keep his attitude impartial... The second most important thing is to see if the accused are having genuine difficulty in connection with their defence, and remove if any... But the contrary has been the conduct of the Magistrate in such an important case where 18 young men are being tried for serious offences... for which they may very likely be sentenced to death.

The main grounds on which we were forced to attend your court were that the majority of the accused belong to distant provinces and all are middle class people. In these circumstances it is very diffi-



cult, nay almost impossible for their relatives to come here... to help them in their defence.

No Interviews Allowed

Mr BK Dutt belongs to Bengal and Mr Kanwal Nath Tiwari to Behar. Both of them wanted to interview their friends, Shrimati Kumari Lajjawati and Shrimati Parvati Devi respectively. But the court forwarded all their applications to the jail authorities, who in their turn rejected them on the plea that interviews could be allowed to relatives and counsel only. Again, and again the matter was brought to your notice, but no step was taken to enable the accused to make the necessary arrangements for their defence... In these circumstances... It is noteworthy that those, and a majority of the accused were going unrepresented.

Accused's Grievances

I am an unrepresented accused

and could not afford to engage a whole-time counsel to represent me throughout the lengthy trial. I wanted his legal advice and at a certain stage I wanted him to watch the proceedings personally. But he was refused even a seat in the court. Was this not a deliberate move to harass us to hamper our defence?...The accused did not absolutely get any opportunity to make any arrange-

ments for their defence. This is what we protest against. If there is to be no fair play, there need not be a show... In these circumstances we all thought it fit that either we should have a fair chance of defending ourselves or be prepared to bear the sentence passed against us in a trial held in our absence.

The third main grievance is about the supply of newspapers. The undertrials as such should not be treated as convicts and only such restrictions can be justifiably imposed upon them as may be extremely necessary for their safe custody... Every literate undertrial is entitled to get at least one standard daily newspaper. Our repeated requests asking for a vernacular paper for the non-English reading accused proved to be futile...

(The Hindustan Times, February 13, 1930; edited excerpts)

Songs of Oneness

Of childhood friends, stories of Partition, and a hope that the lines which divide us blur



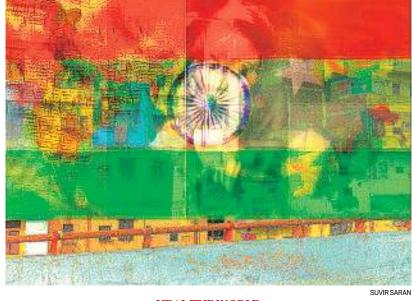
Suvir Saran is a chef, author, educator and world traveller

SONAM KALRA is a friend who goes back to some of my earliest childhood memories. I remember how our grandfathers would take us swimming and, afterwards, order cheese sandwiches and potato chips for us. Together, we led the morning assembly with songs of national unity at Modern School, in Delhi's

Vasant Vihar, for more years than either of us would care to count. We were out of touch for years once we began our adult lives, save a meeting here or there that would last only a few minutes but that would bring out our love and admiration for each other and give us a quick moment to catch up. Three decades later, we have both gotten to the place professionally where we have found our calling and where leaving a legacy behind is what drives our engines.

Last weekend, in a sold-out performance at Stein Auditorium at India Habitat Centre, Sonam shared the depths of her empathetic humanity. The notes she touched, the emotions she bared, the poetry she composed into song, and the people she gave voice to through the provocative cinematic storytelling behind her on stage, brought alive the struggle and pain of Partition, the vexing realities that have haunted the survivors, and the heartache that breaks many lives of those on either side of the toxic border that divides India and Pakistan.

The springboard for this multi-disciplinary experiential performance by Sonam was the heart-stirring, gut-churning words by Ustad Daman. In Akhiyaan di laali dasdi hai roye assi vi roye tussi vi (the redness in your eyes shows that you have cried and so have we), Daman gives voice to that wrenching emotion which my grandparents and many of their generation felt and lived a lifetime trying to make peace with. The narration in between Sonam's



HEAL THE WORLD

On paper, the religious makeup of India and Pakistan is what separates us, the people on either side, but it is there and only there where one sees any difference

singing and the visual installation designed by Gopika Chowfla is called the *Bleeding Line*. It shows a trunk and suitcases on the stage with a long piece of fabric, symbolising the river of blood, coming out of them, dividing the audience into two.

Sonam's choice of songs shows, through the power of reflective poetry, the large-heartedness of those who have suffered from Partition. From Amrita Pritam's erudite poetic work to the Punjabi *Bidaayi badhayi madhaniya* and a poem written by her for this performance, Sonam ensures we are glued to the stage every second. Painful memories, inspir-

ing utterances from those who have lost and were broken beyond belief, hopeful messages from survivors and their families, and messages from everyday people of our times who cannot wait to meet their neighbours on the other side — these words, the emotions they come loaded with, the honest suffering they give life to, the candour with which they are shared, the hope they pack despite the ugliness they bare — it is this that makes Sonam Kalra a messenger of peace while also charming all with the sonorous heft and depth of her musical prowess.

"Partition: Stories of Separation" is clearly

a passion project for the musical diva that is Sonam Kalra. "Ever since I was a young girl, I've heard stories about the Partition. Both sides of my family came from the part of Punjab that is now in Pakistan. My mother's family was from Rawalpindi and my father's from Sargoda. Even though I didn't have to live through the pain of Partition myself, I have always been moved to tears when talking about it with someone. I've often wondered why I should feel so deeply about it - perhaps it lies embedded in the memory of my DNA. And, perhaps, it is this pain that has led me to question this further," she says. Luckily for us, Sonam's familial connection to the Partition of India and the pain that has kept its legacy alive for her has gifted us as a nation this rich musical theatre to appreciate, reflect upon, and draw from to find hope that can better our

Terrific performer, soulful human and strong vocalist, Sonam takes us deep into our common, very Indian subcontinental roots and shared humanity and suffering. On this day that marks the 75th anniversary of India's Independence, I find myself most grateful to Sonam for giving us fresh tutelage on the horrors of Partition. The absurdity of how a people who coexisted for millennia attacked each other in a most horrific outbreak of violent sectarianism, whose ripples are being felt seven decades and more later, ought to give us reason to rise above the comforting calls of partisan politics and jingoistic leadership, no matter what country we see it in or what religion those leaders represent. This is no time to allow sectarianism, neo-nationalism, and woke liberalism to take us to dark places where hate breeds fascist outcomes and civil unrest.

In the people of India and Pakistan, I see the relationship shared by siblings. Alove that comes with woeful hate, a healthy competition, a joyous pride and unmatched sorrow, a rare camaraderie and unparalleled tension, stoic support and uncompassionate betrayal. It is the tale of two countries and one people. A people with a shared geography; common shape and form; many similar traditions, languages and dialects; and dreams, hopes and aspirations that mirror the ones of those on the other side of the border. Just as siblings, the people of both nations have witnessed the same history. They have trailed each other over the arcs of their entire existence. We smile and cry, laugh and giggle, gossip and marry, celebrate and cherish in the same way, with similar words and with identical feelings. On paper, our religious makeup is what separates us, but it is there and only there where one sees any difference.

To keep India and Pakistan from combusting within their own borders, both the nations and their citizenry must never allow any political party or leader or people of faith to use religion to incite our animalistic tendencies that turn us into demons with nary a care for decency or humanity. Independence came at a very ugly, horrific price.

The only upshot this price can have is a future where the two nations and their one people find a way to cohabit despite the border drawn in 1947 and find love for the siblings living on the other side. Men and women of another country but with whom we share a history dating back millennia and with whom we still have many shared triumphs to celebrate and many more movies, books, and songs to cherish. It is our love for one another that has helped Sonam and I to keep our friendship alive despite being three decades in two faraway geographies. And with her singing haunting my mind and soul, I hope to keep Partition's exemplum alive in my head as a parable of the deeply held values of unity in diversity that India has always celebrated.

F R E E D O M I S S U E

Girl, Woman, Other

In forgetting their contribution and treating them with prejudice, India continues to diminish its women



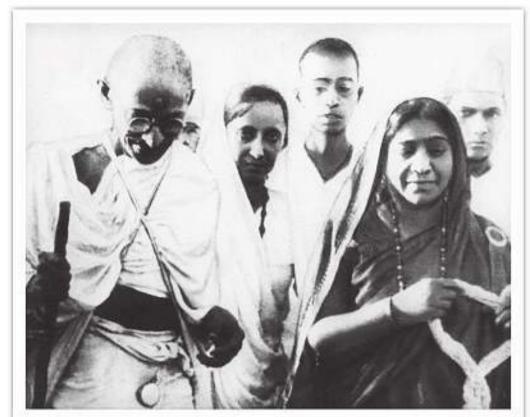
BY SHASHI DESHPANDE

N JUST a few hours from now, independent India will be 75 years. The nation will, as usual, have the traditional official celebrations. But the truth is that we are jaded, the miracle of freedom no longer dazzles us. For those of us who saw the British flag come down and the Indian flag take its place, these are disquieting times. Times of evading the truth, of evading reality. We celebrate our Independence, but we have edged out the story of Partition. Is it intentional amnesia? Or have we truly forgotten it? True, humans can forget what they want to in a heartbeat. But Partition is the Siamese twin of our freedom. It was the price we paid for freedom, the price that was paid by people who lost the homes they had lived in for generations only because of a line drawn on a map.

And what about women's contribution to the freedom movement? We only know that Gandhiji brought women into the freedom movement. But recently, during a conversation with novelist Githa Hariharan, when Nayantara Sahgal said that there were over 30,000 women in prison in 1932, I was staggered by the number. Thirty thousand

women in prison? And how many more out of it? Prominent women in the movement like Sarojini Naidu or Vijayalakshmi

Pandit became household names at the time. But of these 30,000 women we know nothing. What happened to them after Independence? Did they go back to their homes and take up the household duties which had been their lot earlier? Why were



they, barring a very few, not in politics? And why were these few women invariably connected to important men?

An even worse and equally forgotten story is of women who were raped during

o were raped during the Partition riots. I have been haunted by these women since I came across a pile of *Harijan* (Gandhiji's journal) issues at home and

read Gandhiji's words trying to comfort and advise the raped women. What happened to them? Where did they go finally? Their families would not accept them, for they were disgraced, dishonoured women. What happened to the babies born of rape? Women

THE GREAT ALONE

Sarojini Naidu with Mahatma Gandhi during the 1930 Salt Satyagraha. While some freedom fighters like Naidu entered politics, many were lost to obscurity who were raped in Bangladesh during the war were given the title of "Biranganas (heroines)" by the government. A crass, insensitive way of thinking. Better, perhaps, to be invisible than a heroine.

Women were considered comrades in the freedom struggle. Now? They are stalked, subjected to acid attacks, domestic abuse, marital rape, sexual harassment at home and outside; they are trolled on social media, judged by what they wear, what they do. Legislation is unable to keep up with these crimes. They say that the condition of women spells out how civilised a country is. By this measure, we have failed. In spite of our boastful claims about a modern progressive India, the majority of women, and a great many men, remain outside the world of op-

portunities and achievement.

The truth is that very soon after Independence, we forgot our dreams for the country, our aspirations for people, and latched on to the reality of power. Seventy-five years after Independence, we are a polarised country, full of hate. Listening to the "debates" on TV, one gets the full brunt of this hatred. The shouting and shrieking makes one wonder: why are they angry? Not only those out of power, even those in power are angry. What makes them so angry?

Nevertheless, I am convinced that political power is the only factor that can help. Without it, a people remain voiceless. Look at these numbers: The Constituent Assembly, which was convened before Independence to draft the Constitution, had 389 members, of which 11 were women. The present Parliament has 785 members, with 78 women among them. Any significant change in 75 years? Not really.

Not that there are no women in politics. We see party spokeswomen who can outshout and out-shriek other panellists, even the anchor. They have learnt to be as good haters as the men are, to be as angry as the men. This spectacle convinces me that I shall see no changes in India in my lifetime. We have gone too far ahead on the road of hatred to turn back. One had also hoped that open and rampant sexism would no longer be possible. But not too long ago, a male Member of Parliament told a female colleague to go home and do her work of patting out bhakris (rotis) — showing a contempt not only for this particular woman, but for all women's work. If women did not pat out bhakris or roll out chapatis, what would the country eat? And this statement was made to a woman who comes from a powerful political party. Do we then give up hope?

"A moment comes...when an age ends, when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance" — these were the words of our first Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru.

We have to hope, to wait for all the voices which have been suppressed, even in free India, to find utterance. That will be real Independence.

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DOWN IN JUNGLELAND



Ranjit Lal

Ranjit Lal is an author, environmentalist and bird watcher

Free Spirits

Even in the animal world, it matters to be unrestrained

ANY YEARS ago, at a bird-ringing camp, I remember holding a little bird (I have even forgotten what species), that had been .caught in the mist net, ringed and was now ready for release. I held my cupped palms upwards, opened them and with a whirr and a squeak (of delight?), the little bird took off to freedom, taking and freeing a little bit of myself with it. There is really no way to describe the uplifting feeling. Of course, it also made me feel smugly virtuous for the rest of the day and made me understand why wild animal rescuers are often in tears when they release their wards (even snakes) back where they belong — never to see them again. Of course, politicians do this with white doves all the time — but for venal reasons. Others buy captive birds like (often garishly dyed) munias and release them en masse but this is to buy the approval of the Gods and only leads to the capture of more such birds (so they can be bought and freed).

A few years ago, I was given charge of a pair of goldfish that lived in yes, a small goldfish bowl. Chhotu and Motu were attractive to watch, their orange-gold colours were lovely, their movements graceful and I could understand why doctors and dentists kept large kaleidoscopic aquariums in their waiting rooms. But I used to wonder: Didn't they go stir crazy swimming round and round in that bowl all day every day? Especially since they had begun recognising me as provider of their rations and would wait expectantly, looking at me! Perhaps, they'd be happier in a larger tank, but they'd still be confined and I couldn't possibly release them in a local pond or the river. Before I could make up my mind what to do, they died: Never again. As for keeping birds, that was out of the question. I felt very uncomfortable even in Singapore's famous Jurong Bird Park, but, of course, I'd visited the place!

But do animals, birds, reptiles, fishes and even insects understand what freedom is? Some certainly seem to: decades ago, in Bombay, we used to spend weekends at the (then deserted) beach — at Marve — much to the delight of our Boxer, Bambi. When let off the leash on the beach, she would race on the sands at top speed, her ears flapping, tongue hanging out, delirious with delight. Oh yes, she knew what it meant to be free! After two days of such exulting freedom she would spend the next two days, back at home, asleep on her sofa, paws twitching as



RANJITLA

SOARING HIGH

Free spirits in the wild have their own rhythm

she probably dreamt of chasing crabs on the sand!
We unfortunately, seem far better at taking away freedom than giving it: both in the animal kingdom and in our own! We've been capturing animals for zoos and circuses for millennia. In many zoos, the animals are confined in dark dingy cages, and promptly go mad, pacing up and down relentlessly, or shaking their heads (it's called stereotypical behaviour) or mutilating themselves. Even in "enlightened" zoos, where the enclosures have been specially designed and the animals given "toys" to play with or made to find their food (hidden by the keepers), or puzzles to solve, to keep the boredom at bay, the bottom line that keeps bugging you is: ah, but they're still not free! That's true for safari parks as well as National Parks, whose borders animals do not recognise but we do.

