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## SC dissolves football CoA, paves way for FIFA to lift suspension

MIHIR VASAVDA

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

IN A verdict that paves the way

for Indian football's return to the FIFA WILL take a final call international fold after a brief period of isolation, the Supreme Court on Monday dissolved the three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) it had appointed in May to look after the daily affairs of the All India Football Federation (AIFF). While handing over the day-

to-day management of the federation to the AIFF administration, led by its acting secretary general Sunando Dhar, the apex court bench headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud said in its order that the decision was taken in "national interest" so that the suspension is lifted and players are not affected.

"The mandate of the Comm-



on lifting the sanction against Indian football. It has conveved to the Sports Ministry that it will recommend to the Bureau of FIFA Council, its decision-making body on the issue, that the suspension be lifted – if the world body is satisfied with the court verdict.

ittee of Administrators appointed by the order of this Court stands terminated," a bench of Justices Chandrachud and AS Bopanna said in its order.

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## Praful Patel trying to torpedo tournament, says Supreme Court

**ANANTHAKRISHNANG** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

IN SCATHING remarks directed at former Indian football chief Praful Patel, the Supreme Court said on Monday that he was "trying to torpedo the tournament" after it was informed that FIFA's suspension of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) would result in the country losing the right to host the Under-17 Women's World Cup scheduled for October.

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**Former AIFF** president Praful Patel

Heading a two-judge bench hearing the application to dissolve the Committee of Administrators (CoA) running the daily affairs of AIFF, a visibly upset Justice DY Chandrachud said. "You tell us that there is an CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



### PATNA: LATHI-CHARGE ON JOB SEEKERS

 $Patna\,ADM\,(law\,and\,order)\,K\,K\,Singh\,(in\,\textit{blue}\,\textit{shirt}, \textit{holding}\,\textit{a}\,lathi)\,with\,a\,protester, Anisur$ Rahman (on the ground), during a protest by teachers' job aspirants demanding appointments by the Bihar government. An official probe has been ordered against Singh for beating Rahman during a police lathi-charge that left over 12 protesters injured. PTI

#### Scientists track cause of mystery paddy dwarfing

HARISH DAMODARAN & **ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA** NEW DELHI, JALANDHAR,

AGRICULTURE SCIENTISTS have narrowed down the cause of a mystery disease causing "dwarfing" of rice plants in Punjab and Haryana – as first reported by The Indian Express — to either grassy stunt virus or phytoplasma bacteria. The vector responsible for their transmission is the brown plant hopper, an insect pest that sucks sap from the stems and leaves of rice plants.

Scientists at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), who had collected samples of plants from farmers CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## If defence personnel die in service, kin will get Rs 1 cr: Gujarat

Applies to death 'under any circumstances'

**PARIMAL DABHI** GANDHINAGAR, AUGUST 22

The 2016 resolution stipu-

paramilitary personnel who were killed in a terror or Naxal attack; in firing or bomb blast on the border; while trying to catch a suspect in combing operation or while maintaining law and order (drowning, fire-fighting, collapse of a tree or a building, vehicular accident, death by bullet injuries or bomb blast); died of hypothermia in extreme cold terrain; died of heat stroke in ex-

In the resolution issued by the state home department on Monday, as seen by The Indian

### **'NATIVE OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRY'**

## IS man plotting attack in India held, says Russia

Suspect planned to carry out suicide strike against member of 'India's ruling circles' over remarks on Prophet: FSB

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** 

RUSSIA'S FEDERAL Security Service (FSB) on Monday said it had detained an Islamic State (IS) terrorist who was planning to carry out a suicide attack against a "representative of ruling circles of India", allegedly over the comments on Prophet Muhammad earlier this year. The suspect is a national of a Central Asian country and was recruited in Turkey, the FSB said.

The Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation has identified and detained, in the territory of Russia, a member of the



The suspect identified himself as Mashrabkhon Azamov in a video clip released by FSB

international terrorist organisation Islamic State (which is) banned in Russia. The detainee is a native of a country in the Central Asian region, and planned to

commit a terrorist act by self-detonation against one of the representatives (of) the ruling circles of India," the FSB said in a statement.

According to the FSB, the suspect was recruited as a suicide bomber by the IS "in the period from April to June 2022, while in the territory of the Republic of

"His indoctrination was carried out remotely through the accounts of Telegram messenger and during personal meetings in Istanbul, by a representative of the terrorist organisation. As a result, the terrorist took an oath of allegiance to the Emir of ISIS. After that, he was given the task

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## BUSINESS AS USUAL By UNNY only for families of defence/

THE GUJARAT government on Monday announced Rs 1 crore compensation for the families of defence or paramilitary personnel who die "under any circumstances" while in service, revising a 2016 resolution which granted Rs 1 lakh compensation only to the families of defence/ paramilitary personnel who were killed in action or died in the field.

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treme hot terrain.

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#### **INSIDE**

SISODIA ALLEGES **BJP 'OFFER' TO DROP** 

## 'No god is a Brahmin', says JNU Vice Chancellor, flags 'gender bias' in Manusmriti

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit

while delivering the keynote ad-

dress at the B R Ambedkar

Lecture Series organised by the

Union Ministry of Social Justice

Speaking on the topic "Dr B.R.

and Empowerment.

HINDU GODS do not anthropologically come from the upper caste, said JNU Vice Chancellor

Ambedkar's Thought on Gender

. Santishree Dhulipudi

Justice: Decoding the Uniform Civil Code", Pandit said, "Anthropologically, scientifically... please look at the origins of our gods. No god is a Brahmin. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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Alifiya Khan joins Utsa Sarmin to talk about how Ukraine returnee medical students are at an impasse over decisions taken by universities and National Medical Council

the issue of objections, said his in-

struction was that some state as-

sociations feel it won't be produc-

tive to present them before the

court at this stage. It was then that

Justice Chandrachud delivered

the remarks against Praful Patel, the NCP leader and former Union

Finally, the court recorded that

Earlier in the hearing, Senior

"there is no objection" from the

Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing

for Patel, said he supported what

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta,

appearing for the Centre, had sub-

Conveying the concerns

raised by FIFA to the Government, mainly on third-party interfer-

ence, Mehta had prayed for disso-

lution of the CoA and expeditious

conduct of the elections, apart

from suggesting how the consti-

tution of the AIFF Executive

 $\hbox{``I support everything that the}\\$ 

Solicitor General has said. I do not

want to be any office-holder in

this organisation at all," said Sibal,

on behalf of Patel. "We had

wanted the elections to be held

earlier. Unfortunately, it was de-

layed. That's how I continued.

Because I am an elected member

in FIFA, I wanted the Cup (under-17 Women's World Cup) to come

here, I brought the Cup here. But I

knew what was running in their

Council would be.

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state associations.

### **FROM PAGE ONE**

#### Football CoA

Since the suspension was announced on August 15, Indian Women's League champions Gokulam Kerala were barred from competing in the Asian Club Championship; the men's national team matches in September against Singapore and Vietnam have been cancelled; and, there was a risk that India would be stripped of hosting rights for the U-17 Women's World Cup in October.

The Supreme Court order came after the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, late on Sunday, filed an application seeking an end to the "mandate" of the CoA, among other things, so that FIFA would lift the suspension imposed on AIFF.

The court also postponed the date to hold AIFF elections, originally scheduled for August 28, by one week. It said that the voters' list will consist only of representatives from state and union territory federations, thus excluding India internationals from the electoral roll, as proposed by the CoA but objected to by FIFA.

