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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at the Devasthan in Bangkok, the centre of Hinduism in Thailand. *PTI*

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MONETARY POLICY FRAMEWORK

Inflation target breach: RBI committee will meet to draft report for Govt

Likelihood of CPI target crossing 6% for 3 straight quarters

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

THE RESERVE Bank of India will call a special meeting of its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) after October 12 to discuss a report it will have to submit to the Union government explaining the reasons for the average retail inflation remaining above the upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent for three consecutive quarters.

The Union government, in consultation with the RBI, fixes the inflation target for the central bank every five years. It had fixed it at 4 per cent plus/ minus 2 per cent (upper limit 6 per cent, lower limit 2 per cent) for the period August 5, 2016 to March 31, 2021, and retained it for the next five years ending March 31, 2026.

With the political class over years realising that inflation or price rise hurts the poorest the most and also adversely impacts growth in the long run, the Union government decided to provide a statutory basis for implementing inflation targets by the RBI. A monetary policy framework was signed between then RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan (on behalf of the RBI) and then Finance Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi (on behalf of the President) on February 20, 2015. The RBI Act, 1934, was amended in May 2016, giving effect to this framework agreement.

The framework agreement requires the RBI to submit a report to the Union government if it is in breach of the inflation targets for three consecutive quarters. In eight years, this will be the first time the RBI would have let retail inflation slip beyond the upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent for three straight quarters.

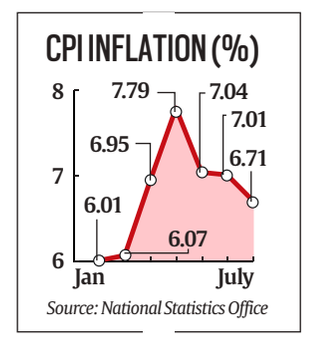
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Managing inflation is key

THE RBI has multiple roles, but it's accountable for one primary objective — keeping inflation within a flexible range of 2 per cent to 6 per cent. If it fails, the RBI Act, through the monetary policy framework, requires it to explain why it couldn't stick to the target, what action it proposes to remedy, and by when it can set things right.



Source: National Statistics Office

Bilkis case remission: Judge who convicted 11 says for court to see

One who suffers knows it better, says Justice Salvi

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, AUGUST 18

JUSTICE (RETIRED) U D Salvi, who had sentenced 11 men to life imprisonment in 2008 for the gangrape of Bilkis Bano and murder of her family members during the 2002 Gujarat riots, said Thursday that "the one who suffers knows it better".

The 11 convicts were freed from jail Monday after a Gujarat government panel approved their application for remission of sentence.

Presiding over the trial, Justice Salvi, then special judge in the Mumbai City Civil and Sessions Court, had convicted the men, while observing that Bilkis's deposition was "courageous".

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A protest in Delhi against the remission of sentence of the Bilkis Bano case convicts, on Thursday. *Amit Mehra*

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REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS IN J&K

Row over new voters: J&K admin says over 22 lakh are first-timers

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18

AMID THE political uproar over an expected addition of 25 lakh new voters in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), the administration said on Thursday that the figure includes over 22 lakh first-time voters.

On Wednesday, J&K Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar had said that around 25 lakh new voters are expected to be enrolled, with those "ordinarily" residing in J&K and having achieved the age of 18 years or above as on October 1 to be included.

A special summary revision of electoral rolls is being held for the first time in J&K after abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, a precursor to long-awaited elections in the state.

The last special summary revision of electoral rolls was held with reference to January 1, 2019 as the qualifying date. So those who have attained 18 years of age after January 1, 2019 are expected to be registered during this revision, along with those who may have been left out earlier.

"Based on the population projections by the Registrar General of India, the projected 18+ population in J&K as on

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'HAVE TO OPEN GIRL SCHOOLS, COUNTRY CAN'T DIE'

'After takeover, I told Indian envoy not to leave... glad they coming back'

EXPRESS IN KABUL

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
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AS INDIA was preparing to shut down its embassy in Kabul on August 15 last year in the wake of the Taliban takeover, Hamid Karzai urged Indian Ambassador Rudrendra Tandon not to leave, the former President of Afghanistan said in an interview to *The Indian Express*.

HAMID KARZAI
FORMER AFGHANISTAN PRESIDENT

"Well, of course, it was very clear that I advised him not to leave," Karzai said, declining to give details of that conversation. "There was no reason for India to leave, I am glad they are coming back. I've been urging Indian government leaders to re-open the embassy. There's so much relationship between Afghanistan and India that requires India's presence here. Active full strength presence here. So I'm glad they are returning. And I want them to return full-fledged, full force."

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Highly unbelievable he will touch the victim knowing she is SC: Kerala judge

Observation days before his 'sexually provocative' dress remark in another sexual harassment case against activist

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 18

THE KOZHIKODE sessions judge, who granted anticipatory bail to writer and social activist Civic Chandran in an alleged sexual harassment case saying the accused had produced photographs showing the complainant in "sexually provocative" dresses, granted anticipatory bail to Chandran in another case days earlier, saying it is "highly unbelievable that he will touch the body of the victim fully knowing that she is a member of Scheduled Caste".

In an August 2 order on anticipatory bail following a July 17 complaint by a Dalit writer — she alleged that Chandran, who is in his 70s, tried to kiss her on the neck and outraged her modesty on April 17 — Sessions Judge S Krishna Kumar said offences under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act will not prima facie stand against the accused because it is "highly unbelievable that he will touch the body of the victim fully knowing that she is a member of Scheduled Caste. In order to attract the offence under the Act,

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1300 km, 8 hospitals, 25 days: Family's desperate bid to try & save Jalore boy

HAMZA KHAN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

OVER 25 days starting July 20, the family of nine-year-old Indra Kumar Meghwal, the Dalit boy from Jalore who was assaulted, allegedly by his upper-caste teacher, desperately rushed him from one hospital to another, covering close to 1,300 kilometres across Rajasthan and Gujarat before he died in an Ahmedabad hospital — the eighth he had been taken to — on the morning of August 13.

His family had said that he was assaulted, allegedly for drinking water from a pot reserved for the upper-caste teacher.

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At the Meghwal home in Jalore. *Deep Mukherjee*

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Get approval for any media article before publication, NITI Aayog tells its officials

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

THE NITI Aayog has asked its officials to get "all Op-Eds/ articles" approved — by the chief executive officer (CEO) in the case of senior officials, and by the "respective advisers" in the case of junior officials — before sending them for "external publication" to any media outlet.

In a communication to its officials, dated May 12, the government's top think tank said: "The undersigned is directed to convey for strict compliance that all Op-Eds/Articles written by Officers/ Officials of NITI Aayog, in which they identify themselves as an officer/ official/ employee of NITI Aayog, that are sent for external publication in newspapers/ magazines/ news sites etc. must be duly approved by the respective Adviser... Articles by Senior Advisers/ Advisers/ Vertical Heads should be approved by the CEO."

"All Op-Eds/Articles have to be sent for publication only through the Communications Vertical... The Communications Vertical will take the final call on

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Yacht found adrift off Raigad coast with weapons, owner's husband says to keep Somali pirates at bay

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YOGESH NAIK
MUMBAI, AUGUST 18

AN ABANDONED yacht was Thursday found adrift off Maharashtra, carrying three AK-74 rifles and ammunition, briefly setting off a security scare before officials ruled out a terror angle.

The yacht's sailing master, also the husband of its Australian owner, told *The Indian Express* that the weapons were meant as protection against Somali pirates — and that he now wants the vessel back.

A senior Coast Guard official, meanwhile, confirmed that the weapons were all legal.

The 16-metre-long yacht, Lady Han, was found by local fisherfolk off Harihareshwar beach in Raigad district, 190 km from Mumbai, in the morning.

The UK-flagged craft had originally set sail from West Asia towards Europe (the UK, as per the Coast Guard) before misfortune struck.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* over phone from the UK, sailing master Robert James said: "This yacht is owned by my wife. I was sailing with three others to Europe from Dubai. Our next halt was at Salalah (Oman) and later, we were to pass through the Suez Canal."

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The yacht found off Maharashtra's Raigad coast on Thursday. *PTI*

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Bilkis case

"I would only want to say that there are guidelines (on the aspect of grant of remission), the state itself lays down these guidelines. There are Supreme Court judgments on this too," he told *The Indian Express*.

The trial was conducted before the Mumbai court after it was transferred by the SC in 2004 from Gujarat following apprehensions about its fairness and threats to Bilkis. The evidence in the case ran into thousands of pages, including witness statements.

"The judgement was delivered a long time ago. Now it is in the hands of the government. The state has to make a decision. Whether it is correct or not is for the court concerned or a superior court to see," Justice Salvi said.

After the release of the convicts, Bilkis issued a statement through her lawyer. "Today, I can only say this - how can justice for any woman end like this? I trusted the highest courts in our land. I trusted the system and I was slowly learning to live with my trauma. The release of these convicts has taken from me my peace and shaken my faith in justice," her statement said.

Justice Salvi said he had not seen her statement but the judgement in the case was for all to read.

"The judgement can explain many things; the circumstances of the case, who are involved, and in what way the crime took place. She (Bilkis) had named the persons involved. It was not only based on identification of the accused," he said. "The judgement will speak for itself. The judgement, the evidence before the court, confirmation of the judgement by the Supreme Court can be seen. These would be before the state which has to take a complete view along with the factual scenario now and then take a decision. It cannot be seen in isolation," he said.

Jalore boy

A charting of the family's journey from the time they left Surana village in Jalore on July 20 presents a disturbing picture of their desperation as they took him from one hospital to another.

A report, based on statements by Indra's father Devaram and one of his uncles, has been prepared by Subhash Chandra Mani, an Assistant Director of Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Jalore. According to the report – shared with the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), New Delhi – Indra left for school around 7 am on July 20 and reached school about half an hour later. During the lunch break, between 10.30 am and 11 am, he proceeded to drink water from a pot meant for the teacher and school owner, Chail Singh. Upon seeing Indra drinking water from the pot, the report said, Singh allegedly assaulted Indra, following which he started bleeding from his ear and fell to the ground.

The report said once school got over, Indra went to his father's puncture repair shop that's across the street from the school and narrated the ordeal to his father. Later in the day, with the pain in his ear worsening, the family got him medicines from a store and administered them to him.

When that didn't help, the family took Indra to Bajrang hospital in Bagoda, 13 km away, in Jalore – the report doesn't mention if he was taken the same day or the following day. As the pain subsided, the family brought him back home, the report added.

A day or two later, when the pain shot up again, the family took him to Astha Multispeciality hospital in Bhinmal, close to 50 km from Surana village. A day later, the pain reduced and they brought him back home. However, the pain shot up again the following day, and the family took him to Triveni Hospital in Bhinmal, where he was admitted for two days.

A day after he was brought home, the pain shot up yet again and the family took him to a local hospital in Surana, where the doctors told them to take him to Deesa in Gujarat – 155 km away. In Deesa, the family admitted Indra to Karni Hospital. Following treatment, the doctors discharged him about 24 hours later, and the family returned home to Rajasthan.

Once home, Indra's health worsened and they once again took him to Triveni hospital in Bhinmal. Here, he was admitted for three days. When the pain got worse, the family rushed him to a hospital in Mehsana, Gujarat, over 300 km from Bhinmal, where he was kept for six days. However, with his health showing no sign of improvement, the family took him to Geetanjali Hospital in Udaipur, over 270 km from Mehsana. Indra was kept here for a day, and, on the advice of doctors there, taken to Civil Hospital in Ahmedabad.

According to the report, Indra was admitted at the Ahmedabad hospital for about 24 hours before he passed away at 11.30 am on August 13.

A doctor at the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, who is aware of Indra's case, said: "He was brought to the hospital on August 11 and he died on August 13. Initial diagnosis was that of chronic suppurative otitis media (CSOM), along with infection in the eyeball and venous sinus thrombosis (clots in brain's veins). When a child has a throat infection, the infection may go up to the middle ear through the Eustachian tube (which connects the throat to the middle ear). When the infection reaches the middle ear, it's called acute suppurative otitis media (ACOM). After a week or so after a child has suffered from ACOM, it goes into chronic disease, becoming CSOM. CSOM can then perforate the tympanic membrane (the eardrum) and pus starts coming out. The infection, if untreated, can spread to all the vital organs in the skull area as the cavity is interconnected." The doctor said the final cause of death is yet to be ascertained.

By the end of their travels between home and these multiple hospitals across Rajasthan and Gujarat, from July 20 to August 13, the Meghwal family had covered at least 1,259 kilometres.

Kerala judge

it has to be established that the act of the accused was with the knowledge that the victim belonged to a member of ST/ST."

He said available materials showed "this is an attempt to tarnish the status of the accused in society. He is fighting against the caste system and is involved in several agitations. It is not at all stated in the first information statement that the act of the accused was with the knowledge that the victim belonged to a member of SC… The accused is a reformist and is engaged in fighting against the caste system, writing for a casteless society. So offences under sections 3 (1) W (1) and section 3 (2) (va) of the SC ST Atrocities (Prevention) Act will not prima facie stand against the accused."

Chandran was booked under sections 354, 354 (A) (i), 354 A (2), and 354 D (2) of the IPC and sections 3 (1) w (1) and 3 (2) (va) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Referring to section 3 (1) W (1) and section 3 (2) (va) of the SC/ST Act, the judge said the accused should have knowledge that the victim belongs to the SC/ST category and such act is of sexual nature and without consent. He said there was no satisfactory explanation from the woman regarding the delay in filing the complaint.

Considering the age and health condition of the accused, it cannot be believed that he kissed the woman who is taller than him, the judge said, noting that they had cordial relations, but had a dispute over publication of a work she wrote.

In another order granting anticipatory bail to Chandran on August 12 – the second complaint too was of sexual harassment – Judge S Krishna Kumar said, "In order to attract Section 354 A (sexual harassment), there must be physical contact and advances involving unwelcome and explicit sexual overtures. There must be a demand or request for sexual favours. There must be a sexually coloured remark. The photographs produced with the anticipatory bail application by the accused reveal that the complainant herself is exposing to dresses which are sexually provocative. Section 354 A will not prima facie stand against the accused."

J&K voters

July 1, 2022 is expected to be 98.96 lakh, whereas the registered electors as on date are over 76 lakh. There is a gap of 22,93,603. It is this gap which was used to convey the tentative expectation from the special summary revision," government sources said.

Officials said before the abrogation of Article 370, the electoral rolls for the Assembly polls were made under the ambit of the Jammu and Kashmir Representation of the People Act 1957, wherein only permanent residents of J&K were eligible to be registered. "With the abrogation of Article 370 and applicability of the Representation of the People Act 1950 and 1951, any citizen of India who has attained the qualifying age and is 'ordinarily residing' at a place is eligible to be registered in the electoral roll of that place, if not disqualified otherwise," said an official.

On Wednesday, the Chief Electoral Officer had said there was no need for one to have a domicile certificate or to be a permanent resident to be enlisted as a voter in J&K anymore. He had said that an employee, a student, a labourer, or anyone else ordinarily residing in J&K could become a voter now.

According to the administration, even prior to abrogation of Article 370, these people were eligible to be registered in the electoral rolls "if they were ordinarily residing in any Assembly segment of J&K, but had the right to vote only in parliamentary elections and were categorised as Non Permanent Resident voters."

There are no changes to the voting provisions for Kashmiri Pandits. For the Armed Forces, "there already exists a provision for them to be registered as service voters for their native Assembly constituency and avail the facility of electronically transferred postal ballot system," said sources.

All mainstream parties in the Valley have questioned the expected addition of lakhs of new voters, and accused the BJP of tilting the balance in its favour.

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah has convened an all-party meeting on August 22 to discuss the issue.

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said the addition of the new voters is "the last nail in the coffin of electoral democracy in J&K". She said: "They did part of their rigging with the delimitation commission, achieving as much gerrymandering as they could through that."

"Is the BJP so insecure about support from genuine voters of J&K that it needs to import temporary voters to win seats?" NC leader Omar Abdullah tweeted on Wednesday. People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone has also termed the move as "dangerous" and "disastrous".

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ANURAG THAKUR HITS BACK

Rohingya have to be dealt with by Centre, says Sisodia

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Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia; Union I&B Minister Anurag Thakur

DELHI DEPUTY Chief Minister Manish Sisodia wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah Thursday, saying the elected government of Delhi was not kept in the loop about the decision to send Rohingya refugees to EWS flats in Bakkarwala, and that it was opposed to any permanent or temporary houses being given to "Bangladeshi Rohingya" in Delhi.

The letter comes a day after Union minister Hardeep Puri tweeted that Rohingya "refugees" would be provided housing and police protection in Delhi. The Ministry of Home Affairs, however, said the illegal immigrants couldn't be moved and are to be deported soon.

Officials told *The Indian Express* that the FRRO, which comes under the MHA, had written to the Delhi government, asking for a space to create a detention centre to shift the Rohingya refugees. After several meetings, held over a year, it was decided that the NDMC would provide the EWS flats at Bakkarwala.

Sisodia, in his letter, wrote that the elected government was neither taken into confidence nor informed of the move. "I am shocked... In Delhi's Home Department, police-related decisions are taken by the Centre... Officers from the Centre as well as the Delhi Police were present in the meeting held on July 29, which was chaired by the Delhi Chief Secretary. The file was to be sent directly to the L-G, not keeping the elected government or ministers in the loop," he wrote.

He also said that if the decision to move the Rohingya to Bakkarwala was taken without the knowledge of the Centre, an enquiry should be ordered. "It should be investigated who in the Centre, along with Delhi government officers, was taking this decision keeping the elected government of Delhi out of the loop, and at whose behest," he wrote.

Earlier, during a press conference, when asked if the Delhi government is against giving flats to the Rohingya or against having the refugees in Delhi at all, Sisodia said, "Rohingya and illegal occupants, who are living in the country violating the rules of the country, have to be dealt with by the Centre."

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister and BJP leader Anurag Thakur, meanwhile, Thursday said national security is of utmost importance to the Modi government and illegal migrants will not be given shelter in the country. He said the Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP government was ready to compromise national security for vote bank politics.

"Rohingya who live here are illegal migrants who are given free water, electricity, ration; now even free flats were to be given to them by the Delhi government," the Minister said, addressing reporters at his residence in New Delhi.

"Kejriwal will have to answer why this was being done by his officials, what is his compulsion," he added, brandishing an official letter written by Delhi government officials on June 23, 2021, mentioning the allotment of EWS flats in Bakkarwala to Rohingya.

The letter, which was sent by the Home Department to NDMC, also states that the Foreigners Regional Registration Office, which comes under the Ministry of Home Affairs, has written to the government, seeking a place to create a detention centre for which the EWS flats at Bakkarwala were chosen.

Calling the Chief Minister a "jhooth mantri", Thakur said, "Kejriwal should answer why he hasn't been able to decide upon a place for creating a detention centre for illegal immigrants in the capital. Will the Delhi CM now wake up and respond?"

"They have lied again, distributed 'revdis (freebies)'," Thakur said, adding that the Home Ministry had instructed the Delhi government time and again not to move Rohingya out of their temporary shelters and create detention centres for them.

BRIEFLY

Woman wanted in over 25 cases of theft held

Ghaziabad: A 30-year-old woman, allegedly wanted in over 25 cases of theft in multiple states for over a decade, was arrested Wednesday evening. Poonam Shah alias Kajal alias Preeti was living in Uttam Nagar, Delhi, police said, adding that two of her associates are absconding.

DU Executive Council nod to FYUP first sem syllabi

New Delhi: DU's Executive Council Thursday approved the first semester syllabi of the various programmes which form the four-year Undergraduate Curriculum Framework to be introduced in the 2022-23 academic year. Registrar Vikas Gupta confirmed that the EC passed the courses which had been approved by the Academic Council earlier this month. **ENS**

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	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Aug 17	1,652	1,702	8	16,658
Aug 18	1,964	1,939	8	20,844
Total	6,826*	19,57,121	26,408	3,97,71,523

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NOIDA	Aug 17	Aug 18
Cases	114	N/A
Deaths	0	N/A

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Cases	368	556
Deaths	0	0

DOs AND DON'Ts

Supertech D-day: Residents to leave flats at 7 am, return by 4 pm, says Noida Authority

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, AUGUST 18

WITH 10 days to go for the Supertech towers' demolition, the Noida Authority Thursday convened a meeting to discuss steps to bring down the two buildings safely on August 28 and the 'evacuation plan for the exclusion zone'.

The road bordering Emerald Court in the north; service road on Noida Expressway which goes towards Delhi in the south; the road between ATS Village and Parsvnath Srishti apartments in the east; and a park in Sector 93A adjoining the flyover in the west comes under the exclusion zone vis-a-vis the demolition site. Certain directions were given by the Authority in the meeting such as:

- Residents of Supertech Emerald Court and ATS Village will be required to evacuate their flats by 7 am on August 28
- Security staff at Emerald Court and ATS Village can stay in the premises only till 12 noon on August 28, but will have to evacuate by 12 noon
- Residents of both societies are required to remove their vehicles from their respective complexes
- If a resident has more than one vehicle and does not have a place to park it, Noida Authority will provide additional parking facilities to such residents
- Once clearance is given by Edifice Engineering, residents can return to their respective flats by 4 pm on August 28
- On August 28, traffic on Noida-Greater Noida Expressway will be shut completely between 2.15 pm -2.45 pm.
- Fire tenders, ambulances and other emergency services will be parked on the road next to a park in front of the twin towers

THE PLAN



Perimeter guards Exclusion Zone Blasting zone



The Supertech twin towers will be demolished on August 28. *Monojit Majumdar*

The meeting was attended by senior officials of the Noida Authority, representatives of Edifice Engineering and Supertech Ltd., as well as officials from Noida Police, fire department, traffic police department and Resident Welfare Associations of Emerald Court and ATS Village apartments.

The Supreme Court on August 12 had fixed the demolition for August 28, granting a bandwidth of seven days between August 29 and September 4 to take into account any marginal delay due to technical reasons or weather conditions, as requested by Noida Authority.

Meanwhile, officials at Edifice Engineering — the firm in charge of the process — said it is achieving over 12% of its daily scheduled charging targets. "We are presently achieving between 12%-15% of our daily scheduled charging targets. The process of charging the building will likely be achieved by August 23," said Mayur Mehta, project manager of the demolition. He also said the structural analysis report of certain towers in Emerald Court and ATS Village, which lie in the vicinity of the demolition site, was submitted to CBRI on August 13.

Additionally, the process of covering affected buildings/towers in Supertech Emerald Court and ATS Village apartments, with 'non-woven geo-textile material' will be completed on or before August 28, Mehta added.

According to sources, strengthening and repair of roughly 43-52 columns in the affected towers is ongoing and repairs will be completed by August 25.

DTU suspends a third of its M.Tech programmes over 'poor admissions'

PROGRAMMES SUSPENDED THIS YEAR

	SANCTIONED SEATS
Bioinformatics	25
Industrial Biotechnology	30
Hydraulics & Water Resources Engineering	24
Geoinformatics	18
Geotechnical Engineering	25
Microwave and Optical Communication Engineering	25
Control and Instrumentation	25
Power System	25
Production Engineering	25
Thermal Engineering	25

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL University (DTU), formerly known as the Delhi College of Engineering, has "suspended" more than a third of its master's programmes for the academic year 2022-23 on account of "less number of admissions", *The Indian Express* has learnt.

At least 10 out of the 26 M.Tech programmes offered at DTU will not run this year as two-thirds of the sanctioned seats in the 10 programmes did not find any takers.

These 10 programmes that collectively offered about 250 seats are MTech in Bioinformatics; Industrial Biotechnology; Hydraulics & Water Resources Engineering; Geoinformatics; Geotechnical Engineering; Microwave and Optical Commu-nication Engineering; Control and Instrumentation; Power System; Production Engineering; Thermal Engineering. Of these, two programmes are from the department of Biotechnology, three from Civil Engineering, two from Electrical Engineering, one from Mechanical Engineering, and one from Electronics and Communication Engineering.

In an office order released two weeks ago, a copy of which is with *The Indian Express*, students who have already been admitted to the above suspended programmes will be offered a transfer to another programme, subject to the eligibility criteria and availability of seats in the relevant M.Tech branch. In case vacant seats are not available in the desired branch, the institute has announced that it will refund deposited fees.

DTU is a state university and is counted among the premier engineering schools in the country. It ranked 35 nationally in the latest edition of the National Institute Ranking Framework.

The M.Tech seats remaining vacant have been a persistent issue at engineering colleges, but reputed institutions have been mostly spared. At the IITs, for instance, about a quarter of M.Tech seats fall vacant mainly on account of students leaving the programme midway after finding a job with public sector units or PSUs. However, an IIT has never "suspended" a programme because of dropouts or vacant seats.

EXPLAINED

Why seats are vacant

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At DTU, however, the vacancy problems seem more acute. So much so, that the institute, in an Academic Council meeting in May this year, approved a policy decision that if admissions made in any M.Tech programme are less than one-third of total seats approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), then that engineering branch will remain suspended for that academic year.

The previous year's admission brochure had stated that the institute reserves the right to terminate or suspend a specific programme in case a sufficient number of students are not admitted to it. A standing committee, to look into this year's M.Tech admissions, had recommended this one-third formula, which was approved by the Academic Council.

"We have closed M.Tech courses in the past as well when we've had low admissions, but this year we finalised a policy that we'll close those that have less than one-third admissions. In most cases, students come for programmes in Computer Sciences and IT, and these have 100% admissions. In streams such as Mechanical, Civil, Electrical and Biotech, the number of students in undergraduate courses itself has become low and fewer admissions in postgraduation in these areas are a consequence of that. Private institutes have shut down UG courses in these areas and they're left only in government colleges," said DTU's acting Vice-Chancellor J P Saini, stating that the institute will be looking at renaming and refashioning these courses in direction of Computer Sciences and Machine Learning to draw more admissions.

HC expedites service charge hearing before single bench

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

OBSERVING THAT restaurants do not need to levy service charges to pay their employees, the Delhi High Court Thursday granted the Centre and Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) liberty to approach the single bench for vacation of stay on the guidelines prohibiting hotels and restaurants from adding service charge automatically or by default in the bill.

While advancing the date of hearing before the single bench from November 25 to August 31, the division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad said, "You (restaurants) don't have to levy service charges to pay your employees. You are liable and bound to pay your employees under various enactments, that is your obligation under law."

Besides granting the Centre and CCPA liberty to move for vacation of stay order passed by a single bench on July 20, the court permitted them to file a response to petitions of Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India and National Restaurant Association of India against the guidelines. The court requested the single bench to pass an appropriate order on the application for vacation of stay once it is filed.

The Centre and CCPA, represented by Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma and advocate Sandeep Mahapatra, earlier submitted that the guidelines declare service charge as anti-consumer and restaurants are free to increase food prices instead.

CUET Ph 4: Papers postponed at two centres in Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

COMMON UNIVERSITY Entrance Test (CUET) papers were postponed yet again at two centres in Delhi on Thursday, the second day of Phase 4 of the exam.

On Wednesday, day one of Phase 4, papers were postponed in 13 centres across the country, of which 8 were in Delhi. On Thursday, in two of these 8 centres — MD Indraprastha Senior Secondary Public School and Noble Exam Centre, both in Rohini — candidates were met once again with a notice from the National Testing Agency (NTA) stating that papers in both shifts at the centre for the day were postponed due to "technical/logistical reasons".

"I had not received any SMS or email informing me of cancellation, so I reached the centre at 7 am. We didn't end up even entering the centre and at 8.10, the notification was put up," said Ankit Jha, who had papers at Noble Exam Centre Thursday morning.

Students in other cities also reported exam cancellations. Anvi Jain, who had papers scheduled for Thursday afternoon at Integral University Lucknow received an automated call on Wednesday evening telling her that her scheduled exam has been cancelled and that she will be informed of new dates later.

In the meantime, confusion broke out Thursday morning after many students who opted to appear for papers on August 30 reported that they received admit cards which stated that they had exams on August 17, 18 or 20 meaning, in many cases, that papers had already been conducted or were ongoing when they received it. Later in the day, these admit cards were no longer on their portals. Students with exams from August 17-20, but who had not been allotted centres in their cities of choice, were given the option by NTA to write those on August 30 in cities of choice.

"I'd chosen Delhi as my first preference. On August 13, I was informed NTA would not be able to give me a centre in Delhi for my August 17 exam; it took my consent to schedule it on August 30. Till yesterday I wasn't able to download the admit card and the portal stated my exam is on August 30. But this morning, I downloaded the admit card which shows the date of my slot 1 exam as August 17, which means it's over. I am extremely tense," said Kirpesh Mishra. By noon, he reported this admit card was gone and the portal again stated he has given consent to give his exam on August 30. The same pattern was confirmed by multiple candidates to *The Indian Express*.

A senior NTA official told *The Indian Express* that it hasn't issued any fresh admit cards after August 13. "We issued admit cards for the phase starting August 17 on August 13. We don't keep changing dates at the back end. However, we are not dismissing any complaints at the moment and are verifying them. Students are advised to refer only to the official NTA website for authentic information," the officer said.

According to a UGC statement, students affected by Thursday's cancellations will be able to write papers on August 25.



MAKING HEADWAY

Work underway for the Rapid Rail Transit Corridor (RRTS) on the Delhi-Meerut route in Ghaziabad. *Prem Nath Pandey*

In less than a day, teen commits six robberies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

IN LESS than 24 hours, a 16-year-old boy allegedly committed six robberies in residential areas in South Delhi on Independence Day, said police Thursday, adding that he was apprehended by special staff Wednesday.

The teenager is allegedly involved in over 13 cases of robberies, theft and snatching, said police. He targets mainly women walking alone in the evening or late at night and allegedly snatches their phones or jewellery, police added.

According to sources, the first incident took place around 8 am in Hauz Khas. The boy allegedly snatched a woman's phone and fled on his scooter, said sources. Around 5.30 pm, he allegedly targeted another woman and snatched her purse in Saket, they added. Police said the boy then targeted two men at Lado Sarai market area and Malviya Nagar and allegedly snatched their phones around 5.40-5.50 pm and 2.15 am respectively. In the next one hour, he allegedly targeted a food delivery executive and a woman in Saket and Greater Kailash, police said.

On Wednesday, police received inputs that he would come to the BRT area with the same scooter. A team was sent and he was signalled to stop. DCP (South) Benita Mary Jaiker said: "The juvenile tried to flee but was caught by the team. Two phones were recovered from his possession."

Plea in HC to stop Noida man from euthanasia trip withdrawn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

A 49-YEAR-OLD woman from Bengaluru who last week approached the Delhi High Court to stop her friend, a Noida-based 48-year-old man, facing a debilitating health condition, from travelling to Europe allegedly to undergo assisted suicide withdrew her petition from the court Thursday.

When the case came up for hearing before the bench of Justice Yashwant Varma, the woman's lawyer told the court that he has instructions to withdraw the petition. "I would like to withdraw this petition as I came to know that (my friend) is deeply traumatised after hearing about it (filing of the case). I am afraid that the very purpose of filing this writ may go in vain if I proceed," she said in a statement before the court through her lawyer, advocate Subash Chandran. While allowing the plea's withdrawal, Justice Varma directed the court registry to mask the particulars of the man in court records.

According to a petition filed on August 10, the man has been suffering from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome since 2014, and is allegedly planning to travel to Switzerland for physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia. The woman, who described herself as his close friend, had pleaded that his parents, family and friends would suffer "irreparable loss" and "hardship" if plea to halt his travel isn't allowed.

The man, according to the petition, was undergoing a treatment called Fecal Microbiota Transplantation, but couldn't continue during the pandemic due "to donor availability issues". The petition said his condition deteriorated over past 8 years making him "completely bed-bound and just able to walk a few steps".

Excise official faces heat over 'clip asking for Glenfiddich for minister's event'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, AUGUST 18

HARYANA'S EXCISE and Taxation department Thursday initiated an enquiry against an excise inspector posted in Gurgaon (east) after an audio clip surfaced online, in which an excise official is purportedly heard asking a liquor retailer to send "six bottles of Glenfiddich (15 year old) to a hotel for (a) minister's programme".

Taking cognizance of the clip, excise department officials said an enquiry has been initiated.

Ravinder Singh, deputy excise and taxation commissioner (excise), Gurgaon (east), said, "The excise inspector concerned… has been relieved from his office duties in Gurgaon and has been directed to report to head office in Panchkula with immediate effect. An enquiry has been ordered."

A letter addressed to the excise inspector from the office of the deputy excise and taxation commissioner (excise) Gurgaon (east), stated, "… it has come to the knowledge of the undersigned from various sources that your office work is not satisfactory. Hence, the duties assigned to you are hereby withdrawn with immediate effect in public interest."

Sources also said the excise official under investigation had allegedly sealed a shop of the liquor retailer in Gurgaon on August 15 for "illegally selling liquor", ostensibly to harass the retailer. The liquor shop has now been de-sealed.

Major projects stuck as tree felling nod awaited: L-G to CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

L-G V K Saxena has written to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal pointing out that "several major projects have been held up for an unreasonable period of time" since they are awaiting permission for felling or transplanting trees under the Delhi Preservation of Trees of Act, 1994.

Among the projects he listed as being "held up on account of the above reason" was the Executive Enclave of the Central Vista project. *The Indian Express* had reported on August 9 that the Delhi State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was yet to grant environment clearance to Executive Enclave, which will house the Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, National Security Council Secretariat and India House. The SEIAA had sent the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) proposal for environment clearance back to the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) earlier this year, asking it to examine the implementation of the Tree Transplantation Policy since "substantial tree transplantation is involved".

The Delhi government did not respond to calls and messages seeking comment on the matter.

Saxena listed other projects being executed by Union government departments and agencies, and Delhi Metro that were "held up such as redevelopment of General Pool Accommodation at Sriniwaspuri/ Sarojini Nagar, construction of residential quarters for Central Industrial Security Force, corridors of Delhi MRTS Phase IV, Dwarka Expressway, and EMU at Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station etc."

The letter noted that "such unwarranted delays in disposal of applications regarding permission for tree cutting/transplantation is resulting in waste of public funds due to time and cost overrun of the projects for which accountability needs to be fixed."



The letter which the L-G wrote to the CM included projects like Executive Enclave of the Central Vista

4 of family dead after car rams into truck on Delhi-Meerut e-way

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GHAZIABAD, AUGUST 18

FOUR PEOPLE of a family, including a seven-year-old boy, were killed when their car crashed into a stationary truck parked on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway Thursday near Kushaliya village, Ghaziabad police said.

The deceased have been identified as Sumit (34), his son Yagit (7), Tejpal (48) and his wife Babli (40). A 10-year-old girl was also injured but her condition is stable, police said.

The family hailed from Rohtak, Haryana, and were returning from Haridwar in a Maruti Eeco car when the accident happened. "Around 1 pm Thursday, an accident took place on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway near Kushaliya village. Ghaziabad police inspected the spot and a technical team was called for inspection. CCTV footage is also being checked," said Iraj Raja, Additional Superintendent of Police, Rural Ghaziabad.

According to police, one of the deceased was driving the car. According to Raja, as per preliminary investigation, it is unclear how the accident took place. An investigation is underway to trace the driver of the truck. "The girl was admitted at GTB hospital in Delhi. However, her family will be taking her back to Rohtak for further treatment," Raja said.

An FIR under IPC sections 279 (rash driving or riding on a public way) and 304A (causing death by negligence) has been registered against the driver of the truck, and further investigation to trace him is underway. Police said the truck driver has been booked as he parked his vehicle on the expressway.

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- According to industry experts, "India's warehousing and logistics sector is witnessing increased investments by NRIs, high net worth individuals and ultra-high net worth individuals (HNIs and UHNIs), who are keen in diversifying their portfolios. The demand is rising amid India's promising economic growth, rapid growth of ecommerce businesses, systematic reforms such as the implementation of goods and services (GST), and the potential for better returns.
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SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

UNION MINISTER Rajeev Chandrasekhar took a short break from work to be on a spiritual journey — he went to climb the Sabarimala for a darshan of Lord Ayyappa. Chandrasekhar, who has been visiting the shrine in Kerala for 25 years — he missed it in the last two years due to the pandemic — made the trek on Thursday. The 58-year-old Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology said he took an hour and 30 minutes to complete the climb. Although the minister was there for his annual prayers, devotees did not leave him without clicking mandatory selfies with him.

CHANGE IN THE AIR

A DAY after reconstitution of the BJP Parliamentary Board and the party's central election committee, the talk in party circles on Thursday was on the subtle change the lists have thrown up. According to BJP insiders, the party's general secretary (organisation) is usually an ex officio member of the Parliamentary Board and another general secretary would be designated its secretary — late BJP leader Ananth Kumar played this role in the panel when it was constituted in 2014. General secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh has been appointed secretary in the new BJP Parliamentary Board. He was mentioned as "sachiv" (secretary) in the CEC list, too. Another noticeable change was that both panels do not have the Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha — Piyush Goyal at present.

LONG HOPE

THE FATE of 134 senior officers of the Railways hangs in the balance as they are in the fray to be empanelled for the post of general manager in the newly devised Indian Railway Management Service cadre. While the process will take its time — the candidature of each one will be evaluated, complete with a 360-degree feedback — the bureaucracy is abuzz with talk that some of them are perhaps a bit too hopeful, considering they are retiring in the next couple of months. There is no rule that those at the doorstep of retirement cannot apply, but officials feel this will only make the already lengthy process longer.

