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PERSONAL

I,SHRISTI D/O.SHASHI RANJAN, ADD-V-031, DLF CAPITAL GREENS .SHIVAJI-MARG MOTINAGAR, WEST DELHI-110015,Changed my name to SHRISTI RANJAN, for all, future Purposes. 0040627476-6

I, Nirmala Panday W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o Flats No.283D, Regal, Shipra Suncity Indrapuram Ghaziabad 201014 UP. inform that Nirmala Panday & Nirmala Pandev both names are one and same person.

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It is for general-information that I, Munna Choudhary S/o-Ram Nath Choudhary residing-H.No.L-147, Vijay Vihar, Phase-2 Rohini Delhi-85 declare-that name-of my minor-son & mywife has-been wrongly-writter Rishu Kumar & Manisha Devi in SHARMA, for all purposes. my minor-son School-

Record.The actual-name of myminor son & my-wife is Rishabh Kumar & Pinki Choudhary respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040627417-1

It is for general information that I,Anurag S/o-Jai Prakash,R/o.A-20/5B.Gali Choudhary, Chetram, Maujpur, Delhi-110053, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Anurag Pal in my-daughter's Diksha Pal IXth class record and D.O.B.Certificate.The actualname of mine is Anurag, which may be amended accordingly. 0040627477-11

I,hitherto known as RAJVIR,S/o SHRI.SHOBHA RAM,R/o.Village Gehlab, Near Bada Mandir.Mohalla Kharia.Tehsil Hathan, Distt Palwal Haryana, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAJBIR SINGH

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LUZMA JABEEN.W/O SAMAR AHSAN NAOVI, R/O EM.1303 AMRAPALI VILLAGE, INDIRAPURAM-GHA7IABAD UP.201014, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO UZMA JABEEN NAOVI.FOR ALL PURPOSE 0040627485-1

I,UJJAWAL JHA,S/O PRABHAKAR

R/O.HOUSE.NO.275,GALI.NO.2,S USHILA GARDEN. MANDOLI, DELHI-110093, have changed my name to UJJWAL 0040627464-5 JHA.

I.Sweta Tiwary D/o Kamalesh Nath Tiwary, R/o H.No.112,Gali.No.9,Bhikam Colony, Nr.Vikas High-School, Ballabgarh, Faridabad-121004(Haryana)have changed my name to Sweta Mishra.

0040627485-3 I,Sreejamol T S W/o.Jitesh Pulickal Krishnan, R/o 165-C Pocket-E.G T B Enclave.Delhi-110093, Have Changed my name to Sreeja Jitesh Nair,for all purposes. 0040627485-4

I,Som Dutt Sharma,S/o-Kashmiri Lal Sharma, R/O-House.No.840, sector-9, Gurgaon. Have changed the name from Som Datt Sharma to Som Dutt Sharma and shall hereafter be known as Som Dutt Sharma. 0040627476-4

I**.Shanti** Devi.W/o Jeewan Lal

I,Manju Tiwari,W/o Lakshman Pati Tiwari R/o.House.No.104,Prashant Enclave Gali No.1,Near-Dhruv Public-School Baprolla Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, declare that Manjoo Devi and Manju Tiwari are name of the one person having date-ofbirth 10.10.1969 instead of-

22.11.1965. 0040627485-5 I,Kushal s/o.Lal Bahadur Singh Maurva.R/o.A-501.MSX Alpha Homes,Sec-Alpha-1,Greater-Noida, Gautam Budh, Nagar, UP-201308, have changed my name to Kushal Maurya, permanently. 0040627464-10 I.GUPTA RUBI

PRABHASHCHANDRA W/O SHIV GUPTA R/O H.NO. 70,71, POCKET G-21, SECTOR-7, ROHINI, DELHI 110085, have changed my name to RUBY GUPTA. 0040627476-5 I, GULSHAN SHARMA, R/O 1/2804-A, STREET No-11, RAM NAGAR, DELHI-110032, have changed my minor daughter's name from ERA SHARMA to IRA

0040627477-9 I,GEORGE MASI,S/O.JALAL MASIH R/O.HNO.39, WARD.NO-1.ST.JOHNS CHURCH-COMPOUND MEHRAULI, DELHI-110030, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GEORGE MASIH.

0040627464-8 I,GAYTHRI CHAWLA W/O LOKESH DHINGRA R/O HNO.C-66.KIRTI NAGAR. DELHI-110015.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GAYATRI DHINGRA FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040627477-10

I,Darshana Kumari W/o Satish kaushik,R/o.B-1/268-S.F. Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63, have changed my name to Darshana Kaushik, 0040627485-2 permanently I.DEEPAK S/O SHYAM SUNDAR R/O 153, GALINO.8, SHIV BAKSH PARK,NANGLOI, DELHI-110041.HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO DEEPAK JHA. 0040627464-7 I,DEEPAK KUMAR GUGNANI S/O

OM PARKASH GUGNANI R/O J-3/45, FIRST-FLOOR, RAJOURI GARDEN, DELHI-110027. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DEEPAK GUGNANI. 0040627476-2 I,DHARNI SHARMA D/O KULDEEP SHARMA,R/O

H.No.32/57,Bag Rajpur, Agra(UP)have changed my name to DHAARNI SHARMA. 0040627477-4

I.Balvinder Singh Khurmi S/o Late shri Shamsher Singh R/o House No.23,Rama park, Kishan Gunj, Delhi-110007, have changed my Name from Balvinder Singh Khurmi to Balvinder Singh vide affidavit no IN-DL73528882427829U dated 13-Aug.2022 for all 0040627432-1 purpose.

I,BALJEET SINGH,S/o Gurnam Singh,R/o.Wz-68, plot.no.59,Ravi Nagar, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018, Have changed my name to BALJIT SINGH, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES 0040627477-1

I,APARNAA K SHARMA W/O KULDEEP SHARMA, R/O H.No.32/57,Bagh Rajpur, Agra(UP)have changed my name to APARNA SHARMA 0040627477-5

I.ANURUPA (OLD).W/O SANJIV KUMAR SINGH,R/O 12A/2102 LOTUS BOULEVARD, SECTOR 100, NOIDA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANURUPA BAGCHI 0040627477-2 SINGH. I.AMIT KUMAR, S/O NAND LAL MEHTA, H.NO-1/1922, MOTI RAM ROAD, MANSAROVER PARK.SHAHDARA.DELHI-110032, Changed my name to

I, Sube Singh Singh, S/o Partab Singh, R/o-A-136, Sector-36, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Sube Singh Saini for all future purposes. I, Sonia Kumari D/o Late Sh.

Rajender Singh R/o-160-C, left side of community Center, Munirka-Village, J.N.U, Vasant Vihar, Delhi-67, have changed my name to Sonia Rawat for all future purposes. 0070799748-1 I. Savita Uppal w/o Vijav Kumar Uppal, R/o H.No.734, Sector-13, Urban Estate, Karnal, Haryana-132001 have changed my name to Sukhwant Uppal, for all

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further purposes 0040627450-1 I. Saivad Mahtab Ahmad. S/o Imtyaz Ahamad, R/o Plot No-666/ Flat No-T-1, Shalimar Garden Extn-1, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201005, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sved Mahatab Ahamad. 0070799774-1

I, Ritu Anthwal, W/o Kapil Sharma, R/o-G-14, Jalvayu Vihar, Sect-25, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my name after marriage from Ritu Anthwal to Ritu Sharma for all future 0070799747-1 purposes. I, Rashid Ahemad Qureshi S/o Mohd Jamil Qureshi R/o-160/225, Matya Gate, Mewati Mohalla, Mathura UP have changed my name to Rasheed Ahamad. 0070799782-1 I, Puneet Kumar Kakkak S/o Prem Kumar Kakkar R/o-1190, Dr. Mukerjee Nagar, Delhi-110009 have changed my name

to Puneet Kakkar permanently. 0070799749-1 Parmod Kumar S/o Vidva

Sagar R/o 99, 2nd-Floor, Bhai Parmanand Colony, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Parmod Kumar Dhawan. 0040627414-1

I, Parbodh Chander Saggi S/O Nand Kishor Saggi, R/o 1001, Dendera Tower, Omaxe Nile, Sector-49, South City-II, Gurgaon, Haryana-122018, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Parbodh Chander.

I, Nishant Gaba S/O Krishan Lal Gaba, R/o 44, Sector-11, Huda-(Phase-1), Panipat, Haryana-132103, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Nishant Gabba.

I, Nargish Nagir, W/o Aquil Ahmad, R/o B-145, Thokar No-8, Abul Fazal Enclve Part-2. Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, New Friends Colony, Defence Colony, Delhi-110025, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nargis 0070799756-1 Nazar.

. Moksh alias Mokesh Ahuja,S/o-Dalip Kumar,R/o-3/46,48, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014.have changed my name, from Moksh,alias Mokesh Ahuja,to Moksh Ahuja, for all purposes.

0040627479-1 I, Manoj Kumar S/o Sh. Rajvir, R/o A-328, Y.P Singh Camp, Railway Colony, Tughlakabad, Delhi 110044inform that my name has been mentioned in my LIC policy 118320605 as Manoj. I declare that Manoj and Manoj Kumar is one and same 0040627509-1 person. I. Lilv Rakesh Kumar Lal W/o Rakesh Kumar Lal R/o D-1601. Sunrise Greens, Ahinsa Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014 have changed my name to Lily Lal for all future purposes. 0040627469-1 Lalitha Ramalingam, D/O R. Chandra Sekran R/O B-5/354 355. First Floor, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have Changed my name to C Lalitha. 0040627495-1 I, Krishan Kumar Kukreja, S/o-Late Parmanand Kukreia.R/o-B-136,Second Floor,Jangpura-B, New Delhi-110014, have changed my name.from Krishan Kumar Kukreja,to Krishan Kukreja,for all 0040627479-2 purposes.

I, Nicy P. Joseph,W/O Shri BIJI JOSEPH R/O 54-E., POCKET, B-7, MAYUR-VIHAR PHASE-III, DELHI-110096, have changed my name to to Nicy Biji, for all future Purposes. 0040627404-4

I, Garima Bhandari D/O Late Shri Anand Bhandari R/O Flat no. 701, KT-10, Jaypee Wishtown, 7th Floor, Sector-128, Noida, U.P. 201304, certify that I have changed the name of my minor daughter from Aadhya Tarun Kumar to Aadhya Kumar for all future purposes. 0040624545-3

I Rajesh Sharma/ Rajesh Kumar S/o-Shree Krishan R/o-268, Buran Panna, VPO-Khera Kalan, Delhi-82 have changed my name to Raiesh Kumar Sharma for all purposes.That Raiesh Sharma/Raiesh Kumar & Rajesh Kumar Sharma is the one and same person.

0040627446-1 Neha Garg D/o Mr. Suresh Prasad R/o I-1007, SPS Residency, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh have changed my name to Neha Prasad after aetting divorce. Prior to my marriage my name was Neha Prasad. 0040627469-2 I Narpat Singh Sodha S/O Shri Ishwar Singh Sodha, employed as-Depuity Genéral Manager (Legal),ONGC Ltd. resident of C-40, ONGC Colony Sector 39, Noida, U.P. have changed my Daughter's namefrom IAYANANDINI SODHA to JAYANANDINI KUMARI SODHA for all purposes

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Mohanad Zeyad Saleh S/o Iman Jabbar R/o Flat No.101, Property No. 204, Charan Singh Complex, Saidulajab, New Delhi-110030 have lost my Original Passport No.A1980205 Finders may contact at above address or Mobile No.8861540512. 0040627409-2 I, Devinder Pal Singh, S/o-Late Pritam Singh.R/o-61/5.Nagar Palika Colony, Pratap Nagar, Chittorgarh Rajasthan, inform that.my original Chain of old ownership paper, regarding of Property No.RZ-9/43,Left Side Part of Khasra No.50.Gali No.12. Tughlakabad Extn, New Delhi 110019(Measuring 75 Sq Yards)has been lost.If found, contact me +91-0040627479-4

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Be it know that my client namely S SHYAM SUNDER S/O SHRI SA NARAYAN R/O U&V-82-D, SHALIM NARAYAN R/O U&V-82-D, SHALIM, BAGH, DELHI-11008K I ha disowned and debarred my both s namely (1) YOGESH KUMAR and VISHNU GUPTA from all my moveal and immovable properties due to th bad behavior, misconduct a disobedient attitude and my client ha severed all relations from him. anybody deals with his shall do his/her/their own risk, cost a reaponsibility. PARKASH CHA

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PUBLIC NOTICE e General Public is hereby informed client Shri Jagbir Singh Chauhan e Sh. Jal Singh Chauhan R/o H. No. auhan Mohalla, Madan Pur Khadar, auhan Mohalla, Madan Pur Khadar, Ni hii 110076 have disowned his real s mely Sanjay Kumar Chauhan a ughter-in-law Namely Priti and his Gra n Namely Rishabh from all his movad i mmovable properties and ha vered all his relations with them count of their immoral conduct a olerable physical and mental cruelli him. Anyone dealing/tran n shall be fully responsible shall not be r ts in future. Dharamvir Singh Chaul Ch. No. 322, Saket District Cou New Delhi-1100 **PUBLIC NOTIC** To be known to all that my client Vin. Kumar So Jagnnaht Garg Ro FI No. 203. New Modran CGHS Ltd, PI No. 262, Sec-9. Rohini, Delhi-11008 Crifficate, Possession Letter an Allotment Letter in respest of Flat N 203. New Modran CGHS Ltd, PIot N 26/2, Sec-9. Rohini, Delhi-110085. J Ref to this effect has been lodged Police Station, Vide NCR/L No.688638/2022 dated: 1308/202 Any Person(s) claiming any rigid ny Person(s) claiming any rig terest, having any objection or found ossession of original documents m rite/contact with above named pers t above address within 15 days fro

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LSatnam Singh S/O Sukhbir Singh,R/O.B-14,second floor,Fateh Nagar,New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Satnam Singh Bamrah, for all purposes. 0040627476-3

AI,SUNIL KUMAR,S/O MOHINDER SINGH R/O HOUSE.NO.53,GALI.NO.1,CHAN DAN PARK, SIRASPUR, DELHI-110042.have changed my name to SUNIL KUMAR BHARDWAJ.

0040627464-4

I,SHRUTI TIWARI, D/o Rajendra Prasad Tiwari, HOUSE NO.68, SECTOR.38, GURGAON, HARYANA, 122018, have changed my name to SHRUTI RAJENDRA TIWARI.for all.future Purposes

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I.SHANWAZ S/O MOHD YUSUF,R/O-17 ARAM PARK SHASHTRI NAGAR DELHI-31.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD SHANAWAZ FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040627464-3

I,Pradeep Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh,R/0681-C,Nyaykhand-I, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014, have changed my name to Pradeep Singh Bisht.

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I,Phool Washa,W/o-Shri R.S. Verma,R/o-C-3/47, Keshav Puram.Delhi-110035.have changed my name to Phool Washa Verma and shall hereafter be known as Phool Washa Verma for all purposes.

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I,Pallavi Vasan W/O Ajay Malhotra R/O WZ-23-A, Gali.No-08,Krishna Puri,Tilak Nagar,New-Delhi-110018,Have Changed my Name to Pallavi Malhotra. 0040627476-1

I,PREET KAUR W/O VIKRAM SINGH,R/O WZ-294, GALINO.2.GURU NANAK NAGAR, TILAK NAGAR, DELHI 110018.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAVINDER KAUR.

0040627477-8 I Jaspreet Singh Jolly father of Karman Singh resident of BL-17Hari Nagar New Delhi 110064 have changed my son name to Karman Singh Jolly

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2000, Gali No.5, Raigarh Extension, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Zulekha. 0040627479-3

I. Virender Rathi Alias Virender Singh S/O Ratan Singh, R/o C 41/309 Janta Camp T-Huts Mathura Road Delhi-110001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Virender Kumar. 0070799754-1 I. Vipin Verma, S/o Satva Prakash, R/o RZ R-109 A, Chanakya Place Part-2, D.K Mohan Garden, West Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Vipin Prakash Verma.

0070799762-1 I. Vinod Kumar, S/o Sadhu Ram, R/o-A-64, Noida Public School, Sec-23, G.B. Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my name from Vinod Kumar to Vinod Gupta for all purposes. 0070799783-1 I. Vandana Sharma alias Vandana Alias Vandana Chadha, D/o Prem Paul Chadha, W/o M.D. Sharma, R/o House No-52, Ground Floor, Residency Gree Gurg have shal

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Convicts in the Bilkis Bano case after their release from Godhra jail. Express **RELATED REPORTS, PAGES 14, 18**

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Her case convicts feted, Bilkis says leave me alone, husband 'numb'

Pardon panel had officials, 2 BJP MLAs

ADITI RAJA VADODARA, AUGUST 16

FOR SEVERAL MINUTES late on Monday evening, Bilkis Bano could not believe that the 11 convicts had walked free – she first broke into tears and then went silent, her husband Yakub Rasool told The Indian Express.

A day later, when contacted by The Indian Express, Bilkis said: "Please leave me alone... I have offered duas (prayers) for the soul of my daughter Saleha".

"We have been left numb, shocked and shaken," said Rasool after a Gujarat panel granted remission of sentence to the 11 convicts who were jailed for life in 2008 for gangraping Bilkis and killing 14 of her family members, including her three-year-old CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

Sport turbulence: FIFA suspends AIFF, court panel for Olympic body

MIHIR VASAVDA MUMBAI, AUGUST 16

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pointed CoA to run the daily af-

fairs of the AIFF, as the reason for suspending India. The IOA, too, is staring at a

similar fate after the Delhi High Court on Tuesday named

Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) died and 30 others were injured Tuesday morning after a bus carrying 39 security personnel, in-

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SEVEN PERSONNEL of the Indo-

Amarnath duty bus falls into riverbed cluding two J&K policemen, went

The incident took place at 9.40 am when the bus, carrying personnel returning from Chandanwadi after Amarnath

riverbed in J&K, Tuesday. PTI

off the road and fell into a riverbed near Pahalgam in the Valley.

The police bus that fell into a Yatra security duty, went off the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**

Ajay Kumar.

alumni of IIT Ropar. "He was a bright student... so many lives cut short," Adarsh's father said.

Apne bal se bulland bana Rakesh Jhunjhunwala 1960-2022

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and leaders of political parties condemned the killing, the third of a Kashmiri Pandit in the Valley since October last year.

Tickoo said the "judiciary and government have failed miserably to protect Kashmiri Pandits. As such, KPSS is appealing to all the Kashmiri Pandits to leave Kashmir".

"Preliminary investigation revealed that terrorists had fired upon two civilians in an apple orchard at Chotipora area of

among four

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As its ship docks in Lanka port, Beijing says: 'This is life'

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

AS THE Chinese ballistic missile

Asked about Delhi's concerns

Beijing's envoy in Sri Lanka, who

reporters, "I don't know, you

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, AUGUST 16

THREE TECHIES were among four dead after a truck overturned on their car on National Highway 48 near Gurgaon's Bilaspur village late Monday night. The victims worked at multinational companies in Noida and were returning from a trip to Udaipur after the long Independence Day weekend.

curity concerns. The dead were identified as Adarsh Kumar (23) from and the delay in the visit of the Meerut; Kummara Poojith (23) Chinese ship, Qi Zhenhong, from Bengaluru; Muskan Tiwari (24) from Kolkata; and the was present at the Hambantota Innova driver Deepak Kumar port during the ship's arrival, told (35) from Ghazipur.

They were heading home when a truck travelling on the other side of the road jumped over the divider and fell on their car. "It is suspected that the truck driver slept on the wheel or the brakes failed," said Bilaspur SHO

Two of the victims were

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and satellite tracking ship Yuan Wang 5 arrived Tuesday morn-EVER SINCE the Chinese ing at Hambantota port, a stratetook Hambantota port on gically important deep sea port a 99-year lease in 2017, in southern Sri Lanka, Tuesday, India and the US have China said the activities of its voiced concern that it vessel will not affect the security could harm their interof any country and should not be ests. Ships of the Yuan "obstructed" by any "third party" Wang class can monitor - a reference to India and its sethe lands they pass.

> should ask the Indian friends... don't know. Maybe this is life." Last Saturday, Sri Lanka, which had deferred the visit of the Chinese military vessel

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Sri Lankan port workers hold a Chinese flag as Yuan Wang 5 docks in at Hambantota port Tuesday. AP/PTT



THE EDITORIAL PAGE

REMEMBERING VAJPAYEE

President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Speaker Om Birla, BJP president JP Nadda, Union Ministers Rainath Singh and Amit Shah pay tribute to Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his death anniversary Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

7 ITBP personnel dead, 30 injured after

BUSINESS AS USUAL

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JUSTICE FOR BILKIS

Remission of life sentence to

her attackers is a travesty, a

spoke up for her once, it

should do so again

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betrayal of PM's promise. SC

IN ANOTHER targeted killing, militants shot dead a Kashmiri Pandit and injured another in an

BASHAARAT MASOOD

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 16

apple orchard in Shopian in the Valley Tuesday. Police said Sunil Kumar Bhat died in hospital while Pritembar

Kumar was being treated for in-

juries. The two men were fired upon in Chotipora village of Shopian district. Their assailants fled after the attack and security forces mounted a search opera-

Sangharsh Samiti (KPSS), an organisation of Pandits who did not leave the Valley in 1990 when a majority of the community fled after being targeted by militants, said the government had "failed' them and asked members of the community to leave the Valley.

Stating that "no Kashmiri Pandit is safe in the Kashmir Valley", KPSS president Sanjay

The Kashmiri Pandit

In a statement, police said:

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11100 Committee of Administrators (CoA) to run the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), and uncertainty over hosting the hockey World Cup. Even as the dust settles over a successful Commonwealth Games campaign, Indian sport has been thrown into turmoil.

Late Monday night, football's world governing body FIFA announced that it had suspended the All India Football Federation (AIFF) "with immediate effect due to flagrant violations of the FIFA Statutes". FIFA cited "undue interference by third party", referring to a Supreme Court-ap-

other CoA to run the federation. Last month, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had threatened to suspend the IOA for outside interference in its functioning as well as not conducting its elections in a timely manner.

The IOA is the fifth sports federation, after football, hockey, iudo and table tennis, to be placed under a CoA. Former Supreme Court judge, Justice Anil Dave, and ex-chief election commissioner S Y Quraishi are administrators in three of the five CoAs: football, hockey and IOA. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**

Delhi Police in RTI reply: 80% match in facial recognition is deemed positive ID

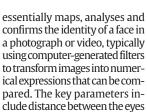
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SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE DELHI Police, which has used facial recognition technology to identify those accused in major clashes that have taken place in the capital over the past two years, considered a match to be "positive" if there was an accuracy rate of 80 per cent, according to records obtained by digital rights group Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF) under the Right To Information (RTI) Act.

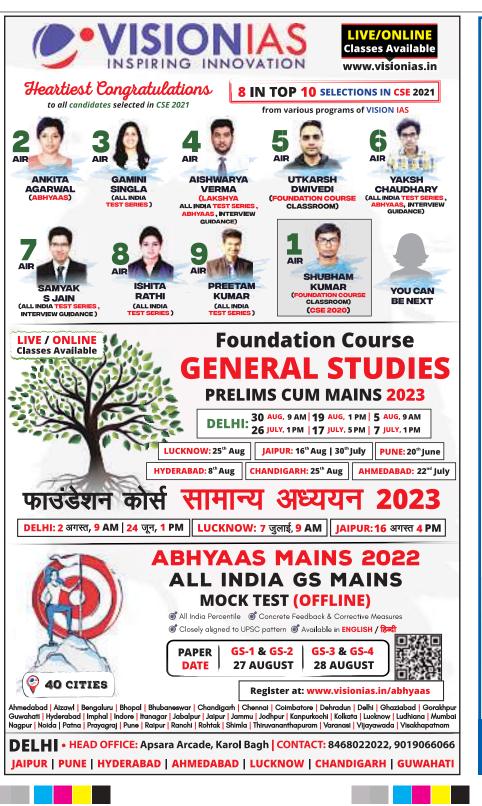
The records, shared under two RTI requests and reviewed by The Indian Express, throw light for the first time on how the Delhi Police uses facial recognition matches during investigations.

Facial recognition technology



and that from forehead to chin. So far, the Delhi Police have used the technology to identify people suspected to have been involved in the 2020 riots, the clashes that broke out at Red Fort in 2021 during the farmers' protest and the Jahangirpuri riots earlier this year.

The RTI records show that the police carries out "empirical investigation" for facial matches that have an accuracy of over 80 per cent before initiating any legal action. But even in cases where the accuracy is less than 80 per cent, the police considered it a "false positive result" CONTINUED ON PAGE 8





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CHARGÉ D' AFFAIRS MESSAGE



Joséphine Patricia NTYAM-EHYA - Chargé d'Affairs, Embassy of Gabon in New Delhi, India

ABON'S relations with India first began within the framework of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) after World War II. The relationship grew with economic exchanges. But Indian Former Vice President Muppavarapu Venkaiah Nadu's official visit to Gabon, from May 30 to June 1, 2022, opened a new dimension in the relations. It began with the accession of Gabon to the Englishspeaking community of the Commonwealth on June 25, 2022, to which India already belongs.

It's my pleasure, as the Representative of President Ali Bongo Ondimba, Head of State, to quote his views on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's choice to admit Gabon as a Member of the Commonwealth during the high-level meeting of Head of States in Kigali, Rwanda on June 24, 2022.

President Ali Bongo Ondimba said, "The two countries share the Commonwealth world-view for how the values and aspirations enshrined in the Charter can fortify their own democracy and enable Gabon to internationally play a greater role for good. We look forward to strengthening our partnerships with India in the Commonwealth community. We are eager to engage on issues such as equal rights, fighting violence against women, making the planet a better place for youth, fighting climate change and promoting democracy, freedom of speech and expression, peace, and security around the world."

The Embassy of the Gabonese Republic, the checkpoint of the partnership, is happy to conduct this project under the guidance of President Ali Bongo Ondimba.

Gabon-India partnership grows stronger

Gabon have made

in the country

The African country is offering Indians an opportunity to benefit from an open sharing of knowledge and technology, and an ideal atmosphere *for their businesses*

ILATERAL ties between Gabon and India began with the gaining of independence and the creation of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) post World War II when several nations were getting out of the shackles of European colonialism. Actions of both India and Gabon — in solidarity with each other as young nations to join existing international organisations inevitably brought them together in their quest for a better future for their peoples and societies.

Geographically, Gabon is at the centre of the African continent, with its western façade surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean. Situated on the West coast of the African continent, Gabon's landscape attracts several tourists and the country aspires to increase investment to use the opportunities presented by the beautiful nation. Gabon's neighbours to the North are Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea and along the eastern flank, the Congo.

Gabon and India have signed a few bilateral agreements, including the protocol for regular diplomatic consultations of understanding between the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Gabonese Republic, signed on June 19, 2017.

The Gabon-India partnership is observed through high-level government meetings and international frameworks or events organised as a platform for international engagements.

The President of the Republic, Ali Bongo Ondimba, has visited India thrice. The first was in November 2007 when he held the post of Minister of National Defence. Since his accession to the highest office in 2009 as President and Head of State, he has made two visits, notably in 2015 for the India-Africa summit and in



Gabon President Ali Bongo Ondimba with Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, in New Delhi

2018 for the International Solar Alliance (ISA). During those high-level visits, some conventional meetings and conferences organised by the Confeder-

ation of Indian Industries (CII), Exim Bank, FICCI and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry have led to the positive participative approach by many high-level rank government officers and cabinet ministers of the Government of Gabon.

On the other hand, the high-level visit from the Republic of India's then Vice 29 to June 1, 2022, with a strong delegation consisting of ministers, Members of Parliament and businesspersons of the CII considerably enhanced rela-

tions. The presence of several multinational companies of Indian origin on Gabonese territory is an important sign of the obvious interest that Gabon arouses for investments from India. Airtel, Oil India Limited, Greenply and Tata Chemicals, to name a few, have been doing good business in Gabon for several decades.

The peaceful political, law and order and economic conditions of Gabon have made

Year Exports	2014-15 42.70	2015-16 36.79		
Imports	793.06	105.63		
Total Trade	835.76	142.42		
*USD in Millions *Period April-February				



Gabon President Ali Bongo Ondimba with Former Vice President of India Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu, in Libreville, Gabon

business easy for Indians, which benefit from a favourable environment that is full of preferential advantages for the activities of enterprises and an ideal framework of political

stability. Diplomacy is a privileged means for the achievement of the policies of the Gabonese government, and in that view, the mission of the Charge d'Affaires of Gabon in India is to

create a conducive atmosphere, and stimulate meetings and conduct ex-President Muppavarapu The peaceful political, law changes between Indian Venkaiah Naidu from May and order and favourable investors and members of the Government of Gabon. economic conditions of Gabonese government officials have a major rebusiness easy for Indians sponsibility to be relevant participants and players to implement the priority pro-

> jects, as stated in the Transformation Acceleration Plan, named PAT in French. This is to say that, apart from the formal diplomatic mission statement for the period 2021-2023, all the diplomatic personnel must interpret it as the quest for public and private investors to help finance projects in the various sectors in which the Indian businesses already excel nationally and internationally. The diplomatic staff of Gabon in India em-

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phasises meetings with stakeholders from sectors like health, energy, digital and housing. They also keep in mind the fact that Indian companies already have a very strong presence in various sectors including pharma, timber, mining, steel and food processing, apart from the 54 of 80 enterprises within the Nkok Special Economic Zone.

Statistical data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India from 2021-2022 pegs trade between Gabon and India at over \$1.2 trillion. The main products India exports to Gabon are meat and meat products, pharmaceuticals, cotton, iron and steel. The main commodities imported by India from Gabon are timber and wooden articles and ores.

In view of the above, it is a matter of happiness to note that diplomatic relations between Gabon and India have a bright future, apart from international impact it will have with intangible implications. The resources of Gabon are aplenty, waiting to be explored and used for the benefit of humankind. Gabon is a paragon of stability and safety within the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) sub-region of Africa.

It is noteworthy that 85 per cent of Gabon's territory is covered with forests, and the current tourism potential is high. There are protected national parks in Gabon. The nation's naturally beautiful territory still remains unexplored to a great extent for visiting tourists.

Gabon's PAT, a new plan to accelerate the transformation of the nation is very dear to President Ondimba. The country is offering Indian partners an opportunity to benefit from an open sharing of knowledge and technology, and an ideal framework for the growth of their investments.

Political ties at their peak after ex-VP's visit to Libreville

India's former Vice President Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu visited Gabon in May this year and held several delegation-level talks

HE Republic of Gabon and India have enjoyed uninterrupted bilateral diplomatic ties for more than four decades. The two nations have a history of European colonisation, the shackles of which, the two now-independent nations have been trying to free themselves from since their respective independence from French and British rule. But the commonality doesn't end here.

Gabon, in the central part of the African continent with its West coast on the Atlantic Ocean, is a nation of natural scenic beauty. India, a giant in South Asia and the world's fastest-growing economy, is a land of economic and cultural diversity, offering some take-away to discerning diplomatic partners. Gabon and India have for long enjoyed warm and friendly relations, dating back to even their pre-independence era. This long-standing people-to-people friendship and political ties have resulted in Gabon standing by the side of India in the latter's candidature to many global fora. Gabon is an important partner for India. Gabon was elected in October 2021 at the United Nations Security Council. The two countries are prominent non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. To mark their growing bilateral ties, the political leadership of the two nations have been carrying out regular visits.

The latest was India's former Vice President Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu's visit to Gabon on May 30 and June 1. Naidu was accompanied by a high-level delegation including Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar and Members of Parliament Sushil Kumar Modi (Rajya Sabha), Vijay Pal Singh Tomar (Rajya Sabha) and P. Ravindhranath (Lok Sabha). Naidu was the first Indian Vice President to visit Gabon. This was also the first-ever high-level visit from India to Gabon. This visit to Gabon added momentum to India's engagement with Africa and emphasised India's commitment to the African continent. In Gabon, Naidu held delegation-level talks with the Prime Minister of Gabon,



To mark their growing bilateral ties, the political leadership of Gabon and India have been visiting each other's countries

Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda and called on Gabon's President of Gabon Ali Bongo Ondimba and met with other dignitaries. He also interacted with the business community in Gabon and addressed the Indian diaspora. There have been several visits by Gabon's top political leadership to India prior to Naidu's visit to Libreville, Gabon's capital.

The former Minister for Mining, Oil, Energy and Hydraulic Resources, Richard Auguste Aunouviet, and former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration, Jean Ping, visited India in May 2007. The then Gabon Senior Minister for National Defence and the current President, Ondimba, visited India in November 2007. He held bilateral talks with then Indian Defence Minister AK Anthony and visited the defence training centres and production facilities

in India. Gabon's Minister for Mines, Petroleum and Hydrocarbons Julian Nkoghe Bekale visited India in December 2009 for the second India-Africa Hydrocarbons Conference held in New Delhi. Minister of Communications Laure Olga Gondjout visited the country in May 2010 and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, the late Paul Bunduku Latha, visited in March 2011 for the 7th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership. Ondimba led an official delegation to the third India-Africa Forum Summit in New Delhi in October 2015.

India's then Minister of State for Human Resource Development Ram Shankar Katheria visited Libreville in September 2015, as the Special Envoy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to hand over an invitation to President Ondimba for the third India-Africa Forum Summit in Delhi. An eight-member delegation of Gabon, led by the Minister of Petroleum and Hydrocarbons Director Exploration, Mabika Kombila Edgard, attended the 4th India-Africa Hydrocarbons Conference held in New Delhi in January 2016. Gabon's Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Crepin Magloire Gwodog visited India in May 2016 to take part in a roadshow organised to attract Indian investments to Gabon. The then Gabon's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pacôme Moubelet-Boubeya, visited New Delhi in June 2017. Later, Gabon Foreign Minister Regis Immongault paid a bilateral visit to India in November 2018 and held detailed discussions with the then Minister of External Affairs, Sushma Swarai.

During the 17th CII-Exim Bank Conclave in 2022, the Minister of State, Industry, Pacôme Moubelet-Boubeya, led the participation of Gabon with a Ministerial Delegation comprising Hugues Mbadinga Madiya, Minister of Investment Promotion; Yolande Nyonda, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs; and heads of administrative entities including the National Investment Promotion Agency (ANPI) and Gabon Special Economic Zone (GSEZ).

An attractive investment opportunity for Indian businesses

ABON is a nation that is slightly bigger in area size than the Indian province of Uttar Pradesh. But Gabon's population is as equally small as the state of Nagaland. According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the GDP growth of Gabon in the year 2016 stood at 3.20 per cent. But it is fast becoming an attractive investment destination, an opportunity that Indian businesses and investors should not miss. Being a resource-rich African nation, there are opportunities for Indian investors in industries such as wood, cement, steel, scrap recycling, and oil and gas.

Gabon has been wooing Indian investors to its country for several years now, including offering attractive incentives for investments, thus providing a conducive atmosphere for Indian businesses to benefit from the African nation. It has several cities, apart from its capital Libreville, that attract investments, such as Port-Gentil, Franceville and Oyem, Moanda. The country has

rich natural resources such as diamond, gold, petroleum, natural gas, niobium, cement, phosphate rock, manganese, uranium and iron ore — all important minerals and natural resources that can fuel interest in Gabon's investment environment for Indian businesses. Gabon also relies on



Gabonese agricultural sector includes food crops, rubber, and palm oil. The African country's top four exports are agricultural raw materials, ores and metals, fuels and manufactured goods. The top five export partners in 2016 were the United States, China, Malaysia, Netherlands and Spain. Gabon registered a Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of US\$703.19 million that year, according to the UNCTAD. In consonance with the African continent's move to open up for invest-



ments in the last decade, Gabon is offering attractive opportunities for investors and providing several fiscal and non-fiscal incentives. One of the most important incentives for investors is that Gabon is the most politically and economically stable African nation in a continent that witnesses regular instability.