"The above directions are passed in modification of the previous orders to facilitate the revocation of the suspension of AIFF and the holding of the Under-17 World Cup in order to ensure that the prestige of the nation and ability of players to participate in international tournaments is not affected," the court said.

"In the event that the above process is not taken to its logical conclusions, the court will consider subsequent orders," it said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, had earlier told the court that the immediate consequence of the suspension would be that India would lose the chance to host the Under-17 Women's World Cup-and Indian teams and its affiliated clubs would no longer be entitled to take part in international

matches or competitions.

The football saga began five years ago following a logjam in finalising the AIFF's constitution. which led to a delay in holding the federation's elections. In May, the Supreme Court appointed the CoA to run daily affairs of the AIFF, thus ending the 12-year stint of its then chief, Praful Patel.

Following weeks of negotiations between the CoA, Government, state federations as well as the world and continental football bodies, the Bureau of FIFA Council -- comprising FIFA president Gianni Infantino and heads of the six confederations -- suspended AIFF on August 14.

FIFA cited third-party interference, referring to decisions taken by the CoA that impacted the federation's functioning, as the reason for suspension, saying that it violated their rules.

On August 15, FIFA secretary general Fatma Samoura, in a letter to Dhar, said the suspension will be lifted only after the "repeal of the CoA mandate in full" and once the AIFF administration is "fully in charge" of its daily affairs.

This was reiterated in an email to the Sports Ministry and Asian Football Confederation on August 20. In its communication, FIFA said: "...should both conditions for the lifting of the suspension, as foreseen in the Bureau of the FIFA Council decision dated 14 August 2022, be satisfied by the final order of the Hon Supreme Court next week, the FIFA administration will recommend to the Bureau of FIFA Council the lifting of the suspension with immedi-

On Monday, the Supreme Court also said that the new executive council of the AIFF would consist of 23 members, of whom 17 members -- including the president, treasurer, and one vicepresident -- will be elected by the representatives of the 36 state and union territories representatives. Apart from these 17 members, six

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eminent players (four men, two women) would be co-opted to the executive council with voting

During the hearing, the counsel appearing for the CoA, Gopal Sankaranarayanan, claimed "there are findings of siphoning off' funds in an interim audit report of the AIFF, which has been submitted by Deloitte to the CoA. The court said the Government will take the final report into consideration once it is received.

#### (With ENS/DELHI)

#### Paddy dwarfing

fields – which showed symptoms of stunting and yellowing – have undertaken their electron microscopy analysis and DNA isolation through PCR (polymerase chain reaction) technique. Preliminary laboratory analy-

sis indicates the "phytoreovirus" or rice grassy stunt virus as the source of infection. This virus. which induces stunting and yellowing of rice plants, is transmitted by brown plant hopper. "The infected plants remained stunted even after application of the recommended dose of fertilisers," a preliminary report submitted by the IARI to the Union Agriculture Ministry has said

The second possible source is phytoplasma, a bacterial pathogen that is spread by both brown plant hopper and green leaf hopper sucking insect pests. "What we have are interim findings. A clearer picture will emerge after high-throughput sequencing of the infected samples, the results of which are awaited. We are also not ruling out fusarium fungus and rice root nematode that are known to cause dwarfism," IARI Director A K Singh told *The* Indian Express.

Ministry has constituted an eightmember central team to conduct an on-spot assessment/field visit of the affected crop areas in Punjab and Haryana. The team headed by Rajbir Singh, director of the Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Ludhiana, and Subhash Chander, director of the National Research Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi -- has been asked to submit a detailed report to the Agriculture Commissioner by Tuesday.

#### Death in service

Express, the state government has now made the assistance available to all defence/ paramilitary personnel from Gujarat who die during service.

"As per the 2016 resolution, the financial assistance was avail-

Many farmers in Punjab, Haryana and even parts of western Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand have, for the past fortnight or more, been reporting stunting of paddy plants in their fields. Such stunting has taken place typically 30-35 days after transplanting or direct seeding of rice. Înitially, all plants register uniform growth. But at a later stage, some stop growing while others continue. The proportion of dwarfed plants has been generally reported at 10 to 25 per cent, even exceeding 40 per cent in some cases. Meanwhile, the Agriculture

#### IS suspect plotting suicide attack in India held: Russia spokesperson Nupur Sharma's of leaving for the territory of The Al-Qaeda in the Indian

Russia, completing the necessary documents and flying to India to commit a terrorist act," the FSB statement said.

Russian news agency TASS reported that the FSB has also released a video clip in which the suspect has admitted "that he was preparing an act of terrorism against a member of India's ruling circles for insulting Prophet Muhammad". The suspect is heard identifying himself as Mashrabkhon Azamov in the video clip. Sources in the Indian security establishment said he is suspected to be an Uzbek national.

According to the TASS report, the suspect has said that he swore allegiance to the IS Emir in April this year and underwent special training, after which he flew to Russia, from where he was planning to travel to India. "I was supposed to be given things there to commit a terrorist attack at the behest of the IS for insulting Prophet Muhammad," he has reportedly said in the video. While this is a likely refer-

ence to suspended BJP

remarks on the Prophet during a TV debate in May, sources in the Indian security establishment said they did not have any information on who the suspected bomber was planning to target.

Following Sharma's remarks, the IS had, in June, threatened attacks in India. The Al Azaim Foundation, the mouthpiece of the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP), had released a news bulletin stating that India was a target of the terror outfit following Sharma's "blasphemy".

Independent news handle Khorasan Diary had tweeted: video features @NupurSharmaBJP, the national spokesperson of the @BJP4India and houses of Muslims bulldozed. It then features previous statements of ISKP suicide bombers who were Indian. Threatening to conduct attacks against India wherever possible." According to Khorasan Diary, the IS video also criticised the Taliban for engaging with India diplomatSubcontinent (AQIS) had also threatened "suicide bombings" in Delhi, Mumbai, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat over the issue. In India, two killings in June

Rajasthan and Maharashtra - have been linked to Sharma's remarks. The victims were allegedly targeted for supporting Sharma's remarks on social media.

On June 28, a tailor in Udaipur, Kanhaiya Lal Teli, was hacked to death by two men, identified as Ghouse Mohammed and Riyaz Attari, who also released a video clip of the killing. The assailants were arrested the same day. They are suspected to have been influenced by the teachings of Pakistan-based Dawate-Islami. One of them had even visited Pakistan in the past, and they were reportedly in touch with some people in Pakistan. The case was later taken over by the NIA, which is also probing if they were influenced by any pro-IS group. Nine persons have been arrested in the case On June 21, Umesh Prahladrao Kolhe, a 54-yearold chemist, was stabbed to death in Maharashtra's Amravati district, allegedly by four Muslim men. The case was handed over to the NIA. which has arrested 10 people

In a series of raids last month, the NIA had cracked down on what it said was an IS network. On July 31, it had conducted searches at 13 locations across six states in a fresh case registered against the outfit. It also arrested a Jamia Millia Islamia student from Delhi's Batla House for allegedly sourcing funds for the outfit and sending the same via cryptocurrency transactions to

The searches were conducted in Bhopal and Raisen districts of Madhya Pradesh; Bharuch, Surat, Navsari and Ahmedabad districts of Gujarat; Araria district of Bihar; Bhatkal and Tumkur districts of Karnataka; Kolhapur and districts Nanded Maharashtra; and Deoband district of Uttar Pradesh.