Eye on China, Jaishankar says Quad will benefit Indo-Pacific

Any reservation to it is 'unilateralist opposition', he says during Thailand visit

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THE ENTIRE Indo-Pacific region will benefit from the Quad and any reservations to the activities of the four-nation bloc is possibly a "unilateralist opposition to collective and cooperative endeavours", External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday, in an apparent reference to China's objection.

The Quad, or Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, comprising India, the US, Japan and Australia was set up in 2017 to counter China's aggressive behaviour in the Indo-Pacific region.

Speaking at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University here on 'India's Vision of the Indo-Pacific', Jaishankar said the Quad is the most prominent plurilateral platform that addresses contemporary challenges and opportunities in the Indo-Pacific.

"It has, in recent years, been meeting at the highest level. We had a summit in Tokyo a few months ago, and that itself is an indication of how substantive its work has become," he said.



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry in Bangkok. *PTI*

"...We are confident that the entire Indo-Pacific region will benefit from (the Quad's) activities. And that is validated by the growing recognition of its importance in the international community," he asserted.

"If there are reservations in any quarter, these stem from a desire to exercise a veto on the choices of others. And possibly a unilateralist opposition to a collective and cooperative endeavours," Jaishankar underlined without naming any country.

China's foreign ministry has repeatedly opposed the Quad grouping.

It has said that the Indo-Pacific strategy "cooked up" by the US, in the name of "freedom and openness", is keen on forming "cliques". China claims that the grouping intends to "change China's surrounding environment".

Talking about the Indo-Pacific, Jaishankar said India envisages it as free, open, inclusive, peaceful and built on a rules-based order.

"We consider the Indo-Pacific as a region that extends from the Eastern shores of Africa to the Western shores of America," he said. "Over the years, this region has seen strong and sustained economic growth spreading across the Pacific rim, Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Gulf region and the East and Southern Coast of Africa. More integration and more collaboration will only add to prosperity and progress," Jaishankar noted.

He also said the India-China relationship is going through an "extremely difficult phase".

Responding to a question, Jaishankar said that the Asian Century will happen when China and India come together.

"At the moment (the India-China) relationship is going through an extremely difficult phase after what China did at the border," he said.

Chinese and Indian troops are engaged in a prolonged standoff in Eastern Ladakh.

"I think if India and China have to come together, there are many reasons to do so, not necessarily only Sri Lanka," he said, adding that it is in India and China's own interest to join hands.

"We very much hope that wisdom dawns on the Chinese side," he said while replying to another question from the audience.

Demography is changing in border areas, maintain vigil: Shah to DGPs

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah

THE DEMOGRAPHY in border areas of the country is changing and police chiefs of border states should keep a watchful eye on this development, Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday. He also said that security forces had achieved great success in eliminating terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

"All states should give top priority to the issues related to national security, this is the fight for the future of the country and the youth, for which we have to fight together in one direction and win at any cost ...the DGPs of border states should keep a watchful eye on the demographic changes taking place in border areas," Shah said while addressing the concluding session of the two-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference.

Among the various topics deliberated upon during the conference was "Demographic changes and growing radicalization in border areas".

The conference was attended by Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, DGPs of all states and union territories, Deputy NSAs and chiefs of all Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

"It is the responsibility of the DGPs of states to take all technical and strategic information in their states, especially in the border districts, right down to the lower level in the police," Shah said.

The statements come at a time when the issue of Rohingya Muslims entering the country from Myanmar has taken a political colour even as the issue of illegal immigration from Bangladesh has been part of discussions in armed forces level bilateral talks between the two countries.

Recently, during the bilateral talks between Border Guards Bangladesh and the Border Security Force, when this issue was raised by the Indian side, Bangladesh said there was no need for its citizens to infiltrate into India as it was doing well economically.

On the security situation, Shah said, "In the field of internal security, we have achieved great success in the direction of eliminating the three ulcers of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, various extremist groups in the Northeast and Left Wing Extremism. For this, we enacted many new laws, increased coordination with states, increased budgetary allocation and made optimum use of technology."

Akhilesh hails Bihar change, hopes Opp can put up a strong option in 2024

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SAMAJWADI PARTY chief Akhilesh Yadav said Thursday that the political shift in Bihar, with the JD(U) leaving the NDA to align with the RJD, is a "positive sign" and hoped that a strong alternative to the BJP will emerge for the 2024 parliamentary polls. The SP would support such an alternative, he said.

Akhilesh also claimed that the BJP's allies in Uttar Pradesh were not happy with it either, and would break away too. The BJP had tied up with the Apna Dal (Sonelal) and the NISHAD party in the 2022 Assembly polls.

About his party's own plans come 2024, Akhilesh told in an interview to PTI that the SP was focused on strengthening and restructuring its organisation and will be holding a national convention this year.

Welcoming the developments in Bihar, the former UP chief minister said: "I hope a strong alternative will be formed against the BJP (in 2024) and people will support it."

Asked about his party's role in the formation of an alternative, he said: "Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and NCP chief Sharad Pawar are working on it. Our focus as of now is on strengthening our party in the state."

Speaking in Delhi, the BJP dismissed Akhilesh's remarks regarding Opposition unity. "People of India know that the era of (H D) Deve Gowda, I K Gujral and V P Singh (as heads of coalition governments) is gone. The country now wants stability, development, honesty and effective leadership. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has provided it and enhanced India's prestige," former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said.



A MEETING WITH THE V-P

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar during a meeting with Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad in New Delhi on Thursday. *PTI*

J&K Waqf Board bans collecting donations by trustees at shrines

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THE JAMMU and Kashmir Waqf Board has ordered a complete ban on collection of donation by trustees at shrines and mosques run by the Board.

Calling the collection by trustees — locally known as Muttawali — as an "unethical practice", the Waqf Board said the ban was imposed after complaints from people about purported corruption.

A traditional system of collecting donation, this has been in practice in Jammu and Kashmir for centuries

The Board said collection of donations by trustees stood banned from Thursday — in fact, the process of removing donation boxes of these trustees began on Thursday afternoon.

The J&K Waqf Board looks after nearly 32,000 properties, including shrines, mosques and educational institutions, across the UT. A semi-government organisation, it is led by its chairperson, who is a government appointee — the current chairperson is Darakshan Andrabi, a BJP leader.

The order stated: "The J&K Waqf Board is in receipt of a large number of complaints against some people receiving donations forcibly and through exploitative means at Ziayarats (shrines). Despite coming from reasonably sound economic background, such people are permanently occupying particular spots within the shrines for their activities, and there are instances when such spots are being outsources or contracted out against receipt of large sums of money that violates the sanctity of ziyarats." It stated, "Such unethical practices damage the sanctity of sacred places, and are detrimental to the already strained finances of J&K Waqf Board."

Such acts of "pilferage is severely limiting" the Board's ability to perform charity and carry out activities to uplift the poor and the disadvantaged, it said.

Stating that "such people have been repeatedly warned to desist from these activities", and that visitors have sought "stern action against such elements", the order said, "Now a complete ban is hereby ordered on all such unethical practices across shrines of J&K UT with immediate effect."

Calling it "unexpected", many shrine trustees said the UT administration has disturbed a centuries-old tradition. "Our forefathers have been running these shrines, as Imams, trustees and caretakers without any salary, for more than four centuries now," said Shahid Jeelani Makhdoomi, whose family ran a shrine in the old city. "Madam (Waqf Board chairperson Darakshan Andrabi) had assured that they would not touch us, but the order came only the next day. If there was any mistake anywhere, they should have allowed us to rectify it. We would have done that happily."

DAY AFTER HC RULING IN FAVOUR OF OPS

EPS rejects truce offer, says OPS stole files from AIADMK office

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, AUGUST 18

A DAY after a Madras High Court order restored O Panneerselvam as the AIADMK's party coordinator, he extended an olive branch to his rival within the party, Edappadi K Palaniswami. However, Palaniswami, also known as EPS, ruled out chances of uniting with Panneerselvam. He also alleged that Panneerselvam, known as OPS, had stolen many crucial documents of party assets.

Panneerselvam, who addressed the media on Thursday morning, insisted that the AIADMK was not in an unusual situation. He said the party should be sustained as a force for the poor for 100 years, and that he was ready to forget all disagreements with Palaniswami and unite with him for the party's future.

"I wish to make it clear that my stand is to unite and work for the party. Whatever happened is over...," he said.

"When he (Palaniswami) was the CM, I cooperated with him wholeheartedly. I wish to restore that equation again... It is not about dual leadership but joint leadership. Uniting the party is my aim," he added.

Palaniswami, however, ruled out any chance of uniting with Panneerselvam.

"The general council meeting on June 23 called for it (single leadership in the party) with the consent of OPS. Despite being a coordinator, still he went to the court and police to stop it," Palaniswami said. How can the AIADMK cadres follow such a leader, he asked.

On Panneerselvam's call for unity, Palaniswami said this was "something he does often".

"Because he cannot survive without power... He wants benefits for his family, too. Whatever happens to the party, he wants to make his son an MP and get him a central minister post," Palaniswami said.

"Instead of attending the party meeting, he led rowdies to the party office, attacked our own party men, entered the party headquarters, broke the main doors... and stole some of the key documents related to party assets which are still with them," he said.

EXPLAINED

Feud in AIADMK set to go on

EPS'S REJECTION of OPS's truce offer shows that the feud within the AIADMK is no closer to being resolved. The strong words and allegation used by EPS against OPS means there's little chance of the two factions uniting any time soon. The question of dual leadership vs single leadership in the party, which is closely tied to the EPS-OPS feud, also leaves uncertain the future of the party's organisational structure.

COAL MINING IN MADHYA PRADESH

SC pulls up Centre for putting firm with valid licence in 'errant' list

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

THE SUPREME Court has pulled up the Centre for wrongly including the name of a coal mining company that had a valid licence for mining coal in Madhya Pradesh alongside a list of allegedly errant mine owners, a majority of whose allotments were cancelled by the top court while dealing with the coal block allotment scam in 2014.

A bench of Chief Justice of India N V Ramana and Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli imposed a cost of Rs 1 lakh on the government for "this callous, careless and casual approach" due to which the "petitioner (BLA Industries Private Limited) had to suffer loss and ignominy.".

The court, which went into the allotment process in its August 17 ruling, also held that "the mining lease granted in favour of the petitioner was not tainted by mala fides, as was the case of the other allottees".

The bench said the "state government had undertaken a diligent exercise to examine the petitioner's application before recommending its case to the...UOI (Union of India) for grant of the mining lease", and that "founded on the said recommendations, the...UOI had issued the letter allocating the coal block to the petitioner, and not the other way round".

Justice Kohli, writing for the bench, said: "Here is a case where a private party followed all rules and law, as applicable, before investing large sums of money to undertake business. In fact, it appears from facts of the case that it was the...UOI that did not follow the letter of the law. But ultimately it was the private party that had to suffer the consequences of the careless and callous approach of...UOI."

"To compound the petitioner's woes, UOI filed an affidavit before this Court, including the petitioner in the list of errant mine owners, based on its own unlawful conduct. It did not undertake the necessary due diligence to determine as to whether the petitioner had been allotted the mine through the lawful procedure", the court said.

Split over Lord Curzon gate: TMC statue politics riles Opp, experts

ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, AUGUST 18

HE ACHIEVED infamy for his decision to partition Bengal in 1905 and now a 119-year-old structure built in honour of Lord Curzon, who was the Viceroy of India for six years from 1899, in Bardhaman, West Bengal, is at the centre of a political row.

It emerged earlier this week that the Trinamool Congress (TMC)-run Bardhaman municipality had decided to install statues of Bardhaman's erstwhile maharaja, Bijay Chand Mahatab, and his wife Radharani in front of the city's landmark Curzon Gate — also known as Bijay Toran. Mahtab had built the gate in 1903, duinmg Curzon's visit.

Besides politicians, historians and heritage experts have also questioned the decision. Some have claimed the statues will block the view of the structure. The episode has put the focus on TMC's strategy of putting up statues of Bengali icons to underline its politics of Bengali pride and counter BJP's Hindutva message, which TMC claims is a Hindi heartland import.

Sources in Bardhaman municipality said the statues will be unveiled on Saturday. Municipality chairperson Paresh Sarkar said, "This is a project of local MLA Khokan Das, but we have no objection and are ready to execute the plan. We are aware of the controversy surrounding the statues in front of Curzon Gate."

Calling Bijay Chand Mahatab "the main architect of this gate and also the main architect of the town of Bardhaman, Sarkar asked, "So why is there a debate about building his statue in front of Curzon Gate?"

MLA Khokan Das said, "Most areas in Bardhaman belonged to the (erstwhile) maharaja, so there is nothing wrong with installing his



Lord Curzon Gate in Purba Bardhaman. *Photo by special arrangement*

and his wife's statues. He had built both BC Road, where the statue is being installed, and Curzon Gate."

BJP leader Rahul Sinha said, "TMC ruined Bengal's culture. They are now trying to please people by building statues of luminaries. People realise that they are being duped."

CPI(M) leader Sujan Chakraborty said, "One person trying to ruin the heritage structure is unfortunate."

The Curzon Gate was designed by architect Naresh Chandra Bose. His great-nephew and heritage activist Debasis Bose said, "The addition or alteration of a heritage monument should be done only after proper consultation with experts. Otherwise, such intervention is tantamount to defacement. Curzon Gate is a heritage monument and any procedure regarding it should be based on the opinion of heritage experts. It is personally painful for me because the gate was planned and designed by the elder brother of my grandfather."

Historian Kakali Mukherjee, who teaches at Rishi Bankim Chandra College in Naihati, questioned the kind of message the TMC is trying to send across by honouring Mahatab. "Curzon Gate has heritage value but the question is, why glorify Bijay Chand Mahtab? He not only built Curzon Gate to welcome Lord Curzon but it was also his coronation programme. He and his family took full advantage of the Britishers' permanent settlement policy. Despite his links to the British, the anti-British movement — both armed and non-armed struggle — flourished in this small city. Why should we build his statue on the 75th anniversary of Independence?

"I think, instead of the Raja, we should have built the statue of Kazi Nazrul Islam who is the son of the soil of Bardhaman."

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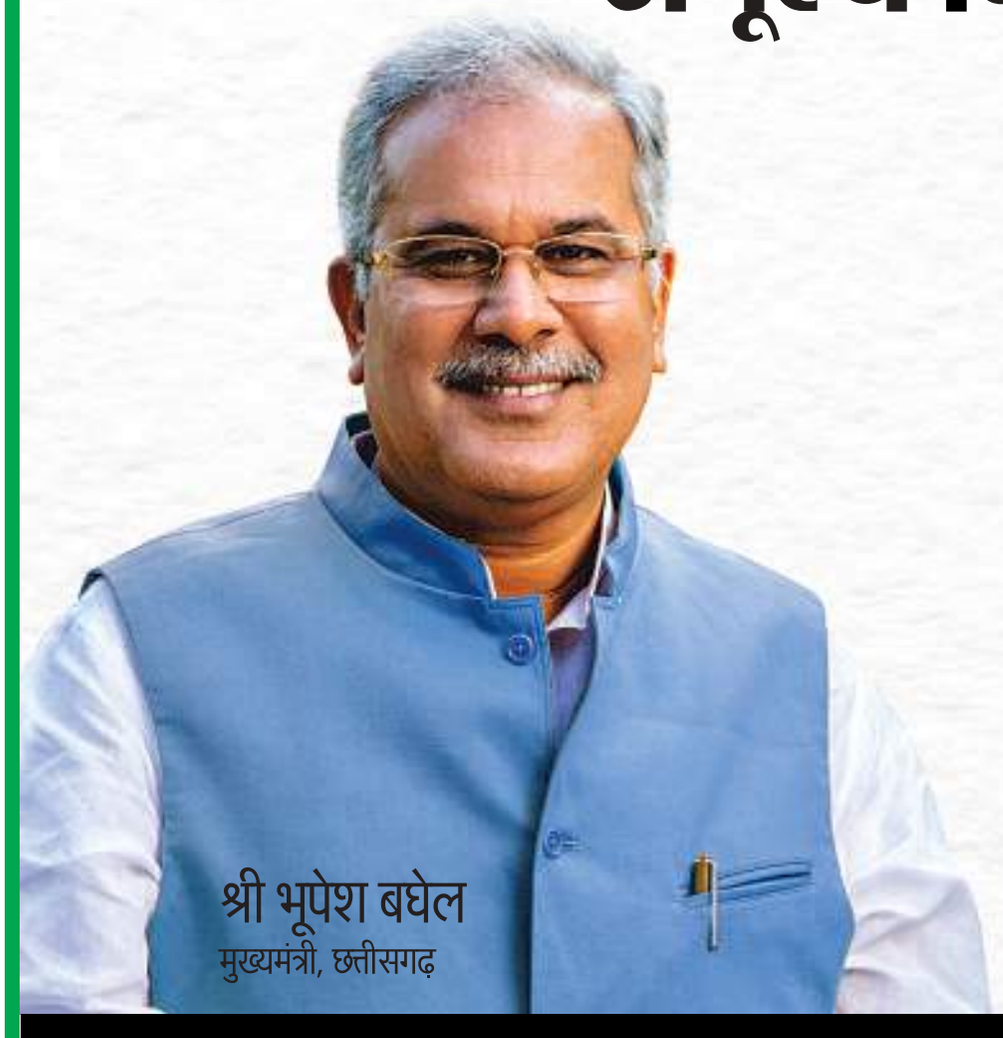
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ED searches premises linked to BSP MP Afzal Ansari



Outside Afzal Ansari's residence in New Delhi on Thursday. *Tashi Tobgyal*

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THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Thursday raided premises associated with Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MP Afzal Ansari in connection with a money laundering case against his brother, gangster-turned politician Mukhtar Ansari. The raids were spread across Delhi, Lucknow, Ansari's constituency Ghazipur, and his hometown Mau, sources said.

In Delhi, the agency, along with CRPF personnel, carried out searches at his official residence at Janpath, sources added. The agency had questioned Afzal in the case in May.

Mukhtar, who is also a former BSP leader, was booked by the ED last year for alleged money laundering on the basis of multiple cases registered by the Uttar Pradesh Police related to land-grabbing and illegal businesses.

The agency has questioned Mukhtar, who is in judicial custody in a Banda jail; his son Abbas Ansari, who is an MLA from the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party; his nephew, SP MLA Shoaib Ansari; and Afzal in the case.

The Ghazipur district administration last week had seized two plots of land, measuring 1.901 hectares and valued at over Rs 6 crore, that were purchased using alleged illegal earnings of Mukhtar, according to police.

In July, the Uttar Pradesh Police attached Afzal's assets worth Rs 14.90 crore under the Gangster Act.

2021 LAKHIMPUR KHERI VIOLENCE



Bhartiya Kisan Union spokesperson Rakesh Tikait and other farmers at a protest in Lakhimpur Kheri on Thursday. *PTI*

Farmers launch 75-hr dharna, seek sacking of MoS Ajay Mishra

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 18

HUNDREDS OF farmers on Thursday began a 75-hour dharna in Lakhimpur Kheri of Uttar Pradesh, demanding the sacking of Union Minister Ajay Mishra Teni.

The protesting farmers under the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) — an umbrella organisation of farm unions — at Mandi Ground in Lakhimpur Kheri are also demanding the release of the four farmers jailed in connection with the violence in October last year.

Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra is among the accused in the case filed after the violence that took place in the district's Tikonia area during a protest against the now repealed farm laws. As many as eight persons, including four farmers, were killed when a convoy of vehicles, including one allegedly belonging to Ajay Mishra, ran them over on October 3, 2021. In the ensuing violence, two BJP workers, the driver of one of the vehicles and a journalist were killed.

Over 5,000 farmers took part in the dharna, which began around 11 am, on the first day. Farmers, including women, reached Lakhimpur Kheri from across the state and the country to attend the three-day protest. Most of the farmers are from Punjab and Haryana.

Farmers claimed the protest was organised as the government has not sacked Ajay Mishra till date despite their demands. Also, despite promising them that no action would be taken against any farmers in the Tikonia case, the police arrested four of them. "We demand that those four farmers be released because they acted in self-defence as the assailants had come to kill them," claimed one of the protesting farmers.

They are also demanding that the Yogi Adityanath-led state government provide jobs to the family members of the deceased and financial help to those injured in the Tikonia violence. They also want a law to guarantee Minimum Support Prime (MSP) for crops to protect the interest of farmers.

Tents have been set up on the ground. The food stalls at the protest site are mostly run by farmers from Pubjab and Haryana. On the first day, langar was arranged at the site. A district administration official said food arrangements have been made by the organisers of the protest.

Among the prominent persons at the protest site were Bhartiya Kisan Union's national spokesperson Rakesh Tikait and social activist Yogendra Yadav.

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HC raps police: Register FIR in rape complaint against Shahnawaz

BJP leader approaches Supreme Court; matter to be heard next week

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THE DELHI High Court has criticised Delhi Police for its "complete reluctance" to even register an FIR against BJP leader Syed Shahnawaz Hussain and directed it to do so forthwith and complete the investigation into allegations of rape against him within three months.

Upholding a 2018 lower court order directing the police to register an FIR against Hussain, Justice Asha Menon said the complaint sent by the victim to the Commissioner of Police in 2018 clearly disclosed the cognisable offence of rape "after administration of a stupefying substance", and when the complaint was forwarded to the station house officer (SHO), the officer was obligated under law to register the FIR.

On Thursday, Hussain approached the Supreme Court against the HC order. Seeking urgent listing of the matter, his advocate told a bench presided by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana that the matter could affect his reputation. The court agreed to hear it next week.



BJP leader Syed Shahnawaz Hussain

In the order dated August 17, Justice Menon of Delhi HC said: "In the present case, till the filing of the complaint before the magistrate on June 21, 2018, the SHO had done nothing. In fact, the status report filed before this court refers to the complaint having been received at the police station on June 20, 2018 from the (police) commissioner's office. The police have a lot to explain for not having registered the FIR on receipt of the forwarded complaint."

It said the direction issued by the trial court for registering an FIR can hardly be described as an "irregularity", and therefore calls for no interference.

Justice Menon also said that recording of the statement of prosecutrix on four occasions is referred to in the status report filed by police but there is no explanation why an FIR was not lodged.

"The FIR only puts the machinery into operation," the order noted. "It is a foundation for investigation... It is only after investigations that the police can come to the conclusion whether or not an offence had been committed, and if so by whom."

In a statement, Hussain's lawyer said: "Our client, throughout his life, had an unblemished career and reputation, which is being sought to be tarnished on account of false and frivolous allegations in the complaint, which police authorities, after conducting thorough investigation, have found to be untrue."

The statement called the complaint "false, frivolous, motivated with a view to tarnish the BJP leader's image and reputation".

Challenging orders passed by the lower court for registration of FIR against him, Hussain had argued that the metropolitan magistrate had not disclosed reasons for directing registration of FIR and that investigation by police had "completely falsified" the woman's case. The police had told the lower court that allegations by the complainant were not found to be substantiated.

Rejecting the argument that the police reply should have been treated as a report under Section 173 (2) CrPC by lower court, Justice Menon said FIR was a must before that and police could have submitted the final report only on conclusion of investigation.

In Patna, reacting to the HC order, RJD spokesperson Subodh Mehta said: "Truth should prevail. If the truth is against Shahnawaz Hussain, he should face the consequences. Let there be a thorough investigation."

JD(U) spokesperson Neeraj Kumar said: "It is a judicial process. It is not fair to comment on a legal matter."

In June 2018, the woman had approached the trial court accusing Hussain of rape. She had alleged that in April he called her to a farmhouse and raped her after lacing her cold drink with sedative. **(WITH INPUTS FROM ENS, PATNA)**

Delhi HC agrees to hear plea against carrying of kirpan in domestic flights

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

THE DELHI High Court on Thursday asked the Union government and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security to respond to a petition challenging the recent notifications that allow Sikh passengers to carry kirpans of specific measurement on person in domestic flights.

While refusing to pass any interim stay on the notification issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, the division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad listed the matter for hearing in December.

In the petition filed by lawyer Harsh Vibhore Singhal, it has been argued that the permission to carry kirpan in flights has "mauled civil aviation safety protocols & international conventions" and callously brushed aside "safety and security concerns especially in the face of historical lessons in aviation hijackings".

"In alacrity to satiate demands of a particular religion, the State cannot disregard need for vigilance by allowing unrestricted and unrestrained on person carriage of kirpans on an unstated but facile and fatuous presumption having no factual basis that carriage does not pose or exacerbate risks to civilian flights," reads the plea.

The petition also seeks the constitution of an empowered working committee to examine pragmatic solutions to ensure sanctity of religious expression of carrying kirpans in public, and at the same time prevention of its misuse in flights.

The petition alleges that a kirpan "remains a blade used in hundreds of homicides" and can cause havoc in the skies by reducing the aviation safety to a nullity. Singhal further argued that while carrying and wearing of kirpans has retained a religious symbolism, any liberal policy for carriage and "latent use" of kirpans has added an "undeniable dangerous" dimension to the question of social and national security.

Jalore Dalit boy's death: Gehlot announces Rs 20 lakh more in compensation for family

VAIBHAV JHA
AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 18

AFTER MEETING Gujarat Congress working president and Dalit leader Jignesh Mevani in Ahmedabad on Thursday, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced Rs 20 lakh in further compensation for the family of the boy who died after being thrashed by his upper-caste teacher at Jalore in his state.

"The entire country is pained by the death of a nine-year-old innocent child in Jalore. I met MLA Jignesh Mevani in Ahmedabad and had a discussion with him. All communities are with the victim's family in their moment of grief.



Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot in Ahmedabad on Thursday. *Nirmal Harindran*

After the incident, the accused was arrested immediately. A relief amount was provided to the family under the SC/ST Act and from the CM relief fund. Additionally, as per directions of the All India Congress Committee, the victim's family will be given an assistance of Rs 20 lakh from the Pradesh Congress Committee. Regarding providing employment to one member of the victim's family, old cases of this nature are being examined," Gehlot wrote in a series of tweets after meeting Mevani.

Initially, the chief minister had announced compensation of Rs 5 lakh for the victim's family.

Gehlot, who arrived in Vadodara on Wednesday after being appointed senior Congress observer for Gujarat ahead of the Assembly elections, fielded questions on the law and order situation in Rajasthan at a press conference at Paldi in Ahmedabad on Thursday. He said the local BJP MLA MLA from Jalore had also questioned the claim of the boy's family that he had been thrashed after mistakenly drinking water from an earthen pot meant for the teacher, Chail Singh.

"The accused teacher was the owner of the school and his official or unofficial partner in the school was a person from a Scheduled Caste. Over 40 children belonging to the SC community study in that school. I would not like to comment on the ongoing investigation, but two local leaders — a former Congress MLA and a current BJP MLA—are raising questions on the entire debate that the child was not allowed to drink water from the pot...," he said.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. : ST-CKP-OT-21-2022, dated 17.08.2022. e-Tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/Co/Chakradharpur for and on behalf of the President of India against **Tender No. ST-CKP-OT-21-2022-1,2,3,4,5,6&7** due to open on **08.09.2022 at 15.00 hrs.** for the following works. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl. No. & Name of Work; Tender Value; Earnest Money : (1)** Provision of (a) Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) markers between Rajkharsawan-Jaroli section, (b) Inverter for conversion of 24V to 230V AC for operation of Operating VDUs & Auto Changeover in Universal Fail Safe Block Interface (UFSBI) for providing media redundancy over Chakradharpur Division; ₹ 1,57,24,649.25; ₹ 2,28,600/-. **(2)** S&T works in connection with Hill cutting in sections Kunki-Manikui & Manikui-Chandil; ₹ 10,09,107.72; ₹ 20,200/-. **(3)** Miscellaneous Signalling works in the section Ex Sini-Chandil under SSE/Sig/SNY; ₹ 31,47,920.11; ₹ 63,000/-. **(4)** Alteration/Modification EI/PI in connection with Elimination of Interlocked Level Crossing Gates at Kansbahal and Sonakhan stations; ₹ 25,11,967.48; ₹ 50,200/-. **(5)** Alteration/Modification in EI/PI in connection with Elimination of Interlocked Level Crossing Gates at Dumetra, Chandiposi and Lathikata Stations; ₹ 37,67,951.22; ₹ 75,400/-. **(6)** Alteration/Modification in EI/PI in connection with Elimination of Interlocked Level Crossing Gates at Chakradharpur and Lotapahar Stations; ₹ 25,11,967.48; ₹ 50,200/-. **(7)** S&T works for Road Under Bridge in lieu of Level Crossing Gate No. KS-7 in Gamharia-Chandil section; ₹ 22,59,461.87; ₹ 45,200/-. **Completion Period :** 12(Twelve) Months for sl. nos. 1 & 3; 06 (Six) Months for sl. nos. 2, 15 (Fifteen) Months for sl. nos. 4, 5 & 6 and 09 (Nine) Months for sl. no. 7. The tender details can be viewed at Web site **http://www.ireps.gov.In** The tenderers/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate in e-tendering. e-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost. **(PR-485)**

Following e-Tenders are invited by the Sr. CDO/Tatanagar, S.E.Railway for and on behalf of the President of India under single packet system for the under mentioned works. Manual offers are not allowed against the tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl. No. & Tender notice no.; Name of Work; Tender Value; Bid Security : (1) SRCDOTATA-22-23-02, dated 17.08.2022;** Loading/Unloading of linen packets and blankets in nominated trains and transportation of linen from Tatanagar Station to Mechanized Laundry/Tata and from Mechanized Laundry/Tata to Tatanagar station for a period of 03 years through open tender; ₹ 93,18,625.20; ₹ 1,86,400/-. **(2) SRCDOTATA-22-23-03, dated 17.08.2022;** Linen distribution of linen packets and blankets in nominated trains of Tatanagar coaching depot, S.E.Railway for a period of 3 years through open tender; ₹ 4,02,06,896.29; ₹ 3,51,100/-. **Cost of tender form :** Nil for both. **Place of openIng of tender :** Office of the Sr. CDO/Tatanagar, S.E.Railway. **Date and time of closing of tender :** 05.09.2022 at 15.00 hrs. for both. Tender can be viewed at website **http://www.Ireps.gov.In** The tenderer/bidder must have Class-III digital signature certificate & must be registered under IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. **(PR-490)**

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कृपया दिनांक 09.08.2022 को वाहनों/मशीनों की नीलामी हेतु निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना प्रकाशित की गयी थी जिसमें नीलामी दिनांक 19.08.2022 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे से 3.00 बजे तक मुहरबंद निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जानी थी परन्तु जन्माष्टमी का अवकाश दिनांक 18.08.2022 के स्थान पर दिनांक 19.08.2022 को घोषित होने के कारण अब दिनांक 23.08.2022 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे से 3.00 बजे तक उक्त मुहरबंद निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जायेगी।

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NOTICE OF 44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the **44th Annual General Meeting** (AGM) of the Members of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Monday, 26th September, 2022 at 03:00 P.M. (IST)** through VideoConferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM, incompliance with all the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder read with General Circular Nos. 14/2020, 17/2020, 20/2020, 02/2021, 02/2022 dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020, Jan 13, 2021 and May 5, 2022 respectively ("MCA Circulars"), Circular dated May 12, 2020, Jan 15, 2021 and May 13, 2022 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) have permitted to hold Annual General Meeting (AGM) through VC/ OAVM facility, without the physical presence of the Members at the common venue. A detailed instruction for joining the AGM through VC is given in the notice of the AGM.

The Notice of 44th AGM and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2021-22 have been sent in electronic mode only to those Members of the Company whose email IDs are registered with the Company/ RTA or Depository Participant(s) ("Depository"). The Electronic dispatch of Notice and Annual Report was completed on 17th August 2022. The aforesaid documents are also available and can be downloaded from Company's website at www.singerindia.net and on the website of the Stock Exchange i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing its Members the facility to cast their vote by electronic means on all resolutions set forth in the Notice through remote e-voting facility provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL). The Board of Directors of the Company has appointed Mr. Hari Om Gulati, a Company Secretary in practice, as the Scrutinizer for this purpose. The details as required pursuant to the Act and Rules are a under:

- The remote e-voting shall commence on Friday, 23rd September, 2022 at 09:00 am (IST) and ends on Sunday, 25th September, 2022 at 05:00 pm (IST). The remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time.
- A person, whose name appears in the Register of Members/Beneficial owners as on the cut-off date of 19th September, 2022 only, shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as e-voting at the meeting. The voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to their share of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the Cut-Off date i.e. Monday, 19th September, 2022. Any person who have acquired shares and become members of the Company after dispatch of notice of AGM and holds share(s) as on the cut off date, can also cast vote either through remote e-voting or e-voting at the AGM. The detailed procedure for login details are provided in the Notice of the meeting which is available on Company's website www.singerindia.net.

The facility for voting through electronic means shall also be provided at the AGM. Those Members who are present at the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not already cast their votes on the resolutions via remote e-voting shall be eligible to vote through e-voting system at the AGM. The members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the meeting may also attend the AGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be allowed to cast their vote again at the AGM.

Members who have not registered their email ID may get the same registered/updated with Company / RTA or Depository to cast their vote (s) through remote e-voting before the AGM or through e-voting during the AGM.

If you have any queries or issues regarding attending AGM & e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you can write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at 022- 23058738 and 022-23058542/43. All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, (CDSL,) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013.

Further, Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules framed thereunderand Regulation 42 of the of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 the Company has fixed Friday, 9th September, 2022 as the Record Date and Register of Members and Share Transfer Books will remain closed from 10th September, 2022 to 26th September, 2022 (both days: inclusive) for the purpose of AGM and determining entitlement of members to the dividend.

By the order of the Board
For **SINGER INDIA LIMITED**
Sd/-
Priyanka Gandhi
Company Secretary

Place: New Delhi
Date: 18th August 2022

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, in terms of Railway Board letter no. 2022/TC(FM)/ 10/04 dated 13.06.2022, invites bids through e-Auction **(www.ireps.gov.in)** for leasing of parcel space of SLR compartments in following **trains originating from Delhi division** for a period of **two years** as per schedule given below:-

- **12488 (F1), 12916 (F1), 15484 (F1), 20806 (F1) - 08.09.2022 at 11:30 am.**
- **12302 (F1), 12497 (F1) 20840 (F1), 22210 (F1) - 14.10.2022 at 11:30 am.**
- **12015 (F1), 12958 (F1), 14212 (F1) 20506 (F1) - 17.10.2022 at 11:30 am.**
- **12013 (F1), 12031 (F1), 12459 (F1), 14681 (F1) - 18.10.2022 at 11:30 am.**

Important notes:

1. For more information, requirement and various aspects regarding these e-Auctions, interested bidders are advised to visit **https://www.ireps.gov.in/html/helpdesk/learning_centre.html.** (e-Auction leasing section).
2. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):** 5% of the total contractual bid value to be deposited online during the auction. EMD of the successful bidder will be retained as Security Deposit.
3. Railway Administration reserves the full and absolute rights to short terminate these contracts at any point of time and/or for taking any decision regarding the discontinuation/continuation of these contracts with modified/additional terms and conditions depending upon the continuation/discontinuation of these trains or commencement of new train services.

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Notice No. 13 **Patna, Dated: 18.08.2022**

TENDER NOTICE

(Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engagement of Institutional Consultants)

Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC) invites Proposals from reputed and experienced consultancy firms/Institutions for:-

i) Assisting the Commission in Tariff order consisting of Truing-up of FY 2021-22, Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2022- 23, determination of ARR for Bihar State Power Transmission Company Ltd. (BSPTCL), State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC), Bihar Grid Co. Ltd. (BGCL), North Bihar Power Distribution CO. Ltd. (NBPDCL) and South Bihar Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (SBPDCL) and for the determination of impact of truing-up exercise of the transmission tariff & SLDC charges and determination of Tariff for retail sale of electricity by the NBPDCL and SBPDCL for FY 2023-24 as per applicable Regulations.

ii) Assisting the Commission on various issues as assigned to them from time to time such as review of existing Regulations and its amendments thereof, Formulation of new Regulations in view of Electricity Act, 2003, various policies, rules and guidelines etc., compliance of various functions/provisions/parameters under EA, 2003, to help in adjudications of cases, Capacity buildings and any other matters as specified by the commission.

The RFP documents, eligibility criteria and other details are available on Commission's website www.berc.co.in and may also be obtained from the office of the Commission.
The last date for submission of offer is 12.09.2022 by 04.00 P.M.
Secretary, BERC

SABARMATI TRAIN CASE WITNESS AMONG PANEL MEMBERS

Unanimous decision of panel to free 11 convicts in Bilkis rape case, says Godhra BJP MLA

ADITI RAJA
VADODARA, AUGUST 18

THE DECISION to release the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gangrape case, as part of the state government's remission policy, was a "unanimous decision" of the nine-member Jail Advisory Committee (JAC), according to BJP MLA from Godhra, C K Raulji, a member of the JAC.