The country has worked with the Olam International Limited of Singapore and the Africa Finance Corporation to open the Nkok Special Economic Zone (SEZ), which has already attracted several entrepreneurs, both domestic and global,

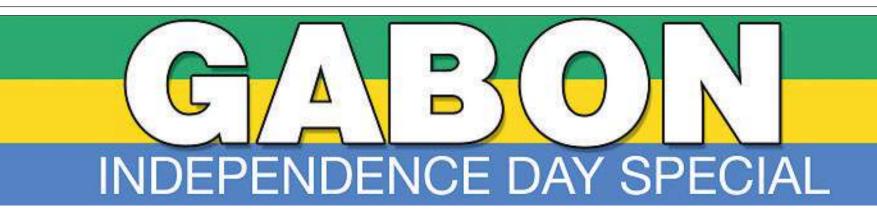
Nkok SEZ has attracted several entrepreneurs, both domestic and global, to start their businesses there

to start their businesses and production operations there. A report suggested that there were around 100 companies that have a base at the Nkok SEZ, which offers major tax benefits and incentives to industrial investors such as zero per cent tax on land properties, zero per cent tax on income for

the first 10 years and 10 per cent for the next five years. In addition, it also allows for 100 per cent repatriation of funds. Investors are allowed 100 per cent exemption from income tax, corporate tax and capital gains tax. Besides, 100 per cent foreign ownership is also permitted. For cost-effective operations, SEZ-based industries are given electricity at subsidised rates and there is no customs duty on the import of plant and machinery or spare parts for industries.

All these factors make Gabon an investorfriendly country in a continent which is otherwise known for its unstable political and economic setup. Gabon aims to build on its political and social stability to become an emerging economy by 2025. It was the highest-ranking nation in Sub-Saharan Africa under the United Nations 2014 Human Development Index.

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India's most stable African economic partner

India primarily imports ores, slag and ash, mineral fuels, mineral oils, bituminous substances, and mineral waxes from Gabon

ACKED by substantial growth plans, Gabon aims to invest USD\$21 billion by 2026 in highquality infrastructure in transport, information and communication technology, housing, education and health sectors. With a growth-oriented leader at the helm, the future for Gabon looks extremely promising. The country is very strategically placing itself as a lucrative destination for investors who can further steer development in the country. President Ali Bongo Ondimba said that Africa is the continent of the future and is full of

opportunities. "It is now for the Africans to ensure that these opportunities are not missed. The youth, who are the future, needs to be active and ambitious."

The country has a small population but abundant natural resources. These factors have contributed to Gabon becoming one of the wealthier African nations in recent years. It shares borders with Cameroon, the Republic of the Congo and Equatorial Guinea. A country with significant areas of protected parkland, Gabon has a tropical climate.

After an eight-year estrangement,





Gabon returned to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) fold in 2021, which was one of the pledges of good governance presented by President Ondimba's India is a h

government to its International Monetary **S** Fund (IMF) interlocutors. Indian invest-

ments in Gabon reached USD\$1.12 billion in 2021-22. For a decade, Indian investments in Gabon have been diverse and include timber, hydrocar-

bons, pharmaceuticals production and

telecommunications. Gabon Special Eco-

e (EITI) fold in 2010, welcomed 50 Indian companies out of the 80 set there. Outside the GSEZ NKOK, Indian businesses are engaged in crude oil extraction, mining ex-

second in its export after China

export to Gabon are meat and edible meat offal, plastic and articles thereof, iron and steel, machinery and mechanical appliances, and electrical machinery and equipment. Its main items of import comprised ores, slag and ash,

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nomic Zone (GSEZ) of NKOK, created in

mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation, bituminous substances, and mineral waxes. But the scope for growth is not limited to just these items, and the opportunities are quite huge, waiting to be tapped. To sum up, India is a highranked partner to Gabon, second in its exportations after China.

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Business-friendly economic policies a boon for investors

The CEMAC investment regulations of 1998 are seen as a game-changer for the country to grow its economy



The 'Last Eden on Earth' offers nature lovers a breath-taking experience

ABON isGabon is situated on the western coast of Africa abutting the Atlantic Ocean, showcasing its virgin beaches along the Gulf of Guinea. The world calls Gabon the "Last Eden on Earth", alluding to its scenic beauty as 70 per cent of its geography is covered by forests. Some tourists even challenge others to visit Gabon and see if they agree with their view of Gabon being a heaven on Earth.

Apart from the capital city Libreville, when tourists venture into the interiors of the African nation, they will find themselves in a vast and largely unexplored paradise of white sandy beaches, dense forest, raging rivers and pristine landscape that will keep one spellbound.

In 2003, Gabon decided to protect its natural beauty by declaring 10 per cent of the nation as protected land and 13 national parks were created to conserve this last Eden on Earth. While travelling to Gabon for business or pleasure, it



N 1998, Gabon introduced an investment code that conforms to the Central African Economic and Monetary Community's (CEMAC) investment regulations and provides the same rights to foreign companies operating in Gabon as to domestic firms. This investment code of Gabon is seen as the game-changer for Gabon to grow its economy, despite the severe challenges that it has faced since its independence in 1960 from French rule. This new investment code has protected domestic and foreign investors from "expropriation" or "nationalisation" by the Gabonese government without appropriate compensation, as determined by an independent third party. Key sectors of Gabon's economy such as mining, forestry, petroleum, agriculture, and tourism have been given specific investment codes. The codes encourage investment through customs and tax incentives. For example, oil and mining companies are exempt from customs duties on imported machinery and equipment specific to their industries making capital investments more affordable.

In 2014, Gabon established the Investment Promotion Agency (ANPI-Gabon) with the assistance of the World Bank with a mission to promote investment and exports, support small and medium enterprises, manage public-private partnerships (PPPs), and help companies establish businesses in Gabon. The ANPI-InvestinGabon is designed to "act as the gateway for investment" to reduce administrative procedures, costs, and waiting periods. Gabonese authorities have made efforts to prioritise investment.

In 2017, the High Council for Investment was established to promote investment and boost the economy. This body provides a platform for dialogue between the public and private sectors, and its main objectives are to improve the economy and create jobs. Gabon President Ali Bongo Ondimba



The SEZ at Nkok provides single-window service to investors and beneficial fiscal incentives, including tax-free operation for 25 years, no customs duties on imported machinery and parts, and 100 per cent repatriation of funds

outlawed the export of unprocessed wood in 2009 to boost Gabon's value-added wood products industry and increase domestic consumption. The Special Economic Zone at Nkok has expanded its mandate to a broader range of businesses to provide a single-window business service to participants and provides new investors with beneficial fiscal incentives, including tax-free operation for 25 years, no customs duties on imported machinery and parts, and 100 per cent repatriation of funds. Gabon's agriculture code of 2008 gives tax and customs incentives to agricultural operators, with a particular focus on Small and Medium Enterprises. Land used for agriculture and farm exploitation is exonerated from fiscal tax.

All imported fertilizers and animal feed are also exempt from customs duties.

Gabon's mineral industry is dominated by the production of manganese and petroleum. In 2020, Gabon was the third largest producer of manganese in the world, with an annual production of 2.8 million metric tons (MT). The oil sector accounted for 80 per cent of exports, 45 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product, and 60 per cent of fiscal revenue. Gabon's wood sector production of lumber represented 870,410 cubic meters (m3) and the production of plywood units increased by almost 27 per cent, to stand at 37,358 m3 during the same period at the end of September 2020. The authorities are counting on the timber industry for the diversification of the country's economy and the mobilisation of budgetary revenues. To support local agricultural production, on June 10, 2021, the Gabonese Council of Ministers adopted a bill for the creation of a National Chamber of Agriculture (CNA). Through this bill, the government wants to force supermarkets and other agri-food companies to obtain supplies from local agricultural producers. The World Bank estimated that the value added in Gabon's agriculture, forestry, and fishing sectors to be 6.404 per cent of GDP in 2020.

will be good to hire a local travel agency, in view of the facilities and services they offer.

Tourists will find themselves in a vast and largely unexplored paradise of white sandy beaches, dense forest, raging rivers and pristine landscape that will keep one spellbound

Founded in the mid-19th century by freed slaves, Gabon's capital Libreville (meaning Freetown in French) is a modern-day eclectic town. In addition to the markets, it offers visitors a glimpse of its history and culture during visits to the National Museum, the Presidential Palace, the St Michael Church (St Michael Cathedral) and the Musée des Arts et Traditions du Gabon.



The Loango National Park is the crown jewel of the 13 national parks and offers the best African Safari experience with its lush landscape and fantastic wildlife. With almost 200 km of uninhabited shoreline, Loango is one of the last fully wild coastal areas. The park has forests, lagoons, wetlands, and savannahs. You will find hippopotami, gorillas and elephants walking along the beach, while whales, and dolphins if you go out into the Atlantic Ocean for a cruise. Among the other attractions are the Pongara National Park with forest, mangrove flats, beach, and savannah. Fernan Vaz Lagoon is the highlight of the Ogooué maritime region apart from Gorilla Island, Ivindo National Park Makokou and Kongou Falls.

In June 2021, Norway paid Gabon USD\$17 million for forest protection and the African nation has managed to reduce deforestation and lower carbon emissions in 2016-17. The current eco-tourism projects focus largely on the country's network of national parks. Plans to develop ecotourism in the parks began to materialise in 2008, following the creation of the National Agency of National Parks (Agence Nationale des Parcs Nationaux, ANPN) in 2007.

In March 2021, the Gabonese government presented the African Ecotourism Safari Project to take advantage of the potential of the country's 13 national parks. The project will contribute to the development of the tourism sector in Gabon, the enhancement of national parks and the promotion of employment while respecting the criteria of sustainable development and profitability. The government implemented a new tourism code passed in February 2019 that provides tax exemptions to foreign tourism investors during the first eight years of operation.



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A standard narrative talks about how Muslims, led by Muhammad Ali Jinnah, demanded the Partition . Historical documents, however, suggest that a majority of Muslims opposed the Partition and stayed in India.

WHY A MAJORITY OF MUSLIMS OPPOSED JINNAH'S IDEA OF PARTITION AND STAYED IN INDIA

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Death of a Dalit boy, a Chinese ship in Lanka, and attack on Rushdie

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highest of seven such killings -

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CRPF jawan in Shopian and a

special police officer (SPO) in

Budgam. The brother of the

SPO also lost his life in the

cluding a sarpanch, were

killed, while in May, five per-

sons -- two policemen and

three civilians -- were killed.

The civilians were Rahul Bhat,

a government employee re-

cruited under the Prime

Minister's special package for

Kashmir Pandits, TV actor

Amreen Bhat, and teacher

manager and a non-local

labourer were shot dead by

terrorists, while a sub-inspec-

tor of police was also killed.

Two non-local labourers have

been killed so far in August.

In June, a non-local bank

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Rajini Bala.

Deep Mukherjee joins host Utsa Sarmin to talk about the death of a Dalit boy in Rajasthan after being beaten up by his upper caste teacher for drinking water from his pot.

FROM PAGE ONE

Day after: Convicts feted, **Bilkis says leave** me alone, her husband 'numb' daughter, during the 2002 riots.

"The battle we fought for so many years has been wrapped up in one moment. A sentence of life imprisonment given by the court has been curtailed in such a manner... We had never even heard of the word 'remission'. We didn't even know that such a process exists," Rasool told The Indian Express over phone from their home at Devgadh Baria in

Dahod After the convicts were welcomed with garlands and sweets following their release, Rasool said that Bilkis, now 41, was "distressed and melancholic", unable to talk to anyone.

"We have not even had the time to process this news and we know that they (the convicts) have already reached their homes...It is not that they never took parole; they did several times. But we did not expect that they would be released in such a manner," he said.

"What happened (in 2002) was so horrific that one can imagine what must be going through her mind... She was brutalised but witnessed the murder of her own daughter... She was violated not just as a woman but also as a mother and a human being -- what can be worse than that?" Rasool said.

"Now we only want to be left alone, and settle down for our five children. We do fear for our safety but we have not had the time to contemplate the next move," he said.

Sujal Mayatra, District Magistrate and Collector of Panchmahal, who chaired the Jail Advisory Committee (JAC) that recommended the remission, told The Indian Express that "it was a unanimous decision". "The convicts had completed over 14 years of their life sentence. Their application had come about three months ago... Like in the case of any application Court for remission or premature release, this case was also consid-

ered on the basis of the behaviour of the convicts in prison as well as the tenure and other merits of the case. The recommendation was sent to the state government, and yesterday (Monday), we received the orders for their

release," Mayatra said. According to norms, the JAC has eight members including the

District Magistrate (or Chief Metropolitan Magistrate) as chairman, jail superintendent, member secretary, District Sessions Judge, Superintendent of Police (or City Commissioner), District Social Welfare officer, and two local (elected) members. In this case, the elected mem-

bers were Godhra BJP MLA C K Raulji and Kalol BJP MLA Suman Chauhan. Both were not available for comment Tuesday.

Another committee member, who did not wish to be identified, said the remission applications also cited medical grounds. "The oldest of the convicts was 70 years old and had health issues. Another convict, nearing 60 years of age, had also cited medical conditions as well as a medical emergency at home as his

wife is battling a critical illness,' the member said. Gujarat Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Raj Kumar told The Indian Express that a total of

26 prisoners were released across the state on Monday. Bilkis was gangraped and 14 members of her family, includ-

ing Saleha, were killed by a mob on March 3, 2002, in Limkheda taluka of Dahod district -- the bodies of six were never found. The Supreme Court had ordered a CBI investigation in the case after Bilkis approached the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

In 2004, the Supreme Court directed the trial to be transferred from Guiarat to and IOA came at a time when a Maharashtra after Bilkis alleged high-level delegation of the death threats from the accused. And on January 21, 2008, a CBI International Hockey Federation special court in Mumbai con-(FIH) is in New Delhi for crisis victed 13 accused, sentencing 11 talks with the Government, to life imprisonment on charges Hockey India and a third courtappointed CoA. of gangrape and murder. Three The FIH has said if their meetvears later, the conviction was upheld by the Bombay High

lakh to Bilkis, and asked the Gujarat government to provide her with a government job and accommodation.

According to Rasool, the state government awarded the compensation and offered Bilkis the post of a peon in Devgadh Baria but she turned down the offer and sought employment for her husband instead. "The government is yet to consider the application. We are also yet to hear from the administration about the accommodation," he said.

According to Rasool, the compensation amount of Rs 50 lakh has been placed in a fixed deposit and will be used for the higher education of their children. "Our eldest daughter is 19 and pursuing a B.Com degree. Bilkis wanted her to be a lawyer and help other people seek justice but due to Covid we could not enroll her in the law college as it is outside Devgadh Baria. We have decided that she will graduate in Commerce and pursue LL.B," he said.

The second daughter, aged 16, is also attending college while their 15-year-old son is a Class 10 student in a private school.

In the Lok Sabha polls of 2019, Bilkis had stepped out for the first time to cast her vote. "She was beginning to live her life again because justice had lessened our pain but this (remission) has come as a bolt from the blue... we are exhausted," Rasool said.

Turbulence in sport: FIFA

suspends AIFF, olympic association gets

a court panel The latest setbacks for AIFF

Kashmiri Pandit shot dead, another injured in Valley attack in Anantnag. March saw the

ENTERTAINMENT

Shopian district. In this terror crime incident, two civilians, identified as Pertimber Nath Bhat, son of Ariun Nath Bhat, and Sunil Kumar Bhat, son of Sri Ji Bhat, both residents of Chotigam Shopian, belonging to minority community, received critical gunshot iniuries.

"Both the injured were immediately shifted to hospital where one of the injured persons, Sunil Kumar Bhat, succumbed to his injuries. The condition of the other injured person is stated to be stable," police said.

(According to eyewitnesses and Pritmber Bhat's statement, while one terrorist was firing indiscriminately, the other was capturing the horrific incident on his smart phone, news agency PTI reported.)

Following the attack, a

joint team of police, Army and paramilitary personnel cordoned off the area to trace the militants. Senior police officers, including DGP Dilbag Singh and ADGP Vijay Kumar, visited Shopian. In a Twitter post, Lt

Governor Sinha said, "Pained beyond words on despicable terror attack on civilians in Shopian. My thoughts are with the family of Sunil Kumar. Praying for speedy recovery of injured. The attack deserves strongest condem-

nation from everyone. Terrorists responsible for barbaric act will not be spared." Former Chief Minister and

NC vice president Omar Abdullah called it "terribly sad news" and condemned the attack. "My condolences to the family," he said. PDP president and former

Chief Minister Mehbooba

Mufti said residents of J&K have become "cannon fodder in Delhi's question for manufactured normalcy". Saying she was "terribly sorry to hear about the targeted killing in Shopian," the PDP chief offered condolences to the fam-

ily of Sunil Kumar. Peoples Conference chief Sajad Lone said, "Yet another dastardly attack by coward terrorists in Shopian. We strongly condemn this heinous act of violence. My condolences to the family."

PTI adds: There has been a sudden spike in attacks on minorities, labourers and police personnel in the Valley since the beginning of this year. The death toll in targeted attacks has gone up to 21 this year which includes two Kashmiri Pandits.

In January, one policeman was killed in a targeted attack

For Delhi Police, 80% match in facial recognition is 'positive' ID, RTI reply reveals

which is again subject to "due verification with other corroborative evidence", the records show

According to experts, this suggests that even people, for whom the accuracy match may be lower, remain on the police radar. "Even if the technology does not give a sufficient enough result, the Delhi Police could continue to investigate anyone

use cases, it wouldn't be appropriate for identifying individuals with a reasonable level of

ertainty' Yet, the 80 per cent accuracy number is also representative of the improvement in facial recognition systems deployed by the Delhi Police

In 2018, the Delhi High Court had reportedly suggested that the police should use facial

peated gueries emailed by The Indian Express.

The activists contend that the usage of technologies like facial recognition in the absence of a basic data protection framework in the country could potentially pose risks for communities that have been historically

targeted. In the US, at least three individuals have been wrongfully

using the technology, citing a section of the RTI Act that exempts them from disclosing in-

formation that could impede investigations. On August 11, The Indian Express reported that the Delhi Police used the technology to "confirm" the presence of several accused at the site of the Jahangirpuri riots.

In one of their RTI re

tended by a representative of Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickramasinghe besides "more than ten heads of parties and heads of friendly communities."

"It will take some time for the Yuan Wang 5 research ship to complete the replenishment of necessary supplies," he said.

Ships of the Yuan Wang class are used to track satellite, rocket and intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launches. The ships supplement Beijing's landbased tracking stations.

In the past too, India has taken a strong view of the presence of Chinese military vessels in the Indian Ocean and has raised the matter with Sri Lanka.

Ties between India and Sri Lanka had earlier come under strain over Colombo's permission for a Chinese nuclear-powered submarine to dock at one of its ports in 2014.

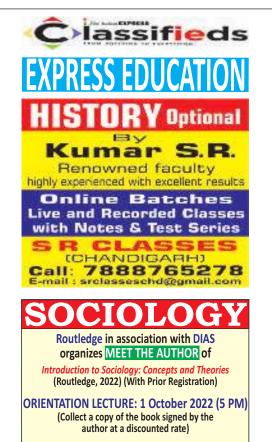
In 2017, Colombo leased the Hambantota port to China Merchants Port Holdings for 99 years, after Sri Lanka was unable to keep its loan repayment commitments.

China is the main creditor of Sri Lanka in investment in infrastructure. Debt restructuring of Chinese loans is key to the island's success in talks with the International Monetary Fund for a bailout.

India, on the other hand, has been Sri Lanka's lifeline in the ongoing economic crisis, extending economic assistance of nearly USD 4 billion

Seven ITBP personnel dead, 30 injured after Amarnath duty bus falls into riverbed

In 2019, the Supreme Court awarded compensation of Rs 50



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ings, likely to take place on Wednesday, are not satisfactory, they will consider stripping India of hosting rights for the World Cup, scheduled to be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela in

January 2023. All these Indian sporting bodies find themselves in the dock

due to governance-related issues.

In a letter to Sunando Dhar, the acting secretary general of AIFF, FIFA secretary general Fatma Samoura said they will lift the suspension only after the "repeal of the CoA mandate in full" and once the AIFF administration is "fully in charge" of its daily affairs.

Following the decision, the Government swung into action with solicitor general Tushar Mehta apprising the Supreme Court bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna of the development. The court will hear the case on Wednesday.

A prolonged FIFA ban could have a drastic impact on Indian football. In her letter, reviewed by The Indian Express, Samoura said the suspension means the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. scheduled to be held from October 11-30, will "no longer be held as planned". The AIFF, she said, also "loses all its membership rights as of 14 August 2022 until further notice".

"AIFF representative and club teams are therefore no longer entitled to take part in international competitions until the suspension is lifted. This also means that neither the AIFF nor any of its members or officials may benefit from any development programmes, courses or training from FIFA and/or the AFC (Asian Football Confederation)," Samoura wrote.

In its statement, however,

who may have gotten a very low score. Thus, any person who looks even slightly similar could end up being targeted, which could result in targeting communities who have been historically targeted." said Anushka Jain, associate counsel, IFF.

To put the 80 per cent threshold in context, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) ran a test in 2018 on Amazon's facial recognition system, Rekognition, keeping the threshold at 80 per cent. The system ended up falsely associating 28 images of US Congress members with mugshots in a criminal database. In response, Amazon had

said that "while 80 per cent confidence is an acceptable threshold for photos of hot dogs, chairs, animals or other social media

FIFA kept the door open for India to host the Under-17 Women's World Cup. "FIFA is in constant constructive contact with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in India and is hopeful that a positive outcome to the case may still be achieved," it said.

Meanwhile, a Delhi High Court bench comprising Justice Najmi Waziri and Justice Manmohan, passed a scathing 72-page judgment on the functioning of the IOA. While naming a three-member CoA, along with three consultants, to run its daily affairs, the High Court ordered that the State Olympic Associations be done away with.

"However, should the IOA insist on having them, the SOAs shall have no votes in the IOA nor will their members be elected to the IOA EC or discharge any position of authority or control nor will the SOAs be funded, patronized or supported in any manner by the Government," the judgment said.

Apart from Justice Dave and Quraishi, the court named Ministry of External Affairs exsecretary Vikas Swarup in the CoA. Each member will receive

recognition software to find some women who went missing from an illegal placement agency. However, the police informed the court that the software returned with only a two per cent match, which was "not good".

The IFF received RTI responses from the Delhi Police on the issue in June after filing second appeals with the Central Information Commission (CIC). The police had earlier declined to reveal any information in response to RTI requests filed in 2020 and 2021, according to the IFF. Privacy activists say it is un-

clear why the Delhi Police has chosen 80 per cent as the threshold between positive and false positive matches. The Delhi Police did not respond to re-

an honorarium of Rs 3 lakh per month. The consultant sportspersons, who will be paid Rs 1.5 lakh each, include Olympic gold medallist Abhinav Bindra, world championship medallist Anju Bobby George and Olympian Bombayla Devi.

According to the High Court order, the main task of the CoA is to bring IOA and its Constitution in compliance with the Sports Code and facilitate the holding of elections to hand over the affairs to a democratically elected body preferably within a period of 16 weeks.

The bench also recorded that in all its 95 years of existence, the IOA has never had a woman as its president or secretary general. "Surely, women do aspire to be in significant positions in the decision making process. Their presence... will lend to fruition of their valid aspirations. Accordingly, women shall comprise half of the category of sportspersons with voting rights in the General Body as well as in the EC," said Justice Waziri in the ruling.

In his concurring opinion, Justice Manmohan expressed surprise that the IOA

arrested since 2019 after being misidentified by facial recognition technology. In all three cases, the individuals were men from the African-American community, which has a history of being wrongfully targeted by law enforcement agencies in the

country. As such, at least 13 cities in

the US, including San Francisco and Massachusetts, have banned their police from using facial recognition technology. In 2020, Microsoft and Amazon stopped selling their facial recognition systems to the police after questions were raised about the technology's reliabil-

In their RTI response, the Delhi Police declined to reveal whether they have made any arrests of alleged perpetrators

Constitution stipulates that its president can be for life. "...one is reminded of the mausoleum of first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, where terracotta soldiers were buried with the purpose of protecting the Emperor in his afterlife," he said.

(WITH ENS/DELHI) As its ship docks in Lanka port, Beijing says 'this is life'

following concerns raised by India, made a U-turn and allowed the ship to dock at the Hambantota port from August 16 to 22.

The Yuan Wang 5 is a powerful tracking vessel whose significant aerial reach - reportedly around 750 km - means that several ports in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh could be on China's radar.

There was no official response from New Delhi to the development. On Sunday, ahead of the ship's arrival. Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickemesinghe said China will not be allowed to

the Delhi Police said that it considers citizens' privacy to be "sacrosanct" but conceded that it is yet to carry out any analysis of how the usage of technologies like facial recognition could

potentially impact privacy. Carrying out privacy impact assessments is a requirement in some other parts of the world, including under the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) -- but it is currently not necessary under

Indian laws. "The need for these impact assessments is necessary because these are extremely new and untested technologies that are being used by law enforcement agencies, which could lead to irreversible effects and damage to a person," IFF's Jain said.

> use the port of Hambantota for military purposes.

Last week, before Colombo's U-turn, the spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs had said, "Sri Lanka is a sovereign country and makes its own independent decisions."

In Beijing Tuesday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said Yuan Wang 5 has "successfully berthed" at Hambantota port with "active cooperation from the Sri Lankan side".

He said when the ship arrived, Ambassador Qi Zhenhong hosted the onsite welcoming ceremony at Hambantota port, which Beijing took over on a 99year lease as a debt swap in 2017. Referring to Indian and US concerns over the ship, Wang said, "I want to stress again that the marine scientific research activities of the Yuan Wang 5 are consistent with international law and international common practice.'

"They do not affect the security and the economic interests of any country and should not be obstructed by any third party," he said.

He said the ceremony was at-

road. Officials said its brakes appeared to have failed.

The security personnel were headed to a base in Pahalgam. Sources said nine personnel suffered serious injuries and were currently being treated in Srinagar.

"It appears the brakes of the bus failed and it slipped off the road. A formal inquiry has been ordered." an ITBP officer said.

In a Twitter post, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, "Anguished to learn about the accident of a bus carrying ITBP and police personnel in Pahalgam, J&K. My prayers and thoughts are with the bereaved families. The injured were rushed to the hospital. May they recover at the earliest."

In an official statement, the ITBP said the bus was carrying 37 ITBP personnel, two J&K policemen and two bus staffers.

"Team of ITBP men with personnel from sister organizations rushed to the spot and relief and rescue operations were started immediately. The dead bodies were recovered and the injured were evacuated for treatment. DG ITBP has expressed his condolences to the families of the jawans who died in the tragic accident. All possible assistance is being provided to the injured," it said

President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar were among leaders who offered condolences to the bereaved families.

"The tragic loss of precious lives of ITBP personnel in the unfortunate accident at Anantnag. [&K fills me with sadness. My heartfelt condolences for the bereaved families. I pray for speedy recovery of the injured," the President said.

"Saddened by the loss of lives of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel in a bus accident ... My thoughts are with the bereaved families in this hour of grief. My prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured," the Vice President said in a Twitter post.

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LAST 24 HOURS 6,724 PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: 5 **OXYGEN SUPPORT VENTILATOR SUPPORT**

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Returning from weekend trip, 3 techies among 4 dead as truck topples on car on NH-48

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, AUGUST 16

FOUR PERSONS died while two suffered injuries after a truck overturned on their car on national highway (NH) 48 near Gurgaon's Bilaspur late Monday night. Among the victims were techies who worked at multinational companies in Noida, and were returning from Udaipur after a trip over the long weekend, said police.

The incident took place around 1.30 am near Sidhrawali cut on the highway when the Innova, in which four men and two women were travelling, was crushed under a truck carrying sacks of corn, which was going from Delhi to Jaipur. According to police, the truck, which was coming from the opposite direction, crossed the divider on the highway and lost balance before toppling on top of the Innova.

Ajay Kumar, SHO Bilaspur police station, said the circumstances of the accident and how the truck went to the other side of the highway will be clear once the driver is arrested. "It is suspected that the truck driver either slept on the wheel or the brakes failed, due to which he lost balance. An FIR has been registered and our teams have gone to laipur

to trace him." said the SHO. An FIR has been registered against the accused under IPC sections 279, 304-A, 336, 337 and 427 at Bilaspur police station, said

police. Police said they received

PWD fails to attract bidders to install LED screens

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

AFTER FAILING to attract bidders twice over the last couple of months, the Public Works Department has invited tenders bies'. installation of 600 LFD screens across the capital displaying information about the work and schemes brought in by the AAP government. Officials said only a few companies showed up for bidding and did not meet the terms and condiworld tions "We did not get the desired companies for installing and operating these LED screens. It is a big project, so we have floated tenders again and we believe this time bidders will come," said a PWD official. Through this LED screen project, the AAP government's aim was to inform the public about their schemes and policies including public-oriented information like helplines numbers, Covid updates and protocols. pollution data, social messages, information regarding policies and other relevant details of public interest. Under the fresh push, the department plans to set up a command control room with varipermutations and ous combinations (individually, cluster or all at a time) of LED screen-wise/location-wise to display information, graphics and films.



The incident took place around 1.30 am near Sidhrawali cut on the highway. The Innova was crushed under a truck

and Jasnur Singh from Punjab. information from a patrol vehicle, following which several teams Police said Prerna suffered a fracture in her foot, while Singh's conrushed for the rescue. "Four cranes, including two dition was stable.

hydra cranes parked about 4 km In the police complaint, Jasnur from the spot, were called in to lift Singh, a software engineer workthe toppled truck trolley. The ing at an MNC in Noida, stated main challenge was creating that he, some of his colleagues and his flatmate had hired a prispace and to free up the compressed vehicle to rescue people vate cab through an acquaintance and gone to Udaipur for a holiday from the mangled remains. All on August 13 night. the injured were rushed to a hospital, where four people suc-

'We were returning from Udaipur late Monday night and had taken NH-48 from Jaipur to Delhi. Around 1 am, when we reached near Sidhrawali cut, a truck trolley coming from Delhi to Jaipur road, which was speeding and driving rashly and negligently, hit our car and the trollev toppled over it. We were crushed underneath. Four of my friends were killed... while another friend suffered injuries. I managed to survive." he said.

'Bright student, cleared IIT first try': Accident tears families apart

graduate from IIT Ropar, hailed

from Meerut and had been

staying at a paying guest ac-

commodation in Noida.

work at an MNC recently.

tempt... It is tragic: so many

lives cut short," said his father.

"We spoke to him around 11.30

last night. We were slightly

worried about travelling during

night time. He said they will

Amit Shahi, Adarsh's uncle,

said, "Around 3 am, his mother

woke up and thought of check-

ing up on him. When she called

his phone, a police officer an-

swered the call and informed

the parents of the accident.

When they reached here, they

got to know that Adarsh is no

more."

reach Noida by 2 am."

May 2022."

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, AUGUST 16

TWO OF the four victims of an accident on NH-48, where an Innova was crushed under a truck, were alumni of IIT Ropar and had recently started working at private companies in Noida. Relatives said they knew each other as they worked in the same sector in offices in Noida and had planned a trip to Udaipur since it was a long weekend because 0 Independence Day.

Police identified the deceased as driver Deepak Kumar (35) from Ghazipur; Adarsh Kumar (23) from Meerut; Kummara Poojith (23) from Bengaluru; and Muskan Tiwari (24) from Kolkata.

The two injured have been identified as Prerna (22) from Kolkata and Jasnur Singh from Punjab.

In a condolence message on Facebook, IIT Ropar wrote: "We have to share with great sorrow that two of our alumni from 2018 batch, Adarsh Kumar, and Kummara Poojith, passed away in an accident today. The news is indeed more upsetting considering that they had just graduated from the Institute this

plumber's son gets adequate ed-

pany in Noida for the past two Adarsh, a computer science months.

Muskan Tiwari (22), hailing from Bara Bazar in Kolkata, was also working at an MNC in Noida, said her family.

His father, Satyendra, an IIT At the mortuary on Tuesday afternoon, her father fainted Kharagpur alumnus, said that his son got a campus placement when he saw her body. Sitting and worked at an investment on a bench, when a police officer asked him for a photograph bank in Bengaluru for a short time before moving to Noida to of his daughter for documentation for the autopsy, he took out "He was a bright student, he his phone and opened her piccleared IIT exams in first atture, kissing it repeatedly before breaking down.

"Her elder sister was getting married in a few months and she had been involved in all the planning," a relative said.

The driver of the car, Deepak, was a resident of sector 70, Noida. His brother, Vinod Kumar, said, "He had been driving for over a decade. He worked as a driver for someone in Noida. He usually did not go for long tours outside the state, but he was asked to take people to Udaipur for two to three days as a favour to the owner's acquaintance.'

Police said that Kummara "He is survived by his wife Poojith had completed B.Tech and a three-year-old child. I in Electrical Engineering from spoke to him last evening and IIT Ropar, and he was working he told me that he would be as an R&D engineer at an elecback early morning," said tric design automation com-Vinod.

Delhi's food truck policy to be on lines of US, UK

is going to bring out a first-of-itskind food truck policy along the lines of the United States and United Kingdom, said officials.

Minister Manish Sisodia held a review meeting with departments concerned, that the food truck policy will be launched in the coming months.

lining the business and increasing employment opportunities in this sector, said officials. "The government is in the process of final-

will be allowed to set up. Food trucks are not new to India but no state in the country has made any such policy," officials added.

"In our rozgaar budget we announced various projects that can foster growth of the economy... Of them, the Delhi shopping festival and food truck policy are two priority projects which will be launched soon. The food truck policy will open avenues for growth of the capital's nighttime economy," said Sisodia while reviewing the project. ENS

Can increase food price, why charge separately: HC on service charge

SOFI AHSAN NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

ing it separately, an eatery could

increase food prices. However,

the court has not passed any such

direction at this stage, and will

Justice Satish Chandra Sharma

and Justice Subramonium Prasad

made the observation during the

hearing of the Central Consumer

Protection Authority (CCPA) and

Ministry of Consumer Affairs' ap-

peal against the stay ordered on

July 20 by a single bench on the

guidelines prohibiting hotels and

restaurants from adding service

"That is what a common man

charge automatically or by de-

perceives. Increase your food

price, no problem, because you

are entitled to fix a rate for your

food but don't levy it sepa-

rately...," said the court when

the counsel representing the

Federation of Hotel and

Restaurant Associations of India

submitted that nobody thinks of

Chetan Sharma, representing the

CCPA, argued that they were

served with the petition chal-

lenging the guidelines on July 19,

and the order by a single bench

consumers as if this is a govern-

mental levy or a governmental

tax which it is not. Consumers face embarrassment when they

don't pay or are asked to pay, that

is the reason hundreds of com-

plaints were received. This [CCPA

guideline] is totally consumer

sel representing the Federation

of Hotel and Restaurant

Associations of India, Chief

Iustice Sharma asked about their

'right to claim service charge," to

which the counsel submitted

that the impugned guidelines do

not prohibit service charge and "say please add it to the price of

food but don't charge separately".

While addressing the coun-

friendly." submitted Sharma.

"It is being made to feel to the

Additional Solicitor General

it as a government levy.

was passed a day later.

fault in the bill.

The division bench of Chief

hear the matter Thursday.

pay any kind of service charge. 'You are the master of your price **OBSERVING THAT a common** but you can't then place an addiman perceives a service charge tional price that you pay addiby a restaurant as a government tional charge," he added. levy, the Delhi High Court The counsel representing the Tuesday said that instead of seek-

Justice Prasad asked whether

a person can be compelled to

National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) submitted that it is a matter of contract as it is made very clear on the menu card and displayed in restaurants that it will be levied.