was also the first rationalist in hisminds, so therefore I conveyed it." Justice Chandrachud then asked Sibal whether Patel had any plans to step down from FIFA since the AIFF elections would be held now. Sibal replied, "I am

elected there." As a debate ensued among the counsel on Patel's FIFA election, Sibal said on behalf of Patel, "I do not want to contest any post. There is no issue at all. I want football to be promoted...I brought the

under-17 World Cup". Sankaranarayan, meanwhile, reminded the bench that a contempt petition was also pending

with regard to the developments. "Contempt is with reference to the role that has been played by somebody who has been removed by this court, sitting with the very people who are representing the state associations and arguing before this court,"

Sankaranarayanan said. "We have the recording and the transcript that we have placed to show that promises are made saying we have got this letter for you, please use this to convince the Government of India to file an application to recall the order of August 3 (directing the CoA to expeditiously conduct elections). Then you yourself also file applications. It's extremely damaging,"

he said. As the bench said it could issue notice, Sibal prayed to the court not to do so and deal with it another day. Sankaranayanan said his instructions were that the contempt application may not be pressed at this stage

On August 10, the CoA had filed a contempt petition in the Supreme Court against Patel accusing him of "impliedly" admitting to having "arranged" a letter

able to the families only if the defence or paramilitary personnel from Gujarat were killed under the five defined circumstances. Now, it will be given to the families of personnel who die during service under any circumstances,' confirmed an official of the home department who did not want to be named.

The decision comes a day after the Army announced its recruitment rally from 20 districts of Guiarat, from October 15 to November 8, under the shortterm Agnipath scheme. It also comes amid protests by ex-servicemen from Gujarat over various issues, including increased compensation for families of slain soldiers.

According to the new resolution, effective from Monday, the monthly assistance of Rs 1,000 for the widows of slain defence/ paramilitary personnel has also been revised to Rs 5,000. Earlier, in case the soldier was unmarried. his mother was entitled to get Rs 50,000 compensation and Rs 500 per month. This has been increased to Rs 5 lakh, and Rs 5,000 each for both parents.

While two children of the defence/paramilitary personnel were entitled to get a monthly assistance of Rs 500 each till they completed their studies or attained the age of 25 years, they will now get Rs 5,000 each.

Earlier, the personnel who sustained 50 per cent or more injury or disability under certain circumstances while on duty were entitled to a fixed one-time assistance of Rs 50,000 and Rs 1.000 per month. In the revised resolution, the one-time assistance has been increased to Rs 2.50 lakh, with Rs 5,000 as monthly assis-The state government has also

increased the monetary awards

for defence personnel who get gallantry awards: Rs 1 crore for Param Vir Chakra, up from Rs 22,500; Rs 1 crore for Ashok Chakra, up from Rs 20,000; Rs 50 lakh for Mahavir Chakra, up from Rs 15,000; Rs 50 lakh for Kirti Chakra, up from Rs 12,000.

The financial assistance and monetary awards are being provided from the Chief Minister's lawan Relief Fund that was created after the Kargil War, said the Minister of State for Home

Harsh Sanghavi said the state government has also asked a highlevel committee of secretaries to look into other demands of exservicemen

#### JNU V-C

The highest is a Kshatriya, Lord Shiva must be a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe. Because he sits in a cemetery with a snake... they have given him very little clothes also to wear. I don't think Brahmins can sit in the cemetery. So if you see, clearly, the gods anthropologically do not come from the upper caste. Including Lakshmi, Shakti, all the gods. Or if you take Jagannath, very much a tribal. So, why are we still continuing with this discrimination, which is very, very unhuman.'

The INU VC also said that the "Manusmriti" has categorised all women as "shudras", which is "extraordinarily regressive".

"All women, according to the "Manusmriti", are shudras. So, no woman can claim she is a Brahmin or anything else. I believe it is only by marriage you get the husband's or the father's caste on to you. I think this is something extraordinarily regressive," she

In her speech on Monday, Pandit referred to the recent death

Rajasthan after he was allegedly assaulted by his upper-caste teacher. "Unfortunately, there are

of a nine-year-old Dalit boy in

many people who say caste was not based on birth, but today it is based on birth. If a Brahmin or any other caste is a cobbler, does he immediately become a Dalit? He doesn't.... I'm saying this because recently in Rajasthan, a young Dalit boy was beaten to death just because he touched the water didn't even drink, touched the water of an upper caste. Please understand, this is a question of human rights. How can we treat a fellow human being in such a way?" she said. Referring to Ambedkar's land-

mark "Annihilation of Caste", she said, "If Indian society wants to do well, annihilation of caste is extraordinarily important... I don't understand why we are so emotional of this identity that is very discriminatory, very unequal. And we are ready even to kill somebody to protect this so-called artificially constructed identity." Speaking about the intersec-

tion of caste and gender, she said, "If you are a woman and you come from the reserved categories, you are doubly marginalised. First, you are marginalised because you are a woman, then vou are marginalised because vou come from a so-called caste. which is given all kinds of stereotypes."

According to her, Buddhism proves the acceptance of dissent in "Indic civilisation".

"I think Buddhism is one of the greatest religions because it proves that the Indic civilisation accepts dissent, diversity and difference. Gautama the Buddha was the first dissenter against what we call Brahminical Hinduism. Please understand he

tory... we have a tradition revived by Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar," Pandit said. Pandit, who knows Telugu,

Tamil, Marathi, Hindi, Sanskrit and English, was earlier Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the Savitri Phule Pune University. This February, she was appointed as the first woman VC of JNU for a period of five years. Her areas of research include international relations, Asian studies, culture and foreign policy, conflict, violence and gender. Praful Patel

#### objection and you torpedo the

tournament, Mr Praful Patel is trying to torpedo the tournament. You try it also now. We will deal with you." He was responding to an as-

sertion from a counsel representing a state association that one or two states may have objections on the appointment of returning officers for the forthcoming elections to the Executive Council of AIFF after the court decided to dissolve the CoA. The exchange took place as

the bench, also comprising Justice AS Bopanna, was dictating its order on the appointment of returning officers. At this point, Senior Advocate Sankaranarayanan, representing the court-appointed CoA, urged Justice Chandrachud to add that

it is being done "with the consent of the state associations" Agreeing, Chandrachud added in the order that "there being no objection to their continuance by any of the contesting parties before this Court, including the member as-

States/Union Territories". The counsel, who had raised

sociations representing the

#### from FIFA and Asian Football Confederation (AFC), threatening a ban on India. Man held in Mumbai over

## SC issues notice to Gujarat on Teesta bail plea

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

THE SUPREME Court on Monday issued notice to the Gujarat government on a plea by Mumbaibased activist Teesta Setalvad seeking bail in a case of conspiracy and fabrication of evidence allegedly to frame high state functionaries over the 2002 Gujarat riots.

Issuing the notice to the Gujarat government, a bench presided by Justice UU Lalit said in its order that Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal assisted by Advocate



Aparna Bhat had "invited our attention to the contents of FIR...It is submitted that the allegations in the FIR are pure recitation of the proceedings which had happened and culminated in the judgement of this court and beyond such recitation, nothing has been alleged against the petitioner. It is further submitted that the petitioner was taken into custody on June 25, 2022, and since then has been in custody. The application for bail having been reiected, a fresh challenge was preferred in the HC, but the HC while issuing notice, made it returnable on September 19, 2022, and hence the present petition".

At the outset, Justice Lalit told Sibal that he as a lawyer was associated with the Sohrabuddin

Sheikh encounter case at one point of time and he doesn't know whether the petitioner had taken any stand in connection with those matters or not. "It is my duty to tell you that my involvement as a lawyer was involved at a particular point in time", Justice Lalit said, wondering if he should hear the case. Sibal. however, said. "We have

no issue at all". The bench, also comprising Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia, recorded the no-objection in its order before proceeding to hear the matter.