The committee met four times after the Supreme Court directed Gujarat government in May to take a decision based on the remission policy of 1992, as convict Radheshyam Bhagwandas Shah had prayed before the apex court.

Besides Raulji, the JAC had three BJP members: Murlidhar Mulchandani, former president of Godhra municipality who was a witness in the Sabarmati Express train burning case of February 2002; Kalol MLA Suman Chauhan; and Sneha Bhatia, secretary of the party's Godhra city unit.

Headed by Panchmahal District Magistrate/Collector Sujal Mayatra, the committee also comprised the Principal District Sessions Judge of Godhra, District Social Welfare Officer, Panchmahal Superintendent of Police, and Superintendent of Godhra sub-jail.

"Everyone was in agreement with this decision (to release them), as the convicts were eligible for remission as per the process and guidelines of the state government," Raulji told *The Indian Express* on Thursday. "Whatever decision we took, it was under the policy of the state government."

The decision, he maintained, was taken in "one voice", after considering "good behaviour" of the convicts during their jail term — "18 years in case of some of the convicts".

One of the two women members on the committee, who declined to be identified, said, "The decision was taken by the majority. We felt 14 or 18 years in jail is a long time for someone to be punished. As women, we have sympathy for the victim, but it is also true that there are women in families of the convicts as well, who have suffered without any fault of theirs."

She said, "The victim has got her compensation from the government and has a family now.... She can live peacefully; so can the 11 other families.... Moreover, these men do not have any criminal history."

Citing the case of Jaswant Nai, 71 — "he is the oldest (among the 11 convicts) but served his sentence with sincerity" — Raulji also emphasised the point that "none of them has a criminal record".

Asked if the decision to release the men, convicted of gangrape and massacre, could send out a wrong message to the society, Raulji said, "Yes, that is possible. But none of the committee members felt so. We took a decision as per the process and guideline of the state government."

He said: "What happened back then was in the heat of a communal riot — they are not hardened criminals. This was the only remission petition placed before the JAC for review, and we had four meetings since June. All members unanimously decided to recommend this remission."

Raulji, who began his political career with Janata Dal, joined BJP in 1991. A loyalist of Shankersinh Vaghela, he left when the former CM floated Rashtriya Janta Party (RJP) in 1995. After Vaghela merged RJP with Congress, Raulji contested and won 2007 and 2012 Assembly polls on a Congress ticket from Godhra. He returned to BJP in August 2017.

Kalol MLA Chauhan, daughter-in-law of former Panchmahal MP Prabhatsinh Chauhan, is a first-time BJP MLA.

Mulchandani was one of the witnesses to testify on the roles of politicians — Godhra municipality president, late Mohammad Husain Kalota; and councillors Bilal Ismail Abdul Majid Sujela, alias Haji Bilal; Abdurehman Kankatta; and Salim Sheikh — in the Sabarmati train burning case.

Bilal, who died last year, was among 11 people sentenced to death in the case. In 2017, the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Odisha CM makes aerial survey of five districts, announces flood relief

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 18

ODISHA CHIEF Minister Naveen Patnaik Thursday made an aerial survey of five of the 12 flood hit districts of the state and announced succour for the affected in the calamity for the next 15 days.

Patnaik made an aerial survey of the Mahanadi delta area falling between Luna, Chitratola and Paika rivers in Kendrapara district, Kujang and Naugaon in Jagatsinghpur district, Gop, Nimapara, Astarang, Delang, Pipili and Kanas areas of Puri district.



Naveen Patnaik on an aerial survey of flood-hit areas. *PTI*

He announced relief to the people of the worst hit districts of Khudra, Puri, Cuttack, Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur for 15 days. He announced relief for seven days for the people of the flood hit areas of Sambalpur, Bargarh, Sonepur, Boudh and Angul districts.

Coins worth Rs 11 cr missing from bank: CBI searches 25 locations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Thursday conducted searches at 25 locations in Delhi and Rajasthan, officials said Thursday, in connection with the coins worth around Rs 11 crore missing from an SBI branch in Karauli's Mehandipur Balaji last year.

The searches were carried out in Delhi, Jaipur, Dausa, Karauli, Sawai Madhopur, Alwar, Udaipur and Bhilwara in an on-going investigation of the case, the officials said. Premises of around 15 former officials of the bank and others including the branch manager/ joint custodian and cash officers were searched, they said.

As per the initial FIR lodged on August 16, 2021 at Todabhim police station in Karauli, the alleged embezzlement at SBI's Mehandipur branch came to light in mid-2021. An initial inquiry conducted by a bank committee found that, prima facie, embezzlement had indeed been committed.

Subsequently, an agency, Arpit Goods Carrier, was tasked by the SBI with counting the coins which should have totalled around Rs 13.01 crore.

The agency started counting the money on July 22, 2021 under the watch of branch manager Hargovind Meena. More than two weeks later, however, the agency said some unknown, armed men threatened its staff involved in the counting to stop the activity.

Till August 6, 2021 the agency had counted coins valued at Rs 1.39 crore, in 2,350 bags, the FIR stated. Around 600-700 bags were still left when the FIR was filed, with an estimated value of Rs 60 lakh — pointing to an embezzlement of over Rs 11 crore.

The SBI subsequently approached the Rajasthan High court to direct the CBI to pursue the FIR. On April 13 this year, the CBI lodged an FIR for criminal conspiracy, cheating and criminal breach of trust in connection with the case.

MAHARASHTRA POWER FIRM PUTS PURCHASE CONDITION

Your job to recover what farmers owe us, discom tells sugar mills

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
PUNE, AUGUST 18

MAHARASHTRA'S ELECTRICITY distribution company has asked the state's sugar mills to ensure that payments to sugarcane farmers for their cane is made only after adjusting power dues owed by these farmers to the electricity company.

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) has warned the sugar mills that it will buy electricity from them at a lower price if the mills are unable to recover pending dues from the farmers.

Most sugar mills in the state produce their own electricity using bagasse, the fibrous material that is left after juice is extracted from the sugarcane. Much of this electricity is used for running the mill and the surplus is bought by the MSEDCL for distribution elsewhere.

The contracts for this sale of electricity to MSEDCL is up for renewal, and the electricity company has inserted new provisions that put the onus of recovery of power dues of the farmers on the mills. Sugar mills are resisting this.

Across the country, 360 sugar mills cumulatively produce 7,562 MW of electricity in their cogeneration units. Maharashtra is the leader in the sector with 124 cogeneration plants and a total installed capacity of 2,600 MW. Uttar Pradesh (70 mills with production of 1,800 MW) and Karnataka (58 mills with production of 1,600 MW) are the next two leading states in cogeneration.



Most sugar mills produce electricity from the material left after juice is extracted from sugarcane. *File*

In Maharashtra, mills enter into long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) of 12 years with the MSEDCL to sell electricity generated at a pre-decided rate. While the rates were higher earlier, since 2013 sugar mills have had to join competitive bidding to sell their electricity. The current rate is below Rs 5/unit which, according to mills, just about meets their cost of production.

For mills whose PPAs had lapsed, the agreements were renewed this year at a base rate of Rs 4.75/unit. While the rate is lower than expected, it was the inclusion of a 'recovery clause' by MSEDCL in agreement that has worried mills more. The mills are expected to recover power utility's dues from Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) it pays to farmers.

Jaiprakash Dandegaonkar, vice-president of the Cogeneration Association of India, said, "In case mills are not able to recover 10 per cent of the pending bills in the area, the rate of purchase will be lower at Rs 4.51/unit."

Dandegoankar and other sugar millers have slammed this clause, saying it is illogical as other than harvesting and transportation charges, they are not allowed to deduct any amount from FRP that is offered to the sugarcane farmers. In case a farmer avails of loans from cooperative banks, the same can also be adjusted in FRP payment. But mill owners said they neither had means nor legal right to deduct anything else from FRP.

For years, the mounting amount of dues from the agriculture sector has been a major issue for the cash-strapped MSEDCL. Farmers, however, have blamed irregular power supply and inflated bills as the main reasons for pending dues in the sector.

In 2020, the then Maha Vikas Aghadi government had launched a special initiative for recovery of power dues from agricultural pump owners. The Maharashtra government had allowed cooperative bodies, such as sugar mills, self-help groups and village panchayats to recover power dues, even offering 10 per cent financial incentive on recovery.

Until now, only 13 mills have renewed their PPAs with the new clause, but most of them have refrained from any aggressive measures to recover power dues.

The owner of a cooperative mill in Kolhapur said legally, they are not allowed to deduct such amounts from FRP payment without the written consent of farmers.

"During the season, we had written to the power utility every fortnight, asking it to send us a break-up of dues of each farmer, along with written consent for deduction of dues. However, there was no response, so we didn't deduct any amount," miller said.

When contacted MSEDCL officials said asking sugar mills to recover electricity dues from farmers was "not a policy" but did not explain the reasons for inserting provisions in new PPAs. "It is not our policy to ask sugarcane factories entering for PPA with MSEDCL to recover arrears from the farmers. There are 115,515 agriculture (electricity) consumers in Pune zone having arrears of Rs 310 crore," am MSEDCL official said.

Jharkhand: 15 jail inmates get death penalty for fellow prisoner's murder

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, AUGUST 18

A court in Jharkhand's East Singhbhum district Thursday sentenced to death 15 inmates of the Ghaghidih Central Jail for killing a fellow inmate during a clash in 2019.

The court of Additional Sessions Judge Rajendra Kumar Sinha, however, said the sentencing shall not be executed unless confirmed by the Jharkhand High Court.

On August 6, the court had convicted 22 inmates for the killing inside the jail premises, their charges ranging from murder, attempt to murder to rioting.

The seven others have been awarded 10 years jail.

According to the court records and the police, two factions of inmates clashed with each other on June 25, 2019, after an inmate broke the queue at the jail telephone booth.

Two inmates, one of them Manoj Kumar Singh, were grievously injured. Singh died on the way to hospital, following which a case was registered at the Parsudih police station.

The court also after convicting them for attempt to murder.

While awarding the death sentence to the 15 inmates, Judge Sinha wrote: "Justice demands that the courts should impose punishments befitting the crime so that it reflects public abhorrence of the crime...The victim was…an unprotected state and defenceless. During the course of committing murder, the convicts acted in a barbarous manner."

"Accordingly the (15) convicts are awarded sentence with death, means (they) shall be hanged by the neck till their death and pay fine of Rs 5,000...However, execution of death sentence passed...shall not be executed unless it is confirmed by the High Court of Jharkhand," he wrote.

PUNJAB

Court orders medical test after inmate alleges jail staff branded him 'gangster'

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A LOCAL court in Kapurthala has directed officials in Punjab to submit a medical report of an inmate at Ferozepur Jail after he took off his shirt during a hearing and showed wounds accusing prison officials of branding the word "gangster" in Punjabi on his back with a hot iron rod.

The prison authorities have denied the charge and said CCTV footage suggests that inmate Tarsem Singh, an alleged member of Jaggu Bhagwanpuria gang, connived with some other prisoners to get the word branded. Tarsem Singh has now been booked under relevant sections of the Prison Act.

The incident came to light Wednesday when Singh, who was presented before the court of District and Sessions judge Rakesh Kumar via video conferencing in connection with a criminal case registered in 2017, showed the wounds. Singh alleged that there was a conspiracy to kill him in the jail.

The judge issued orders directing police officials to get a medical test of the inmate done and submit report by August 20.

Senior medical officer (SMO) of Kapurthala civil hospital Dr Sandeep Dhawan said, Singh's medical examination was conducted. "A probe revealed 'gangster' is written on his back. I will prepare the report by the due date and present it in the court," Dr Dhawan said.

DIG Ferozepur Range Tejinder Singh Mod, meanwhile, said another inmate had written the word on Singh's back on August 10. "No jail official is involved."

Two al-Qaeda suspects held in Bengal: police

Kolkata: The West Bengal Police has arrested two suspected members of al-Qaeda in the Indian-Subcontinent (AQIS) from North 24 Parganas district, a senior officer said.

Acting on a tip-off, officers of the special task force of the state police conducted a raid on Wednesday night in the Kharibari area under the Shasan police station limits and arrested the two for their alleged involvement with the terror outfit, he said.

One of them has been identified as a resident of Gangarampur in Dakshin Dinajpur district, while the other belonged to Arambagh in Hooghly, police said, adding that several documents were seized from their possession during the raid. "Both have been arrested because of their involvement with the AQIS. Documents containing radicalised thoughts, indicative of waging war against India, have been seized from their possession. A specific case is being initiated against them,' police said, adding that the duo will be produced before a local court on Thursday. **PTI**

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STEPPING BACK

Back and forth in government on the Rohingya is dispiriting. It also highlights need for a refugee law

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri announced what seemed like a welcome shift from the Centre's non-accommodating policy towards the Rohingya who have made their way to India after facing persecution in Myanmar. Invoking the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, he tweeted that the "refugees" will be shifted to EWS flats in Bakkarwala in Delhi, where they will be provided basic amenities. They will also be given UNHCR ids and accorded round-the-clock police protection, he said. Seven hours later, in a series of tweets, the Union home ministry clarified that the government does not have any housing scheme for the Rohingya, that it regards people from the community as "illegal immigrants" and plans to deport them to their home country. This has once again cast an unflattering light on the BJP-led government's outlook on the humanitarian problem that has been unfolding in Myanmar since 2017 after the country's army launched a brutal crackdown on the Rohingya on the pretext of curbing terrorism. Tens of thousands of people from the disenfranchised community who have reportedly crossed the border into India face an uncertain future with the Centre issuing regular threats of deportation.

The Rohingya exodus has intensified since Myanmar's military overthrew the country's democratically-elected government in February last year. In October 2021, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told the General Assembly that more than 15,000 Rohingya had crossed over to India in the eight months since the coup — Myanmar shares a 1,600-km border with the four North-eastern states of Mizoram, Nagaland, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. In April last year, the Centre had asked these states to "take appropriate action as per law" and "maintain a strict vigil at the border" to prevent a Rohingya influx. The state governments were told that they did not have the authority to declare anyone as "refugees" since India is not a signatory to the Refugee Convention of 1951. This lack of generosity and compassion is a blemish on India's record of treating communities under siege in its neighbourhood — Tibetans, people from erstwhile East Pakistan and Sri Lankan Tamils for instance. It's apparent that the Rohingya, being Muslims, do not fit the BJP government's bill of a persecuted community — the CAA Act, even though it doesn't apply to Myanmar, leaves no doubt that religion is a criterion for deciding who gets fast-tracked citizenship among those seeking sanctuary in India.

But the government should ask itself: Can a country aspiring for global power status afford to discriminate among the vulnerable? In *Dongh Lian Kham & Anr. vs Union Of India & Anr.* (2015) the Supreme Court reminded the government that the country has won accolades for its sensitive handling of refugees. However, the absence of a refugee law means that communities such as the Rohingya or the Chin refugees from Myanmar have to search for security in ad-hoc policy changes and judicial interventions. The latest controversy on the Rohingya should impart urgency to conversations for such a law.

BATTLE FOR AIADMK

OPS wins a breather from HC, but dual leadership model that helped party in post Amma phase is unlikely to last

THE MADRAS HIGH Court order staying the decisions taken at a recent AIADMK general council meet has given a fresh lease of life to the leadership question in that party. The July 11 meeting had settled the question in favour of former Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami (EPS). The EPS faction celebrated its success by expelling O Panneerselvam (OPS), also a former CM, from the party. The HC order now restores the dual leadership that the AIADMK had adopted after the demise of J Jayalalithaa in December 2016 and the expulsion of her aide V K Sasikala from the party in 2017: As per this arrangement, OPS was appointed the coordinator of the party and EPS the joint coordinator, leaving the post of general secretary vacant. However, the court-directed restoration of the dual leadership is unlikely to last since there is no sign of a patch-up between the two warring leaders. While EPS seems to be in firm control of the AIADMK, the expulsion of OPS could weaken that party, and thereby the Opposition space in Tamil Nadu.

Since the 1970s, politics in Tamil Nadu for nearly four decades pivoted around larger-than-life leaders such as AIADMK founder M G Ramachandran, DMK patriarch M Karunanidhi and Jayalalithaa. These leaders turned their parties into personal fiefs and extensions of their personalities. They nurtured a culture of sycophancy, which was copied even by splinter outfits and smaller parties. This diminished politics and democratic practice in Tamil Nadu. Since the deaths of Karunanidhi and Jayalalithaa, the two Dravidian majors have shown signs of moving towards a collective leadership, with second-rung leaders given breathing space and greater room to articulate their views. The dual leadership format adopted by the AIADMK prevented it from imploding after Amma's death and helped the party complete its term in office. It gave close competition to the formidable DMK alliance in the 2021 assembly election despite the burden of a two-term anti-incumbency. Electoral politics in the state also looks more evenly balanced, with elections ceasing to be one-sided contests.

However, EPS, who helmed the AIADMK as CM — OPS served as Deputy CM — after Jayalalithaa's death, seems to have decided against the dual power centre model for the party. The decision to abolish it and the expulsion of OPS and his supporters from the AIADMK at the July general council meet indicate that EPS is aiming for complete control of the party. His leadership skills will be severely tested as the dissident factions — besides OPS, there is Sasikalaa and TTV Dhinakaran waiting to take over the party — are likely to push back.

THE GOOD UMPIRE

Handwringing over the scarcity of umpires in India has led to short-lived experiments by BCCI. This needs to change

WHY DOES A cricketing powerhouse like India have just one Indian umpire in the elite panel? The answer is best summed up thus: Somewhere in Nagpur, there exists an umpiring academy. Started in 2010 with lofty ambitions to produce world-class umpires in India, it quickly got embroiled in conflicts between the administrators, and was reduced to an examination centre. After the former Indian captain S Venkataraghavan retired in 2004, India had to wait till 2015 for an elite panel umpire when S Ravi was inducted. But neither he nor C Shamshuddin lasted long. Nitin Menon is now the lone Indian in the group.

The Indian cricket board did try, but most moves were short-lived. They experimented with an umpire's coach before discarding the idea. Then they had an umpire review committee, which was disbanded. Now, the match referees have that onus. Widely regarded as one of the best umpires in the world of his time, the Australian Simon Taufel has given a few coaching seminars. In the 2019 season, when the BCCI organised 2024 domestic games — a jump from 1,000 — they failed to factor in the need for more umpires and a tough slog for tired umpires ensued. In the year before that, several Ranji umpires were reportedly fielded without proper medical fitness tests due to paucity of time.

Every two years or so, hand-wringing would occur over the state of the umpires and the BCCI would attempt something. In the last IPL, the standard of Indian umpires was heavily criticised. Unlike some countries, not many former players get into the umpiring hard grind in India. With over 2,000 games in a domestic season, a supply-chain problem continues to persist. The BCCI is now conducting exams with tough questions that test their practical aptitude to see if they can find genuinely good umpires. But for now, the uncertainty continues.

'Is this how justice ends?'



Bilkis's perseverance got her a measure of justice, allowed us to cling on to the illusion that justice was still possible

PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

LET US MAKE no mistake about it. The approval by the Gujarat government panel for the remission of sentences of 11 men convicted of raping Bilkis Bano, the murder of a three-year-old child, and participating in the murder of 13 others, is not just a travesty of justice. It is also a dangerous political dog-whistle. The government may yet reconsider its order. The Supreme Court may, if approached, overturn it although it gave permission for the remission application to be considered. But the damage has already been done. "Is this how justice ends?" Bilkis Bano's poignant question pierces through the carefully constructed facades of the Indian republic. The haunting force of this question has no answer. The fact that the force of this question is not even being felt widely is a testimony to a moral numbing of the republic, and its blatant communalisation.

It is important not to let lawyerly arguments get in the way of understanding what is at stake in this remission. Unfortunately, in the Indian justice system, the way in which bail, punishment and remission are practised is shot through with wide discretion. Some rape cases, most notably the December 2012 Delhi gangrape and murder case, attracted the death penalty; several other heinous cases like this one have not. We could argue whether remission can be granted under a policy that existed in 1992 and has since been repealed; whether the Centre's guidelines that remission not be granted in the case of heinous crimes should apply to this case. We could argue about what a just sentence in a case like this should be. And there may be a larger debate to be had about penalties and sentencing. But this exercise of discretion is not that. This grant of remission may be enabled by these legal technicalities. But it looks like this is about a state government exercising discretionary power to subvert justice, and send a political signal.

The Bilkis Bano case was so horrific that even hearing about it produces a deep cognitive and imaginative loss, and an emotional disorientation. The crime was so graphic, the facts corroborated so many times. But we still recoil at the thought of the kind of brutality that involved rape of a pregnant woman, smashing a child to death, massacring a whole family, all by your neighbours. Against this background, what Bilkis Bano achieved was nothing short of miraculous. She fiercely exercised her agency, showed indomitable courage, against great odds: A hostile political environment, a threatening society, a broken justice system, and economic deprivation. She let justice, not the crime, define her. And in a supreme act of patriotism, reposed more faith in the Indian Constitution and its institutions than its custodians ever have. This case was the kind of straw we still clutch on to when we want to console ourselves that justice is still possible. And how does justice end? Not even the courtesy of informing Bilkis Bano that her tormentors were being released to the same neighbourhood. Relive the trauma and fear, the state implied blithely.

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But there are two political aspects to this that are worth remembering. Many of the perpetrators of the 2002 violence, like in many riots before, have not been brought to justice. But there is a widespread narrative in Gujarat that even those few that were convicted were victims of a political conspiracy hatched by a combination of NGOs, activists, the Congress government and odd sections of the media. Sometimes to placate the pressure from those demanding justice some "usual suspects" who might have been innocent were rounded up and offered as sacrificial offerings in this political war. Whether this is true or not is not germane here. The point is that the BJP wants us to believe this; it is part of its "Hindus can never be terrorists, and Hindus are only victims" refrain.

This is the narrative that now justifies the government going after literally anyone who tried to secure justice for the 2002 riots victims, and punishing them for the fact that they tried to secure justice. But the real dog whistle underlying this narrative is the suggestion that the quest for justice was itself a conspiracy. This is not just an act of revenge. It is also to shore up the myth of Hindu innocence. This conspiracy will only gain more power if non-BJP governments are in power. This remission is a convenient way of signalling that the BJP will protect Hindu interests in the justice system. In a context where the police and judiciary do not command credibility, these narratives are easy to believe; it is also a ruse for not confronting those who are guilty.

This dog whistle is made all the more possible by the horrific idea that crimes of identity are not real crimes. This is the kind of thinking that obscures the violence of rape wherever it is placed in the context of community. In the case of communal violence, sexual violence has long been seen as just another instrument of political violence; but it is true of caste violence as well. Victims of violence in riots or pogroms or assertion of caste power are chosen because of their identity. For the perpetrators, the invocation of identity allows the dismantling of their conscience, and for their supporters, allows them to be treated as heroes not criminals. The inflated rhetoric of war on which radical ideologies like Hindutva and other fundamentalisms thrive makes this conflation easy. This is why it is so easy for us to garland lynchers, felicitate rapists, and take out rallies in their support.

So there is nothing perplexing about the lack of outrage on this remission, or the constant double standards we use depending on who commits the crime. We live in an age of not just greater communalisation, but also totalisation of communal identity, where even small markers of culture — music, language — are burdened with the weight of identity. In such a totalising environment, crime and justice, innocence and guilt have no autonomous meaning of their own, other than as part of a communal project.

So the answer to Bilkis Bano's question — "Is this how justice ends?" — may be a disquieting one. Her perseverance got her a measure of justice, and allowed us to cling on to the illusion that justice was still possible. But as it turns out, as the winds of communalisation and impunity once again grow, those slivers of justice will once again be blown away. This is not how justice ends, since perhaps real justice had never started.

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A PEOPLE UNDER SIEGE

Violence since 2019 has increased insecurity of Kashmiri Pandits in Valley



UPENDRA KAUL

MILITANTS HAVE STRUCK in the Kashmir Valley once again. On Tuesday, they gunned down a Kashmiri Pandit and injured another member of the community. It seems that as soon as things appear to be improving for the few Pandits remaining in the Valley, things take a turn for the worse.

The numbers of Kashmiri Pandits started dwindling with the large-scale conversions to Islam around the 13th century. Kashmiri is the mother tongue of both Hindus and Muslims from the Valley. Culturally, the two communities also have much in common. But the survival of the community after the conversions depended on the whims of the Mughal and Afghan rulers. The Dogra regime (1846 to 1947) is seen as a good period for the Pandits when its members used education to improve their status vis-a-vis the Muslims. Many left the Valley for better opportunities and a large section of those who stayed back became professionals and got government jobs. In 1948, the community comprised 8 per cent of the state's population. After the Land Reforms Act was initiated by the Sheikh Abdullah government, Pandit landowners lost their land and many migrated. By 1981, their population in the Valley had come down to only 5 per cent.

The exodus in the 1990s was a result of the targeted killings of Pandits. An estimated 1,00,000 Pandits left the Valley. However, the Pandits were not the only community to be targeted by militants. According to information accessed by an RTI activist (IE, December 15, 2021), 89 Pandits have been killed by militants while 1,635 persons of other faiths have also lost their lives since 1990. These figures could be disputed but the fact is that both Muslims and Pandits suffered at the hands of militants. However, the killing of Kashmiri Pandits got greater media coverage. Of course, the fear is much greater among the minorities. This led to mass migration, bringing down their population to less than 1 per cent in the Valley.

With the state under Central rule since August 5, 2019, it was hoped that things would improve for the Pandits. However, in the last few months, the problems seem to have increased for those who have chosen to be there. The killings of innocent people have petrified the community and there is a sense of demoralisation amongst them.

In 2010, as per government figures, there were only 808 Pandit families — 3,445 people in all — in the Valley. Several initiatives to attract Pandit families back to the Valley did not succeed. A Rs 1,168-crore package in 2008 by the UPA government couldn't draw even 2,000 youths from the community to return to the Valley. The recently-released film, Kashmir Files, seems to have made the life of the Pandits living in the Valley even more difficult. There seems to be a feeling amongst Muslims that they are blamed for what happened in 1990 when everybody suffered.

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The empathy of Muslim neighbours is, no doubt, heartwarming. But the volatile political situation and the sporadic but continuous killings of Hindus since 2019 — including Bihari labourers — have increased the insecurity of Kashmiri Pandits.

The tourist season this year has been exceptionally good with those involved in the industry doing well. There has been no attempt to disrupt it, indicating that the separatists do not want to antagonise the locals. Only a handful of persons have bought land in the UT after the abrogation of Article 370, and that's confined mainly to areas closer to Jammu province.

For a Kashmiri Pandit like me who continues to have an intimate and affectionate relationship with the Valley and its people — this includes Gauri Kaul Foundation's healthcare initiatives — these killings are worrying. The local population's encouragement, along with my strong Kashmiri roots, gives our group the confidence to quietly continue our mission to provide good healthcare. But we realise that these contributions are no solution to the vexed problem of the Pandits. Normal life remains a distant dream for them.

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Shoot-at-sight orders in Bombay

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FAROOQ'S ASCENSION

GOVERNOR B K Nehru accepted the resignation of G M Shah, Works and Powers Minister, who had already tendered his resignation to J&K Chief Minister Sheikh Abdullah. This clears the way for Farooq Abdullah, eldest son of the Kashmir leader, to the coveted post of chief minister. Farooq, according to party sources, will soon be appointed a minister without portfolio to look after the department held by his ailing father.

POLICE PROTESTS

SHOOT-AT-SIGHT ORDERS WERE issued in Bombay and Army, BSF and CRP units fanned out all over the city after the death of at least four persons, including two school children, in rioting and firing, following a crackdown on rebellious policemen. Trouble began after 22 police constables were detained under the National Security Act.

ARRESTS IN PAKISTAN

TWO LEADING OPPOSITION politicians were arrested at Sargodha town in Pakistan's Punjab province, the Pakistan Press International news agency reported. Khwaja Khairuddin, president of the banned Pakistan Muslim League Party (Khairuddin group) and its Secretary-General, Malik Mohammad Qasim, were detained after they had addressed the Sarogadha Bar Association.

PLO EVACUATION

THE EVACUATION OF Palestinian combatants from Beirut will begin on August 21 or 22, Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Boutros announced. Lebanon will ask France, the US and Italy to send troops to constitute a buffer force that will oversee the Palestinian pull-out, Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan said. Both announcements came at the close of a cabinet meeting to approve the evacuation plan proposed by US envoy Philip Habib.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"To ensure the Afghan funds don't end up in the hands of terrorists, the US can involve Muslim states as guarantors so that the money is spent on rehabilitating the Afghan economy."
—DAWN, PAKISTAN

I-day speech to women's work

We need to recognise that changing demographics, basic technologies are reducing importance of childcare and unpaid domestic work as constraints. We need to address demand-side factors



BINA AGARWAL



C R Sasikumar

MANY ARGUE THAT women's burden of childcare and domestic work is the most important factor disadvantaging them in the labour market, both globally and in India. This "care work burden" or "motherhood penalty", as some call it, is seen to underlie gender gaps in wages, lifetime earnings, career choices, and upward mobility. In India, women's low labour force participation rate is also often explained in terms of the constraints imposed by childcare and domestic tasks, which fall mainly on them due to social norms.

But is this unchanging? I believe it is time to reassess this argument in light of notable demographic shifts, especially over the last decade, and concentrate our attention more fully on the demand-side constraints that women face (such as a dearth of suitable jobs), and barriers beyond households, especially the lack of safe transport, secure living spaces, and harassment-free workplaces.

Globally, for instance, total fertility rates (TFR) have fallen to replacement levels or below both in high-income and many middle-income countries. In India, as per the 2019-20 National Family Health Survey-5, the TFR is at 2.1 (replacement level) with only five states (Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, and UP) having TFRs above 2.1. Moreover, childlessness is growing. In the UK, 50 per cent of women who turned 30 in 2020 had not had children, and many will never have any. In the US, too, childlessness is rising. In India, the figures while very low, also show a slow rise, from 2.4 per cent childlessness among women born in the 1940s to 5 per cent among those born in the late-1970s ('Increasing childlessness driven by higher female education in India', Koyel Sarkar and Thomas Baudin, *N-IUSS*, May 23, 2022).

With few children, the time women spend in childcare will fall. And even if the intensity of care per child increases, especially as middle-class women focus on "quality time" and more extra-curriculum activities for kids, there are limits to this rise.

Some argue that the burden of elder care will replace that of childcare, given ageing populations. But, will it? Most people no longer live with their elderly parents, either in developed or developing countries. In the US, only 18 per cent of households were multigenerational in 2021 (Pew Research Centre survey). In the UK, 7 per cent of households were multigenerational in 2013-14. In India, only 16 per cent of families are deemed joint by the 2011 census.

In other words, the evidence does not suggest that eldercare is replacing the burden of childcare for most women, although this could vary by economic class, with poorer women being more burdened than middle-class ones. Among the latter, a growing number of elderly people live on their own, with children moving to other cities or abroad. They typically support parents financially, rather than via hands-on care.

Demographically, therefore, we can expect a decline in the extent to which childcare will restrict women's labour market options in the future. Although we need more research, there is already emerging evidence of this. A 2019 study by John Bonggarts et al. (Population Studies) of 58 middle and low-income countries found that a fall in fertility and hence fewer children at home was linked with a significant increase in the percentage of women employed.

Improvement in basic infrastructure can further reduce domestic work burdens. In India, for instance, domestic work for rural women often includes arduous tasks such as fetching water and fuelwood. Piped drinking water and clean natural gas (already improving) will reduce this load.

Hence, while it remains essential to move social norms towards more equal sharing of housework by men, changing demographics (especially falling fertility) and basic technologies could reduce, to an extent, the importance of childcare and unpaid domestic work as constraints to women's employment. This "rebooting" could help us focus on other constraints that remain strong.

In particular, for enhancing Indian women's employment prospects we need greater emphasis on demand-side factors. This would include training women in non-traditional skills with market demand, creating more public and private sector jobs for them closer to home, and raising awareness among employers — using substantial existing evidence — that hiring women can have a significant positive effect on productivity and work culture. Dovetailed with this, women need a diversity of measures to create secure accommodation in small towns and cities if they migrate for work, safe modes of public transport and zero tolerance for sexual harassment in workspaces.

I am not the first to say this, but what is new is factoring in demographic changes and shifting the emphasis. We need to persistently challenge the idea that most Indian women don't join the labour force because they prefer housework to paid work, and ask for policies that proactively create jobs in which women would like to work.

We have a long way to travel from an Independence Day speech about respecting women, delivered from the ramparts of the Red Fort, to creating decent jobs and respectful workspaces for them. That is where the demographic dividend really lies.

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Drawing lines in high seas

Chinese ship at Hambantota calls for New Delhi to look closely at its maritime strategy



ABHIJIT SINGH

WHAT EXPLAINS SRI Lanka's U-turn on the docking of the Chinese ship Yuan Wang-5 at Hambantota? Days after it asked Beijing to defer the visit of its research ship to Hambantota port citing security considerations, Colombo reversed its decision, in apparent disregard of Indian concerns. New Delhi had protested the Chinese vessel's visit, deeming it detrimental to India's security.

One explanation for Colombo's change of heart is that the visiting Chinese ship is not classified as a warship, and therefore, does not warrant being barred entry in a Sri Lankan port. As a space and satellite tracking ship ostensibly, the YW-5 poses no direct threat to India's "unity, integrity and security" — at least not in a way violative of the 1987 Indo-Sri Lankan Accord, which calls upon the two countries to prevent foreign activity in their respective territories that could pose a threat to the other. The other possibility is that Sri Lanka authorities succumbed to pressure from China, a key developmental partner for Colombo. Sri Lanka's initial refusal to allow the docking of the Chinese ship had upset Beijing, with Chinese officials lashing out at Colombo for its "senseless attempts" to prevent what they saw as mere "replenishment" of a research ship.

What could have tipped the scales of opinion in Colombo in favour of China, however, is a seeming reconsideration of the matter in India. Former Indian Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Arun Prakash ('Step back from water's edge', *IE*, August 10) called for a dispassionate examination of the issue, reminding decision makers in New Delhi about the futility of stopping a Chinese research ship from entering Sri Lanka. Having fully achieved its ambition of becoming a "maritime great power", China, Admiral Prakash pointed out, was entitled to scientific research activity. Not only was India's objection to visit of the YW-5 not in keeping with the provisions of the UNCLOS (that permits unfettered freedom of navigation on the high seas, and acknowledges a foreign warship's right to berth at a foreign port with prior consent), New Delhi's stand, he averred, is unmaintainable in the face of China's possession of Hambantota port for a period of 99 years. Moreover, electronic snooping by foreign ships, aircraft and satellites, he noted, is a regular affair today. With precautionary policies and procedures in place, there was seemingly little in the YW-5's visit that materially threatened Indian interests.

It seems there are two ways to construe the possible hazards posed by the YW-5. One is to indeed acknowledge that in an age of transparency, surveillance at sea is a legitimate activity. Admiral Prakash is right to observe that friendly and hostile forces carry out snooping in the Asian littorals regularly, with regional states keeping track of foreign surveillance in their waters. The other way to view the Yung Wang 5's deployment, however, is to see it in the context of China's evolving Indian Ocean strategy — not to physically dominate the region, but to create a permissive environment for its military activities. China rarely demonstrates naval power in the Indian Ocean; its approach is aimed essentially at expanding stakeholdership in the littorals through a gradual expansion of quasi-military presence. In the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea, China has been sending not warships, but survey and research vessels, as a way of marking presence in the region. Beijing's gameplan is to demonstrate to India and other Bay states that Chinese activities in the littoral are in keeping with China's rising global heft. It has sought to reassure states that unless necessitated by operational reasons, it would desist from deploying warships in foreign ports.

Yet China is always pushing the envelope — both in the Western Pacific and the Indian Ocean. In the South China Sea, China uses maritime militias to threaten any activity deemed inimical to Chinese sovereign interests. The Chinese policy in the Indian Ocean is gradual and relentless encroachment that expands China's tactical space, and asserts Beijing's rights and interests in spaces outside its sphere of natural influence. The approach isn't necessarily a threat to regional powers, but it willy-nilly undermines the latter's capacity to compete with China. Even if not inherently malevolent, it is hard to deny that China's strategy manifests in ways damaging to the interests of other countries.

The touchstone for whether China's activities in Sri Lanka are kosher would be whether those actions are acceptable to Sri Lankan strategic experts. Here, the majority view appears to suggest that Chinese deployments are problematic. China's goal, Sri Lankan experts say, is to use Lanka indebtedness to display strategic heft. Beijing, they suggest, is intent on putting Hambantota port to dual use, commercial and military. Part of the plan is to build the capability to move and manoeuvre ships at the port with a military purpose.

The visit of the YW-5, then, raises a larger philosophical question. Can seemingly suspicious foreign activity in a near-littoral be deemed legitimate, if the subject professes to advance a noble cause? Should a revisionist power be allowed to ride unchecked on the back of a body of international rules that privileges user-state rights, over the security concerns of littoral nations? It is certainly a question for New Delhi to consider. Should it do what's required by law (and propriety), or should it hew close to national interests and demand special rights in its near-seas, especially in circumstances when international law does not fully account for foreign activity that could imperil India's national security (much like Chinese opposition to any external interference in the South China Sea)? The jury clearly is out on this one.