The late Gerald Durrell once said that freedom was really not all it was made out to be. Wild, free animals had a very rough and tough life — they had territories to defend, mates to fight over (sometimes to the death), food to hunt down, babies to look after, enemies to avoid. In good zoos, they were provided with all possible amenities, and even partners, even if they had a limited amount of space to roam around in. Then again, even wild free animals didn't just roam around aimlessly: many had their clearly marked out territories which they patrolled – or if they were migratory - more or less fixed migratory routes and rest-and-recreation destinations in winter. Apart from educating the public about the biodiversity of species, the main raison-d'etre of zoos is to preserve the population of critically endangered species. And even we have territories — our homes, our offices, the restaurants we eat at which are more or less fixed. As are our country's borders.

If zoos are bad, then circuses are much worse!
Fortunately, circuses using animal acts are becoming a thing of the past, but we still have grand tuskers, bedecked from head to toe, leading noisy processions (An elephant can be the most silent mover in the forest). As for animals used for research in medicine, they're the worst off. Every time I see a beagle, or a Labrador, or even a badly behaved macaque, or a white rat, I give it a silent salutation, thanking its kind for testing the pills I take, or the pacemaker that ticks away in my chest.

Until we learn to eat rocks and stones, we will take away the freedom (and life) of the animals we consume. As we do of the quadrillions of plants which we boil alive! Ah, and what would a bonsai banyan tree think when it sees a full-grown banyan tree in the wild?

Swing It Like She Does

Gender parity is a crucial cornerstone of a just society. It's time our films reflected it



BY SHUBHRA GUPTA

LET ME tell you about a brand new rom com which I quite enjoyed. Wedding Season, directed by Tom Dey, is about a personable pair of desis in New Jersey, looking for their dream partner just so they can get their pushy parents off their back. When Asha and Ravi meet, it's cute. Strike one. Going by standard rom com rule number two, they have to be oblivious of each other's charms to begin with, which these two, well played by Suraj Sharma and Pallavi Sharda, duly comply with.

But the nicest thing of all, apart from the obvious spark between the two, is that they are handed out parity by the writers: she has a real job, formerly in high-flying finance, now in micro-loans, and he is looking for a way to come clean about where his heart really lies. They are equals, whichever metric you apply.

You already know about this other film, which I did not enjoy at all. Aanand L Rai's Raksha Bandhan is also about finding the right match, but it's all askew: the heavy lifting is done by an older brother for his four younger sisters, who are portrayed as these helpless creatures, incapable of harbouring a single independent thought. Akshay Kumar is meant to be an adarsh bade bhaiyya, but the concern he is seen lavishing upon said behens is strictly to do with "procuring" proper grooms for these "difficult" girls. How is labelling young women "fat" and "dark" acceptable in this day and age? Under the guise of a socially-relevant film, which supposedly speaks out against dowry, it ends up infantilising its characters, as well as the viewers.

Here we are in 2022, trying to deal with the ravages of the pandemic, the after-effects of climate change, the rapidly changing rules of engagement. What does India at 75 need, more than anything else? Ways to negotiate a world trying to rebuild itself, with acceptance, openness, and compassion. Gender parity is a crucial cornerstone of a just society, and one of the most effective ways of talking it up is through cinema. If representation is key, who would you rather see: a young woman with intelligence and emotional acuity, or one who is dependent on the patriarch for every single thing?

Bollywood needs to grow up. It's something we've been saying for years, but now it is more urgent than ever. It's not as if filmmakers haven't heeded our call. But the moment someone tries to make a grown-up film for grown-ups, it's not just the over-judicious, under-confident official censors that





stand against growth; increasingly, it is militant groups of citizens who have become our moral guardians, keeping us "safe" from the "pollution" of free thought. As aware audiences, we need to grow up, too.

An important aspect of that growing up, both from creators and consumers of cinema, is the accordance of mutual respect. The tendency to box films which are either helmed or headlined by female professionals as "womenoriented" has only damaged the possibility of all-round growth. This kind of tight compartmentalisation allows for easy dismissal of such films. It also limits the audience: only women end up going to watch those movies in theatres, or clicking on them on OTT platforms in their scant disposable time. Given that the ma-

ROOTING FOR HER (Clockwise from top)

Smita Patil in Bhumika; Swara Bhasker in Anaarkali of Aarah and Kareena Kapoor Khan in Jab We Met



jority of those who go to the movies are young men between the ages of 15-25 years, it is imperative that the stigma around stories fronted by women be removed. No, you are not a sissy if you watch a film made by a woman; you are just a viewer making a sensible choice.

Why wouldn't a lover of good, meaningful cinema, male or female, want to watch feisty mother Shamshu and daughter Badruget their own back on the latter's abusive husband, Hamza? Between them, Alia Bhatt, Shefali Shah and Vijay Varma have given us moments to savour, long after we have finished watching their *Darlings*. Women telling women's stories? Freely and with flair? High time.

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7 All-Time Favourites

URVASHI IN SHYAM BENEGAL'S BHUMIKA (1977). Smita Patil fills the role of a complex multi-faceted woman, negotiating the tough early years of the film industry with a million colours and moods

POOJA INDER MALHOTRA IN MAHESH BHATT'S ARTH (1982). Shabana Azmi is aces as the

devastated wife begging her cheating husband to return to her, and then determinedly finding her own path

PHOOLAN DEVI IN SHEKHAR KAPUR'S BANDIT QUEEN (1994).

Seema Biswas infuses her guntoting vengeful female dacoit, red bandana stretched tight across her forehead, with searing ferocity



NIMMI IN VISHAL BHARDWAJ'S MAQBOOL (2003). It's hard to choose just one among Tabu's many great roles, but this one, in which her desi Lady Macbeth incites Irrfan's tentative Macbeth, is unforgettable

GEET IN IMTIAZ ALI'S JAB WE

MET (2007). There have been as many versions of the 'peppy chatterbox girl' as there have been leading ladies in Hindi cinema, but Kareena Kapoor Khan makes this one deliciously her own

RANI IN VIKAS BAHL'S QUEEN (2013). Kangana Ranaut is

wonderful as the young woman who puts aside a personal setback to discover the joys of solo travel within and without, in one of Bollywood's best coming-ofage films

ANAARKALI IN AVINASH DAS'S ANAARKALI OF AARAH (2017).

Swara Bhasker is terrific as a nachaniya (small-town dancer), whose struggles to keep exploitative men at bay make her strong enough to strike out on her own

After you win everybody is behind you, but when you get the support after losing it matters a lot, and I have got that from my family, fans and wellwishers after Tokyo."

VINESH PHOGHAT

2022 CWG WRESTLING GOLD MEDALLIST

Pujara hits 79-ball 107 for Sussex

Sussex: Star India batter Cheteshwar Pujara cracked 22 runs in an over en route to his scintillating 107 off 79 balls for his county side Sussex in the Royal London One Day Cup in Birmingham. However, Pujara's innings went in vain as Sussex fell short by four runs while chasing Warwickshire's 310 for six on Friday, Pujara, India's batting mainstay in Tests, looked in ominous touch as he slammed three fours and a six in the 45th over off medium pacer Liam Norwell to keep Sussex in the chase. Overall, Pujara smashed seven fours and two sixes during his innings. He was dismissed in the first ball of the 49th over by Oliver Hannon-Dalby as Sussex finished at 306 for seven.

Anahat in World Jr squash quarters

Nancy (France): Promising Indian squash player Anahat Singh entered the quarterfinals of the women's singles event of the WSF World Juniors 2022 after beating England's Torrie Malik 3-1 in the fourth round here on Saturday. Anahat, who was a member of India's squash contingent in the just-concluded Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, defeated Malik 11-5, 11-5,6-1,11-7. She will face Egypt's Fayrouz Abouelkheir for a place in the semifinals. "I really didn't expect that, but surprisingly I wasn't nervous!" Anahat said after her win over Malik.

Shakib to lead B'desh at Asia Cup, T20 WC

Dhaka: The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on Saturday appointed premier all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan as the skipper of the T20 team for the upcoming Asia Cup, the New Zealand tri-series and the T20 World Cup. While the Asia Cup will be held in the UAE, Australia will host the T20 showpiece. The BCB made the announcement after weeks of uncertainty as Shakib was told by the Board to choose between playing for Bangladesh or keeping his endorsement with a "betting company" Betwinner News. He had ended his deal with the company.

Sharma shoots 68, moves to tied 12th

Singapore: India's Shubhankar Sharma made a sharp move up with a solid 4under 68 to get to 9-under which saw him rise to tied 12th in \$1.5 million third International Series Singapore here on Saturday. Sharma's card may have looked even better but for a late for it with a birdie on 18th. Veer Ahlawat continued to be the top Indian even though he barely made a move on the third day. He stayed at 10under but slipped from overnight third to tied eighth.

IOA delegation to visit Lausanne

New Delhi: Playing down threats of suspension, Indian Olympic Association acting president Anil Khanna on Saturday said a three-member delegation will visit the IOC Committee's headquarters next month to apprise the IOC of current status with regards to its elections. Weeks after the IOC had threatened to suspend the IOA if it failed to conduct its election at the earliest, Khanna said his body is committed to "abide" by the country's Sports Code and the law of the land.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA



CHAMPION MEETS PM

2022 CWG gold medallist Mirabai Chanu gifts PM Modi a signed jersey on behalf of the weightlifting contingent on Saturday.

STRESS FRACTURE DERAILS SINDHU'S WORLDS PLANS

India's star shuttler PV Sindhu on Saturday pulled out of the upcoming BWF World Championships owing to a stress fracture on her left foot. In a statement which she shared on Twitter, the double Olympic medallist confirmed that she will be missing the 2022 World Championships. Sindhu has won the World Championships gold in 2019, along with two silver medals and two bronze. "While I am on the high of winning a gold medal at the CWG for India. Unfortunately, I have to pull out of the world championships. I felt pain and there was an injury scare at the quarter-finals of the CWG, but with the help of my coach, physio and trainer, I decided to push as far as I could," Sindhu said in the statement. "The pain was unbearable during and post the finals. Hence I rushed for an MRI as soon as I got back to Hyderabad. The doctors confirmed a stress fracture on my left foot and recommended rest for a few weeks. I should be back to training in a few weeks. Thank you all for your support and love," she added. The World Championships will be held in Tokyo from August 21 till

'India not far from Olympic medal'

40-year-old table tennis star Sharath Kamal in conversation with Anil Dias where he talks about how he made tweaks to his game, like a stronger backhand to complement his forehead and his dreams of a team medal in 2024.

THREE GOLD medals and a silver in his kitty made this the most successful Commonwealth Games for the evergreen table tennis star Sharath Kamal, who at 40 is willing to step out of his comfort zone

How do you do what you do? How have you managed to be at the top of your sport for so long?

That comes through lots of practice and understanding the process over time. I'm able to understand what my body requires, what my mind requires, and what it takes to be in the best shape. This is not just my effort. It's a complete effort with my coaches - mental coach, physical coach, and nutritionistThey tell me, at this stage, we'll be doing this or that. These are the tournaments we'll be playing. It's a long-drawn process where planning and organisation are quite important aspects. When we stick to the plan, the results come in.

Over the years you have played opponents with different styles. Table tennis has changed a lot too. How have you managed to adapt?

Without adaptability, you don't have longevity. You need to keep adapting to new techniques, new technology, and new knowledge. You need to constantly keep updating yourself so that you are in the race with all of your competitors. That's one thing I've been able to keep up with. Be the change in the ball from a 38mm diameter to 40mm (in 2000), a change in the rubber or change in techniques. I was able to keep up with the changes and adapt.

What were the most testing aspects of the game you've had to change and

The game patterns have changed. The scoring has changed and that's been the most difficult change. Apart from that, the service rule has changed, the size of the ball has changed, the material of the ball has changed and the equipment has changed. Earlier the ball used to travel very fast



Sharath Kamal has made tweaks to his game, like a stronger backhand to complement his forehead.

and then the ball became a bit heavy. Until 2008, we could use speed glue on our bats (speed glue increases the elasticity of the racket, which adds speed and spin to the ball). They banned it immediately after the 2008 Olympics. The season had already started and we didn't have time to adapt. These may seem small changes, but they're

And you adapted to everything without complaining...

I learned very early on in my career that I'll have to adapt. My coaches helped too. They taught me not to complain about stuff and pushed me out of my comfort zone. Back then, infrastructure was very bad. I learned never to complain about those things so I think that's helping me adapt to new things and basically go out of my com-

How do you prepare yourself for each match and has anything changed in all these years?

We analyse all the matches and we sit down and talk about it. That's how we build a practice session. If there's something we are not doing well we practice that and if there's something we are doing well, we sharpen that. We are constantly evolving.

Viswanathan Anand recently spoke about how he keeps up with the younger generation in chess. He said it isn't something that happened overnight and he has made small tweaks over time that helps him compete. Do you think that's the same for you?

It's a lot more physical for me (laughs). If I can keep up physically, then I can keep up technically. That's something which I have learnt, especially after the period where I

kept losing to the youngsters between 2011 to 2015. The thing is that they already started off with the new technology and I had to change and adapt to the new and I fell behind. So in that sense, I had to completely upgrade myself. There were not minor tweaks, there were major things.

Major things like?

Well, the backhand technique. Let's say till 2010 I used to play only forehand, my entire game used to be forehand based. Though it is still more forehand based, backhand is now an integral part of my game. It took me a while to work on the coordination between backhand and forehand.

You said you kept losing to players between 2011 to 2015. How did you bounce back from that? You also had a major injury in 2015 which set you back by six months...

Things started to work out because in those four years I was trying to adapt. The injury also slowed down the process but by

Coming to Indian table tennis, how far do you think we are from winning an Olympic medal?

We are not far from winning an Olympic medal but it's not very easy either. At Paris 2024, unfortunately for me, I am looking at a team medal because that is something that possible with me Sathiyan (Gnanasekaran) and Harmeet (Desai).

What about singles for you?

Singles are very far-fetched for me. I'm not in the top 10 of the world to think of an Olympic singles medal. Also, I'm 40 so it will be physically demanding. I need to keep up physically to be the best in the business. I do have to work a lot more on the physical aspect and some technical aspects also need to be worked on.

But within eight years from now, I can say that India could stand a chance of winning a singles medal at the Olympics.

There's always a question of who after you in men's table tennis. Right now it

seems to be Sathiyan. Do you think Sathiyan or any of the current top players can ever reach your level?