## **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

comments on Prophet

MUMBAI, AUGUST 22

POLICE IN Malad (east) on Sunday arrested a 30-year-old man who works as a real estate agent for allegedly making derogatory comments on the Prophet. The accused was produced before a magistrate court on Sunday and remanded to police custody for two days.

The complainant is a 37-yearold lawyer, Salim Choudhari, who

lives in Malad (east). He told the police that one of his acquaintances in the locality told him about his friend who had kept derogatory comments on the Prophet as his WhatsApp status.

Police registered an FIR under Section 295 A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage reli-gious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or reli-gious beliefs) and 67A (Punishment for publishing or transmitting of material containing sexually explicit act,) of the IT Act.

#### SIX DAYS TO GO

# Supertech demolition: Twin towers charged, explosives to be connected across floors

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NOIDA, AUGUST 22

WITH SIX days to go for Supertech twin towers' demolition, officials at Edifice Engineering said the process of charging the buildings. Apex and Ceyane, has been completed. The demolition is fixed for August 28 at 2.30 pm.

Mayur Mehta, project manager of the demolition at Edifice Engineering, the Mumbai-based firm overseeing the process, said, "Charging of both buildings is complete. What is left is the floor-to-floor connection of explosives in both towers, which will begin tomorrow (August 23) and will be completed day after tomorrow afternoon (August 24)." Additionally, debris generated from the demolition will be removed in a span of three months from the demolition date by Edifice Engineering, Mehta added.



The demolition is fixed for August 28, at 2.30 pm. Renuka Puri/Praveen Khanna

On the impact of the demolition on stray animals in the vicinity, Dr Avinash Tripathi, Officer on Special Duty (OSD), Industrial Department and Public Health Department-2, Noida Authority

-which includes Sector 93A, the location of the towers — said, "Any strays, including dogs, will be evacuated from the vicinity of the demolition site. This process will begin two days prior to the blast

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and we will ensure there are no strays until before the demolition begins. The strays will be taken to an animal shelter in Sector 94." Additionally, Supertech Ltd.

has submitted a structural au-

of now, strengthening of at least 52 columns in these towers is ongoing and will be completed by August 27, sources said. Further between August 23 and 25, crack gauges will be installed in these towers of

dit of towers in the nearby

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societies, which may possibly

be impacted by the blast, as

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Village. Source said crack gauges used to measure the width, depth and length of cracks, will be placed randomly pre-demolition to ascertain any adverse impact of the blast on the earmarked buildings, if any. If there are any changes in

the measurement of the cracks indicated by the gauges, then the CBRI may give suggestions for strengthening of the columns. However, it is also possible that there may be no significant changes in the cracks post blast as well, they added.

demolition for August 28 and Building Research Institute. As granted a bandwidth of seven days between August 29 to September 4 to take into account any marginal delay due to technical reasons or weather conditions, as requested by the Noida Authority.

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### 10-year-old dies in school

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Police said the incident took place at 8.20 am when the girl was walking to to class. Police said she felt dizzy and collapsed near the stairs. A police officer, said, "She was rushed to a hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival. We handed over the body to the family after a post-mortem. The cause of death will be known after the report is out. The family has not filed a complaint or alleged foul play." The girl's grand-father said, "She did not suffer from any health ailment... It is for police to probe if there was a delay in administering first-aid."

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In a condolence message, the school said, "The child was dropped off at school... but suddenly collapsed on her way to class. She was immediately given necessary medical support, first aid by the school and rushed to hospital immediately..." ENS

### Delhi govt rolls out three-year action plan for e-vehicle infra

New Delhi: The Delhi government, on completion of two years of its evehicle policy, released a three-year action plan to create a network of charging and battery swapping stations at the fourth Delhi EV forum. The transport department, for the first time, distributed 'Switch Delhi EV Awards' and felicitated stakeholders in the e-mobility sector.

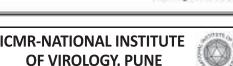
"The Delhi EV policy is among the best drafted and executed policies... We firmly believe Delhi's EV journey, with focus on 3 key levers of incentivisation, innovation, and inclusion, will go a long way towards strengthening EV ecosystem and accelerating transport decarbonisation...," said Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot.

'... Delhi has already emerged as India's first state where EV adoption rate has reached double digits, and is on par with... cities across the world," said DDCV-C Jasmine Shah. ENS



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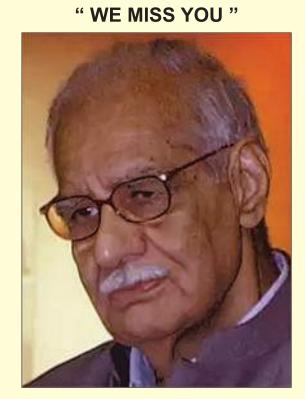
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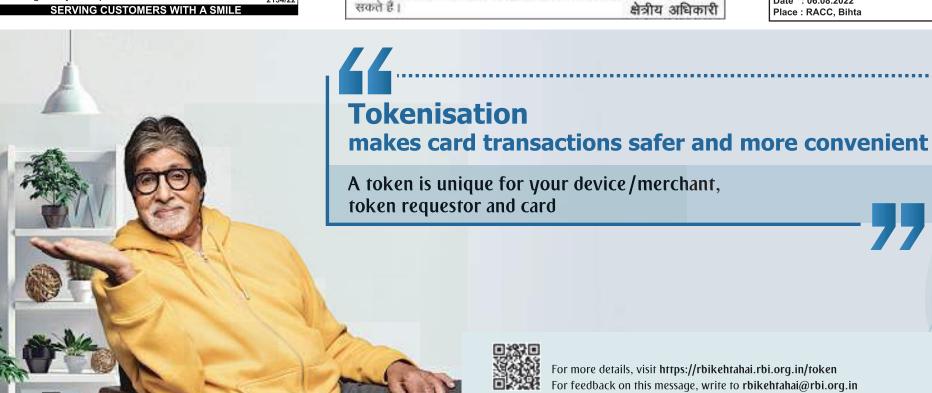
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**MALAVIKA PRASAD** 

GHAZIABAD, AUGUST 22

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy was appre-

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been asking the deceased to ac-

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they had gone to the

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nile) strangled the deceased,"

said Iraj Raja, Additional

Superintendent of Police

section 302 (murder) as well as

sections of the SC/ST (Prevention

of Atrocities) Act has been regis-

Police said an FIR under IPC

(Rural).

#### **ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE FOUND GUILTY: ADMIN**

# Protesting over fellowship delay, ABVP students, security guards clash at JNU

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

STUDENTS FROM the ABVP and members of the security staff at Jawaharlal Nehru University clashed on Monday afternoon, after students gathered at the scholarship section demanding the release of fellowships.

According to police, the incident took place when students staged a protest in the office and guards tried to remove them from there. "A few JNU students were demanding distribution of scholarships for students which has been pending on the JNU administration's end for the last two years. Students staged a protest at the administration office. When JNU security guards came and tried to remove protesting students, a scuffle broke out between students and guards on duty. We have received five complaints from JNU students and three MLCs reports of security guards from Safdarjung hospital. Appropriate legal action will be taken," said Manoj C, DCP (Southwest).

Videos of the incident show dozens of students and security staff alike crammed in the scholarship section office and shoving each other. In one video, the guards appear to be hitting the students. Students can be seen



Screen grabs of the incident

11.30 am. Security was called in and we were attacked around 12.30 pm. A glass door broke during this and students sustained injuries," he said.