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Strides in the Gulf

India has strengthened relations with countries in the region. AMU has played a role



TARIQ MANSOOR

ON JULY 10, this newspaper published a report ('AMU seeks Centre's nod to confer degree on Saudi prince Mohammad Bin Salman', *IE*) about the Aligarh Muslim University's (AMU) proposal to confer an honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) degree on the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammad Bin Salman for his exemplary services to global affairs, and to augment India's efforts to forge deeper links with the Gulf region.

A few weeks ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his first overseas visit after completing eight years in office, visited the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to offer condolences on the demise of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the former UAE President.

Earlier, speaking at the centenary celebrations programme of AMU in December 2020, PM Modi exhorted the AMU community to further invigorate India's relations with the Islamic world. He said, "In the last 100 years, AMU has worked to strengthen India's relations with many countries of the world. The research done here on Urdu, Arabic and Persian languages, on Islamic literature, gives new energy to India's cultural relations with the entire Islamic world."

These developments have prompted me to analyse India's blossoming relations with countries of the Gulf region through a contemporary lens, and review AMU's role in strengthening India's links with the region.

PM Modi has surpassed all his predecessors in investing more energy and resources in cultivating ties with the Gulf countries. His efforts stand out on five counts. First, he has put his personal imprint on efforts to improve relations with the region through more than a dozen visits so far. Second, by substantially expanding India's canvas of engagement — from simple trade-economic-energy relations to strategic relations in the spheres of space technology, defence, counter-terrorism and cyber-security — India's stake in the security and stability of the region has risen. Third is the cultivation of relationships within the region across binaries vis-à-vis Israel. A testament to this is that while India's ties with Israel have been on the ascent, PM Modi became the first Indian PM to visit Palestine and receive its highest civilian award in recognition of his "contribution to promote relations between India and Palestine". Fourth, with the void created by the gradual downsizing of the role of the US in the region, India, for the first time, is being seen as a credible player with a role in the promotion of regional peace and security in the region. The statement of the Prime Minister of Palestine in November 2021, seeking India's "well-established and distinguished" role in the region, demonstrates this. For a Muslim minority India to be seen as an effective interlocutor in a conservative Muslim region heralds a transformation in the outlook of these countries towards India. Fifth, India's greater impetus to viewing the Gulf countries as its "maritime neighbours", has led to the recasting of India's neighbourhood policy in two ways — "sea" is as important a variable as "land" in as much as "shared values" are as important as "geographical proximity" for a neighbour.

Historically, the AMU has played an important role in augmenting India's quest for fostering closer ties with the Arab and Islamic world. The extensive network of AMU alumni in every Gulf country, especially in Saudi Arabia and the UAE, has over the years successfully leveraged AMU's "soft power dividend" in bolstering people-to-people contact. In 2018, when I visited Jubail in Saudi Arabia for an alumni meet, a Saudi national who had graduated from AMU pleasantly surprised me by saying that she intended to name her child "Aligarh" out of affection for AMU.

The prominence and goodwill of AMU has been duly recognised by the political leadership of the Arab and Islamic world. In 1975, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the first President and founder of the UAE, on his presidential visit to India visited AMU and gave a generous grant for establishing the department of petroleum studies in the university. Over the years, AMU has conferred honorary D.Litt degrees on King Saud bin Abdulaziz (King of Saudi Arabia) in 1955, Obaid bin Saif Al-Nasseri (UAE Petroleum Minister) in 1999, Reza Shah Pahlavi (Shah of Iran) in 1956 and Gamal Abdel Nasser (President of Egypt) in 1960, besides heads of states from Malaysia, the Maldives, Afghanistan, Mauritius, Nigeria, Morocco and Sudan.

Internationalisation of education is a key goal of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, as affirmed in the recently concluded Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam. AMU will strive to play a key role by exploring collaborations with the institutions of the Gulf countries in the frontier areas of innovation, start-ups and entrepreneurship, besides in the classical languages of Urdu, Arabic, Persian and Hindi. The strong Indian diaspora in the Gulf is uniquely placed to vigorously promote Indian higher education institutions in the Gulf as part of the internationalisation of education under NEP.

For its trans-national significance, AMU is recognised as an Institution of National Importance under the Constitution of India. AMU remains committed to strengthening the efforts of PM Modi as India strides forward in the Arab-Gulf world.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POLITICAL BURDENS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Don't look at PSUs' (IE, August 18). The editorial, while correct in its analysis, missed mentioning the fact that for many years PSUs were being used for political purposes. They have provided many jobs to serve political ends. This is the reason that PSUs are already overburdened. Today, when PSUs compete with private corporations in a liberalised economy and are accountable to the market, they should be free of political influence. The analysis of job data in the editorial reflects this new reality.

Suchak D Patel, *Ahmedabad*

RISE UP

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Indra Meghwal, 9 Years Old' (IE, August 18). On the 75th anniversary of independence, we need to accept that there has been great marginalisation of certain communities in our republic. The constitutional guarantees against discrimination sound like hollow promises. The myth that caste discrimination has gone to dust in modern India, stands punctured by incidents like the murder of Indra Meghwal. The saddest part is the negligible conviction rate for such crimes and the consequent escalating social discontent . The only remedy is for the entire state machinery to rise up to the occasion and make sure that justice is served.

Vinay Saroha, *New Delhi*

OVERHAUL NEEDED

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'On his plate' (IE, August 18). Any head of an institution must serve in that role for a considerable period of time to drive certain initiatives with consistency. The legal system in our country requires a huge overhaul, especially in terms of the legal delivery system. That Justice Lalit, if appointed CJI, will have tenure of hardly three months is bewildering. What can he do in such a short period of time? The process of going by seniority may need to be reviewed.

SS Paul, *Chakdaha*

READING THE REJIG

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Gadkari & Shivraj dropped from BJP Parliamentary Board, 6 new faces' (IE, August 18). With the absence of any general-secretary, vice president and serving CMs in the BJP's new Parliamentary Board, a lucid narrative has been established: It is PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah who are calling the shots. The omission of Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, who is known to be the blue-eyed boy of RSS, could signify that he is being cut down to size. Also, the exit of the only CM in the panel, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, indicates that the BJP, which used to have a modus operandi of a federal structure as far as decision making was concerned, is now operating more as a centralised outfit.

Nischai Vats, *Sultanpur*

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Ankit Kumar S/O Harvindra Singh, resident of Flat No.6, Gali No.1 D - Block Harit Vihar Burari Delhi have changed my name from Ankit Kumar to Ankit Tomar vide affidavit IN - DL74609799838557U dated 17 Aug 2022 before Dist. Court North Delhi 0050202705-1

I,Saukat Ali/ Shaukat Ali,S/O Mali,R/O H.No-N-125/5,Near Raja Park Satsang Colony-Wazirpur Industrial Area, Delhi-110052,have changed my name to Shoukat Ali. 0040627803-3

I,SONIA ARORA,W/O JASPAL SINGH,R/O E-210,TAGORE GARDEN EXTN, DELHI-110027 , have changed my name sonia to RAMANDEEP kaur(after-marriage) 0040627807-2

I,SHREYA MANGLA,D/O DAVENDER MANGLA,R/O.F-215-A, MANGAL-BAZAR LAXMI-NAGAR,DELHI-110092,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME SHREYA TO SHREYA MANGLA,FOR FUTURE,ALL PURPOSES. 0040627802-5

I,SHIVAM KUMAR,S/O SHRI.AJAY KUMAR R/O H.NO.F-106,MANGAL BAZAR, STREET. NO.7,LAXMI-NAGAR DELHI-110092,HAVE CHANGED THE NAME SHIVAM TO SHIVAM KUMAR,FOR FUTURE,ALL PURPOSES 0040627803-7

I,SANJIV KUMAR S/O OM PRAKASH SINGH,R/O HOUSE.NO.334,GALI.NO.10, SAMAI PUR, LIBASPUR, DELHI-110042,have changed my name to SANJEEV KUMAR YADAV. 0040627807-1

I,Rajinder Kumar,S/o Sh.Mitter Sen R/o J-11/121,2nd Floor,Rajouri Garden,New Delhi-110027,have changed my name to Rajinder Kumar Chopra. 0040627802-1

I,Rajinder Kumar,S/o Sh.Mitter Sen R/o J-11/121,2nd Floor,Rajouri Garden,New Delhi-110027,have changed my name to Rajinder Kumar Chopra. 0040627802-1

I,Rachna W/o-Sunil Kumar,R/o-RZ-J-8 262/1,West-Sagarpur, New Delhi-46,Declare that My Name has been Wrongly-Written as Archana in School-Record Of My Minor-Son Ayush aged-17-years.My actual-Name is Rachna,which may be amended accordingly. 0040627807-7

I,Preeti Kohli,W/o Harsh Taneja,R/o M-25,Gali.No.1, 2nd-Floor, Near-Jagatram Park,Laxmi-Nagar,Delhi-110092,have changed my name to Preeti Taneja. 0040627807-4

I,Poonam Chaudhary,W/o K K Chaudhary,R/o D-474, Sector-Omicron-III, Greater Noida, Alfa,G.B. Nagar,U.P.-201310, inform that in passport my mother name has wrongly mentioned as Shakuntala Thakur instead of Chander Kala Thakur. 0040627861-1

I,Pawan Kumar,S/o Late Hira Lal Sharma R/o-203/22, Gali. No.6A Gandhi-Nagar Gurgaon Haryana-122001,changed my name to Pawan Sharma. 0040627807-3

I,NUR SABA, W/O.RIYAZ AHMED, ADD-E-17,BUDH-VIHAR DHARAMVEER MARKET-BADARPUR SOUTH-DELHI-110044,Changed my name to NOOR SABA, for all,future Purposes. 0040627803-1

I,Mahadev Bahadur,R/o F-36, Sector-51 Gautam Budh-Nagar,UP-201301,have changed my minor son name, from Param Chettri to Param Chhettri,for all future Purposes. 0040627802-6

I, Zainul Abadin, S/o Vakil Ahmed, R/o 2581, 1st Floor, Shankar wali Gali, Sita Ram Bazar, Delhi 110006, has changed my name to Zainul Abedin for all future purposes. 0070800118-1

I,ALKA AVNINDER ANAND, W/O.AVNINDER ANAND, R/O-25/15, KAVERI-PATH,MANSI NURSINGH-HOME KE PASS MANSAROVER, JAIPUR, MANSAROVER RAJASTHAN-302020,changed my name to ALKA ANAND. 0040627802-10

I,ARUSH AVNINDER ANAND, S/O.AVNINDER ANAND, R/O-Flat.No.103,TOWER-A1,CLEO COUNTY,SECTOR-121, NOIDA,Gautam Buddha-Nagar, Uttar-Pradesh-201301, changed my name to ARUSH ANAND. 0040627802-8

I,AVNINDER SURINDERNATH ANAND, S/O.SURINDER NATH ANAND R/O-25/15, KAVERI-PATH,NEAR-MANSI NURSINGH-HOME MANSAROVER, JAIPUR,MANSAROVER RAJASTHAN-302020,changed my name to AVNINDER ANAND. 0040627802-9

I Meena Singh W/o Ranvir Singh Kadian R/o 17-A, Block-B-2, Sewak Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Meena Kumari. 0040627801-2

I, Mohd Shoaib Ansari, S/o Abdul Kuddus, R/o 189, Sukhdev Singh Road, Dharmshala Ward, Post Makandruganj, Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh-230001, that name of mine has been wrongly written as Md Shoaib Ansari in my Secondary Class Certificate Cum Marks Sheet (10th Class) and Bachelor of Commerce Degree & Marksheet. The actual name of mine is Mohd Shoaib Ansari. 0070800114-1

I, Surinder Kumar S/O Shri Karam Chand Oberoi R/O B-2/23, Sector-16, Rohini Delhi-110089, have Changed my name to Surinder Oberoi. 0040627861-3

I, Sulender S/O Ramphal, R/o Kirtan (45) Hisar, Haryana-125001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Surender. 0070800043-1

I, Shikhar, S/o Ram Murat Yadav, R/o H.N. 10, Jangal Rasoolpur No.1, P. S- Jhangha, Tahsil- Chauri-Chaura, Dist-Gorakhpur-273201, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jai Prakash Yadav. 0070800042-1

I, Shashi Praveen Bhatt, W/o Dinesh Kalra, R/o J-014/01F, Gulshan Bellina, Sector-16, Greater Noida West, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP-201009, have changed my name to Shashi Kalra for all future purposes. 0070800085-1

I, Sharif Khan,S/o Abdul Babu,R/o E-1/8 T-huts New seelampur Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Mohd Shareef 0040627804-3

I, Samir S/o Sayeed Mohammad R/o C19/101, Surya Nagar, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Samir Khan. 0070800091-1

I, Ritika W/o Mohd Anwar R/o H-29, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053 Have changed my name to Taniya Parveen. 0040627774-2

I, Rinku Singh, S/o Lal Bahadur Singh, R/o Village Patna, PO-Purwa Bhikha, Distt- Auraiya, Uttar Pradesh-206248, have changed my name to Ravi Bhadauriya. 0070800117-1

I, Misra Hamid, spouse of JC NYA (9103774W) NB Sub Abdul Hamid Mir, R/O-Khurhama, Post-Khurhama, Tehsil/District- Kupwara,Pin-193223 have changed my name from Misra Hamid to Misra Jabar vide affidavit/self declaration dated 16 August-2022. It needs correction. Objections be filled to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020444079-1

I, Meenakshi Passi, D/o R P Maindiratta, R/o House No. 122, Sector-15, Escortsnagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121007, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Meenakshi Maindiratta. 0070800038-1

I, Khusboo Fiza D/o Sayeed Mohammad R/o C19/101, Surya Nagar, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Fiza. 0070800089-1

I, Khursheed Alam Khan,S/o-Shahzad Khan,R/o-28-S, Sector-7,Jasola Vihar,New Delhi-110025,have changed my name from K.A. Khan to Khursheed Alam Khan,for all purposes. 0040627804-5

I, Khatoon, W/o Mohd. Mukit, R/o C-861, Shaheed Nagar, Chikamberpur, Ghaziabad, UP, have changed my name to Khatoon Begum. 0070800093-1

I, Kanwaljeet Singh s/o Surender Singh Sahni r/o C-25, Second Floor, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to KANWALJEET SINGH SAHNI. 0040627728-2

I, Gurmeet Kaur w/o Kanwaljeet Singh Sahni r/o C-25, Second Floor, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to GURMEET KAUR SAHNI. 0040627728-3

I, Gunpreet Pal Kaur Sahni w/o Ishneet Singh Sahni r/o C-25, Second Floor, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to GUNPREET PAL KAUR. 0040627728-4

I, Ghazia Raza, W/o Syed Mohammad Arif, R/o 36/1 B, First Floor, Street No. 35, Zakir Nagar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Ghazia Rana for all future purposes. 0040627772-1

I, Deepika Gupta W/o Brijesh Gupta R/o-Flat.No.603, Block-B, Thiruvizha-Appartment, Plot.No-37, Sector-10, Dwarka,New-Delhi,that my correct name is Deepika Mahajan. Deepika Gupta and Deepika Mahajan is one and the same person. 0040627735-2

I, Chander Jit Pathak,S/o Bhim Sen Sharma,R/o-30-IRS society, Abhay Khand-2,Indrapuram Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014,have changed my name to Chanderjeet Pathak 0040627804-2

I, Anita W/o Shyam Sunder R/o D-85, Jhilmil colony, East Delhi, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Anita Grover. 0070800087-1

I, Anamika Verma, R/o 130, Gali No.10, West Guru Angad Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my minor son's name from TANMAY KAUSHIK to TANMAY for all future purposes. 0040627742-1

I, Abdul Razzaq S/o Sheikh Azimullah R/o T-7, Near Kali Masjid, Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi-110013, have changed my name to Sheikh Abdur Razzaq for all purposes. 0040627730-1

I, hitherto known as Ankur Goel alias Ankur Agrawal D/o Vijender Kumar W/o Abhishek Agrawal R/o H.No-R-110, Upper Ground Floor, Block-R, Rishab Nagar, Model Town-III, North West Delhi, Delhi-110009 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ankur Agrawal 0040627801-1

I,Ram Sachchar S/o Madan lal Sachchar R/o 198,Top floor Ram nagar,East Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Ram Lal Sachchar. 0040627801-5

I,Madhu Rijhwani W/O-Harish Thirwani R/O,I-23,DDA,Flats Naraina-Vihar,Delhi-110028, have changed my name To Madhu Thirwani. 0040627803-4

I,Kapil Kumar,S/o-Chaman Lal,R/o H.No.8,Near Hanuman Mandir,Dharam Pur, Daultabad(53),Gurgaon, (Haryana)-122006,have changed my name to Kapil Tyagi,for all purposes. 0040627803-10

I,Kanta Devi w/o.Gopal Arora, R/o. 290/4,Ram Nagar, Gurgaon Haryana,have changed my name to Kanta Arora,for all,future purposes. 0040627802-3

I,KM. ANJU LATA, W/O.Sudesh Pal Malik, R/O-Flat.No.N-704,Stellar Jeevan, Plot.No. GH.03,Sector-1,Greater Noida-West, Bishrakh,Gautam-Buddha Nagar,Uttar Pradesh. 201306.changed my name to ANJU MALIK. 0040627802-7

I,Harkanwar Singh S/o Bhupinder Singh Sethi,R/o J-11/75,Rajouri Garden,Delhi-27,have changed my name to Harkanwar Singh Sethi. 0040627802-4

I,Girish Kumar,S/o Nand Lal,R/o H.No.2105,3rd Floor, Street. No.4, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj,Delhi-110055,have changed my name to Girish Kumar Bhatia. 0040627807-5

I,Deepak Sahani,S/O Ram Bilas R/O,H.No-598, Gali No-6, Ambekar Nagar Haider Pur Shalimar-Bagh,Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Deepak. 0040627803-6

I,DARSHAN KUMARI GUPTA alias DARSHAN GUPTA,W/o Bansi Dhar Gupta R/o-X-2056/A, Gali.No.1,Rajgarh Extension PO.Gandhi,Nagar Delhi-110031,have changed my name to DARSHAN KUMARI GUPTA. 0040627807-6

I,Anita Kumari Singh D/o-Hareram Singh R/o-Kh.No.80/25 Gali No.12A Baba Colony Burari Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Anita Singh for,all purposes in future. 0040627734-1

I,Anil Kumar Joshi,S/oGanesh Joshi, Address.Gali.No-5/28, Samta-Vihar Part-2,Mukund Pur Extension,Delhi-110042, Changed my name to Anil Kumar. 0040627803-2

I,Albina Anwar Ali,D/o-Anwar Ali,R/o-42,Sailing Club Lane-2,Batla House,Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, mistakenly-entered,my mother's name Humera Ali,in my educational-certificates, whereas The correct,name of my mother is Ligiyamma Anwar Ali,and to be known,as Ligiyamma Anwar Ali,for all,purpose. 0040627804-1

I, Mohd Rashid S/o Mohammad Abid Khan R/o T-395, Gali-No. 24, Gautampuri Delhi-110053 Have changed my name to Mohammad Rashid Khan. 0040627774-1

I, Narender Kumar Gupta S/O Omkar Gupta R/O A-117 1st Floor Inderpuri, I.A.R.I. Central Delhi 110012 have changed my name to Narender Gupta for all future purposes. 0040627784-1

I, Nayla Abdul Razzq alias Nayla W/o Hifzur Rehman R/o F-91, Block-F, Abul Fazal Enclave-I, Jamia Nagar, Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Nayla Abdur Razzaq for all purposes. 0040627730-2

I, Neeraj, S/o Naval Kishor, R/o H.No. D-232, Gokalpuri, North Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Neeraj Mishra. 0070800044-1

I, Neetu,W/o Deepak Verma, R/o-314A-2nd floor PNB Road Sector-3A Vaishali IE Sahibabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010,have changed my name to Neetu Verma 0040627804-4

I, Nirmaljeet Singh dhingra S/o Dhingra R/o A-156, second floor Meera Bagh paschim vihar Delhi 110063 have changed my name to Nirmaljeet Singh. 0040627801-7

I, Omkar Parshad Gupta S/O Ram Swaroop Gupta R/O E-451-52 I.A.R.I. S.O. Inderpuri Central Delhi 110012 have changed my name to Omkar Gupta for all future purposes. 0040627784-2

I, Ishwar Singh S/o-Baley Singh R/o-Kh.No.30/18,Street-No.3, Mukhiya Market,Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Ishwar Singh Parihar, for all purposes. 0040627803-9

I,Amarjit S/o Phoolsingh, R/o.House.No.-165,Near-Primary School,Bilaspur Kalan,Bilaspur (146), Gurgaon,Haryana.122413, have changed my name to Amarjeet Singh,for all Purposes. 0040627803-11

I Pukhraj Singh Sandhu R/o H-117 sant nagar ext gali no 6 Tilak Nagar Delhi 110018 have changed my minor son name Amardeep Singh Sandhu to Amardeep Singh. 0040627801-3

I, Divyansh singh S/o Nirmal Jeet Singh R/o.A-156 second floor Meera Bagh paschim vihar Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Divyansh Singh dhingra. 0040627801-4

I, Banarsi Dass Khatri S/o Sita Ram R/o 5C/65 1st floor New rohtak road Karol Bagh Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Banarsi dass. 0040627801-8

I, Aashima Khurana D/o Vijay Kumar Sharma R/o G-60, 1st Floor, South City-2, Sector-50, Gurgaon Haryana-122018, have changed my name Pooja Sharma to Aashima Khurana for all future purposes. 0040627780-1

I,Kyum Hashmi S/o Sh. Ram Zan Ali R/o D-6, Himgiri Enclave, Street no. 8, CHander Vihar, Nilothi extn, Nagloi, delhi-41 & Mohammad Qaiyum Hashmi is the same and one person and I will be known as Kyum Hashmi for all purposes further. 0040627799-1

I, Vasila W/o Saiyad R/o-121, Jafarpur-urf, Odhapur, Bagpat, UP have changed my name to Vakeela. 0070800092-1

I, ABHIMANYU, S/o SHRI BHAGWAN SAINI, R/o WZ-486, Badial Palam Village, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to ABHIMANYU SAINI, for all future purposes. 0040627727-1

I Veena Kumari Nayyar W/O, Surinder Nayyar R/o Flat No-101 Om Awas, D Block, Plot No-110 B, Gali No-03, Bharat Vihar, Dwarka Sector-14, Kakrola, Delhi-110078 have changed my name to Veena Nayyar for all purposes. 0040627796-1

I Surinder Nayyar S/O, Girdhari Lal Nayyar R/o Flat No-101 Om Awas, D Block, Plot No- 110 B, Gali No-03, Bharat Vihar, Dwarka Sector -14, Kakrola, Dwarka-110078 have changed my name to Surinder Mohan for all purposes 0040627798-1

I Mukesh Kumar Gupta, S/o Late Sh.Ved Prakash Gupta, R/o E-1102, Pearl Court Apartments, Ramprastha Greens, Vaishali, Ghaziabad-201011 have changed my name to MUKESH GUPTA. Further stated that Mukesh Kumar Gupta & Mukesh Gupta is one & the same person. 0040627729-11

I Iti Jain W/o Shri Deepak Jain R/o C-6/142, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053, have changed my name from Iti Jain to Niti Jain for all future purposes. 0040627733-1

I Avdhesh Kumari Yadav D/o Sh. Ujagar Singh Yadav W/o Sh. Raj Kumar Yadav R/o Plot No.34, 2nd Floor, Pocket-7, Sector-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name after marriage to Avdhesh Yadav for all purposes. 0040627729-9

I Ankit Keyal S/o Shri Nirmal Keyal R/o House No.3/1, Under Hill Lane, Under Hill Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054 have changed my name to Archiraj Keyal for all purposes. 0040627729-10

I,Vinni W/o Deepesh sapra R/o B-3/351, paschim vihar Delhi 110063 have changed my name to Vinny sapra. 0040627801-6

I,Ram Bilas Sahani,S/O Mool Chand,R/O, H.No-598,Gali.No-6,Ambekar Nagar Haider Pur Shalimar Bagh,Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Ram Bilas. 0040627803-5

I,Kuldeep S/o-Ishwar Singh Parihar R/o-Kh.No.30/18, Street-No.3,Mukhiya Market, Karawal Nagar,Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Kuldeep Parihar for all purposes. 0040627803-8

I,Kanwal Lamba w/o.Hardeep Singh Lamba, R/o.A8/8, 4th. floor,DLF phase-1, Gurgaon Haryana,have changed my name to Kanwaljeet Lamba,for all,future purposes. 0040627802-2

I, Ishneet Singh s/o Kanwaljeet Singh Sahni r/o C-25, Second Floor, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to ISHNEET SINGH SAHNI. 0040627728-1

LOST & FOUND

Lost Original Document i.e. Share Certificate of Flat-No.83, Manzil CGHS Ltd, Plot-No.07, Sector-9, Dwarka, New Delhi,favouring Simmi Gupta, W/o Yashpal Gupta FIR Lodge.Vide-LR.NO.686197/2022. Founder inform at above address or Mobile.No.9654752948 0040627735-1

My House No. 603, Tower-A4 Unitech UNI-Homes, Sector-117, Noida, receipt is lost. Please contact us at the following address. Receipt No.- 014423 Dated- 29/3/2016 Amount- 5000, Receipt No.-014856 Dated- 26/10/2016 Amount- 112391, Receipt No.-015826 Dated- 18/09/2019 Amount- 39000, Receipt No.-015827 Dated- 18/9/2019, Receipt- 76512. Raju Ansari, S/o A.H. Ansari, R/o 222C/DG2, Vikas Puri, New Delhi. # 9899980696. 0070800120-1

Lost my Buyer's Agreement for Express Greens DLF Gurgaon for Flat M1E104 around CR Park, New Delhi on 20th May 2022 around 8pm. If (Found / Seen) Please contact: 9810378955 0050202704-1

SITUATION VACCANT

OTHERS

Praise Pharmaceuticals HQ: New Delhi All. Any Graduate, Freshers/ Exp. (DERMA), Bike Must, Salary: Negotiable. Call: Jayakumar Paul 9372158480/ conatct@praisepharma.com 0090309402-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Mrs. **AARTI** W/O HIMANSHU KUMAR ALIAS SONU R/O J-89 AND 90, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, BLOCK-J, MOHAN GARDEN, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110059, has severed her relation from her husband Sh. HIMANSHU KUMAR ALIAS SONU S/O PRADEEP KUMAR R/O J-89 AND 90, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, BLOCK-J, MOHAN GARDEN, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI 110059, disowned and debarred him from all moveable and immoveable properties and shall not be responsible for his acts, deeds and things done by **HIMANSHU KUMAR ALIAS SONU**, in past, present and future. Anyone who deals with him shall be doing at his own cost and risks and my above client will not be held responsible of his acts hereafter.

Sd/-
SHIV DATT ATRI (Advocate)
SR-II B, JANAK PURI, NEW DELHI.

PUBLIC NOTICE

KNOW ALL MEN that my clients Sh. M.L. Gupta (Murari Lal Gupta) S/o Late Sh. P.L. Gupta and his wife Smt. Usha Gupta both R/o E-1, 136-137, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110 085 have severed all their relations with their son Sh. (Dr.) Vineet Mittal and his wife Smt. Priyanka Aggarwal due to unwarranted behaviour of Smt. Priyanka Aggarwal and have debarred them both from all their movable and immovable properties. Anyone dealing with them in any way or manner whatsoever shall be doing at his own risks and consequences and my clients shall not be responsible for any of his acts and deeds.

Sd/-
(J.S. KALRA)
ADVOCATE
Chamber 296, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Center, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Known to all that my client SH. SATISH SHARMA (aged about 52 years) S/o Late Sh. Bismber Dayal Sharma R/o 15K, Basant Gaon, Vasant Vihar-1, South West Delhi, New Delhi-110057 (India) has ended all of his relations with his yonger brother SH. RAJESH SHARMA S/o Sh. Late Bismbar Dayal Sharma (aged about 47 years), and his family including (ii) SMT. NEELAM SHARMA W/o Rajesh Sharma (aged about 44 years), (iii) PRIYA SHARMA D/o Rajesh Sharma (aged about 18 years) and (iv) RISHIT SHARMA S/o Rajesh Sharma (aged about 8 years) with immediate effect and disowned all of them from all of his sucession rights and/or self-acquired movable and immovable properties. In future, my client shall not be responsible/liable for any of their acts, behaviours, conducts and deeds with any person or company.

Sd/-
RAJIV KUMAR (Advocate)
D/1699/05
182, Bamnoli Village, Sec-28, Dwarka, New Delhi-110077

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform you the public at large, that my client Smt. Phoolwati W/o Late Sh. Wazir Singh R/o E-18/317, Sector-03. Rohini, Delhi-110085, hereby disown her only son namely Sh. Deepak Raj Nandal S/o Late Sh. Wazir Singh Aadhar card no.292455030842), resident of E-18/317, Sector-03, Rohini, Delhi - 110085 forever from all her properties including all of her movable and immovable properties/assets and has no concerned with any of his acts. Now onwards she does not have any relation with said Sh.Deepak Raj Nandal and any person having any claim against him may contact him directly and my client shall not be responsible for his acts/deeds and further shall not entertain any query regarding him.

RAHUL KADYAN ADVOCATE
Chamber no. 278, Civil Wing
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. Dhanno W/o Sh. Sharwan Kumar R/o 232, Gali No 1, Military Road, Punjabi Basti, Anand Parbat, Delhi-110005** has severed all relations with her **three sons namely Vikas, Ajit Kumar, Ravi and their respective wives namely Pinki, Anchal, Gudiya & all their children.** My client has also debarred/disowned all of them from all her movable & immovable properties. Therefore, all of them shall have no right or claim in the properties of my client and my client shall not be responsible for the acts, conduct and omission done by them.

Sd/-
AMITESH PANDEY
& DALIP KUMAR
Advocates
Seat No. 141, P.S. Rathi Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Our Client Mrs. Veena Kumari w/o Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh r/o D-7, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi-16 is the sole & undisputed owner in possession of the Property No. B-7, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi-16. The previous Sale Deed executed between Major Rajinder Singh & M/s D.L.F. Housing and Construction (P) Ltd. having registration no. 884 in Addl. Book no. 1, Volume No. 253 on Pages 363 to 373 on 01.04.1954 AND Sale Deed dated 20.10.1956 executed between Major Rajinder Singh & Shri Janardan Das Dayal having Registration No. 3480, Additional Book No.1, Volume No. 300, on pages 109 to 113 on 29.10.1956 of the property bearing No. B-7, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi -16 has been lost/ misplaced. If any person has found the same kindly inform the undersigned. Further by way of this notice all person(s) and/or any bank(s)/ financial institution(s) are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing documents. If anyone has already carried out or is going to carry out any such transaction kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days from this present.

Sd/-
SHARAD BHATT
Advocate
(Enrol. No. D/505/2003)
Office at: B-296, Chittaranjan Park New Delhi-110019

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that my client. SH. SUKH CHAIN S/o Late Sh. Bawa Singh R/o 73-B, F-Block, Punjabi Bagh, Mangolpuri. N-Block. North West Delhi-110083 Allottee / Purchaser / Owner of DDA Janta Flat No 15, Ground Floor, Pocket-12, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi Vide File No. A/353(603) 2002/HSRPM/RO. The original documents i.e. MUTATION LETTER, ALLOTMENT CUM DEMAND LETTER, POSSESSION LETTER, SITE POSSESSION SLIP AND NOC FOR OBTAIN WATER & ELECTRICITY CONNECTION and DDA Related other documents of the above said property has been lost. An F.I.R./NCR/LR No. 654861/2022 dated 02.08.2022 to this effect has been lodged in P.S Crime Branch. Delhi.
Any person (s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write / contact with above named person at above address / Phone No. 7678146014 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right. interest. objection with respect to this property. can personally inform or write to Asst. Director (Housing), DDA, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023

Sd/-
RANDHIR KUMAR (Advocate)
Enrl. No. D/2358/2014
Ch. No. 307, Rohini Court, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Mamta Verma acquired House No. 91, measuring 61.77 sq. yds. Khasra No. 277 situated at Village Ghukna, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad, U.P. vide Sale Deed dt. 02.11.2016 executed by Mr. Babu Ram and Original GPA dt. 19.03.1993 along with ATS & Will and Original Sale Deed dt. 03.02.1997 of the said property has been lost and Now Mrs. Mamta Verma is the undisputed owner of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate)
H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Allauddin S/o Usman R/o D-2, Shiva Market West Laxmi Market, Near Khureji Khas, Krishna Nagar, East Delhi-110051, has Debarred his son Mehboob Ansari and his wife Ruhina Khatoon and son Mehmood Alam and his wife Sanam Nizam from all his movable and immovable properties and severe all relation with them due to their misbehaviour, misconduct. Anybody dealing with them shall do so at his/her own risk and my client shall not be responsible for the same.

SHABAB ALI (ADVOCATE)
DELHI HIGH COURT
Chamber No. G-603, 6th Floor, Karkardooma Court, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, MISS/KUMARI ADARSH PRABHA BHASIN, daughter of Late Sh. Lakhpat Rai Bhasin, aged 81 years (D.O.B: 23/07/1941) Resident of A-60, SFS Flats, Mount Kailash, Near DPS East of Kailash, East of Kailash, Delhi-110065 do hereby inform the world at large that usage of my name as Adarsh Bhasin and/or Adarsh Prabha in place of Adarsh Prabha Bhasin denote the same person i.e. me only, for all intents and purposes.

सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरे मुवक्किल तारा चन्द पुत्र पतिया व अनीता पत्नी तारा चन्द सभी निवासी 17/224 कल्याणपुरी दिल्ली ने अपने पुत्र सिद्धान्त@शिवा व पुत्रवधू मनीषा को उनके दुर्व्यवहार के कारण अपनी समस्त चल-अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल कर सम्बंध-विच्छेद कर लिए हैं। उनके किसी भी कार्य हेतु मेरे मुवक्किल जिम्मेदार नहीं होंगे।

Sd/-
VINAY KUMAR
ADVOCATE

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF SH. PAWAN KUMAR JAIN, LD. DISTRICT JUDGE, COMM. -03, ROOM NO. 307, CENTRAL DISTRICT, TIS HAZARI COURT, DELHI
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDENCE OF DEFENDANT
(Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
CS(COMM):-5485/2021
ICICI BANK LTD.
VS
UMEED SINGH, PROP. OF KRISHNA DORI

To,
UMEED SINGH PROP. OF KRISHNA DORI C-002, HIDE PARK, SEC-78, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, U.P.-201301
ALSO AT UMEED SINGH PROP. OF KRISHNA DORI E-124, SEC-63, NOIDA, U.P.-201301

WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 28.11.2022 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court, 06.07.2022

Seal
District Judge
Commercial Courty)-03
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to general public at large that my client Ram Prasad Jain S/o Late Shri Kapoor Chand Jain R/o C-5, Vishwakarma Colony, MB Road, Delhi-44 have severed all relations and hereby disowned my son Nishant Jain and his wife Ayushi Jain from all my movable and immovable properties due to their misconduct and out of my control. If anybody deals with them will do so at his/her own risk. my client shall not be responsible for their any deeds.

Shashi Kant (Advocate)
Ch. No. D-209, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-32

LOST & FOUND

My property paper having No.6/15, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-110027 having Conveyance Deed Registration No-3353, Addl. Book No.I, Volume No-120, on Page No.171 to 177 Date 25/08/2014 having Lease Deed, having Registration No.9202, Book-No-I, Volume-No-567, on Page 95 to 97 Date 27/07/1966 and Mutation Letter issued by L&DO M/171 on dated 07/07/1978 has been lost. Finder contact: **URMILA RANI**, W/o Om Parkash, R/o 6/115, SUBHASH Nagar, New Delhi-110027 Mobile No.**8178635314.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all public that my client Sh. Surinder Singh S/o late Sh. Rawel Singh R/o H.No. S-3/73, 1st floor, Gali No. 4, Old Mahavir Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi has severed all relations with his son namely Pawanpreet Singh, his wife Harneet Kaur and their child namely Satveer Singh and disown them from all his immovable and movable properties due to their disobedience and bad behavior. My client shall not be responsible for their any acts and deeds in any manner whatsoever.

Sd/-
H.S. GILL
ADVOCATE
Ch. No. 210. Lawyers Block
Sakct Courts, New Delhi-17

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT SHRI DEEPAK CHOPRA IS PURCHASING THE SAID FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL PLOT BEARING NO. 507/9, ADMEASURING 53 SQ. YDS, SITUATED AT SHIVPURI, GURUGRAM HARYANA & IN THIS PROPERTY SMT. MAMTA KATIYAL HAVE LOST THE LAST PAGE OF THE SAID SALE DEED DATED 20.09.2012 EXECUTED BY SMT. RAJ CHAWLA IN FAVOUR OF SMT. VINA GIRDHAR, REGISTERED AS DOC. NO. 15208, IN ADD. BOOK NO. 1, VOL. NO. 2402/13013, ON PAGES 191/100-101, IN THE OFFICE OF SR GURGAON.
IF ANY OTHER CLAIMENT HAS ANY RIGHT IN THE AFORESAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULD INFORM & GIVE INTIMATION TO THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE.