However, Chief Justice Sharma asked, "You are talking about a contract. A person who does not know (the) law or an illiterate person goes to a restaurant, you mean to say he will enter into a contract? A person who does not understand law goes for a cup of tea, so he is entering into a contract and he has to pay service charge?

The counsel representing the NRAI said that here, service charge is not connected to consumers but to employees. However, the court said, "[But] recoverable from consumers? Very much connected with consumers. You are recovering it from consumers"

The counsel then submitted that service charge is an element which goes to those employees "who are back of the house" and is not a substitute for tips. "You increase the salary. We will hear

you. Be ready," said the court, while listing the matter for hearing on August 18. The matter was adjourned as

a similar case is expected to come up for a hearing on Thursday. While hearing petitions filed by the NRAI and Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India. Iustice Yashwant Varma last month stayed the CCPA guidelines subject to members of the unions ensuring that levying of service charge, in addition to price and taxes, and the obligation of the customer to pay the same "is duly and prominently displayed

on the menu or other places". The Centre and CCPA in the appeal said the guidelines were issued to prevent violation of rights of consumers who were being made to pay service charge by default without allowing them the discretion whether to pay or not.

Can work with central govt for public good, says Kejriwal

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cumbed to injuries. We were able

to rescue a man and a woman and they were taken to a private

hospital. The rescue took over two

as Deepak Kumar (35) from

Ghazipur; Adarsh Kumar (23)

from Meerut; Kummara Poojith

(23) from Bengaluru; and

Muskan Tiwari (24) from Kolkata.

The two injured have been iden-

tified as Prerna (22) from Kolkata

Police identified the deceased

hours," said SHO Kumar.

Centre to keep politics aside and emulate the expertise of the AAP government as well as other progressive state governments to develop schools, hospitals and the entire nation. He also asked the BJP not to call such services 'free-

Stressed on schools, hospitals

he central gov



ucational opportunities, he will become a doctor, engineer, or lawyer, and can make his family rich. All developed countries are doing the same, that is why they are rich. Change is possible. All governments of the country along with 130 crore Indians can fix the government schools," he

> The CM said that 130 crore citizens will skip their meals every day, but will not compromise the ducation of their children He also said there is also a need for more hospitals, mohalla clinics, X-ray machines, beds, oxygen and ventilator facilities in the country. "To provide proper healthcare for free to every person, government hospitals will have to be developed on a large scale all over India. If it is possible in Delhi, it is possible in other parts of the country as well. We observed in Delhi that once you make an investment in building hospitals and install all equipment, it will only take Rs 2.5 lakh crore to provide free health to all." he said.

New Delhi: The Delhi government

Officials said Deputy Chief

The policy is aimed at stream-

ising hotspots where food trucks

The centre will monitor the display round the clock. Officials also said that 86 locations, especially places with heavy footfall. have been identified for the purpose, including Kashmere Gate, ISBTs, T-Junction, Dwarka, Badarpur, Sadar Bazar, and Karol Bagh.

Officials said these LED screens will have in-built video processors and will have auto brightness adjustments. "We also want the same videos and the same content to be displayed across all the 600 screens when they are installed," said an official

Further, it will be fixed in four models – portrait screen with a unipole structure. landscape screen with a single display, triside display and rectangular cluster monitor. Officials said the screens will be installed in three phases.

ment to make use of our free education and healthcare schemes; we are ready to work with them for the greater good of the public," said the CM, adding that his only dream in this lifetime is to make India number one in the

"This will happen when all citizens become rich. I want to make every poor person rich, and for that, we have to provide free education and health for all children." he said.

Kejriwal said that about 17 crore children across the country

attend government schools, and many of them are in poor shape with no roofs, broken walls and unhygienic conditions."We need to construct a large number of schools and improve infrastructure, regularise guest and ad hoc teachers, and provide training to government teachers and send

them abroad if needed, so the 17 crore children across the country can get quality education," he said

"India will only become rich if every citizen becomes rich and powerful. If a carpenter or a

district magistrates to conduct

stations, markets, and malls.

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tients admitted to hospitals

shows that those who have taken

precautionary doses are safer.

Around 90% of Covid patients ad-

mitted to hospitals are those who

have taken only two doses of the

vaccine...Only 10% of patients got

infected after the third

dose...Wearing a mask while go-

ing out of the house can prevent

most cases... An appeal has been

made to senior citizens to get vac-

cinated as soon as possible,"

Sisodia said.

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Detailed Instructions for filling up the employment application forms have been given on Pages 10, 11 and 12 of the above Advertisement. **REGISTRAR**

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI 4TH FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI: 110001 Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993 In the matter of **OA. NO. 65/2019** UNION BANK OF INDIA VS SHRI BALAJI ELECTRO TRADERS INDIA PVT LTD. Defendants Applicant D-1 SHRI BALAJI ELECTRO TRADERS INDIA PVT LTD. THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR REGD OFFICE AT: H. NO. 190, FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK-B, POCKET-11, SECTOR-7, ROHINI, DELHI-110085 D-2 SH SUSHIL KUMAR, H. NO. 190, FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK-B, POCKET-11 SECTOR-7 ROHINI DEI HI-110085 D-3 HS PEEYUSH GOYAL S/O SH GULAB RAI GOYAL R/O B-117, NEW ASHOK NAGAR, DELHI-110096 ALSOAT: F-304, KRISHNAAPRARESIDENCY, SECTOR-61, NOIDA ALSOAT: G-24 PLOTNO 20 VARDHMAN PLAZA DWARKA DELHI-110075 D-4 M/S BALAJI ELECTRICALS. THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR SMT BIMLADEVI PROPERTY NO. C-107, BLOCK-C, SECTOR-9, NOIDA, G.B. NAGAR, U.P. ALSOAT: GULAB RAI GOYAL, 579/12, CHANDIGARH ROAD, BARWALA HISSAR, HARYANA D-5 M/S BALAUI INDO TRADERS INDIA PVT LTD, THROUGH ITS DIRECTORS REVIOUSLY KNOWN AS M/S APG ELECTRICAL PVT LTD. PROPERTY NO. 1-31, SECTOR-9, NOIDA, G.B. NAGAR, U.P. ALSO AT: G-24, PLOT NO. 20, VARDHMAN PLAZA, DWARKA, DELHI-110075 D-6 MRS BIMLA DEVI W/O SH GULAB RAI GOYAL A-401, KRISHNAAPRARESIDENCY, SECTOR-61, NOIDA ALSO AT: 579/12, CHANDIGARH ROAD, BARWALA, HISSAR, HARYANA D-7 SHARUN GOYAL S/o SHRI GULAB RAI GOYAL FLAT NO. A-401, 4TH FLOOR, E-BLOCK, KRISHNA APRA RESIDENCY, SECTOR-61, NOIDA ALSO AT: B-117, NEW ASHOK NAGAR, DELHI-110096 D-8 MRS RITU GOYAL W/O SHARUN GOYAL A-401, KRISHNAAPRARESIDENCY, SECTOR-61, NOIDA ALSOAT: B-117, NEWASHOK NAGAR, DELHI-110096 D-9 M/S VISHNU PRIMA ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS HROUGH ITS PARTNERS SMT NIDHI MANGALAND SH GULAB RAI GOYAL C-103, SECTOR-9, NOIDA, U.P. D10 SMT SHEELA DEVI W/O SH MAHAVIR PRASAD, R/O VILLAGE AND POST KHERI JALAD, TEHSIL NARNAUND, DISTT. HISSAR, HARYANA ALSOAT: WARD NO. 5, PURANI TEHSIL, RAJGURU MARKET, HISSAR Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has een shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary vay. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance ir nis Tribunal 05.09.2022 at 10.30 A.M. ake notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this ribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence ue to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video onferencing and for that purpose: All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the Cisco Webex application/software; Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head. In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official a Ph.No.23748469. ven under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 18TH day of July 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of the general public that Sh. Rajinder Singh Sabharwa 5/o Sh. Lai Singh r/o H. Nos. 54/1 & 54/2 at Mohalla No. 26, Jalandhar Cantt ha: iven application regarding Mutation in the General Land Register records i espect of House Nos, 54/1 & 54/2 at Mohalla No. 26, Jalandhar Cantt on th and bearing sy. No. 283/1908 admeasuring an area 595 SR. Classified as B-3 lan nd the nature of holder rights are "Old Grant". As per the General land Registe records maintained by this office, at present the holder of occupancy rights are in he name of Smt. Manjit Kaur W/o Sh. Rajinder Singh Sabharwal.

Any person having legal right / title or interest in the said property or any claims ny objection against Mutation in the GLR records in the name of the above sain policant, may file claim or objection to the undersigned against the salt Nutation in the GLR records, within 30 days from this publication. If no objectio is received within the stipulated period of time, then further necessary action regarding. Mutation of the above said applicant in the General Land Registe cords shall be initiated by this office. Chief Executive Office

Jalandhar Cantt



Most hospitalisations in those vaccinated only twice: Sisodia

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AROUND 90% of the patients admitted to hospitals with Covid are those who have not taken the precautionary dose of the vaccine, Deputy Chief Minister

Manish Sisodia said Tuesday. Delhi has seen a rise in cases and positivity rate over the past three weeks. On Tuesday, 917 people tested positive for the dis-

ease, despite only 4,775 tests being conducted - at a positivity rate of 19.2%. According to data provided by the Delhi government, out of the 1.5 crore adults eligible to get vaccinated, only about 23 lakh have taken precautionary dose so far, and 1.54 crore people have taken the second dose.

The Delhi government said in a statement Tuesday the infection rate is lesser in people who have taken the precautionary dose of the vaccine. Sisodia held a meeting with senior officers of the health department and district magistrates on expediting the rate of vaccination. Chief secretary Naresh Kumar, who was also

present in the meeting, directed

Three run over by train in Gurgaon

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ground visits and decide locations for setting up vaccination camps THREE CARPENTERS were killed in crowded places such as Metro after being run over by a train on the railway tracks near Garhi According to the health bul-Harsaru Monday evening. Police letin, 588 out of 9,416 beds set said the men - all hailing from Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh – had gone aside for Covid patients are occupied at present. Twenty five of for a walk on the railway tracks on their day off from work on acthese have been occupied by those suspected to have Covid. Of

count of Independence Day. Police said the deceased have the remaining, 202 are admitted to ICUs, 205 are on oxygen supbeen identified as Saud Ahmed port and 22 are on ventilator sup-(19), Mohammad Faizan (19) and port. Total active cases in Delhi Mohammad Adil (20). The victims had come to Gurgaon a few "People are showing carelessyears ago, and were working as carpenters at a construction site. ness, and it has been seen that many are not taking precaution-

A railway police officer, said "...A group of five workers decided to go for a stroll on railway tracks on their day off Monday evening. After some time, two from the group returned, while the three victims continued to walk along the tracks." He said they saw an approaching train and jumped across to the other track, where another passenger train was coming from the opposite direction. "While changing the track, they did not notice the second train and were run over. All three died on the spot," he said.

The incident took place

home. Praveen Khanna

on the first floor.

in Chandigarh.

while they were alone at

ner of the house, died of cancer.

Dolly encouraged her sons to start

their own businesses, and they

opened a shop. Dolly helped

them by doing product packag-

ing at home. Vimla was bedrid-

den and would stay in her room

a long weekend and they wanted

to visit Rishikesh with friends. We

all spoke to Dolly on Saturday. She

went to a Covid vaccination

camp. I was planning to visit

mummy (Vimla). She can't move

around and has difficulty speak-

ing. I'm sure Dolly must have put

up a fight. She was brave...," said

Alka, Vimla's daughter, who stays

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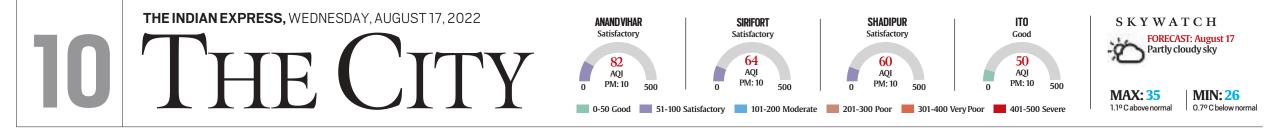
without Dolly's permission," said

3-4 lakh and jewellery are miss-

The house has a surveillance

The family had said earlier in

"The sons left because it was



BRIEFLY —

'Molestation' at PG: DCW seeks action

New Delhi: The Delhi Commission for Women has issued a notice to the Delhi Police regarding an alleged case of molestation of a resident of a paying-guest accommodation in central Delhi by its security guard. DCP (Central) Shweta Chauhan said, "Police rushed to the spot for necessary legal action. However, the woman refused to give a complaint. It is learnt that she vacated the PG on August 14."

600 Chinese *manjha* rolls seized, 5 held

New Delhi: Five men were arrested Saturday for allegedly possessing and selling nearly 600 rolls of banned Chinese manjha at Jafrabad and Bhajanpura. Police said the shopkeepers were identified as Shaukat Ali and Mohammed Daud from Jafrabad and Rupesh Maheshwari, Abhishek Jain and Sanjay Kumar from Bhajanpura.

MCD holds photo exhibition on Partition

New Delhi: The MCD has organised a photo exhibition commemorating the tragedy of Partition at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Civic Centre, MCD Headquarters. It will be open till August 17, a senior MCD official said. ENS

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250-300 kg of explosives being placed in Supertech towers every day

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE 'CHARGING' of the two Supertech towers in Noida, slated for demolition on August 28, is on track to be completed by August 25, according to the team executing the demolition.

'Charging' involves loading explosives into the buildings. Of the two towers, charging of Ceyane, the smaller building standing at a height of around 97 metres, is around 80% complete. said Mayur Mehta, project manager, Edifice Engineering, which is carrying out the demolition in collaboration with Jet Demolition, a South Africa-based company. The charging of Apex, second

tower with a height of around 103 metres, is 15% complete, he said. "As per our schedule, charging is to be completed on or before August 25. We are on track to

complete it by then," Mehta said. Plastic explosives are being placed in the building at the rate of around 250 to 300 kg per day. The towers are to be fitted with a



For violation of building norms, the towers are being brought down on a Supreme Court order from last year. Archive

total of around 3,700 kg of explosives on select floors, and around 100 workers are at the site, with the charging lasting from around 7 am to 6.30 pm.

In addition to the charging, covering of the adjacent buildings from top to bottom is underway four buildings of ATS Greens Village and four buildings of Emerald Court are being covered with geotextile fabric to protect them from dust and debris.

Apart from the charging itself, preparation of the towers breaking up internal and external

Kumar Srivastava.

as null and void.

he took since suffering from Covid

"One of the cabinet ministers

walls, drilling holes into the columns for the explosives, and wrapping the columns with geotextile and chain link fencing was complete by July 25, Mehta said. "We got permission on August 12 (for charging), and we started charging on August 13," he added. The exact evacuation plan is yet to be given, said Atul Chaturvedi, president of the ATS Greens Village RWA. "Once a meeting is held by Noida Authority to finalise evacuation of residents and timings, that will be shared with residents. Since it



into account any marginal delay on account of technical reasons or weather con-

ditions."

is a unique event and we have not seen this earlier, there is some sense of anxiety and we are keeping our fingers crossed that everything goes well," he said. Prior to demolition, 736 flats

in ATS Greens Village and 650 flats in Emerald Court are to be evacuated, according to the RWAs of the two apartment complexes. "ATS has four towers within a

50 metre radius of the ones that are to be demolished. I've been told the entire ATS complex, of 25 towers and four villas, will have to be vacated. I was also told that vehicles will have to move out. Electricity is likely to be cut during demolition. We have advised residents to cover external units of air conditioners, to protect from

dust," Chaturvedi said. UBS Teotia, president, RWA, Emerald Court, said they have approached the Noida Authority requesting help with cleaning up the dust that is likely to settle in the surrounding area after demolition. "They have left the evacuation to us. individuals will have to make arrangements," he said.

Around 50 pillars in the basements of the Emerald Court towers are now being repaired, Teotia said. "Supertech has engaged a contractor to repair. We don't know if it will be completed by August 25. They are doing it lastminute. Work began on strengthening the pillars about a week back. It should have been done three months back " he added

For violation of building norms, the towers are being brought down on a Supreme Court order from last year.

in custody since May 30, from the

state cabinet, the bench headed

by Chief Justice last month said it

with regard to upholding the

New Delhi

tenets of the Constitution.

RELATIVE DETAINED 2 women stabbed to death at Subhash Park residence

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

A 76-YEAR-OLD woman and her 45-year-old daughter-in-law were stabbed to death inside their house in Northeast Delhi's Subhash Park Sunday. The women were identified as Dolly Rai and her mother-in-law Vimla

Devi. Police detained a relative of the victims Tuesday evening and said it was found during investigation that he had taken a loan from Dolly's son and could not repay it. "He was being pressured to repay. He was aware of a trip the sons were taking and came after they left the house and killed the women. He robbed the house and locked their pet dog inside a room," a senior police officer said.

Police said that the bodies were discovered nearly 30 hours later. The family runs a shop selling puja items in Chandni Chowk. Dolly was found lying in a pool of blood with injuries on her abdomen and neck, and Vimla Devi was found lying on her bed with stab injuries. The incident took place while they were alone.

Around 4.20 am Tuesday, Dolly's sons Sarthak (23) and Shashank(25)made a PCR call after they found the women dead. Sanjay Sain, DCP (Northeast),

said: "An enquiry revealed that the sons were in Rishikesh for 2-3 days and returned Tuesday."

is for the CM to act in the best interest of the state and consider Sarthak and Shashank told police that they tried calling their whether a person who has been charged with offences involving mother on Sunday but her phone was switched off. "When we moral turpitude should be alcame back, the house was locked lowed to continue as a minister. Observing that while it is not and mother wasn't answering for the court to issue directions to her phone. We then took a spare the CM, the court said it is, howkey from the car and opened the ever, its duty to remind the "key door. There was blood everyduty holders" about their role where," said Sarthak.

> Around two years ago, Dolly's husband Alok Rai, the breadwin-

system and the gate can only be opened from the inside. There are two CCTVs - on the ground floor and the second floor. "One CCTV is missing and the other isn't working," said Pranita, Vimla's granddaughter. The family said Rs

Uma, a family friend.

ing. All almirahs were found open. NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM Ref⁻ Tender Notice no. 30/2022-2023 dated : 22.07.2022

I) Tender No. 08195281E due on 24.08.2022 (S. No. 07)

n reference to above tenders, the due date has been extended from 24.08.2022 to 30.08.2022 and description etc has been revised. All other terms and condition emain unchanged. More details is available on website

The corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in 2087/22 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY

1st CORRIGENDUM

Name of Work : Electrical work in connection with regarding wiring & cable laying wor at the Hostel of DTTS Building New Ghaziabad.

Declare Jain of unsound mind: plea; HC reserves order

Minister portfolio in Delhi gov-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday reserved its decision on a petition seeking an order declaring minister and AAPMLA Satyendar Jain, who is in judicial custody in an alleged money laundering case, as "a person with unsound mind" and his resultant disqualification from Assembly.

The plea said Jain, during questioning, had told the ED officers that he lost his memory on

account of Covid. "We will pass appropriate orders," said the di-Satyendar Kumar Jain, also the vision bench of Chief Justice member of Legislative Assembly Satish Chandra Sharma and from Shakur Basti Assembly con-Justice Subramonium Prasad afstituency, himself declared that ter briefly hearing a counsel rephe lost his memory, before the resenting the petitioner Ashish Officers of Enforcement Directorate and the same has also Srivastava, who said he is a sobeen informed to the Special cial worker, also had prayed for Judge Rouse Avenue District setting up of a medical board to Court, New Delhi by the analyse Jain's medical condition Additional Solicitor General. But and for declaring all the decisions unfortunately, he is still continuing the important Cabinet

in the Delhi government Mr post of Member of Legislative Assembly of Delhi Assembly," said the petition. Citing Article 191 (1)(b) of the

Constitution and stating that the provision provides for disqualification of a state lawmaker who is of "unsound mind", the petition said the news of Jain "losing memory" has been covered by all the media sources and his continuing "with so many important portfolios of the government is cheating with the voters of Delhi". On another petition seeking

suspension of Jain, who has been

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OF AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR SUPPORTING INVESTMENT ECOSYSTEM IN MEGHALAYA INCLUDING HOSTING, MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT AND CONTENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE STATE OF MEGHALAYA (SETTING UP OF ONLINE

MEGHALAYA STATE INVESTMENT PROMOTION BOARD (MSIPB)" Meghalaya Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (MIDFC) (on behalf of Government of Meghalaya) intends to appoint an agency for for Development of a Digital Platform for Supporting Investment Ecosystem in Meghalaya Including Hosting, Maintenance, Support and Content Management for the State of Meghalaya (setting up of onine

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022 **GOVT & POLITICS**

SANTOSH SINGH

BIHAR CHIEF Minister Nitish

Kumar on Tuesday expanded his

council of ministers by induct-

ing 31 ministers – at 16, more than half of them from ally RJD

and giving representation to

ministers, 11 are from Nitish's

ID(U), two from the Congress.

and one each from former CM

Jitan Ram Manjhi's HAM(S) and

ministered the oath of office to

the inductees at the Raj Bhavan.

The government, which can have

a maximum 36 ministers, now

has 33, including the CM and his

deputy, Tejashwi Prasad Yadav.

portfolio, and JD(U) also took con-

trol of Finance. By entrusting Vijay

Kumar Choudhary with the key

portfolio, Nitish has marked him

out as the most important leader

in the party after him at the mo-

ment. Bijendra Prasad Yadav, the

Yadav face in Nitish's camp, re-

lios in Health, Road Construction,

Urban Development and

Housing, and Rural Works, while

elder brother Tej Pratap, Health

minister in the previous Grand

Alliance government, has been

given charge of Environment,

Forest and Climate Change.

Tejashwi has four key portfo-

tained the Energy portfolio.

Nitish retained the Home

Governor Phagu Chauhan ad-

Of the remaining 15 new

all sections of the society.

an Independent MLA.

PATNA, AUGUST 16

NITISH RETAINS HOME, TEJASHWI GETS HEALTH

31 Bihar ministers sworn in:

16 of RJD, JDU retains all 11





COLLECTING KUDOS

THE PRIME Minister recently lauded the states for cooperative federalism in the fight against Covid-19, and that spirit of cooperative federalism was certainly on display during a key review meeting between the Centre and states governed by opposition parties on Tuesday. During a video conference with state health ministers, it is learnt that Health Ministers from Congress-governed Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh remarked how Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has been working closely with them, without any politics. They also highlighted that by holding these review meetings regularly, Mandaviya has helped Opposition states express their challenges directly to him.

YORKER-LENGTH REPLY

AS BIRTHDAY wishes poured in for Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who turned 54 on Tuesday, one congratulatory tweet, from former India cricketer Munaf Patel, raised curiosity on Twitter. One person asked, "have you changed parties?" Prompt came the response from the lanky pacer, with roots in Gujarat, "I don't have allegiance to any party. I belong to everyone and everyone's mine." Incidentally, after winning in Punjab, from where AAP has nominated former India spinner Harbhajan Singh to Rajya Sabha, the party is trying to make inroads in Gujarat.

SPEAKING OF LAW

SPEAKING AT an Independence Day event organised by Supreme Court Bar Association, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said, "Many people may say Kiren Rijiju doesn't know law. Many people may say I don't have the experience of legal practice or understanding about laws... I feel I have a verv clear-cut role to play as a bridge between the judiciary and the executive, and to some extent, Parliament of India. I will continue to play that role." CJI N V Ramana, who spoke next, sought to allay Rijiju's concerns. He said, "More than legal knowledge, your experience, common sense and commitment is important - (and) that you have sufficiently. You will take care and you (will) help the government and the judiciary to uphold the rule of law."

Modi, Macron review bilateral projects, global food challenges

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron on Tuesday reviewed the ongoing bilateral initiatives, including defence collaboration projects and cooperation in civil nuclear energy.

During their conversation on Macron also discussed in portant geopolitical challenges, including those related to global food security, a statement issued by the PMO said.

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Rajasthan Congress leader Sachin Pilot with the boy's father in Jalore on Tuesday. Express

Gear up for aggressive fight in 2024: BJP high command to Bihar unit

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

ON A day when Chief Minister Nitish Kumar expanded his new Cabinet after joining hands with the RJD in Bihar, the BJP central leadership asked its state leaders to gear up for an aggressive fight - Sadak se Sadan - for Mission 2024, during a meeting with the core group members of its Bihar unit at the party headquarters Tuesday.

The Bihar leaders have been asked to take the development -Nitish's exit from the NDA to join hands with the RJD-led Grand Alliance against whom it fought the last Assembly elections - as 'an opportunity for the party to emerge as a formidable force", sources said. "We have been asked to put up an aggressive fight – from every corner and every angle. We have to reach out to every section of society," said a leader who was part of the meeting. Sources said the party has decided to strengthen its booth committees in the coming days and there was no discussion on changes in the state unit.

BJP president J P Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the general secretary (organisation) BL Santhosh attended the meeting with the Bihar unit leaders. "The new alliance in Bihar is a betrayal with the people and it has given a backdoor entry to Lalu raj. We will have 'Sadak se Sadan' protests...The party will contest the elections under Prime Minister Modi's leadership and

Shah and Nadda at the Bihar core committee meeting.

with the messiah of the poor at the helm, the BJP will win more than 35 seats [Lok Sabha]," BJP Bihar president Sanjay Jaiswal said after the meeting.

Admitting that fighting elections alone in Bihar will be a tough task, party leaders, however, said a robust organisation on the ground will make it easier. "For the BIP. Lok Sabha elections will be very comfortable. Every person in Bihar has seen how dedicated Prime Minister Modi is for their cause. They know that Modiji is also from a backward community and that he is committed to Bihar's development. Every seat the alliance won was because of this trust," Ravi Shankar Prasad, former Union minister and MP from Bihar, told The Indian Express.

Earlier in the day, Jaiswal said in the last eight years, the BJP has built individual teams for more than 63,000 of the total 74,000 booths in Bihar. "We have teams for every booth. We are confident that it will help the party to get more than 35 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, and two-thirds majority in the next Assembly elections," Jaiswal said. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

No ideological compromise with BJP, says Stalin before trip to Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAI, AUGUST 16

THE DMK will not make "even the slightest ideological compromise" with BJP, as there is "no relationship" between the two parties, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin said on Tuesday, before he eft for the national c

Prime Minister Narendra Modi,



(From right) RJD leader Rabri Devi, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav and HAM-S chief Jitan Ram Manjhi at the swearing-in ceremony in Patna on Tuesday. PTI



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The RJD included six Yadav ministers: besides Tej Pratap, Surendra Prasad Yadav, Ramanand Yadav, Lalit Yadav,

Chandrashekhar and Jitendra Rai. The party also gave berths to Muslim leaders: three Shahnawaz Alam, son of former MP and top Seemanchal leader Mohammed Taslimuddin; Israil Mansuri, a Pasmanda Muslim from Muzaffarpur; and Shamim Ahmad from Champaran belt.

Among non-Yadav, non-Muslim communities, RJD included former MP Alok Mehta, an OBC Kushwaha leader from Samastipur, and Sameer Mahaseth (Madhubani) who belongs to OBC Vaishya community, which is otherwise considered close to BJP. The two ministers from the SC community are Kumar Sarvjeet from Gaya and Surendra Ram from Saran.



Modi also conveyed to Macron his solidarity for the ongoing

Azad declines post of **Congress campaign** panel chief in J&K

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JAMMU, NEW DELHI, AUG 16

HOURS AFTER he was appointed chairman of the Congress's campaign committee and a member of political affairs committee in the party's Jammu and Kashmir unit. Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday declined both posts leaving the party red-faced.

Azad, a leader close to him said, felt insulted and humiliated.

"He is a member of the political affairs committee headed by (Congress chief) Sonia Gandhi. It is strange to include him in a similar committee in a state (UT) as a member. These are mindless decisions." a leader said.

The development comes on a day the All India Congress Committee (AICC) appointed Vikar Rasool Wani, considered close to Azad, as J&K unit president and Raman Bhalla as working president – it comes days after former J&K unit chief GA Mir quit, following open revolt by Azad loyal-

ists in the Union Territory. According to a senior Congress leader, appointing Azad as head of the campaign committee of a UT was also insulting. "He had been a minister with four Prime Ministers in five governments; he was Leader of Opposition (in Rajya Sabha) for seven years. A former chief minister, he is in the Congress Working Committee for the last 37 years; has been in charge (of the party) in every

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agreed to continue working toof cooperation, it added. ENS

drinking water from a pot meant for his upper-caste teacher, died in an Ahmedabad hospital on August 13. On Tuesday, Congress leader

and former Rajasthan Deputy CM Sachin Pilot visited the victim's family and said cases of atrocities against Dalits were happening "repeatedly" and that 'there must be something lacking". "In the future, our brothers and sisters from the Dalit-Adivasi community shouldn't feel that the provisions that we have made for them are ...Things must be lacking weak. somewhere, that is why such in-

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Congress general secretary K C Venugopal on Tuesday issued the list of new UT officer-bearers. Senior party leader Tariq Hameed Karra - a leader from Kashmir Valley - has been made vice-chairman of the campaign

committee, and G M Saroori, an Azad loyalist, its convenor. Karra has also been made chairman of the party's UT political affairs committee, which has, among others, former Union

minister Prof Saifudfin Soz as its member. Soz has been made chairman of the manifesto committee and senior advocate MK Bhardwaj its vice-chairman. Significantly, Vikar Rasool

and Raman Bhalla, both former ministers and two-time MLAs from Banihal and Gandhi Nagar Assembly constituencies, respectively, come from Jammu region, and this is the first time in Congress's history in J&K that both its president and working president are from Jammu. The move is expected to step up infighting and widen the wedge between party leaders based in Jammu and those in the Valley.

able to achieve this only by making laws and rules, or giving speeches...," said Pilot, adding that there should be no politics over the issue.

Pilot's remarks come a day after Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched a veiled attack on Pilot over his frequent remarks that pending political appointments should be carried out and that "workers should be respected and honoured".

"Some of our people ... our leaders instigate our workers. 'Workers should be respected and honoured'... this has become a jumla. Have you ever respected or honoured workers? Do you even know what respect is, honour is? We know... we became leaders from workers because we were honoured and got respect," Gehlot had said on Monday during an Independence Day event. Pilot, who was state Congress

president for more than six years between 2014 and 2020, has repeatedly said in the past that Congress workers who helped the party come to power should be honoured and respected and should be made stakeholders in "His teacher beat him and he the government.

Under fire, Gehlot gets Cong's Dalit MLAs to rally behind him

HAMZAKHAN JAIPUR. AUGUST 16

AS RAJASTHAN Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot drew fire from the Opposition as well as a section of his Congress over the death of a nine-vear-old Dalit boy from Jalore, a slew of Dalit MLAs from the ruling party came out to back Gehlot, even as they blamed the BJP for "fuelling" the row.

Distressed by the Dalit boy's death, Congress MLA from Baran-Atru, Pana Chand Meghwal, had submitted his resignation to Assembly Speaker C P Joshi and the CM on Monday. In the wake of Pana Chand's resignation, 12 Congress councillors in the Baran Municipal Council also submitted their resignations Tuesday. Echoing the

local party MLA's outrage, the

councillor from ward number

22, Urvashi Meghwal, told The

conscience she was submitting her resignation over the boy's death. Her resignation letter stated that "Dalits and the marginalised are being killed simply for drinking water from a pot, or for climbing atop a mare, or even for keeping a moustache. In the name of investigation, the files are sent back and forth to stall the judicial process.

Indian Express that following her

Speaking to The Indian Express, several Dalit MLAs from the Congress, however, expressed their confidence in the CM.

Babulal, the Congress MLA from Alwar's Kathumar, said that "resignation is not a solution," accusing "upper caste BIP workers and supporters" of allegedly perpetrating caste-related atrocities. The four-time MLA called for a constitutional amendment to impose stricter penalties for "jaatiye nafrat (caste hatred)" and said. "I have been seeing it for decades.

Until the state brings a stricter law or the Centre amends the Constitution, it won't go away."

On Gehlot's measures to address caste atrocities, Babulal said that "the government is doing whatever it can but the BIP is hellbent on vitiating the atmosphere".

The Congress MLA from Chohtan, Padma Ram, said Pana Chand "expressed his emotions" but there was "nothing lacking" in the government's actions. 'When a person decides to commit a crime, it can happen anytime," he said, adding that the government could not be present everywhere all the time.

The Congress MLA from Bharatpur's Bavana, Amar Singh, claimed that be it the 2019 Thanagazi rape case, where a Dalit woman was raped in front of her husband, or the Jalore case, the Gehlot-led party government had been quick to take action.

Addressing a gathering at an event to mark the 60th birthday of Thol Thirumavalavan, a prominent Dalit leader and chief of DMK ally Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), Stalin, while referring to mention by one of the speakers of his scheduled Delhi visit, said: 'Am I going to Delhi for Kavadiyattam (a ritual art in South India)? Am I going with folded hands to take instructions from Delhi? No. I am the son of Kalaignar (as late M Karunanidhi was fondly called by supporters). I am going to Delhi as the Chief

Minister of Tamil Nadu to get the necessary schemes for our people from the Union government. The ties between the state and the Union government shouldn't be mistaken as a relationship between DMK and BIP. Responding

Thirumavalavan's recent remarks that even minor compromises with BIP will dilute the Secular Progressive Alliance's anti-BJF stance in Tamil Nadu, Stalin said: 'Stalin will never compromise on values of the Dravidian movement not even the slightest ideological compromise will be made.

Once burnt, twice shy: What BJP's silence on Rushdie tells us

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

IN THE political silence in India over the attack on author Salman Rushdie, leaving him critically injured, the most deafening is of the ruling BJP.

Pilot was accompanied by his

loyalist MLAs Ved Prakash Solanki

and Mukesh Bhakar.

The BJP had criticised the Rajiv Gandhi government's decision to ban the book in October 1988, as appeasement of the Muslim community. Later, its government under A B Vajpayee had granted Rushdie a visa to travel to India in February 1999, for the first time since The Satanic Verses row.

While the BJP would have been expected to react to the attack on Rushdie, party leaders who did not want to come on

record – said the circumstances had changed. A conscious decision has been taken by the party now to refrain from commenting on any incident involving international ramifications, particularly one as sensitive as the Rushdie episode, sources said.

The situation has been further complicated by the recent fiasco surrounding statements by its spokesperson Nupur Sharma (since suspended), as well as its mixed feelings about the writer himself who has been critical of the Narendra Modi government.

"The party, since 2014, has taken a decision not to comment on issues involving international relations. Being the party in power, the BJP cannot comment on issues that can run contrary



Salman Rushdie. File

to the government's position," said a former minister.

With PM Modi very careful about his image abroad, a stern message has gone down the party ranks to not do anything that can catch international attention and "embarass" him or his government.

For example, the former minister said, many in the BJP as well as



Officially, the BJP's stand on Rushdie is that External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has already reacted to the attack on him. BJP national media in-charge and Rajya Sabha MP Anil Baluni said the same on the matter.

However, Jaishankar's response at a press conference in Bengaluru last week was evasive. Asked about the attack, he said: "I also read about that... I think. obviously, that is something which the whole world has noted, and any attack like this obviously the

entire world has reacted to it." The BJP had to hasten to retrieve the situation after Nupur Sharma's comments regarding Prophet Mohammed had sparked outrage in the Middle East - a region that the Modi government has assiduously wooed. After several countries in the Gulf and Islamic nations summoned Indian ambassadors, and demanded a public apology from

India, the BJP had acted swiftly against Sharma, as well as expelled a Delhi leader of the party. "It was a big lesson for the party's talking heads," said one of the party's national spokespersons. "Both India's position or the BJP's stature before the international community is not like it was in the early 2000s. Now there is a

conscious attempt by the BJP leadership too to have warm ties with major parties in other countries.'