However, the JNU students' union condemned the students involved in the incident. "The ABVP, time and again, has used violence as a tool to create ruckus within campus spaces rather than democratic deliberation of the issues...It is the JNU administration's shielding of the ABVP goons which has led to their growing impunity resulting in such repeated acts of vio-

According to the JNU administration, students had "barged" into the Students' and Project Section of the University, confining the staff to their seats and stalling work.

A statement by the Registrar

university were sent to the section to invite students for a dialogue, who refused. Stating that staff continued to be confined beyond I pm and that medical problems began to surface among some of them, the Registrar said university authorities asked unarmed security staff to get the staff released to avoid further escalation. "The moment unarmed security guards tried to enter the section, students started attacking them with chairs and smashing glass panes... some security staff members were badly hurt... Students were once again appealed to let the remaining staff members come out, but these students threatened security staff with dire consequences,' reads the statement.

It added that following this, students started attacking security guards who were found alone. "It may be underlined here that the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has already prohibited any dharna within 100-m radius of the administration building. But these students confined staff and attacked unarmed security staff within the administration building, which is clear violation of the orders...." reads the administration's statement. It states that "strict action will be taken against those found guilty of disrupting the academic environment...

# Girl raped,

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

A DAY after a 36-year-old butcher was arrested for allegedly kidnapping, raping and killing an eightyear-old girl, police claimed the accused planned the murder after the child found him and her mother in a 'compromising position'. Police are questioning the mother and probing her role.

The minor went missing from her home on August 4. She was found nearly two weeks later on August 18. Police said the girl's neck was slit and her face mutilated. The accused has been arrested for rape and murder.

According to police, the girl's father lodged a missing person's complaint. A search operation was conducted but the girl couldn't be found. On August 18, locals spotted the body. DCP (Central) Shweta Chauhan said, "During enguiry, the accused's name came up as he would regularly visit the area where the girl lived. We found he would give her toffee."

## Some teachers irked by JNU V-C's concerns on **CUET for PG admission**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

A SECTION of teachers at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has hit out against a statement by Vice-Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, that the university is appealing against the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) format, and has accused her of "colluding with agents of chaos".

In an Idea Exchange session at The Indian Express, the JNU V-C said the university has been appealing to the Centre to change the CUET format for postgraduate admissions. While saying that she supports the concept of a national test, she added that admissions to master's programmes could not be conducted through multiple choice questions tests, and the absence of qualitative testing would impact student intake. She also stated that there has been "major criticism" from the JNU faculty against this format.

Her statements have irked a section of JNU teachers - the Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers' Forum (JNUTF) – who stated that this is a political statement "aimed at achieving ulterior motives"

"This appeal has been made without any deliberation and has no empirical data to substantiate its claims and fails to drive the point home. It is not only a premature submission but also a sign that the JNU V-C has been appropriated by Marxist group of so-called intellectuals... She has become the spokesperson of a disruptive group of teachers against this flagship academic restructuring policy of the government," reads their statement.

The INUTF is a teachers' group that has distanced itself from JNU Teachers' Association and holds a pro-government

"It is unfortunate that without giving the new system of exami $nation\,a\,proper\,space\,and\,climate$ to flourish, the V-C is all set to follow a regressive trajectory and has started to lead JNU in the direction that is against preamble of NEP

## Heading back from party, 4 friends killed after bus rams into car

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** GURGAON, AUGUST 22

FOUR PERSONS died and one sustained injuries after a private bus allegedly hit a car near Khetawas village in Farrukhnagar area Monday, said police. According to police, the victims, all in their early 20s, were returning from a friend's birthday party at a farmhouse

Police said the incident took place around 6 am when a Baleno car, in which five people were travelling, was taking a U-turn near a petrol pump on Wazirabad-Farrukhnagar road. Police said that as the car took the turn, a bus allegedly rammed into it, and dragged it for a few metres before the car crashed into bushes.

Police said one side of the car was completely damaged and window panes were shattered. All five occupants of the car were rushed to hospitals, of whom four succumbed to injuries, said police. Jitender Kumar, SHO, Farrukhnagar police station, said, "The bus driver is yet to be arrested. An FIR has been registered, and a probe is on."

Police identified the deeased as Paras Batolar from Faridabad; Abhishek Chaudhary from Agra; Jaishnav Kakkar from Faridabad; and Avin Chaudhary from Mathura. The injured, Nitin Sangwan, a native of Faridabad is undergoing treatment.

An FIR was registered against the accused under IPC sections 279 (rash driving or riding on a public way), 304 A (death by negligence), 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others), said police.

In the police complaint, Paras's mother said: "Around 6 am, as they went towards Farrukhnagar and took a U-turn to the Gurgaon side, a bus hit the car from the left side. The bus driver abandoned the vehicle and fled."

Abhishek and Avin were close friends, who had been preparing for competitive exams. At the mortuary Monday, Abhishek's sister said he had told her a day betered. The 16-year-old has been sent to a juvenile justice centre,

The car in which the five

were travelling

fore that he will visit his friends for a group study session and a party as it was his friend's birthday.

The last I spoke to him, he had said the party plan had been cancelled. At 8 am today, when I called to check on him, he did not answer his phone. Later his landlord informed me he had been in an accident... He was preparing for MBA entrance exams (CAT). He had taken coaching for competitive exams but did not want to go for a government job. We spoke daily, and he would call me to discuss exam-related questions," said Parul, his sister,

before breaking down. Avin had come to Gurgaon this week, said his family. "During his graduation in Mathura, Avin and Abhishek became friends. They were like brothers. Avin was also preparing for exams, and looking for a job on the side," said

his elder brother, Dheerender. Paras had been working in sales at a private firm after graduating from Delhi University, said his friend, Shubhankar. "Since his father's death a few years ago, he was supporting the family. He is survived by his mother and younger sister...," he said.

In another incident, a finalvear MBBS student died after the car he was travelling in allegedly crashed into a stationary canter truck near Garhi Harsaru area Sunday, said police. Police identified the deceased as Sunny Kumar from Sonepat, who was studying at a private university in Gurgaon. A police officer, said, "The accused truck driver is yet to be arrested. A case has been registered."

#### **BRIEFLY** —

#### Man killed in Outer Delhi, 3 arrested

New Delhi: Three men were arrested in Outer District Monday on charges of murder. Police identified the accused as Mangolpuri residents Prashant (20), Abhishek (21), and Deepak (22), adding that the fourth accused was absconding. Police said a call was received at 11.20 pm Sunday. When the police reached the spot, they found that the victim, Krishan (21), had been stabbed multiple times. ENS

#### 189 dengue cases in city so far this year

New Delhi: Nearly 190 dengue cases have been recorded in Delhi so far this year, according to a civic body report released on Monday. According to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) report, the city recorded 23 dengue cases in January, 16 in February, 22 in March, 20 in April, 30 in May, 32 in June and 26 in July. Till August 20, Delhi had logged 189 dengue cases, the report said. PTI

## Scuffle at LBS hospital between patient's kin, guards, cross FIRs filed

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throwing files and documents at

the guards. In another video, a

group of students appear to be

chasing a guard outside the of-

fice and allegedly assaulting him.

leged that multiple students

were injured during the clash.

ABVP JNU secretary Umesh

Chandra said students had gone

to the finance office to enquire

about delayed release of fellow-

ships. "Around 20-30 of us had

gone. Students have not been

getting fellowships for many

months and we went to ask for

these... We went there at around

Members of the ABVP al-

A SCUFFLE broke out at Lal Bahadur Shastri hospital between a 22-year-old man and security staff over the former allegedly not being allowed to enter the premises with a friend to visit his mother.