Sd/-
SUBHASH GUPTA
D-446/2002 (ADVOCATE)
125, FIRST FLOOR, ANAND NAGAR, INDERLOK, DELHI-110035

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the general public information that my Client Geeta Kukreti W/O Shri Manas Khanna and her husband R/O Flat No. 7-C-105, Paryawaran Complex, New Delhi-110030, have broken down all the relationship with their Babhi Smt. Shiven Sharma @ Kukreti W/O Sh. Sushil Kukreti R/O Flat No. 27, C-109, Paryawaran Complex, New Delhi-110030, due to their misconduct, disobedience and misbehavior attitude. My client and his wife will not be responsible for any act done by her past, present and future.

Sd/- **AVNEESH MISHRA**
Advocate
Ch. No. 899-900, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-110001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my clients Sh. Sunil Bhardwaj S/o Late Ambey Prasad & Smt. Aruna Bhardwaj W/o Sh. Sunil Bhardwaj both R/o 672, Chirag Delhi, New Delhi-17 has debarred their Son Ujawal Sharma & daughter-in-law Smt. Richa Bhardwaj from all their movable & immovable properties with immediate effect. Anybody dealing with them in any manner shall do so at his/her own cost, risk & responsibility. My clients shall be in no way responsible for any acts, deeds & things done by them.

Sanjay Kapoor & Associates
788, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to general public that my clients Sh. Satya Narayan S/o Sh. Rameshwar and Smt. Pramila W/o Sh. Satya Narayan both R/o H. No. 3, Behind Old Library, Ishwar Colony, Bawana, Delhi-110039, have been debarred & disowned their daughter namely Diksha from all their movable and immovable properties due to her deplorable behaviour and she is out of control of my clients. My clients have also severed all their relations with her. If anybody deals with her in any manner, he/she shall do at his/her own risks, costs and consequences. My clients shall not be responsible for the same in any manner.

Sd/- **ANAND PARKASH**
En. No. D/1772/06 **ADVOCATE**
Ch. No. 1417, 14th Floor, Lawyers Chamber Block, Rohini Courts Complex, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby notified that my client Ms. Babita w/o Sh. Naresh Kumar r/o House no. 211, Gali no. 3, Vikas Nagar, Karnal, Rural Part-I, Haryana-132001, have disinherited and disowned her son Sh. Rishab, her daughter-in-law Ms. Neha Jain and her grand-daughter Pavani all r/o G-11&12, Sharma Colony, Budh Vihar, Phase-02, Delhi-110086 from her line of succession and have broken all ties with her son, her daughter in law and grand-daughter. My client is neither responsible for any liability nor responsible for any Acts, Deeds or things done by her said son and daughter in law or any other person (s), dealing with him, shall be dealing so at his on risks, costs and consequences.

Sd/- **(C.M. Sangwan & Associates)**
(Advocates)
CM SANGWAN
En. No.-D-3A/07 **Advocate**
Ch. No. 929, Lawyers Chamber Block Rohini Court Complex, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of our client Mrs. Geeta Wahi R/o C-46, F.F., Dayalbagh Colony, Sector 39, Faridabad, notice is hereby given to general public that any person dealing with Mrs. Geeta Wahi's husband Sh. Vikram Wahi in relation to any agreement concerning loans, property (movable or immovable), or anything else shall do the same at their own risk. Neither our client nor her children take any kind of responsibility for acts of Sh. Vikram Wahi.

Take notice also that no person shall enter into any lease, tenancy or mortgage in our client's aforementioned residential property.

Akshay Handa, Advocate
D/5757/2018
Yajnavalkya Chambers

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है, कि मेरे मुवक्किल (1) श्री बिशन सिंह रावत पुत्र स्वर्गीय श्री नर सिंह रावत एवम (2) श्रीमति मोहनी देवी पत्नी श्री बिशन सिंह रावत निवासी मकान न.35 खसरा न. 53/8, गली न.1, ब्लॉक-E-2 नजदीक शिव मंदिर, प्रधान एन्क्लव बुराड़ी दिल्ली-110084, ने अपने पुत्र गौरव सिंह रावत, पुत्रबधू बबीता व पोता प्रिंस रावत व उनके होने वाले (कानूनी उत्तराधिकारी) को उनके दुर्व्यवहार तथा कहने सुनने से बाहर होने के कारण अपनी समस्त चल-अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल कर, सारे संबंध विच्छेद कर दिये हैं। भविष्य में यदि कोई इनसे किसी भी प्रकार का लेन देन करता है, तो उसका जिम्मेवार वह खुद होगा, मेरे मुवक्किल की कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी।

Surender Kumar
(Advocate)
Enrl no. D/152/1988

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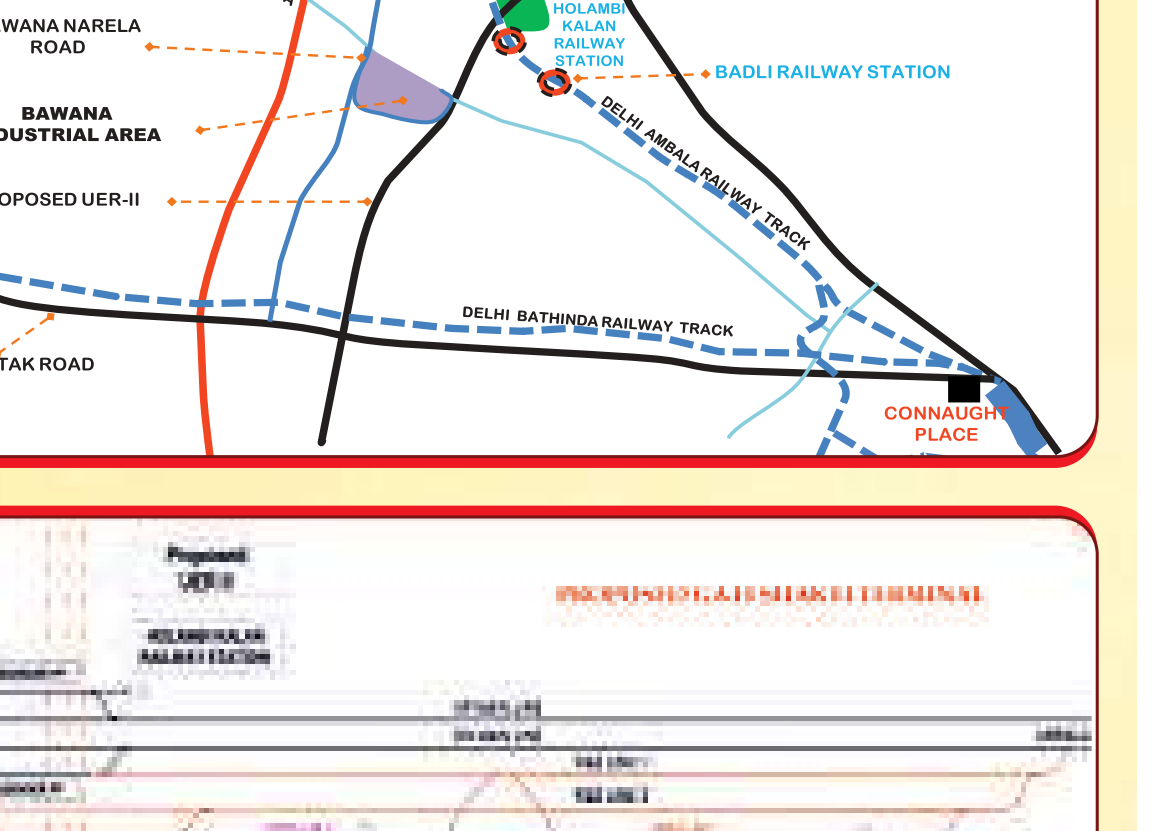
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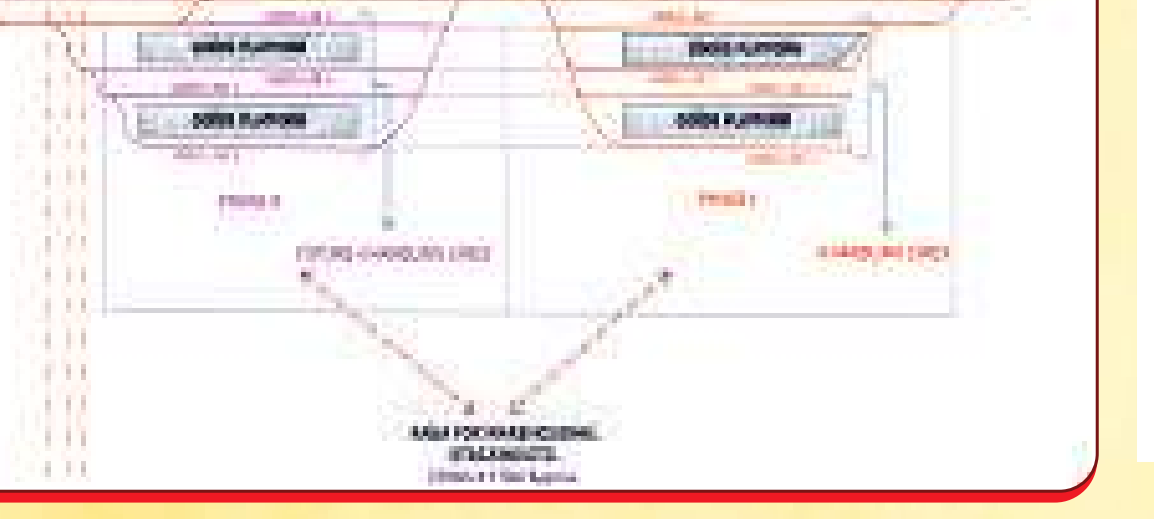
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Days after he went missing, Army Captain's body found in MP river

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NARMADAPURAM (MP), AUGUST 18

THREE DAYS after an Army Captain hailing from Kerala went missing while undergoing a training course in Pachmarhi in Madhya Pradesh's Narmadapuram, his body was recovered from a river in the district, police said on Thursday.

Captain Nirmal Sivarajan (32), who hailed from Mamangalam in Ernakulam district of Kerala, was undergoing training at the Army Education Corps (AEC) Centre at Pachmarhi when he went missing, Makhan Nagar Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Madan Mohan Samar said.

The police said the Captain had fallen into the swollen Bachwada river while he was driving back to Pachmarhi on August 15 after meeting his wife, a Lieutenant posted in Jabalpur. They had got married just three months ago, they said.

The Captain was from Army Education Corps from Suratgarh in Rajasthan, his acquaintance said.

"The body, which was entangled in a tree in Bachwada river on Naseerabad road in Makhan Nagar tehsil, about 40 to 45 km from Narmadapuram district headquarters, was recovered by divers and police," Samar said.

The Army officer's car was also located in the river, about 2 km from his body, he added.

Makhan Nagar police station inspector Hemant Shrivastava said the the Army officer fell into the swollen river with his car while negotiating a culvert after taking a detour to reach Pachmarhi.

After post-mortem, his body was handed over to Army authorities, he said.

The Army Education Corps Centre's Colonel Rajesh Patil had lodged a missing person report about the officer at Pachmarhi police station on Tuesday. The Colonel told the police that Sivarajan had gone to Jabalpur from Pachmarhi by car on August 13 to meet his wife, Lieutenant Gopichanda, who is posted in Jabalpur.

The Captain was scheduled to re-join training at the Army Education Corps Centre, Pachmarhi at 6 am on August 16 but did not report back, the police said.

The Captain's wife told the police that her husband had left from Jabalpur for Pachmarhi around 3.30 pm on August 15 and he had spoken to her around 8.30 pm, telling her that the main road had become inaccessible due to a flash flood, so he was taking a detour to reach his destination, SDPO Samar said.

The Captain had also spoken to his mother, who lives in Kerala, around the same time. However, after about an hour, he could not be contacted and his family members informed the Army authorities, SDPO Samar added.

Ukrainian varsities ask Indians to return or join transfer programmes

ALIFIYA KHAN
PUNE, AUGUST 18

AUTHORITIES FROM Ukrainian universities want Indian students to resume classes, asking them to either return to campus despite risks, temporarily join online classes or enrol through varsities in other countries.

Some universities, which are in the worst-hit war zones with considerable damage to their facilities, are taking up the last option — asking students to take up "mobility" or transfer programmes. The Ukrainian universities have tied up with certain institutes in the rest of Europe where they will continue to study as their exchange students.

As the next semester for most Ukrainian universities begins on September 1, students have been given until next week to clear the fees and make a decision. Some universities have also told students that they wrote to the National Medical Council (NCM) in India as well as the Indian embassy in Ukraine. These universities said they did not get clarity from them on the decision for Ukraine-returned medical students or the validity of continuing online classes.

Dr Audhoot Nidgude, a representative of MD House in Maharashtra, said options for continuing online classes or mobility to other countries were being considered, but didn't give any further detail. MD House is an agency that recruits students for the Bokovinian State Medical University (BSMU) in Chernivtsi, which has over 1,800 Indian students.



An estimated 20,000 Indian students had returned from Ukraine after Russian invasion in February this year. *File*

However, a few students of BSMU shared a letter with *The Indian Express* which said the university is resuming classes in offline mode for those who can come to Ukraine while online mode will be offered to those who can't go back at the moment.

"We recommend transit visas through countries bordering the Chernivtsi region, like Moldova or Romania, to arrive at BSMU. The tuition fees have to be paid until August 26 which indicates students' decision to continue learning at our university," said the letter.

A student of Taras Shevchenko National Medical University in Kyiv, one of the affected areas, also confirmed it has informed students about the resumption of offline classes. The university has also said it is also trying to arrange mobility programmes in Georgia or Poland.

BSMU, in its letter, acknowledged that there are restrictions on online education in some countries but they still don't know the official position of the NMC or the Indian Government, despite writing to them..

Students at the Kharkiv National Medical University (KNMU) said the official partner for recruiting Indian students to the varsity, Bob Trade Education Group, has offered a transfer.

Mudit Mehrotra, a third-year student at KNMU who is currently in his hometown of Varanasi, said the agency is expected to transfer students to Georgia. "The process is going on and is expected to go on till mid-October which means we can go there by then," said Mehrotra.

However, even as students of other universities are still grappling with uncertainties, Pranjal Kaushik, who studies at the Dnipro State Medical University and is currently in Chhattisgarh's Bhilai, said a number of options had been offered by the varsity.

"They have offered us four formats; one option is to continue online study at the university by staying in the same country of residence. A second option is a mixed form of study if we plan to go to Dnipro, which involves online theoretical classes and practical classes. A third format is a mixed form of education with the involvement of foreign partner universities and the fourth option is to study at a partner university in an academic mobility program during one or two semesters," he said.

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A serious issue, we will look into it: SC on claim that Dolo firm gave freebies to docs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday described as a "serious issue" the matter raised by an NGO relating to the CBDT's allegation against the manufacturers of Dolo tablets that they had distributed freebies worth about Rs 1,000 crore to doctors for prescribing their 650 mg anti-inflammatory, fever reducer drug.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna was told by senior advocate Sanjay Parikh and advocate Aparna Bhat, appearing for petitioner 'Federation of Medical and Sales Representatives Association of India', that the market price of any tablet up to 500 mg is regulated under price control mechanism of the government but the price of the drug above 500 mg can be fixed by the pharma company concerned.

Parikh alleged that to ensure a higher profit margin, the company manufacturing Dolo tablets distributed freebies to doctors to prescribe the 650 mg drug. The advocate also said he would like to bring more such facts to the knowledge of the court after a response is filed by the Centre.

"What you are saying is music to my ears. This is exactly the drug that I had when I had Covid recently. This is a serious issue and we will look into it," Justice Chandrachud said.

The bench asked Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj to file his response to the plea by the petitioner in 10 days and gave one week time thereafter to the latter to file his rejoinder. It listed the matter for further hearing on September 29.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) had on July 13 accused the makers of the Dolo-650 tablet of indulging in "unethical practices" and distributing freebies worth about Rs 1,000 crore to doctors and medical professionals in exchange for promoting products made by the pharmaceutical group.

The claims were made after the Income Tax department had on July 6 raided 36 premises of the Bengaluru-based Micro Labs Ltd. across nine states. A counsel sought permission from the court to file an intervention on behalf of the pharma companies, which the court allowed saying it would like to hear them also on the issue.

My daughter cleared school job exam: TMC's Anubrata Mondal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 18

DENYING AN allegation that his daughter Sukanya Mondal was appointed to a primary school without having cleared the Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET), arrested TMC leader Anubrata Mondal on Thursday claimed that she has passed the exam and has a document to prove it. "She has passed the exam and has a certificate too," said Mondal, the party's Birbhum district president, who was arrested by the CBI last week in a cattle smuggling case.



Sukanya Mondal in Kolkata on Thursday. *Partha Paul*

A supplementary affidavit related to TET was filed in the Calcutta High Court Wednesday, alleging "irregularities" in the appointment of six persons, including Sukanya. The court directed Sukanya to appear in court Thursday. A single bench of Justice Abhijit Gangapadhyay directed Mondal's daughter and others to appear before the court and submit their TET certificates and appointment letters.

However, on Thursday, the single bench recalled its order regarding the appearance of six persons, including Sukanya Mondal. The supplementary affidavit on the basis of which these six persons were summoned to the court was not considered admissible by the judge. Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay, after examining the affidavit in the courtroom, came to the conclusion that the order to summon the six persons to the court cannot stand and thus revoked it.

"The court has not summoned her [Sukanya]. It has just asked her to present her documents," Anubrata Mondal told mediapersons while he was being taken to a hospital for a routine medical check-up.

Meanwhile, Sukanya appeared before the Calcutta High Court Thursday after she reached Kolkata from Bolpur. Justice Gangopadhyay recalled Wednesday's order during the hearing. However, at the same time, the court also made it clear that if there is a separate case filed in the court regarding the appointment of Sukanya Mondal, the court would hear it. On Wednesday, a lawyer, Firdous Shamim, submitted an additional affidavit along with the court cases claiming that the appointment of Sukanya Mondal was "not valid."

The petitioner alleged that some people closely related to Mondal, who is also chairman of West Bengal Rural Development Authority, were given jobs as teachers who allegedly never visited Kalikapur Primary School in Birbhum, where she was employed. In the affidavit, the petitioner said the school attendance register was sent to Sukanya's residence for her signature.

Meanwhile, the CBI has traced fixed deposits amounting to nearly Rs 17 crore in the name of Anubrata Mondal and his family members as part of its investigation of a case related to alleged illegal cross-border trade of cattle.

Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee has publicly backed Anubrata after his arrest.

Taking a jibe at Mondal's claim that his daughter [Sukanya Mondal] cleared TET, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said, "In a state where Mamata Banerjee gets a *sahitya* [literary] award, why is it surprising if anyone is passing exams?"

CABINET MEETING

Lead simple lives, don't use pilot cars except on NH: Mamata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 18

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday cautioned every minister in her Cabinet that they should lead a "simple life." Banerjee also directed them to stop using pilot cars with red beacons anywhere in the state, except on highways, and advised them to be "very careful" while signing official document, an official said.

The fresh directives from Banerjee are being seen as an attempt to rebuild the image of her government, which received jolts following the recent arrests of senior TMC leaders Partha Chatterjee and Anubrata Mondal.

Addressing the first meeting of the state Cabinet following the recent reshuffle, Banerjee said her department would fix separate tasks for the ministers of state, who till date had "very few responsibilities" to carry out. People should not question the public life of a minister, Banerjee said. "BJP is looking for loopholes. You should maintain a simple life and not avail yourselves of any extra facility," she said.

'FAKE, ANTI-INDIA' CONTENT

Pak-based YouTube channel, seven from India blocked

DIVYA A
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

THE CENTRE on Thursday issued orders to block eight YouTube-based news channels, including one operating from Pakistan, for allegedly spreading "false content detrimental to communal harmony, public order and India's foreign relations", the Information and Broadcasting Ministry stated on Thursday. The blocked channels had a cumulative viewership of more than 114 crore and were subscribed by over 85 lakh users, the ministry said in a statement.

Besides Pakistan-based 'News ki Duniya' (97,000 subscribers), the YouTube channels blocked — all originating from India — are Loktantra TV (12.90 lakh subscribers), U&V TV (10.20 lakh subscribers), AM Razvi (95,900 subscribers), Gouravshali Pawan Mithilanchal (7 lakh subscribers), Sarkari Update (80,900 subscribers), SeeTop5TH (33.5 lakh), and Sab Kuch Dekho (19.40 lakh subscribers).

The ministry said the Facebook page of Loktantra TV has been blocked, and two "inflammatory posts" on "personal Facebook accounts" have been taken down for posting "fake anti-India content",.

According to screenshots circulated by the I&B Ministry of reports by these channels, while Pakistan-based 'News ki Duniya' claimed that Muslims in India have been asked to go to Pakistan or Bangladesh, an Indian channel, Loktantra TV, claimed that the government had banned Bakrid celebrations in the country.

The blocked Indian YouTube channels were observed to be using "fake and sensational thumbnails", and using images of news anchors and logos of certain TV news channels to "mislead viewers" and pass off their content as authentic news, the ministry stated. Since December 2021, the I&B Ministry has issued directions to block 102 YouTube channels and several other social media accounts. The ministry stated that such "corrective action will be taken from time to time".

Ministry officials said action will be taken against the channels which monetise such content.

Karnataka: Govt makes national anthem must in schools, PU colleges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, AUGUST 18

THE SCHOOL education and literacy department of Karnataka issued an order mandating schools and pre-university colleges to make students sing national anthem during morning assembly.

The order, dated August 17, comes after complaints of certain primary and high schools in Bengaluru avoiding singing the national anthem during the morning assembly.

"Some schools are avoiding singing the national anthem and some are singing only twice a week," said an education department official, adding that Education Minister B C Nagesh has received complaints regarding this.

Citing the Union Home Ministry order on national anthem, the department made it mandatory for schools to make students sing the national anthem to instill national pride and respect.

Deputy Director for Public Instruction (DDPI) officials are also tasked to visit the schools that are violating the rule.

DDPI of Bengaluru North, Lohithashwa Reddy said, "Last week, notices were issued to schools where students were not singing the national anthem. Now they have assured that they will be singing the national anthem regularly."

The order also said that the students can sing the national anthem in the classroom, if there are space constraints during the morning assembly.

Taliban takeover

Karzai, who studied in India from 1979-1983, said Delhi must, "on priority", reissue visas to Afghan students who were studying in India, and have not been able to return to their studies, and issue visas to those who wish to study in India. "The return of the (Afghan) students is important", he said.

"We are talking about India, Afghanistan, people to people, civilizational links. It's for that reason that India has a place in Afghanistan. Afghanistan has a place in India. Therefore, this engagement is necessary with the Afghan people, and India must return," he said.

Karzai, who led Afghanistan from 2002 to 2014, as head of a transitional administration for two years and following the 2004 elections, as President, lives in the Afghan capital. His home is near Zanbaq Square, an area whose fortifications have been taken over by the Taliban. An armoured car with a gun mounted on it, is stationed at the square. Armed Taliban cadres check for identity and papers every few metres.

Karzai's home is next to the Arg, the presidential palace, and the foreign ministry, which is now run by the Taliban. His own security are deployed inside the compound.

Karzai and Abdullah Abdullah, who served as former chief executive in the first Ashraf Ghani government, were the only two top political leaders who stayed on after the Taliban takeover. As panic spread at the news that Ghani had left, the statement by the two leaders that they would remain to manage a peaceful transition, served as a reassurance to Kabul residents.

Since then, Abdullah has travelled out of the country including to India earlier this year. Karzai is allowed to meet visitors at home, and within the city, but is not allowed to leave Kabul. The Taliban have turned down requests from him to travel abroad.

Asked if he was a prisoner of the Taliban he said: "No, I have just not been able to visit abroad. Whatever we describe that as, I wouldn't call that a prisoner."

Karzai's son recently left to study in Germany. The former President said his son had an opportunity to study abroad in 2020, but both he and his wife wanted him to finish schooling in Afghanistan. "But then things changed, and education suffered, so there was no more an opportunity here for him to educate, and we, out of total compulsion, agreed to send him to Germany," he said.

Karzai also has three young daughters, who attend school in Kabul. "I want my daughters to study here. And to study from Class 6 to 12, as well here. And the Taliban. I am urging them strongly, very strongly, to reopen girls school as a vital important issue for our country," he said. The Taliban have banned education for girls beyond Class 6.

Karzai said he and Abdullah had urged the Taliban to reopen high schools for girls. "They have to, that must be the decision. It's inevitable. The country cannot take steps towards towards dying. If we are not going to go to school, that means we're killing ourselves and our future. Therefore, there simply is no other option. That's an imperative. Is there a word beyond imperative, or that's where it ends?" Karzai said.

The response from the Taliban to his and Abdullah's entreaty "has been quite positive", Karzai said. "We are waiting for action on all this," he said.

As those running the country, the Taliban was now responsible to ensure "that Afghans don't leave the country, that the educated ones are not only given an opportunity to stay in Afghanistan, but those who have left are attracted back to come back to their own country, and that the government represents the aspiration of all the Afghan people," he said.

He said the one big change in the last year was that there was no large-scale "fighting" or casualties. "In that sense, there is a lot better security. The countryside is a lot better in this respect than what we had before," he said.

"But in other aspects, in the economy, we have a serious deprivation, in terms of education, there is serious decline, the universities are not functioning to even half their strength, the schools are not functioning to half their strength. And the most important of all, girls are not going to school from grade 6 to 12. Plus a lot more. We lost the reserves of the country, $7 billion. For a country of poor means and resources, that's a lot of money. There is a loss of institutions, the collapse of the state itself, we have at least 55 of our army helicopters in our neighbouring countries. Imagine if each one of those helicopters is calculated between at least 10 to $15 million, that that's almost $700 million. So in those terms, we have lost a lot," he said.

He said he had asked the Taliban to start a "national dialogue" with all Afghans. "You cannot govern a country without technocrats, without educated people, without professionals, you cannot govern the country effectively without the participation of women. So all aspects of good governance must be put in place. And that must begin with a dialogue with all Afghans. And that should lead to the expression of the will of Afghan people on the government and the future of the country," he said.

The will of the people could be ascertained through the traditional Afghan assembly of loya jirga, or a referendum. "Whatever way is best at a given time, must be used," he said.

He dismissed a recent loya jirga as not one at all. "That was a more a jirga of the Taliban themselves, a meeting of largely of the clergy of the religious scholars of the country, plus some others. So that wasn't really representative in any sense," he said.

Regarding the killing of Al Qaeda leader Ayman Al Zawahiri in Kabul by the US, Karzai said the Taliban authorities had announced they were not aware of his presence and that they will investigate. "Let that investigation happen, let them come up with the results of the investigation and explain it to the world and to the Afghan people," he said.

FROM PAGE ONE

NITI Aayog

whether the Op-Ed/ Article meets the minimum acceptable quality standards for external publication," it said.

Sources said that apart from the written communication, NITI Aayog officials have also been told verbally to comply with the order. This was conveyed recently at one of the Monday meetings attended by NITI Vice Chairman Suman Bery, CEO Parameswaran Iyer and other members and officials, sources said.

Bery assumed charge as NITI Aayog's Vice Chairman with effect from May 1, 2022, while Iyer joined on July 11.

When contacted, the official spokesperson of NITI Aayog said: "NITI Aayog, a government think tank, has issued general advisories from time to time, encouraging due diligence while publishing articles. It is unfortunate that The Indian Express seems to be misinterpreting routine advisories. NITI Aayog has consistently encouraged its employees to think and express themselves creatively, keeping in mind government conduct rules."

The spokesperson, however, did not specify the dates on which such advisories were issued. According to sources, no such communication was issued in the recent past.

The decision assumes significance in view of NITI Aayog's role as a think tank. There are about a dozen Advisers in NITI Aayog, heading different divisions and verticals. The Advisers and Senior Advisers are in the rank of Joint Secretaries and Additional Secretaries. Besides, there are several vertical heads.

Inflation target

January-March 2022 and April-June 2022, according to data released by the National Statistics Office, was 6.34 per cent and 7.28 per cent, respectively. In July this year, it stood at 6.71 per cent. The data for August and September is scheduled to be released on September 12 and October 12, respectively.

While the RBI will be fully informed about retail inflation for all three quarters only by October 12, the CPI-based inflation is expected to remain above the 6 per cent upper limit in the July-September quarter too. In its August 5, 2022, monetary policy statement, the RBI's retail inflation outlook for July-September was 7.1 per cent. For the next two quarters, it was 6.4 per cent (October-December 2022) and 5.8 per cent (January-March 2023), respectively.

Upon failing to meet the inflation target, the RBI, sources said, would have to state the reasons for failure to achieve the target, propose remedial actions to bring it down to 4 per cent, and also provide an estimate of the time-period within which the target would be achieved. These would be presented in a report to the Union Ministry of Finance.

The sources said, it would be up to the government to make the RBI report public. The special meeting of the MPC would discuss the RBI report before it is submitted. The MPC, chaired by Governor Shaktikanta Das, has five more members. They are Michael D Patra, Deputy Governor (RBI), Rajiv Rajan, Ashima Goyal, Shashank Bhide and Jayanth Varma.

Yacht found

James added: "On June 26, there was an engine failure in the Gulf of Oman. We raised a distress call and were rescued by a cargo ship, Kyoto Express. I was unconscious as I suffered a head injury. The next morning, I was airlifted by a helicopter and taken to a hospital in Salalah (in Oman) as I had trauma. On the same evening, after my three member crew found it difficult to continue the journey due to weather, they were rescued by a Korean warship and they also tried to tow my vessel."

The sailing master said the yacht broke apart from the Korean warship and went adrift while being towed.

Director General of Coast Guard Virender Pathania, too, gave a similar account.

James claimed he had tried contacting the Indian Navy to get his vessel back. "I have been constantly mailing the Indian Navy about my vessel over the last 20 days," he claimed.

An Indian Navy spokesperson in Mumbai said: "We don't agree with what Robert James is claiming. He is making a false statement."

Asked why the weapons were left on Lady Han and not picked up before evacuation, James blamed it on officials. "The Omani authorities did not help us at all," he alleged.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who also holds the Home portfolio, told the Assembly: "As of now, there is no terror angle. But investigation is going on. We can't rule out any angle as of now. I am just sharing primary information."

Fadnavis identified Australian national Hana Laundergun as the owner of the yacht and James, her husband, as its captain.

He said the yacht was on its way from Muscat when it drifted away owing to inclement weather. James told The Indian Express that the arms and ammunition on the vessel were legal and were for security purposes as they had to pass through Somali waters.

"The weapons were completely legal and accounted for."

Sources in the shipping sector say that most ships carry arms to ward off pirates from Somalia.

Coast Guard Director General Pathania told The Indian Express: "The commander of Coast Guard (west) Paramesh Sivamani has informed me that they have also spoken to the master of the vessel. They were carrying weapons for their security. The weapons found on this vessel have been accounted for by Neptune Maritime Security which provides security to all vessels. We have ruled out a terror angle."



JAPANESE COUTURIER WHO MELDED EAST-WEST STYLES

DESIGNER HANAE MORI DIES AT 96

Hanae Mori, the Japanese couturier who emerged from the ruins of World War II to build a $500 million fashion house that popularised East-West styles and symbolised the rise of postwar Japan, died on August 11 at her home in Tokyo. She was 96. Famed for her butterfly designs, Mori created the wedding dress worn by Empress Masako.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Designer Giorgio Armani. *AP File*

ITALY

Armani, others flee wildfire from vacation retreat

Milan: Fashion designer Giorgio Armani and dozens of others were forced to flee from their vacation villas overnight as firefighters worked to extinguish the remnants of two wildfires on the Sicilian island of Pantelleria on Thursday. A photo shows flames that appear to encroach on Armani's villa, but his press office said they stopped short of the property. Armani and guests evacuated to a boat in the harbour overnight. The head of the region's civil protection agency, Salvatore Cocina, said arson is suspected in two wildfires that forced 30 people to seek refuge in boats or on safer parts of the island. Firefighters used Canadair planes to douse the flames, along with teams to protect homes. **AP**

SAUDI ARABIA

Woman gets 34 yrs in prison for tweets

Dubai: A Saudi court has sentenced a doctoral student to 34 years in prison for spreading "rumors" on Twitter and retweeting dissidents, according to court documents obtained Thursday. Activists and lawyers consider the sentence against Salma al-Shehab, a mother of two and a researcher at Leeds University in Britain, shocking even by Saudi standards of justice. Al-Shehab was detained during a family vacation in January 2021 just days before she planned to return to the UK, according to the Freedom Initiative. **AP**

USA

Ship sunk by Germans in 1917 found

THE WRECK of the first US Navy destroyer lost to enemy action has been found off the coast of southwest England, 105 years after it was sunk by a German submarine. A team of British divers announced the find on Facebook last week, saying it was thrilled to have located the World War I ship, the USS Jacob Jones, about 60 nautical miles south of Newlyn. Rick Ayrton, one of the six divers on the expedition, said when he reached the ship, he could see the base of a gun mount on the deck of the ship, a sign that it had been a warship, not a cargo vessel. **NYT**



TRAINS COME TO GRINDING HALT IN UK AGAIN

Thousands of train workers in Britain staged a new round of strikes Thursday, paralysing rail service across the country in an escalating dispute over pay and working conditions exacerbated by a deepening cost-of-living crisis. *AP*

PROSECUTORS MAY ASK WEISSELBERG TO TESTIFY AT COMPANY'S TRIAL

Trump CFO pleads guilty to tax fraud

AGENCIES
NEW YORK, AUGUST 18

ONE OF Donald J Trump's most trusted executives pleaded guilty on Thursday to conspiring with Trump's company to carry out a long-running tax scheme, an admission that painted a damning picture of the former president's family business but did not advance a broader investigation into the man himself.

As part of the plea deal with the Manhattan district attorney's office, the executive, Allen H Weisselberg, is required to testify at the company's trial if prosecutors choose to call on him, and to admit his role in conspiring with Trump's company to carry out the tax scheme. That testimony could tilt the scales against the company, the Trump Organisation, as it prepares for an October trial related to the same accusations.

"Yes, your honour," Weisselberg said again and again in response to detailed questions from the judge, Juan Merchan, who asked whether he and the Trump Organisation committed the criminal conduct underlying each of the 15 counts.

EXPLAINED

What is the case?

PROSECUTORS CHARGED Trump Organisation and Weisselberg in July 2021 with scheming to defraud, tax fraud and falsifying business records for awarding "off-the-books" perks to senior executives. Weisselberg was accused of concealing and avoiding taxes on $1.76 mn of income.

Under the terms of the plea deal, if Weisselberg testifies truthfully at the upcoming trial, he will receive a five-month sentence. Weisselberg, who was facing up to 15 years in prison, must also pay nearly $2 million in taxes, penalties and interest after accepting lavish tax-free perks.

In a statement, a Trump Organisation spokeswoman called Weisselberg a "fine and honourable man" who has been "harassed by law enforcement, in their never ending, politically motivated quest to get President Trump."She also said the company did nothing wrong.

11 AREAS IN NEGOTIATING MANDATE

US and Taiwan to begin formal trade talks, anger China

Will take necessary steps to safeguard sovereignty: Beijing

REUTERS
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THE UNITED States and Taiwan have agreed to start trade talks under a new initiative to reach agreements with "economically meaningful outcomes", with a Taiwan official saying China's "economic coercion" would also be discussed.

Washington and Taipei unveiled the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade in June, just days after the Biden administration excluded the Chinese-claimed island from its Asia-focused economic plan designed to counter China's growing influence

The office of the US Trade Representative said the two sides had "reached consensus on the negotiating mandate" and it was expected that the first round of talks would take place early this autumn.

"We plan to pursue an ambitious schedule for achieving high-standard commitments and meaningful outcomes covering the 11 trade areas in the negotiating mandate that will help build a fairer, more prosperous and resilient 21st-century economy," Deputy US Trade Representative Sarah Bianchi said in a statement.



A Oerlikon 35mm twin cannon anti-aircraft gun at a base in Taiwan. *AP*

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Taiwan's top trade negotiator, John Deng, told reporters in Taipei he hoped talks could start next month, and that this could one day lead to a free trade deal the island has long sought with the US. The negotiating mandate released along with the announcement said the US and Taiwan had set a robust agenda for talks on issues like trade facilitation, good regulatory practices, and removing discriminatory barriers to trade.

Deng said one topic would be China's economic coercion, a reference to action Beijing takes to block trade with countries it is in dispute with, such as when Lithuania allowed Taiwan to open a de facto embassy in its capital.

LITHUANIA APPOINTS NEW ENVOY TO TAIWAN

Beijing: Lithuania, a tiny European country, on Thursday appointed its first representative to Taiwan, challenging the 'one China' policy. Paulius Lukauskas, an adviser to PM Ingrida Simonyte, has been appointed as the country's first representative to Taiwan, the Taiwanese Ministry of the Economy announced on Thursday. He is expected to arrive in Taipei next month. **PTI**

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Lanka will ask Japan to open talks with main creditors: Ranil

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SRI LANKA will ask Japan to invite the Indian Ocean island's main creditor nations, including China and India, to talks on bilateral debt restructuring, as it seeks a way out of its worst economic crisis in decades, its president said on Thursday.