Sathiyan has already reached the level that I am playing and in fact, I am catching up with him. He is doing extremely well in international tournaments, raising the bar and I'm just trying to keep up with the rankings

You've obviously interacted with a lot of Indian players. Have you seen a spark in

Lots of Indian players have a spark. A lot of players have been doing well at the junior level and they are highly ranked in their category too. They need the confidence that they can be the best in the world. We always had good talent in the junior category. It is just that in the transition from junior to senior, it gets lost.

Table tennis is slowly improving in the country and hopefully, in the near future, there will be a setup to produce new champions one by one. It can't be just a one-off that someone is coming out and playing well.

Manika Batra was asked to tank a match before the Tokyo Olympics. What is your take on having to tank matches in order for your compatriot to make the cut for a major multi-sport event? I cannot comment on that because

someone asked her to do it and not me. Post that, there have been a lot of complications. I try to keep away from it and focus on the game at hand

How would you define yourself and your career?

I can't ask for anything better. At 40, I'm still peaking. I don't think anybody has done that across any sport. I am really happy to be in the spot where I am.

What's next for you? The main focus is the Paris Olympic

games. But we do have World Championships coming up and a few other tournaments. First, let us bask in this glory and then get back to the drawing board.

'Let's cry after mixed doubles': How Sharath comforted Sreeja after her loss

ANIL DIAS

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TO SAY she was distraught would be an understatement. After her heart-breaking 3-4 (11-3, 6-11, 2-11, 11-7, 13-15, 11-9, 7-11) loss to Australia's Yangzi Liu in the women's singles bronze medal match of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, India' Sreeja Akula was inconsolable Half an hour later, Sharath Kamal, India's

40-year-old table tennis star, had just finished a match himself. He walked into the dressing room and on seeing the 24-year-old Sreeja crying, he said something that would lighten the mood. "Don't cry now, cry after the mixed dou-

bles match." he said with a laugh, referring to the final he was supposed to play alongside Sreeja in about five hours.

Sreeja couldn't control her laughter. She and Sharath teamed up to win India's first-ever mixed doubles Commonwealth Games gold and it was a sort of redemption for Sreeja after her loss earlier in the day. This was also the moment when the de-

cision of Sreeja's parents to back their daughter's table tennis career and put academics on the backburner paid off.

Till Sreeja turned 18, they had no idea whether she could make a career out of the

"Nobody in my family is a sportsperson," Sreeja tells *The Indian Express* after returning from Birmingham. "When you don't have a sportsperson in your family, there's always an apprehension of being a professional athlete." Sreeja's table tennis journey began at the age of eight. Watching her sister, Ravali -- who's three years older than her -- play and excel at state tournaments, Sreeja wanted to

"My dad did play table tennis at local tournaments but it wasn't at a high level. My parents wanted my sister to play some indoor sport and because my dad loved table tennis, they decided to enroll her in classes," she says.

Though Ravali showed plenty of promise, studies got in the way after Grade 10. She gave up table tennis for academics. So when Sreeja reached that age, she thought that the natural progression was to give up table tennis and focus on her studies.

"I wanted to become a chartered accountant. My sister convinced me and my family not to make the same mistake she made. She convinced me to continue playing TT because she saw how much I loved it and that I was quite decent at it too," she says. There was another problem. Though she

was doing well at the junior level, her parents weren't quite sure it would be financially sustainable to play a sport professionally. "It's only when I turned 18 and got a job with RBI because of table tennis that my family let go of that apprehension. It was then

that I too could concentrate more on the

sport because I didn't have to worry about the financial aspect." 2019 was the breakthrough year for her,



she says. "It was the first time I played in the senior category and won two medals. At the Commonwealth TT Championships in

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SREEJA AKULA

Cuttack, I won bronze in singles and mixed

doubles and silver in doubles.' While Sreeja and Sharath made the unlikeliest of partnerships in Birmingham, they had partnered with each other once before.

And it happened by chance. the 2019 Commonwealth Championship, it so happened that Manika (Batra) fell sick after the team event. And since I play with a pimpled rubber like her,

New Delhi

Sharath asked me to play with him. I was so nervous but we ended up winning bronze so it was alright," she says. While she was playing her best in 2019,

the Covid-19 pandemic hit and that meant a

break. And she wasn't used to taking breaks. "I like to over-work myself. I train all the time so I wasn't used to so much free time but I quite enjoyed it. I got to spend time with family and that was quite refreshing," she says. This year she won the national champi-

onships, sealing a spot in India's team for the Commonwealth Games. "It's like I'm living a dream, but a dream I've worked very hard for," she says.

So what does she expect to change after her gold in Birmingham? Not much, Sreeja, who trains in Hyderabad, says.

"I'll still have to drive 40 minutes at 5.45am to my training center. I'll still take the metro every evening to avoid traffic. If anything, I'll be training harder," Sreeja, who is coached by Somnath Ghosh at his academy in a Hyderabad mall, says.

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England's idea, India's profit

Most of cricket's innovations were born in England but as India's T20 takeover shows, it has the knack of embracing the idea whose time has come and making it work like never before

SANDEEP DWIVEDI

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AT LORD'S this week among the thousands witnessing The Hundred, the latest variant English cricket has come up with, were two titans of the global corporate world. Had cricket been a stock, it would have

Google CEO Sundar Pichai and Reliance boss Mukesh Ambani at a cricket game wasn't just a celebrity-watch frame as it used to be once. Back in the day, they would be seen as two cricket nuts, finding time from making millions to be fans again. Now, it had a layer of intrigue. Ambani has cricket in his portfolio, Pichai's has more than a passing interest in the game. Google was reportedly interested in the IPL media rights. It was also best placed to spot all new trends.

Were the two there to invest in The Hundred or did they have grander plans? Was this an asset acquisition recce before the ultimate takeover of the

India has made a habit of running away with any cricketing idea born in England and making it work like never before. From successfully marketing a borrowed concept, T20 cricket, to owning the entire cricket ecosystem, India is about to make the big leap. BCCI's unrivalled influence in ICC is an old story. The latest buzz is about the more-happening parallel universe of franchise cricket monopolised by IPL

 $So\,during\,that\,Hundred\,game\,when\,Ravi\,Shastri$ came down from the commentary box to be in the frame with Pichai and Ambani and posted it on social media, he was being a true chronicler of cricket. The frame of the beaming trio at the Home of Cricket captured the winds of change screaming on cricketing meadows around the world.

India is not a cricketing pioneer but this isn't the avian world where the early riser is the odds-on favourite to get the worm. In the complex world of consumer behaviour and marketing, being the first mover can be a disadvantage at times.

Timeless Tests to five-dayers, one-dayers, Twenty20 or now The Hundred; India has played no role in how the game has evolved. What it has is the knack of embracing the idea whose time has

England started T20 cricket in 2003, only for India to ridicule it. BCCI old hand Niranjan Shah's famous 2006 quote – "What is Twenty20? Why not Ten 10 or One 1?" – is often fished out to embarrass the Indian board. It's thrown at BCCI to remind them about their initial reluctance in accepting a format

they would eventually adopt like their very own. But in case the IPL had hit the screen before MS Dhoni's pack of fearless cricketers, playing entertaining cricket, won the 2007 ICC World T20, would

it be a mega hit? Maybe not. It was only in 2008, a year after ICC's very suc-



Ravi Shastri (2nd from left) with Google CEO Sundar Pichai (left) and Reliance boss Mukesh Ambani (2nd from right) at The Hundred this week. Twitter/RaviShastriOfd

cessful T20 World Cup had got high TRPs and the entire world had signed up for the format, did India launch IPL. Standing on the shoulders of the billions who watch the game, and overwhelming corporate interest, India would soon own the format. England's domestic T20 was reduced to an also-ran. After a point, they even stopped convincing their own play-

If the English were pioneers, the Indians were the marketers, and also the profiteers.

Winners don't always come first

Thinker and writer Malcolm Gladwell on The Diary of ACEO, a podcast hosted by Steven Bartlett, gives a compelling argument as he shares the contrarian theory that "being first was so overrated". Gladwell, a best-selling author and most-heard podcaster, brings in the conversation the iconic American entrepreneur and Apple founder late Steve Jobs to make a riveting case for his prophecy that seems to be true for the growth of T20 cricket.

On the question about timing a big launch or betting your shirt on an enterprise, he starts by saying that Steve Jobs wasn't a pioneer in anything.

"He is late to every market that he eventually wins. His genius was in understanding that being first is massively overrated. He is 10 years late on smartphone. All of the ideas that go into the first Macintosh computer (Apple's mass-market desktops) are all taken from Xerox Parc (Apple engineers, it is said, had visited this computer firm and got inspired)," he says.

"His genius was in understanding that if you are first, you are probably too early. He understands that in the world of consumer electronics, you are better off being the person who tweaks the idea than the person who truly innovates. He was very commercial in the way he approached innovation. He had an uncanny sense to bring something to the mass market and when the time was right to do so. He did a very good job of never being too early."

As Gladwell recommends, the Indian corporations have been fastidiously late in their T20 cricketing voyages. The dubious, read Allen Stanford, and the dreamy have tried to copy IPL and paste it on the cricketing map, but failed. India waited patiently, keeping its weapons sharpened for the strategic

While Kolkata Knight Riders have been the most adventurous of the Indian IPL franchise owners, others too have their expansion plans. Each team in the just-launched UAE and South Africa leagues has IPL owners. KKR, meanwhile, has a presence in the Caribbean and the USA is their next destination.

Windfall expected

It's no coincidence that the en masse off-shore investment of IPL owners comes within days of BCCI's record-breaking IPL broadcasting rights deal. With the Indian board earning \$6 billion for over five years, each IPL team waits for a windfall. They now expect to get close to Rs 400 crore annually, a roughly Rs 300 crore hike. Many used this disposable income to shop for franchise teams in the several T20 leagues mushrooming around the

The other stars of the cricket constellation too were in the right place to take a leap into the unknown. T20 franchise tournaments were the most preferred option for both the very young and the ageing. Quinton de Kock and Trent Bolt wanted voluntary retirement from their national teams. South Africa would actually cancel its series with Australia as it had to start its own T20 league with

Coach Phil Simmons would say he was tired of begging West Indian players to drop by for national duty. Simmons' job is expected to get tougher as the USA, next door, will be starting its own T20 league

The American experiment has been tried before but has failed, though this looks like a real deal. With India pushing for T20 cricket's inclusion at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, the world's biggest sporting market will be expected to come up with Super Bowl innovations and razzmatazz to attract a global audience. And watching the fireworks, celebrating T20's latest conquest, will be Indian faces in the dugout, patting their backs for backing the right idea at the right time.

Meanwhile, in this churning, what about the game's oldest format - Tests. India waits for England to come up with an original idea.



Man United suffer 4-0 loss at Brentford

REUTERS AUGUST 13

A SHAMBOLIC Manchester United side conceded four goals in the opening 35 minutes in a 4-0 drubbing at Brentford on Saturday as their woeful start to the Premier League season continued.

United's seventh successive away league defeat was assured long before the interval as Brentford took ruthless advantage of a catalogue of errors by the visitors.

The rout began in the 10th minute when United keeper David de Gea allowed a weak shot by Josh Dasilva to slip past

Things got worse for United eight minutes later when De Gea played the ball out to former Brentford player Christian Eriksen who was caught in possession and Mathias Jensen slot-

When United's defence failed to deal with a corner and Ben Mee glanced in a close-range header to make it 3-0 the Brentford fans were ecstatic while United's new manager Erik ten Hag looked ashen-faced in his technical area.

Brentford's fourth was a gem as Ivan Toney delivered a diagonal ball to Bryan Mbeumo from a counter-attack and Mbeumo calmly beat De Gea.

Ten Hag made three substitutions at halftime with Raphael Varane, Tyrell Malacia and Scott McTominay coming on but despite a slight improvement United offered little fight.

Brentford's fans serenaded their players with "Hey Jude" at the final whistle while United's players looked crestfallen as they trudged off rock bottom of the table having also lost their opener at home to Brighton & Hove Albion.

Man City crush Bournemouth, Arsenal thump Leicester

Two games into the new season champions Manchester City have already raised the bar high as they crushed promoted Bournemouth 4-0 on Saturday to maintain their fast start.

Arsenal joined them on six point as former City striker Gabriel Jesus struck twice in a 4-2 win over Leicester City. Leeds United looked on

course for a second successive win but squandered a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 with Southampton -- one of three draws on a sultry Saturday afternoon.

City, bidding for a fifth Premier League title in six seasons, cruised to an opening win at West Ham United and were equally dominant against Bournemouth.

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POLICY WATCH SOCIAL MEDIA

Self-governing body for user complaints: Why are Big Tech companies divided?

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

FOR THE purpose of addressing complaints of social media users, a widening divide is being seen between internet companies on plans for setting up a self-regulatory body, as an alternative to the Centre's grievance appellate committee (GAC).

It is learnt that Meta and Twitter are in support of the industry proposal for such a body's creation; however, Snap and Google have opposed it.

The two 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.

What is the proposal?

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 GACs to address complaints raised by users about social media companies' content-moderation decisions.

Why are Google and Snap opposing this?

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. A by the GAC can be challenged in court, whereas the scope for challenging a 'binding' order passed by a self-regula**Meta and Twitter are** in support of the industry proposal for such a body's creation; however, **Snap and Google** have opposed it

> tory body is much lower."

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. 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." Meta declined to comment. Queries

Why is this significant?

sent to Twitter, Snap and IA-

MAI remained unanswered.

An absence of consensus among social media companies could jeopardise their bargaining power with the government to allow a selfregulatory 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 GACs, questioning their effect on independence.

What was the Centre's proposal on GACs?

In amendments proposed to the IT Rules, the MeitY suggested setting up GACs, even as it said it is body of social media companies to handle such Full report on

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MoS IT ON CONTENT MODERATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

'Open to self-regulatory body; want to see diversity, start-ups'

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

A SELF-REGULATORY body which social media companies such as Meta, Twitter and Google are currently putting together, to address complaints raised by users about the platforms' content-moderation decisions, could be formulated with participation between the industry and government, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar told The Sunday Express.

He also said that the self-regulatory body cannot be "dominated by the Big Tech", and should have equal representation from smaller start-ups.

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Raieev Chandrasekhar, MoS. **Electronics & IT. The minister** said the self-regulatory body cannot be "dominated by the Big Tech". File

as it said it is open to a self-regulatory body of social media companies to handle such issues.

"The government is open to any type of institutional mechanism including a self-regulatory organisation which could be a partnership between the industry and the government,' Chandrasekhar told this paper.

According to an initial draft of the self-governing body's composition, it includes a senior retired judge from either the Supreme Court or other high courts, and executives of social

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people. "Whether there should be government representation as a bureaucrat or other individuals representing various stakeholders including the government is a matter of finer details. The government representative could also be a non-government person but someone who represents the government's view on the policy outcomes expected of the self-regulatory organisation." the MoS IT added.