In a purported video of the incident, which went viral on social media, a security staffer and a Delhi Police constable posted at the hospital are seen allegedly dragging and thrashing the man and his friend while a woman is screaming for help. Police said cross-complaints have been filed and cases are being registered against both parties.

Police claimed the men argued with the guards and allegedly attacked them. DCP (East) Priyanka Kashyap said, "A PCR call was made late at night. We found that a constable and a guard were assaulted by public persons. Initial enquiry revealed that a man along with his friend wanted to go inside the ward, but they were in an inebriated condition. The guards asked them to go one at a time, but the men argued and assaulted the guard and duty constable. They also damaged hospital property."

Hospital authorities, mean-

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tendants "behaved badly". "What we see in the video is one half of the story. We have CCTV footage and there were six attendants who got involved in a fight. The guards also retaliated in the heat of the moment... We are sensitising our staff and security guards on how they should handle patients and their attendants but at times, the attendants hehave badly and I was informed that the attendant in this matter

A case under sections of assault and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act has been registered against the two men. Based on the video and the 22year-old man's statement, a case is being registered against hospital guards as well, added

was drunk," said medical super-

intendent Dr Sanjay Aggrawal.

## killed: Cops investigating mother's role

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After raids, the accused was arrested. Police said he confessed to his crime and said he would often go to the area (where the minor lived). "He met the victim's mother... One day, the victim saw him in a compromising position with her mother, so he decided to eliminate her...," said the DCP.

## Two former excise officials named in **CBI FIR suspended**

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THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs Monday suspended former Delhi excise commissioner Arava Gopi Krishna and former Deputy excise commissioner Anand Kumar Tiwari, after they were named in the CBI FIR in the alleged scam in the formulation and implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22. Their suspension was recommended by L-G VK Saxena, after a vigilance report said both officers had allegedly worked to give undue benefits to liquor licencees in the city.

The CBI Monday questioned a liquor distributor and an alleged middleman in connection with its probe. Sources identified them as Sameer Mahendru, Managing Director of Indospirit Group, and Arun Ramchandra Pillay, a Karnataka resident accused of moving money.

On Sunday, the agency had opened lookout circulars (LoCs) against the two men among eight of those accused in the case. A total of 15 people and entities stand accused in the case including Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and top excise officials.

LoCs have been opened against Vijay Nair, CEO of event management company Only



THE PROBE into Delhi's liquor policy started with a report prepared by the Delhi Chief Secretary in July. The report alleged undue benefits, in the form of waivers among other things, were granted to liquor licencees. Based on this, the L-G recommended a CBI probe in the matter.

Much Louder; Amandeep Dhal, Director of Brindco Sales Pvt Ltd; Sameer Mahendru, Managing Director of Indospirit Group; Amit Arora, Director of Buddy Retail Pvt Ltd; Dinesh Arora, associated with Radha Industries; Sunny Marwah; authorised signatory of Mahadev Liquors; Arun Ramchandra Pillay, a Karnataka resident accused of moving money; and Arjun Pandey, an alleged middleman, Vijay Nair and Dinesh Arora are already said to be abroad.

CBI sources said the agency has also not opened an LoC against Manoj Rai, former employee of liquor giant Pernod Ricard. Rai in a public statement had said he was not absconding and would cooperate with the probe.

# After 10 days of strike, AIIMS agrees to

tometry students at AIIMS - and

an indefinite hunger strike by six students beginning Monday the hospital administration has agreed to their demands of a hostel facility. Paramedical students had gone on strike post the death of

first-year optometry student Abhishek Malviya. The student died on August 13 after suffering from Covid and swine flu at his Mahipalpur residence, said the AIIMS administration. His fellow students, however, alleged that Malviya would not have lost his life if he was a hostel student as he could have been provided an ambulance - which they claimed the hospital had denied to him. The hospital refused to comment on the claim.



At AIIMS on Monday. Abhinav Saha

On Monday evening, the AI-

IMS administration along with RP Centre chief Dr J S Tityal, Dean (Academics) Subrata Sinha, Hostel Superintendent Sandeep Aggrawal, and registrar Dr Sanjeev Lalwani held a meeting with student's association representatives to resolve the issue. It was decided that students will be allotted triple-sharing rooms on a payment basis on campus. Those on the waiting list will also be given the option of such accommodation at the hospital's National Cancer Institute in Jhajjar, with the facility for free transport to the main campus. This will be implemented in 15 days, as per the minutes of the meeting. The minutes also said showcause notices to students will be withdrawn, and attendance for the period of strike will be compensated by extra working hours.

The students, while starting their hunger strike, had said if anything happened to them, the

administration will be held responsible. "This is to bring into public notice that for the last 9 days, we, the paramedical students, are on a relay hunger strike, However, AIIMS administration is not ready to give assurance of our demands, therefore, six students namely: Azad Meena, Kamlesh Yadav, Preeti Vardhan, Neha Rai, Dileep Kumar Jat and Devraj are going on an indefinite hunger strike till our demands are assured and accepted," a press release said. Anurag Kumar, who was part

of the strike, said: "Nursing students get hostel accommodation from the very first day. But no hostel accommodation is provided to any paramedical student from optometry, MTR radiography or operation theatre. Our demand is very simple —hostel facilities for first-year students and freedom from discrimination by AIIMS administration officials."

## MSP, Lakhimpur Kheri case on agenda at farmers' meeting at Jantar Mantar

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FARMERS FROM several states gathered at Jantar Mantar Monday for a mahapachayat with a set of common demands, including that of a law to guarantee minimum support price (MSP). The unions that were at the

site gathered under the name of 'Samyukta Kisan Morcha (nonpolitical)', with farmers arriving from states including Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Odisha, Karnataka and Kerala. The SKM issued a statement

Monday distancing itself from the protest at Jantar Mantar. It said "a few farm unions who were part of SKM during farmers protest 2020-21 are organising this. Jagjeet Singh Dallewal of BKU (Bharatiya Kisan Union) Ekta Sidhupur, is leading the protest while rest of the farm unions and leaders are not a part of it".



Farmers came from Punjab, UP, Haryana, Odisha, Karnataka

Baldev Singh Sirsa of SKM (non-political) said, "Our demand was that MSP will be implemented through a law... We were also told cases filed against farmers will be withdrawn. which has not been done. We want justice for the Lakhimpur Kheri incident. Our demands are met only through agitation, why

is that? If the government does

not meet the demands, the protest will be intensified..." Shiv Kumar Kakka, national

president of the Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Mahasangh, and a part of the SKM (non-political), said. "People who had political ambitions put pressure on us (to withdraw the protest last year). If we had continued, we would have won the entire fight. But those who wanted to contest elections packed up and left... They abandoned the fight midway... they were people of political groups. They fought the polls and people of Punjab taught them a lesson." The farmers handed over a

memorandum with nine demands to Santosh Kumar Rai, district magistrate, New Delhi, "to be handed over to the President's office", according to Atamiit Singh. national coordinator, BKU (Asli) Leaders part of the protest will meet Tuesday to decide further course of action. Farmer leaders said those at-

tempting to reach the venue were stuck in some places. Dallewal said farmers coming into Delhi were stopped at Karnal bypass. The Delhi-Gurgaon highway too saw traffic jams. DCP (East) Priyanka Kashyap said some protesters were stopped at Ghazipur border, and were allowed to proceed to their destinations after due verification.