"Someone needs to call in, invite the main creditor nations. We will ask Japan to do it," President Ranil Wickremesinghe told *Reuters*, adding that he would travel to Tokyo next month and hold talks with Japanese premier Fumio Kishida.

Besides seeking assistance from its allies, Sri Lanka is also negotiating with the IMF for a loan package worth between $2 billion and $3 billion, Wickremesinghe said.

An IMF team is expected to arrive in the country at the end of August to continue talks to reach a staff-level agreement.

Wickremesinghe said he will present an interim budget in September, which will focus on fiscal consolidation measures agreed with the IMF. Expenditure will be slashed by a "few hundred billions" of rupees to channels funds for welfare and to repay high interest rates.

Overall, he expects the economy, reliant on tourism and tea, to see a recovery in the second half of 2023, reaching a revenue surplus of about 3% by 2025.



Restructuring to make Sri Lanka a competitive, export-oriented economy, says President. *Reuters*

GOTABAYA APPLIES FOR U.S. GREEN CARD

Colombo: Former Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is awaiting to obtain a US Green Card to return to the US and settle there with his wife and son, Lankan newspaper Daily Mirror, citing highly-placed sources, said. It claimed that Rajapaksa's lawyers in the US had already begun the procedure last month for his application to obtain the Green Card as he was eligible to apply due to his wife Loma Rajapaksa being a US citizen. **PTI**

Truss maintains big lead in UK leadership race

London: Foreign Secretary Liz Truss remains far ahead of leadership rival Rishi Sunak in the race to become Britain's next prime minister, a YouGov poll for Sky News showed on Thursday.

The governing Conservative Party is voting by postal ballot to choose a new party leader after Boris Johnson said he would step down. The winner will be announced on Sept 5. Truss, who has consistently topped polls of Conservative Party members, has a 32 percentage point lead over Sunak among those who have decided to vote, the survey showed. Truss was on 66%, with Sunak on 34%. The poll said only 13% have either not decided how they will vote, or will not vote. **REUTERS**

UK's Priti Patel signs deal to deport illegal Pak migrants

ADITI KHANNA
LONDON, AUGUST 18

BRITAIN HAS clinched a new agreement with Pakistan, dubbed a "landmark" deal, to speedily remove Pakistani nationals with no legal right to remain in the UK.

The Returns Agreement was signed by Home Secretary Priti Patel and Pakistan Interior Secretary Yousaf Naseem Khokhar and the country's High Commissioner to the UK, Moazzam Ahmad Khan in London on Wednesday.

The agreement will target Pakistan criminals, failed asylum seekers, visa overstayers and immigration offenders to facilitate their return to their home nation.



The pact signed by Priti Patel will target criminals, failed asylum seekers, visa violators

"I'm proud to have signed a new landmark agreement with our Pakistani friends to return foreign criminals and immigration offenders from the UK to Pakistan," said Patel.

"I make no apology for removing dangerous foreign criminals and immigration offenders who have no right to remain in the UK. This agreement, which I am proud to have signed with our Pakistani friends, shows the New Plan for Immigration in action and the government delivering," she said. "Our new Borders Act will go further and help end the cycle of last-minute claims and appeals that can delay removals," she said.

According to the UK Home Office data, Pakistan nationals make up the seventh largest number of foreign criminals in prisons in England and Wales. **PTI**

Rushdie attacker pleads not guilty, says acted alone



Hadi Matar, 24, was arrested last week. *AP*

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NEW YORK, AUGUST 18

A MAN accused of stabbing novelist Salman Rushdie last week in western New York pleaded not guilty to second-degree attempted murder and assault charges on Thursday during an arraignment hearing and was remanded without bail. His next court appearance was scheduled for Sept. 22.

The 24-year-old man has denied being in contact with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps and said he acted alone when he stabbed the author, whom he disliked for being "disingenuous".

Hadi Matar, of Fairview in New Jersey, was arrested last week and charged with second-degree attempted murder and assault after he stabbed Rushdie, 75, onstage at an event at the Chautauqua Institution in New York state.

In a video interview to *the New York Post* from Chautauqua County Jail, Matar said, "When I heard he survived, I was surprised, I guess." "I respect the Ayatollah. I think he's a great person. That's as far as I will say about that," Matar told *The Post*.

He noted that he had only "read like two pages" of Rushdie's controversial novel. "I read a couple of pages. I didn't read the whole thing cover to cover," he said.

RUSSIA STEPS UP ATTACK ON KHARKIV

Zelenskyy hosts talks with UN chief, Erdogan

AGENCIES
KYIV, AUGUST 18

RUSSIA UNLEASHED a furious barrage of rocket attacks on the northeastern city of Kharkiv overnight Wednesday and Thursday morning, destroying a dormitory for the deaf, pulverizing scores of residential homes and killing at least 17 civilians, Ukrainian officials said.

"Last night became one of the most tragic for Kharkiv Region during the entire war," the head of the Kharkiv regional military administration, Oleh Syniehubov, said on Thursday morning. Rescue crews were still racing between multiple blast sites, he said, adding that the casualty count could grow.



Volodymyr Zelenskyy with Antonio Guterres and Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Lviv. *AP*

Meanwhile, the UN secretary general, António Guterres, was meeting with the Ukrainian and Turkish presidents on Thursday to discuss a political solution to end the violence and assess the state of grain exports.

Guterres met with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey in Lviv to review the progress of grain exports. "Particular attention was paid to Russia's nuclear blackmail at the Zaporizhzhia NPP," Zelenskyy wrote on the Telegram messaging app.

At the meetings, Turkey agreed to help rebuild Ukraine's infrastructure, including roads and bridges, and Zelenskyy asked Guterres to seek UN access to Ukrainian citizens deported to Russia. Zelenskyy also requested UN help in freeing captured Ukrainian soldiers and medics.

Russia's military claimed that it struck a base for foreign mercenaries in Kharkiv, killing 90. There was no immediate comment from the Ukrainian side.

SOME ROYALS HAVE CRITICISED LEADING CONTENDER AS RECKLESS PLAYBOY

Game of thrones: A royal family feuds over who should be king of Zulus

JOHN ELIGON
DURBAN, AUGUST 18

THE SON of the Zulu king strutted into the room clutching a wooden scepter, trailing a praise singer who chanted odes to past kings while adoring supporters shouted "Bayede!" — hail.

His crown-shaped lapel pin shimmered with gold and diamonds as he settled into a high-backed leather chair draped in leopard-print fabric, keeping his guests standing until he decreed the interview could begin.

Misuzulu Sinqobile Zulu, 47, carries himself like a king. He is the son of King Goodwill Zwelithini, who died last year after a 50-year reign, and a descendant of the family of King Shaka Zulu, whose bloody conquest to unite the Zulu kingdom two centuries ago has made him something of a mythic figure in popular culture.

But Misuzulu's claim as their successor is hotly contested. His father left behind over a dozen sons. And although Misuzulu has received the blessing of several powerful members of the royal family as well as the president of South Africa, some of his relatives — including uncles, aunts and siblings — have cast him as a reckless playboy unfit to lead them.

Now members of one of Africa's most storied monarchies are locked in a vicious fight that threatens to tear the family apart. Two of the deceased king's sons are now calling themselves king. There have been many lawsuits, public insults and dramatic confrontations — all captivating a country where an estimated 14 million Zulus make up the largest and most culturally influential ethnic group.

"I like to call it domestic terrorism — family domestic terrorism," Misuzulu said. "The family is still deeply, deeply divided."

Misuzulu is scheduled to enter the cattle kraal — a Zulu ritual said to introduce the next king to the ancestors — on Saturday. It is traditionally one of the final customs before coronation.



Misuzulu Sinqobile Zulu in Durban, South Africa. *NYT*

Although the Zulu king has no official government powers, he holds real sway. He controls a vast swath of land — slightly larger than Haiti — belonging to the kingdom. He oversees a $3.9 million annual budget that the government provides for the royal family. And he serves as the moral leader of a people brimming with pride.

All this grants him an influence that leads politicians to shower him with gifts and makes him the envy of South Africa's other monarchs.

"The voice of the king, to the Zulus, overrides any other voice," said Mphumeleli Ngidi, a lecturer in the department of historical studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. "People still bow to the king." This succession soap opera has been complicated by the Zulu custom of polygamy and by the fact that the traditions established for passing on the crown have been handed down orally, not recorded in a formal document. These transitions have often produced conflict.

Zwelithini, who died at 72, left behind six wives and at least 28 children. Misuzulu is the first child of his father's third wife.

But he and his supporters within the family say his claim to power is straightforward. They argue that his mother, Queen Mantfombi Dlamini Zulu, takes precedence over the king's five other widows because she comes from the Swazi royal family. Her father was King Sobhuza II of Eswatini (formerly Swaziland), who died in 1982, and her brother is the current leader there — King Mswati III, Africa's only absolute monarch. Her royal status means that her offspring take precedence in the line of succession, Misuzulu's supporters argue. And because Misuzulu is her oldest child, he is the heir, they say.

On the anniversary of Zwelithini's death in March, rival factions of the family honored him with separate prayer ceremonies at different palaces. They argued over which ceremony had a larger attendance. Days later, President Cyril Ramaphosa officially recognized Misuzulu as the next king, the last legal hurdle for the coronation to proceed under South African law governing traditional leaders. **NYT**

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MEGALODON

Modelling study puts 'flesh' on fossil of giant transoceanic predator that lived 23 million to 2.6 million years ago



The giant megalodon shark could have devoured a creature the size of a killer whale in just five bites, suggests the study. *AP*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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USING FOSSIL evidence to create a three-dimensional model, researchers have found new evidence about the life of one of the biggest predatory animals of all time — the Megalodon.

According to the new study published in the journal *Science Advances*, the Megalodon could "completely ingest, and in as few as five bites," a prey as big as the killer whale.

As heavy as 10 elephants

According to the study, the Megalodon was bigger than a school bus at around 50 feet from nose to tail. In comparison, the great white sharks of the present can grow to a maximum length of around 15 feet. Using their digital model, the researchers have suggested that the giant transoceanic predator would have weighed around 70 tonnes — or as much as 10 elephants.

Megalodons roamed the oceans an estimated 23 million to 2.6 million years ago.

Faster than the sharks of today

Using a previously established relationship between speed and body mass, researchers calculated that the Megalodon had an average cruising speed faster than sharks today. According to the research team, the Megalodon had the ability to migrate across multiple oceans.

3D modelling research

The technique was used as the Megalodon's skeleton is made of soft cartilage that doesn't fossilize well. Using fossils that were available, including mainly teeth and a rare collection of vertebrae that has been with a Belgium museum since the 1860s, computer modelling was used to reconstruct the entire body of the extinct and largest known macropredatory shark. "We completed the model by adding 'flesh' around the skeleton using a full-body scan of *C carcharias* (great white shark)," the researchers said.

It is good to lean right while you pop that pill, here's why

IS THERE a right way to take your pills to ensure quick results? A new study by researchers from Johns Hopkins University has found that popping a pill while leaning towards the right is the ideal posture to ensure fastest absorption into the bloodstream.

Oral medicines, which are considered safe, economical, and have a high degree of patient compliance, start working when they are absorbed into the blood through the intestine. But to get there, a pill needs to pass through the stomach. The lower part of the stomach — the antrum — is connected to the first part of the small intestine, the duodenum, through the pylorus, a valve that opens and shuts during digestion. A right posture ensures that the pill lands closer to the lower part of the stomach, which in turn helps in the stomach ejecting its contents into the intestine faster.

The team tested four postures — upright; leaning right; leaning left; and leaning back.

"Leaning right yields a significant increase in the dissolved mass released into the duodenum compared to other positions. Leaning left leads to a significant decrease," the study said.

The team was surprised to find that if "a pill takes 10 minutes to dissolve on the right side, it could take 23 minutes to dissolve in an upright posture and over 100 minutes when laying on the left side", the JHU website says.

"For elderly, sedentary or bedridden people, whether they're turning to the left or to the right can have a huge impact," said one of the study's authors, Rajat Mittal, who is a Johns Hopkins engineer and an expert in fluid dynamics.

The findings of the study, published last week in *Physics of Fluids*, are based on a model to simulate the mechanics of drug dissolution on a human stomach.

SOURCE: PHYSICS OF FLUIDS

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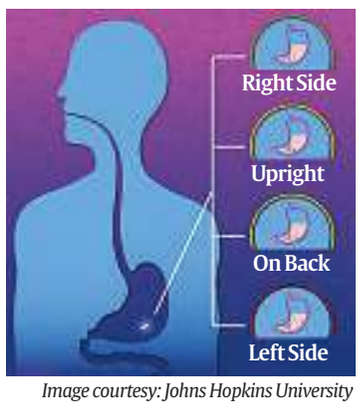


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Estonia is the blockchain capital of the world, and uses blockchain infrastructure to verify and process all e-governance services offered to the public. *e-Estonia*

THERE IS an old saying: "Building the road is the first step to becoming prosperous". In recent years, India has made a significant effort to become a digital society by building a large citizen-scale digital public infrastructure. The Government of India and Reserve Bank of India(RBI) have been promoting simplification and transparency to increase the speed of interaction between individuals, markets, and the government. With the commencement of the Digital India mission in 2015, our payments, provident fund, passports, driving licences, crossing tolls, and checking land records all have been transformed with modular applications built on Aadhaar, UPI, and the India Stack.

Limitations of public digital infrastructure

It is well established that digital infrastructure should be designed based on principles of availability, affordability, value, and trust. The invisible rules underlying technology can be made visible using design principles, legislative frameworks, governance frameworks, and public engagement. But when we look at the current digital ecosystem, it's identified that existing different digital infrastructures are not interconnected as a design; a technical integration is required to make them conversant and interoperable. Today, information has to travel across multiple systems to complete the interaction, and rely on private databases, which makes the validation of data more complex as the network grows, driving up costs and creating inefficiencies.

Web 3.0 to address challenges

It is becoming increasingly essential for developing nations to iteratively build innovative solutions on top of existing digital infrastructure. We need resilient platforms, which may be based on the Web 3.0 architecture of tomorrow, even when we know it may take some more time to get these platforms capable of scaling and solving the current challenges in a cost-efficient manner.

The Web 3.0 architecture establishes a new version of the Internet protocol incorporating token-based economics, transparency, and decentralisation. It is critical to understand that Web3 is not only the cryptocurrencies, but also NFTs or non-fungible tokens, representing physical assets or digital twins. A user can access all ecosystem benefits using a distributed token where they can show proof of ownership, tax history, and payment instruments.

Since the Web 3.0 ecosystem is less zero-sum, user lock-in is not the primary goal for new companies, and key operations can be encoded in "smart contracts" that are auditable, immutable, and easier for an early adopter to complete. A blockchain-based infrastructure can provide all of these attributes without the need of trusting any particular actor to verify a ledger's history. The blockchain records could be visible, compiled, and audited by the regulators in real time.

Increasing global adoption of blockchain infrastructure

According to the management consulting company Gartner, by 2023, 35 per cent of enterprise blockchain applications will be integrated with decentralised applications and services. Many countries have already begun establishing their blockchain policies and infrastructure.

Estonia, the world's blockchain capital, is using blockchain infrastructure to verify and process all e-governance services offered to the general public. China launched a program in 2020 called BSN (Blockchain-based Service Network) to deploy blockchain applications in the cloud at a streamlined rate. In Britain, the Centre for Digital Built Britain, a partnership between the University of Cambridge and the UK government's Department for Business, Energy, and Business Strategy, is running the National Digital Twin program (NDTp) to foster collaboration between owners and developers of digital twins in the built environment. And the Brazilian government recently launched the Brazilian Blockchain Network to bring participating institutions in governance and the technological system that facilitates blockchain adoption in solutions for the public good.

There are also well-established decentralised finance (DeFi) platforms that rely on blockchain infrastructure like Ethereum, however, pegged to the base cryptocurrencies owned by that platform. As is well known, these platforms have multi-country presence and usage, and do not come under any particular regulatory ambit. DeFi allows users to borrow and lend cryptocurrencies on a short-term basis at algorithmically determined rates. DeFi users are rewarded with tokens that confer governance rights, which are analogous to seats on the protocol's board.

Recently, blockchain provider Solana launched a prototype smartphone with hardware and security that can support decentralised apps for people interested in crypto wallets, Web3, and NFTs. Many Indian technology firms are building layer 2 chains (L2) on top of the base proven layer 1 chains (L1), while providing value-adds like scale, throughput, etc., mainly through bundling the transactions. These implementations convey the story of blockchain technology driving the future of Web 3.0.

The digital roads that India must build using blockchain

The Indian digital community, including fintechs, academia, think tanks, and institutions, should focus on supporting research in standards, interoperability, and efficient handling of current known issues with the distributed technologies, e.g., scalability and performance, consensus mechanisms, and auto-detection of vulnerabilities. Also, at present, end-user devices such as smartphones do not support blockchain-based technology and, as a result, the last mile is always outside the network. However, the day is not far when smartphone manufacturers will deliver blockchain compliant devices by adding extensions.

The blockchain models today are either permissioned, which suffice for the need of a consortium, or are public like Ethereum which are unregulated and rely on intrinsic standards. The ideal solution to solving most of the known issues of decentralised technologies lies in the middle path, i.e., a national platform operating at L1 that interconnects blockchains (both permissioned and public), application providers (decentralized applications — dApps — and existing), token service providers, and infrastructure managers. Together they can form a reliable and efficient network for the Indian digital economy. The ecosystem can further deploy relevant and purpose-specific applications at L2 for very little cost and effort, while the L1 continues to handle the heavy lifting for all the L2s operating on layer 1. All L2 chains on this public infrastructure L1 will communicate with each other, thus replicating the communication (and avoiding the need for complex integrations with each other) on the Internet for existing Indian digital infrastructures.

The need of the hour is to work on an indigenous solution of the people, for the people, and by the people — an India Blockchain Platform — even if it takes years to design and implement. A digital infrastructure based on blockchain technology will transform the digital ecosystem in India, and will enable the future of digital services, platforms, applications, content, and solutions. Considering the current state of affairs worldwide, one can safely assume that we are at the beginning of the curve, but the days are not far.

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How humans gave monkeypox to a pet dog

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THE FIRST case of human-to-animal transmission of the monkeypox virus has been reported in a dog in Paris, according to research published in the medical journal *The Lancet* last week ('Evidence of human-to-dog transmission of monkeypox virus'). Following the news, the US public health agency, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has updated its guidelines for people who have pets at home.

Detected in a Paris hospital, the infected dog showed symptoms of "mucocutaneous lesions" or marks on the skin, pus-filled patches on the abdomen, and thin formation of ulcers on the anus. It is unclear right now if dogs can spread the disease further to other animals or humans.

Globally, monkeypox cases have topped 35,000 since May 2022, when the disease was first reported outside its endemic areas in Central and West Africa. A majority of the reported cases at present are from Europe and the Americas, according to the WHO.

Human-to-dog transmission

According to *The Lancet*, the dog that got infected would sleep on the same bed as two men who were non-exclusive sexual partners and shared the household. The men had tested positive for monkeypox in late May and showed symptoms of fever, headaches, and anal ulcerations.

Around 12 days later, the dog began showing symptoms and was soon tested. The men said they took care to prevent their dog from coming into contact with other pets or humans since the onset of their symptoms.

While it has not been understood yet how exactly the human-to-animal transmission happened, but among humans, monkeypox spreads through close contact with anyone infected, through infectious rashes and bodily fluids. A significant number of cases have been concentrated among men having sex with men (MSM).

In endemic countries, only wild animals (rodents and primates) have been found to carry the monkeypox virus. Infection among domesticated animals, such as dogs and cats, had not been reported till now. As per the CDC, monkeypox can infect a wide range of mammals, including monkeys, hedgehogs, squirrels, etc. While no cases have been detected in cats, they can get infected with other orthopoxviruses — the genus or subcategory of viruses monkeypox belongs to.

Steps for protecting pets

Given only one case has been reported so far, *The Lancet* has called for further investigation on transmissions involving pets.

However, the CDC has suggested precautions, saying humans could spread the disease through close contact — petting, hugging, kissing, licking, sharing sleeping areas, and sharing food — with their pets. Those with monkeypox symptoms or who have recently tested positive need to avoid close contact. If the pet has not been close to the owners, it can be shifted to another place until the recovery happens — or for around three weeks.

"After the person with monkeypox has recovered, disinfect your home before bringing healthy animals back," says the CDC, adding that sanitisers and disinfectants should not be used on pets.

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What investors should look out for before putting money in an IPO



SANDEEP SINGH

THE SHARP revival in equity markets has catalysed the primary markets, and as many as 27 companies have filed offer documents with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) over the last couple of months.

With foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) making a strong comeback — the benchmark Sensex has reclaimed the 60,000 mark — merchant bankers have lined up public issues to take advantage of bullish domestic retail and FPI investor sentiments. While there has been no new listing since May 24, the cycle is set to restart with the listing of Syrma SGS Technology later this month. The issue closed for subscription on Thursday. Many more are lined up — Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, Fincare Small Finance Bank, and GO Digit General Insurance have filed their offer documents with SEBI.

How are the IPOs that came during the previous market boom faring?

2021 witnessed a record number of IPOs and fund-raising. While 63 companies came with public issues to raise funds amounting to a record Rs 118,723 crore from the equity markets in the calendar year, only 18 issues have hit the market in 2022. Collectively, they have raised Rs 40,310 crore — and half of this amount has come from just one issue: LIC.

A large number of public issues that hit the market amid soaring valuation in 2021 are now trading below their issue price. Data from NSE show that 27 of the 63 issues that hit the market in 2021 are trading below their issue price, including high-profile ones such as One 97 Communication (Paytm) and Zomato.

On the other hand, of the 16 issues that hit the market in calendar 2022 when the markets were less buoyant and the indices were on a decline, only four are trading below the issue price.

"We always witness a bunching-up of issues when the secondary market is buoyant. Most issues that come in times of sharp rally in the markets tend to be overpriced, and are susceptible to sharp declines when the market weakens. On the other hand, IPOs that come during normal times fare much better as they tend to be priced reasonably," a fund manager who did not wish to be named, said.

So should you invest in this IPO rush?

The 18 per cent rally in the benchmark indices at the BSE and NSE since June 17, coming on the back of sharp FPI flows and a revival in investor sentiment, have encouraged merchant bankers to line up issues. For retail investors looking to play in the primary market, however, experts advise caution. They say that retail investors should seek out good-quality stocks from the bouquet of existing listed companies, and pick up the ones that are undervalued and not leveraged.

Several high-profile new age tech companies that came with their issues in 2021 are trading below their offer price — market participants say investors should be cautious, as there is a lot of irrationality around start-ups when there is liquidity in the market.

"When the market weakens, investor confidence in these companies gets shaken even on minor negative news flows. In the case of most of these companies where profitability is not visible for the next five years, it is very tough for an investor to stay invested when the market weakens, and so one has to be very careful about which company and at what valuation they are investing," the head of research with financial services firm said.

What should you look for before investing in an IPO?

An IPO is an asset class that is a derivative of the secondary market, and its performance is linked to the sentiment in the broader market. Demand tends to be strong when investor sentiment is buoyant, and in such a scenario they get higher investor interest and fare well. However, that is not true for all cases; it also depends upon the pricing of the issue. Hence, investors need to do a thorough study of the company — the quality of promoters, business fundamentals, and the financial and peer review analysis — before investing in an IPO.

Corporate governance practices in the company should be given top priority. A good peer review is a must: Investors must study other listed companies in the sector and compare their growth, and their PE ratio (market price to earnings per share). If the company coming with an IPO is demanding a higher valuation, investors can consider avoiding it.

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SWACHHATA PAKHWADA - BHEL

Inaugurating the Swachhata Pakhwada in BHEL, Dr Nalin Shinghal, CMD, BHEL, administered the 'Swachhata Pledge' to the company's employees. The CMD exhorted BHEL employees to participate enthusiastically.



MoU-NBCC

NBCC signed a MoU with MEA for the works of Planning, designing & execution of Redevelopment of MEA Hostel (Old) at New Delhi worth Rs175 cr. MoU was inked by DC Manjunath, Jt Secy (Estt. & GEM), MEA, & P Sharma, CGM (BD) , NBCC.



AGREEMENT- ONGC

Heads of Agreement being exchanged between RK Srivastava, Dir (Exploration), ONGC & Dr M K Dobson, CEO & Lead Country Manager, ExxonMobil India, in the presence of P Jain, Secy, M/o P&NG (center).



PRESENCE- INDIAN BANK

Indian Bank is a premier PSB with a dominant Pan-India presence. The GoI owns 88.06% of the shareholding. The Bank has a vast branch network with 6004 branches, 5428 ATMs & BNAs, and overseas branches in Colombo and Singapore.



CSR - GAIL

In a resounding success of GAIL flagship CSR initiative 'GAIL Utkarsh', 100% students of its Kanpur centre, 93% of girls registered under Varanasi centre, 74% from Srinagar & 70% from Utkarsh Haldwani initiative have qualified JEE Main 2022 exam.



RATING-PFC

RK Singh, M/o Power, New & Renewable Energy, released the "10th Integrated Rating & Ranking of Power Distribution Utilities". MoP has mandated PFC to co-ordinate the rating exercise and so far, 9 Integrated Ratings were carried out.



MoU- TPDDL

TPDDL signed a MoU with DSEU in New Delhi. The skilled workforce is a critical factor contributing to the industry's growth, and the MoU will help nurture the new talent with skill development courses and programmes.

REVIEW MEETING



NR Ashutosh Gangal, GM, NR, held a review meeting with the departmental heads and DRM's of Northern Railway through video conferencing. Deliberations were held on keeping focus onpassenger amenities at stations like extension of platforms, increase of level of platforms, washable aprons,provision of 2nd entry,foot over bridges,Escalators, lifts facilities for Divayangjans, improvement of station building including façade etc. He also reviews the progress of mobility enhancement and other developmental infrastructure worksand Freight loading.

75th Independence Day Celebration



EdCIL celebrated the "Independence Day" on 15th August, 2022 at its Corporate Office, Noida. M Kumar, CMD, EdCIL, graced the occasion as chief guest and hoisted the National Flag amidst the singing of 'National Anthem'.



NSIC joined the Nation in celebrating the 76th Independence Day. Gaurang Dixit, CMD,NSIC hoisted the National Flag & paid rich tributes to the freedom fighters & soldiers. He urged upon all NSIC employees to give their best performance during 2022-23.



PNB celebrated 76th Independence Day by inaugurating a brand new PNB@Ease outlet at Botanical Garden metro station. As one of the swadeshi banks, PNB reinstates its mission to become India's Most Preferred Bank.



P&SB celebrated 76th Independence Day at its Staff Training College at Rohini, New Delhi. S K Saha hoisted the National Flag followed by the rendition of the National Anthem. EDs, GMs & other executives from Delhi/NCR were also present.



THDC celebrated 76th Independence Day at the Corporate office, Rishikesh, Projects and Unit offices on 15th August, 2022. Rajeev Vishnoi, CMD hoisted the National Flag and addressed all the employees during the occasion.



GSL The 75 years of India's Independence "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" was celebrated with patriotic fervor & enthusiasm at Goa Shipyard Ltd. Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay, CMD, GSL hoisted the National flag at GSL campus.



EML 75th Independance day Celebrations at Expomart with overseas buying group Costplus (242stores) with R Kumar , Chairman IEML , D Baid , VC EPCH, P Malik & D Kumar , Members COA EPCH & mart owners, exporters, ieml officials & staff.



VRKRWA celebrated the 75th Independence day with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm. RKS RATHORE (President), senior executive members of RWA & all residents were present on this auspicious occasion.

NFL has reported a PBT of Rs. 163 Cr on consolidated basis in Q1 of 2022-23 with best-ever revenue of Rs. 6454.65 crs. Other than fertilizers, industrial products of the company also contributed significantly to its bottom line in Q1. Fertilizer sale of company in Q1 touched new heights of 15.58 Lakh MT. NFL also achieved best-ever energy consumption in its plants. The overall capacity utilisation of urea production in Q1 remained 115.31%.With core strength in fertilizers and successful forays in Seeds and Agro Chemicals, NFL is poised to enlarge its basket of products. The company plans to expand capacities of Industrial Products and Agrochemicals.

PFC registered a stand-alone profit of Rs. 2,110 cr. for Q1' 23. On consolidated basis, the PAT for Q1'23 is at Rs.4, 580 cr.Interim Dividend of Rs. 2.25 per share proposed by Board in Q1'23.Healthy CRAR quarter on quarter. CRAR as on 30.06.2022 is 24.33% with Tier I capital of 20.95% and Tier II capital of 3.38%.Sustained resolution efforts has resulted in Stand Alone Net NPA levels to drop below 2% - the lowest in 5 years - Net NPA ratio at 1.73% for Q1'23 viz-a-viz 2% in Q1' 22. 23 bps reduction in Consolidated Net NPA ratio from 1.80% in Q1'22 to 1.57% in Q1'23 due to resolution of stressed assets.

LIC brings a distinctive Special Revival Campaign from 17.08.2022 to 21.10.2022 for its customers to revive their individual lapsed LIC policies.This Special Revival Campaign is a unique drive as it extends to all non-ULIP Policies with very attractive concession in late fee. Under this Special Revival Campaign except ULIP policies, all policies can be revived within 5 years from date of the First Unpaid Premium subject to policy conditions.

TPDDL becomes a 100% RPO Compliant discom for second consecutive year. The company sourced 2200 Million Units (MUs) of green power from renewable sources like Solar, Wind, Hydro and Waste to Energy including Large Hydro sources and fulfilled Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) for FY'2021-22 through physical power. This is approximately 25% of total units sold to consumers by the company in its operational area.This compliance is a in line with its commitment towards the environment, it has made tremendous efforts in meeting Renewable Purchase Obligation.

GAIL recorded 116% increase in Revenue from operations to Rs 37,572 cr in Q1 FY23 as against Rs 17,387 cr in the corresponding quarter of previous FY. The Company's Profit before Tax increased 90% to Rs. 3,894 cr in Q1 FY23 as against Rs 2,054 cr in Q1 FY22 while Profit after Tax rose 91% to Rs 2,915 cr in Q1 FY23 as against Rs1,530 cr in the corresponding quarter of last fiscal. The positive results were mainly on account of increased gas marketing & transmission volumes, better marketing spread and higher product prices.On Quarter on Quarter basis, the Revenue from operations increased 39% to Rs 37,572 cr in Q1 FY23 as against Rs 26,968 cr in Q4 FY22, Profit before Tax increased 10% to Rs 3,894 cr from Rs 3,546 cr while Profit after Tax rose 9% to Rs 2,915 cr as against Rs 2,683 cr, primarily because of the same reasons.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

MADURAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E6 / Ma.Po. 4 / 010979/21

The Commissioner, Madurai Municipal Corporation invites tender in **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in** for the work of Reclamation of existing dumped garbage in Avaniyapuram Vellakkal Compost Yard at Madurai City Corporation by Bio-Mining Process.

S. No	Name of the work	Tender Put Value (Including GST)
1	E6/ Ma.Po. 4 / 010979/21 Reclamation of existing dumped garbage in Avaniyapuram Vellakkal Compost Yard at Madurai City Corporation by Bio-Mining Process.	Rs.37.75 Crore
Prebid Meeting date		1st September 2022 at 11.00 AM
Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid		22nd September 2022 upto 3.00 PM
Bid Opening Date and Time		22nd September 2022 at 3.30 PM
Contact Details and E-mail id :	The Office of the Commissioner, Aringar Anna Maligai, Thallakulam, Madurai - 625 002. Tamil Nadu, India. Phone: 0452-25340333, **etender.madurai@gmail.com, mducorpce@gmail.com**	

DIPR/ 3890 /TENDER/2022

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

Commissioner
Madurai Corporation

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार

निदेशालय पशुपालन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ-226007
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क्रमांक- 645/क०प्र०से०/ई-निविदा/वैक्सीन III/2022-23, दिनांक- 16/8/2022

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमन्त्रण सूचना

एतद्द्वारा पशुपालन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश द्वारा Goat Pox Vaccine-I.P. Live attenuated Goat Pox Vaccine (Uttarkashi strain) grown on Vero Cell Culture. Freez dried की दर अनुबन्ध (वित्तीय वर्ष 2022-23) हेतु मूल निर्माता लाइसेंस धारक फर्म, जिसके पास कम से कम विगत 03 वर्ष का निविदित वैक्सीन बनाने का अनुभव हो, से ई-प्रोक्योरमेण्ट माध्यम से आनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदादाता फर्म देश में किसी भी विभाग / राजकीय संस्था में विगत 02 वर्षों में ब्लैक लिस्ट अथवा प्रतिबन्धित नहीं हुए हों एवं कोटेड प्रोडक्ट्स गत 03 वर्षों में सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा अधोमानक स्तर के घोषित नहीं हुए हो। यदि सेन्ट्रल ब्यूरो आफ इन्वेस्टिगेशन (सी.बी.आई.) अथवा अन्य सक्षम जाँच एजेन्सियां सम्बन्धित फर्मों के प्रचलित दर अनुबंध को स्थगित करने व निरस्त करने की अनुशंसा करती है तो उ0प्र0 प्रोक्योरमेंट मैनुअल 2016 के अनुसार कार्यवाही की जायेगी। निविदादाता के पास सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा निर्गत वैध निर्माण अनुज्ञा पत्र, नान-कन्विशन सर्टिफिकेट, परफार्मेंस सर्टिफिकेट मार्केट स्टेडिंग सर्टिफिकेट जी०एल०पी० सर्टिफिकेट, जी०एम०पी० सर्टिफिकेट एवं आई०एस०ओ० प्रमाण पत्र होना चाहिए। निविदादाता जिनका गत 03 वर्षों में प्रत्येक वर्ष का वार्षिक टर्नओवर रू0 05 करोड़ से कम न हो, ही निविदा में भाग लेने लिए पात्र होगें। उ०प्र० राज्य की एम एस एम ई./एस.एस.आई. इकाइयों को टर्न ओवर की शर्त से छूट है तथा उामा राज्य की एम. एस.एम.ई./एस.एस. आई. इकाइयों को राज्य की वर्तमान नीतियों के अन्तर्गत क्रय वरीयता प्रदान की जाएगी। यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि ऐसे निविदादाता जो इस कार्यालय द्वारा जारी विज्ञप्ति संख्या 3157 / क०प्र०से / कय नी०/ ई-प्रो0 / 2016-17 दिनांक- 15.03.2017 के क्रम से ई-टेण्डरिंग के लिए पंजीकृत होगें (उ०प्र० इलेक्ट्रानिक्स कार्पोरेशन लि0 (UPLC), लखनऊ में पंजीयन प्रमाणन के अभिलेखी साक्ष्य संलग्न करना अनिवार्य) तथा जिनके Digital Signature उपलब्ध होगें, ये निविदादाता फर्म ही पशुपालन विभाग, उ०प्र० की ई-टेण्डरिंग प्रणाली में टेण्डर डाल सकेगें। निविदा सम्बन्धी विवरण, निविदा की नियम व शर्तें तथा निविदा प्रपत्र का प्रारूप विभाग की वेबसाइट http://animalhusb.upsdc.gov.in पर एवं उ0प्र0 सरकार की टेण्डर वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in पर निर्धारित अवधि में उपलब्ध होगा।

मद का नाम	निविदा प्रतिभूति राशि रू	निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु0
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निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क (नान रीफण्डेबुल) राष्ट्रीयकृत / शिड्यूल्ड बैंक के डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट जो निदेशक, प्रशासन एवं विकास, पशुपालन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ के नाम हो एवं बिड प्रतिभूति राशि (ई.एम.डी.) राष्ट्रीयकृत / शिड्यूल्ड बैंक के फिक्स्ड डिपाजिट रसीद (एफ.डी.आर.) जो निदेशक, रोग नियन्त्रण एवं प्रक्षेत्र, पशुपालन विभाग, उ0प0, लखनऊ के पक्ष में बन्धक हो, अनिवार्य रूप से पशुपालन निदेशालय में जमा किया जाना होगा। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क तथा सिक्योरिटी / अर्नेस्ट मनी की स्कैन कापी ई-निविदा के साथ जमा की जाय तथा ई निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क तथा अर्नेस्ट मनी की मूल प्रतियां ई-निविदा प्रपत्रों की हार्ड कापी के साथ निविदा की निर्धारित अन्तिम तिथि तक अथवा किसी भी दशा में अन्तिम तिथि के उपरान्त 05 कार्य दिवसों तक निदेशक, रोग नियंत्रण एवं प्रक्षेत्र, पशुपालन विभाग, उ०प्र०, लखनऊ के कार्यालय में अनिवार्य रूप से जमा कर दी जाय। ई-बिड उ0प्र0 सरकार की ई-टेण्डर वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in से ही आन लाइन सबमिट की जाएगी।

ई-निविदा की नियत तिथि एवं समय

1. **आनलाइन निविदा प्रपत्र उपलब्ध होने की तिथि** — **दिनांक 22.8.2022 को सायं 05:00 बजे से**
2. **आनलाइन निविदा प्रपत्र जमा करने की प्रारंभ तिथि-** — **दिनांक 22.8.2022 को सायं 06:00 बजे से**
3. **प्री बिड मीटिंग** — **दिनांक 26.8.2022 को अपरान्ह 03:00 बजे.**
4. **आनलाइन निविदा प्रपत्र जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि** — **दिनांक 01.09.2022 को अपरान्ह 12:00 बजे तक**
5. **आनलाइन निविदा प्रपत्र तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि** - **दिनांक 01.09.2022 को सांय 03:30 बजे**

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Mines & Geology Department
Directorate of Geology
Engineer's Hostel No-2, 2nd Floor, Dhurwa, Ranchi

Corrigendum
Expression of Interest
Notice No.-05/2022-23 for Date Extends

Expression of Interest Notice no. 05/2022-23 was published on 23.07.2022 in different News Papers vide PR.No.- 274305 (Mines and Geology) regarding **"Preparation of Auctionable Minor Mineral Blocks in the State of Jharkhand"**. Last date of submission of EOI was 16.08.2022. Due to unavoidable reason last date of submission of EOI is extended up to 24.08.2022 till 1.00 P.M.