A senior BJP leader added that the party also had divided feelings over the whole Rushdie affair. "We have got a problem there. Many in the BJP liked Rushdie at the time of the ban because of his portrayal of (late PM and Congress leader) Indira Gandhi in Midnight's Children. The conservative Islamic groups' stand on Rushdie provided a perfect opportunity to talk about the radicalism in the religion as well. But Rushdie has been severely critical of Modi and the BIP." the leader said.

Rushdie has called PM Modia "highly divisive figure" and also expressed concerns over freedom of expression under BJP regime.





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WORDLY WISE THE THING ABOUT FOOTBALL -- THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT FOOTBALL -- IS THAT IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT FOOTBALL. — TERRY PRATCHETT

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JUSTICE FOR BILKIS

Remission of life sentence to her attackers is a travesty, a betrayal of PM's promise. SC spoke up for her once, it should do so again

N HIS INDEPENDENCE Day speech to the nation from the ramparts of Red Fort on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked: "Can we not pledge to get rid of everything in our behaviour, culture and everyday life that humiliates and demeans women?" On the same day, in a decision that violates the letter and spirit of the PM's address that celebrated "naari shakti", a Gujarat government panel approved a plea for remission for 11 convicts serving life sentences in the Bilkis Bano gangrape case. Besides rape, the 11 men had been convicted for the murder of Bilkis's three-year-old child and 13 others, all Muslims, by a CBI special court in 2008. The remission in a case that lies at the heart of the continuing search for justice after the communal violence in Gujarat 2002 portends a disquieting backsliding. It is a grave setback for the tortuous legal battle to secure convictions in the horrific crimes of 2002 in the face of formidable obstacles and powerful odds.

Bilkis and her extended family were attacked by a mob on March 3, 2002 while they were fleeing their village in Limkheda taluka of Dahod district. The Supreme Court intervened in the case after Bilkis approached the National Human Rights Commission. The trial was shifted out of Gujarat to Maharashtra on the SC's direction after she received death threats. The ruling of the CBI court was upheld by the Bombay High Court in 2017 and in 2019, the SC awarded compensation of Rs 50 lakh to Bilkis. The court also indicted policemen who investigated the case. Since her attackers are from her own village, Bilkis continues to fear for her life and is unable to return home. Remission is a statutory provision; it is not unusual for prison boards to clear convicts who have spent a minimum of 14 years in jail. However, it is rare for the sentence of those convicted of heinous sexual crimes to be remitted. In this case, the concern that it could set a precedent cannot be ignored. It is disturbing and disappointing that the SC, which had stepped in to ensure that Bilkis and other victims and survivors of Gujarat 2002 received justice, allowed a remission plea by one of the convicts earlier this year in May, which led to the state government setting up the prison board that has now ordered the release of all 11 convicts.

The Supreme Court needs to step in once again. To speak up once more for a woman who has stood her ground, braving all threats, in the courageous pursuit of justice. The court must direct that the remission be revoked. Two decades after the riots, as the convicts in the Bilkis Bano case walk free, activist Teesta Setalvad and police officer R B Sreekumar, who fought on the side of the petitioners, are in jail - the police took their cue from the court, its verdict became the basis for the FIRs. The apex court must ensure that the injustice to Bilkis Bano is reversed. It knows what is at stake.

IN CHOPPY WATERS

Docking of Chinese vessel at Hambantota is disappointing, but it should spur more strategic thinking in Delhi

HE DECISION BY the Sri Lankan government to allow the Yuan Wang 5 - a sea-going vessel capable of extensive surveillance - to dock at the Hambantota port is disappointing. First, a Chinese vessel with such strategic capabilities has not sailed this close to Indian waters before. Second, it is a clear indication that Colombo continues to ignore India's security concerns: Sri Lanka tried - without success - to pass off the Yuan Wang 5 as a "research vessel" after it came to light that the ship was to dock at Hambantota on August 11 earlier this month. Colombo had appeared to heed India's concerns but, clearly, China's financial and strategic mus-



Condemn, and listen

To draw the line between free speech and hate speech, you need to engage with the inequalities of power

IT IS A surprisingly difficult call, writing about the stabbing of Salman Rushdie in western New York. What can one say beyond saying that it is simply wrong, wrong, wrong – despicable, barbaric, heartbreaking, tragic - but what is the point of multiplying adjectives? The world was a crappy place even before this happened. It is even crappier now. I am pretty much a free speech fundamentalist – almost, most of the time, and such an event merely reinforces that belief. Well, almost.

But it is impossible to finesse that "almost" in the context of the murderous attack that might well leave Rushdie with significant physical damage: One eye gone, liver compromised. Or, indeed, to seek to derive some ironic consolation from the fact that at least his voice is back - practically as soon as he got off the ventilator. As Aatish Taseer reported, Rushdie is back to talking, and joking. Free speech indeed – but at what cost!

But if I am forced to gloss that "almost", I'd have to enter a few caveats - even as I recognise that now is not the time for caveats and reservations: Now is the time for sorrow, for lamentation and deep, deep condemnation. There is nothing – repeat, nothing – to be said in favour or defence or even mitigation of this horrific act of violence. However, beyond the sorrow and the condemnation, there is a However. And if you hold a gun to my head, it is into that difficult terrain that I must now venture.

There is a complex negotiation - an uncertain and shifting border - between free speech and hate speech. Thus, what is free speech to one, may well appear like hate speech to another. And it is practically impossible to think about that ambiguous border without engaging with the inequalities of power in the world - and, indeed, with the inequality of the access to free speech. After all, the "free speech" of the celebrity-witha-megaphone is not quite comparable with the free speech of the forgotten millions who are free to whimper and to beg.

The right to free speech means nothing unless it includes the right to be heard, recognised, acknowledged. Then again, it is practically impossible, particularly in India,

There is, always, the violence of the powerful — and if there is ever to be any global 'reconciliation', that is something that the colonising West, and the globalising West, the long history of gunboats and 'sanctions', so to speak, will have to acknowledge. Then again, victimhood comes in many flavours, and claims of victimhood, legitimate or imagined, cannot be allowed to confer immunity or sanction violence, whether in Palestine, or to the lynch mobs that disfigure my own society — or to would-be assassins in New Jersey.

to think about the fraught possibility of free speech without engaging with the question of "hurt religious sentiments" and "hurt feelings". And so, inevitably, one comes up against yet another opposition, that between the right not to be insulted and humiliated and mocked in one's deeply held beliefs, and the equally important right to blasphemy, to ridicule and to satire. After all, if one is forced always to be pussy-footing around people's beliefs and pieties - surely infinite, particularly in diverse, hybrid, harsh societies which inevitably leave large numbers with hurt, and inflammable, sensitivities - one might as well say goodbye to free speech. Much more than free speech, it must be goodbye to the possibility of any culture that aspires to be more than merely cosmetic and decorative, goodbye to linguistic creativity and vivacity, because risk-taking is of the very nature of creative language and of culture.

My own preference in the matter must be clear enough by now, but I do not think that there is any directly philosophical resolution of this difficulty. One is forced to engage with the deep inequalities of power within particular societies and, surely, in the world as a whole. After all, the racist braying of the Western media in the context of the blonde and blue-eyed Ukrainian refugees in the early days of the conflict, was an eloquent demonstration of the fact that the vast majority of the world that is not blonde and blue-eyed, and still washes up at the hostile borders of the West, had simply become invisible. And was certainly illiterate, certainly in no position to respond to what was being "said" in unmistakable terms. I fear that in such contexts of inequality, violence - horrific, "staged" violence – might well be the "free speech" of the powerless, of those who, having been s**t upon for centuries, must now be condemned to invisibility and silence. The undeniable suffering of the Jews of Europe was heard, and addressed, in the form of the creation of the state of Israel. The suffering of the people of Palestine, on the other hand, remains unaddressed and unheard, except in the form of random, and fu-

tile, acts of violence.

It is critical not to abandon nuance here. Thus, there is, always, the violence of the powerful - and if there is ever to be any global "reconciliation", that is something that the colonising West, and the globalising West, the long history of gunboats and "sanctions", so to speak, will have to acknowledge. Then again, victimhood comes in many flavours, and claims of victimhood, legitimate or imagined, cannot be allowed to confer immunity or sanction violence, whether in Palestine, or to the lynch mobs that disfigure my own society - or to would-be assassins in New Jersey. But is it even possible to begin to understand the "rage" of Islam without taking into account the long history of treachery and betrayal and torment that has been visited upon the peoples of the Middle East by sundry Western powers. To imagine that this "rage" - which springs to the defence of the defence of the Prophet in ever uglier and more grotesque forms - has its roots exclusively in theological texts is to connive in the suppression and denial of that unforgivable history.

It is to deny the suffering of those damaged societies whose populations still suffer the inertial (and also intended) persistence of those centuries of exploitation. The mad mullahs uttering dire imprecations, and their "liberal" mockers, cheering on the "humanitarian interventions" in Iraq and Afghanistan, are both parts of a shared economy of amnesia and misdirection.

In this economy, the comprehension, and the address, of a phenomenon that rightly (or, minimally, also) belongs in the domain of history, is seamlessly transposed into the realm of theology, of wrangling about Sharia and Hadith, where both sides - the mockers and the mocked - can play their appointed roles, locked in an embrace of mutual, hostile dependence. And leave the harsh, unjust world, undisturbed. And seething with rage. Salman Rushdie is, sadly, collateral.

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PRESUMED GUILTY

Supreme Court's contradictory verdicts reinforce the need for a Bail Act

cle seems to have prevailed over the Sri Lankan government.

In Sri Lanka -- as in much of Asia and beyond -- Beijing has great leverage thanks to its financial clout. Facing arguably its worst economic crisis, Sri Lanka needs China more than ever. The country needs an IMF loan to see it through these times and such a deal is only possible if its major creditors agree to a debt restructuring programme. China has thus far been reluctant to take a haircut on its loans. Beijing has also invested heavily in strategic infrastructure - like at Hambantota - and is now calling in its chips. However, it would be a mistake to see the Yuan Wang 5 episode as a serious setback, or review India's assistance to Sri Lanka during its time of crisis.

India's assistance to Sri Lanka - it has emerged as the top lender, extending \$376.9 million in the first four months of this year - has grown during this crisis. Yet, in the medium term, Delhi cannot match Beijing's economic clout. One way to help the people of Sri Lanka as well as provide its government with more options could be to partner with likeminded countries - many of whom are also major creditors of Sri Lanka - to try and reorient Colombo's foreign and economic policies. The Quad countries, for example, could work together in this regard. Japan, too, has lent significant amounts to Sri Lanka and, given the country's need for an IMF loan, the path out of this crisis will run through the US. Strategically, too, it is in the interest of countries that back a rules-based order in the Indian Ocean to try and wean Sri Lanka from China's embrace. This will, of course, require concerted effort. The docking of the Yuan Wang 5, then, is not the end of diplomatic jockeying in Sri Lanka, it only inaugurates a new chapter.

NO PLAY

Indian football has a deep-rooted governance problem. It won't be solved by a FIFA suspension

N A GAME of smoke and mirrors, FIFA's decision to suspend the All India Football Federation (AIFF) could lead to an immediate crisis and the move could harm India's long-term interests. It is a matter of embarrassment that Indian football is staring at international isolation. It will also be a travesty if the players, coaches, referees and others involved in the sport suffer because of poor governance, which has led to the suspension. Steps should have been taken in time to ensure that the actions of an inept few do not affect the majority.

For months, the government, judiciary and administrators have been trying to work out a formula, including drafting of strict rules, to improve the governance of the AIFF. Many issues were ironed out but a big bone of contention, which apparently contributed to the suspension, was the inclusion of players in the AIFF decision-making process. The Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators gave players a 50 per cent representation in AIFF's executive committee as co-opted members, as against 25 per cent recommended by FIFA. The state associations, who form the AIFF, felt threatened that such a move would undermine them and opposed it. Almost immediately, FIFA stepped in by suspending the AIFF, citing third-party interference, and demanded the CoA be repealed.

For Indian football fans, it is hard not to feel let down by all parties involved. This was a chance for the AIFF, which has been ruled by two politicians for the last 34 years, to get its house in order by way of radical reforms. Barring a few, the state associations have remained dormant for decades. It can be argued that the CoA could have been more practical in its approach. And FIFA, instead of protecting its own, could have been sensitive to players' interests. Indian football has a deep-rooted governance problem. It won't be solved by a FIFA suspension.

Upma Gautam

THE INDIAN criminal justice system discourse usually affirms the cardinal rule of the presumption of innocence. However, the "Prison Statistics of India 2020" paints a rather gloomy picture. The fact that 76 per cent of prisoners are undertrials indicates that this principle is followed in the breach.

The large percentage of undertrials in prison and pre-trial detentions are often a result of the unfair application of bail provisions. Primarily, this is because of unnecessary arrests by investigating agencies. The first decade of the 21st century witnessed a series of amendments in provisions pertaining to arrests and bail. The modifications under Section 41 and incorporation of 41A in the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) were significant attempts to reduce the number of arrests by the police in offences punishable by up to seven years of imprisonment. These initiatives had the potential to reduce custodial violence and lower the burden on courts.

However, despite these amendments and repeated directives by the courts about the judicious application of Sections 41 and 41A by investigating agencies, the proportion of bail applications pending before district courts, high courts and the Supreme Court largely remained unaltered. The police continue to take a mechanical approach that regards detentions as the only effective option to complete the investigation. This defeats the objective of these provisions.

In the second week of July, in Satender Kumar Antil v. CBI, the Supreme Court as-

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serted the mandatory compliance of the lessused provisions of 41, 41A. It affirmed its 2014 verdict in Arnesh Kumar vs State of Bihar, which directed state governments "to instruct its police officers to not arrest the accused automatically when the offence is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may be less than seven years". The Court also said that investigating agencies are accountable for compliance with Section 41 and 41A. It reiterated the importance of the "bail over jail" rule and issued a slew of guidelines to prevent unnecessary arrest and remand.

The Court laid down a step-by-step procedure to ensure that the rights of the accused, as well as that of the society at large, are respected. It suggested the enactment of a Bail Act to inject clarity in bail-related matters and asked the government to take a cue from the US, UK, Australia, New Zealand and many other legal systems as well as the 268th Law Commission report. Such a piece of legislation will not only make the granting of bail simpler but also make explicit the conditions when bail cannot be granted under the Indian Penal Code, Special Acts and for economic offences.

The possibility of Satender Kumar Antil v. CBI turning the tide against pre-trial detentions is being debated in the legal fraternity. A section of commentators does not seem optimistic given that the arrest of the wrongdoer is seen as an effective redressal mechanism by the victim and anything less than immediate detention by the police officer

(notice for appearance u/s 41A) is considered a sign of complacency of the authorities. Moreover, Section 41Å has provisions that mandate the immediate arrest of the accused. Apprehensions about the lower courts abiding by the spirit of the judgment have also been raised.

Within a fortnight of Satender Kumar Antil v. CBI, the Supreme Court in Vijay Madanlal Chaudhary v. Union of India (PMLA case) upheld the arbitrary conditions of bail under Section 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, thus discarding the "presumption of innocence" principle. Two SC judgments that seem at odds with the other in a fortnight have perplexed several legal scholars.

Operations of investigating agencies should not be seen in isolation from that of courts. The conflicting and ambiguous approach of courts towards pre-trial incarceration and bail provides a justification of sorts to investigating agencies when they flout due processes. That's one reason Indian jails are flooded with undertrials. The confusion created by the two decisions of the apex court reinforces the need for a Bail Act. Investigating agencies need to sync their approach with the principles of natural justice. Police officers need to be objective in deciding the need for arrest and the practice of routine arrests should be done away with.

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by a lot of acrimony and bitter personal and political exchanges between the Opposition and the treasury benches. The motion was defeated by 327 votes to 110. The house adjourned sine die The marathon debate saw the opposition lash out at Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her government for "devaluing" democracy and its institutions while faring poorly on the economic front. Mrs Gandhi, in a devastating 40-minute intervention, denounced the Opposition as an irre-

sponsible motley crowd which ought to first pass a motion of no-confidence against itself

AGREEMENT ON PLO

LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER Shafik Wazzan said a final agreement on evacuating the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) from Israeli-surrounded West Beirut would be ready for announcement soon. "We are in the process of putting the final touches on the agreement", he said after a one-hour meeting with US envoy Philip Habib. Wazzan and his aides were expected to meet leaders of the PLO on August 18.

New Delhi

NO WAR PACT

PAKISTAN SAID THE Indian draft of a treaty of peace, friendship and cooperation was aimed at achieving too much too soon. In "one great leap forward" as against Islamabad's own "step-by-step" approach. The draft, presented at the recent meeting of the foreign secretaries of the two countries, also contains "certain elements" which may provoke controversy and jeopardise what is immediately attainable. Pakistan has not rejected the treaty but expects the next meeting of foreign secretaries in New Delhi to focus on Pakistan's proposal for a no-war pact.





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Power, a reality check

Failing to fully integrate discom operations in the analysis of state government finances obscures the true picture of loss



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THE REVAMPED DISTRIBUTION Sector Scheme (RDSS), along with planned changes to the law, are the latest in a series of attempts by the central government to tackle the challenges of the power sector. Power sector reforms are overdue not just for their own sake but also because they are critical to rescuing state government finances.

Excellent recent reports by the RBI and PRS Legislative Research provide lucid analyses of the fiscal situation of the states. Intended probably as a wake-up call, the RBI's report reassured more than it alarmed. To be sure, a few states such as Punjab and Rajasthan had deficits and debt that exceeded the indicative targets set by the Fifteenth Finance Commission (FFC). But overall most states either met both or one of these targets.

These reports highlight the challenges faced by states, owing to the dysfunctionality of the power sector discoms. But failing to fully integrate discom operations in the analysis of state government finances obscures the true picture. When this is done - as we do below the reality is alarming.

India has made impressive strides in increasing access to the quantity and quality of electricity and in expanding renewable capacity, for which the government deserves credit. But the financial health of the power sector is rapidly deteriorating and flirting with catastrophe.

Figure 1 plots three measures of the estimated losses of the discoms in increasing order of "truth": Headline losses, losses without subsidies and grants, and losses without subsidies and grants and including the arrears of the discoms.

Our estimates suggest that for the fiscal year 2020-21, combined losses of the discoms are Rs 2.1 lakh crore without subsidies and grants which mount to Rs 3.0 lakh crore when arrears are included. These exceed by a factor of 2.7-3.8, respectively, the headline loss of 78.000 crore

But even these numbers might underestimate the problem. The loss numbers only exclude grants under the UDAY scheme even though there are several other grants. And the numbers only include discom arrears to the power generating companies (GENCOs) but not to others, resulting in overall payables of about Rs 2.4 lakh crore. The true arrears situation will therefore depend on the magnitude, certainty and timing of the discoms getting

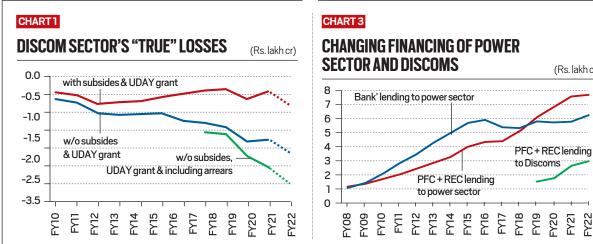
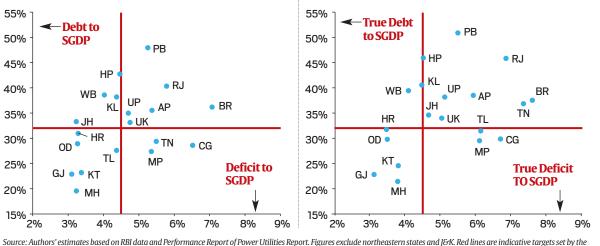


Chart 1: Sources: Performance Report of Power Utilities Report (several editions). Ministry of Power's Praapti portal and responses by MOP in the Raiva Sabha. FY21 figures are uthors' estimates based on projecting revenues and costs and incorporating data on subsidies, grants and arrears. Only grants under UDAY and only arrears to GENCOs are included. Chart 3: Sources: RBI, PFC & REC.

STATE GOVERNMENT DEFICITS AND DEBT IN FISCAL 2020-21 (% OF GSDP)

PANEL B. INCLUDING DISCOMS



Source: Authors' estimates based on RBI data and Performance Report of Power Utilities Report. Figures exclude northeastern states and J&K. Red lines are indicative targets set by the FFC. Adding arrears (which is a stock) to the deficit (a flow) indicates how much the latter would increase should the government clear all arrears

Some government actor - typically state governments but also public sector banks or the central government - has always come to the rescue, averting a full-blown crisis. De facto, some public sector balance sheet back-stops the discoms and ultimately prevents the Ponzi fallout. Accepting this reality has one implication for accounting transparency. Public sector discom operations are traditionally thought to create contingent liabilities. Contingency seems a euphemism because with unfailing regularity they become actual liabilities. Put starkly, discom operations are state government operations.

CHART 2

PANEL A: EXCLUDING DISCOMS

If that is true, and in the spirit of what the UDAY scheme attempted, discom losses (including arrears) operations must be included in state government finances both on the flow

Ritesh Kumar And there are some truly alarming cases: Not just Punjab and Rajasthan but also Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and to a lesser extent Tamil Nadu and Kerala. It is almost certainly the case that with true deficits and debts being greater, state governments' fiscal sustainability will look much more precarious.

Who then is financing or enabling this Ponzi scheme? Figure 3 provides the surprising answer. Increasingly, the power sector is being financed not by the PSBs but by the two non-bank financial companies, Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), which have recently been merged. From 2014 onwards, PFC/REC have lent more to the power sector than PSBs. As of 2021-22, the latter have lent about Rs 6 lakh crore (stagnant since 2014), whereas PFC/REC have lent Rs 7.6 lakh crore, more than doubling within four years from 2017. Moreover, more than one-third of PFC/REC lending is to the discoms. In other words, the next vulnerability in the financial system related to the power sector is PFC/REC. In sum, the facts presented above illustrate three new realities: The financial problem of discoms is considerably worse than headline numbers indicate; consequently, state government finances are considerably more precarious than even the recent RBI analysis suggests: and the vulnerabilities stemming from the financing of unsustainable discom operations have extended to a new institution, namely PFC/REC.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Washington elites fantasize about crossing China's red line using 'salami slicing' approach, but the existence of 'Taiwan secessionist' regime is the salami that will be eventually cut by history." -GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

A workforce less diverse

Muslim presence is declining in public sector and even in the self-employed. They are overrepresented among the unemployed



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THIS ARTICLE analyses the underrepresentation of Muslims in the public and private sector, state-wise and over more than 10 years. We use the 66th and 68th rounds of the National Sample Survey, called 'Employment and Unemployment,' whose data was collected from July 2009 to June 2010 and July 2011 to June 2012. We also use the Periodic Labour Force Surveys (PLFS) of July 2018-June 2019 and July 2019-2020. In each case, the samples are very large -- in 2009-10, 122,359 people, in 2011-12, 125,931, in 2018-19, 99,988 and in 2019-20, 100,991.

These surveys examine the composition of the public and private sectors, religionwise. For the private sector, the category "proprietors" refers to the fact that the persons enumerated are not part of the salaried milieu but "self-employed" (a formula we keep) because if few of them are CEOs, most of them do work that pays less - shopkeepers and artisans for instance.

To make the interpretation more robust, some weightage has been applied. Weight is basically a survey design variable that says approximately how many households in the population a surveyed household represents. The weightage associated with one household defines the number of households it represents in the population.

The first two series, the 2009-10 and 2011-12 surveys, have only one public sector variable, while the 2018-19 and 2019-20 surveys account for the bureaucracy and state-owned enterprises. For the sake of comparison between the first two rounds and the later ones, we have bracketed together "bureaucracy" and "state-owned enterprises" and compared these data with the "public sector" category.

There are significant variations between the first two rounds and the last two, even if we see more variations in frequency counts graphs than in weighted graphs - this is because frequency counts represent sample population and weighted data represent total populations. But to minimise the variations, we have calculated average figures for the first two rounds on the one hand and for the second two rounds on the other. As a re-

the population, their percentage in the public sector had gone up from 5 per cent in 2010 to 11.5 per cent in 2012, when the Samajwadi Party was in office. But it has dropped to 7 per cent in 2019 and 6.5 per cent in 2020. Muslims are over-represented among the self-employed, simply because they have no other choice but to be on their own. Between 2010 and 2020, their percentage among the "self-employed" remained around 24 per cent. This pattern repeats in Madhya Pradesh as well, where Muslims (6.6 per cent of the population) represented 3 per cent of the public sector's employees in 2009-12 and 4.5 per cent in 2018-20. They represented 10.7 per cent of the self-employed in 2009-12 and 11.7 of this category in 2018-20.

In Rajasthan, Muslims, about 9 per cent of the population as per the 2011 Census, constituted 4.1 to 4.3 per cent of the employees in the public sector. They were over-represented among the self-employed despite some erosion in the later years - 13 per cent in 2009-12 to 10.2 per cent in 2018-20. In Delhi, the trends are the same: Muslims, 12.9 per cent of the population, represented only 4 to 5 per cent of the government employees but 14.5 per cent of the self-employed in 2009-2012 and 13.41 per cent of this category in 2018-20. They are over-represented among the self-employed but experienced some erosion. In Maharashtra too, the percentage of Muslims in the public sector, 4.8 per cent in 2009-12 and 5.2 in 2018-20 was much below their share of the state's population -11.5 per cent. They remained overrepresented among the self-employed -16.9 per cent in 2009-12 and 16.4 per cent in 2018-20. Similar trends are found in Karnataka, where Muslims constitute about 12.9 per cent of the state but only 6.2 per cent of public sector employees in 2009/12 and 5.2 per cent of the public sector in 2009-12/2018-20. They were also over-represented among the self-employed, despite some erosion - 20.3 per cent in 2009-12 and 19.1 per cent in 2018-20.

In some states, the erosion of the share of Muslims among the self-employed is even more pronounced. As a result, they are under-represented not only in the public sector but also among the self-employed. In Gujarat, where Muslims are 10 per cent of the society, their share in public sector employment has come down from 7 per cent to a minuscule 1.5 per cent. Amongst entrepreneurs, their share has dropped from 12.5 per cent in 2010 to 9 per cent in 2020.

In Assam, where Muslims account for 34.2 per cent of the population as per the 2011 Census, they have always been significantly under-represented - 17.4 employees in the public sector and 19.32 per cent in 2018-20. They were around 30 per cent of the self-employed in the period under review. The declining representation of Muslims, not only in the public sector but also among the "self-employed" suggests that they are now increasingly overrepresented among the unemployed. The share of Muslims deemed as jobless in the NSS surveys under review jumped from 2.62 per cent in 2009-10 to 7.16 per cent in 2018-19.

paid for their receivables, much of which is owed by government actors. The true loss estimate could therefore be greater.

State governments could be staring at losses of 1.5 per cent of GDP just from this one sector. Moreover, as Figure 1 shows, apart from a brief period when headline losses were stabilised in the mid-2010s, true losses have been steadily increasing for over a decade.

The truth is that the whole discom operation – with very few exceptions, notably in Gujarat and in a few urban metropolises – is a giant Ponzi scheme, both perpetrated and back-stopped by state governments.

For over 50 years, costs have never really been covered by revenues, and losses in perpetuity have become a feature, not a bug. Few state government leaders, if any, have even pretended to achieve full cost recovery. The imitative populism that has gripped the states recently makes chronic under-recovery a reality going forward too.

But this Ponzi scheme never sees – is never allowed to see – its disastrous denouement.

and stock side. Discom losses must be added to state government deficits, with logic and arithmetic consistency demanding that discom debt be included in state government debt (of course, this principle should apply to other "contingent" liabilities of state governments).

For fiscal 2020-21, Figure 2 depicts state government finances to exclude (Panel A) and include (Panel B) discom losses (and arrears) for both flows and stocks. The contrast between the two is striking. Ignoring discom losses suggests that six states ran afoul of both fiscal targets set by the FFC and another six were consistent with both.

When the accounting is done properly, 11 states run afoul of the fiscal targets set by the FFC. There is a general shift to the right (higher deficits) and upwards (higher debt). In FY21. "true" deficits, incorporating discom losses, increase state government deficits as a whole from 4.7 per cent to 5.5 per cent of state GSDP, putting state governments above fiscal responsibility limits. And their "true" aggregate debt increases from 31.0 per cent to 34.5 per cent.

The financial problem of discoms is considerably worse than headline numbers indicate; consequently, state government finances are considerably more precarious than even the recent RBI analysis suggests; and the vulnerabilities stemming from the financing of unsustainable discom operations have extended to a new institution, namely PFC/REC.

What are the consequences and possible solutions? We take these up in our next article.

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sult, two datasets have been generated by combining four data sets.

The results are telling. While Muslims form 14.2 per cent of the Indian population, their proportion of the public sector employment has stagnated at below 7 per cent (from 6.75 to 6.87 per cent) between 2009-12 and 2018-2020. In contrast, Hindus who constitute 80.2 per cent of India's population comprise about 86 per cent of the public sector. On the other hand, Muslims are over-represented among the self-employed - 16.5 per cent in 2009-12 and 15.5 per cent in 2018-20 per cent, an erosion we see in most states.

In India's largest state, Uttar Pradesh, where Muslims represent 19.26 per cent of

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BE ACCOUNTABLE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The ideas day' (IE, August 16). It rightly states that while the PM talked of the duties of citizens he was silent on the government's duty to be more compassionate. Yes, the PM did talk about ideas for the country but citizens too need to remember that he is an elected leader and it is their duty to hold him accountable. For example, the PM solicits the support of the citizens to fight corruption. Citizens have given eight years to this government. Citizens stood in queues during demonetisation and also accepted the complex GST with hope that it will give them "freedom" from corruption. But corruption is increasing day by day. Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad

SHAMEFUL ACT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Death by inequality' (IE, August 16). An uppercaste teacher beating a nine-year-old Dalit student, who finally died of injuries, allegedly for the crime of drinking water from the pot meant for the upper caste has happened in amid Amrit Kaal. It is a national shame and crime against humanity. The absence and silence of the protagonists of majoritarianism to speak for the deceased child exposes the darkness casteism. LR Murmu, Delhi

HER POTENTIAL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'I-Day, Her day' (IE, August 15). Celebrating 75 years of freedom, we remember the struggle that was not only of the brave sons but also the daring daughters of India. The future of India surely depends on the share of women in India's development. Opinions of women, bound by duties and responsibilities, are often overlooked. Indian women need to be provided with the space they deserve to explore their potential towards making India a developed country.

Roshnal John Parichha, Navi Mumbai

TRADER & INVESTOR

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'He bet on India, won' (IE, August 15). What distinguishes Rakesh Jhunjhunwala from others is that he was both a trader as well as a long-term investor, which are two different tribes and require different attributes. Such was his financial acumen that if he picked up a stake in any company, retail investors followed him for decent returns too. He will be missed sorely by markets and investors. Bal Govind, Noida

Byju Raveendran

TWO INTERESTING events happened on the sidelines of a startup conference that I attended recently. I met a woman -- a grandmother in her early sixties -- who told me excitedly about the online food delivery business that she started a year ago. She had come from Meerut and could not wait to "scale" her "Awadhi chaat" across the world. I also met a 14-yearold girl from Mangalore who was building a "climate intelligence" app to enable farmers to better prepare for extreme weather events. The grandmother and the teenager, put together,

captured the spirit of entrepreneurship that is sweeping India. From Meerut to Mangalore, we are building in India for the world. The relentless rise of entrepreneurial India is a spectacle that is not only astounding developed nations but also inspiring other developing nations to aim higher and build more.

Index. India has the world's third largest startup ecosystem, which now comprises more than 70,000 start-ups. Even better, more than half of these start-ups are now headquartered in non-metropolitan cities. The young Indian is learning and working today not with a job seeker's mindset but with a job creator's outlook. India at 75 is preparing for India forever.

The largest democracy in the world is also the world's fifth-largest economy with a median age below 30. India today has the perfect trifecta of ambition. skill and capital to create world-class companies across multiple sectors. This is possible because we are today not hiding from our problems but facing them head-on with the energy and creativity of a young nation. Solving for India is solving for one-sixth of humanity. The government of India, through policies such as Digital India and Startup India, is playing a champion's role in propelling India into the big league of global disruptors. We have already created the greatest middle-class in the history of the world by lifting millions of people from poverty. Now we need to provide everyone with a fair chance to develop their talents.

There are very few countries in the world whose history of advancement can parallel that of India. More so as it transitions from an agriculture and service-based economy to a knowledge-based and product economy. However, sustained national progress hinges on the continued convergence of education, technology, and innovation. We need to train our children in critical thinking and problemsolving skills, which will be vital for the future of work. Keeping pace with the rapidly changing technological landscape requires the vision which the National Education Policy 2020 boldly demonstrates. An equaliser and uplifter, education is a component vital to nation-building, giving a billion-plus Indians a solid foundation to foster multi-year economic growth, upward social mobility, and autonomy.

Today, India is a "can-do" nation. By mak-

ing the right choices, anyone can succeed in India. We now need to work together with a full-potential mindset in this Amrit Kaal, which I see as 25 years of limitless possibilities in this new land of opportunity. We must gather enough courage to take ownership of not just our own destiny but also improve other lives. It is by converting our many challenges into multiple opportunities that India will live up to its fullest potential. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest.'

I have no doubt that India will be the most powerful, happiest, and most generous country in the world before this century ends. You just have to meet one entrepreneurial grandmother and one entrepreneurial teenager to realise this yourself. Indeed, it was only in India that a teacher's son who grew up in a village could live his dream of helping millions learn better.

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New Delhi

Thanks to growing digitisation, the barrier to entry to becoming an entrepreneur in India is really low and getting even lower. It is not surprising that India has jumped nearly 80 ranks

on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business

A grandmother, a teenager and the shared spirit of entrepreneurship

A can-do nation

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BRIEFLY KARNATAKA Man dies while hoisting tricolour

Bengaluru: A 33-year-old software engineer died while hoisting the national flag Sunday in Bengaluru. The deceased, Vishwesh Kumar, went to the second floor to hoist the tricolour as part of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and fell. Kumar lived on the ground floor with his wife and two year old daughter. Locals rushed him to a hospital where he was declared brought dead. ENS

ASSAM Man beheaded over a bet

Tezpur: A man beheaded his fellow villager over a bet on a football match organised on Independence Day, and walked into the police station with the severed head in Assam's Sonitpur district on Monday. "Tuniram Madri and Hem Ram bet that one has to pay Rs 500 if his team loses. Ram won but Madri didn't pay," the officer said. Ram kept on demanding the money and Madri beheaded him. PTI

TAMIL NADU Gold worth over Rs1crore seized

Chennai: Over two kg of gold worth Rs 1.21 crore was seized from multiple incidents at Chennai airport and a passenger was arrested, the Customs Department said Tuesday. On Monday, sleuths confiscated gold from an individual from Colombo. On August 11, authorities seized gold from a passenger from Kuala Lumpur. The same day, gold was seized from a person from Bahrain., the release said. PTI

History-sheeter shot dead outside court

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Opp: Release of convicts 'unprecedented'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

AS THE 11 convicted for life in the gangrape of Bilkis Bano, and the murder of seven members of her family, during the 2002 Gujarat riots, walked out of jail on Tuesday, the Congress lashed out at the BJP government. Pointing out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had spoken of women power in his Independence Day speech just

hours before the state's remission order came for the 11, Congress leader Pawan Khera asked at a press conference in Delhi whether the PM meant what he said.

ment order "unprecedented", the Congress said: "You let off the convicts citing the 14 years spent by them of their sentence, that their conduct in jail was good, and the nature of the crime... If we just consider the nature of the crime, does rape not come in the category that the harshest punishment be given, that any sentence is not enough? And we saw today that those who were let off, they are being felicitated and honoured. Is this Amrit Mahotsav?"