### provide hostels to optometry students **ANKITA UPADHYAY** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22 AFTER 10 days of strike by op-

# SERVING THE NATION, ONE SIP AT A TIME

A pioneer in providing mineral water for over 50 years, Bisleri literally defines the quality parameters in the industry to the extent that the brand is now synonymous with packaged drinking water

EVERYWHERE, AND A DROP TO DRINK," In Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem 'The Rime Of The Ancient Mariner', speaks about the woes of water. Two centuries later, we still feel the pinch of safe drinking water in our country.

A peninsular country, India is blessed with monsoon rains and numerous rivers. Yet, safe drinking water is still unavailable to most



of providing customers with safe,

pure and healthy mineral water

that though India has 18% of the ensuring the consumer gets the safest world's population, it has only mineral water. Ozonisation process 4% of water resources. As per the national sample survey, only 47% of urban households in India have individual water connections, and more than 50% of our districts have contaminated groundwater. Safe mineral water is an essential option In these circumstances.

Clean, fresh water is essential for maintaining a healthy body. The and healthy mineral water,

CDC (USA) notes that water is paramount for temperature regulation, lubrication of joints, protection of the spinal cord and sensitive tissues, and getting rid of waste by-products through perspiration, urination, and bowel movement. Thus, water

overall wellbeing.

Bisleri

The minerals added to packaged drinking water belp in building strong immunity. Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd has been the pioneer in providing mineral water for over 50 years, so much so that the term 'Bisleri' has become synonymous with packaged drinking water. Bisleri as a brand symbolises purity and trust that has been built over the decades.

Bisleri follows the highest standards for manufacturing and is the largest-selling mineral water in the country. The innovations by Bisiert have defined the quality parameters in the industry, Bisleri follows a scientifically advanced 10-stage purification process with two-stage purification,

WATER, of its populace. NPTI Aayog notes followed by 114 quality tests, is 50 times more powerful and 3,000 times faster than chlorination in killing bacteria and other microbes. Thus, drinking ozonised water helps increase the oxygen levels in the body, improving energy levels and boosting the immune system. Bisleri stands true to its promise of providing customers with safe, pure,

Bisleri has a strong presence with over manufacturing plants and a robust distribution network of nearly 4,000 distributors and 5,000 distribution trucks across India Strict quality control followed across state-of-the-

helps build immunity and assists in art manufacturing plants, ensuring customers are reassured of the quality standards. Bisleri offers a wide range appropriate for every consumption occasion. Besides being available in general stores and supermarkets, Bisleri mineral water is available across hotels and restaurants, offering a healthy supplement to that perfect meal.

> Building a circular economy in used plastic management, Bisleri International focuses on creating awareness and educating the citizens across housing societies, schools, slums, corporates, and HoReCa's thotels. restaurants, and cafés) through Its programme, \*Bottles for Change'. The model aims to create awareness by adopting best practices through a 3-stage process.



This includes cleaning the plastic, segregating it at the source, and handing it over directly for recycling, thus preventing used plastic from ending up in landfills.

Through these efforts, Bisleri International has been able to modify the behaviour of over 600,000 citizens across metros. The programme has collected over 6,500 tons of used 125 villages: plastic due to its continuous actions of creating a channel for recycling.

socially responsible organisation strongly believes in strengthening corporate citizenship by giving back to the community through its initiative, 'Project Nayi Umeed'. The project focuses on water conservation by building and restoring check dams. The programmewas developed to create reservoirs of

water that also helps to improve water tables in the nearby areas.

It has constructed and restored over 200 check dams across Guiarat and Maharashtra since 2001. The project has helped irrigate about 9,638 acres of land, turning barren land into fertile farms, and benefitted close to 12,000 families of farmers in over

All Bisleri manufacturing plants have a comprehensive rainwater harvesting system. It replenishes 1.08 litres of water for every litre it draws from the ground. Bislert has impacted lives positively. It continuously works towards helping the environment by resulting in a lower carbon footprint. But more importantly, it is building healthier and happier communities, which is its commitment to the nation.

#### **UNDERSTANDING** THE **DEMOGRAPHICS**

DESPITE BEING A
HYBRID EVENT (physical and online), World Water Week 2021 attracted a record 13,000 participants from 188 countries, demonstrating not only the great concern for the world's water but also a determination to change things for the better.

For the first time, women were in the majority with nearly 54% attendance, 70% of participants attended their first World Water Week and 38% of participants were under 35. The event saw a record number of attendees from Asia (21%) and Latin America Compared previous years, Europe had a shrinking presence (31%, down from 55%).

Over 2,000 participants shared their experiences after World Water Week 2021

- 90% represent NGO/civil society, academia/scientific research, as well as the public and private sector.
- · 78% are engaged in influencing how water is managed.
- 75% participate in the event to learn and network.
- 84% agree they will change their behavior towards water management based on what they learnt.
- 90% are interested in participating again.

## The Value Of Water

Over the next 10 days, the best minds in the world will congregate in Stockholm to initiate decisions, innovations, and investments in managing water resources better



ORLD WATER WEEK IS THE VALUE OF WATER FOR not just the leading annual conference on global water issues; it is also a powerful movement for change. Organised every year since 1991 by the Stockholm in tandem with various organisations from every region in the world, this from across the globe - and from the likes of which include research scientists, business representatives, students, NGOs, and various international organisations. Through a slew of sessions, seminars, and related challenges, such as poverty biodiversity loss, and the climate crisis.

World Water Week 2022 takes THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC place from 23 August to 1 September VALUE OF WATER theme is 'Seeing The Unseen: The that the world's freshwater is under unprecedented pressure from fastconsumption patterns. To address this global water crisis and climate chaos, how we value water. Revealing and understanding the value of water managing water better.

The sessions will help to uncover the overall theme, the sessions will be - footprints and their impacts on those grouped under three theme headings, ecosystems are better calculated,

#### PEOPLE AND DEVELOPMENT

At present, humankind varies widely in its attitudes to water. While some people think of it as a resource to be exploited for their International Water Institute (SIWI), benefit, others treasure it for its own inherent worth or as an object of spiritual or religious veneration. event is an important catalyst for Some want to derive political, change and attracts participants diplomatic, or military advantage from it. Some think water can be different professional backgrounds, owned, others that it is a universal public good. Many people don't think about it, they just take its continuing availability for granted. In short, all those people value water differently - or even not at workshops, solutions are developed all. Sessions focusing on this theme to address the planet's greatest water- will address how to reconcile the range of different valuations and competing uses of water.

in Stockholm, Sweden. This year's The political economy of water is complex. Increased water security Value Of Water'. It's a known fact reduces economic, social, and environmental risks. Increased collaboration over water between rising temperatures, populations, and neighbouring communities and countries, and between financiers and the different sectors of the economy, World Water Week 2022 will focus on serves the current and future needs of them all. Water and its wise management create benefits right will trigger much-needed decisions, across society. Just as every human innovations, and investments in activity has a carbon footprint, it also has a water footprint. To name The event will offer a platform for a few: food, manufactured goods, this important global conversation. power, transport, and environmental management all depend on water and water's full value to society. Within on natural ecosystems, If their water

understood, and valued they can be better sustained into the future. While financial pricing is important to understand, valuing goes beyond this and has a much broader scope,

#### THE VALUE OF WATER FOR NATURE AND CLIMATE

Within the observable universe, our planet is astonishingly rare in having a coating of water. The groundwater and surface water, oceans, and atmosphere, create an environment on which all life depends, but which itself is described by so many astronauts. as looking impossibly fragile. For the first time in our planet's history, one life-form - humankind - now has the power to affect that water environment for better or for worse. Understanding, valuing, and caring for water in all its forms will be essential for humankind's survival. Sessions focusing on this theme will discuss the societal benefits of investing in water management with its multiple benefits to wellbeing, the environment, and the economy.