The Indian Express reported earlier that there is a growing divide in internet companies on setting up the self-regulatory body, with firms like Google and Snap expressing reservations over the potential inability to legally challenge any final content moderation decisions of a self-governing body, in addition to the difference in the content moderation policies of different platforms. Apart from that, there are concerns within the industry that a self-regulatory body could end up largely focusing on big social media companies who have more bargaining power, compared to smaller firms.

Asked about these concerns, Chandrasekhar said, "We are discouraging the industry and the self-regulatory body to be dom-

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We would not consider it prudent if industry organisations or the self-regulatory body are dominated by the bigger firms," adding that the government would look for diversity in the

self-governing body. He said, "We would like to see a diversity, smaller Indian and foreign start-ups equally and visibly represented, and policies made with their inputs as well. While assessing the feasibility of any such self-regulatory body, we will 100 per cent take these facts into consideration.

"We want the ecosystem to be extremely diverse going forward, with both Indian and foreign start-ups participating in it. I have said this before that the time of dominance of all these Big Tech companies is nearing an end. The future of the internet is not going to be driven by these old companies but by new innovators. So we want them to be represented and their voices to be heard.'

The minister reiterated that legislations related to the internet ecosystem are currently evolving and the government could "move to" a self-regulatory body at a later date even if it goes ahead with its proposed GACs.

27.10%

16.43%

Anshu Jain, former **Deutsche Bank** co-CEO, no more

REUTERS

FRANKFURT/BENGALURU, AUGUST 13

ANSHU JAIN, a top finance executive best known for helping German lender Deutsche Bank AG take on the largest Wall Street firms, died overnight on Saturday after a five-year battle with cancer, his family said. He was 59.

Jain, who was born in India, spent two decades building Deutsche Bank into one of the world's top universal banks. He was the first non-European to lead the German institution.

In the aftermath of the financial crisis of 2008 and the European debt crisis that followed, Jain pushed Deutsche to remain Europe's "last man standing" as ÛS firms pulled ahead in global banking.

The years of expansion into risky investment banking businesses came back to haunt the bank, as regulation made complex trades more costly. As cochief executive he struggled to cut back the risk and to get a grip on a long list of scandals that led to billions of dollars in fines. He resigned from the German lender in 2015, and had been the president of US financial services firm Cantor Fitzgerald since 2017.

"He will be remembered for his leadership in financial services and his deep commitment to conservation," said Larry Fink, CEO of BlackRock Inc, who said he knew Jain well.

Born in Jaipur, Jain earned his bachelors at the University Massachusetts in Amherst.

Anshu Jain 1963-2022

loved wildlife photography, safaris in Kenya's Masaai Mara and wilderness conservation his family said. He joined Deutsche in 1995 to launch a division specializing in hedge funds and derivatives. He then headed bond trading and emerging markets and later, as head of the investment bank, he out-earned his boss, then-CEO Josef Ackermann.

He was appointed to Deutsche's management board in 2009 and was responsible for the corporate and investment bank division from 2010. From 2012 to 2015, he was co-CEO. "Anyone who worked with

Anshu experienced a passionate leader of intellectual brilliance," said present CEO, Christian Sewing. Jain was diagnosed in

January 2017 with duodenal cancer, which affects the small intestine, but managed to outlive his initial diagnosis by four years, the family said. "To his last day, Anshu stood by his lifelong determination to 'not be a statistic'," the family said.

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) was the top performer among of Delhi before completing an state-run banks in terms of loan and deposit growth in MBA at the University of percentage terms during Q1FY23, according to published ₹1,40,561 cr◎ quarterly numbers of public sector banks (PSBs) A lifelong vegetarian, he Loans disbursed by STATE BANK OF INDIA, une-headquartered ₹15,306 cr

BoM, at the end of

June 2022

TOP 3 PSBs IN TERMS OF LOAN GROWTH:

WERE IN THE LOWEST QUARTILE AS FAR AS GROSS NON-PERFORMING ASSETS (NPAs) AND NET NPAs WERE CONCERNED

1. Gross NPAs were at 2. Net NPAs were at BoM: 0.88%

₹14,013 crore TOTAL PROFIT RECORDED BY STATE-OWNED BANKS DURING APRIL-JUNE OF FY22

Persistent decline in bad loans helped PSBs rake in more profits in June quarter, and the trend may have a positive bearing on their balance sheets in coming quarters Source: Published PSB data/PTI

'YouTube plans to launch streaming video service' Bengaluru: Alphabet Inc's close to the recent discussions.

YouTube is planning to launch an online store for streaming video services, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday.

The company has renewed talks with entertainment companies about participating in the platform, which it is referring to

The platform has been in the works for at least 18 months and could be available as early as this fall, the report added. Alphabet did not immediately comment.

The planned launch will allow YouTube to join companies like Roku Inc and Apple in a bid the report said, citing people streaming market. **REUTERS**

BRIEFLY —

KKR stake sale

Mumbai: Global investment firm KKR, the largest shareholder in Max Healthcare Institute, plans to exit the New Delhibased hospital chain by selling its entire 27.54% stake for about ₹9,000 crore. The private equity giant, which holds the stake through affiliate firm Kayak Investment, intends to sell its total 267 million shares through the deal "soon". The deal, which would be at a discount of up to 5% to the current price, is intended to be executed probably within the next fortnight, said sources close to the development. When contacted, KKR declined to comment. **FE**

Airtel AGM

New Delhi: Bharti Airtel's shareholders cleared the reappointment of Gopal Vittal as managing director for five years with effect from February 1, 2023. Over 97% of total votes polled were in favour of the resolution, the telco said in a filing on the outcome of its annual general meeting (AGM).

RInfra Q1 loss

New Delhi: Reliance Infrastructure (RInfra) posted narrowing of its consolidated net loss to ₹66.11 crore for the June quarter. It had clocked a consolidated net loss of ₹95.15 crore in the $corresponding \, period \, of \, the \,$ previous fiscal. PTI

'Window of opportunity for 11% growth in next decade'

New Delhi: India can "bend time' and catapult to an 11 per cent growth rate in the next decade if it capitalises on the demographic dividend, and boosts manufacturing, as well as exports, RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra said on Saturday.

India has a window of opportunity in terms of its demo-

graphic advantage, capability to boost manufacturing, increase in exports value as well as internalisation, Patra said while delivering a speech to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' organised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Bhubaneswar.

If India capitalises on its opportunities and overcomes challenges, it is widely believed that India will "bend time". Patra said It is possible to imagine

"India striking out into the next decade with a growth rate of 11 per cent". He said, if this is achieved,

India will become the second largest economy in the world not by 2048, but by 2031.

'Russian origin of fuel'

Meanwhile, as per a Reuters report, the US has expressed concern to India that it was being used to export fuel made from Russian crude, through high-seas transfers to hide its origin, to New York in violation of US sanctions, Patra said.

The RBI Deputy Governor

the US Treasury said Department told India that an Indian ship picked up oil from a Russian tanker on the high seas and brought it to a port in Guiarat on the west coast, where it was refined and shipped on.

The US embassy in New Delhi said it had no immediate comment. PTI&REUTERS



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Online Applications are invited from the eligible Other State candidates for admission to the first year B. Tech programme at CSIR-CECRI for the academic year 2022 - 2023 based on valid JEE (Main) 2022 All India Rank

Commencement of Online submission of Application: 16.08.2022 (Tue) : 29.08.2022 (Mon) Last date for Online submission of Application : 07.09.2022(Wed) Online Counselling date

For details please visit www.cecri.res.in

DGCA issues norms for airports to prevent bird hits

New Delhi: Amid instances of birds and other animals colliding with planes across the country over the past few months, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Saturday issued guidelines for airports which include carrying out routine patrols in random patterns and informing pilots whenever there is any wildlife activity.

As recent as August 4, a Go First flight to Chandigarh returned to Ahmedabad after suffering a bird hit. On June 19, an engine on a SpiceJet Delhibound aircraft carrying 185 passengers caught fire soon after take-off from the Patna airport and the plane made an emergency landing minutes later. The engine malfunctioned because of a bird hit.

In a circular issued Saturday, the DGCA said all airport operators are requested to review their wildlife hazard management programme to identify the gaps and ensure its strict implementation in and in the vicinity of an aerodrome. It asked the airports to carry out a wildlife risk assessment and rank them according to the risk posed to aircraft. The circular noted that airports must have a procedure to monitor and record wildlife movement data.

Airports should also have a procedure to notify pilots "in response to any significant wildlife concentration or activity both on and in the vicinity of the airport", it further noted. Routine patrolling is the core of the wildlife hazard management programme, it said, adding the patrols should be carried out in random patterns.

"Aerodrome operators are directed to forward monthly action taken report on the implementation of wildlife hazard management programme and also provide wildlife strike data...by 7th of every month," the DGCA said. ENS, WITH PTI

Aim to empower all through saturation of existing schemes: FM

New Delhi: As the debate over freebies heat up, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said the aim of the Modi government is to empower everyone through saturation of the existing welfare schemes as every Indian citizen deserves access to basic facilities.

"Every Indian citizen deserves to have access to basic facilities without getting beholden to anybody. Our approach is one of empowerment through saturation of existing schemes rather than that of entitlement," she said at an event here.

Saturation of the welfare scheme means that all entitled beneficiaries get the facilities. "If you have reached all of them who are eligible for something then you have achieved saturation...there have been so many attempts to make the lives of the poor better in the last 75 years," she said at the release of the 100th edition of Economic Newsletter of BJP Karnataka.

"The difference between all



NIRMALA SITHARAMAN Finance Minister PTI file

the garibi hataos (slogans) of the world and now...the approach to development that Prime Minister Narendra Modi employs, even as he brings in schemes that benefit the needy people, is by the principle of saturation so that they cover everybody eligible," she said.

The Finance Minister's statement assumes significance as political parties are sparring over freebies. PTI

A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh, Ph: 0172 - 4601826

Dwelling Units/Commercial Units in U.T. Chandigarh It is hereby notified for the information of general public that e-tenders are invited for the sale of Built-up Units. The

Commercial Units are being sold on Leasehold and freehold basis & Residential units are being sold on Free-Hold Basis. E-tenders are invited individually for each of Built-up Unit. 1. The E-Tender process is open for all the crizens of India as well as NRIs/PIOs above 18 years of age. The persons

Notice for inviting e-tenders for allotment of Built-up

already having any property (Residential or Commercial) can also participate in the e-Tender.

The Built-up units shall be allotted to the highest eligible bidder, quoting above the reserve price of the Unit. The GST

will not be applicable on the consideration/premium of the unit, All willing participants may visit the official website www.chbonline.in to understand the detailed procedure for submission of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and e-bids. The Terms & Conditions and the detailed List mentioning localities/sectors of the Built-up Units and reserve price can be downloaded from the official website of the

Chandigath Housing Board, i.e., www.chbonline.in. In order to submit e-bids, every prospective bidder is required to get himself/herself registered at

www.chbonline.in. The days specified for the inspections of the units are as under. -

Schedule of dates for e-Tender for the Units :-

New Delhi

https://etenders.chd.nic.in Stickers have been pasted at each of the Built-up Unit for better identification and Site Offices have been provided at different Sectors/Location to facilitate inspection by the prospective bidders. The location of each of the unit on google map, address of the Site Offices and contact details of the officials are available on the official website

Sr. No.	Built-Up Units	No. of Units	Days for inspections (10.00 am to 05.00 pm)
1	Residential Units on Free-Hold Basis	53	20th, 27th of August, 2022 and 03rd of September, 2022 (Every Saturday)
11.	Commercial Units on Free-Hold Basis	02	17th, 24th and 31st of August, 2022 (Every Wednesday)
111,	Commercial Units on Lease-Hold Basis	99	

Sr.No. Date & Time Starting date and time for bid submission From 16th August, 2022 (10.00 am) Closing date and time for bid submission Till to 06th September, 2022 (upto 10.00 am) Opening of e-bids 06th September, 2022 (From 10.15 am onwards) Chief Accounts Officer, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

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ACTOR ANNE HECHE BRAIN-DEAD AFTER CRASH

Actor Anne Heche, who had been in a coma since a car crash last week, has been declared brain-dead and is being kept on life-support to see if her organs are viable for donation. Heche, 53, sustained a severe anoxic brain injury after the crash on August 5. NYT



A protest at a railway station in London. AF

UK

Driver walkout halts trains as strikes spread

London: Thousands of UK train drivers walked off the job Saturday in a strike over jobs, pay and conditions, scuppering services across much of the country. The action was the latest in a series of strikes by workers seeking raises to offset soaring prices for food and fuel. The 24hour strike by members of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen halted trains on major routes. The disputes centre on pay, working conditions and job security. More strikes are scheduled next week on nationwide trains and on London's bus and subway network.

MALI

Germany puts on hold role in military mission

Berlin: Germany announced Friday that it was suspending its participation in a UN peacekeeping mission in Mali after the West African nation refused to grant a civilian aircraft carrying German troops permission to use its airspace. The flight was part of a troop rotation, and German officials said it was not the first time Mali has denied overflight permission. Germany's defense minister, Christine Lambrecht, alleged her Malian counterpart, Sadio Camara, had not adhered to agreements. German troops will now focus on rity, her ministry said. AP

FRANCE

Major wildfire halted, highway reopened

Paris: Firefighters have managed to halt a "monster" blaze in southwest France, allowing authorities to reopen a stretch of highway to traffic ahead of a busy weekend. "The fire did not advance overnight thanks to the significant means employed," the local prefect tweeted Saturday, Reinforcements from across Europe helped firefighters tackle the blaze which has ravaged forests in Gironde since Tuesday and forced 10,000 people to evacuate. Heatwaves have sparked wildfires across Europe this summer, throwing the spotlight on climate change.

MONTENEGRO

Shooter kills 10, 3-day mourning announced

Cetinje: Montenegro declared three days of mourning Saturday, a day after 10 people, including two children, were killed in a daylight attack by a 34-year-old gunman who police said had recently exhibited a "change in behavior." The attacker used a hunting rifle to shoot to death two children, 8 and 11, and their mother, who lived as his tenants in the city of Cetinje. He then randomly shot 13 more people on the street, seven of them fatally. He was shot dead after a gunbattle with police. AP

DAY AFTER STABBING, GOVT IN TEHRAN MAINTAINS SILENCE

Praise, worry in Iran over attack on Rushdie

& JON GAMBRELL TEHRAN, AUGUST 13

IRANIANS REACTED with praise and worry Saturday over the attack on novelist Salman Rushdie, the target of a decades-old fatwa by the late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini calling for his death.

It remains unclear why Rushdie's attacker, identified by police as Hadi Matar of Fairview, New Jersey, stabbed the author as he prepared to speak at an event Friday in western New York. Iran's theocratic government and its state-run media have assigned no motive to the assault.

But in Tehran, some willing to speak to the AP offered praise for an attack targeting a writer they believe tarnished the Islamic faith with his 1988 book The Satanic Verses.

"I don't know Salman Rushdie, but I am happy to hear that he was attacked since he insulted Islam," said Reza Amiri, a 27-year-old deliveryman. "This is the fate for anybody who in-

People scan publications carrying reports on the attack on Rushdieat a news stand in Tehran on Saturday. AP

sults sanctities," he said.