With Tuesday marking the death anniversary of A B Vajpayee, Khera, the chairman of the Congress's Media and Publicity Department, said he wanted to remind Modi again of the Raj Dharma that the former PM had talked about during his visit to Gujarat after the 2002 riots.

PM Modi should clarify if what he said in his Red Fort speech were iust words, with no meaning, he said. "Does the PM not mean what he says? Or is it that his own party, its governments have stopped listening to him?... Or does he say one thing to the country and an-

other to his own party's government?" He said that as recently as

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tervened to ensure Rs 50 lakh relief for Bilkis Bano, adding that this was proof that what had happened with her was wrong. Other parties such as RJD, AIMIM, BSP, CPM, TMC and the FRS criticised the move. RID's Eiaz Ahmad said: "PM

Modi made tall statements on Nari Samman and said one should not insult women... but hours later, the Gujarat government allowed convicts of the Bilkis Bano gangrape case to go scot-free." isi tweeted: "This is BJP's version

Calling the Gujarat governof Azadi ka Amrit. People who are guilty of a heinous crime have been given freedom. BJP's bias for a religion is such that even brutal rape & hate crimes are forgivable." invoked the PM's Red Fort speech to target him. "Bhashan: Respect Women. Kaam: Release 11 Rapists using Gujarat Govt's power of remission on the same day. Home state of PM leading by example #BilkisBanoCase," he tweeted.

The CPM tweeted: "This is the real face of New India -- convicted killers and rapists released. Activist Teesta who fought for justice was jailed."

BSP MP Danish Ali said the contrast between the speech the PM gave at the Red Fort and the Gujarat government's remission order exposed the huge gap between "our words and the spirit of justice". "The world is watching but who cares in 'New India'?"

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owa-

TRS leader KT Rama Rao also

TMC spokesperson Saket Gokhale tweeted that the Guiarat government has released "all 11 monsters who were convicted of this heinous crime" against Bilkis Bano. "Where's the outrage?"



BILKIS BANO CASE: 11 CONVICTS WALK FREE Freed, convicts feted, reach home

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AFTER BEING granted remission of sentence by a Gujarat government panel, the 11 convicts who were jailed for life in the gangrape of Bilkis Bano and the murder of 14 of her family members, including her three-yearold daughter, during the 2002 Gujarat riots were "reunited with their families" at Singwad village in Limkheda taluka of Dahod district, a relative of one of them said.

As they stepped out of Godhra sub-jail on Monday evening, the convicts were given sweets and garlanded by their relatives. The 11 are:

Radheshyam Shah, Jaswant Nai, Govind Nai, Kesar Vohania, Baka Vohania, Raju Soni, Ramesh Chandana, Shailesh Bhatt, Bipin Joshi, Pradip Modhiya and Mitesh Bhatt. Another convict in the case, Naresh Modhiya, died during the trial.

In Singwad, a nephew of one of the convicts said that "families and neighbours gathered to welcome the men" who sought a "quiet life". "We have nothing to do with anyone... Rebuilding a life and forgetting the trauma will take a long time for all of us," the nephew said.

One of the convicts, Radheshyam Shah, denied the charges against them in the case. "We had been arrested in a case filed in Limkheda during the

THE CONVICTS AND THEIR ROLES

communal riots that had broken out after the Sabarmati train carnage. We had been arrested in 2004 when the CBI had investigated the case based on the directions of the Supreme Court and sentenced to life imprisonment. We spent many years at Arthur Road jail and Nashik Road iail in Maharashtra as the case was transferred to Mumbai... Later, we were shifted to our home state and lodged at the Godhra jail," he told reporters.

Shah, who is an advocate, had filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Gujarat government to consider their remission. "As per the guidelines and provisions of law, we approached the court to seek remission. We have

been set free by the government...We are very happy to be released from jail," he said.

According to Shah, the convicts suffered "loss and insult" in prison. "In this long incarceration, we have lost many loved ones, suffered difficulties, and even faced insults Our friend (co-accused) Naresh Modhiva passed away while in prison and it was painful for us. Thereafter, Jaswant (Nai) lost his wife to cancer. Bipin Joshi had a very painful condition in the leg and he struggled in prison. His wife is fighting a battle with cancer. Another convict lost his wife due to kidney failure. Our friends and relatives have helped us a lot and we thank them for it," he said.

Top court to hear Teesta bail plea on Aug 22

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MUMBAI-BASED activist Teesta Setalvad, arrested in a case of conspiracy and fabrication of evidence related to 2002 Gujarat riots, has approached the Supreme Court seeking bail in the case.

Advocate Aparna Bhat mentioned Setalvad's plea before a bench headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, who agreed to list it before a bench presided by Justice UULalit on August 22.

Setalvad said her appeal was being filed against the final judgment and order dated July 30, passed by the Additional Principal Sessions Judge, City Civil and Sessions Court, Ahmedabad, "refusing to grant bail to the petitioner", and the August 3 order of Gujarat High Court, which had fixed "an extremely long date in a matter which is about personal liberty".

The plea cited the SC ruling in

Arnab Goswami case, in which

the court underlined the impor-

tance of liberty and also judg-

ments where the top court had

set a time-line for adjudication of

bail applications by high courts. It

pointed out that in a 2017 ruling,

the SC had said that "high courts

are requested to ensure that bail

applications filed before them are

decided as far as possible within

one month and criminal appeals

where accused are in custody for

more than five years are con-

judgments were not followed in

Setalvad said, "Both these

cluded at the earliest".

MARCH 3, 2002: The victim was raped and 14 family members killed by a mob

BEFORE REMISSION

MARCH 5, 2002: The victim records statement at Godhra **Relief Camp even as** seven bodies of her family members are found from Kesharpur

NOVEMBER 6, 2002: Court refuses to accept closure plea of police, says probe to continue

FEBRUARY 2003: **Closure report** resubmitted, accepted by the magistrate's court

DECEMBER 6, 2003: SC orders for transfer of investigation to CBI

AUGUST 2004: SC moved the trial of the case to Mumbai

JANUARY 21, 2008: Special CBI judge UD Salvi convicts 13, 11 of them to life term

MAY 2017: Bombay HC upholds life term, sets

Ten of the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case outside the Godhra jail. Express

CONVICTED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND MURDER

Radheshyam **Bhagwandas Shah alias**

Lala Vakil ■ A practising advocate, purportedly the only lawyer in the village at the time who was also running a bangle shop at Randhikpur village at the time.

Kesarbhai Khimabhai Vohania:

Witnesses identified him as holding a petrol can in the mob after the Godhra train burning, during the riots at Randhikpur.

Pradip Ramanlal Modhiya:

Chaturbhai Nai, **Govind Nai, Naresh** Modiva Accused of forcibly stripping and raping the victim. The trial against Modiya was abated as he died. **Shailesh Chimanlal** Bhatt Victim stated that **Shailesh Bhatt** snatched her threeyear-old daughter Saleha and smashed her on the rocky

Bipinchandra Kanaiyalal Joshi alias Lala Doctor A medical practitioner, the victim's father was his patient.

village for around a decade

Bakabhai Khimabhai Witness accounts had identified him as part of the mob carrying an axe

Mitesh Chimanlal Bhatt

Ramesh Rupabhai Chandana

that had brought the mob of 25-30 persons was identified to be in the name of Ramesh's wife. His wife was also serving as sarpanch after being elected in the Gram Panchayat Flection at the tip

Vohania on the day after the Godhra train burning.

Brother of Shailesh Bhatt

One of the two vehicles

aside seven acquittals

the present case." Explaining her work, the petitioner said she and her husband had left full-time jobs to begin the monthly journal, 'Communalism Combat', in 1993 and that the publication opposed communalism "of all hues" – "communalism in the name of Islam as much as in the name of Hinduism".

> Unnao rape: SC to hear transfer plea next week

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday JULY 2017: SC dismisses agreed to list next week for hearing a plea of the Unnao rape surappeals by 6 against the Bombay HC conviction vivor seeking transfer of a criminal case file by the fath APRIL 23 2019: SC of the accused in her sexual assault case from a trial court in directs Gujarat to pay victim Rs 50 lakh Uttar Pradesh to Delhi. A bench comprising Chief **Justice NV Ramana and Justices** K Maheshwari and Hima Kohli took note of the submissions of lawyer Vrinda Grover on urgent hearing of fresh plea of the rape 5th August, 2013 declined his survivor. "List next week." the request to consider the applibench said. A Delhi court had in cation for premature release December 2019 sentenced expelled former BJP MLA Kuldeep and left the application to be Singh Sengar to imprisonment for examined according to the policy applicable in Gujarat..." the remainder of his life for kidnaptop court said. ping and raping the girl in Unnao The SC ruling said that "in the in 2017 when she was a minor. instant case, once the crime was A local court at Unnao has recommitted in Gujarat, after the cently issued a non-bailable trial been concluded and judgwarrant against the survivor on ment of conviction came to be a criminal complaint of alleged cheating and forgery filed by the passed, all further proceedings father of Shubham Singh, one of have to be considered, including remission or premature release, the accused being tried in the as the case may be, in terms of Unnao rape case in a Delhi court. The transfer plea, filed in the the policy which is applicable in apex court, alleged the "counter Gujarat where the crime was iudicial proceedings" against the committed, and not the State where the trial stands transgirl have been initiated in the ferred and concluded for excep-Unnao court with the ulterior tional reasons under orders of motive of propping up a defence this Court".

Jaswantbhai at the time

ground, killing her.

AN UNDERTRIAL in a murder case, who had been brought to Hapur district court for a hearing, was shot dead outside the court campus by a group of assailants on Tuesday morning. Police said Lakhan Singh, 30, had been brought to the district court by Haryana Police; he had been lodged in Faridabad district jail.

Superintendent of Police (Hapur) Deepak Bhuker suspended Station House Officer of Kotwali police station, Somveer Singh, and Kachaheri police outpost in-charge, Sub-Inspector Ramesh Chandra. following the incident. Circle Officer (City) S N Vaibhav Pandey has been removed from his post and attached to Hapur police headquarters, according to the police.

Police suspect a gang rivalry led to Singh's murder. An officer said when Singh came out of the vehicle, unidentified assailants opened fire at him. "As he fell down, assailants ran away,' Additional SP, Hapur, Mukesh Chandra Mishra said. Singh was rushed to hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival,

Convicts in the Bilkis Bano case after their release from Godhra jail. Express

running a shop near a mosque in the village. Rajubhai Babulal Soni Was running a shop in the

-SOHINI GHOSH

in the sexual assault case.

In May, SC had asked Gujarat to decide remission of convicts cumstances...for limited purpose

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

committed,

for trial and disposal", was the "appropriate government" to decide convict Radheshyam Bhagwandas Shah's prayer for IN MAY this year, the Supreme premature release as per appli-Court had asked the Gujarat gov-

ernment to decide, within two cable remission policy. The ruling also said that "it months, an application filed by has been settled by this Court in" one of the men found guilty in the the 2010 ruling in "State of Bilkis Bano gangrape case from Haryana Vs. Jagdish that the ap-2002 post-Godhra riots. The convict had sought "premature" replication for grant of premature lease from prison, where he had release will have to be considspent more than 14 years followered on the basis of the policy which stood on the date of coning conviction in January 2008. By an order dated May 13, viction". Accordingly, the court 2022, a bench of Justices Ajay said the "policy (for remission) with which the petitioner has to

Rastogi and Vikram Nath clarified that the government of Gujarat, where the offence was and not Maharashtra, where the trial was shifted "in exceptional cirimprisonment in the gangrape case were freed from Godhra sub-jail on Monday after a Gujarat government panel approved their application for remission of sentence, according to senior officials.

Shah had moved SC by way of a writ petition, seeking directions to the Gujarat government to consider his application for premature release under the 1992 policy. He pointed out that Gujarat HC had rejected his prayer on July 17, 2019, on the premise that since the trial has been concluded in Maharashtra, the application for premature rebe governed, applicable in the lease has to be filed in State of Gujarat on the date of Maharashtra, and not in Gujarat. conviction, indeed is" the one

In August 2013, Bombay High Court had dismissed another Eleven convicts serving life convict Ramesh Rupabhai's plea

for remission taking the opposite view - the Bombay HC said it must be examined and decided as per policy applicable in Gujarat.

Setting aside the Gujarat HC judgment, the SC said, "In our considered view...the crime in the instant case was admittedly committed in Gujarat and ordinarily, the trial was to be concluded in the same State and in terms of Section 432(7) CrPC, the appropriate government in the ordinary course would be Gujarat, but the instant case was transferred in exceptional circumstances by this Court for limited purpose for trial and disposal to the neighbouring State (Maharashtra) by an order dated 6th August, 2004."

conclusion of trial and the prisoner being convicted, [the case] stood transferred to the State where the crime was committed", which remains the "appropriate Government for the purpose of Section 432(7) CrPC".

Section 432 of the Code of Criminal Procedure deals with the power to remit sentences, and clause 7 explains the appropriate government concerned.

"Indisputedly, in the instant case, the crime was committed in Gujarat, which is the appropriate Government competent to examine the application filed for premature release and that is the reason for which the High Court of Bombay in Criminal Writ Petition...filed at the instance of co-accused Ramesh Rupabhai under its Order dated

that they have lost touch with

studies. It was then that the idea

free tuition is not enough to stop

dropouts. We needed to create a

process by which children would

again develop an interest in their

studies. So we use storytelling and

awareness campaigns," said Jana.

not easy for panchavat officials.

But running this initiative is

"My home is in Nadia district.

"We realised that only giving

of the pathshala came to us."

The apex court said, "after

A Sunderbans village comes together to help its kids get back to school after Covid



RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & ATRI MITRA

GHORAMARA ISLAND (SUNDERBANS), AUGUST 16

THE COVID-INDUCED lockdowns of 2020 meant that 14-year-old Sheikh Selim, a resident of Ghoramara island in Sunderbans, lost touch with education. His hopes of rejoining school were again crushed in 2021 when the Yaas cyclone wreaked havoc. Both events were financially ruinous for his family and forced Selim and

his parents to migrate to Kerala for work. In Thrissur, he would get paid Rs 800 a day for his work. Two years after dropping out, he is back in his village, glad as he can be to be sitting in a make-shift classroom – even though it has no fans - and back to studying.

But he is not alone and this is not a regular school. Many boys and girls of the village are now getting back to education in the

"Panchayater Pathshala" — panchayat's school). This school was set up last month by Ghoramara Gram panchayat, months after the West Bengal government ordered

schools to be reopened. However, there was one problem: the returning students had a tough time picking up where they left. "We returned early this year. My father got me re-admitted to school. But I felt clueless in the

class because I had been away from my studies for so long. Although back in school, I struggled and was irregular. I did not understand what was being taught. Then one day the panchayat used loudspeakers to announce that it was opening a pathshala that will provide free tu-

ition. I joined in and it has been helping me," said Selim, whose father now works as a bookbinder.

'dated 9th July 1992".

The pathshala not only provides free tuition but also raises awareness about issues such as child marriage and child labour.

According to Sanjib Sagar, 50, pradhan of Ghoramara, the gram panchayat had seen a spike in school dropouts, migration and child marriages during the lockdown, as also after Yaas cyclone in May 2021.

This island is already a victim



Ghoramar's Panchayat Pathshala. Villagers and panchayat officials help students, who dropped out of school after Covid-19, rediscover their interest in education. Partha Paul

of erosion. Migration for work was the lockdown and cyclone, the sita common phenomenon here like uation turned from bad to worse. in the rest of the Sunderbans. After The cyclone destroyed most of the

betel vines and agricultural land on the island," Sagarsaid.

He said the idea for this initiative came from one of the panchayat officials and it was immediately embraced by everyone.

"The local secondary school (Ghoramara Milan Vidyapith) allowed us to use three of their classrooms in the morning before the formal start of school. Initially, the initiative was only for poor students, but now children from all backgrounds are coming to this pathshala," said Sagar.

In one month, the student list has gone from 55 to more than a hundred. The teaching is done by panchavat officials as well as locals, all of whom work for free.

"When schools reopened we It is far away. Therefore, like some went to class 10 in the high school of my colleagues, I stay in a room of the panchayat office itself. Early and found that out of 53 registered students, only 22 were present in morning, we teach and then get

class. The students told us that started with panchayat's work their classmates had decided to from 10 am. It is hectic but we are doing something for the children," discontinue school; some students even left the island to work said Debashish Dhali, who works elsewhere," said Shuvrakanti Jana, as panchayat secretary. The pathshala currently has 10 panchayat sahayak of Ghoramara GP. "Many students complained

teachers. Four of them are panchavat employees and others are locals. The panchavat employees teach during the week, while the locals take over in the weekends.

The gram panchayat has 956 families with a population of 4,366. Prashanta Jana, 42, of Ghoramara, who is among those who teach, said: "I have been working as a para-teacher in Ghoramara Milan Vidyapith for the last 16 years. When the panchavat pradhan asked me to join here, I agreed. Even though there is no pay, I like the concept."

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New Delhi

7 arrested for lynching labourer on suspicion of theft in Rajasthan

HAMZA KHAN JAIPUR, AUGUST 16

SEVEN PEOPLE were arrested by Alwar police on Tuesday for beating up a 43-year-old man to death on suspicion of theft on Sunday. Victim Chiranji Lal, 43, a labourercum-vegetable vendor, died at a Jaipur hospital on Monday.

In his complaint files at Govindgarh police station, Lal's son Yogesh, 25, said at 4:30am on August 14. his father was relieving himself in the fields when a tractor followed by an SUV and a pick-up truck came to the fields. While the tractor thief allegedly ran away after ditching the tractor, the 15-20 men in two vehicles – an SUV, and a pick-up truck, who were searching for the tractor - turned up there. The occupants of the vehicles attacked my father with sticks, Yogesh

stated in the complaint. "When I and my uncles Harish and Shivlal

UP: Now, CM's nod mandatory before transfer of govt staff

UP CM Yogi

Adityanath

LALMANI VERMA LUCKNOW, AUGUST 16

DAYS AFTER a controversy erupted over alleged anomalies in transfers of officers in the Public Works Department (PWD) health department and Jal Shakti, the UP government on Tuesday decided that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's approval would be mandatory in transfer of any gov-

ernment employee henceforth. Chief Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra issued an order to this effect on Tuesday. In the order, Mishra made a reference to an earlier order issued on June 15 that was regarding the transfer policy of government officials

and employees in 2022-23. The order issued on Tuesday said after the end of the transfer period as per the annual transfer

policy for 2022-23, approval of the CM would be required for all types of transfers of personnel of groups A. B and C and D. According to the annual trans-

(OSD) Anil Kumar Pandey and Adityanath) of five senior fer policy issued on June 15, the transfer period ended on June 30. PWD officials over their al-In that policy, it was mentioned leged involvement in transfers that all transfers at the level of government, heads of departments, division and district level must be completed by June 30 in

of State for Jal Shakti Dinesh Khatik sent his resignation to Governor Anandiben Patel and the transfer session 2022-23

ran out upon hearing the noise we saw one Vikram Khan and others, who left upon seeing us," Yogesh said. Lal was taken to Govindgarh hospital, which referred him to Alwar, and from there, he was referred to Jaipur,

where he died at SMS Hospital. Alwar SP Tejaswani Gautam said Vikram Khan's tractor had been stolen and he, along with his

relatives, was searching for it. "Vikram got to know that his tractor is in a particular village. So, when he reached there with his relatives, he did find the tractor. but the thief had managed to run away. Spotting Chiranji Lal, the men assumed him to be the thief and assaulted him." Apart from Vikram Khan, police arrested Asad Khan, Syabu, Sahun, Taleem, Kaasam and Pola for murder.

Demanding justice, hundreds of angry locals, including some associated with right wing organisations, disrupted vehicular traffic in Alwar on Tuesday morning.

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Cabinet and they will not be able

to approve transfer employees of

groups B, C and D henceforth,"

said an official in the department

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In July, UP's PWD Minister

Jitin Prasada had come under

a cloud in the wake of removal

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The Adityanath-led govern-

ATRI MITRA GHUTIARI SHARIF BARUIPUR, AUGUST 16

> WHEN JIAUL Naskar (40) talked to his wife Mahrufa Bibi on phone from the Baruipur Central Correctional Home in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district on July 28, he told her that ne would call her the next day.

But she got no call from her husband for the next five days till she was informed by the jail authorities on August 2 that Jiaul had died the previous night. And Jiaul's is not just the only such case.

In less than 10 days, three more undertrials – Abdul Rajjak Dewan of Kurali, Akbar Khan alias Khokan Khan of Fakir Para and Saidul Munshi of Santoshpur from the district – died in judicial custody at the Baruipur Central Correctional Home (jail). The four men were picked up by police in separate cases on charges of preparing to commit dacoity in the last week of July. Their families have alleged custodial torture, raising doubt over the stated

cause of their

Mahrufa Bibi (35) has not

been able to come to terms with

death.



Bengal: 4 undertrials die in 10

Relatives of undertrial Jiaul Naskar at their residence in South 24 Parganas district. Partha Paul

CID into the allegations.

Mahrufa said, "We were in-

formed that CM Mamata

Banerjee talked to the DM and in-

structed him to give us the com-

pensation besides ordering a CID

inquiry. We are happy that she

stood with us." The family, how-

ever. is in no mood to withdraw

the FIR against jail administration.

the claim that her husband met with natural death.

Speaking to The Indian Express at her home in Ghutiari Sharif, Mahrufa alleged, "My husband told me that he was beaten mercilessly at the police station and in the jail. His body was full of iniurv marks. Therefore, we demand a fair inquiry and the culprits should be identified soon."

Baruipur police station in-After Jiaul's family filed a charge Soumyadip Roy said, complaint alleging foul play, "Since the matter is sub judice, South 24 Parganas District we can not say anything. All I can Magistrate Sumit Gupta gave Rs say is that they were arrested on 5 lakh compensation each to the the allegations of preparing for families and assured a governdacoity. When they were sent to ment job besides a probe by the jail, they were fit. We have medSoĥana Bibi, wife of Abdul

Rajjak Dewan, a resident of Kurali village in the district, said he used to work in Jharkhand and Bihar. "He sold chick mats there. He came home for a few days. He was to leave for work in a week. On July 25 evening, the cops took him to the police station. He was fine till he was sent to jail the next day. The same day, he called me and asked to transfer Rs 2.000 to a number via an app. I went to the jail the next day to give him food. But on July 30, police informed us that he was not well. When we went to the police station we were told that he died in hospital."

An official of the state correctional administration department said they have ordered a magisterial inquiry in the matter. "It is the standard protocol. A departmental probe has ruled out foul play in this." DM Gupta did not respond to phone calls and text messages

Jail Minister Akhil Giri said, We already ordered a magisterial inquiry as per rules. If any foul play comes out in the investigation, we will take stern action against the culprits."

J&K admin bans 7 news portals for peddling fake news in Ramban

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, AUGUST 16

IN ITS first major crackdown on digital media, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday banned operations of seven local news portals operating in Ramban district for "peddling fake news and maligning

The banned news portals inand CHRT News, Sangaldan (Credentials not known).

The ban order was issued by Ramban DM Mussarat Islam, exercising powers vested in him under Sec 144 of the CrPC, pointing out that "any person associated and Times of India on 09 July 2022. It with the above fake news portals is informed that due to administrative shall be immediately booked un-

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Selection of V-Cs: Draft of Bill to give govt more say gets Kerala Cabinet nod

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST16

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THE KERALA Cabinet on Tuesday approved the draft of a Bill that will give the government an upper hand in the se-Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan lection of vice-chancellors of (left) and Governor Arif state universities. The draft leg-Mohammed Khan islation will be introduced in the Assembly in the next session.

Governor Arif Mohammed Council and the other an emi-Khan, the ex-officio chancellor of nent person in the education all the state varsities, has hit back sector, the draft proposes. at the government move saving The vice-chairman of the he will not allow "any violation of State's Higher Education Council norms". Tuesday's Cabinet deciwill also be the convener of the sion comes in the wake of the tusfive-member panel, the draft Bill sle between the Left Democratic proposes. Referring to the Bill, Front government and Khan, who Khan said: "Whatever they (govt)

has alleged "political pressure" to want to do, I am not going to join the issue. But as long as powers re-appoint Professor Gopinath Ravindran as the V-C of Kannur are with me, I will not allow any University despite the Raj Bhavan violation of law or norms." having notified a search commit-Former Opposition leader and tee to look for a new V-C. Congress legislator, Ramesh Chennithala accused the govern-

The committee, as per the current norms, comprises three members nominated by the Governor, the UGC and the university, respectively. The Bill seeks to raise this number to five. The draft legislation has pro-

posed two additional members in the panel who will be nominated by the government. One of them will be the vice-chairman of the state's Higher Education

Jalgaon honour killing: Woman's mother among five more held

SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI, AUGUST 16

THE MOTHER of a 20-year-old woman, who along with her male friend, were killed allegedly by her relatives last week in Jalgaon for being in a relationship, was arrested Monday for reportedly being the main conspirator behind the crime.

Earlier, police had taken into custody five people, including the deceased woman's 17-year-old brother, who allegedly shot the

Army Public Kapurthala Reference our adul for Selection of teaching and non teaching stall published in Indian Express The Tribune

strangled to death later. "It was on the mother's directions that the five people took the couple to an isolated spot at Varad road and shot dead Rakesh Sanjay Rajput and subsequently, strangled the woman," police said. Police added that four others - including three family members and a friend - have also been arrested for their alleged role in the crime. Police said the four were

involved in destroying evidence.

ment of bearing "a hidden

agenda". "CPI(M) wants to bring all

(state) universities under the

party's control. This will kill the au-

tonomy of the universities.

Already, the syndicates and sen-

ates of the universities are con-

trolled by the CPI(M), which is

keen to illegally nominate relatives

of party leaders in universities. The

Bill should be withdrawn," he said.

22-year-old man from a different

caste last Friday. The woman was

OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH. CHANDIGARH CORRIGENDUM Ref E-Tender Notice No. PI(EP)/22-23/02 Following change is made:-1. The tender item is at **Sr. No.03** Laser System (Laser Lithotripsy)

FLOOD SITUATION IN CHHATTISGARH: A partially submerged area in the state's Bastar district on Tuesday. The state government has warned of floods after heavy rainfall caused rivers, dams and reservoirs to swell, posing risk of inundation to many areas. PTI

ODISHA: NAVEEN KEEN ON 'ZERO CASUALTY'

Mahanadi flood situation grim: govt

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 16

ODISHA CHIEF Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday asked officers concerned to ensure "zero casualty" as the state combats floods

barrage near Cuttack and the water level in other connecting rivers will remain at about 10 lakh cusec." Iena said after Patnaik reviewed the situation.

in the next 48 hours, he said.

The flood situation in the

Mahanadi river system turned

The water level in different gauge points will, however, fall after the peak situation passed

rected evacuation of people living in low-lying areas and from places inundated by the flood water.

Nine teams each of NDRF and Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force have been deployed in vulnerable places, while 44 teams of the fire service have been engaged in relief and rescue operations. der the extant rules governing the subject, if found operating in the The government has authorized district collectors to close district and peddling fake news". schools and educational institu-The DM has also asked the Ramban SSP to implement the tions in the flood hit areas and to undertake evacuation of people ban order in letter and spirit and from all the vulnerable pockets. the District Information Officer to Putting collectors of 10 dis-"maintain vigil on the operations of any more fake news portals". tricts on high alert, Patnaik directed for evacuation of

water.

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the image of government".

It added that after the end of the transfer period, transfer of personnel of Group A would be permitted after approval of the CM through the minister of the department concerned.

However, transfers of personnel of Group B, C and D were allowed to be done "in inevitable circumstances with the approval of the minister of the department concerned."

"With the order issued on Tuesday, the CM has taken the

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, alleging anomalies in transfers and that he was facing discrimination because he was a Dalit.

In the same month, Minister

An official in the department of appointment and personnel said, "All due transfers were to be done by June 30. Now if there will be any genuine proposal for transfer of any government employee, it can be done only after approval from the CM office. The decision will filter unnecessary proposals for transfers.'

in the Mahanadi river system with a number of villages in eight districts already inundated. officials said.

The next 48 to 72 hours are critical for the Mahanadi delta region as the state faces the first flood of the season, the special relief commissioner PK lena told reporters. "The flood situation in the Mahanadi river system is grim. The next 48 to 72 hours are critical for the state as about 12 lakh cusec flood water will flow at Mundali

grim after the water level in Hirakud reservoir crossed 626 feet against the full reservoir level of 630 feet by 12 noon, Jena said.

There is a major breach on Mahanadi river embankment in coastal Jagatsinghpur district and several on embankments of small rivers.

While putting collectors of 10 districts on high alert, Patnaik di-

people living in low lying areas and places inundated by the flood



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OFFICIALS SAY JURISDICTION DOUBTS DELAYED RESCUE Injured wild tusker finally gets help in TN

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, AUGUST 16

AN INJURED elephant stranded in a waterbody near Coimbatore finally received help on Monday night, officials said, after long hours of delay as Tamil Nadu forest officials tried to clear doubts over the area's jurisdiction.

The 8-year-old tusker was spotted Monday morning by officials of the Tamil Nadu forest department near the banks of

through the forests of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The area falls near Anaikatti, a prominent elephant corridor in the region that is split between the two states.

A video of the elephant circulated in WhatsApp groups showed it trying to drink water but spitting it out, which worried experts who said it suggested the animal had mouth injuries.

Kodungarai Pallam, an inentire day as Tamil Nadu forest officials tried to contact terstate stream that snakes their Kerala counterparts.

Officials of the Coimbatore forest division swung into action only after news of the delay spread and animal lovers criticised the delay in the elephant's treatment over jurisdiction issues.

The wild tusker was then attended to by two veterinarians from Tamil Nadu, the Coimbatore forest division said Tuesday. The animal, they However, nobody helped added, was moved to or treated the elephant for the Dasanurmedu, near the

Attapadi forest range in Kerala, after it was fed fruits. T K Ashok Kumar, the dis-

trict forest officer (DFO) of the Coimbatore division, said a team led by the two veterinarians is also keeping track of the animal's movement.

'Two kumkis (trained elephants) were also sent to the spot from the Anamalai Tiger Reserve, and they will be reaching the spot by Tuesday night," Kumar added. "Both Kerala and Tamil Nadu officials are coordinating to ensure the animal is safe.'

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HC allows 'no caste' tag for boy denied school admission son, born in 2109, was refused **PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** admission in a school in CHENNAI, AUGUST 16 Ambattur after Manoj refused to Job 1 fill a column seeking to know the

boy's caste and religion. That's

when Manoj moved the court.

cently, the local Tehsildar, through

an order, submitted he does not

have any objection in issuing a

certificate declaring the petitioner

is entitled to get a certificate for

sion, Justice Quddhose directed

the authorities concerned to is-

sue the certificate.

Taking on record this submis-

"no caste no community" tag.

When the matter came up re-

THE MADRAS High Court on Tuesday directed the authorities to issue a "no caste, no religion" certificate to a student studying in a school in Ambattur.

Justice Abdul Quddhose's ruling came on a writ petition by J Yuvan Manoj, who told the court he belongs to SC community and had married an "upper caste" woman despite protests from both families.

The petition said the couple's





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'Vulgar' songs

IIT-BHU after

The alleged incident hap-

flag hoisting, probe ordered

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Talaq-e-hasan practice not so improper, says SC

ELGAAR PARISHAD CASE ED to probe Gadling's link to 'Maoist money during demonetisation'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday said it was of the prima facie view that the practice of talaq-e-hasan followed by Muslim men for divorce by saying 'talaq' to the wife once a month for three months, is "not so improper".

A bench presided by Justice SK Kaul also asked the woman petitioner, who said her husband gave her "unilateral extra-judicial talaq" through a lawyer when her father refused to give more dowry, whether she is willing to explore the option of divorce by mutual consent if the question of 'meher' is taken care of.

"We have also put to learned senior counsel whether in view of the allegation of respondent of irretrievable breakdown of marriage, would the petitioner be willing for a settlement by process of divorce by mutual consent on amounts being paid over and above the meher fixed. In fact, we have brought to their notice that dissolution of marriage is also possible without the intervention of the court through 'mubarat'," the bench also comprising Justice M

Ministry issues guidelines to central varsities for setting up endowment fund

SUKRITA BARUAH DELHI. AUGUST 16

IN AN attempt to push central universities to raise funds independently, the Central government has released guidelines to them for setting up endowment fund through donations and contributions.

The document, 'Guidelines for Central Universities Endowment Fund (CUEF)', was shared by the Union Ministry of Education with the vice-chancellors of central universities last month, according to which, the norms were framed "for the purpose of mobilising donations, funds and contributions from well-wishers, alumni, philanthropists and industries for the

M Sundresh said in its order. Senior Advocate Pinky Anand, appearing for the petitioner, said she will take instructions following which the court adjourned the

matter to August 29. The petition by Benazeer Heena, a journalist, said she was married as per Islamic rituals on December 25, 2020, and a male child born out of the wedlock. Heena alleged that she was tortured by her husband and his family members over dowry, forcing her to return to her parents in December 2021. She added that though she filed a complaint with the Delhi Commission for Women and also lodged an FIR on April 5, 2022, police said that talaq-e-hasan "is permitted under the Shariah" law.

Heena contended that all extra-judicial forms of talaq, including talaq-e-hasan are "arbitrary and irrational and contrary to Articles 14, 15, 21, 25 (of the Constitution) and international conventions on civil human rights". She said that the practice "is neither harmonious with the modern principles of human rights, nor an integral part of Islamic faith. Many Islamic nations have restricted such practices,

while it continues to vex the Indian society in general and Muslim women "like her in particular". The petitioner urged the court to declare it void and unconstitutional. The plea also sought a

direction to the Centre to frame guidelines for "gender neutral, religion neutral, uniform grounds of divorce and uniform procedure of divorce" for all

The bench quizzed the petitioner whether she had disclosed the fact that she had also approached the Delhi High Court. Justice Kaul pointed out that the petitioner had sought deferment of proceedings before the HC and got it listed on October 7 stating that something was pending before the Supreme Court. Advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, who also appeared for the petitioner, said they had approached the SC in April.

Justice Kaul then remarked that this is not triple talaq and that "prima facie, this (talaq-e-hasan) is not so improper". The bench said if two people cannot live together, the court grants divorce on the ground of irretrievable breakdown of marriage, and asked whether the petitioner is open to divorce by mutual consent if 'meher' is taken care of.

CHANDAN HAYGUNDE PUNE, AUGUST 16

SURENDRA GADLING, one of the accused in the Elgaar Parishad case, will now be questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for his alleged role in funding the activities of banned CPI (Maoist), officials said, adding that the interrogations are likely to begin Wednesday

This is the first time that the ED is initiating investigations into the Elgaar Parishad case which, so far, has been investigated by the NIA and the Pune City Police for alleged terror plots and conspiracies by the CPI (Maoist) to destabilise national security. Claiming that Gadling was in-

volved in the collection and dis-

IED found under cop's car in Punjab after cleaner's alert

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AMRITSAR, AUGUST16

THE QUICK thinking by a car cleaner prevented a major mishap as he alerted its owner, a sub-inspector, of a suspicious object under his sports utility vehicle (SUV), which later turned out to be Improvised Explosive Device (IED), the police Tuesday said.

The IED was found hidden under S-I Dilbagh Singh's vehicle outside his residence at Ranjit Avenue locality, with the police official claiming that it was part of conspiracy to kill him.