Those bidders who have submitted their documents in this tender earlier need not have to submit their documents once again in this Tender.

- Terms, Conditions & Application form are available on our website www.jharkhand.gov.in and also at our office notice board

Sd/-
(Vijay Kumar Ojha)
Director, Geology

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
CONST. DIVISION PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GAUCHAR

S.N. 1349/15AC — Dated 17/08/2022

Short Term - E-Tendering

Executive Engineer. Const Division. Public Works Department Gauchar on behalf of "Governor of Uttrakhand" invites tender by E- tendering for the following work. Information regarding bid will be available from 25-08-2022 on **http://www.uktenders.gov.in**.

S. N.	Name of Work	Mode of E-Tendering	Amount of Bid Security (Rs Lakhs)	Validity of tender	Cost of Tender Document	Completion Period (in months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Under State Sector (Naband) Defect Improvement and Remaining Part-II Work of Langasu-Niwari-Khet-Silangi Motor Road in Km. 5, 6, 7 & 8	Single Bid System	1.22	120 Days	4000+ G.S.T 18%	12 Month	Registered in Uttarakhand PWD Category "C" and above for Road Work

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Const. Division, PWD,
Gauchar

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विक्टोरिया क्रॉस विजेता गबर सिंह ऊर्जा भवन , कावली रोड ,देहरादून: 248001
ईमेल आई०डी० -cgmupcl@yahoo-com, वेबसाईट -www.upcl.org दूरभाष-0135-27653552, फैक्स-0135-2763839

आवश्यक सूचना

साईबर ठगों के द्वारा उपभोक्ताओं को झूठे एस०एम०एस०/ईमेल आदि भेज कर उनके विद्युत बिलों की पेमेन्ट को अपडेट करने हेतु एवं अन्य कार्यों हेतु कुछ मोबाईल नम्बरों पर सम्पर्क करने/ अथवा कुछ धनराशि की ऑनलाईन पेमेंट आदि हेतु कहा जा रहा है। **सम्मानित विद्युत उपभोक्ता ध्यान दें कि उत्तराखण्ड पावर कॉरपोरेशन लि0 के सभी बिलिंग, पेमेंट एवं अन्य सेवाओं से संबन्धित SMS केवल UPCLUK हैडर एवं विद्युत आपूर्ति से संबन्धित SMS केवल UMITRA हैडर से भेजे जाते हैं।**

❑ **उपभोक्ता ऐसे साईबर ठगों से बचने हेतु निम्न बातों का ध्यान रखें:**

- किसी भी अन्जान व्यक्तिगत नम्बरों से प्राप्त मैसेज पर भरोसा न करें।✗
- तथा किसी भी अन्जान लिंक पर क्लिक न करें न ही कोई एप इंस्टॉल करें।✗
- अपने मोबाईल फोन/ईमेल पर प्राप्त ओ0टी0पी0 कोड किसी से भी साझा न करें।✗
- कोई भी घटना होने पर तुरन्त राज्य के साइबर क्राइम सैल में शिकायत करें।✓
- किसी भी जानकारी हेतु उपाकालि के आधिकारिक टोल फ्री नम्बर **1912 / 1800-419-0405** पर सम्पर्क करें।✓
- अपने आस पास और लोगों को भी जागरूक करें। सर्तक रहें, सुरक्षित रहें।✓

मुख्य अभियन्ता (वाणिज्य)
No.321/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2/Dated : 18.08.2022

राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें,
बिजली बचान हेतु एलईडी बल्ब का प्रयोग करें। (टोल फ्री न० 1912) विद्युत बिलों के 24x7 ऑनलाइन भुगतान हेतु www.upcl.org पर जाए। (विद्युत बोरी की सूचना टोल फ्री न० 1800 180 4185 / फैक्स संख्या -0135-2760911 पर है।)

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice

For and on behalf of President of India, Chief Commercial Manager/Catering, Northern Railway invites E-Tender on **www.ireps.gov.in** for the supply of following items to Catering Units of MPs Canteen North Avenue, PMO & VIP Canteen Railway Board, New Delhi.

S. No	Items	Tender No	EMD (In Rupees)	Tender Closing date & time
1	Sweets, Snacks & Bakery Items	86-AC-O-DC-PH-SweetsSnacksBakery-2022	96,700/-	09.09.2022 up to 1100 hrs.

Cost of Tender Document is Rs. 1,770/- (inclusive of GST @ 18%) to be paid online as mentioned in NIT on **www.Ireps.gov.in** as per instructions to Tenderers for submitting e-bids on IREPS site.
Detailed information and Tender Form is available on E-TENDER on **www.ireps.gov.In**. Instructions to Tenderers for submitting E-bids is also available on Learning Centre (User Manual) on **www.Ireps.gov.in**. 2116/2022

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निविदा सूचना

केन्द्रीय विद्यालय विकासपुरी, दिल्ली, मुद्रण कार्यो हेतु इच्छुक मुद्रको से निविदा आमंत्रित करते है। इच्छुक मुद्रक 14 दिनों के अंतर्गत विद्यालय कार्यालय से प्रातः 10 बजे से 01 बजे तक 500 रूपये का भुगतान करके निविदा प्राप्त कर सकते है।

प्राचार्य

WESTERN RAILWAY-VADODARA DIVISION
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INDIAN RAILWAYS, VADODARA
Notice for Inviting E Tender for Engaging Exam Conducting Agency (ECA)

Open tender in Two Packet System is invited by Sr. Prof. (HRM), National Academy of Indian Railways for and on behalf of The President of India for Engaging Exam Conducting Agency to conduct Computer Based Test (CBT) in connection with LDCE for promotion to group B posts on Indian Railways.
Tenders other than E Tender shall not be accepted. Tender document can be downloaded from IREPS portal i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**
E Tender No. NAIR – LDCE CBT 2022A
Name of Work: NAIR- Engaging Exam Conducting Agency (ECA) to conduct Computer Based Tests (CBTs) and all related activities for LDCE selection to Group B posts on Indian Railways. Date of Publication of Tender on website- 18.08.2022.
Approximate Cost of Work – ₹ 81.84 lakhs (Exclusive of GST)
Cost of tender document – NIL
Earnest Money Deposit – ₹ 1,63,700
Last date for submission of written queries for clarifications : 24.08.2022**. Date and venue of Pre-bid conference:** 15.00 hrs on 26.08.2022 at NAIR, Vadodara**. Release of responses and clarifications on pre-bid queries:** 29.08.2022**. Last date & time of online submission of Tender -** 16.09.2022 at 14.00 Hrs.**. Date & time of opening of Technical bids -** 16.09.2022 at 15.00 Hrs. **Eligibility & Evaluation Criteria –** QCBS method as detailed in tender document.
Note: The prospective bidders are required to register on IREPS portal to participate in the Tender. 106

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRS, East Central Railway, Gomoh on behalf of the President of India invites "Open" E-tender from the eligible and experienced agencies or contractors for E-Tender No. **ELS_401_SC_22-23_03.** Particulars are as under :
1. Name of the work with its location : Miscellaneous cleaning, up keeping and disposal of industrial waste at Electric Loco Shed, Gomoh for 2 (two) years. Location : Electric Loco Shed, Gomoh. **2. Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 1,01,09,457.07** (Rupees One crore One Lakh Nine thousand Four hundred Fifty-Seven and Paise Seven only), **3. Earnest Money :** Rs. 2,00,600/- (Rupees Two lakh Six hundred only), **4. Date & Time for submission of tender & closing of tender :** From 23/08/2022 up to closing of tender at 12:00 hrs. on 06/09/2022, **5. Website particulars where Tender documents is available :** IREPS website **www.ireps.gov.in** Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids **online through this website only.** Manual offers are not allowed against this tender any any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen :** Notice Board of Electric Loco Shed, Gomoh.
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRS, Gomoh
PR/0862/DHN/ETRS/T/22-23/36

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA — CORRIGENDUM

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp./Authority	DLO Reference/Tender No.	Nature of Corrigendum	Website of the Board/Corp./Authority	Nodal Officer's Contact Details/Email
1	THE SIRSA DISTT COOP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD SIRSA VITA SIRSA	[illegible]	THE E-TENDER REF NO 2022_HMC_230012_1 FOR TENDER HIRING OF VEHICLES FOR THE ARVIN CANTT & OTHER DISTTT UNITS HISAR & AGROHA FOR SUPPLY OF MILK & MILK PRODUCTS IS HEREBY EXTENDED AS ON 23.08.2022	[illegible]	[illegible]
2	THE SIRSA DISTT COOP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD SIRSA VITA SIRSA	[illegible]	THE E-TENDER REF NO 2022_HMC_230766_1 E-TENDER HIRING THE SERVICES OF MAJHAS FOR THE MANUFACTURING, SHAPING & PACKING OF MILK PEDA (KESAR LADOO) & MILK CAKE AT MILK PLANT SIRSA IS HEREBY EXTENDED AS ON 25.08.2022	[illegible]	[illegible]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
"NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER"

The Executive Engineer **Jal Shakti Vibhag Division Baddi** invites online tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work (s) through e-tendering process: -

S No	Description of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Cost of tender forms	Stipulated Time period
1	**Name of Work:** Source strengthening of various LWSS under Jal Shakti Sub Division Chandi in Tehsil Kasauli District Solan (HP) (SH: Construction of Head weir, C/O Sum Well 151200 liters capacity, C/O Pump house cum attendant quarter 48 sqm., C/O RCC Main storage tank 151200 litrs. Cap., providing fencing around the pump house and storage tank, providing, laying, jointing and commissioning of MSERW pipe 100mm dia X-56, Laying of GMS pipe (H&M Grade) 100mm dia in Rising main and Laying, jointing, testing and commissioning of GMS pipe (L) of various dia in distribution system and Supply & erection of star rated centrifugal pumping machinery along with allied accessories.	4,14,04,495/-	4,46,545/-	2500/-	One Year

Last date of filing / uploading the tender through e-tendering: **- 27/08/2022 upto 11:00 AM.** The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hpiph.org.

--HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK--
Executive Engineer,
JSV Division, Baddi,
District Solan (HP)

3279/HP

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹52,224	79.68/USD	$91.45	₹57,298

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of August 17

SENSEX: 60,298.00 ▲ 37.87 (0.06%) **NIFTY:** 17,956.50 ▲ 12.25 (0.07%) **NIKKEI:** 28,942.14 ▼ 280.63 **HANG SENG:** 19,763.91 ▼ 158.54 **FTSE:** 7,523.14 ▲ 7.39 **DAX:** 13,728.42 ▲ 101.71

International market data till 1900 IST

SOME FMCG COS, HOWEVER, SEE CONSUMERS PRIORITISING ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Post-Covid spending: Discretionary items gain steam, staples stay tepid

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

IN THE aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, India's consumption story points to more evidence of a K-shaped recovery pattern, with discretionary spending like eating out, cigarettes, watches & jewellery, spirits, recording faster growth compared to staples such as soap, biscuits, daily food items, etc.

What further accentuates this trend is that even within the two classes of consumption, there is an even more discerning trend: greater traction for higher ticket-size items in luxury goods like gold & jewellery, and down trading in daily consumables such as soaps and shampoos.

As per an analysis of consumer goods companies' April-June quarter earnings by Kotak Institutional Equities, 14 companies offering products and services that account for discretionary spends reported revenues of Rs 5.43 lakh crore during this three-month period, as against Rs 3.51 lakh crore in April-June 2020 — representing a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15.5 per cent.

In comparison, nine companies selling staple FMCG products reported topline of Rs 3.56 lakh crore in the quarter-ended June this year, against Rs 2.65 lakh crore in April-June 2020 — a CAGR of 8.8 per cent.

Companies in the discretionary pack include Asian Paints, Devyani International, Varun Beverages, Titan Company, ITC and United Breweries, while those in the staples group include Hindustan Unilever (HUL), Dabur, Marico, Tata Consumer, Colgate Palmolive and Britannia.

In the company's April-June earnings call, Titan Company's CEO-Jewellery Division, Ajoy Chawla, said, "We've seen the buyer growths have been very good but we are seeing a greater traction on the higher ticket sizes and higher values and also greater traction on studded on the lower price points on gold specially those who are looking at below 10 grams, below 15 grams, everyday wear. There is some creeping level of, there is still growth there, there is no question but yes, it is not as high as the rest of the segments have shown, but it is very early days..."

On the contrary, FMCG manufacturers like HUL are seeing consumers prioritising essential items over discretionary goods in their product offerings, while also downgrading to cheaper alternatives in a high-inflation scenario. "At the end of the day, with so much amount of kitchen inflation happening at consumers end, there's a clear amount of priority a consumer today gives to kitchen items and essential items and hence to some extent discretionary categories have taken a beating in where the market grows of these categories have come off I would say in the last three to four quarters," said HUL's CFO & executive director—finance & IT, Ritesh Tiwari.

"What we are seeing is there are two different behaviors, down grading and down trading. Down trading is where a consumer who is buying the larger pack, buys smaller pack and hence that's down trading where smaller amount of volume gets consumed and gets sold in the period and consumers do tighten consumption in that time and that's down trading. We have not seen many examples of down grading where the consumer goes down the price sphere," Tiwari added.

Interestingly, even for HUL, Tiwari pointed out that for fiscal 2021-22, the nation's largest FMCG company saw its premium portfolio growing at "twice the pace" of the rest of the portfolio. "There are consumers who are able to afford even in such high inflationary times the product that they love to consume and we have seen those sales remaining intact and hence with say over indexed growth that we have seen in the premium portion of the portfolio," he said.

Cigarette-to-hotels company ITC Ltd, which sees cigarettes account for 38 per cent of its revenue, saw "strong growth in discretionary/out of home categories". These categories include products like snacks, frozen snacks, beverages, confectionery, fragrances and agarbattis. United Breweries, maker of Kingfisher and Heineken brands of beer, also pointed out that for the June quarter this year, its premium segment "recorded growth ahead of the total portfolio".

This K-shaped trend of recovery is in line with the pattern where top-end cars and super-luxury residential projects recorded a surge in numbers during 2021, topping not just the pre-pandemic levels but also, in some cases, levels reported 5-10 years ago.

TOPLINE NUMBERS

Category	Revenue for April-June 2022(₹ cr)	Revenue for April-June 2020 (₹ cr)	CAGR (%)
Staples*	3,56,354	2,65,026	8.8
Discretionary**	5,43,313	3,51,473	15.5
Total	8,99,667	6,16,499	12.6

*9 companies including HUL, Dabur, Britannia, Tata Consumer
**14 companies including ITC, Jubilant Food, Varun Beverages, Titan Company, United Breweries)

Source: Company data, Kotak Institutional Equities

EXPLAINED

Big-ticket spending on the rise

THE TREND in the aftermath of the Covid pandemic shows that within discretionary spending, consumers are showing a preference for higher priced, big-ticket items.

MSIL SENIOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MARKETING & SALES

'Targeting young customer base for entry-level cars in bigger cities with Alto K10'

INDIA'S BIGGEST carmaker Maruti Suzuki, which is in the middle of building its sport-utility vehicle (SUV) portfolio, is continuing its focus on its "bread and butter" segment of small cars. On Thursday, the company launched the new Alto K10 car, a model it had discontinued several years ago. Speaking with PRANAV MUKUL ahead of the car's launch, the company's Senior Executive Director, Marketing & Sales, SHASHANK SRIVASTAVA, said that with the new, bigger Alto, the company expects to target young buyers in bigger cities, in variance from Alto's typical small town customer. Edited excerpts:



MARUTI'S NEW ALTO K10

Maruti Suzuki India MD & CEO Hisashi Takeuchi with Senior Executive Director, Marketing & Sales, Shashank Srivastava at the launch of the new Alto K10, in New Delhi. *PTI*

- Maruti on Thursday launched the new version of Alto K10 with a price range of Rs 3.99-5.83 lakh (ex-showroom)
- The Alto K10, powered by K-Series 1-litre petrol engine, delivers fuel efficiency of up to 24.9 km per litre, it said. PTI

At a time when the company is focussing on the SUV segment, what is the thought process behind introducing another small car to Maruti's portfolio?

The Alto K10 is a very important launch for us not just from an industry point of view but also from a Maruti Suzuki point of view. This Alto has the bigger K10 engine, and the size is much bigger. It's an absolutely new product, the power is 19 ps more, with higher torque, and a bigger wheel size. It's a bigger car and its fuel efficiency is also close to 24.5 kmpl. It will be a key launch for this segment, which is very large by the way. The total hatchback segment is roughly 38 per cent of the market — 11.52 lakh units were sold last year. Out of this, Maruti sold 7.88 lakh, so a market share of about 68 per cent. It is a very important segment for us. Also, Alto as a brand itself is doing well. It became number 1 in 2004, and for 16 years it was number one till 2019-20. Only last two years it has come down to fourth after Wagon R, Baleno and Swift, but that is also because Alto K10 was discontinued. We hope now Alto will lead the market once again. Around 65 per cent of Alto's sales come from smaller towns and cities but with Alto K10, we are targeting a young customer base in the 25-30 years age bracket in bigger cities as well.

You are focusing on Alto K10 being a bigger car, what is the reason behind that messaging?

Suddenly, space has become a requirement for a certain category of customer. For people who do not want that much space, Alto 800 is there. This is a good differentiation in terms of space and power.

We believe the customer for the Alto K10 will be slightly different than that of Alto 800. When we discontinued the Alto K10, we had introduced the S-Presso. If you add Alto 800 and S-Presso numbers, it becomes number one even last year. We do expect Alto to be number one again.

So will the Alto 800 segment be discontinued?

We'll have to see how the market takes the Alto K10 but as of now, both Alto 800 and K10 will continue.

Maruti has a significant order backlog. Is there a capacity constraint?

Today, it is not the assembly capacity that is the constraint as much as semiconductor supply. We have seen a significant improvement in semiconductor supply but model-wise we have to see the availability. The waiting periods are quite different across models. There are large waiting periods for CNG models, XL6, Brezza, etc. Whereas the S-Presso, Celerio is available with much less waiting period.

'PC mkt up 17.8% in Apr-Jun'

Indian PC market grew by 17.8% in shipment to 3.7 million units in April-June, an IDC report said

2.6 million
Notebooks sold in June quarter; however, growth rate fell to 7.3% as against over 30% on average for last three quarters

1 million
Desktops shipped during April-June, topping one million units for second consecutive quarter

Source: IDC/PTI

Company	Shipments
HP	11.53
Dell	8.07
Lenovo	7.34
Acer Group	3.32
Asus	4.86

(in lakh units)

THE PC MARKET INCLUDES DESKTOPS, NOTEBOOKS AND WORKSTATIONS, ACCORDING TO IDC WORLDWIDE QUARTERLY PERSONAL COMPUTING DEVICE TRACKER REPORT

GST rules on summoning of CMDs, CEOs tweaked

New Delhi: Taking note of representations made by industry about summoning of senior management officials, the GST investigation authority has asked field offices not to exercise the power to arrest in a mechanical manner and also refrain from summoning these officials like CMDs and CEOs.

Issuing guidelines to field officers on issuing summons and provision of arrest and bail under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) law, the investigation authority under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said as arrest impinges on the personal liberty of an individual, such a measure should be based on credible material. "The arrest should not be made in a routine and mechanical manner," it said, adding that non-observance of these instructions will be viewed seriously.

It said it has been brought to the notice of the CBIC that field formations are issuing summons to top officials of companies in a routine manner to call for material evidence/documents. **ENS**

POSOCO TO EXCHANGES

'Stop trading by 27 discoms in 13 states'

New Delhi: Power System Operation Corporation Ltd (POSOCO) has asked three power exchanges — IEX, PXIL and HPX — to restrict electricity trading by 27 discoms in 13 states having outstanding dues towards gencos, sources said.

The directive from POSOCO to Indian Energy Exchange (IEX), Power Exchange of India (PXIL) and Hindustan Power Exchange (HPX) is given to restrict trade of electricity by utilities of 13 states, including those in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rasjasthan, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. **PTI**

5G launch in sight: Telcos issued spectrum assignment letters

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

IN WHAT could significantly reduce timelines of network deployment by telecom operators, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has issued the spectrum assignment letters to telcos just 17 days after the auctions for 5G spectrum was concluded. Comparatively, in the previous auctions last year, these letters were issued more than a month after bidding ended.

Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw tweeted on Thursday morning, "5G update: Spectrum assignment letter issued. Requesting TSPs (telecom service providers) to prepare for 5G launch."

Bharti Airtel said it was provided with an allocation letter for the designated frequency bands it purchased at this year's 5G spectrum auctions "hours after" it submitted its first tranche of upfront dues towards the airwaves to the DoT, said Bharti Enterprises founder & chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal. Calling it an example of ease of doing business, he said this has never happened in this three decade long experience with the DoT.



Bharti Enterprises chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal said his telco got the letter just "hours after" paying the DoT the upfront dues. *File*

"No fuss, no follow up, no running around the corridors and no tall claims. This is ease of doing business at work in its full glory. In my over 30 years of first-hand experience with the DoT, this is a first. Business as it should be..." Mittal said in a statement.

On Wednesday, the DoT received Rs 17,876 crore as upfront dues from four entities that bought spectrum in the auctions that ended earlier this month. Bharti Airtel paid the highest amount of Rs 8,312.4 crore, followed by Rs 7,864.7 crore from Reliance Jio, Rs 1,679.98 crore from Vodafone Idea and Rs 18.94 crore from Adani Group arm Adani Data Networks.

As per DoT's rules for receiving payments from the spectrum auctions, companies have the option to pay dues in 20 equated annual instalments.

However, they are also free to pay the entire amount or part of it upfront, with the minimum duration for upfront payment being two years.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Windfall tax revision: Levy on crude cut, diesel sees hike

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

IN LINE with the moderation in global crude prices and drop in refining margins, the Centre on Thursday undertook the third review of its recently imposed levies on fuel and cut the tax levy on domestic crude oil production to Rs 13,000 per tonne from Rs 17,750 a tonne.

The windfall tax on diesel, however, was hiked to Rs 7 a litre from Rs 5 a litre, and tax on export of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) was retained at Rs 2 a litre after being scrapped in the second review earlier this month, as per a Finance Ministry notification.

Export of petrol will continue to attract nil tax. The changes will be effective Friday.

This is the third review undertaken by the Finance Ministry after imposing the levies on fuel initially on July 1.

With an aim to address the issue of fuel shortage in the country, the government on July 1 had imposed a special additional excise duty on export of petrol and diesel. Cesses equal to Rs 6 per litre on petrol and Rs 13 per litre on diesel were imposed on their exports. The Centre also imposed a cess of Rs 23,250 per tonne (by way of special additional excise duty) or windfall tax on domestic crude being sold to domestic refineries at international parity prices.

In the first review conducted on July 20, the government cut the cesses and levies on diesel and aviation turbine fuel and removed the cess on exports of petrol. The Rs 6 a litre export duty on petrol was scrapped, the tax on the export of diesel and ATF was cut by Rs 2 per litre each to Rs 11 and Rs 4, respectively. The tax on domestically produced crude was also cut to Rs 17,000 per tonne. The ministry is undertaking a review every 15 days for the windfall tax on fuel.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY

AIF, VCF norms

New Delhi: Sebi released new norms for Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) and Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) for making investment abroad, under which overseas investee firms won't need to have an Indian connection.

Tax relief

New Delhi: The I-T department exempted non-resident corporate entities and firms not having a permanent establishment in India from 5% tax collected at source (TCS) on foreign remittances & tour packages.

PSB privatisation

New Delhi: Big bang privatisation of public sector banks can do more harm than good, warned an article on the Reserve Bank of India bulletin. **PTI**

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED
e-PROCUREMENT SHORT TENDER NOTICE
The Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited invites sealed bids for the following works.

Name of the works: Spec.No.TST-TRANS-01/2022: Procurement of 2 No. Multi-purpose Fire Tender with Water, Foam, CO2 & DCP etc. for utilization in TSTRANSCO substations.	Bid document is available from 17.08.2022 at 17:00 Hrs

NOTE: - Further details can be seen @ http: // www.eprocurement.telangana.gov.in.
PHONE NO. 040-23396000, Extn: 3365, 3322. e-mail id : ce.trans@tstransco.in.
Ro No.23/22 Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER/ TRANSMISSION

GUJARAT URJA VIKAS NIGAM LIMITED
Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan,
Race Course, Vadodara-390007
GUVNL: www.guvnl.com
Tender No. GUVNL/Tech/60316
GUVNL invites tender for Selection of Payment Aggregator and Payment Gateway for GUVNL DISCOMs. The tender documents are available on web site www.guvnl.com (for view and down load only). Interested bidders may down load the said tender & keep in touch for any other corrections / amendments / modifications / extensions till the date of submission
- Addl Chief Engineer (Tech)

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.
Navratna Company (A Govt. of India Undertaking)
NSIC New MDBP Building, 2nd Floor, Okhla Indl. Estate
(Opp. NSIC Okhla Metro Station), New Delhi-110020
TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)
Online E-Bids are invited for e-tender-cum-reverse auction for Handling of Empty Containers and Cargo and Internal Transportation at ICD-Mandideep for 04 years through e-tendering mode.

Tender No.	CON/AREA-II/MCT/HT02/2022
Estimated Cost	Rs.11,09,01,120/- (including GST) for 04 years
Date of Sale (Online)	From 19/08/2022 at 15:00 hrs. to 02/09/2022 (up to 16:00 hrs.)
Last Date & Time of Submission	On 03/09/2022 up to 16:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening	On 05/09/2022 at 15:30 hrs.

For eligibility criteria and other details please logon to www.concorindia.com or eprocure.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly. CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. For complete details logon to www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL. Executive Director /Area-II

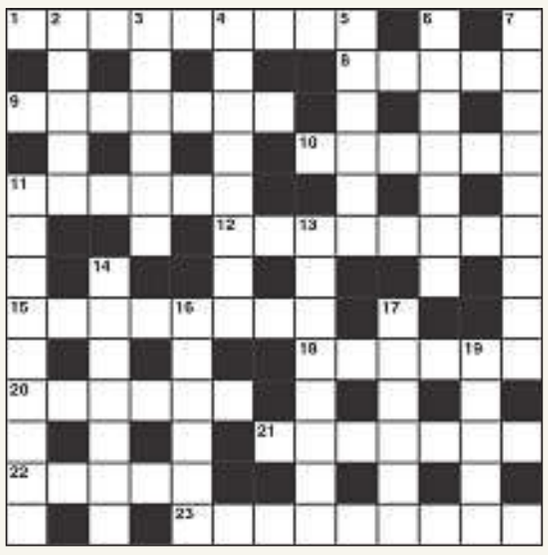
Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy, Heavy Water Plant (Kota)
Corrigendum to e-Tender Notice
1. e-Tender invitation notice no. - HWPK/CIVIL/2022/416
The due date and time for various events of tender of **Tender no.-** HWPK/CIVIL/2022/416, **Tender ID:** 2022_HWB_705230_1 for the work "Providing & fixing new PPG lining after removal of acid proof brick lining in old N-pit and damaged PPG lining in new N-pit along with supporting civil works Kota" are hereby extended as mentioned here under:-
Tender document can be viewed/downloaded upto 27.08.2022 (14:30 hrs). The last date for online submission of tender is 27.08.2022 (14:30 hrs). Last date for submission of Original EMD is 29.08.2022 (14:30 hrs). The technical bids will be opened on 30.08.2022 at 15:00 hrs.
2. e-Tender invitation notice no. - HWPK/CIVIL/2022/418
The due date and time for various events of tender of **Tender no.-** HWPK/CIVIL/2022/418, **Tender ID:** 2022_HWB_705241_1 for the work "Repair and Maintenance of common pits, HDPE drain line from cation, anion & mixed beds to N-pits, floor area in WTP etc at HWP(K) Plant site." are hereby extended as mentioned here under:-
Tender document can be viewed/downloaded upto 27.08.2022 (14:30 hrs). The last date for online submission of tender is 27.08.2022 (14:30 hrs). Last date for submission of Original EMD is 29.08.2022 (14:30 hrs). The technical bids will be opened on 30.08.2022 at 15:00 hrs. The detailed NIT and Tender Documents are available on the website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app for free to view/download. The detailed NIT can be seen at website www.hwb.gov.in. For further information please contact Telephone no. 01475- 242201/ 242231/242225, fax -01475- 242203 on all working days.
General Manager
For & on behalf of President of India

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Notice for kind attention of the Members of the Institute for updation of E-Mail addresses and contact details for 95th AGM of the Institute to be held on September 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM IST through video-conferencing/other audio visual mode
Members may note, that in view of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions thereon, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") has permitted Companies to convene the AGM through VC/OAVM mode and issue the Notice for Annual General Meeting along with the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2021-22 by email to all members and other persons entitled, and whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Institute.
Members may note that the 95th AGM will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM IST** under the Companies Act, 2013 and MCA Circulars in VC/OAVM mode only. Members can attend and participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility ONLY, the details of which form a part of the AGM Notice. No provision has been made to attend and participate in the 95th AGM of the Institute in person to ensure compliance with the MCA Circulars. Members attending the meeting through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013. The Institute shall be providing the facility for e-voting (remote and at AGM) for the voting members.
Please note, the 95th AGM Notice and Annual Report will be sent to all members by electronic mode only. The instructions for e-voting and participation in the AGM shall form part of the AGM Notice, which shall also be available for the information and reference of members at the website of the Institute (**www.iibf.org.in**) and NSDL website (**www.evoting.nsdl.com**) for all members of the Institute.
If email address is registered with the Institute, the login credentials for remote e-voting will be sent on the registered email address. Please note that same login credentials are required for participating in the AGM through Video Conferencing and voting on resolutions during the AGM.
Please note, that the members who have not provided their email addresses will not be able to receive the Notice of the 95th AGM along with the Annual Report for FY 2021-22. Ordinary Members of the Institute, entitled to receive the Annual Report, may also follow the below process. Any Members seeking to update their existing information with the Institute may undertake the below steps.
Associate / Fellow / Institutional Members having voting rights are requested to provide their e-mail ID and mobile phone numbers for registration with the Institute at the following e-mail ID: **mem-services@iibf.org.in** to receive the Annual Report and e-voting and login details on or before **Monday, 12th September 2022, 5.00 PM IST.**

No	Particulars	No	Particulars
1.	Membership Type	4.	E-Mail ID
2.	Membership Number / Institution Code No	5.	Mobile Phone Number
		6.	Self attested copy of PAN Card
3.	Full Name		

Ordinary Members of the Institute, entitled to receive Annual Reports are requested to login to the website of the Institute at **www.iibf.org.in** using their existing login credentials and update their E-Mail ID and Mobile No. in the profile section.
For further information on the above matter, Members may write to the Institute to the following: **Mr. Dharmvir Marchino,** Deputy Director, Member Support Services, IIBF at **dd.mss@iibf.org.in / +91- 8976908893.**
We urge all members to update their information at the earliest to receive the AGM Notice, Annual Report and e-voting credentials (as applicable).
For Indian Institute of Banking & Finance
Biswa Ketan Das
Chief Executive Officer
DIN: 08067282
Place: Mumbai
Date: 18.08.2022

CROSSWORD 4824



ACROSS

1 Ten inflated and deflated (9)
8 Maurice has a heart of gold (5)
9 US city that was smart in the past (7)
10 A maths formula which leaves one breathless (6)
11 Service conductor (6)
12 In distribution of income the company is thrifty (8)
15 Words in action (8)
18 Staggered but got in line (6)
20 Medicines that vary in cost (6)
21 They're associated with heads and tails (3,4)
22 Debate socially acceptable in appearance (5)
23 For example, crocodiles shedding teardrops (9)

DOWN

2 He composed some enjoyable harmonies (5)
3 Bill of fare? (6)
4 Two short of a complete score (8)
5 Stony-hearted mother and son (6)
6 Author shows wild rage about poor acting (7)
7 Scored but taken from the field (9)
11 Fish with a pole? It has added point (9)
13 Put on too much weight (8)
14 The first to reach sporting conclusions (7)
16 Lodge in temporary accommodation (6)
17 The rod may become incandescent (3-3)
19 Put your name down to go in (5)

Solutions Crossword 4823: Across: 1 Crossed, 4 Ethos, 7 Ends, 8 Maddened, 10 Persistent, 12 Potage, 13 Meteor, 15 Figurehead, 18 Sapphire, 19 Bolt, 20 Laser, 21 Majesty. **Down:** 1 Cheap, 2 Obdurate, 3 Dearth, 4 Endangered, 5 Hank, 6 Sidecar, 9 Kingfisher, 11 Generous, 12 Perusal, 14 Quorum, 16 Ditty, 17 Opus.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Spare a little time for pleasure and self-indulgence, if only as a break from worldly stress. A cultural outing could prove a useful distraction, but low-brow diversions will do the job just as well. What you really need is to be taken out of yourself.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
'Home is where the heart is' is a saying particularly applicable to you. You are going to have to realise, though, that, as much as you wish everything could be perfect, partners may have other ideas. They might also have some useful criticisms to make.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Remarkable opportunities to enhance your reputation are still in the air, although you may have more trouble bringing them to fulfilment. The key to the present time is never to force delicate issues. Instead you should wait until partners are ready to speak.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There will be a time when you will be able to look back on current developments and laugh. In fact, you would do yourself some good if you could smile at whatever is happening now. A good sense of humour could save your life. And it will certainly save you money.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Not everything has been revealed. Although you may say that you have come to terms with alterations and personal adjustments, I doubt whether you are in possession of the full facts. At this stage of the week you deserve a good break, but you may have to wait a little longer.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
On no account should you get involved in any sort of intrigue, especially if it means going behind a relation's back. It must be stressed that this is not a time to settle old scores, not unless you are prepared to take on much more than you can handle.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
You seem to go to pieces when your emotional life becomes complicated, but it will help to consider the issues carefully and logically. For a start, you could seriously consider the virtues of boosting your self-confidence in countless little ways.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Yet another tough planetary alignment is on its way, so the emotional temperature is likely to remain high. Still, perhaps you prefer it like that. Remember that your sign has powerful healing qualities, which means that you can bring peace where before there was war.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
Planetary influences indicate that you are still experiencing uncertainty; but look deeper and you'll see that your spiritual and mystical self is stirring. It's time to renew your quest for personal meaning, looking within for the answers to questions you've always ignored.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
It's not difficult for you to cut a dash. You may be inclined to complain about your lot but, to be perfectly honest, the amount you have gone through over the past few years has given you more maturity than you may recognise. Perhaps other people should listen to you for a change.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
There is probably no let-up in the arguments over joint financial arrangements, but it is useful to clear the air. Career changes are looking very auspicious, so do press ahead. It seems likely that an old social contact may provide the quickest route to a new job or responsibility.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Travel stars are still strong and it seems inevitable that an overseas contact will be strengthened or transformed. Develop your mystical tendencies as well, and make the quality of life your priority. After all, what is the good of getting your way if you don't enjoy it?

JUMBLED WORDS

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

The secret of happiness in not in what one ___ to do, but in what one __ to do - James M. Barrie (5,,3)

HTTAE

ALMOLS

AALIS

CESTHK

SOLUTION: THETA, ALIAS, SLALOM, SKETCH
Answer: The secret of happiness in not in what one **likes** to do, but in what one **has** to do - James M. Barrie

SUDOKU 4931

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

5		1			8		3	
8				1				
	6		3	2			1	
1		4			2		6	
6								8
	5		6			1		2
	8			7	9		5	
				3				4
	3		4			2		9

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4930

6	5	7	4	1	9	8	3	2
8	4	1	7	3	2	5	6	9
2	3	9	5	8	6	1	4	7
1	9	5	8	2	4	3	7	6
4	2	3	1	6	7	9	5	8
7	8	6	9	5	3	4	2	1
9	6	4	3	7	1	2	8	5
3	7	8	2	9	5	6	1	4
5	1	2	6	4	8	7	9	3

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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Bengaluru – 560 001. website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-18/8565/2022-23 Date:18.08.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-I Contractors (Civil) registered in KPWD who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works of **(1)** Formation of 18M Wide, 12M Wide & 10M Wide Roads Including Asphalting, Construction of RCC Side Drains, RCC Cross Drainage Works, UGD, HDPE dual Water Supply Pipe works in Plastic Park at Ganjimautt 2nd Phase EPIP Industrial area Mangalore Taluk Dakshina Kannada District. **(2)** Construction of CIPET, Admin & Export Building, Hostels, Guest house, Warehouse & Cafeteria Buidings in Plastic Park at Ganjimautt 2nd Phase EPIP Industrial area Mangalore Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **14.09.2022 upto 04:00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1838/Zenkar/2022-23

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(POWER WING)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
N.I.T. No. 495/PHD/Bhakra-II/476 Dated: 16.08.2022
Name of Office: Engineer in Chief/System Operation, Planning & Design (Power Plants) Dte., BBMB (PW), Flat No. 69, SLDC Residential Complex, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh-160002 Tel-Fax: 0172-2637035.
Name of Work: Online Tender for Supply of two sets and ETC at one set of brake track (each set consisting of 8 brake disc segments) along with all its accessories for 157 MW Russian Hydro Generators of Bhakra Right Bank Power House.