Others, however, worried aloud that Iran could become even more cut off from the world as tensions remain high over its tattered nuclear deal.

"I feel those who did it are trying to isolate Iran," said Mahshid Barati, a 39-year-old geography teacher. "This will negatively affect relations with many – even Russia and China."

On Saturday, front-page headlines offered their own takes on the attack. The hard-line Vatan-e Emrouz's main story described "A knife in the neck of Salman Rushdie." The reformist newspaper Etemad's headline asked: "Salman Rushdie near death?" The conservative newspaper Khorasan bore a large image of Rushdie on a stretcher, its headline blaring:

15th Khordad Foundation — which put the over \$3-million bounty on Rushdie – remained quiet. AP

"Satan on the path to hell."

Japanese translator's unsolved killing, other attacks back in focus

HIKARI HIDA & MIKE IVES TOKYO, AUGUST 13

THE ATTACK on Salman Rushdie in western New York State on Friday prompted renewed interest in previous attacks on people connected to his 1988 novel, The Satanic Verses, including its Japanese translator, who was killed in 1991.

The translator, Hitoshi Igarashi, was stabbed to death at age 44 that July at Tsukuba University where he had been teaching comparative Islamic culture. No arrests were ever made, and the crime remains unsolved.

Speculation about the killing circulated in the Japanese media for years. The most prominent theory was that investigators had briefly identified a Bangladeshi student at Tsukuba University as a suspect, but that they had stood down amid worries over the implications for Ianan's relations with Islamic nations. No solid evidence of that theory ever emerged.

Several others survived at-

tempts on their lives, including Ettore Capriolo, the Italian translator, who was stabbed in his apartment in Milan days before the attack on Igarashi. In July 1993, Turkish novelist Aziz Nesin, who had published a translated excerpt in a local newspaper, narrowly escaped death when a crowd of militants burned down a hotel where he was staying. In October 1993, Norwegian publisher William Nygaard was shot at near his home in Oslo. He recovered and went on to reprint

Hezbollah official: group does not know about attack

Beirut: An official from Iranbacked Lebanese armed group Hezbollah said on Saturday the group had no additional information on the stabbing attack against novelist Salman Rushdie.

"We don't know anything about this subject so we will not comment," the official told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Hezbollah is backed by Iran, whose previous supreme leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, in 1988 pronounced a fatwa, or religious edict, calling upon Muslims to kill Rushdie for blas-

The suspected attacker was identified by police as 24-yearold Hadi Matar from New Jersey. Matar is originally Lebanese and his family hails from the south Lebanon town of Yaroun, Yaroun mayor Ali Tehfe said. **REUTERS**

UK PM race: Key Sunak backer throws weight behind Truss

ADITI KHANNA LONDON, AUGUST 13

A SENIOR Cabinet minister who was backing Rishi Sunak in the UK prime ministerial contest on Saturday became the first highprofile figure to switch sides to the opposing camp of Foreign Secretary Liz Truss.

Writing in The Daily Telegraph, Sir Robert Buckland said he now believes Truss is the "right person to take the country forward" and that her plans are the best shot for the UK to reach its potential as a "high-growth, high-productivity economy".

The minister said he had initially backed Rishi Sunak because he felt that, during the initial parliamentary rounds where Conservative Party MPs decided on the final two candidates, the former Chancellor was "embodying what we needed".

The defection comes on the back of surveys that show Truss in a clear lead over her British Indian contender in the race to succeed Boris Johnson as Tory leader and Prime Minister. PTI

key bridge in south

SUSIE BLANN

KYIV, AUGUST 13

RUSSIA'S MILITARY pounded residential areas across Ukraine overnight, claiming gains, as Ukrainian forces pressed a counteroffensive to try to take back an occupied southern region, striking the last working bridge over a river in the Russian-occupied Kherson region, Ukrainian authorities said Saturday.

A Russian rocket attack on the city of Kramatorsk killed three people and wounded 13 others Friday night, according to the mayor. The Russian Defense Ministry also claimed that Russian strikes near Kramatorsk. 120 km north of Donetsk city, destroyed a US-supplied multiple rocket launcher and ammunition. Ukraine did not acknowledge any military losses but said missile strikes Friday on Kramatorsk had

Ukrainian military intelligence alleged Saturday that Russian troops were shelling the

AP&REUTERS

BANGKOK, TAIPEI, AUGUST 13

THE CHINESE air force is send-

ing fighter jets and bombers to

Thailand for a joint exercise with

support, strikes on ground tar-

gets and small- and large-scale

troop deployment, the Chinese

Defense Ministry said in a state-

activities in the Asia-Pacific re-

gion have alarmed the United

Austin visited Thailand in June as

part of an effort to strengthen

China's expanding military

U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd

ment posted on its website.

States and its allies.

The training will include air

the Thai military on Sunday.

China sending jets to

Thailand for joint drill

RUSSIA WARNS OF END TO U.S. TIES IF ASSETS **SEIZED: REPORT**

Moscow: Any seizure of Russian assets by the US will destroy Moscow's bilateral relations with Washington, TASS quoted the head of the North American Department at the Russian foreign ministry as saying. "We warn the Americans of the detrimental consequences of such actions that will permanently damage bilateral relations," said Alexander Darchiev. **REUTERS**

Zaporizhzhia plant from a village just kilometers away, damaging a plant pumping station and a fire station. A local Ukrainian official reported Saturday that a Ukrainian strike naged the last working bridge over the Dnieper River in the region and crippled Russian

Force Base in northern Thailand

near the border with Laos.

the Chinese-claimed island.

Heavy Russian shelling Pakistan to attend counter-terror in east; Ukraine strikes SCO exercise in India: Report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 13

PAKISTAN WILL attend counterterrorism drills hosted by India under the ambit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in October despite a chill in bilateral ties, a media report said Saturday.

While Pakistani and Indian military contingents have taken part in counter-terrorism exercises together, this will be the

first time that Pakistan will be attending such drills in India, The Express Tribune reported.

Pakistan will attend the international counter-terrorism exercise scheduled in October this year under SCO's Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure (RATS), the newspaper quoted Pakistan Foreign Office Spokesman Asim Iftikhar as saying on Friday.

"Yes, there will be exercises under the ambit of SCO RATS," the spokesperson said

"These exercises are scheduled to be held in India in Manesar in October, and as Pakistan is a member, we will participate," he said. "At what level, I think when we approach that, we will let you know."

The exercise scheduled to be held in Manesar in Haryana will see participation from Russia, China, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, besides India.



mate and energy programs greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 40 percent below 2005 levels by the end of the decade. It would also extend for three years subsidies to help people afford insurance under the Affordable Care Act, as well as fulfil a long-held Democratic goal to lower the cost of prescrip-

Climate, tax, health: **US** House passes sweeping package

EMILY COCHRANE WASHINGTON, AUGUST 13

THE US Congress gave final approval on Friday to legislation that would reduce the cost of prescription drugs and pour billions of dollars into the effort to slow global warming, as House Democrats overcame united Republican opposition to deliver on key components of President Joe Biden's domestic agenda.

With a party-line vote of 220 to 207, the House agreed to the single largest federal investment in the fight against climate change and the most substantial changes to national health care policy since passage of the Affordable Care Act. The bill now goes to Biden for his signature.

The legislation would inject more than \$370 billion into clition drugs by allowing Medicare to directly negotiate prices and capping recipients' annual out-



For all the legislation will

achieve, it is a scaledback version of Biden's orginal goal. The focus may, therefore, fall on the areas it does not deliver on: there will be no free community college, and no new climate measures. Medicaid will not be expanded in a dozen states and undocumented immigrants will not be given legal status. There will not be a tax on the super rich, and no extra money will go toward affordable housing.

of-nocket drug costs

The package would be financed largely by tax increases, including a new tax on company stock buybacks and a 15 percent corporate minimum tax for wealthy companies. Initial analyses found that it could reduce the nation's deficit by \$300 billion over a decade.

It is most likely the last major legislative package to become law before the November polls. **NYT**

Kenya on edge as Opp leader what he called America's "uninches ahead in presidential race paralleled network of alliances and partnerships" in the region. The Falcon Strike exercise will be held at the Udorn Royal Thai Air

Supporters of Opposition presidential candidate Raila Odinga in Nairobi on Saturday. AP

DUNCAN MIRIRI NAIROBI, AUGUST 13

The training comes as the U.S. holds combat drills in VETERAN OPPOSITION leader Indonesia with Indonesia, Australia, Japan and Singapore in the largest iteration of the Super Garuda Shield exercises since they began in 2009.

Thirteen Meanwhile, counted, Odinga had 54% and Chinese air force planes crossed the Taiwan Strait's median line on Saturday, Taiwan's Defence Ministry said, as Beijing continues its military activities close to

Raila Odinga led Kenya's presidential race, official results showed Saturday, pushing Deputy President William Ruto into sec-With just over 26% of votes

Ruto had 45%, according to election commission data. East Africa's most vibrant democracy held presidential, par-

liamentary and local polls

Tuesday, Incumbent President Uhuru Kenyatta, who fell out with Ruto, has endorsed Odinga.

Official tallying has been proceeding slowly, fueling public anxiety. Election commission chairman Wafula Chebukati blamed party agents, who are allowed to scrutinise results forms before they are added to the final tally. "We are not moving as fast as we should," he said.

Media outlets have been tallying results forms on the election commission website. This tally is ahead of the official one.

As of 1200 GMT, Reuters had

tallied 237 forms, which showed Ruto with nearly 53% of the vote, compared to over 46% for Odinga.

These forms are preliminary. Kenyan law requires that they are physically brought to a national tallying center, where party representatives can examine them. The process was designed as a safeguard against rigging allegations that have triggered violence in previous polls. Over 1,200 people were killed after a disputed 2007 poll and more than 100 killed after a disputed 2017 poll.

Officials have until Tuesday to declare a winner.



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, surrounded by House Democrats, signs the Inflation Reduction Act. AP

LAKE GARDA'S TEMPERATURES NEARS THE AVERAGE IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA

Italy's largest lake shrinks to near-historic low amid drought

ANDREA ROSA & LUIGI NAVARRA SIRMIONE, AUGUST 13

ITALY'S WORST drought in decades has reduced Lake Garda, the country's largest lake, to near its lowest level ever recorded, exposing swaths of previously underwater rocks and warming the water to temperatures that approach the average in the Caribbean Sea.

Tourists flocking to the popular northern lake Friday for the start of Italy's key summer long weekend found a vastly different landscape than in past years.

An expansive stretch of bleached rock extended far from the normal shoreline, ringing the southern Sirmione Peninsula with a yellow halo between the green hues of the water and the trees on the shore.

'We came last year, we liked it, and we came back this year," tourist Beatrice Masi said as she sat on the rocks. "We found the landscape had changed a lot. We were a bit shocked when we arrived because we had our usual walk around, and the water was-

significant rainfall for months, and snowfall this year was down

Northern Italy hasn't seen



The peninsula of Sirmione on Garda lake in Italy. AP

70%, drying up important rivers like the Po, which flows across Italy's agricultural and industrial heartland. Many European countries, including Spain, Germany, Portugal, France, the Netherlands and Britain, are enduring droughts this summer that have hurt farmers and shippers and promoted authorities to restrict water use

The parched condition of the Po, Italy's longest river, has already caused billions of euros in losses to farmers who normally rely on it to irrigate fields and rice

To compensate, authorities allowed more water from Lake

New Delhi

Garda to flow out to local rivers - 70 cubic meters of water per second. But in late July, they reduced the amount to protect the lake and the financially important tourism tied to it.

With 45 cubic meters (1,589 cubic feet) of water per second being diverted to rivers, the lake on Friday was 32 centimeters above the water table, near the record lows in 2003 and 2007.

Garda Mayor Davide Bedinelli said he had to protect both farmers and the tourist industry. He insisted that the summer tourist season was going better than expected, despite cancellations, mostly from

He confirmed the lake was losing two centimeters of water a day. The lake's temperature,

German tourists, during Italy's

have to deal with this year, but

the tourist season is in no dan-

ger," Bendinelli wrote in a July 20

Facebook post.

"Drought is a fact that we

latest heat wave in late July.

meanwhile, has been above average for August, according to seatemperature.org. On Friday, the Garda's water was nearly 26 degrees Celsius, several degrees warmer than the average August temperature of 22 C and nearing the Caribbean Sea's average of around 27 C.

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PERSONAL

I, Vikram Singh Attry S/O Ram Parkash Attry, R/o CS9-1505, Supertech Capetown Sector 74 Noida Near North Eye Noida Maharishi Nagar Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh 201304. Declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as Thakur Vikram Singh Attrey and Thakur Ram Prakash Attrey in my 10th Class Certificate. The actual name of Mine and My Father are Vikram Singh Attry and Ram Parkash Attry, which may be amended accordingly. 0070799454-1

I, Shiju Pappen S/O M.C Pappen, R/o 296-A, DG-2, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018. I have changed the name of my minor Son Aadishiju Pappen aged about 13 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Aadi Shiju 0070799443-1 Pappen

I, Shalini W/o Anish Sachdeva, R/o-GG-2/27-C, Vikaspuri New Delhi-110018, have changed my name from Shalini, to Shalini Sachdeva for all purposes. 0040627274-11

I. Sarojani W/o Kamal Singh R/o.H.No.48/2.Gali-No.2. A-Block, I.P.Colony Part-I, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Saroi Rawat.

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I, Sahil Bhardwaj S/O Krishan Kumar, R/o HNo-63, 2 A, Ashok Vihar Phase-3 Extn. Gurgaon. Haryana-122001. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Krishan Bhardwaj and Santosh Bhardwaj in my 10th Class Certificate, 12th Class Certificate. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Krishan Kumar and Santosh Bhardwaj, which may be amended accordingly. 0070799558-1

I. Sahil Agarwal S/O Bipin Agarwal, R/o House No-106, Golf Link, Lodhi Road, Central Delhi-110003 have changed the name of my minor daughter Renesa Agarwal aged about 2 Month and She shall hereafter be known as Kenaya Agarwal 0070799564-1

I, Raj Kumari W/o Sudershan Lal, R/o-GG-2/27-C, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name from Raj Kumari, to Raj Sachdeva, for all 0040627274-12 purposes.

I, RAJENDER KUMAR S/O RAM KUMAR R/o K-23, Phase 1, Budh Vihar, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA

S/O RAM KUMAR SHARMA

0070799535-1

I, Nardev Singh, resident of C-33C, Rajat Vihar, Sector-62 (NOIDA), hereby declare that: my son Hemant Kumar Singh is now called Harsh Kumar Singh and that due to an error his date of birth has been recorded as 17.08.2001 in the LIC documents instead of the correct date 17.08.2003. This error may be noted and treated according.