The explosives were planted by unidentified persons Monday night. A CCTV footage showed a person keeping the explosive material under the SUV before fleeing with his accomplice who was waiting on a motorcycle.

A heavy police force along with a bomb disposal squad reached the spot.

IG Border Range, Amritsar, Manish Chawla said, "We received information that someone has kept an IED under the vehicle of a sub-inspector. We sent a police team to the spot.

2 drones spotted MINISTER'S AUDIO CLIP ROW



CCTV grab of the IED being planted under the vehicle. Express

They recovered the IED and its forensic investigation is being done.

Dilbag Singh said, "Due to the timely sighting of the bomb by the boy, who came to wash the car, the explosion was averted. The bomb disposal squad has taken possession of the IED."

underway to trace the men who No arrests have been made so far, a police official said, planted the explosive material.

been registered.

others had been injured in the clashes.

Pune police had said speeches made at the Elgaar Parishad event are among the factors that played a role in inciting violence the folwider network of Naxal sympathisers and their role in funding and helping CPI (Maoist). Two years later, the investigations

Gadling, a Nagpur-based lawyer, was among the first to be arrested by the Pune City Police in June 2018. Later, many more high-profile arrests, including those of Sudha Bharadwaj

Gautam Navlakha and PVaravara

Lucknow: An inquiry panel has been set up at IIT-BHU after a Rao, were made in this case. Last week, the ED received the video of some students dancing to "objectionable" songs after go-ahead from the special NIA court in Mumbai to record the flag-hoisting ceremony on Gadling's statement in connec-Independence Day surfaced on tion with a money laundering social media. case it had filed against him and pened at the institute's "other accused" in March last year. The ED has mostly relied on Gymkhana ground where the the documents procured by the flag hoisting happened at 9:30 am on Monday after which Pune City Police, which link Gadling to funding activities of some students played "objecthe CPI (Maoist). Gadling has de-

tionable" [Bhojpuri] songs. IIT-BHU Registrar Rajan nied these allegations. The documents claim to show that Gadling Srivastava said, "We came to had received large sums of know of some objectionable bemoney during the demonetisahaviour through media. We have tion drive, and had facilitated constituted an internal commit-'hawala' transactions with a 'CC tee to look into the allegations." The committee will submit a comrade', a reference to some high functionary of the CPI report to the director within two weeks. ENS

UP clears plan to replace jail manual from British era

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, AUGUST 16

(Maoist).

IN A major step towards prison reforms, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Tuesday cleared a proposal to replace Uttar Pradesh Prison Manual [1941] of pre-Independence era, with the Uttar Pradesh Prison Manual 2022.

According to sources, the new manual would ensure a wellequipped armed force along with state-of-the-art anti-riot equipment at prisons, apart from better grooming, food and health facilities for inmates as well as allowing children to live inside jails with their mothers till the age of 6.

adding the persons who planted the explosive are yet to be iden-The UP Jail Manual 2022 proposes creche, proper education, tified. It is also not clear whether medical, vaccination for children this is a case of personal enmity or whether it was a conspiracy aged between three years to six to create an atmosphere of fear, years of age living with women the official added. An FIR has prisoners in jail. It also proposes admission of such children from Police saidinvestigation was the ages four to six to any educational institute outside the jail after obtaining their mother's con-

from each farmer to renew Rs

it has been brought to the notice

of Mr Somashekhar (the co-oper-

ative minister) that the funds

meant as payment of interest are

being gobbled up and that addi-

tional payments are being sought.

He is not taking any action - what

can be done?" a voice purportedly

being linked to Madhuswamy can

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bank officials it's not just farm-

ernment, we are only managing

things and pushing for eight

The Congress party has

flagged the conversation as an

"example of the incompetence of

months," it further says.

the BJP government".

"Even I have been forced to

"I am aware of all these things,

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be heard.

sent. A provision has also been made to provide sanitary napkins to women prisoners and special medical facilities to pregnant prisoners. In case of death of any blood relative or spouse of the prisoner,

arrangement has been made to allow "antim darshan". A deputy jailor level officer in each prison will be designated as prison welfare officer who, along with the superintendent and jailor, will be responsible for ensuring smooth implementation of welfare, care and rehabilitation programmes. Minister of State for Prisons, Dharamveer Prajapati informed that unlike in the past, when prisons were defined with the kind of town that they were in, now the prisons would be categorised based on the strength of the prisoner. Adding that some of the provisions of the previous manual that were "outdated", such as those on imprisonment of prisoners from royal family, prisoners from Nepal, Bhutan, Kashmir etc,

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would not be in the new manual.

Gadling

held in Pune on December 31, 2017, a day ahead of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Koregaon Bhima, during which violent clashes had taken place. One person had died and several

Surendra bursement of Maoist funds for

"violent activities", the ED will record his statement in Taloja Central Jail between August 17 and 19, sources said, adding that properties in the name of Gadling and his wife are also under ED scanner.

Elgaar Parishad was an event

lowing day, and had arrested several people alleged to have helped in organising the event on charges of having links with the banned CPI (Maoist). The investigation later expanded to probe the

were taken over by the NIA.

development of students, faculties and institution".

IIT Delhi was the first in India to set up alumni endowment fund in 2019 and the same was followed by many other IITs and IIMs

According to the guidelines, the endowment fund will be governed by a 7-member board chaired by the vice-chancellor. The board will have three "prominent" donors nominated by the university's Executive Council for three years, the university's Finance Officer, and two professors from different departments or streams. The board will take decisions on the fund utilisation, and table report before the university's Finance Committee.

The guidelines also allow for FCRA accounts to be opened by institutions expecting foreign donations. They suggest a separate bank account for the fund having two types of donations – those for a specific purpose, such as scholarships, chairs and infrastructure development; and donations for a general corpus. "A reasonable percentage of the fund, not exceeding 50%, may be spent annually with a view to maintain a good corpus for the future," states the document.

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FISHERMEN OPPOSING Adani Group's Rs 7,500-crore underconstruction Vizhinjam international seaport firmed up their stand on Tuesday as hundreds of them laid a siege to the main en-

trance of the project site. Fishermen, under the leadership of Catholic archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram. have been

opposing the project, alleging that it has triggered massive sea erosion, leading to loss of livelihood and dwelling area. The Church has stepped in to lead the agita-

tion as fishermen belong to the Latin Catholic community. Starting from Tuesday, the fishermen under the archdiocese have decided to go for a round-

the-clock sit-in at the main gate of the Adani Ports and SEZ Pvt Ltd till August 31. Archdiocese Vicar-General Fr

Eugine H Pereira said the project will spell doom for the fishermen community in the coastal belt of Southern Kerala. "Over the years, fishermen had been deprived of

at Adani project site

Fishermen and locals stage a protest against Adani Group's

port development project at Vizhinjam, Tuesday. PTI

RS 7,500-CRORE VIZHINJAM SEAPORT

Kerala: fishermen

begin sit-in protest

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

position fronts have shady dealings with the Adani group. The government should hear our voice and address this matter of livelihood and survival," he said.

the coast in the guise of develop-

ment. Fishermen are fighting for

their survival. Both ruling and op-

The priest said 300 fishermen families lodged in shelters don't have basic facilities. "Since the construction of the port began in 2015, about 50 acres of seashore have been reclaimed. The rehabilitation has remained on paper. The port construction should be suspended and a scientific study should be held to know the fallout of the project," he said.

Kerala Ports Minister Ahamed Devarkovil said the government is ready for talks with the protesters. "External elements are behind the agitation, not the people of Vizhinjam. The sea erosion is not only due to the construction of the port; changing climatic conditions are also contributing to the crisis. However, we are ready for talks with the agitators,"

he said. Repeated attempts to reach Adani Group for a comment went

futile

near Ambala air base, police initiate probe

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 16

THE AMBALA Cantonment police station has lodged an FIR following a complaint filed by the Indian Air Force (IAF) after drones were allegedly spotted flying around Ambala Air Force Station on August 13 and August 15.

The FIR has been lodged based on the complaint filed by Station Security Officer of Ambala air base, Wing Commander PP Srivastva, said that on two occasions a drone/quadcopter has been spotted flying over certain areas around Air Force Station, It is also very close to the base

from where a Brahmos missile was accidentally fired into Pakistan in March this year.

According to his statement, a reddish-brown coloured drone was seen on August and 13 was during the early hours of the day.

Comments made in specific context, everything all right in govt, says CM Bommai

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE BENGALURU, AUGUST 16

KARNATAKA CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday

sought to underplay the comreporters on Tuesday. ments purportedly made by a senior minister in his Cabinet that

the "government is non-functional and merely managing things", saying that it was made in a specific context to the cooperative sector. He said that "everything else is all right" in the government.

"He has said it in a different context. I have spoken to him. There is no need to misunderstand. Three months ago, he made the comments with respect to something in the co-operative department. The remark was restricted to this alone and evervBasavaraj Bommai

thing else is alright," Bommai told

A controversy erupted when an audio recording linked to Law Minister I C Madhuswamv surfaced wherein he purportedly is saying that there is no functioning government in the state. The audio clip of a conversation between the Madhuswamy and social worker Bhaskar also indicated difers. There is no functioning govferences among ministers.

The audio clip was posted on social media by the Karnataka unit of the Congress party in which the social worker is heard complaining of officials of the VSSN Co-operative Bank demanding Rs 1,300

Court rejects bail plea of cop who headed recruitment cell

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, AUGUST 16

A SESSIONS court in Bengaluru on Tuesday rejected the bail plea of senior Karnataka State Police officer Amrit Paul, who was arrested for his involvement in the police recruitment scam, stating that the officer "prima facie had not carried out his responsibility for conducting a fair recruitment process for selection of the police sub-inspectors in Karnataka state, who are responsible for maintaining

law and order in the state". The sessions court has also referred to a recent Karnataka HC judgement which called the police recruitment scam "an act of terror on society" while rejecting the bail claim of Amrit Paul, 56, an IPS officer of the rank of Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), who headed the police recruit-

ment cell from 2019-22.

"It is a case of recruitment scam by manipulating the OMR sheets to deprive the deserving candidates who have honestly worked hard for the examination for selection. Therefore, it is a socio-economic offence which affects the moral fibre of society,"

the sessions court said in its order. Paul was arrested on July 4 allegedly for facilitating a scam in a recruitment exam held in October 2021 to select 545 police SIs out of 54,287 candidates. As many as 30 candidates in Bengaluru are alleged to have paid between Rs 30 lakh to Rs 85 lakh to middlemen for selection as sub-inspectors by rigging their answer-sheets in a exam. Based on a statement given by a former DSP in the recruitment cell. Shanta Kumar, the CID alleged during court hearings that Paul received Rs 5 crore as kick-

Start-up backed by Ratan Tata to empower senior citizens

EESHANPRIYAMS MUMBAI, AUGUST 16

VISITING A bakery, coffee shop or movie theatre seemed like a farfetched idea for 74-year-old Prithwis Datta, who lives alone in Mumbai. However, over the last six months, these outings have become a part of his life, thanks to a "grandpal", who got introduced to him through Goodfellows, a start-up that helps senior citizens find empathetic young companions.

Based on the idea of making grandpals by nurturing fulfilling friendships between young grad-



by Shantanu Naidu, a close mentee of Tata and a general manager in his office. Tata has even provided seed capital for the start-up.

doctor alone. Company gives you the security of sharing that experience with someone. My grandpal and I visited the doctor for my



Ratan Tata at the launch in Mumbai, Tuesday. Ganesh Shirsekar

appointment one afternoon. and she later introduced me to a newage pastry shop, where we had a

small snack and returned home. I may just become a regular member of it now," Dutta said.

Designed to connect the fellows to senior citizens as youth companions, and recreate the

the seniors for grocery shopping or doctors' appointments, outings and walks, teaching them how to a conversation over tea, our fel-

formally launched at the hands of Ratan Tata in Cuff Parade in south Monday, Mumbai on Goodfellows has successfully completed a "Beta phase" over the past six months, taking 20 carefully-vetted young fellows on board and pairing them with grandpals from Mumbai.

Over the next few months, Naidu plans to expand the project within Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Bangalore. Goodfellows will also offer travel companionship to senior citizens who hesitate to take trips.

At the launch, Tata said, "I salute this effort that gives one's time to make another person's happiness more secure, without expecting anything in return. I salute the fellows who are doing this, but don't have to do it; a

group of young and intelligent young people who could do other things for themselves."

For the programme's Beta phase, Naidu received 800 applications from young graduates, of which 20 were shortlisted. Applicants were carefully vetted with an in-house psychometric test for empathy, kindness and reliability. The team also conducts background checks and police verification of the finalists.

Senior citizens can register by signing up on their website, or giving a missed call to 8779524307. While the first month of subscription is free, Goodfellows charges a nominal monthly fee thereafter.

New Delhi

backs for facilitating the scam.

bond between grandparents and grandchildren, Goodfellow will do whatever a grandchild would do, according to Naidu. "Whether it is accompanying

use various technology, or sharing lows are there for it all," he added. While the programme was





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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, (Patiala) CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: <u>www.pspcl.in</u> (Contact Number: 96461-17609, 96461-17732) 03/ FE&T/GHTP/FM-2A-1 Dated: 05.08.2022 SE/FE&T, Guru Hargobind Thermal Plant, Lehra Mohabbat nvites E-tender for: Transportation of 1000 KL Light Diesel Oi (LDO) from Mathura Depot of M/s BPCL/ HPCL/IOCL to GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat. For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 05.08.2022 from 17.00 Hrs. onwards. NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published 3 online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. GHTP-43/22 16350/Pb NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ Tender Notice No. AGC-ELG-T-13-2022-23 Date: 13-08-2022

E - Tendering Tender Notice

	Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) N.C. Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender " through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.					
Sr.No.	Tender No.	AGC-ELG-T-13-2022-23				
1.	Name of work with its location & completion Period	Provision of 03 Nos Passengers lifts at Agra Division. Completion period 12 Months				
2.	Approx. Cost of the work	₹15233666.07				
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www.ireps.gov.in Tenders can only be submitted through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to 16:00 hrs. on 07-09-2022. 1065/22(DG)

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नीलामी निविदा सूचना संख्या– 18/2022–23

विश्वविद्यालय की परीक्षाओं में प्रयोग में ली गई उत्तर–पुस्तिकाओं , ओ.एम.आर. शीट्स , पुराने प्रश्न पत्र आदि के विक्रय हेतु अनुमानित रु. 35.00 लाख की खुली निविदा द्वि–लिफाफा पद्धति से दिनांक 24.08.2022 को दोपहर 02.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र एवं शर्तो आदि का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाईट <u>http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in</u>

और University website <u>www.uok.ac.in</u> पर उपलब्ध है। कुलसचिव UBN No.: UOK2223GLOB00018

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Victoria Park, Meerut

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE 1. Short term tender is invited through e-tendering for the Supply of 2000 no. Three Phase Distribution box against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/MM/62(s)/22-23. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 59000.00 (with GST), Last Date of tender submission & Time:-01.09.2022 at 14:00 hrs., Date of tender opening (Part-I & II) & time:- 01.09.2022 at 16:30 hrs. 2. Short term open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 70 Km Single Phase AB cable (1x16+1x25) sq.mm against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/MM/62(s)/22-23. Tender Cost:- Rs. 3540 (with GST), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 31,000.00 (with GST), Last Date of tender submission & Time:- 01.09.2022 at 2:00 PM, Date of tender opening (Part-Ist & IInd) & Time:- 01.09.2022 at 5:00 PM. Note:- In case of any amendment in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.pvvnl.org Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), & 9412207451" "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" Sd/- Superintending Engineer (MM-I) पत्रांक:- 101 दिनांक:-16.8.2022

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HIMACHAL PRADESH COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE, **TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT (HIMCOSTE)**

Block 34, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-9 0177- 2622490 Fax: 2620998, website: himcoste.hp.gov.in

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Request for Proposal (RFP) are invited for Operation Management and Maintenance of the Centre for Science Learning and Creativity (CSLC) at Shimla, H. P. from Science Museums/Science Centres/ Universities recognized by University Grants Commission/ societies/ agencies, working in the field of science promotion with such entities registered under the applicable law of India. Interested Bidders may submit their Bid to HIMCOSTE on or before September 19, 2022, upto 4:00 P.M. IST. The terms and conditions along with a detailed RFP document are available on our official website www.himcoste.hp.gov.in. Interested Bidders are invited to attend the pre-bid meeting which shall be held on August 31, 2022 at 11.00 A.M. IST in the office of Member Secretary HIMCOSTE. For further updates, please visit website periodically as all updates shall be posted on website only.

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1X660MW PANKI EXTENSION PROJECT, PANKI, KANPUR UTTAR PRADESH RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD. E-Tender Notice

Bids are hereby invited for all mentioned E-Tenders. Details o Tender Notice as well as Total quantity of work, Tender Specifications, Other terms & conditions available on our Web Site: www.uprvunl.org/ e-tender portal www.etender.up.nic.in. Tendering authority reserves the right to cancel any or all ebids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, Addendum Extension if any, shall be uploaded on the E-Tender website Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

1. E-Tender – ET-02/PTEP/SE(CIVIL)/CCD-III/2022-2023, Work of maintenance of parks in officers colony, GM office and hospital at PTEP, Panki. Estimated Cost: 9,74,000.00, Tender Fee: 590.00, Earnest Money: 19,500/-, O P E N I N G DATE OF E-TENDER: 05.09.2022

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1	PWD B3R PANIPAT	BRUNGING TO DESIGN SECTION OF JONHDHAN KHURD DRAIN FROM RD 6200- 11500 FOR SERARATION OF DRAIN FROM VILLAGE POND & ABADI AND TO PROTECT THE CROPS/LAND FROM WASTER WATER IN VILLAGE ISRANA + 5 OTHER WORKS	CLOSONG DATE 29.08.2022	596 LACS	https://etenders.htyunic.in	94661.59501 xenpvisdiv@yahoo.in
2	PWD B&R FARIDABAD	CONSTRUCTION OF 3 NOS HELIPAD FOR LANDING OF HELICOPTER OF HONBLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA SHRI NARENDRA MODI ON THE EVE OF INVUGURATION OF AMRITA HOSPITAL IN SECTOR 88 FARIDABAD DISTRICT ON DATED 24.08.2022	12.08.2022 17.08.2022	24.55 UACS	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	9911722787 pwd-eepd1- faridabad@hry.nic.in
1	PANCHAYATI RAJ PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF GENERAL CHOUPAL, MAIL ROOM AT VILLAGE PLASRA BLOCK MORNI DISTRICT PANCHKULA + 15 OTHER WORKS	16.08.2022 30.06.2022	88.77 LACS	https://etenders.hty.vic.in	0172-2576698 PREXEENG.PXLGHRY.NIC.DV
4	PANCHAYATI RAJ PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF STREET/ RASTA VILLAGE TIKKAR, BLOCK MORNI DISTRICT PANCHKULA	16.08.2022 23.08.2022	5.12 LACS	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	0172-2576698 PREXEENG PKL@HRY.NIC.DV
5	PANCHAYATI RAJ REWARI	CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT WORK DISTT. REWARL	17.06.2022 30.06.2022	100.52 LACS	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	9415421261 prexeeng.rwn@hry.nic.in
6	PANCHAYATE RA) AMBALA	WATERAJ AMBALA VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN VILLAGE BHUKHARI, BAROLLI KALAN I NARAINGARH DISTL AMBALA+ 5 OTHER WORKS KOHAKATI RAJ COMOTRIUTION OF ONE STOP CENTRE DOWNLE STOPEY SECTOR-14, BANG		103.57 LACS	https://etenders.try.nic.in	01712551368 preveeng.amb@hryuric.in
7	PANCHAYATI RAJ PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF ONE STOP CENTRE DOUBLE STOREY SECTOR-16, PANCHKULA	16.08.2022 23.08.2022	5.29 UACS	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	0172-2576698 PREXEENG PKLGHRY.NIC.IN
8	PANCHAYATI RAJ PANCHKULA	REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF VETY, DISPENSARY AT VILLAGE MORVE BHOU JABYAL BLOCK MORVE DISTRICT PANCHKULA	19.08.2022 02.09.2022	9.27 U/CS	https://etenders.try/nic.in	0172-2576698 PREXEENG PKL/8HRY, NIC IN
9	PANCHAYATI RAJ SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN BOTH SIDE OF MAIN ROAD FROM LALHERI TO GANAUR AT VOLLAGE LALHERI KHURD & 113 NOS OTHERS WORKS IN DISTT, SONDRAT (RE-TENDER)	16.08.2022 22.08.2022	18.59 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416391006 prexeeng.srp@gmail.com
10	PANCHAYATI RAJ KARMAL	1 WORK CONST. OF BWALL IN FRACHIN WALA KUA IN VILLAGE PANGHALA AND 10 OTHER WORKS	10.08.2022 27.06.2022	158.81 LACS	https://etenders.hty.ric.in	9813805200 preveeng.krt@hry.nic.in
11	PANCHAYATE RAJ PALWAL	1 NO OF WORK MANAGEMENT & TREATMENT OF GRAY WATER UNDER SEM G PHASE-II AT VILLAGE BEHROLA BLOCK HOCAL DISTT PAUWAL	16.08.2022 23.08.2022	36.74 LACS	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	8168399369 prexeeng.cw1@htty.nic.in
12	FANCHAYATI RAJ HISAR	RE TENDER FOR CONST OF NULA FROM HOUSE OF KARMBIR SON OF FULLU TO CHANAD WALA POND AT VILLAGE ENATOL JATAN BLOCK HANSE 2 + 14 OTHER WORKS	16.08.2022 05.09.2022	3.75 CRORE	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	9416498853 prexeeng.shr@hry.nic.in
13	PANCHAYATI RAJ SIRSA	CONST. OF R/WALL OF HID POND AT VILLAGE GUDIA KHERA BLOCK N.CHOPTA- DISTRICT SIRSA AND 5 NOS OTHER WORKS	28.07.2022 19.06.2022	46.37 U/CS	https://etenders.tryunic.in	01666-247479 prexeeng.srs@hry.ric.in
14	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA REWARI	REQUIREMENT OF ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENTS AND CONTINGENCY ITEMS FOR PUMP HOUSES + 1 OTHER WORK	OLOSING DATE 22.08.2022	EMD 11900/-	https://etenders.try.nic.in	01274298963 xermech@yahoo.com
15	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF 102 NOS. OF PIEZONETERS WITH PLATFORM AND OTHER CIVIL WORKS IN HARYANA UNDER NHP FOR GROUND WATER MONITORING PHASE-III	13.08.2022 12.09.2022	EMD 474758/4	https://etenders.try.nic.in	01722560090 xerunipp@gmail.com
16	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARMANA PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF 100 NOS. OF FIEZOMETERS WITH PLATFORM AND OTHER CIVIL WORKS IN HARYANA UNDER NHP FOR GROUND WATER MONITORING PHASE-II	13.08.2022 12.09.2022	EMD 467221/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01722560080 xen.rhp@gmail.com
17	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYAWA REWARI	DEWATERING OF FIELD AREA OF SURAWHPUR VILLAGE THROUGH 600 MM DIA PIPELINE THROUGH PUMPING INTO RATTANTHAL LINK CHANNEL AT RD 3.600-L	CLOSING DATE 22.06.2022	3.01 CRORE	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	9255636363 xerwsdvnni1@gmail.com
18	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYAWA REWARI	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PUMP HOUSE AT K.M. 14.750-L OF JUN CANAL AND RENOVATION OF PUMP HOUSE AT K.M. 0.000 OF JATUSANA DRAIN + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 22.08.2022	67.01 LACS	https://etenders.try.vic.in	9255636363 xerwsdwm1@gmal.com
19	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA HISAR	PROVIDING AND FINING GATE AND GEARING AT HEAD OF SISWAL DITCH DISTY. AT RD 52000, KISHANGARH SUB BRANCH +1. OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 24.08.2022	123.15 LACS	https://etenders.try.nic.in	01662230030 senavsdn@gmail.com
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		AGE BIHAR TOURISM FOOD COUNTER AT AVENUE, NEW DELHI
	NIT. No: TDRT	/50020/04-2022/13
1	DOT invites bids from eligible experience food counter at Central Vista Avenue.	ed appointment of agency to manage Bihar Tourism
2	Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting	Date: 23.08.2022 Time 3.00 PM, Directorate of Tourism, Old Secretariat, Patna-800015
3	Last date and time for receipt of bids	Date 30.08.2022; 3:00 PM
4	Time and Date of opening of technical bids	Date: 30.08.2022, 4.00 PM
5	Time and Date of financial bids	To be Communicated later on
6	Period of bids validity	90 days
7	Officer inviting bids	Director Tourism, Department of Tourism
8		iteria and evaluation process can be seen in the tender btained through website: tourism.bihar.gov.in
9		n related to the project shall be published on the
11		he bid partially or fully without assigning any reason
12	For any information, Contact- Sri Ranjan Ku	mar, Assistant Director, Mobile No. +918544402431
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20	PORESTS DEPARTMENT HARYANA JUND	P6F IPB BLOCK IN CAMPUS OF DFO RESIDENCE AT JIND DISTRICT	11.08.2022 22.08.2022	4.07 LACS	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	01681255458 diojind2009@redifimal.com
21	HEALTH DEPARTMENT HARYANA PANIPAT	FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICINES, CONSUMABLES AND LABORATORY ITEMS FOR ALL HEALTH INSTITUTES IN DISTRICT PANIPAT	17.08.2022 04.09.2022	EMD 50000/-	https://etenders.fryunic.in	01802630275 openpt@gmail.com
22	HEALTH DEPARTMENT HARYANA JHADAR	TENDER FOR E RICKSHAW HIRING	13.08.2022 26.08.2022	EMD 30000/+	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	7019997456 DAMUHADJARSIGNAJL.COM

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along with enclosures is on or before 30.09.2022, 17:00 Hrs. The Chairman

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r. 0	Name of the Work	Contract Period/ Quantity	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Deto & Time for Sale/ downloading of e-tenders	Last Date & Time for Submission of e-tenders	Date & Time for opening of e-tenders	Date & Time of Opening On 01/09/2022 at 15:30 hrs. For eligibility criteria and other details please log onto <u>www.concorin</u> or eprocure.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL. Bidders are requested
R.	E-Tenders are invited for sale of the unserviceable material on Annual Rate Contract basis.	Annual	Verka Ludhiana Daity Ph. 0161-5203300, 5203301, 5203305, 5203324, 5203338, 5203350, 5203353.	5004	50.0004	24.08.2022	05.09.2022 up to 12.00 PM	Technical bid 06 09 2022 at 11:00 AM Financial bid 09 09 2022 at 11:00 AM	the websites regularly. CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the without assigning any reasons thereof. For complete details is www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL.
2	E-Tenders are invited for sale of the unserviceable material for One Time basis.	One Time basis	-do-	5004	50,000/-	24.08.2022	06.09.2022 up to 12.00 PM	Technical bid 06.09.2022 at 11:30 AM Einancial bid 09.09.2022 at 11:30 AM	ODISHA FARM MACHINERY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
3	Job Contract for packing of milk, lassi, dahi in pouches and cleaning of trays	Annual Rate Contract	cb	5001-	100,000/-	20.08.2022 from 10.00 AM	05.09.2022 up to 01.00 PM	Technical bid 06.09.2022 at 11:00 AM Financial bid 13:09.2022 at 11:00 AM	L-67 CENTRE (OFMRDC) ODISHA SATYANAGAR, BHUBANESWAR-7510 Phone No.0674-2571860, Fax No.0674-2572710 Email:ofmrdc.dag@nic.in
4	Supply of Voterinary Medicines at Verka Ludhiana Daity	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	500/-	50,000/-	20.08.2022 from 11:00 AM	05.09.2022 up to 01.00 PM	Technical bid 06.09.2022 at 11:00 AM Einancial bid 13.09.2022 at 11:00 AM	Notice . No.DE/Agril 1465 <u>TENDER NOTICE</u> Sealed tenders are invited in two bid system i.e. Technical bid & F bid from reputed registered Manufacturers / MSME Units for supply size Rubber Roll Sheller-cum-Polisher(3HP) listed in the Annexu
5	Job Contract for operation and maintenance of pouch filling machines and tray washer including coding on pouches.	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	500%	100,000/-	20.08.2022 from 10.00 AM	05.09.2022 up to 01.00 PM	Technical bld 06.09.2022 at 11:30 AM Financial bid 13.09.2022 at 11:30 AM	different WSHGs of different districts in the State of Odisha State as in the following table:- SI. Name of the Machinery / Approximate No. No. Implements
6	Groaves 82.5 KVA Silent Gen Set 3 Phase with STD Panel	01.Pc	Verka Patala Dairy Ph. 94170-29281, 94170-29018	100/-	200,000/-	w.e.f 22.08.2022	12.09.2022 up to 12.00 PM	Technical bid 14.09.2022 at 12:00 PM Einancial bid 19.09.2022 at 12:00 PM	(in Rs.) Bank draft No 1. Small size Rubber Roll 366 lakhs Rs.10000/ Sheller-cum-Polisher(3) HP) (Single phase A.C.) Finite Comparison of the state of the s
1	e-Tender for Hiring of Vehicles (3.0 MT, 6.0 MT, 9.0 MT and 15.0 MT) for supplying of Milk Products in the Punjab and Other states	01	Verka Amritsar Dairy Ph. 73555-48163, 73555-95892	38	50.0004 each tender	20.08.2022 from 11:00 AM	07.09.2022 up to 04.00 PM	08 09 2022 at 12:00 PM	The tender documents may be downloaded from the website of Gov of Odisha (<u>www.odisha.gov.in</u>) /(<u>https//agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.i</u> 16.08.2022 to 15.09.2022.The cost of tender paper cost of Rs.10
8	Loading/Unloading of Verka milk & milk products comugated boxes, sugar bags.	01.10.2022 to 30.09.2023 (one year)	Verka Mega Dairy, Bassi Pathana, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib. Ph. 97818-26333	1000/-	10,000/-	22.08.2022 from 02.00 PM	02.09.2022 up to 11.59 AM	Technical.bid 02.09.2022 al 02.00 PM	shape of Bank Draft drawn in favour of "Development Engineer, OF Bhubaneswar" payable at Bhubaneswar must be submitted alo technical bid while submitting the tender documents. The tender pap be sent through registered post/ speed post only addressed
9	Repair & Modification of Milk Silos (Cap: 60 HL) as per technical specifications as kild down in tender document.	04 Nos.	Verka Jalandhar Dairy Ph. 73555-58749, 73556-01750	500%	100,000/-	22.08.2022 from 03:00 PM	05.09.2022 up to 2.00 PM	06.09.2022 at 11:00 AM	Development Engineer OFMRDC, Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar. The I of receipt of the tender is 22.09.2022 upto 5.30 PM. The tenders opened on next working day i.e. on 23.09.2022 at 3.00 PM in pres the bidders or their authorized representatives. Any clarification
D	Hitrg of Seven Seater AC Car Bolero Color White Model 2020 for SPP, Bassi Pathana	01.No.	. Verka Cattle Feed Plant, Bhattian (Khanna) Ph No. 01628-521450	200/-	5,000/-	18.06.2022 from 01:00 PM	29.08.2022 up to 12.30 PM	29 08 2022 at 2:00 PM	obtained from the Office of the Development Engineer (Phone 2571860, Mobile No.9778312631) on working days only from 16.08 15.09.2022) during office hours between 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. The und reserves the right to cancel any or all tenders without assigning any and without incurring any liabilities thereof. The undersigned also

Director of Agriculture-cum Ex-Officio- Addition Secretary to Govt.A&FE Deptt. OIPR- 01051/11/0006/2223

tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in. Tender processing Fee is Non-Refundable.



flow, please contact e-Procurément help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970253, 2970254 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-

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grammes from the US, France, Germany and

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Nipun mines are indigenously designed

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DRDO. These mines are meant to act as the

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If there are questions of current or contemporary relevance that you would like explained, please write to explained@indianexpress.com

F-INSAS, Nipun, LCA: new defence systems in atmanirbhar push

SUSHANT KULKARNI & SAURABH KAPOOR

PUNE, NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

A DAY after a made-in-India howitzer gun, the ATAGS, was used for the first time for the 21-gun salute during the Independence Day ceremony, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday handed over several new defence systems, including the F-INSAS, the Nipun mines, the Landing Craft Assault (LCA), to the Indian Army

The F-INSAS project

F-INSAS, or the Future Infantry Soldier As A System, is an infantry modernisation programme aimed at increasing the operational capability of the soldier.

As part of the project, soldiers are being equipped with modern systems that are lightweight, all-weather-all-terrain, cost-effective and low maintenance

The full gear of the F-INSAS system includes an AK-203 assault rifle, which is a Russian-origin, gas-operated, magazine-fed, select-fire weapon. It has a range of 300 metre, and is being built in Korwa near Amethi in a Russia-India joint venture. A contract for over 6 lakh AK-203 rifles was signed in December last year between the Ministry of Defence and the Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL)

On the weaponry front, the F-INSAS also includes a multi-mode hand grenade. In defensive mode, these grenades are to be hurled when the thrower has a cover, while the target is in the open and can be harmed by fragmentation. In offensive mode, the grenades do not fragment, and the adversary is harmed by the blast or is stunned. The weapon kit also has a multi-purpose knife for close-quarters combat.

Apart from this, the F-INSAS provides soldiers with ballistic helmets and ballistic goggles for protection against small projectiles

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Army Chief General Manoj Pande with an F-INSAS equipped soldier in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

and fragments, along with a bullet-proof vest. The helmet and the bullet-proof jacket are capable of protecting the soldier against 9 mm bullets and AK-47 ammunition. For target acquisition, the soldier gets a rifle-mounted holographic sight for fast and accurate aiming with a 200-metre range.

The helmet has a mounted night-vision device for operating in low light, and the option of installing a thermal imager that can convert infrared energy from objects into thermal images

It also comes with a hands-free, secured communications set for real-time exchange of information with the command post and fellow soldiers

Most importantly, all these items have been sourced from Defence Public Sector Undertakings, and private Indian industries. They have been indigenously designed by the Indian entities, including the DRDO and the ordnance factories ecosystem.

The F-INSAS vision

Conceived in the 2000s, F-INSAS is one among many soldier modernisation programmes across the world. The US has Land

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Warrior, while the UK has FIST (Future Integrated Soldier Technology). According to enemy infantry. They have been developed with the efforts of Armament Research and estimates, over 20 armies around the world Development Establishment, a Pune-based are following such programmes. The Defence DRDO facility, and Indian industry. Research and Development Organisation Anti-personnel mines are meant to be

used against humans as against anti-tank mines that are aimed at heavy vehicles. They are smaller in size, and can be deployed in large numbers. The Army has said that Nipun is more effective than the existing anti-personnel mine in its arsenal.

The LCA

The Landing Craft Assault (LCA) is meant to serve as a replacement for the boats with limited capabilities currently in use in the Pangong Tso lake.

The LCA, which has been indigenously developed by Goa-based Aquarius ShipYard Ltd, is said to have better launch, speed and capacity to operate across water obstacles in eastern Ladakh. Similar vessels are already in operation in the Indian Navy.

Corneas bioengineered from pig collagen can restore sight, study finds



New surgical method was used by the researchers on study subjects in India and Iran, where there is a scarcity of donated corneas. Getty Images

DAMAGE TO the cornea - the clear, outermost layer of the eye - is one of the leading causes of blindness across the world, leaving approximately 12.7 million people blind, and particularly affecting those in poorer countries where there is a scarcity of donated human corneas.

For the first time, researchers in Sweden have been able to create a successful alternative - bioengineered cornea implants

made of collagen derived from pig skin. The implant was used to successfully restore the vision of 20 people in India and Iran, most of whom were blind due to keratoconus, a disease that leads to thinning of the cornea.

the journal Nature Biotechnology on August 11. Researchers claim

invasive procedure and can be stored for a significantly longer period – up to two years, the study notes.