Documents Download Start Date & Time online	22.8.2022 from 0900 hrs. onwards
Document Download End Date & Time online	27.9.2022 upto 1700 hrs.
Last Date & Time of Online Bid Submission at http://e-proc.punjab.gov.in	27.9.2022 upto 1700 hrs.
Due Date & Time of Online Bid Opening at http://e-proc.punjab.gov.in	30.9.2022 from 1100 hrs. onwards

The Bids are to be submitted On Line. For cost of tender document, earnest money deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in, www.bbmb.gov.in
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HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
"CORRIGENDUM"
In reference to the e- tender called vide this office letter No. 527-80 dated 05.08.2022 published in Giriraj on dated 12.08.2022. The dates of down loading & date of opening of these tenders have been postponed, which may be read as under:-
Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website http:/ hptenders.gov.in
KEY DATES:

Sr. No.	Item	Old dates	Amended/ new dates
1.	Date of up-loading	18.08.2022	23.08.2022
2.	Date of downloading	19.08.2022 to 25.08.2022	24.08.2022 to 30.08.2022
3.	Date of physical submission of documents		31.08.2022 at 10.30 AM
4	Date of opening	26.08.2022 at 11.30 AM	31.08.2022 at 11.30 AM

All other terms and conditions in the notice inviting tender will remain the same.
3310/HP
Executive Engineer,
Daulatpur Division,
HPPWD, Daulatpur Chowk.

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
No. NIT/2022-23/12730-42 निविदा सूचना/2022-23 Date: 18.08.2022
निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार के अभियांत्रिकी विभागों एवं उनके अधिकृत संगठनों में पंजीकृत एवं अनुभवी संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया हेतु आनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं:

कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (रू.)	निविदा सूचना संख्या
Construction of ITI Building at Agolai Distt. Jodhpur. **UBN:(1) RRC2223WLOB00552**	672.78 Lakh	ई-240/22-23
Construction of ITI Building at Tiwari Distt. Jodhpur. **UBN:(2) RRC2223WLOB00553**	673.89 Lakh	
Construction of Building for Bar Council, RHC, Jodhpur. **UBN:(3) RRC2223WLOB00554**	588.26 Lakh	
Construction of AIR CARGO-RSIC at Rajasthan Inland Container Depot, RIICO Industrial Area Sanganer, Jaipur. **UBN: RRC2223WSOB00551**	251.89 Lakh	ई-241/22-23

निविदा से सम्बन्धित प्रपत्र में निविदा शुल्क, धरोहर राशि, डाउनलोड कर ने व खोलने की तारीख सहित सम्पूर्ण विवरण एवं संशोधन वेबसाईट **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in** तथा **http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in/rsrdc** पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।
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HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
The Executive Engineer, Shimla, Division No. I, HPPWD, Shimla-3, H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost.	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of Bid
1	Construction of pedestrian path on Circular road in Shimla Town (SH: Construction of additional pedestrian path and P/F W. Beam Metal Crash barrier Railings on KSC/MRR via Chotta Shimla at RDs. 146/00 to 146/030, 146/270 to 146/440, 148/270 to 148/285, 148/405 to 148/430, 149/240 to 149/270, 150/135 to 150/180, 150/330 to 150/417, 150/810 to 150/835, 150/955 to 151/015).	20313090/-	23-08-2022	406300	29-08-2022

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptender.gov.in
The executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tenders without assigning any reason. 3286/HP

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
NOIDA AN AREA OF EXCELLENCE
MAIN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, SECTOR-6, NOIDA, G.B. NAGAR (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि प्राधिकरण बोर्ड की 92वीं बैठक दिनांक 7.01.1998 में लिये गये निर्णय के अनुपालन में ग्राम बादौली बांगर में अर्जित की गयी भूमि के सापेक्ष 5 प्रतिशत विकसित आबादी भूमि आबंटन किये जाने हेतु प्रस्तावित व्यक्तियों की अनंतिम सूची तैयार कर निम्न स्थानों पर सार्वजनिक सूचना हेतु प्रदर्शित की गयी है –

1. नोटिस बोर्ड, मुख्य प्रशासनिक कार्यालय, सैक्टर–6, नौएडा।
2. नोटिस बोर्ड, भूलेख विभाग, नौएडा।
3. सामुदायिक केन्द्र भवन, ग्राम बादौली बांगर।

सूची में वर्णित किसी विवरण के सम्बंध में लिखित आपत्ति प्रकाशन के दिनांक से 15 दिनों के अन्दर विशेष कार्याधिकारी (डी0), नौएडा अथवा तहसीलदार, भूलेख विभाग नौएडा के कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है।

तहसीलदार, नौएडा

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Office of Executive Engineer
Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Hazaribag
Very Short Tender e-Procurement Notice
(3rd Call)
Tender reference:-HZB/JJM/SVS_Cluster/23/2022-23(3rd call) Date :- 17.08.2022
P.R. No.-255649 Drinking Water and Sanitation (21-22)_D

1.	**Name of Work-**	Construction of Cluster wise Single Village Water Supply Schemes based on Solar Energy Based Mini Rural Pipe Water Supply Schemes in different blocks of Hazaribag District which are not included in MVS/Other Schemes to supply water and house connection with 05 Years Operation and Maintenance works on "Turn Key Basis" Under D.W.&S. Division, Hazaribag for the Year 202 2-23 (Head-JJM)

Sl. No.	Group No	No of Panchayat	No of FHTC	Estimated Cost (in Lakhs)	E. M. Required (in Lakhs)	Cost Of BOQ (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
1.	HZB/SVS_Cluster/Katkamdag-09C	02	1594	569.62	05.70	10,000.00	09 Months

2.	Date of Tender uploading in website	Date:- 22.08.2022 up to 02:00 PM
3.	Last date receipt of Bid	Date:- 30.08.2022 upto 05.00 PM
4.	Last date submission cost of BOQ and EMD (in hard copy)	Date:- 01.09.2022 upto 03.00 PM in the office of the 1. Executive Engineer, D. W. & S. Division, Hazaribag 2. Superintending Engineer, D.W.& S. Circle, Hazaribag
5.	Date of opening tender	Date:- 02.09.2022 upto 04.30 PM
6.	Name and address of office inviting tender	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Hazaribag
7.	Name and address of tender opening officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Hazaribag
8.	Contact no of e-procurement office	06546-262291
9.	Helpline No. of e-procurement cell	0651-2480345

i) Estimated Cost & EMD Cost may be changed.
ii) Only Registered contractor in this department participate in said tender.
iii)Further details can be seen on website- http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer
D.W. & S. Division, Hazaribag

PR 275975 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)D

OFFICE OF THE A.C.E (P)-4
DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
ROOM NO. 31, B-BUILDING, JHANDEWALAN, NEW DELHI-110005.
Mob: - 9650094325 E-mail Id:-djbwaterbody@gmail.com

PRESS NIT No.08/WB-I/2022-23

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD)	Tender Fee	Date of Release of tender in e-procurement Solution & Tender ID No.	Last date /Time for receipt of tender e-procurement solution
1.	Temporary rejuvenation/cleaning of 07 nos water bodies for harvesting rain water and recharging ground water thereof at ponds and various locations at village Budhpur Mazra (a) Budhpur Mazra (g), Budhpur Mazra. (h), Chandpur (a), Chandpur (b) and Jatt Khore- 2 No Delhi under ACE(P)- 4.	Rs. 47,34,744/-	Rs 96,000/-	500/-	17 08 2022 2022_DJB_227852_1	09.09.2022 At 03.00 PM
2.	Temporary rejuvenation/cleaning of 05 nos water bodies for harvesting rain water and recharging ground water thereof at ponds and various locations at village Auchandi (a) Naya bans (d) Punjab Khore , Qutub Garh (a) and Salahpur Mazra (c) delhi under ace(p)-4	Rs. 44,35,325/-	Rs. 90,000/-	500/-	17 08 2022 2022_DJB_227852_2	09.09.2022 At 03.00 PM
3.	Temporary rejuvenation/cleaning of 05 nos water bodies for harvesting rain water and recharging ground water thereof at ponds and various locations at village chatesar, garhi randhala and jaunti-3nos delhi under ace(p)-4	Rs. 47,06,524/-	Rs 96,000/-	500/-	17 08 2022 2022_DJB_227852_3	09.09.2022 At 03.00 PM
4.	Temporary rejuvenation/ cleaning of 04 nos water bodies for harvesting rain water and recharging ground water thereof at ponds and various locations at village mitraon-1 (c) bamnoli (a) bamnoli (b) and bagdola (a) delhi under ace(p)-4	Rs. 33,19,419/-	68,000/-	500/-	17 08 2022 2022_DJB_227852_4	09.09.2022 At 03.00 PM
5.	Temporary rejuvenation/cleaning of 06 nos water bodies for harvesting rain water and recharging ground water thereof at ponds and various locations at villages Ibrahimpur (b) Singhola (b) Tajpur kalan (a) Tajpur Kalan Siraspur (b) and Gokulpur (a) in Delhi north and north east delhi under ace(p)-4	Rs. 46,68,841/-	Rs. 94,000/-	500/-	17 08 2022 2022_DJB_227852_5	09.09.2022 At 03.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at **https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 292 (2022-23)

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER(WB)-I

"STOP CORONA, WEAR FACE MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Quality Control Division, Ranchi.
Water Resources Department
Email: eeqcdrnc@gmail.com website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Corrigendum
PR 275001 Water Resource(22-23)#D

Expression of Interest (EOI) for Empanelment of only Indigenous Manufacturers of 5HP, 7.5 HP & 10 HP Pumps (AC/DC Submersible and Surface water Pumps) with all accessories for off-grid Stand alone Solar Photovoltaic Water Pumping Systems with 5 years Comprehensive Warranty & Repair and Maintenance to provide irrigation in different kinds of Minor Irrigation Schemes under Water Resources Department, Government of Jharkhand.

This is to inform that in continuation of the implementation of e-EOI Reference No – WRD/MIQCD/RANCHI-01/2022-23, **Item 3 of EOI (Pre-Bid Meeting) date should be read as 26.08.2022 in Place of 18.08.2022.**

sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation,
Quality Control Division, Ranchi
Water Resources Department,
Jharkhand

PR 275977 (Water Resource) 22-23 (D)

These past two weeks have been some of the best days of my entire life. I'm not the same man I was before this trip, all the beauty, love and peacefulness I experienced has me feeling fully transformed."

LEWIS HAMILTON
AFTER HIS TRIP TO AFRICA

BRIEFLY

EPL VAR official Dean admits error

London: Mike Dean, the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) in the Premier League match between Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur, said on Thursday he made the wrong call when Spurs' Cristian Romero pulled Marc Cucurella's hair. The foul was not given by on-field referee Anthony Taylor and Spurs profited as they scored a last-gasp equaliser to earn a point from a 2-2 draw at Stamford Bridge on Sunday. Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel criticised Taylor and Dean and Cucurella said it was "very clear" Romero's action was a red card offence. "I could not award a free kick as VAR, but I could recommend to Taylor that he visit the referee review area to consider a possible red." "In the few seconds I had to study Romero pulling Cucurella's hair, I didn't deem it a violent act. "I've since studied the footage, spoken to other referees and, upon reflection, I should have asked Taylor to visit his pitch-side monitor to take a look for himself. The referee on field always has the final say." **REUTERS**

Jakhar wins gold in Para shooting WC

Changwon: Pistol shooter Rahul Jakhar held his nerves to emerge victorious in a shoot-off as India opened their campaign at the 2022 World Shooting Para Sport World Cup on a resounding note by clinching three medals, here on Thursday. Jakhar, who qualified in the second spot with a score of 574-14x, held off a determined Kim Jungam in the shoot-off (3+3+2: 3+3+0) to win the P3 - Mixed 25m Pistol SH1 finals. Trailing Jungam throughout the final, the 36-year-old Indian kept his calm to equal the scores 20-all in the last series of the elimination round. "It was an amazing final. I am very happy to win the gold despite facing two malfunctions. It was a good experience before the all-important World Championships in November," Jakhar told the Paralympic Committee of India.. **PTI**

Fifa World Cup ticket sales top 2.45 million

London: World Cup ticket sales have reached 2.45 million, FIFA said on Thursday, with more than 500,000 seats still available three months before the tournament starts in Qatar. FIFA said 520,000 tickets were bought in a first-come, first-served phase of sales that closed this week. Brazil's games against Serbia and Cameroon were among the most in-demand. The top 10 places ranked by ticket sales to their residents include Qatar and neighboring countries Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The United States, England, Mexico, France, Argentina, Brazil and Germany are also on the list released by FIFA. The cheapest tickets for fans from outside Qatar are priced at 250 riyals (USD 69). Fans need a confirmed ticket purchase to book places to stay in Qatar through an official tournament website. The 64-game tournament in eight stadiums in and around Doha starts on Nov. 20 and has a total capacity of about 3 million tickets. **AP**

Easy warm-up for Chahar, India

On return from injury, medium pacer slowly gets into groove; Openers Dhawan, Gill star in 10-wicket win

ABHISHEK PUROHIT
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THE STAGE was set for Deepak Chahar's comeback after six months away from competitive cricket. KL Rahul had won the toss in the first ODI and asked Zimbabwe to bat in a 9.15am start. The new ball has a reputation for doing things so early in the morning at Harare Sports Club. And Chahar was about to run in with it against a set of batsmen who rarely get to face such a quality bowling attack.

And yet, as he stood at the top of his mark holding the new ball, Chahar wore a pensive, even somewhat edgy look. You can do all the rehab you've been asked to and play practice games to prepare your body to return to action, as Chahar said he had, but half a year without any real game time is pretty significant.

As he ran in gingerly to bowl the first delivery of the game, Chahar ended up aborting his run-up at the last instant. On his second attempt, he sent down the gentlest of away-swinging full tosses. His returns of 7-0-27-3, which set up a 10-wicket wipeout, don't reveal it, but for the first few overs of his spell on Thursday, Chahar looked every bit a bowler feeling his way back. He was searching for the proper length, he was struggling to control the line of the swinging ball at times, and he was desperate enough for a wicket to expend both of India's reviews on big inswingers that were missing leg stump.

"No matter how much you have played, you are nervous (when making a comeback). The body and mind were not working together for the first few overs, but it got better after that," Chahar said after the game.

It wasn't a massive curler that brought the breakthrough, but a surprise short delivery that Innocent Kaia tried to pull but only edged behind to wicketkeeper Sanju Samson in the seventh over. A relieved Chahar would now strike in each of his next two overs. Left-hander Tadiwanashe Marumani tickled a full delivery leaving him on its way to the keeper. Wesley Madhevere's was the best dismissal of Chahar's three; the ball slanted full into the right-hander, luring him into the attempted tuck to mickwicket and then swerving away really late to trap him plumb in front.

Unlike captain Regis Chakabva, who came in at 31 for 4 and attacked a few, none of the preceding Zimbabwe specialist batsmen tried to unsettle Chahar off his radar, once he had zeroed in on it. Unlike the Indian openers Shikhar Dhawan and Shubman Gill later, they did not walk down the crease to try to counter the movement either. Regardless of the quality of the opposition, Chahar did send down his seven overs on the trot, safely ticking the fitness box. He may not have generated that much pop off the surface, but admittedly this was a gentle one and he will likely continue to regain more rhythm further into the series.



Returning after a six-month injury-layoff, Deepak Chahar picked up 3 wickets for 27 against Zimbabwe. *AP*

Kuldeep Yadav was making an ODI comeback after six months too, but there was next to nothing for him from the pitch. He did have Chakabva guessing which way it would turn and appeared to have caught him dead in front, only for a faint flicker to appear on the noise-meter upon referral as the ball passed the bat. Zimbabwe were in no position to go after Kuldeep given the scoreboard but as he operated in the early 80s, they were able to knock him around without harm off the backfoot. And when he went fuller, they were prepared to paddle him fine. Still, Kuldeep was the only Indian bowler to complete his quota of ten overs, for 0/36.

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Zimbabwe continued to lose wickets to soft dismissals at the other end. Sikandar Raza poked at one outside off and edged Prasidh Krishna to slip. Ryan Burl went for successive boundaries off Prasidh and only holed out to deep square leg.

And while they played out Kuldeep, Zimbabwe couldn't make sense of Axar Patel's arm balls; Chakabva flayed all around one on 35 and had his stumps disturbed.

At 110 for 8, things seemed set to be wrapped up but Brad Evans and Richard Ngarava had some fun, hitting thirties and showing there were absolutely no problems with the pitch once the shine had worn off the ball.

But even a target of 190 wasn't enough to bring another comeback man Rahul into the middle as Dhawan and Gill polished it off all by themselves just past the 30-over mark. Resuming their successful pairing from the West Indies tour, the openers feasted on Zimbabwe's failure to control the moving new ball.

The senior partner set the tone with a series of cuts and whips in the first Powerplay. Gill, uncharacteristically not in control on a few occasions, caught up with his pulls and drives, not hesitant to step down the track and flick over the infield.

On the evidence of Thursday, the remaining two games in this series could get interesting only if India were to bat first in the morning and lose a few early wickets.

Brief scores: ***Zimbabwe 189 (Chakabva 35, Ngarava 34, Axar 3-24, Chahar 3-27, Prasidh 3-50) lost by 10 wickets to India 192 for 0 (Gill 82*, Dhawan 81*)***

Siraj to play for county side Warwickshire

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INDIA FAST bowler Mohammed Siraj will join the English county bandwagon as he gears up to play Warwickshire's last three first-class games in September.

Siraj is currently playing the ODI series in Zimbabwe but is not there in India's T20 scheme of things.

"Warwickshire County Cricket Club has signed India international fast bowler Mohammed Siraj for the final three matches of the County Championship season. The 28-year-old will arrive at Edgbaston ahead of the Bears home fixture against Somerset on Monday, 12 September," the county club stated in a media release.

The right-arm fast bowler took 4/66 in the first innings of the fifth and final Test between India and England at Edgbaston in July, before adding a further six wickets in three ODI matches that followed.

A natural swinger of the ball, Siraj has played for his country 26 times in all formats, taking 56 wickets. In total, he has taken 403 wickets in 207 career matches with 194 of those in first-class cricket.

"I can't wait to join up with the Bears squad. I have always enjoyed playing in England with India and I'm excited to experience County Cricket," Siraj said.

"Edgbaston is a world class stadium and the atmosphere it created this year for the Test was special. I am really looking forward to making it my home in September and hopefully helping the Bears end the season well. "I would like to extend my gratitude to both Warwickshire County Cricket Club and BCCI for this opportunity."

Paul Farbrace, Director of Cricket, Warwickshire said: "Siraj is a fantastic addition to the squad and we can't wait to welcome him to Warwickshire. He is one of the best fast bowlers in the world right now and his knowledge and experience will help bring an added dimension to our line-up.

"It's been clear that we needed to strengthen our bowling attack for the crucial run-in period and I am excited to see what Siraj can do in these three games." Siraj will be the second Indian player to represent Warwickshire this season after Krunal Pandya signed up for the Royal London Cup One Day Championship.

Erwee, lower order put South Africa ahead against England

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THESE DAYS, it seems most cricket fans are split into two camps: those who love the 'Bazball' England and those who use it as a taunt, waiting for England to trip. And so, England's Test against South Africa whipped up extreme sentiments before the game and during the first two enthralling days. South Africa finished the second day with 124 runs ahead with three wickets intact. Will that be a potentially match-winning lead or will the Bazballers whack a huge total in their second innings to flip the South African omelette back on the frying pan?

The thing is a couple of months back, it could have been said for sure that South Africa are truly on top especially when the stats show that England have won only two of their last 25 Tests where they have scored below 200 when batting first. But now, one has to wait and watch - and that in itself is a tribute to England's new approach.



Sarel Erwee scored a gritty 73. *Reuters*

If not for a freak dismissal to their dogged fighter of a captain Dean Elgar, South Africa could well and truly have cooked the English goose. He had moved to 47, nudging, punching, nurdling his away as ever. Until bad luck gatecrashed his party. It was a delivery that was angling down leg, just right for his tuck to the on side but somehow, the ball popped off the body to his arm, then rebound back to the stumps. He could just watch in dismay. As he would do in the second session as England roared back into the game.

Matthew Potts took out the talented Keagan Peterson with a lovely away-shaper that took the edge. Jack Leach got one to loop and dip on Aiden Markram who poked lamely at it for a catch to the keeper. The left-handed opener Sarel Erwee, who had got to a fine 73 on his first appearance at Lord's, was shocked by a brute of a bouncer from the bouncer-happy Ben Stokes, gloving a simple catch to Ben Foakes.

Erwee's battle

But what a comeback story its been for Erwee in recent times. Couple of years ago, he had nearly quit the game after getting depressed over selection issues. "When I sat down with my family, with my parents, they picked me up. I saw a sports psychologist. We worked through it daily. It was a hard slog to try and get motivated again; to give my best after wanting to give up. All the years of hard work, all the hard slogging I had to do at semi-professional level and franchise level felt pointless and worthless at one stage. I am very fortunate to have worked with a sports psychologist and to have the support of my parents," he has said in the past.

"As a man, it's frowned upon to show mental weakness or softness. There's a lot of work still to be done. I'm in that process every day, every week, every month, where I am trying to better my mental health and wellbeing. It's a big part of my life and probably will be for a long time." Something for everyone to ponder there but at his debut at Lord's he oozed solidity until Stokes shook him up.

Rassie van der Dussen was taken out by a nip-backer that Stokes often slips in and suddenly South Africa were wobbling at 210 for 6 from 85 for no loss.

But England would make the same mistake they had committed against India in the Test series. Resorting to bowling short at the lower order and in a London minute, South Africa had slipped away from their hands. Marco Jansen (41*) and Keshav Maharaj (41) added 72 runs, after showing no discomfort through the bumper phase that helped them to settle down.

England were bowled out for 165 in the morning, having resumed at the start of the second day on 116 for six. Only 32 overs of play were possible on the first day due to rain.

The wonderful pacer Kagiso Rabada would have a moment to roar after yet another five-for (5-52). Rabada removed innings top-scorer Ollie Pope (73) who dragged the away-shaper from well outside off on to his stumps. His fifth victim was James Anderson who was trapped lbw. But Rabada, and then Erwee and the lower-order jugalbandi from Jansen and Maharaj have pushed South Africa ahead.

Brief Scores: ***England 165 (Ollie Pope 73; Kagigo Rabada 5/52) vs South Africa 289/7 (Sarel Erwee 73, Dean Elgar 47; Ben Stokes 3/53)***

Supreme Court stays CoA takeover of Indian Olympic Association

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THE SUPREME Court Thursday ordered that status quo be maintained in respect of the affairs of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), whose charge was directed to be handed over to a Committee of Administrators (CoA) by the Delhi High Court.

A bench presided by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana ordered this after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta sought the court's urgent intervention saying it is something that concerns the national prestige at the global level.

"It was mentioned by the counsel for the petitioner as well as the Solicitor General that by virtue of the present order, there is every possibility of losing the chance of participation in the Olympic games and all international events. It is stated it will not be in the interest of the country. In view of the serious concerns raised, we ask the parties to maintain the status quo…It is said the charge has not been handed over. In view of that we direct them to maintain the status quo", the bench said. It directed that the matter be listed before an appropriate bench for hearing on August 22.

Mehta told the bench that there is a 99 percent chance of India being disqualified from participating in any Olympic event the moment the CoA appointed by the HC takes over. "This is the Indian Olympic Association, the unit of the International Olympic Association. They have their own rules. According to their rules, if any national-level body is represented by a non-elected body, that is treated to be a third-party interference. We are bound by their rules. Every country in the world is bound. The HC has appointed a Committee of Administrators. It may or may not be for valid reason, the merits Your Lordships would go into.

But the moment they take over, India stands almost 99 percent chance of being suspended from participating in any Olympic event…" The HC has directed "forthwith handover" of responsibilities, he said adding "this will essentially be a matter of national prestige at the global field, Your Lordships may interfere".

The HC had on August 16 appointed a CoA comprising former SC judge, Justice Anil R Dave, former Chief Election Commissioner Dr SY Qureshi and former foreign secretary Vikas Swarup and directed the erstwhile Executive Committee of the Association to hand over charge to this Committee. It also named three former sportspersons — Olympic gold medallist Abhinav Bindra, world championship medallist Anju Bobby George and Olympian Bombayla Devi. as 'consultants'.

The HC referred to its 2013 direction to the government, 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'.

DURAND CUP

Neroca beat TRAU FC 3-1 in inaugural 'Imphal derby'

JIMMY LEIVON
IMPHAL, AUGUST 18

MANIPUR enjoyed a state-declared half-holiday on Thursday to commemorate the most festive occasions that evoke passion in these enchanted lands - a gritty game of football. The exciting local derby where Neroca FC defeated TRAU FC 3-1 was played out in front of a jam-packed stadium.

A huge number of fans turned up to witness the inaugural match played in Imphal's Khuman Lampak stadium, and the 6 pm kick-off had a run-up which witnessed traffic congestion in the city from as early as 2 pm. A large number of people were seen gathering outside the venue in the lead-up, and the filled stands erupted in exhilaration when Neroca FC's Nigerian forward John Chidi Uzodinma netted the final goal on the back of a defensive error. Those who missed out, didn't hide their disappointment.

Many fans were left gasping for tickets which were sold out a day before the inaugural match. "What's the point of declaring the day as half-holiday when many of the fans did not get tickets to witness the game", lamented M. Bishworjit, a football fan and resident of Iroisemba Imphal West district. The Khuman main stadium where the inaugural match was played has a capacity of only 25,000. Heaving as it was with exuberance of those who managed to get in, it couldn't obviously accommodate passions of the football-mad state.



The stadium pulsated after NEROCA netted a goal 16 minutes into the match, while many of the ticket holders were seen still trying to get into the stadium.

Tangva Ragui had put the Orange brigade of NEROCA ahead in the 16th minute, only for TRAU's Komron Tursunov to equalise three minutes later. But thereafter NEROCAdidnt lift foot off the pedal as Thomyo headed in the 36th minute to reclaim the lead, before the 50th minute cherry on the top from the Nigerian star.

The stadium had pulsated after NEROCA netted a goal 16 minutes into the match, while many of the ticket holders were seen still trying to get into the stadium."I bought a Rs 100 ticket and have been waiting to get into the stadium for several minutes even after the match started but I am unable to do so. I am told by the security at the gate that the stadium is already full," said Bungo, a resident of Top Leirak, Imphal East district.

Colourful opening

Prior to the inaugural match, a colourful display of cultural dances, band display as well Durand Cup theme songs from iconic Papon and Rewben Mashangva enthralled the jam-packed audience till the arrival of Union defense minister Rajnath Singh. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, a former footballer, and GOC of Eastern Command were among the dignitaries attending the match. The defense minister lauded the development of the region, known amongst other things for its sporting pedigree and football fandom.

The Durand Cup is Asia's oldest and the world's third oldest football tournament, and carries a legacy of being organized by the Indian Armed Forces, for over 100 years. Since the inaugural edition in Shimla in 1888, when it started off as an Army Cup, open only to the British Indian Army troops in India, the Durand Cup has been open to civilian teams, with waxing and waning interest over the years from the leading sides of the day.

Named after its founder, Mortimer Durand, who served as foreign secretary of British India from 1884 to 189, the iconic tournament reached its 130th edition in 2021. Mohun Bagan and East Bengal have been the most successful teams, winning the tournament 16 times each. The Durand Cup's entry into the north east though was like homecoming for football in a part of the country that nurses the sport at its grassroots and was graced by the Defence Minister.

The derby done, the next match in Imhal will be held on August 20 at Main Stadium Khuman Lampak with Chennaiyan FC taking on Army Red at 3 pm. Two teams will make their first appearance in the tournament, as the Kerala Blasters take on Sudeva FC of Delhi at the Indira Gandhi Athletic stadium in Guwahati.

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Nadal loses on return, says will be ready in time for US Open

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RAFAEL NADAL was not too downhearted by defeat at the Cincinnati Open on Wednesday after the Spaniard lost 7-6(9) 4-6 6-3 to Borna Coric on his return from a six-week injury layoff.

Nadal, who will aim for a record-extending 23rd Gram Slam title at the U.S. Open, had not played a competitive match since pulling out of his Wimbledon semi-final against Nick Kyrgios due to an abdominal injury in early July.

The 36-year-old also withdrew from last week's ATP Masters event in Montreal due to the issue but did not seem hampered by it against former world number 12 Coric, and instead put his defeat down to a lack of time on court. "Obviously I didn't play my best match, something that can happen," Nadal told reporters. "So coming back from a tough period of time, something that's easy to accept and easy to say congrats to Borna that he played better. I need to improve. I need to practise. I need to return better. I need days, and that's the truth. It's obvious that I was not ready enough to win the match today.

"(It) has been a difficult injury to manage. The last month and a half haven't been easy."

Flushing Meadows has been a happy hunting ground for Nadal, who has won the U.S. Open four times, the last title coming in 2019. He will undergo tests to confirm everything is fine with the injury, which he said still created doubt in his mind during his service motion. "I am positive," he said. "In terms of practice, I need to start to be in a Grand Slam mode, practising the way that I need to practise to be competitive since the beginning there, and I hope I will be able to make that happen.



Rafael Nadal returns against Borna Coric on Thursday. *USA Today*

Poor decision-making, greed root cause of United's crisis

A look at how the Glazer family has profited from EPL giants Manchester United's commercial operation in the face of mediocrity on the pitch

NAMIT KUMAR
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Manchester United co-owners Avram Glazer (left) and Joel Glazer. *Reuters*

THE RED Devils opened the season under new manager Erik Ten Hag with a 1-2 home defeat to Brighton, which was promptly followed by a 0-4 defensive disaster away at Brentford. With a home game against Liverpool scheduled next, things could become even bleaker.

Without a league title in nearly a decade, and after giving up their regular place in the UEFA Champions League, the United faithful have turned on the ownership in what has been a complicated tenure.

Despite their lack of success on the pitch and their evident mismanagement, United remain one of the most profitable sports teams on the planet. They are the fifth-most valuable football team according to the 2022 Deloitte Football Money League and have kept their place among Europe's elite.

But their immense global fanbase, high matchday revenue, and solid commercial operation were all established before the Glazers took over. After seeing the family reap the benefits of the revenue streams established before, without investing into the club themselves, fan sentiment could not be worse. According to Twitter user and blogger Swiss Ramble and The Independent's findings of the club's finances, it is easy to see why.

Glazers' appetite for profit

The blogger has claimed that the Glazer family has taken heaps of money out of the club – a staggering approximate of £1.1 billion since 2005 – which includes interest payments, loan repayments, directors' fees, management consultancy fees, and dividends.

To understand how much money the Glazers cost United, three major aspects must be taken into account – debt, interest payments, and dividends.

As per *The Independent*, United, a debt-free club up until the Glazer takeover, had a huge £550 million loan loaded onto it, and the figure went up to over £700 million at one point in 2010. Despite various means of refinancing, United's gross debt which stood at £604 million in the Glazers' first year in charge, stands at £592 million today, 17 years later.

The interest payments to service that debt, which the Glazers saddled the club with in order to finance their takeover, have been massively high. *The Independent* reports that at their peak, interest payments have crossed £40 million annually at a rate of 16.25%, and even as of 2021-22, they paid £18.2 million in interest. The publication reports that United have paid a total of £743 million in interest alone.

According to the Swiss Ramble's analysis of owner funding into Premier League teams in the last 10 years, owners at Chelsea, Manchester City, and even the American capitalists at Arsenal and Liverpool have put in hundreds of millions into their clubs, but the Glazers have taken out £154 million in dividends and share buybacks. Old Trafford, which still makes massive matchday revenue, has seen no upgrades or improvements, and the Glazers' capital expenditures fall behind teams like Leicester and Fulham.

The Glazer formula has seemingly been reliant on the fact that performance on the pitch is not required to run a successful commercial operation, especially if it is already in place. But their underperformance on the pitch has begun to affect their revenues.

The Swiss Ramble analysed the growth in commercial revenues of the Premier League's 'Big Six.' Since 2017, United's commercial revenue has taken an £85 million hit, nearly 15%, and even with Covid-induced losses, the commercial revenue of Tottenham, Manchester City, and Liverpool have all increased by more than £90 million.

Looking at the manner in which the Glazers have ripped the club apart for profit (Swiss Ramble reported that at least an additional £465 million have been made with the sale of 'Class A' shares over and above the £1.1 billion amount mentioned earlier), without any results on the pitch, fan sentiment is understandable. But with United falling out of the Champions League regularly, and with their trophy cabinet empty since 2017, there is an argument to be made that the financial health of the club, due to declining commercial revenues which are the backbone of the Glazers' ownership, has also suffered.

Footballing flaws

While the Glazers' lack of investment in the team is obvious, the club's massive commercial revenues have filled in to ensure a massive, albeit misdirected transfer spend of over £850 million in the last five years. It's an area that's a massive failure for the club.

Their recruitment has not only been ill-advised, but they have had no tactical blueprint to accommodate even the right players that come in on big-money signings. Their reliance on star-power in this time has failed them.

In an era of the Premier League dominated by high-profile coaches that elite teams see as their biggest asset now, United have not got it right in that department either. A spectacularly unsuccessful stint with Jose Mourinho between 2016-18 aside, none of Europe's big names have coached the club, and the tactical rigidity of their poorly assembled squad is telling.

Chopra yet to take a call on Diamond League

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There is another Diamond League in Brussels on September 2, but the men's javelin throw is not part of the programme. Chopra is currently 4th on the Diamond League standings after his second place finish at the Stockholm Diamond League

OLYMPIC CHAMPION and World Championships silver medalist javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** will decide on participating at the Lausanne Diamond League to be held on August 26 closer to the event, it is learnt.

The Lausanne stopover of the Diamond League will decide the top-six finalists for the big final to be held in Zurich on September 6 and 7.

Chopra had skipped the Commonwealth Games because of a groin strain which he suffered during the final of the Worlds in Eugene. Chopra is currently based in Saarbrücken, Germany, along with his coach Dr Klaus Bartonietz and physio Ishaan Marwaha.

He has started light throwing sessions. But it will need a few more days to assess if his body is ready for all-out throws during competition.

There is another Diamond League in Brussels on September 2, but the men's javelin throw is not part of the programme. Chopra is currently 4th on the Diamond League standings after his second place finish at the Stockholm Diamond League. But Chopra will be looking over his shoulder because Czech Republic's Vitezslav Vesely and Finland's Oliver Helander, in seventh and 10th places with 5 and 4 points respectively, can move ahead of him if they finish in the top 5 at Lausanne and Chopra gives the event a miss. Trinidad and Tobago's 2012 Olympic Champion Keshorn Walcott also finds a mention in the entry list for the Diamond League.

Athletes are given 8 points to 1 point depending on where they finish in the Diamond League events. The points collected are added to decide on qualification for the final.

After winning the silver at the World Championships, Chopra had spoken about the Diamond League title being the one he wants to add to his CV which also includes gold medals at the Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games in 2018.

Chopra had tweeted about his injury status when he pulled out of the Commonwealth Games.

"I had been uncomfortable after the pull I felt in my groin during my fourth throw at the World Championships. On having it investigated medically yesterday by a group of doctors here in the US, a minor strain was discovered and I have been advised to undergo rehabilitation and give it rest for the next few weeks," Chopra had tweeted.

Chopra had also Tweeted a picture of him, coach Bartonietz and physio Marwaha with former shot putter and politician Anke Rehlinger on August 10. "A big thank you to Anke Rehlinger, Minister-President of Saarland and a former athlete, for hosting us at her residence. It was refreshing to take a break from training and rehab to share stories from our time on the track and field," Chopra had tweeted.

After reports of scans were done in the USA, Chopra travelled for rehabilitation to Saarbrucken in Saarland where he is undergoing rehabilitation.

The Stockholm event in June was Chopra's first Diamond League competition in nearly four years. He broke the national record for the second time in a month with an opening throw of 89.94 metres in Stockholm.

The Olympic Champion finished second to world champion Anderson Peters in Stockholm. It was the first time he had finished in the top three in a Diamond League event.

Peters who is third on the Diamond League standings is unlikely to figure in the Diamond League finals in Zurich as he suffered injuries after he was beaten up on a boat on which a party was being held and thrown overboard. Peters had issued a statement after the incident in which he said 'it will be a long road to full recovery'.

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