0040626999-1

I, Manoj Kumar Pandey S/o Rajender Pandey R/o-FF-06, Ansal's Chiranjiv Home, Chiraniiv Vihar Ghaziaba declare that in my son's (Aditya Pandey), School record his name is wrongly mentioned-as Adityta Pandey instead of Aditya Pandey Correct name of my son is Aditya Pandey. 0070799545-1

I, Manohar Lal S/o Bahadur Chand R/o 936/14 Krishna Colony, Gohana Road Rohtak have changed my name from Manohar Lal to Manohar Lal Kapoor for all future purposes, which may be amended accordingly. 0070799596-1

I, Krishan Kumar S/O Balbir Singh, R/o 63, 2a, Opp. C-2 Block, Palam Vihar, Ashok Vihar, Phase-3, Gurgaon, Harvana-122001, Declare that name of Mine and My Wife has been wrongly written as Krishan Bhardwai and Santosh Kumar in my minor Daughter Sunena Bhardwaj, aged about 17 Years. In her 10th Class Certificate, 12th Class Certificate. The actual name of Mine and My Wife are Krishan Kumar and Santosh Bhardwaj, which may be $amended\,accordingly.\\$

0070799560-1

I,Vanditha D/o-Vasudeva Kamath S V, W/o,Kiran Pai B N.R/o.002.B-TOWER, EXOTICA FRESCO, SECTOR-137, NOIDA, GAUTAM.BUDDHA-NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201305.have $changed\,my\,name\,to\,Vanditha$

I Nikunj Sarraf S/o Badri Saraf R/o WZ 18A 2nd floor Punjab Garden East Punjabi Bagh Delhi-110026 have changed my name to Nikunj Saraf for all purposes. 0070799592-1

I Shobha Gupta W/o Sh. Vijay Kumar R/o B-12, East Azad Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed the

name of my minor daughter from Khushi Aggarwal to Vaishnavi for all purposes.

0040627155-1

I MOHD AKRAM SIDDIQUI S/O MOHD HAUSIL Residence 102 Samrpan kunj, Plot 21, Pocket-6 DwarkaPhase-I, Nasirpur Dwarka, New Delhi-110045 have change Name of my son REHAAN SIDDIQUI TO MOHDREHAAN for all future purpose. I declare that REHAAN SIDDIQUI and MOHD REHAAN is the one and same person. 0040627206-1

I hitherto known as AJAMARI KHATON W/o YUSUF residence A-156, Main Chandervihar, Mandawli, Shakarpur, East Delhi-92, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MUNNI.

0070799577-1

I. AN III KUMARI SINGH W/O-ABHINAV PANDEY HOUSE.NO. 605,SECOND FLOOR,NEAR TAGORE PARK, WEST PARMANAND COLONY, Delhi-110009, HAVE CHANGED MY, NAME TO ANJU PANDEY FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040627227-7

I, Amit Kumar, S/o Ratan Lal Goel R/o-211 Bharat Apartment Sector-13, Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my name to Amit Goel.

0040627262-11

I, Anjali D/O Virender Kumar, R/o House No-243, VPO-Sohati, Kharkhoda, Sahoti (14-R), Sonipat, Haryana-131402. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Anjali 0070799549-Rana

I. Archana Prasad D/O Jagdish Prasad, R/o A-2/507, Printer Apptt. Rohini Sector-13, Delhi-110085. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Archanna Prasad

0070799550-1

I, Brijesh Singh S/O Deo Nath Singh, R/o D-103, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi Delhi-110041, Declare that name of Mine and My Wife has been wrongly written as Birjesh and Kanchan in my minor Son Shubham Singh, aged about 14 Years, In his Birth Certificate Registration No-MCDOLIR0108003064578. The actual name of Mine and My Wife are Brijesh Singh and Phool Kumari, which may be

amended accordingly. 0070799452-1

I, Chand S/o Manohar Lal Kapoor R/o G-2/248 Spring Field Public School Ext.-1 Sahibabad Ghaziabad UP-201005 have changed my name from Chand to Chand Kapoor for all future purposes, which may be amended accordingly. 0070799601-1

I, Devender Kumar S/O Om Parkash, R/o E-902, Plumeria Garden Estate, Sector-Omicron 3, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201308, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Devender Sharma.

I, Girish Manocha S/O Sudershan Kumar Manocha, R/o Flat No-405, Shailmar Estate, Lucknow, New Hyderabad, Uttar Pradesh 226007 have changed the name of my minor Son Amoulik Manocha aged about 14 and He shall hereafter be known as Dev Manocha

0070799537-1

0070799546-1

I, Km Farha Naz W/o Mohammad Kashif Kazmi R/o Flat-No. 19-D, 3rd/Floor, Pocket-A New-Jafrabad, Delhi-110032 Have changed my name to Foziya Kazmi 0040627220-1

I, Shivangi D/o Pramod Kumar Upadhyay residence Z-372B, sector-12 Noida-201301 have changed my name Shivangi to Shivangi Upadhyay for all future Purposes, 0070799567-1

R/o 302 Levender Tower Sector-41-42 Omaxe Green Velly NHPC Colony Faridabad Haryana-121010 have changed my name as Rohinee Seth 0040627243-1 permanently

I Harnoor Kaur d/o Amitoi Singh Chugh r/o A-19 IIIrd Floor Friends Colony Sriniwaspuri Delhi 110065 have changed my name to Kushpreet Kaur

0050202375-1

I Dinesh Kumar S/o-Ashok Kumar R/o-D-165.1st Floor, Rishi Nagar, Rani Bagh, Delhi-34 have changed my name to Dinesh Mangla for 0040627188-1 all purposes.

I Deepak S/o-K.Shanker R/o-46A, E-Extn. Shyam Vihar, Phase-1, Najafgarh, Delhi-43 have changed my name to Deepak Goswami for all 0040627191-1 purposes.

I Mukesh Kumar S/O-Shri Rai Singh,R/O-H.No.265A, Nahar Pur Village, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have Changed my minor son name from Lakshya Panchal to Lakshay Panchal. 0040627268-3

I.Kiran Pai.S/o Narasimha Pai B V,R/o 002,B-TOWER,EXOTICA FRESCO, SECTOR-137, NOIDA, GAUTAM-BUDDHA NAGAR. UTTAR PRADESH-201305, have changed my name to Kiran Pai 0040627262-6

I. PANKAJ S/O RAMESHWAR SINGH HOUSE.NO.D-216,IIA, APARTMENT, DHARAMSHILA HOSPITAL, VASUNDHRA ENCLAVE, Delhi-110096, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PANKAJ CHAUHAN FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040627227-6

I,ANIL KUMAR S/O KALYAN SINGH GUPTA, H.no.C-12.HERITAGE DIVINE. GYANKHAND-2,INDRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD-201010, Have Changed My Name To ANIL KUMAR GUPTA, permanently. 0040627274-5

I, Wg Commander Ravinder $Mann\,S/o\,Jai\,Singh\,Mann\,R/o$ 99, 3rd Floor, B-7 Extn, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from MAHI to MAHI MANN and she shall hereafter be known as MAHI MANN for all future 0070799585-1 purposes.

I,Nisha agrarwal,w/o ajay kumar gupta,R/o.A-2,haus khas. South Delhi.delhi-110016, have changed my name, from Nisha agrawal to Nisha kumar gupta, for all 0040627262-9 purpose.

I,Naveen Goyal S/o Rishi Pal R/o-A-4/41 Paschim Vihar Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Naveen Kumar Permanently. 0040627157-1

I,MANISHA W/o-Shri.Ravi Kumar R/o-Q-3,Private Colony,Sri Niwaspuri,New Delhi-110065, inform that in mv.daughter MS.SNEHA school records my,name MUNISHA wrongly-written instead of correct name MANISHA. 0040627227-8

I,Krish s/o Naval Mandal r/o.H.no-5 road no 12,Punjabi Bagh extension. New Delhi-110026,Changed my name to 0040627274-2 Krish Mandal

I,Lakhandev Pandit,S/o Jagdish Pandit.R/o 46/47.B-246/393/ 264, New Ashok Nagar, Vasundhara Enclave,East Delhi inform that in Daughter (Shweta) school records my name has wrongly mentioned as Sone Lal instead of Lakhandev Pandit.

0040627268-1

I,LAL CHAND S/O VEERBHAN R/O.C-1G FLOOR)02BMATHURA ROAD JANG PURA, NEW Delhi 110014,HAVE CHAND MY NAME LAL CHANDKAPOOR.

0040627227-3 I,Jaspreet Kaur W/o Tarandeep Singh, R/o-WZ-6B, New Sahib-Pura, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Jaspreet Kaur Kumar.

0040627274-3 I,Jasjeet Marwah/Jasjeet Singh Marwah S/o Bhupender Singh R/o M-1405, Today Ridge Residency Sector-135, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Jasjeet Singh for all

I, Hardeep Singh Kohli, S/o-Gurdeen Singh Kohli, R/o-327. Four-Storey DDA-Tenaments, Tagore Garden, New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Hardeep Singh.

purposes.

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I,HERMNN SINGH SAPROO,S/O GURJOT KAUR R/O-A-2/17 MODEL TOWN-1 DELHI-110009 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HERMNN SINGH 0040627274-8

I,HARPREET SINGH,S/O BOTA SINGH R/O.104-C BLOCKAF SHALIMAR-BAGH Delhi-110088, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME HAR CHARAN SINGH.

0040627227-1

I,Gurcharan Singh,S/o Balwant Singh R/o-54-A Old Roshan Pura Najafgarh, Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Gurcharan Singh Issar 0040627157-2 Permanently.

I,GEETA MALKOTI,W/O-ARVIND KUMAR MAMGAIN,R/o FLAT. NO. E.404, SPS RESIDENCY, VAIBHAV-KHAND, INDIRAPURAM,GHAZIABAD,UT TAR PRADESH 201014, changed my name to GEETA MALKOTI.

0040627274-1 **I,Avnee** @Avnee Narsani,D/o Amit Narsani, R/o AB-103. Shalimar-Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Avnee Narsani, for all future 0040627274-10 purposes.

I,ASHFAQ MOHAMMED,s/o 1.FFRO7FPUR IHIRKA MFWAT (NUH), HARYANA-122104, have changed my-Minor daughter name LIZA ALIAS LIZA CHAUDHARY to LIZA ASHFAO.for all future purposes and shall hereafter be known as LIZA ASHFAQ.

0040627262-7

I,ANITA SUNDRIYAL, W/o-Lt.Sh.DINESH CHANDRA SUNDRIYAL, R/o-39-B, DHAWAL GIRI APARTMENT, SECTOR-11, NOIDA, GAUTAM-BUDH-NAGAR, U.P-201301, inform that in my son's school records my,name Anita Dobriyal wrongly-written instead of ANITA SUNDRIYAL, both names are same person.

0040627227-9

I. Himani Yadav D/O H N Yadav. R/o RZ-122A Flat No.8, Gali No.4, Dada Chatri Wala Marg, Rai Nagar Part-1 Palam Colony, Puran Nagar, South West Delhi-110077. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Himani Baath. 0070799563-1

I,Pushpa Devi,W/o Sh.Ravinder Singh R/o.F-136.Gali.No.38. Sadh-Nagar-II, Palam-Colony, New-Delhi-110045.My name has been Inadvertently written in my Bank-records as Puspa Devi but actual & correct-name is Pushpa Devi which should be amended accordingly. 0040627262-8

I,Praveen Kathuria W/o Late. Raiesh Kumar Kathuria.R/O-M-1/3 Top-Floor, Budh Vihar, Phase-1, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Parveen Kathuria

0040627157-3

I,Pooja D/o-Jagdamba Prasad, R/o.C-3 And-4, Second Floor, Near-Grahak Sewa Kendra Sainik-Nagar Uttam Nagar, West-Delhi Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Pooja Mishra.

0040627262-4

I.Sadhana W/o Late.Satish Kumar, R/o D-274, Street. No. 7,Near-Nalanda Chowk, West Vinod-Nagar, Shakarpur, East Delhi-110092, have changed Kanchan, for all, future 0040627274-9 purposes.

It is for the general information that I, Smt Savita Narayan More, Widow of Late Army No. 6813895 Sep/Dvr (MT) Narayan More, R/o Plot. No 81, Flat No 11 Kaustuhh Anartment Opp: Indrayani College, Talegaon Dabhade, Pune 410507, declare that the Name and Date of Birth of mine has been wrongly/incorrectly recorded as Smt Savita and 16-05-1950 respectively in the Military Service Records of my late husband. The actual/ correct name and Date of Birth of mine are Smt Savita Narayan More and 01-07-1952 respectively, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied

0090309233-1

I,Tripti Goyal,D/o Yogesh Goyal R/o-66 Block-A-1.Janak Puri, New, Delhi-110058 hereby declare that Tanvi and Tripti Goyal is same and one person. 0040627262-10

with other legal requirements

in this connection

I,VIJENDER,S/O-SHRI DALEL, R/O-B-7/144, SECTOR-17, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BIJENDER KUMAR.

0040627268-2 I,Surender Singh,R/o.193/11B, SIR CHOTU RAM PARK, SECTOR-11B.Faridabad Sector-7.Harvana.121006.changed my-Minor daughter name Sanchi to Sanchi Keena.

0040627274-4 I,SURESH BABU S/O SUNEHRI SINGH R/O D-35,BALBIR VIHAR,KIRARI,SULEMAN NAGAR.DELHI-110086.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SURESH KUMAR. 0040627274-7

I,SUDESH W/O LAL CHAND KAPOOR R/O-CI(G-FLOOR)2B MATHURA ROADJANG PURA,NEW DELHI-110014,HAVE CHANGED MY NAMESUDESH KAPOOR. 0040627227-2 I,SONU S/O SURESH KUMAR R/O D-35,BALBIR VIHAR, KIRARI,

SULEMAN NAGAR.DELHI-

110086. HAVECHANGED MY

NAME TO SONU KUMAR. 0040627274-6

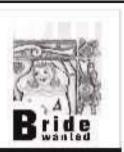
I.Ravinder Singh Kalra R/o-A-24,Pink Apartment,Paschim-Vihar, New Delhi-63, changed my minor son's name.from Japneet Singh Kalra to Japjeet Singh Kalra. 0040627262-1

I,Rajesh Pande s/o.Puran Chandra Pande r/o Flat.No.273 Pink.Appts. opp.Rose Appts. Dwarka, Sec-18B N.S.I.T, Delhi-78, have change my name to Rajesh Pandey,for all 0040627227-4 purposes.

I,RAJINDER BAWEJA,S/0 KRISHAN LAL BAWEJA, R/o. B-40 AMAR-COLONY LAJPAT NAGAR-4TH, NEW DELHI 110024.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJINDER KUMAR 0040627262-3 BAWEJA.

I,PRIYA OBEROI,W/O.AJAY RAWAL, Add-F-14/3, KRISHNA-NAGAR,H.O, DELHI SHAHDARA-110051, changed my name to PRIYA RAWAL, for all, future 0040627227-5 Purposes.