The researchers developed a minimally invasive method without the use of stitches, where a small incision is made in the patient's eye, and the implant is inserted over the existing cornea. This can be done with high-precision lasers or by using readily available surgical instruments.

This new method was used by surgeons in India and Iran. where there is a lack of donated corneas. Not only was the procedure safe for all 20 participants, the researchers found that 2 years after the operation, none of the patients were blind anymore. Furthermore, 3 of the Indian participants who had earlier been blind, had perfect

The Bilkis case remissions

What is the law on remission of sentences of convicts? How did Gujarat's 1992 remissions policy become applicable in the case even though changes had been made in 2014? What did the SC say?

APURVA VISHWANATH, ADITI RAJA & SOHINI GHOSH NEW DELHI, VADODARA AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 16

THE GUJARAT government on Monday released 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano murder and gangrape case of 2002 under its remission and premature release policy after one of the convicts, Radheshyam Shah, moved the Supreme Court. Shah, who had been sentenced to life imprisonment by a CBI court in Mumbai in 2008, had completed 15 years and 4 months in jail.

The law on remissions

Under Articles 72 and 161 of the Constitution, the President and Governors have the power to pardon, and to suspend, remit, or commute a sentence passed by the courts. Also, since prisons is a state subject, state governments have powers under Section 432 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) to remit sentences.

However, Section 433A of the CrPC puts certain restrictions on these powers of remission: "Where a sentence of imprisonment for life is imposed on conviction of a person for an offence for which death is one of the punishments provided by law, or where a sentence of death imposed on a person has been commuted under Section 433 into one of imprisonment for life, such person shall not be released from prison unless he had served at least fourteen years of imprisonment." Prisoners are often released on the birth and death anniversaries of prominent leadthe Union Ministry of Home Affairs issued convicts above the age of 60, and terminally ill convicts, among others.

ers and other important occasions. For example, to mark the 76th Independence Day, guidelines to states to grant special remission for prisoners who have completed at least half their sentence – women and transgender prisoners above the age of 50, male



Bilkis Bano casts her vote in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Bhupendra Rana

(b) Whether there is a chance of the crime being repeated in future;

(c) Whether the convict has lost the potentiality to commit crime:

(d) Whether any purpose is being served in keeping the convict in prison; and (e) Socio-economic conditions of the con-

t's family.

Gujarat was the "appropriate government" to decide on questions like remission or premature release because it was there that "the crime was committed and not the State where the trial stands transferred and concluded for exceptional reasons under the orders of this Court", the SC said.

The top court had transferred the trial to

Following the SC order and instructions issued subsequently by the Union Home Ministry to all states and Union Territories, the Gujarat government formulated a fresh policy in 2014. This contained an annexure listing cases where remission could not be granted - among them were those in which the prisoners were convicted for a crime that was investigated by an agency under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act (CBI, which was in the investigating agency in the Bilkis case), and prisoners convicted for murder with rape or gangrape.

Applicability to Bilkis case

Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Raj Kumar told The Indian Express that the 1992 policy, under which the convict (Shah) had sought remission, did not have the restrictions that were prescribed in the 2014 policy. He also said that the order of the CBI court passed in 2008 did not bar the convicts from applying for remission.

"One of the convicts had moved the SC to seek remission as per the 1992 policy of the state government, which did not have the annexure excluding certain categories of convicts from applying for remission rather than the 2014 resolution that is currently in place - as the order was delivered in 2008," Raj Kumar said.

Kumar also said: "...The process of remission is not the domain of the judiciary but of the executive, that is the government. Based on the eligibility, prisoners are granted remission after recommendation of the Jail Advisory Committee... The power has been given to the government under the CrPC Section 432 just like convicts on death row can apply for clemency before state Governors or President of India... Among the parameters considered in this case are age, nature of crime, behaviour in prison, and so on... The convicts in this particular case were also considered keeping in mind all the factors, since they had completed 14 years of the life term."







there is a severe shortage of corneas, with only one avail-

able for 70 patients. Logistical and storage difficulties, along with expensive surgical equipment, further burden those living in low- and middle-income countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

As a substitute for human corneas, the researchers utilised medical-grade collagen derived from pig skin, a byproduct of the food industry that is already used in medical devices for glaucoma surgery. This is not only cheaper and easier to access than donated corneas, but requires a less

(20/20) vision after operation. The researchers said they want

their method to be affordable for everyone. "The results show that it is possible to develop a biomaterial that meets all the criteria for being used as human implants, which can be mass-produced and stored up to two years and thereby reach even more people with vision problems," said Neil Lagali, Professor of Experimental Ophthalmology at Sweden's Linköping University, one of the researchers behind the study.

SOURCE: NATURE BIOTECHNOLOGY



Grounds for remission

States set up a Sentence Review Board to exercise the powers under Section 432 of the CrPC. The Supreme Court has held that states cannot exercise the power of remission arbitrarily, and must follow due process. While the policy varies from state to state, broadly the grounds for remission considered by the Board are the same.

Seriousness of the crime, the status of the co-accused and conduct in jail are the factors considered for granting remission. In Laxman Naskar v. Union of India (2000) the SC laid down five grounds on which remission is considered:

(a) Whether the offence is an individual act of crime that does not affect the society;

Jail manuals contain rules that allow certain days of remission in every month for good behaviour of convicts. For those serving fixed sentences, the remission days are accounted for while releasing the convict. However, convicts serving life sentences are entitled to seek remission only after serving a minimum of 14 years. This rule has often led to uncertainty on whether a "life sentence" means 14 years or a sentence unto death, prompting courts in recent times to clarify that "life means the remainder of one's life".

Data from Prison Statistics, 2020 show that 61% of convicts in jail are serving life sentences.

The Bilkis case convict

Bilkis Bano case convict Radheshyam Shah moved the Supreme Court this year after he had completed 15 years and four months of his life term awarded by a CBI court in Mumbai.

In an order dated May 13, 2022, a Bench of Justices Aiav Rastogi and Vikram Nath asked the Gujarat government to consider Shah's application for premature release "within a period of two months", as per the state's 1992 remission policy. (See next section)

Maharashtra after Bilkis Bano faced death threats in Guiarat. Radheshvam Shah had moved the SC by way of a writ petition seeking directions to the Gujarat government to consider his application for premature release under the 1992 policy. He argued that Gujarat HC had rejected his prayer on July 17, 2019 on the premise that since the trial had been concluded in Maharashtra, the application for premature release must also be filed in Maharashtra, and not Gujarat.

Gujarat's remission policy

The remission policy that was notified in 1992 – and which was in force at the time of the crime and conviction - permitted prisoners to apply for remission "on the basis that life imprisonment is an arbitrary or notional figure of twenty years of imprisonment".

This policy was invalidated by the SC in November 2012. The court said: "Before actually exercising the power of remission under Section 432 of the CrPC the appropriate Government must obtain the opinion (with reasons) of the presiding judge of the convicting or confirming Court. Remission can, therefore, be given only on a case-by-case basis and not in a wholesale manner."

What happens now

Advocate Shobha Gupta, who represented Bilkis Bano at the Supreme Court earlier, said that the legal remedy available to Bilkis now would be to challenge the government's order allowing early release of the 11 convicts, either in the High Court or in the Supreme Court.

"It can be challenged like any other government order, seeking that the government order be quashed and set aside. However, it is up to her (Bilkis) on whether she wants to exercise this remedy." Gupta told The Indian Express.

The Supreme Court had ordered a compensation of Rs 50 lakh for Bilkis in 2019.

(WITH ENS, NEW DELHI)

Milk prices rise, but Bengaluru continues to pay the least — here's why

HARISH DAMODARAN NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

AMUL ON TUESDAY announced an acrossthe-board Rs 2 per litre hike in the prices of its toned and full-cream milk.

The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which markets its dairy products under the Amul brand, said that the new prices would be effective from August 17 in all markets where Amul milk is sold.

Also on August 16, Mother Dairy announced that it is increasing the price of milk by Rs 2 per litre in Delhi-NCR from August 17 to factor in the rise in procurement and other input costs.

City with least expensive milk

The least expensive milk is not in the cities of Delhi. Mumbai, Kolkata, and their surrounding areas, where GCMMF raised the maximum retail price of its Amul toned and full-cream milk by Rs 2 to Rs 52 and Rs 62 respectively. It is not in Chennai and Hyderabad either, where local dairy cooperatives (known by their 'Aavin' and 'Vijaya' brands, respectively) market toned milk at Rs 40 and Rs 52 per litre, and full-cream milk at Rs 48 and Rs 66 per litre respectively.

Overall, milk costs more in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata than in Chennai, although not as much as in Hyderabad. This has not been changed after the hike in milk prices.

The city where milk is the least expensive in India is Bengaluru, where consumers get 'Nandini' (the brand of the Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation or KMF) toned and full-cream milk for Rs 38 and Rs 46 per litre respectively.

Why Bengaluru is cheapest

It has to do with a Karnataka scheme that was launched by former CM B S

MORE IN	CENTIVE, I	MORE MILK
F	Co-op Milk Procurement*	Producer Incentive**
2007-08	30.25	0
2008-09	32.53	99.33
2009-10	35.77	222.51
2010-11	37.59	294.45
2011-12	42.84	334.78
2012-13	49.06	329.36
2013-14	51.53	776.98
2014-15	58.61	798.90
2015-16	64.88	1,015.67
2016-17	65.51	994.05
2017-18	70.81	1,157.28
2018-19	74.80	1,460.19
2019-20	75.61	1,260.82
2020-21	78.73	1,185.88
2021-22	81.66	1,190.00

*Average in lakh kg per day; **In Rs crore Source: KMF and Karnataka government budget documents Yediyurappa, and was continued by subsequent regimes.

In 2008, the BJP started giving a Rs 2per-litre incentive to farmers for the milk they supplied to the KMF-affiliated dairy unions, over and above the latter's procurement price.

The Congress government, in 2013, doubled the incentive to farmers – and raised it further to Rs 5 per litre in 2016.

In 2019, when Yediyurappa returned, the incentive was raised to Rs 6 per litre.

The scheme's impact can be seen in the table on the left. In 2007-08, before its launch, the KMF unions procured an average 30.25 lakh kg per day (LKPD) of milk. By 2018-19, when spending on the scheme crossed Rs 1,460 crore, this had gone up nearly 2.5 times to 74.80 LKPD.

Procurement has continued to rise, even with a slashing of outlay. KMF's average milk procurement, at 81.66 LKPD in 202122, was next only to the GCMMF's 263.66 LKPD, making it the country's second largest dairy concern.

While the price incentive gave a huge stimulus to dairying in Karnataka, KMF's milk sales haven't kept pace. The cooperative does not have the processing infrastructure or marketing network of Amul.

KMF's website shows its average sale volumes, inclusive of curd and UHT (ultraheat treated/long-life) milk, at 49.7 lakh litres per day in 2021-22. That was well below its procurement of 81.7 LKPD.

A perverse outcome of KMF's inability to absorb the surplus milk collected by its unions is that an incentive for rural producers has ended up delivering a freebie to relatively prosperous urban folk.

Therefore, while Karnataka's dairy farmers may be getting an extra Rs 6 per litre for the milk they supply, Bengaluru's consumers are benefiting more - they are paying Rs 14/litre less for toned milk than customers in Delhi or Mumbai.

Although a subsidy for producers should ideally remain just that, the price incentive has seemingly resulted in overproduction in this case.

Dumping of surplus

One big problem, especially highlighted by dairies in other states of the country, is the "dumping" of surplus milk by KMF. 'Nandini' toned milk is, for instance, being retailed in Hyderabad at Rs 45 per litre and standardised milk at Rs 48 - as against the corresponding Rs 52-56 per litre range of Telangana's 'Vijaya' cooperative. The Rs 6per-litre producer subsidy is basically leading to the KMF unions procuring far in excess of what can be absorbed within Karnataka.

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SECTOR WATCH AUTO TECH

Four-wheeler EV foray: What does **Ola Electric plan**

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

AFTER BUILDING an electric two-wheeler ecosystem, Softbank-backed Ola Electric has set its sights on entering the four-wheeler electric vehicle(EV) segment. The company's founder and CEO Bhavish Aggarwal said that the car is expected to debut in 2024 and claimed that it will have a range of around

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500 km on a single charge. He also said that Ola plans to develop two vehicle platforms and six different cars, all of which will be manufactured from its giga factory in Tamil Nadu af-

ter it has been expanded. What do we know about

Ola's electric car? While not much was revealed about the vehicle, two key specs have been announced: a range of 500 km and that the car will acceler-

ate from zero to a hundred km per hour in 4 seconds. To put that into context. Tata's Nexon EV claims a range of 437 km. The electric vehicle from Tata goes from 0 to 100 km per hour in about

9.4 seconds. However, it is worth noting that the Tata Nexon is a compact SUV and that Ola is yet to confirm the form factor of its new car. A teaser image shared by Aggarwal in July this year depicted a

hatchback. While Ola has been hinting at launching an electric car for a few months now. the company's founder and chief executive Bhavish Aggarwal responded to a tweet by Tesla boss Elon Musk about not setting up a manufacturing

MIHIR MISHRA

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

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Lenders to MSMEs say e-

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BHAVISH AGGARWAL Founder & CEO, Ola PTI file

plant in India. Aggarwal responded, saying: "Thanks, but no thanks".

Tesla's entry into India has been on hold since 2019 as the country wants it to first set up a manufacturing facility in India.

What are Ola's battery manufacturing plans? Last month, Ola said that

it had signed an agreement under the Centre's production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to manufacture batteries in India.

The company said it is the only Indian electric mobility company selected by the government under the Rs 80,000-crore cell PLI scheme, receiving a maximum capacity of 20 gigawatt hour (GWh) for its bid in March.

Aggarwal showed a battery module on screen and claimed that it is made from cells developed indigenously by Ola Electric; a first for any Indian vehicle OEM.

"We missed the semiconductor, solar, electronic and other manufacturing revolutions. But everyone around the world is still getting started with electric cells and batteries. If we invest now

and at scale, we can lead the market," he said. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

INCREMENTAL CREDIT GROWTH TO MSMEs ON AN UPSWING Construction, food MSMEs fuel post-Covid credit rise

LENDING TO E-COMMERCE REMAINS STRONG

Lenders to MSMEs say ecommerce was strong even during Covid, and retail and food services picked up about a year back

Kinara Capital, in an email.

The MSME sector was one of the worst hit during the pandemic and the resultant lockdowns led to loss of business.

food services picked up about a "We have seen a strong pickup in demand for credit over "Companies that have seen the past 12 months across these an increase in borrowing in categories. In terms of gradation, terms of percentage of total diswhile e-commerce continued to bursal include food products, be strong through the course of pandemic, retail and food servwhich has seen an uptick in borrowing from around 14 per cent ices sectors picked up about 12 in FY19 and FY20 to nearly 20 per months back, and travel has seen cent in FY21 and FY22. During a strong revival over the past 6-9 months," Alok Mittal, managing the same period, the construction materials industry has director, Indifi Technologies Pvt shown increased credit demand, Ltd, said.

The State Bank of India's (SBI) going from around 4 per cent of the pie to over 7 per cent," said Ecowrap report released in July Hardika Shah, founder & CEO, also echoed the trend, stating

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that incremental credit to the MSME sector has been on an upswing. "Around 74 per cent of such is purely because of the credit guarantee scheme, and the remaining 26 per cent is because of other schemes including the definitional change in the MSME sector. In terms of overall credit growth, the ECLG scheme has contributed 15 per cent of the expansion," read the report. The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) was

unveiled as part of the comprehensive package announced by the government in March 2020 to aid the MSME sector in view of the economic distress caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. According to the Ecowrap re-

port, around Rs 2.36 lakh crore has been disbursed to MSMEs under the ECLGS. However, it is not just the pandemic; the sector is also suffering from delayed payments. Data from Bengalurubased non-profit Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME), data analytics company Dun & Bradstreet, and Omidyar Network show that delayed payments to the MSME sector have increased to Rs 10.7 lakh crore till the end of 2021. About 81 per cent of the total

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amount is owed to small and micro enterprises (SMEs) - Rs 4.29 lakh crore to small enterprises and Rs 4.44 lakh crore to micro enterprises. Mittal. however. says that the demand for credit, beyond March 2021, is to fund growth. "The demand for credit has not been driven by desperation of funds, but by the growth opportunities available to these businesses. Also, given the sharp uptick in digitisation during the pandemic period, more of that demand is getting channeled to digital lenders," Mittal said.

Note: Currency data as of August 12 as domestic forex markets were closed on Tuesdav on account of Parsi New Year: international market data till 1900 IS Amul, Mother Dairy hike milk prices ₹2/L

OIL

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of August 15

SANDIP DAS NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

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79.65/USD

IN VIEW of rise in feed cost, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) - also referred to as Amul - and Mother Dairy, on Tuesday announced a hike in milk price of all variants by Rs 2 a litre. The new prices will be effective from Wednesday.

"The hike of Rs 2 per litre will translate into a 4 per cent increase in maximum retail price which is lower than the average food inflation," GCMMF said. Both Amul and Mother Dairy supply around 65 per cent of the daily milk demand of around 12 million litres in Delhi-NCR. The

new prices would be applicable where Amul and Mother Dairy sell milk in pouches. Starting Wednesday, a pouch of full cream milk will cost Rs 61 per litre while the toned milk will cost Rs 51 a litre. The price of double toned milk will rise to Rs 45 per litre. Cow milk price has been hiked to Rs 53 per litre. The new price hike is ex-

pected to push up inflation in the

An Amul milk tanker in Anand, Gujarat. File

coming months. In July, inflation in milk and milk products was 5.84 per cent and they have a weightage of 6.61 per cent in the consumer price index.

"Cattle feed cost has increased by more than 50 per cent in the last six months, besides other costs of production. We have passed on a portion of the rise in the cost of production of milk to consumers," RS Sodhi, MD, GCMMF said. He said feed cost consisting of dry and green fodder and concentrate constitute about 70 per cent of the total cost of production of milk. FE

July: WPI inflation eases to 5-month low at 13.93%

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New Delhi: The wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation eased to a five-month low of 13.93 per cent in July on easing prices of food articles and manufactured products. The WPI-based inflation soft-

ened for the second consecutive month in July, raising hopes of further decline in wholesale prices in the months to come. It was, however, in doubledigits for the 16th consecutive

month beginning April last year. The WPI inflation, after scaling a record high of 15.88 per cent in May, declined to 15.18 per



(% change, y-o-y)

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July 2021

Source: MoSPI/DPIIT

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July 2022

1.Number of Works 2.Value of works (ECV) 3.Down loading Starting Date : 13-08-2022 @ 10.00 PM : 29-08-2022 @ 3.00 PM 4.Down loading End Date 5.Last date for Submission of bid : 29-08-2022 @ 5.00 PM Note: Further details at http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in

'Losses from crypto hacks surged 60% in Jan-Jul'

Fueled by a surge in funds stolen from DeFi protocols, losses due to cryptocurrency hacks jumped nearly 60% during January-July to \$1.9 billion, as per Chainalysis



BRIEFLY — My bond with seniors behind

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\$1.2 BILLION: FUNDS HACKING IN JANUARY-JULY

LAST YEAR, AS PER A BLOG POST BY THE BLOCKCHAIN ANALYSIS COMPANY

Decentralised finance (DeFi) applications, many of which run on the Ethereum blockchain, are financial platforms that enable crypto-denominated lending outside of traditional banks

MAJOR HACKS REPORTED IN

FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST: \$190-million hacking of cross-chain bridge Nomad \$5-million hacking of several Solana wallets

Scammers may impersonate legitimate businesses and offer fraudulent crypto coins or tokens

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FROM DeFi PROTOCOLS YEAR BY NORTH **KOREA-AFFILIATED GROUPS**

'Bad actors' affiliated with North Korea, especially elite hacking units like Lazarus Group, were responsible for much of the funds stolen from DeFi protocols

DeFi protocols are uniquely

vulnerable to hacking, according to Chainalysis, as their open source code can be studied ad nauseum by cybercriminals looking for exploits and it's possible that protocols' incentives to reach the market and grow quickly lead to lapses in security best practices

Source: Chainalysis/Reuters

Oil at 6-mth low

New York: Oil fell over 2% to their lowest since before Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February, with Brent fell \$2.27, or 2.4%, down at \$92.83 and WTI by \$2.31, or 2.6%, at \$87.10. REUTERS

SBI, start-ups

Bengaluru: State Bank of India (SBI) launched its first 'state-of-the-art' dedicated branch for start-ups at Koramangala, Bengaluru.

Bajaj Hindusthan

New Delhi: SBI filed an insolvency petition against the country's largest sugar firm Bajaj Hindusthan Sugar Ltd.

HZL stake sale

New Delhi: ICICI Securities. Axis Capital and Citigroup Global Markets are among 5 investment bankers chosen to manage sale of the Centre's 29.53% residual stake in Hindustan Zinc Ltd. PTI

Teleperformance

Gurgaon: BPO management provider Teleperformance plans to deepen its digitally integrated business services, with incoming CEO Anish Mukker focussing on highgrowth revenue strategies and increasing the company's nationwide footprint.

BHARAT font

New Delhi: A team of typographers at Everest and Rediffusion Design Studios, led by Virendra Tivrekar, have created a commemorative font. called BHARAT. It was launched in Mumbai by Mahindra Group chairman Anand Mahindra, in presence of Rediffusion MD Sandeep Goval and joint president Kalyani Srivastava. ENS

Goodfellows: Shantanu Naidu ENTREPRENEUR SHANTANU NAIDU, general manager in the office of Ratan Tata, chairman emeritus of Tata Sons, has founded

Goodfellows - a start-up that provides meaningful companionship to seniors through the fellows, their 'grandpals'. Naidu spoke to EESHANPRIYA MS about the inspiration for Goodfellows, and its aim. Edited excerpts:

What inspired the idea of Goodfellows?

My personal experience has been the inspiration. If there is a room full of people my age, and another full of grandmothers. I naturally gravitate toward the other room. My personal bond with seniors led to this idea. That [bond] peaked with Mr Tata in

mv life.

SUBSCRIPTION-BASED The senior citizens will have to take

subscription and while the first month of subscription is free of charge. Goodfellows will charge a nominal monthly fee thereafter. Fellows have option of taking up internships for either three

months, six months, or nine months, and they get paid a nominal fee

What services do you provide through Goodfellows?

Grandpals behave the way grandkids would. We do not say this is a checklist of what all we

The airline recently faced an-

other technical snag with its

Dreamliner plane. Last month, a

787 plane with around 260 peo-

ple on board suffered cabin de-

pressurisation, while flying from

Dubai to Kochi. The aircraft was

cruising at 37,000 feet when the

incident took place, with oxygen

masks being deployed after

some of the passengers began

warning message pertained to

the aircraft's slats. As per

Skybrary, slats are extendable,

high lift devices on the leading

edge of the wings of some fixed

lift during low speed operations

such as takeoff, initial climb, ap-

Their purpose is to increase

In Tuesday's incident, the

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wing aircraft.

proach and landing.

has emerged from Beta phase is 3-4 hours of interaction on alternate days, because seniors also want to maintain their own routines, their own lives and privacy, which is very important to this

demographic.

What backgrounds do fellows come from?

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There are film makers, engineers, arts students. Surprisingly, this is not restricted to fields that make caregivers [socialworkers, nurses]. That is the point, even after you have completed a considerably heavy degree, such as engineering, or medicine, millennials are looking for something that gives them fulfilment. Full report on

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

AN AIR India-operated Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft returned to Bangkok on Tuesday shortly after its take-off, after the plane's system sent out a "slats failure" warning, according to sources.

Flight AI333, destined for Delhi, had climbed to around 6.000 feet after taking off at 1.28 pm local time – an hour after its scheduled time.

'The pilots saw a slats failure warning and decided to turn the aircraft back to Bangkok. The aircraft was checked by the maintenance crew in Bangkok and was cleared to fly to Delhi. It departed at 5.03pm local time, and reached Delhi at 7.25 pm IST," one source said.

An Air India spokesperson refused to comment. The

Directorate General of Civil **RAJESH KURUP** Aviation (DGCA) is looking into MUMBAI, AUGUST 16

SINGAPORE'S SOVEREIGN wealth fund GIC and US financial services company Capital Group were among others to buy global investment firm KKR's entire 27.54 per cent stake in Max Healthcare Institute. Several domestic institutional investors were also part of the block deal, which was struck on Tuesday.

US private equity major KKR, which was the largest shareholder, exited the New-Delhi based hospital chain for about Rs 9.290 crore. Max Healthcare's shares soared as high as 12 per cent intra-day and closed up 9.72 per cent at Rs 396.70. KKR, which ĥeld the stake through an affiliate firm Kayak Investments Holding, sold its entire 267 million shares. Sources said the sale was at Rs 353 a share. FE

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Tender No.	CON/A-II/T/ITL/2022 dated 17.08.2022
Name of Supply	Supply of 10467 nos. Intermediate Twist Locks Semi-Automatic / Automatic for double stack/double decker container train at various terminals of CONCOR as per RDSO's specifications.
Estimated Cost	Rs. 1,84,77,186 (inclusive of GST as applicable)
Delivery Schedule	240 days (As per Section-IV)
Cost of Tender Document	Rs.1000/-inclusive of GST through e-payment
Tender Processing Fee	Rs. 4720/-inclusive of GST through e-payment
Date of Sale of Tender (online)	From 17.08.2022 after 11.00 hrs. to 07.09.2022 up to 13:00 hrs.
Last Date & Time of tender	On or before 07.09.2022 up to 18.00 hrs.
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No: HFWD/EW/CE/TA-2/AE-5/Savanuru-Ayush/TND/2022-23/1179 Date: 12-08-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Class-I contractors registered in KPWD in two tender document system in e-procurement for the following work.

Description of work: Construction of Govt. Ayurveda Medical College & Hospital at Savanuru Taluk in Haveri District. Approximate Amount put to tender: 3500 Lakhs. Earnest Money Deposit: 35 Lakhs. Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon) : 18 Months

Calendar of Events: 1) Last date for receipt of tenders : 30.08.2022 upto 16.00 hrs. 2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): 02.09.2022 at 11.30 hrs.

The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through news papers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

Sd/-Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.

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Iranian President **Ebrahim Raisi**

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Written reply in nuclear deal

talks submitted Dubai: Iran said Tuesday it submitted a "written response" to what has been described as a final roadmap to restore its tattered nuclear deal with world powers. Iran's staterun IRNA news agency offered no details on the substance of its response, but suggested that Tehran still wouldn't take the EU-mediated proposal, despite warnings. "The differences are on three issues, in which the US has expressed its verbal flexibility in two cases, but it should be included in the text." the report said. Meanwhile, an EU spokesperson said on Tuesday that it is assessing Iran's response to what the bloc has called its "final" proposal to save a 2015 nuclear deal, and consulting with the US. AGENCIES

US 'India, US did most to fight Covid-19'

Washington: India and the US have done more than any other nation in the fight global against Covid-19, Dr Ashish Jha, the White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator, said. "I can't think of two nations that have done more to vaccinate and protect their own populations, and to donate and support and vaccinate and protect the world than India and the United States," Jha said in his remarks at a reception hosted by India's Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, at the India House to cele-

EPISODE AN ACT OF SABOTAGE: MOSCOW Blasts hit Russian arms depot in Crimea, Ukraine hints at likely role

2.000 evacuated as power line, rail tracks damaged

THE NEW YORK TIMES ODESA, AUGUST 16

EXPLOSIONS ROCKED a Russian ammunition depot on the occupied Crimean Peninsula on Tuesday morning, delivering another blow to Moscow's forces a week after blasts at a Russian air base in the same region destroyed several fighter jets.

A senior Ukrainian official said an elite Ukrainian military unit operating behind enemy lines was responsible for the blasts. Russia's Defence Ministry said the episode was an "act of sabotage," according to the Russian state news agency RIA Novosti.

Although Ukraine's leaders did not publicly claim responsibility, an adviser to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed that the explosions had occurred.

The adviser. Mykhailo Podolyak, also appeared to hint at Ukrainian involvement. "A reminder: Crimea of normal country is about the Black Sea, mountains, recreation and tourism, but Crimea occupied by Russians is about warehouses explosions and high risk of death for invaders and thieves. Demilitarization in

action," he wrote on Twitter. And although he did not confirm Ukraine's involvement, Andriy Yermak, the head of the presidential office in Ukraine,



Smoke rising above an area in the Dzhankoi district of Crimea on Tuesday. Reuters

said on the Telegram that the country's armed forces would continue the "demilitarisation" of Crimea and other captured territories until they achieved "the complete deoccupation of Ukrainian territories."

At least two civilians were

wounded in the blasts in the northern peninsula, and as many as 2,000 were evacuated from the area around the weapons depot, the Kremlin-installed head of Crimea, Sergei Aksyonov, said on Telegram. The explosions occurred at a temporary ammunition storage site near a military base, he said. The ammunition continued exploding after initial blast. "At the moment detonations are continuing," Aksyonov said.

Russian Defence The Ministry said that there were no serious casualties and that the explosions damaged power lines, railroad tracks and homes.

Slamming US 'hegemony,' Putin predicts end of 'unipolar' world

ASSOCIATED PRESS MOSCOW, AUGUST 16

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin accused the US of trying to encourage extended hostilities in Ukraine as part of what he described Tuesday as its alleged efforts to maintain global hegemony.

Addressing a security conference attended by military officials from Africa. Asia and Latin America, Putin reaffirmed his long-held claim that he sent troops into Ukraine in response to Washington turning the country into an "anti-Russia" bulwark.

'They need conflicts to retain their hegemony," Putin charged. "That's why they have turned the Ukrainian people into can-

non fodder. The situation in Ukraine shows that the US is trying to drag the conflict out, and it acts in exactly the same way trying to fuel conflicts in Asia, Africa and Latin America.'

Putin also drew parallels between the US backing Ukraine and a recent visit to Taiwan by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, charging that both were part of an alleged American attempt to

foment global instability. Putin said, "Western globalist elites" were trying "to shift the blame for their own failures to Russia and China," adding that "no matter how hard the beneficiaries of the current globalist model try to cling to it, it's doomed.""The era of the unipolar world order is nearing its end," he added.

Feds oppose unsealing affidavit used to search Trump's home

WHO SEEKS HELP TO RENAME DISEASE

Poxy McPoxface, TRUMP-22 or Mpox: these some of the ideas sent in by the public to the World Health Organization as it seeks a new name for monkeypox. "It's important we find a new name for monkeypox because this is best practice not to create any offence to an ethical group, a region, a country, an animal etc," said WHO spokesperson.

THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON, AUGUST 16

MONKEYPOX

THE JUSTICE Department objected on Monday to making public the affidavit used to justify the search of former President Donald J Trump's home in Florida, saying its release would "compromise future investigative steps" and "likely chill" cooperation with witnesses.

In a 13-page pleading, filed in a federal court in southern Florida in response to requests by The New York Times and other news organisations to make public the evidence included in the document, prosecutors suggested that the department has undertaken a broad, intensive inquiry into Trump's handling of some of the most secret documents of the government after he left office.

The prosecutors acknowledged interviewing witnesses in connection with the investigation of Trump's retention of the material. They also wrote that releasing the document could compromise the continuing investigation.

"Disclosure of government's affidavit at this stage would also likely chill future cooperation by witnesses whose assistance may be sought as this investigation progresses," prosecutors wrote. They added that releasing the affidavit could harm "other high-profile investigations" as well.

One of the reasons proposed by the government for not releasing the affidavit was to protect the identities of witnesses against death threats. On Monday, prosecutors in Pennsylvania unsealed charges against a man accused of repeatedly threatening to kill FBI agents in the days after Trump's property was searched.



Former US President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. AP

EXPLAINED The road ahead

IT REMAINS unclear if the Justice Department moved forward with the warrant simply as a means to retrieve the records or as part of a wider criminal investigation or an attempt to prosecute the former president. Multiple federal laws govern the handling of classified information, with both criminal and civil penalties, as well as presidential records.

Trump, who has accused Attorney General Merrick B Garland of conducting a politically motivated "witch hunt" and roughly rifling through his family's possessions, claimed on Monday that the government "stole my three Passports," in a post on Truth Social, the online platform he founded.

Trump's biggest **Republican critic** stares at poll loss

Cheyenne: Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, a leader in the Republican resistance to former President Donald Trump, is fighting to save her seat in the US House on Tuesday as voters weigh in on the direction of the GOP. Cheney's team is bracing for a loss against a Trump-backed challenger in the state in which he won by largest of margins during 2020 campaign. Win or lose, the 56-year-old

daughter of a vice-president is vowing to remain in national politics as she contemplates a 2024 presidential bid. But in the short term, Cheney is facing a dire threat from Republican opponent Harriet Hageman.

"I'm still hopeful that the polling numbers are wrong,' said Landon Brown, a Wyoming state representative. "It'll be a crying shame really if she does lose. It shows just how much of a stranglehold that Trump has on the Republican Party."

TO BOOST BIRTH RATE China to discourage abortions

REUTERS

Odinga's 48.5%. Minutes earlier, his deputy Juliana Cherera had HONG KONG, AUGUST 16 told media at a separate location

that she and three other com-CHINA WILL discourage abormissioners disowned the results. tions and take steps to make fer-Speaking for the group on tility treatment more accessible Tuesday, Cherera said the results as part of efforts to boost one of that gave Ruto a wafer-thin victory the world's lowest birth rates, its were erroneously aggregated and National Health Authority said accused Chebukati of over-ruling on Tuesday.

Sri Lanka will not extend emergency as protests tail off REUTERS into government buildings, NAIROBI, KISUMU, AUGUST 16

REUTERS COLOMBO, AUGUST 16

SRI LANKA'S state of emergency imposed in the middle of last month will not be extended bevond this week President Ranil Wickremesinghe's media office said on Tuesday, as protests against the country's economic

seeking solutions to the country's worst economic crisis in more than seven decades.

Wickremesinghe's office cited the president as saying at an event in the main city of Colombo that the emergency would lapse this week.

He has sought peace and political support to help advance bailout talks with the IMF. The

Kenya's Odinga challenges President

KENYAN OPPOSITION leader Raila Odinga rejected as "null and void" the result of an August 9 presidential election he was declared to have lost, adding on Tuesday that Kenya's democracy faces a long legal crisis.

His first comments on the result came shortly after four of the



brate 75th anniversary of Independence. PTI

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Heathrow extends passenger cap until Oct-end

London: London's Heathrow Airport has extended its ongoing flight restrictions and cap on passenger numbers until October 29, amid staff shortages and pressure on services at one of the world's busiest airports. In July, a daily cap on passengers travelling through the airport was set at 100,000 and was due to end on September 11. However. on Monday the airport announced that this would now remain in place until the end of October, hitting a particularly busy halfterm school break period for families in the UK. PTI

devastation petered out.

country has already defaulted on Six-time Prime Minister Wickremesinghe imposed the emergency from July 18 when he was acting president, after tens of thousands of people stormed

Shehbaz likely to pick Pak Army chief by mid-Sept

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 16

Gen Bajwa can, therefore, be eligible for another term.

PAKISTAN PRIME Minister Shehbaz Sharif could initiate discussions on the appointment of the next Army chief to replace General Qamar Javed Bajwa by the end of August, and take a decision by mid-September, according to a media report. Appointed in 2016, the cur-

rent Chief of Army Staff Gen Bajwa, 61, is set to retire in the last week of November.

Pakistan's Parliament complied in January 2020, allowing

its sovereign debt. The country is considering restructuring its local and foreign debt in the hope of securing a \$3 billion IMF loan.

the PM to extend the tenure of

services chiefs at his discretion.