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I, Dharmwati, W/O Rajinder R/O HN-239, Panchali Khurd, Meerut Had lost my allotment transfer later of plot no C-370, Sec C-2, Tronica city, Loni 0050202347-1 Ghaziabad.

Lost my original DDA Perpetual Lease Document of my Property No.B-179A, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi. Finder may Contact-Rakesh Kumar at D-3, Rose Apartment, Sector-14, Rohini, Delhi-85 0040627185-1

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Pulcketa Arora daughter of Shr Anil Kumar Arora, R/o. AD-21/C MIG Flats, Pitampura, New Delhi 110034, do hereby solemnly affirn and declare that I am joint owner of the property/flat No. 188, First Floor ituated at Basant Goan, DD/ lanta Flat, Vasant Vihar, New Delh Janta Flat, Vasant Vinar, New Delf--110057, with Mrs. Mahima Arora and my original documents c General Power Attorney of the yea 2004, allotment letter and Deman Letter, has been lost/misplace doctroyed not it is not traceable if destroyed and it is not traceable if i s found in future and I shall no

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sanjay Bahadur Pal, s/o Mahesh Bahadur Pal, Add - 97, Dharmshala Road, Ba b h a n g a w a n Gandhinagar, Amhut, Basti (U.P.), declare that regarding myPlotho. 60, Port of Kh. No. -685 sa Village Bharwara, Pargana Tehsil & Dist. Lucknow, Original Chain Sale-deed, Book No-1, jild No. 9911, Srl. No -9075 dated 26.06.2010 has been lost. It's use will be illegal. If any body have any objection, conact use will be liegal. Italy body have any objection, contact within 7 days to-Mr. Pradeep Kumar Singh, 61/13 Tilpurwa, Hussainganj, Lucknow.M8318641363

PUBLIC NOTICE ieneral public is hereby informed that my imt. Neeta Pal W/o Late Sh. Neeraj Kuma IC. Pilampura, delhi, has joint ownership of inheritance in prope-rifies ic. NU-81 floor, 8 NU 54A, Ground Floor, Pi-lampu which are her matrimonial house and p r she is residing at NU-81C, Pilampu with her children. That her in laws i.e. saram Singh (Father in law), Smt. Ananshir er in Law), Dheeraj à Sunil (Porther in Law) designed a Sunil (Porther in Law) except a suppose deals continued to the control of the control of

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PUBLIC NOTICE nt known to all public that m ent Smt. Usha Rani W/o Si Brijesh Kumar & Brijesh Kumar S/ ate Sh. Triloki Chand R/o 240 ans Mohalla, Ghitorni, Delh 110030 have disowned /debarr their Son namely Vishal Kumar & his wife Smt. Charu Chauhan @ imran from all their movable ar severed all relations due to the disobedience and bad behavion My client's shall not be responsib or their any acts and deeds in ar

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(Notice Inviting Tender) Re-Tender for selection of agency for providing Laundry Services at PMCH, IGIC and NMCH at Patn

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1. The Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Limited (BMSICL) intends to select an agency via e-tendering for providing Laundry Services at 'Patna Medical College & Hospital (PMCH)', 'Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology' and 'Nalanda Medical College & Hospital (NMCH)' at Patna for ten years.

BMSICL invites bids in this regard from interested agencies. Detailed terms and conditions may be viewed on the website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON.(Note: For the purpose of this tender, the terms, agency/ bidder/ service provider/ tenderer/ applicant shall all denote the same, if not stated otherwise.)

To participate in the e-tendering process, the bidder/ agency are required to get themselves registered with Bihar Government Centralized e-Procurement portal, i.e., https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON, and contact the helpdesk at the following address "e-Procurement HELP DESK. 1st Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No. 25, Shree Krishna Nagar, Patna- 800001, Phone No. 0612 – 2523006, Mob. No 7542028164" (Timings: Every Day from 08:00 AM to 08:00 PM) or may visit the link "Vendor Info" section at https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON.

Sr. No.	Event Description	Timeline			
4.1	Date & time of downloading	29/08/2022 upto 05:00 PM, on the e-Procurement			
4.1	the RFP	Portal https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON).			
4.2	Pre-bid meeting (Date & time)	12/08/2022 at 03:00 PM at BMSICL,4th Floor, Bihar State Building Construction Corporation Limited, Hospital Road, Shastri Nagar, Patna-800023, Bihar, India.			
4.3	Last date & time for submission (upload) of online bidding document	30/08/2022 till 05:00 PM, on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON)			
4.4 Last date & time for submission of EMD & tender fees in Hard (Physical) Copie (Offline Mode)		31/08/2022 by 02:00 PM			
4.5	Time, Date of opening of Technical Bid	31/08/2022 at 03:00 PM on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON			
4.6	Time, Date of opening of Financial Bid	To be announced later on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON)			

OUT OF ONE VP

E-Auction for leasing out of one VF

train No. 15933/15934 Amritsa

spress from New Tinsukia to Amritsa

indiback on round trip basis for two years brough e-Auction module of IREPS

Auction Catalogue No.: TSK-VP-02 Seq No. AA/1; Lot No./Category: 15933

15BM-VP-LINTSCASR-22-1 (Pamel

Parcel Van); Description: Parcel Space

in Parcel Van. Rate Unit: Per Round Trip

(Two Way), Trips/Days; 105; Close Date/ Time: 02-09-2022, 12:30:00, Date &

Cooling off period is 30 minutes. Successive lot closing interval is 10

minutes. Lot-wise closing time can be

viewed in e-Auction module of IREPS Prospective bidders are requested to visit

e-Auction leasing module of IREPS

website www.treps.govin, Sr. DCM/Tinsukia

MORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Time of e-auction : e-Auction for the against Catalogue No. TSK-VP-92 will start on 02-09-2022 at 12:00 hrs. Initial

visit state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

PR. No.6402 (Ni Ni) 2022-23

GM (Procurement) **BMSICL**

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार। CHECKING ESCORTING AND

OPERATION OF POWER CAR E-Tender Notice No. EL/29/RT01 2022/GeM/K dated: 09-48-2022, (Bid lumber: GEW/2022/B/2422342), Dated 09-08-2022, E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works Name of Work: "A" check of DA Set of Power Car and Escorting & operation of Power car along with train from starting station to destination station and back to the originating station in Train No. 05713/14/15713/14), 15707/08 12041/42, 15705/05 & 12523/24 for a period of 02 (Two) years. Approx Value of work: #2,59,95,967,92/-

information with lander documents of above e-tender will be available upto 16.00 hrs. of 30-08-2022 in website

Earnest Money: 72.60,758)- Date &

Time of closing of E-tender: 16.00

frs. of 30-08-2022 & opening at 16.30

hrs. of 30-08-2022. The complete

ww.gem.gov.in Sr.DEE/G/Katiha MORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY. PRAYAGRAJ No. 230-Elect/TRD/PRYJ/EIG/2022 Dated: 08.08.2022

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the complete section of the under noted section of North Central Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz., AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section given below. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all the times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Name of Section:- Shikohabad yard between KM 1211/BS-5 to 1212/1053 of Prayagraj division. Issued by Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer [TR-D]

Division:- Prayagraj, Date of enegisation: on or after

North Central Railway, Prayagraj. 1047/22 (ADM) ■ North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR @@northcentralrailway

PUBLIC NOTICE

24.08.2022

Notice is hereby given by Manju Sharma, who Late Shiv Kumar Sharma that she the co-owner of the undivided plot and absolute Owner of the Property bearing No. 1-19, Green Park, New Delhi, Mr. Amil Sharma, Mrs. Vatsala Sharma, Mr. Sharma, Mrs. Gedanjali Sharma Mrs. Deepanjali Sharma and Mr. Sura Sharma illegally demolished the existing building on the property and selling off the newly constructed building on the property and selling off the newly constructed building on the property on basis of forged and fabricated document without my consent or approval. A Civil Suit before the Horble High Court of Delhi bearing CS (SS) No. 283 of 2020 seeking decree for declaration, Delhi bearing CS (SS) No. 283 of 2020 seeking decree for declaration, observed the suit of them of the suit of them of the suit of them of the suit on them on one pretext or other. There is a criminal complaint some pending against said persons for registration of FIR wis 156(3) CPC before the Ld. CMM, Saket, New Delhi. Public a large is thus, that this notice is pending against said persons to make them aware about CS (CS) No. 283 of 2020 and further notified not to enter into any sale, agreement to sell, lease or any other transaction/contract involving the said property, will be liegal beling void-ab-initio and shall be liegal beling void-ab-initio and shall be of third-party interest of any kini whatsoever in the said property, will be illegal being void-ab-initio and shall be at the sole risk, costs and consequence of the party doing so, including being liable to prosecution, costs and damages. [D.K. Sharmal Advocate (Enrl. No. UP-3065/2006 S.C.B.A. Life Membership No. \$1445/200 Mobile No: 981004682:

VESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION **VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORK** Engineering Department) E-Tende Notice No.: 14 of 2022-2023

lated 08.08.2022 (01) e-Tender No. DRM-ADI-69-2022-23 Name of work : Maintenance of mechanical type lifting barrier of Engineering gates under jurisdiction of Divisional Engineer (North)-Ahmedabad for two years. Approximate NIT Cost : ₹ 16,68,206.83EMD Cost : ₹ 33,400.00 (02) e-Tender No.: DRM-ADI-70-2022 23 Name of work : Repairs to corrodec pipe line and balance work of provision f common toilet under jurisdiction o Divisional Engineer (North) Ahmedabad. Approximate NIT Cost: 2,07,26,707.95 EMD Cost: .53 600.00 (03) e-Tender No.: DRM ADI-71-2022-23 Name of work Chlorination of drinking water at various ocations in the jurisdiction of Divisiona Engineer (North)- Ahmedabad Approximate NIT Cost : ₹ 18,94,128.84 EMD Cost: ₹ 37.900.00 Closing Date and Time of e-Tender: Date: 06.09.2022 Time: 15.00 Hrs. Office Address: Sr Divisional Engineer (Coordination) Ahmedabad, D.R.M. Office, Nea Chamunda Bridge, Opp. Swadeshi Mill 882345. Website for participating etender: www.ireps.gov.in Like us on: f facebook.com/WesternRly

E-TENDERING PRESS

NOTICE The Executive Engineer CD-I, Irrigation & Flood Department Control GNCTD Opp. ESI Hospital Office Basai Darapur Complex New Delhi-110027 invites on behalf of the President of India

online percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors for the following works:-1. NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2022-23/29 (ID No. 2022_IFC_227588_1 H.O.A:- 2711-Non Plan Name of Work:- Remova hyacinth-patera elephant grass, floating grass and floating materia by aquatic weed harvester machine from Najafgarh

drain between RD. 0m to RD. 45316m (i.e. from Dhansa regulator to Basaidarapur Bridge). **E.C**. Rs. 48,43,899/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 96,878/period of Completion 90 (Date Days. submission & opening of bid on 16.08.2022 at 3:00

3:05 P.M P.M. & respectively.) Note:-1)Details of above mentioned works eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from web the site

https://govtprocurement.

2.Amendment(s)/alteration

(s) / corrigendum if any, will

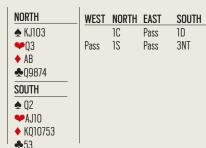
be available at website

<u>delhi.gov.in</u>

only. **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

CD-I DIP/Shabdarth/0294/22-23

BRIDGE



South had an interesting choice of bids on the second round. He chose 3NT thinking that it reflected his values. With two heart stoppers he hoped that he would have time to set up and use the diamond suit. West led the nine of hearts. Dummy played the queen and East the king. With dummy having the ace of diamonds it looks like there are lots of tricks. After winning the heart lead, what should South play next?

The West Hand: S-A86H-9872D-J962C-62

The East Hand: S-9754H-K654D-4C-AKJ10
There is one card that South must not touch and one that he must. Start the spades. Lead the queen and set up three spade tricks while there is an entry to do so. Even if diamonds divide South has only nine top tricks. When South knocks out the ace of spades the defenders will have to be quick to take their clubs because South will in fact have twelve tricks if the diamonds di-vide, now that he has set up the spades.
If South touches a diamond he may find that they do not divide. That would

be bad for many reasons. His entry to the spade suit will be gone and if South continues diamonds and loses one he may then lose a spade and three clubs. South could go down if he plays on diamonds.

It looks like 3NT was cold as long as South attacked spades and not diamonds. Can you envision a layout where the king of hearts is onside but 3NT

There is one. On this hand East has good clubs and can get four club tricks if West leads them. He can't set 3NT once West leads a heart but East can set 3NT in the bidding. For the record, what would a double by East mean?

If East doubles 3NT, that would ask for a club lead. West would lead a club and East would win. West will get in again with the ace of spades and another club lead will set 3NT.

Look at that East hand. Would you double 3NT for a club lead? It is percent age bridge and will gain much more than it loses Dealer: North Vulnerable: East/West



JUMBLED WORDS

the answer for the given quip.

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 10 Pass 18 Pass 2S Pass

South plays in 2S, a quiet enough contract. West leads the six of spades Right away a problem. How you expect this hand to play out?

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2386

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Customary (8)
- Pokes gently (6) . Mix up or confuse (6)
- 11. Reels or stumbles (8) 12. Underground cemetery
- 13. Weather map line (6)
- 14. Deferment of action (15)
- 18. Number of members needed in order to validate a meeting
- 20. Hams it up (8) 23. Mahesh of Indian tennis (8)
- 24. Method (6) 25. Set fire to (6)

DOWN

- North American country
- White wine (8) American dinner jacket (6)
- Almost there but still not there?
- A foray or an attack (8)
- Slowly(6)
- A long time back? (5,3) Dietary fibre (8)
- 16. Owned up or confessed
- 17. Do business (8)
- 19. Mend(6) 21. Without difficulty (6)

22. A score (6) CRYPTIC CLUES

- Country long restricted by Canter around for a drink
- 10. Cake to place along a tea-urn and
- cups (6) 11. Attempt to find one on issue
- 12. "Remember me and Rome" is, unusually, inscribed in it
- 13. Symbol obtained when side is
- broken ? (6)

 14. Consider matters closed when you
- reflect (5,6,4)

 18. Relative endlessly making an announcement without cover
- 20. Cocktail Indian spilt in fast car
- (3,3,2)23. Sea-dog in abandoned American

To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

must appear in each of the

each of the nine horizontal

nine vertical columns, in

rows and in each of the

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;

3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;

5s = Very Hard; 6s =

every digit from 1 to 9

Difficulty Level 3s

Instructions

nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

- naval base (3,5) 24. Politician in a trick to go with the
- 25. Such upbringing could seem severe
- 26. It's a certainty!(8)

DOWN

- A Catholic woman returned in secret(6)
- 2. Miserable evangelist that's found in Derbyshire (4,4)

 3. Members of council unnaturally
- retiring round these parts
- 4. Dressed as Banquo, using the English dining place in Whitehall?
- 5. This competitor may be less than $good\,after\,party\,(8)$ 6 She went round city limits with
- head tribesman for the tool 7. Fuel leasing arrangement gains
- nothing(8) 15. Women finally admitted to trendy
- $cultured\,get\text{-}together\,(3,\!5)$

5

4

3 9

8

3

5

6

5

2

16. Former UK PM could have had

- 17. Name torn off decoration (8) 19. Boy gives untruth about a direct
- 21. Modern flood precaution in 22. That is about fifty - most unused

Solutions to 2385

QUICK CLUES Across: 7 Liquor, 8 Unkindly, 9 Propound, 10 Lairds, 11 Decipher, 12 Tidbit, 13 Represented, 18 Turban, 20 Impelled, 22 Strafe, 23 Aspirant, 24 Indigene, 25 Emerge. Down:1 Pierces,2 Surprise,3 Crouch 4 Skeleton, 5 Envied, 6 Aladdin, 8 Underestimate, 14 Rendered, 15 Enlarges, 16 Ousting, 17 Teenage, 19 Brazil,21 Pepper. CRYPTIC CLUES Across:7 Coyote,8 Paignton,9 Frascati. 10 Epochs. 11 Taking to. 12

O'Neill,13 Getone'sgoat,18 Commie 20 Overrank,22 Wallow,23 War chest.24 Wanderer.25 Gifted. Down: Doorway,2 Lot's wife,3 Penang,4 Live-long, 5 Encode, 6 Top hole, 8 Prisoner of war. 14 One's word. 15 Air shaft, 16 Sonatas, 17 One-step, 19 Malady, 21 Enrage.