Officials discuss options

The US and Pakistani officials are

considering various options for

Bajwa's visit to Washington in

late August or early September,

according to a media report on

Tuesday. "A date will soon be fi-

nalised," the Dawn reported,

quoting a diplomatic source as

saying. Gen. Bajwa is expected to

retire in November

for Bajwa's US visit

seven election commissioners said they stood by their decision a day earlier to disown the outcome of the presidential poll, saying the final tallying process had been "opaque". "Our view is that the figures announced by (electoral commission chairman Wafula) Chebukati are null and



Kenvan presidential candidate Raila Odinga (centre) at his campaign headquarters in Nairobi on Tuesday. AF

void and must be quashed by court of law." Odinga said. "What we saw yesterday was a trav-

esty," he said. "Let no one take the law into their own hands." Chebukati declared current

their questions on the final tally. Odinga broadcast the dissenting commission members' own news conference at his own venue before taking the stage.

deputy president William Ruto

the winner on Monday with

50.49% of the vote against

In his speech, he urged his supporters to maintain peace and not to take the law into their own hands

get what was happening two

years ago and the situation we

were dealing with. It was an un-

conventional time and an un-

precedented time," Morrison

published on Facebook,

Morrison wrote that the gas

project off the New South Wales

coast was the only matter he got

directly involved with and that

"I believe I made the right deci-

sion in the national interest.

Morrison said "for any offense to

my colleagues, I apologise."

In a more detailed account

told the radio station.

ation and insurance to education and housing would be improved and implemented, with local governments encouraged to boost infant care services and family friendly workplaces, according to guidelines published on the authority's website.

Support measures from tax-

The authority said it would carry out reproductive health promotion to enhance public awareness while "preventing unintended pregnancy and reducing abortions that are not medically necessary.

China's fertility rate of 1.16 in 2021 was far below the 2.1 OECD standard for a stable population and among the lowest in the world. The guidelines come as China's uncompromising "zero-Covid" policy of curbing outbreaks with strict controls on people's lives may have caused profound damage on their desire to have children, demographers say. The authority said it would guide local governments to gradually include assisted reproductive technology in its national medical system.

HE TRASHED DEMOCRACY: AUSTRALIAN PM Ex-PM Morrison took on extra powers in secret

ASSOCIATED PRESS CANBERRA, AUGUST 16

AUSTRALIAN PRIME Minister Anthony Albanese on Tuesday accused his predecessor Scott Morrison of "trashing democracy" after revealing that while Morrison was in power, he took on five ministerial roles without the knowledge of most other lawmakers or the public.

Albanese said Morrison had been operating in secret, keeping the Australian people in the dark



and misleading Parliament over who was in charge of what portfolios. "This has been government by deception," Albanese said. Adding to revelations first de-

tailed over the weekend by News Corp. media. Albanese said that between March 2020 and May minister of health, finance, home affairs, treasury and industry moves which appeared to have given Morrison equal powers to the ministers already appointed to those positions.

2021, Morrison was appointed

Speaking on Sydney radio station 2GB. Morrison defended taking on the extra portfolios, saying they were a safeguard during the coronavirus pandemic and that he would have made the appointments public had he needed to use the powers involved. "Sometimes we for-

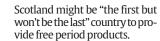
'PROVIDING ACCESS TO FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS FUNDAMENTAL TO EQUALITY AND DIGNITY' To end period poverty: Scotland first in the world to make products free

REMY TUMIN AUGUST16

PERIOD PRODUCTS are now free to anyone in Scotland who needs them, nearly two years after the country's Parliament approved a landmark piece of legislation. The initiative makes Scotland

the first country in the world to provide free sanitary products, part of a global effort to end "period poverty" - or a lack of access to tampons or sanitary pads because of prohibitively high costs.

Monica Lennon, the lawmaker who submitted the draft proposal for the Period Products Act in 2020, tweeted that



'We are witnessing a massive culture change, where period stigma is no longer being tolerated," Lennon said in an email to The New York Times. "There's more emphasis on menstrual well-being and a renewed focus on tackling medical misogyny."

Northern Ireland is considering a similar measure, and New Zealand and Seoul offer free menstrual products in schools. "It gives me hope that we won't be the last country to put access to free period products on the statute books," Lennon said. Shona Robison, Scotland's so-

cial justice secretary, echoed Lennon. "Providing access to free period products is fundamental

to equality and dignity, and removes the financial barriers to accessing them," she said in a statement. As the cost of living is rising and many are making difficult choices, she added, "We never want anyone to be in a position where they cannot access period products.

The 2020 legislation in Scotland came on the heels of an earlier law that provided free access to tampons and sanitary pads in schools, colleges, universities and other public buildings. Now every council in Scotland is required to consult with local



Period products will be available at libraries, swimming pools, public gyms, community buildings, among other places. Reuters communities to determine the best access point for menstrual products. In her email, Lennon said that period products would be available at libraries, swimming pools, public gyms, community buildings, town halls, pharmacies and doctors offices.

People can find the nearest location with free period products through a mobile app called PickupMyPeriod. The app allows users to filter which products are available and how to find them at the location. Home delivery is also available.

When the bill was drafted. Lennon and the bill's other writers said they kept in mind challenges to menstruation for those

experiencing poverty, homelessness, abusive relationships and health conditions.

The coronavirus pandemic only compounded those issues, according to a 2020 study by the nonprofit Plan International UK The group found that almost a third of girls and women age 14 to 21 had problems that year with either being able to afford or gain access to sanitary products during the first national lockdown. In the US, a 2021 study by

George Mason University showed that 14 per cent of women attending college experienced period poverty in 2020. The study found that Latina and Black women were dispropor-

Seventeen states and Washington, DC, have passed laws that require free access to period products for students, according to Alliance for Period Supplies, an advocacy group. A broader push to repeal state sales taxes applied to menstrual products like pads and cups, often called the tampon tax, has proceeded in fits and starts. Those in favour of repealing the tax argue that necessities like tampons and pads should be tax-exempt, while others argue that states need the revenue. At least 32 states have introduced measures to eliminate the tax and 13 have so far succeeded.

tionately affected.

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From MVP to Most Injured Player

Washington Sundar set to miss tour to Zimbabwe after suffering from an injury again, this time in England

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WASHINGTON SUNDAR had just begun to enjoy life in Lancashire. The wickets were piling on; in four games, he nabbed 11 at an average of 25, healthy numbers for someone considered a part-time spinner in first-class cricket. Last week, he produced arguably the ball of the month when an off-break of his spun devilishly from outside off-stump to sneak through the defences of Kent's Jordon Cox. The runs he is self-admittedly a batsman who can bowl too had started to flow. He struck an instant chord with the Old Trafford faithful - he is sociable and chatty, engages the fans as well as iunior cricketers.

The English summer became sunnier when he was picked for India's fly-by-night ODI series in Zimbabwe. And then, inevitably, his summer of content, turned dark. He hurt his left shoulder when attempting to block a boundary-bound ball during a match against Worcestershire in the Royal England Cup, five days before his flight to Harare. Though the injury is not too severe to keep him out of cricket for a long time, the 22year-old lost another comeback avenue, another shot at emphasising his explosive talents

It has been the curse of Washington. Every time he seems to nail a spot in the team, in all formats, every time he unzips another dimension of his game, every time the pundits cast him as the next big player from the country, he courts one injury or the other. Before the tour to England last year, a Mohammed Siraj short ball during a net session fractured his finger. Six months later, just before the tour to South Africa, he got infected with Covid-19. As soon as he recovered and was readying for the encounters against Sri Lanka, he pulled a hamstring. Then during the IPL, he injured his finger again. And now the shoulder injury that has jeopardised his Zimbabwe tour. It has been 15 months of injuries and rehabs, of treatment tables and painkillers, with a bit of serious cricket squeezed in.

The lengthy list of injuries meant he has not batted in a Test innings after his 96 not out against England at Motera in 2021, not featured in a T20I since the one against England at the same venue in the same year, missed the World Cup where his skills would have been priceless, and could figure in just three 50-over games against the West Indies in a rare injury-free spell.

Immense potential

In a cruel twist to his career, he has moved from being the Most Valuable Player, according to former India head coach Ravi Shastri. to the Most Injured Player in the span of one-



and-a-half years. The promise he holds is immense – if he could improve his bowling by a notch, he could evolve into a genuine allrounder in Tests; if he could step up his batting, he could be a sterling all-rounder in white-ball cricket. As it is, he is a batting allrounder in Tests and bowling all-rounder in 50- and 20-over cricket.

He has yet to play a head-turning knock in white-ball cricket, but in his few red-ball outings, he has furnished ample proof of his composure and adaptability. In Brisbane, he tamed the bouncing ball without any obvious discomfort; in Chennai and Ahmedabad, he conquered the spinning ball without breaking a sweat. His numbers in white-ball cricket are humble, but the talent is obvious. "He has the ability and he belongs at this level and he can go a long way. If he could focus on his bowling, India could have a very good number six for all conditions," Shastri had once observed.

There are arguably better batsmen in the country, but none, alas, can bowl. Washington can. and it's this dimension that makes his stock skyrocket. One of India's glaring cracks over the last decade - one that has arguably stood between them being

 has been the absence of a batman who could bowl spin. Once upon a time, India had plenty - Virender Sehwag, Yuvraj Singh, Sachin Tendulkar and even Suresh Raina at times for instance, or Shastri himself and Kris Srikkanth in the preceding era. At their best, they have won games, and often filled in for a specialist bowler who was enduring a bad day. Washington's bowling is more multidimensional than all these names - he is thriftier, could take the new ball, is familiar to Powerplay tunes, can bowl in the middle overs as well as at the death. AT20 economy rate of 6.91 is worth gold in this day and age Thrift is not his only currency – he picks wickets, mostly with the bounce he generates with his height and over-spin. There is understated subtlety - he has various release points and cleverly changes his pace. He turns the odd ball. Some stop at batsmen, most skid on.

Should his batting in white-ball cricket too come of age -he is 22 after all -he could

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be the real deal. He would bring immense flexibility to the playing eleven. On a spinfriendly track, he affords India to pick three spinners without compromising on the batting or the pace-bowling department. On a seaming deck, his presence ensures that the spin dimension is not weakened at the expense of an extra seamer. To pick an extra batsman, or an extra bowler, Washington provides the flexibility to alter the team's permutations according to the conditions. He and a fully-fit Hardik Pandya would make the batting as well as the bowling line-up longer, the twin axes that keeps the team's balance intact. Add his on-field acrobatics and you get a valuable modern-day whiteball utility package. More so as the 50-over World Cup at home is just a year away and Ravindra Jadeja's consistency in white-ball cricket has been waning.

Focus on fitness

Washington could be what his mentor Shastri was to his team for a decade – a player for any role, any condition, any situation. "Better than me," was Shastri's answer when asked about whether he sees a bit of him in Washington. "I think Washy has far more natural ability than I had and should bat at No. 4 for his state in every format," he had said

But the appreciation comes with a caveat, a most significant one. "I think it is up to him really to do the hard yards on fitness. No excuse. He can't depend on X, Y, Z. He has to look at himself in the mirror and say I want to work hard and I want to be the leading all-rounder in Indian cricket over the next three years. And he can do it. Shastri had remarked on Easy," ESPNCricinfo's TimeOut.

As much as working on his fitness, Washington needs to be careful of not injuring himself. Hurting a finger when batting at the nets owes to clumsy judgment; injuring the shoulder when diving stems from poor diving technique; spinners tearing hamstrings betrays a lack of fitness. It is the time, like Shastri had said, "to look in the mirror" and 'work hard." So that he can see more sunny days on the field than bleary days in rehabs.

Stokes wants Eng to stick to their guns over 'Bazball'

REUTERS AUGUST 16

England test captain Ben Stokes says he hopes his team has retained their "venom" ahead of the start of the three-match series against South Africa which begins at Lord's on Wednesday.

There has been a lot of chatter about England's attacking style of play, nicknamed 'Bazball' because of new coach Brendon McCullum, that swept them to four wins in a row in June-July, each time successfully chasing over 275 to win against New Zealand and India.

South Africa skipper Dean Elgar suggested England's all-out attack with the bat was unsustainable and would eventually see them fail, but Stokes says the die has been cast and they will not waiver from their plans.

'The opposition seem to be doing a lot of the talking at the moment about it," Stokes told reporters on Tuesday. "We just concentrate on what we do. We've got a style of play, they've got a style of play.

"At the end of the day, it's bat against ball and whoever plays best over a test match is most likely to win.

"For me, it's just about reiterating the points that we were making at the start of the summer – our mindset, attitude and everything like that - about how we go out and play our cricket."

Most of the England test squad have been playing white ball formats since their last victory over India in early July and Stokes hopes they can quickly slip back into gear in the longer format.

"It has felt like we've been a really long time away from each other - obviously there has been a lot of different cricket. different formats played - so there is a real excitement for me to get back in there, see everybody, and reminding everybody about what we've achieved and sticking to our guns," he said.

"It's about making sure that five-week period doesn't mean we've lost our venom. It would be easy to have so long away to almost forget the place we managed to find ourselves in."

Stokes confirmed wicketkeeper Ben Foakes will return to the starting XI in the only change from the side that defeated India. He missed that test with concussion.

Proteas wait on Rabada

South Africa are hopeful key fast bowler Kagiso Rabada will be fit for the first test. Rabada is a huge figure in the South

African seam attack and his loss would be a massive blow as he battles back from an ankle problem sustained in the Twenty20 International series between the sides late last month.

"I think he's very close to being fully fit for this test. He's had a really good few days, so it's looking pretty good for us," Elgar told reporters on Tuesday, adding they had yet to finalise their batting line-up either.

The major question is who will replace injured middle-order batter Temba Bavuma in the top five, with the latter having been one of South Africa's most consistent performers over the last 12 months.

Sarel Erwee will likely open with Elgar and Keegan Petersen bat at number three, with the experienced duo of Aiden Markram and Rassie van der Dussen tipped to take the two remaining top five places ahead of Ryan Rickelton and Khaya Zondo.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Kyle Verreynne will slot in at six, allowing the tourists to play an all-rounder who will bat at seven.

"I think purely because we've lost that experience factor (of Bavuma) we are more inclined on going with the experience we have within our batters," Elgar said.

"It is up to the coach and the selectors, but from my side I would lean more to having the experience."

South Africa sit on top of the ICC World Test Championship table but with series to come in England and Australia, have a tough task staying there. Elgar is confident they can.

"I didn't take this job (of captain) thinking we were just going to be mid-table. It's always been my goal and my ambition (to be the top test team in the world)," he said.

"I have experienced us being world number one twice and I know that feeling, but I know there's a journey and hard work to get there.

"I want the young guys to experience that and I still want to experience that again before I turn the chapter (and retire)."



Ben Stokes (top) confirmed that wicketkeeper Ben Foakes will make his return to the squad.



world-class yet not World Cup-winning class

ACROSS

- English swell makes the French dame a lady (11)
- 9 Goldsmith turns to grab fee
- 10 Animal fur I am after (5) 11 He's monstrous and so
- backward(4) 12 Unimportant persons found
- after well-planned murders (8)
- 14 Catch parent out (6)
- 16 Make something known concerning calf meat(6)
- 18 Listen repeatedly for a sign of
- approval(4,4) 19 Travel, making for Abraham's
- birthplace(4) 22 Naturally it rings the lagoon
- 23 Ends an interim arrangement

(8,3)

20 Nothing shocking for a girl(5) 24 A charge made upon income? 21 Bird from southern Europe (4)

container(6)

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DOWN

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It dies at the end of three

Wrong despite being soundly

Before this time in the past

A quick check as soon as the

Crazy way to score a goal at

Residential form of transport

matter's settled (8)

wanting more (7)

soccer(3,4,4)

13 Single-minded man?

15 A long time out in town

getting a dress (3,4)

Vehicle with heavyweight

Girl given Chinese food

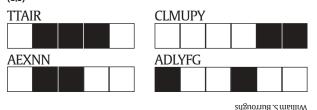
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Solutions Crossword 4821: Across: 1 Siesta, 4 Ambulate, 9 Inrush, 10 Eggshell, 12 Elan, 13 Offer, 14 Pays, 17 Take the field, 20 Empty protest, 23 Even, 24 Jolly, 25 Dour, 28 No charge, 29 Blonde, 30 Toll gate, 31 Intern. **Down**: 1 Stiletto, 2 Earmarks, 3 Toss, 5 Magnetic pole, 6 Ursa, 7 Apeman, 8 Enlist, 11 Afterthought, 15 Items, 16 Floor, 18 Denounce, 19 Sturgeon, 21 Peanut, 22 Pencil, 26 Bang, 27 Alan.

JUMBLED WORDS

- Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip
- No one owns life, but anyone who can pick up a owns death. - William S. Burroughs (6,3)



SOLUTION: TRAIT, ANNEX, CLUMPY, GADFLY SOLUTION: TRAIT, ANNEX, CLUMPY, GADFLY Multipare 5 Purports

TO GOOFY LADIES WHO WEAR THEIR UNDERWEAR UM ... IT WAS ON TV COMMERCIALS? ON ... VH .. WRING MY MORNING CARTOONS

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



Difficulty Level 5s Instructions To solve a Sudoku every digit from 1 to must appear in eacl nine vertical colum 49 each of the nine hor rows and in each of SUDOK nine boxes. Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = 3s = Medium: 4s = 5s = Very Hard; 6s =

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 4928

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that at least you can now talk to people about what must be done next.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Each and every planetary movement is exerting a subtle effect on your entire consciousness. Mars, for example, is pulling the carpet from under vour feet. Saturn is encouraging you to pause for thought. It's therefore time to give controversial projects a break.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You're in quite a strong situation for once. Current planetary influences strengthen your position; a useful factor considering the generally petulant and

combative state of the heavens. There is no reason to expect other people to share your beliefs, by the way.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Venus advocates domestic entertaining and family harmony, but Pluto has other ideas. Watch any tendency to push people to the limit, or to stretch yourself too far for that matter. It will only be possible to go to extremes if you take the necessary safeguards.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

It's an idealistic moment, one wher everything centres on your most deeply-held principles. And to continue one Virgoan theme, it is extremely likely that you're going to get involved in a worthwhile charitable activity. I can see many of you rattling those collecting tins.

urgency for you to get involved. Neither is there any reason to clear up other people's mess.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Everything that I've said about your financial situation should now be coming to a head. Today is the perfect time to deal with money, whether you're shifting millions of pounds from one continent to another, or merely after a bargain at the corner shop.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Do take notice of what partners have to say today. Even if they are apparently not making sense, their assorted statements will be relevant to the somewhat strained mood of the times. Next week should be more relaxed. Until then, keep an eye on wayward children.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

Although you appear to have gone way over the top lately, there is a case to be made for partners to be grateful. After all, others should thank you for shaking them up and making them look at their lives anew. As it happens, it's also a perfect moment for

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

disturbing situation, but the good point is that the stars are on your side. You might even enjoy the prospect of getting to know someone closer. They, for their part, could be charmed by your seductive wiles.

New Delhi

keeping fit.

You seem to be caught up in a complex and emotionally



NADAL TO MISS DAVIS CUP GROUP STAGE

London: Carlos Alcaraz will lead Spain against Novak Djokovic's Serbia next month in the Davis Cup group stage after Rafael Nadal wasn't named to the Spanish team on Monday. Nadal is set to return to competition at this week's hard-court tournament in Cincinnati after an abdominal injury caused the 22time Grand Slam champion to pull out of Wimbledon ahead of the semifinals. **AP**

Briefly -

Durand Cup opener: Mohammedan beat FC Goa 3-1

Kolkata: Kolkata giants Mohammedan SC kicked off their Durand Cup campaign with a stunning 3-1 come-from-behind win over defending champions FC Goa here on Tuesday. FC Goa drew the first blood when young midfielder Muhammad Nebil struck from a counter attack to give his side an early lead. The Black Panthers had to wait until the second half to find an equaliser when in the 49th minute 29-year-old Manipur forward Pritam Singh drew parity off a delightful cross from winger Sheikh Faiaz. Egged on by a boisterous home support, Mohammedan SC brought in midfielder Faslu Rahman in the 78th minute of the game, and the 27vear-old gave headed the ball into the net and earned MSC the all-important just six minutes later.. PTI

Pragg beats Firouzja in FTX Crypto Cup

Miami: Teenage Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa on Tuesday opened his campaign in the FTX Crypto Cup, the American finale of Champions Chess Tour, with a 2.5-1.5 win over the world's top junior player Alireza Firouzja. The 17-year old, who was part of the bronze medal-winning India 'B' team at the recent chess Olympiad in Mamallapuram near Chennai, opened with a win in the first of the four-game match. He lost the second game before winning the third and drawing the fourth to beat Firouzja in the first round match on Tuesday. The Indian GM faces Dutch No.1 Anish Giri in the second round. PTI

Nunez sent off as Liverpool draw 1-1

Liverpool: Two glaring misses then a red card for a reckless headbutt. It was a home debut to forget for Liverpool's big offseason signing, Darwin Nunez. Fortunately for the Reds, another South American came to the rescue at Anfield as a dazzling individual goal by Luis Diaz salvaged a 1-1 draw against Crystal Palace in the Premier League on Monday. In his first competitive start for Liverpool. Nunez lost control after jostling with Joachim Andersen off the ball and thrust his head into the face of the Palace defender, with referee Paul Tierney watching on close by in the 57th minute. The red card was immediately brandished. AP

Cincinnati: Murray edges Wawrinka

Football in Supreme Court

Apex court to hear AIFF case on Wednesday; Gokulam Kerala first to bear the brunt of suspension as club barred from AFC tourney

MIHIR VASAVDA MUMBAI, AUGUST 16

WITH HER tersely-worded letter to the All India Football Federation, FIFA secretary-general Fatma Samoura has, in essence, put the ball in the Supreme Court.

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Samoura, in her two-page note to acting secretary general of the AIFF Sunando Dhar, made it clear that FIFA will lift its suspension, imposed on August 15, only after the 'repeal of the CoA mandate in full' and once the AIFF administration is 'fully in charge' of its daily affairs. These are the only conditions laid down by world football's governing body to bring the AIFF back into its fold.

All eyes, thus, are now on the Supreme Court bench led by Justice DY Chandrachud, which will hear the case on Wednesday. It was the Supreme Court that had appointed the three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to run the day-to-day affairs of the AIFF on May 18. The decision was taken due to a logjam in finalising the federation's constitution and the inability to conduct elections. In her letter, a copy of which is available with The Indian Express,

Samoura said the Bureau of FIFA Council decided on '14 August 2022 to suspend the AIFF with immediate effect due to flagrant violations of the FIFA Statutes'. The decision was made public late on August 15.

Samoura said FIFA had been following the developments within the AIFF since May 18, the day when the CoA was appointed. A joint delegation of FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation subsequently travelled to India, where timelines were agreed to form the constitution and hold fresh elections. Samoura, however, said there had been 'serious deviations' from the roadmap.

"...it was confirmed that the AIFF had been ordered to hold elections (i) prior to the adoption of a new constitution, as the finalization of the latter would take more time; (ii) for an interim mandate of three months, until the new constitution was finalised; (iii) based on the national sports code...; and (iv) with the defined electoral college reshuffled in order to include players, in addition, the Bureau understood that the CoA would still play arole within the aforesaid interim mandate," Samoura wrote in her letter.

This, the FIFA secretary-general said, 'constituted undue interference by a third party'. "Furthermore, the Bureau decided that the lifting of the suspension be subject to the following conditions being satisfied: Repeal of the CoA mandate in full; the AIFF administration to be fully in charge of the AIFF's daily affairs," the letter noted.

Samoura said that upon lifting the suspension, the AIFF constitution will have to be 'revised in accordance with the requirements of FIFA and AFC' without 'interference from any third party'. She added that the fresh elections will be held based on the 'pre-existing membership structure of AIFF (i.e. state associations longer be held as planned'.

However, in its media statement, FIFA kept the door open for the tournament to still be held in India and said they hoped for a 'positive outcome'. "FIFA is assessing the next steps with regard to the tournament and will refer the matter to the Bureau of the Council if and when necessary," the statement said. "FIFA is in constant constructive contact with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in India and is hopeful that a positive outcome to the case may still be achieved."

As things stand, however, Samoura added that the AIFF 'loses all its membership rights as of 14 August 2022 until further notice.' "AIFF representative and club teams are therefore no longer entitled to take part in international competitions until the suspension is lifted. This also means that neither the AIFF nor any of its members or officials may benefit from any development programmes, courses or training from FIFA and/or the AFC," Samoura explained.

The suspension also means Indian clubs will no longer be able to sign foreign players, apart from the ones already on their roster.

Gokulam Kerala barred

The most immediate impact of the suspension was felt by Indian Women's League champions Gokulam Kerala. The domestic heavyweights are currently in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and were set to travel to Qarshi, where they were scheduled to take part in the AFC Women's Club Championship.

However, on Tuesday evening the club was told by the AFC that they are no longer eligible to take part in the competition. A letter stating the same was sent by the continental body to the AIFF as well. The team is still in Tashkent and an official said they are likely to be given further directions by the AFC on Wednesday.

The competition gets underway on August 20 but Gokulam Kerala will begin their campaign on August 23 against the home team, Sogdiana.

FIFA has written to all its member associations, reminding them not to enter any 'sporting contact with AIFF' and its teams while it is suspended. This means ISL teams, who had planned pre-season friendly matches against foreign sides will no longer be able to do so.

Senior Indian football officials expressed hope that the suspension will not last long. But a lot will depend on the Supreme Court hearing on Wednesday.

FIFA's decision unfortunate: CoA

New Delhi: The Committee of Administrators (CoA) on Tuesday said it was "surprised" at FIFA's "unfortunate" decision to ban the All India Football Federation despite closing in on a consensus on matters concerning the elections and structure of constitution.



If the FIFA U-17 WC is staged elsewhere, it would put doubts over India's participation since the country was a part of it on the virtue of being the host and not by merit. *AIFF*

Delhi HC appoints COA to take over IOA and orders federations to accept Sports Code

Players to have minimum 25% representation, age & tenure restrictions on officials, disfranchisement of State Olympic Associations

MIHIR VASAVDA MUMBAI, AUGUST 16

REFERRING TO its direction to the government in 2013, where it had observed that State Olympic Associations (SOAs) have 'no worthwhile role or history of having added to sports development in the country for half a century', the Delhi High Court on Tuesday said the state bodies will no longer play any role in the functioning of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

In its judgment that could have a farreaching impact on the governance of Indian sport, a Delhi High Court bench comprising lustice Naimi Waziri and lustice Manmohan

The judgment also added that the age and tenure restrictions will be applicable to all officials and not just the president, secretary and treasurer. While the maximum tenure of an official can be a maximum of three terms, that is 12 years, including a cool-off period, the upper limit for age is kept at 70 years. The current IOA Constitution, the court noted, 'permits a person to hold offices for 20 years without undergoing a cooling-off period.'

A person against whom criminal charges are framed should not be allowed to be a member of the executive committee and the general body, the court added.

The bench also named a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to run the day-to-day affairs of the IOA along with three former players as 'consultants'.

The three administrators named to run the IOA are Justice Anil Dave, former Supreme Court judge, ex-chief election commissioner SY Quraishi and former secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Vikas Swaroop. Each of them will receive an honorarium of Rs 3 lakh per month.

The consultant sportspersons, who will be

medallist Abhinav Bindra, world championship medallist Anju Bobby George and Olympian Bombayla Devi. The IOA officials have warned that this

could lead to a suspension from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), who could perceive this as outside interference. In fact, the IOC had already threatened to suspend the IOA last month, citing the same reason.

In his remarks, Justice Manmohan clarified the 'intent' of their judgment is to 'improve the ecosystem and bring about structural reforms and is not directed against a particular individual or sports federation.'

"Further, those who mismanage the sports bodies and those who have converted the sports bodies into their personal fiefdoms, dare the Government / Authorities and Courts that if they try to democratize the sport association and remove the mis-management, the country would suffer de-recognisation and the Indian sportsmen would not be able to participate under the country's flag in the immediate future. In fact, the respondents have tried their best to brand the 'problem solver' (i.e. the Court/Government) as

London: Britain's Andy Murray got the better of Stan Wawrinka 7-6(3), 5-7, 7-5 in a clash of former Grand Slam winners to advance at the Cincinnati Open on Monday, the last tune-up before the US Open kicks off in New York from Aug, 29. France's Tiafoe was unable to break Matteo Berrettini's serve but the American showed grit in the tiebreakers to beat last year's Wimbledon runner-up 7-6(3), 4-6, 7-6(5) in the opening round of the ATP Masters event. Next up for Murray is fellow Briton and ninth seed Cameron Norrie, who beat Holger Rune 7-6(5), 4-6, 6-4. **REUTERS** only).

This means that FIFA will not accept the decision taken by the CoA to include former India internationals in the voters' list for the AIFF elections. In its draft constitution, the CoA had given players a 50 percent representation in AIFFs executive committee as co-opted members, as against 25 percent recommended by FIFA. The move was opposed by state officials.

Door open for U-17 WC

The impact of a prolonged suspension could be profound on Indian football. Samoura, in the letter, added that the suspension means that the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, scheduled to be held from October 11-30, will 'no "The CoA is surprised that the FIFA decision has come when extensive discussions were going on for the past few days between all stakeholders, including FIFA-AFC, AIFF, CoA, and the Sports Ministry as per the Order of the Supreme Court," the CoA said in a statement.

"While the CoA was committed to implement the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order regarding the elections of the AIFF, passed on August 3, 2022, it was also in constant dialogue with all stakeholders." **PTI** said there 'should be no SOAs' going forward.

"However, should the IOA insist on having them, the SOAs shall have no votes in the IOA nor will their members be elected to the IOAEC or discharge any position of authority or control, nor will the SOAs be funded, patronized or supported in any manner by the Government," the judgment read.

This was one of the several decisions taken by the court; a verdict that petitioner Rahul Mehra described as 'landmark'. The court has directed that the IOA elections must be held within the next 16 weeks. It has also ordered that players must have a minimum 25 percent representation in the general body and executive committee of the IOA. paid Rs 1.5 lakh each, include Olympic gold the 'problem'," Justice Manmohan noted.

WHAT THE COURT ORDERED

1. PLAYERS MUST have a minimum 25 percent representation in IOA's general body as well as executive committee

along with voting rights; 2. AGE AND tenure restrictions shall be applicable to all officials and not just the president, secretary and treasurer. Maximum tenure of three terms, i.e. 12 years, with a cooling-off period with an age cap of 70 years.

3. THE ELECTORAL College of the IOA shall

consist of only National Sports Federations that govern Olympic sports. State Olympic Associations will no longer have any voting rights. 4. PERSONS AGAINST whom criminal charges have been framed will not be eligible to be a part of the federation. 5. ALL FEDERATIONS must comply with the Sports Code, failing which they shall not receive funding or enjoy any benefits from the government.

Veteran cricket administrator Choudhary no more

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

KOLKATA, AUGUST 16

Being a former policeman by profession, maybe there was no surprise that World War II was one of **Amitabh Choudhary**'s favourite subjects. During informal conversations, he

drew martial analogies frequently to give thrusts to his assertions. Once, during the Committee of Administrators' (CoA) regime in the BCCI, hit by a letter from the court-appointed committee, he called up this correspondent to inform that his reply would be noholds-barred. "Operation

Barbarossa will hit them (CoA)," he had said.

Veteran cricket administrator Choudhary, 58, passed away on Tuesday morning from a heart attack. He was the man who built Jharkhand cricket, presiding over it as state association chief for more than a decade. He shifted Jharkhand cricket's headquarters from Jamshedpur to Ranchi. MS Dhoni's rise as a cricketer contributed to it. But it was an administrative job and Choudhary led from the front. A world-class cricket arena was built under his watch and one end of the stadium was named after him.

"This is unthinkable. He was a great leader, our guardian, although after stepping down as the JSCA president, he wasn't there in any official capacity. This is an irreplaceable void as far as Jharkhand cricket is concerned. It feels like we have lost everything," former Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) president Nafees Akhtar told *The Indian Express*.

Choudhary rose to become BCCI joint secretary and during a period of upheaval, as the

cricket board went under the CoA to implement the Lodha reforms, he worked as the Board's acting secretary. Initially, he was on good terms with the CoA members, much to the chagrin of a lot of BCCI old hands. Gradually, though, cracks started to develop, as the CoA

felt that Choudhary wasn't doing enough to implement its instructions.

Choudhary was the Indian team manager in Zimbabwe in 2005-06, a tour that marked the beginning of the Sourav Ganguly-Greg Chappell fallout. Later, working under the CoA in the BCCI, he faced tougher administrative challenges. He also had to deal with the Virat Kohli-Anil Kumble saga that saw the latter's acrimonious exit as India coach.

Choudhary was ecstatic when India won a legal battle over Pakistan in the ICC over alleged non-adherence to bilateral cricket commitments. He was the BCCI's representative at the world body.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AUGUST 16

DOES CRISTIANO Ronaldo eat his lunch alone in the canteen at the Manchester United's training centre at Carrington? The report at *The Athletic* claims sources have told the portal that Ronaldo's disenchantment with the club, which was thrashed 0-4 by Brentford, is constantly escalating. It has been reported that he has sought transfer but hasn't got his way as yet.

The Times reported on Tuesday that ten Hag, who had reportedly resisted Ronaldo's transfer requests, is now open to selling the legendary footballer in the transfer window.

With just two weeks of the summer window left, it remains to be seen if the move eventuates.

"The Athletic has been told of days when he eats lunch alone in the canteen at Carrington, and he has been seen flapping his arms about in training and attempting to argue against the high-pressing approach favoured by the new manager," reported the Athletic.

Post the shambolic loss to Brenford, the manager Ten Hag had cancelled the customary day off next day, and had the players train. In particular, he made them run. It's been reported that the coaching staff were let down by the stat that United's players ran a distance of 95.6 km as compared to Brentford's 109.4 km. In the session next day, that involved



Cristiano Ronaldo reportedly eats lunch alone in the canteen. Reuters

even those players who didn't start on Saturday's game, were made to run

It has been reported that the 37-year old wants to leave the club he rejoined last summer because he wants to play in the Champions League. Manchester United, who finished sixth in May, will play in the Europa League this season.

It has also been reported that Ronaldo is yet to attract a serious proposal from a Champions League-qualified club. Ronaldo scored 24 all-competitions goals last season for United, 14 more than the next.

United's position is complicated by the need not simply to secure a replacement for a player who scored 13 more Premier League goals than anyone else in last season's squad, but also to add additional strike power to a debilitated attack, reports Sunday Times.

The club must also simultaneously attempt to fend off Paris Saint-Germain's aggressive courtship of Marcus Rashford. United are in talks with Atletico Madrid over their Brazilian striker Matheus Cunha. It is believed that the 23-year-old, who joined the Spanish club from Hertha Berlin in 2021, would command a fee in the region of \notin 50 million (about £42 million). However, there is no indication that Ronaldo would be part of any deal for Cunha.

While allowing Ronaldo to switch clubs for the second consecutive summer would open up room on United's wage bill, the 37year-old's commercial value is such a transfer would have ramifications for a balance sheet already damaged by last season's failure to qualify for the Champions League. The Times understands that additional contributions from sponsors helped finance Ronaldo's return from Juventus for an initial transfer fee of €15 million (about £12.6 million).

Ronaldo's representatives have held discussions with a number of leading clubs in order to find the record breaking forward a new employer with initial interest expressed by both the new ownership group at Chelsea and Bavern Munich. Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone impressed Ronaldo with his eagerness to work with him, and the Spanish club are open to using individuals such as Alvaro Morata or Antoine Griezmann to facilitate a deal.Any move to Atletico would be unpopular with their supporters, however, given that Ronaldo is the all-time leading goalscorer for rivals Real Madrid. Napoli have discussed utilising Italy's favourable tax laws to bring the forward back to Serie A.

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