2 3

8

9

9

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9 1

8

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4925

If it's your Birthday

Sunday August 14

It's a fine day for sticking close to family. If you are able to go out, then enjoy yourself, but returning to your nest could be especially pleasurable. The theme for the next twelve months should be security.

Monday August 15

Your general celestial pattern has now moved on a stage, and you will be taking an extra look at your financial situation.

Tuesday August 16

You should try to make others accept your high standards. With a little luck, you'll reach number one after another year has passed. Family affairs will benefit if you take a more active lead.

Wednesday August 17

Your greatest asset is your ability to charm anyone in any circumstances. Your most pressing task is to settle past business and answer pending questions.

Thursday August 18

You may pass on a number of opportunities over the next year if it looks as if they're going to upset people. But you'll be a better person for that.

Friday August 19

With a leap and a bound you'll be free, leaving behind unwanted burdens and ducking out of a battle with authority. Don't take on too much, too soon, though, or you'll end up back where you started.

Saturday August 20

You could be torn between emotional security and the need to break loose. You don't have to choose and you can pursue adventurous activities.

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YOUR WEEK AHEAD



Fortunately, a close partner now comes round to your way of thinking at home.

One of your current problems at work is that you just have too many irons in the fire. There's a great deal you can achieve if you want to, but it's essential that you have all your priorities properly worked out.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Your stars are moving this way and that, making all sorts of promises. The fact that you have been feeling neglected, at least as far as one

particular person is concerned. has more to do with your own deep feeling that you should be the centre of attention.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The stars tell a traditional tale over the current period: be practical, work hard and be scrupulously

honest. Avoid the tendency to criticise or judge others too harshly, though, Romantic relationships work best if you enjoy shared activities and the person of your dreams should also be your best friend.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Prosperous planets are on the move - at last. It's an ideal

moment for a business venture or two. Go for long-term investments and serious purchases rather than luxuries or immediate gains. In love, passions remain high, expectations even higher.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Your stars are in two minds, unsure which way to go. Irrational desires vie with reason and logic for your attention and you must make your choices. You have to realise that even way-out ideas can be put into practice if you have sufficient commonsense. Don't be taken in by false promises.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Mercury's current disciplined



tough questions and hard talking. Cut away the frills and concentrate on what is truly important. You'll even take vour pleasures seriously.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) You're in a mood to gamble – cautiously of course. If you

compute the odds very carefully and go for safe options, the pay-off could be magnificent, but not for a few years. It's up to you to think ahead! Children and younger relations rely on your support, by the way, so please give

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) You may ponder

long on family questions. It's your material security which requires attention, and you should avoid the tendency to get into an emotional state. After current feelings have passed, you'll be able to tackle domestic questions with a

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

The Moon will be $exerting \, its \,$ emotional sway over your house of

marriage, so you have a chance to settle matrimonial questions. It's practical arrangements which seem to matter most, and it may be a close working partnership which counts more than an emotional one. In other words, it's good news all round.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)



AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

from somewhere.



should now make your ideas public and pursue them any way you can either to secure professional promotion or acquire power in your community. You have learnt your lesson – always put people before profit.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You seem to be on the move. A bunch of powerful planets is aligned with your house of foreign travel,

suggesting that distant parts are calling. If you have to stay where you are, you can do no worse than introduce a healthy dose of good old-fashioned fun and pleasure

FISUFX

Answer: A good traveler has no **fixed plans**, and is not intent on arriving. - Lao Tzu

SOLUTION: INANE, NASAL, PRIZED, SUFFIX

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to

and is not intent on arriving. - Lao Tzu (5,5)

EIRZDP

the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY

APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



AGM -IREDA

The 35th AGM of the IREDA, the PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, was held at India Habitat Centre. Addressing the Shareholders, Pradip Kumar Das, CMD IREDA, highlighted the Annual accounts.



PROGRAMME-PSB Punjab & Sind Bank Zone Mumbai organized a Credit Outreach Programme recently under the guidance of Swarup Kumar Saha, MD & CEO of the Bank along-with 3 GMs Pankaj Diwedi, Rajesh Pandey & Chaman Lal.



CSR-THDC

THDC-Vishnugad-Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Project is running a sewing training center for the women of project-affected villages of Mayapur and Pipalkoti areas of Chamoli district of Ut-



HANDING OVER - BEL

BEML executed order for supply of construction equipment for CameroonCassav project. The equipment was handed over to Z Doufene, DG, MINEPAT, Govt of Cameroon, by A Banerjee, CMD BEML.



MEETING - PVVNL

Under the chairmanship of the MD, a meeting was held recently in the auditorium at Discom Headquarters, Meerut. The MD expressed happiness over the receipt of revenue, reduction in line losses & 100% MU based billing against last month's target.



PROGRAM - MoSJE M/o SJE is running a flagship campaign known as Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, launched on 15 August 2020 in 272 districts of India. D/o SJE organized "Nashe se Azaadi" -

National Youth and Students Interaction Program.



FELICITATION - CRPF

S Dutta, IG, Manipur & Nagaland Sector, all gazetted officers, subordinate officers and jawans warmly welcomed and felicitated the eminent Indian weightlifter Mirabai Janu in 143 Battalion.

APPOINTMENT OIL INDIA LTD Dr Ranjit Rath, an

alumnus of IIT Bombay & IIT Kharagpur, took over as the new CMD OIL, India's second largest National Exploration & Production Company in Noida. Dr Rath is a



proud recipient of the prestigious National Geosciences Award from the President of India. Dr Rath is a proud recipient of the prestigious National Geosciences Award from the President of India. A Geoscientist with impeccable experience & expertise of more than 25 yrs in the field of geosciences, Dr Rath, prior to joining at the helm of affairs of OIL, the Navratna PSU under the Ministry of P&NG, was the CMD of Mineral Exploration & Consultancy Ltd. under the Ministry of Mines.



TOURNAMENT-CRPF The opening ceremony of Inter GC/BN (Adm/Ops) Basketball Tournament-2022 of Manipur & Nagaland, Sector was held at GC CRPF, Langjing, Imphal. The Chief Guest was DK

Tripathi, DIG, Manipur & Nagaland Sector.

PUNJAB AND SIND BANK In terms of increase in Policy Repo Rate by RBI from 4.90% to 5.40%, PSB has revised Repo Rate component in all eligible External Benchmark Lending Rate linked loan rate with effect from 08th August 2022. **POWERGRID** has announced on consolidated basis,

total income of Rs11,169 cr for Q1FY23, which is 7% higher compared to Rs10,392 cr in the Q1 of the previous year. The PAT for Q1FY23 on a consolidated basis is Rs3,801 cr, which is 14% over Q1FY22 (excluding exceptional items) on comparable basis. In Q1FY22, PAT of Rs5,998 cr included an exceptional item of Rs3,014 cr (Rs 2,657 cr net of tax) on account of monetization of assets. The Company's Gross Fixed Assets on a consolidated basis stood at Rs2,64,838 cr as on June 30, 2022. The total transmission assets of POWERGRID and its subsidiaries at the end of the quarter stood at 1,72,662 ckm of transmission lines, 267 substations

IREDA, a PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), today announced audited financial results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2022. The company has posted Profit Before Tax (PBT) of Rs 339.86 cr, which is 72% higher compared to Rs197.20 cr in the Q1 of the previous financial year. IREDA's Net Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) have been reduced to 2.92% in Q1, FY 2022-23 from 4.77% in Q1, FY 2021-22, a significant reduction of 39% YoY.

and 4,85,777 MVA of transformation capacity.

TMU Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh Teerthanker Mahaveer University (TMU) has been accredited with an 'A' grade by the prestigious National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NACC). The University scored a cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.15 on a 4-point scale in the second cycle. The timing could not have been more perfect, with the University currently celebrating its 21 years of excellence in higher education. Speaking on this achievements, the Chancellor of TMU, Shri Suresh Jain, conveyed, "It is a moment to be cherished and I heartily congratulate each and every stakeholder of the institute, be it students, faculty members, staff members, alumni, and others, as without their contributions, it was not possible to earn this accolade.

Oil India Board in its 535th Board Meeting held on 10th August'2022 approved the Q1 FY 2022-23 results. Details of Q1 FY 2022-23 results are as follows:

Oil India Limited (OIL) has reported 206% increase in Profit After Tax (PAT) during Q1FY23 at Rs.1,555.49 crore from Rs.507.94 crore in Q1FY22.

The turnover has increased by 96.36% to Rs.6,029.86 crore uring Q1FY23 vis-à-vis Rs.3,070.78 cr in Q1 FY 22 The Earnings Per Share (EPS) for Q1FY23 also increased to Rs.14.34/share from Rs.4.68/share for Q1FY22. Company realised average crude price of US\$ 112.73 / bbl in Q1FY23 vis-à-vis US\$ 67.15 / bbl in Q1FY22. Average Natural

Company has reported increase of 4.14% in its Crude Oil production for Q1FY23 to 0.779 MMT vis-à-vis 0.748 MMT of production in Q4FY22 as well as Q1FY22. Natural Gas production for Q1FY23 was also higher at 771 MMSCM vis-à-vis 734 MMSCM in Q4FY22 and 711 MM-

Gas price for Q1FY23 also increased to US\$ 6.10 / MMBTU

vis-à-vis US\$ 1.79 / MMBTU during Q1FY22.

cr from Rs.1.214.65 cr in Q1FY22.

SCM in Q1FY22, registering increase of 5.04% sequentially and 8.44% over corresponding quarter last year. OIL's group turnover has recorded rise of 86.51% increase to Rs.11,566.93 cr in Q1FY23 from Rs.6,201.88 cr in Q1FY22. Group PAT of OIL for Q1FY23 also increased to Rs.3,230.23

SAIL posted its financial performance for the first quarter of the current financial year 2022-23 (Q1 FY 23). The company saw a growth of 16.4% in its revenue from operations in Q1 FY23 over corresponding period last year. SAIL also recorded the best ever Q1 production. The first quarter of FY'23 saw twin challenges of higher input costs and subdued market demand, both global and domestic, impacting the performance of the company. High cost of production due to increase in imported coking coal prices had an impact on the bottom-line of the company. The decline in global demand and prices for steel had a direct bearing on the domestic market and price realisation. Since peaking in April'22, the prices for steel have continuously remained under pressure during the quarter. The Company, however, said that the construction and infrastructure projects have gained momentum which will boost the demand for steel products. The company is confident of improved performances in the second half of the current financial year with significant reduc-

BOB Partition Vibhishika Memorial Day 14 August is celebrated as "Vibhishika Memorial Day" in memory of the sacrifices of the people during Partition. Under its resolve to provide the best services and commitment to take the government's program to every citizen, the Dehradun main branch of Bank of Baroda on the occasion of "Vibhishika Memorial Day" has dedicated about 50 senior citizens attached to its branch, retired soldiers from the army. The esteemed customers were honored with shawls by the Karkamals of Regional Head Shri Netra Mani. A large number of staff members including Deputy Regional Head Shri Bishambhar Dutt, Branch Head Shri Brahmanand Mishra, and Chief Manager were present during this program.

New Delhi

tion in prices of imported coal and uptick in demand.



INAUGURATION-EMBASSY OF BELARUS Republic of Belarus officially inaugurated the Belarusian Consulate General in Mumbai. The First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus H.E. Sergei Aleinik, who was in India on an official visit. & Secretary of Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Protection Department of the Govt. of Maharashtra, Vijay Waghmare, participated in the solemn opening ceremony

of the Consulate General of Belarus in Mumbai. EIL The Board of Directors of Engineers India Ltd. in its 365th Meeting held on 05.08.2022 has approved Strategic Alliance with M/s DEEPKBB GmbH. Germany for salt cavern projects. The alliance shall jointly pursue Basic Design, Detail Engineering, Project Management & Construction Supervision Services for underground and above ground Salt Cavern Storage Facilities for Hydrocarbons and other products like Hydrogen & Carbon Dioxide for Indian & International clients, in line with EIL's vision "To be a Global Leader offering Total Energy Solutions for

GAIL recorded 116% increase in Revenue from operations to Rs 37,572 cr in Q1 FY23 as against Rs 17,387 cr in the corresponding quarter of previous FY. The Company's Profit before Tax increased 90% to Rs 3,894 cr in Q1 FY23 as against Rs 2,054 cr in Q1 FY22 while Profit after Tax rose 91% to Rs 2,915 cr in Q1 FY23 as against Rs. 1,530 cr in the corresponding quarter of last fiscal. The positive results were mainly on account of increased gas marketing & transmission volumes,

better marketing spread & higher product prices.

a Sustainable Future."

ONGC MoS of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Labour & Employment Rameswar Teli attended the Closing Ceremony of the fourth ONGC Para Games in Thyagaraj Sports Complex in New Delhi on 4 August 2022. Admiring ONGC's special Human Resources initiative during the Closing Ceremony of the 4th ONGC Para Games, the Petroleum MoS claimed that, "The ONGC Para Games is a unique initiative where players can connect with each other, compete with each other, creating a strong support system. I am sure will inspire many such events in the future."

Flag Foundation of India celebrated HarGharTiranga campaign commemorating the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence at central park, Connaught place in ND. Flag Foundation of India under its President Naveen Jindal has been consistently working towards raising awareness about the use of the national flag & its display with respect for more than two decades. Hundreds of people gathered in central park on Saturday to celebrate the musical evening. Indian Idol fame Parleen Gill & his band mesmerised the audience through his patriotic songs. He also launched the Flag Foundation's latest anthem Jeetega India' to a huge applause.

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