The writing on the wall is there for everyone to see. Within a decade, we must rethink everything from how we grow food and generate energy to how we travel and use natural resources. This will require innovation on an epic scale and collaboration between people from all over the world with many different skills and backgrounds. Since all these transformations are closely linked to water, World Water Week has an important role to play as a meeting place for collaboration and learning.





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# 6 GOVT & POLITICS



#### **DELHI CONFIDENTIAL**



#### TRIBAL CONNECT

AS PART of Centre's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda earlier this month interacted virtually with the students of all 378 Eklavya schools meant for tribal children in the country, during which he exhorted the students to take up tree-plantation drives. While addressing the students, Munda also talked about the recent Presidential elections and the significance of Droupadi Murmu, a tribal, occupying country's top constitutional post. The Minister is considering to make such interactions with tribal students a regular feature.

#### NEXT STEP

A GROUP of officers from Maharashtra posted in the national capital and elsewhere will felicitate candidates from the state who cracked the civil services, at an event — 'pudhache paul' (meaning 'next step' in Marathi) — in New Delhi on Tuesday. It is learnt that the event is the brainchild of former diplomat Dnyaneshwar Mulay who is now a member of the National Human Rights Commission. Mulay, who used to personally guide aspiring civil servants from his state, had conceptualised the initiative four years back. This will the fourth edition.

#### FARE UNFAIR

THE SECOND 20-day Ramayan Yatra under the Bharat Gaurav scheme of the IRCTC was cancelled two days ahead of train's scheduled departure because of poor patronage. In the 600seat train, only 140 tickets had been sold. One of the reasons officials pointed out for the poor response was high ticket price. The operator has the full freedom to fix ticket price, taking into account all the costs it has to bear, including the money (a few crores of rupees, it is learnt) spent on sprucing up the train for the journey. The ticket for an AC-3 berth was turning out to be around Rs 3,500 per day, which many said was too much to be a blockbuster product.

#### 23RD CENTRAL ZONAL COUNCIL MEET

## 15 of 18 issues resolved, in LWE incidents

Home Minister Amit Shah

in Bhopal, Monday. PTI

being welcomed by Madhya

Pradesh CM Shivraj Chouhan

**DEMANDS BY STATES** 

Chhattisgarh: Solar plants in

aspirational districts; plant to

make ethanol from crop straw.

**Uttarakhand:** All-weather

roads to villages bordering

China; merger of seasonal

rivulets with glacier-fed

rivers; better facilities for

Uttar Pradesh: Better coor-

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**IRAM SIDDIQUE** BHOPAL, AUGUST 22

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be given for completion of work under PM Sadak Yoina in Bastar. He also urged Shah to waive pending dues of Rs 17,000 crore the state owes to the Centre. "It was pointed out that there has been a revision in the rule after which the due have gone down substantially. But as the matter was brought up, the rules will be re-

The Chhattisgarh government also discussed a plan to start a cargo hub in the state and the hurdles it faced with the Aviation Ministry. Senior officials said Shah agreed with Chhattigarah on the need for a cargo hub even if it was not immediately financially viable. Shah emphasised contribution of the four states in India's development and lauded work done by Chhattisgarh to control Leftwing extremism (LWE). He appreciated the progress in the agricul-

ture sector in Madhya Pradesh. Shah noted that LWE was at its peak in 2009 but has decreased substantially from 2,258 incidents in 2009 to 509 in 2021. In 2009, he said, 1,005 people died due to LWE but it was down to 147 in 2021.

"Of 30 issues were discussed in the last meeting of the central zonal council out of which 26 is-



Sena at meet; Sajad Lone stays away, says will wait for list before deciding stand

**NAVEED IQBAL** SRINAGAR, AUGUST 22

AN ALL-PARTY meeting held here over the revision of electoral rolls for Jammu and Kashmir,

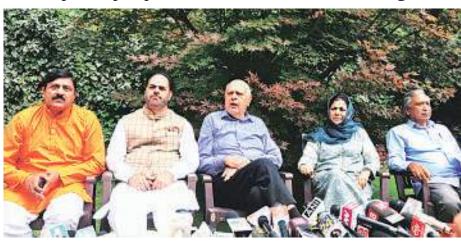
which has run into a controversy, resolved Monday that they would not allow any move to extend voting rights in the Union Territory to "non-locals". Leaders of nine parties across

the J&K regions participated in the meeting, held at National Conference president Farooq Abdullah's home, including the Shiv Sena, which was part of such a gathering in Kashmir for the first time. Besides Altaf Bukhari's Apni Party, seen as propped up by the Centre, Sajad Lone's People's Conference too was absent. Lone said at a press meet that he was willing to wait till the revision of electoral rolls was over, before deciding his mind.

Addressing the media after the meeting, Abdullah said with the provision of voting rights to people from outside J&K, "our identity could be wiped out". "The identity of a Dogra, Kashmiri, Pahari or Gujjar or a Sikh, everyone who resides here, will be wiped out in this manner. The Assembly will be in the hands of outsiders and the people of J&K will keep out of it. That is why it was important to call this meeting. We discussed the issue and have decided that we do not accept it (the revision of rolls)."

He added that in the coming month, J&K parties would invite national leaders to discuss matters pertaining to the UT.

In an announcement on the summary revision of rolls, the Chief Electoral Officer had said



(From left) Shiv Sena's Manish Sahni, Congress's Vikar Rasool, NC's Farooq Abdullah, PDP's Mehbooba Mufti and CPI(M)'s Mohammed Yousuf Tarigami in Srinagar, Monday. Shuaib Masoodi

that around 25 lakh voters were to be added, including those turning 18 since the last revision, and those "ordinarily residents" in the UT to whom voting rights would be extended. It is the first revision of electoral rolls in the UT since the abrogation of Article 370. Earlier, voters in J&K needed to have permanent residency certificates.

After parties alleged a bid to "import voters" and to change the state's demographics by the BJP government at the Centre, the J&K administration issued a notification saying the 25-lakh figure was "a misrepresentation of facts" and that the increase in numbers would largely be on account of enrolment of first-time voters.

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, apart from leaders of the Congress, CPI, CPM, Awami National Conference, JD(U) and Akali Dal (Mann), was present at the all-party meeting.

### How did Mufti contest LS polls from UP, asks BJP

**ARUN SHARMA** JAMMU, AUGUST 22

THE BJP on Monday slammed the parties raising the issue of enrolment of eligible "non-local" voters during summary revision of electoral rolls in J&K, and asked leader of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) and former CM Farooq Abdullah to explain how PDP leader and former CM of J&K, late Mufti Mohammad

Reminding PDP that after winning that election Mufti had become the Union Home Minister, BJP's J&K unit president Ravinder

Sayeed, had contested — and won

- the 1989 Lok Sabha election

from Muzaffarnagar in UP.

Raina said the two Lok Sabha polls Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad had won were both from Maharashtra — Azad had won from Washim in 1980 and 1985 – and asked Abdullah to explain this.

Raina said many people from J&K who live in other parts of the country have got themselves enrolled as voters there, after surrendering their vote in the UT. There are many people like refugees from Pakistan, Gorkhas and members of Valmiki Samaj who are residing in J&K for many years but are not enrolled as voters in the UT. he said. But following the changed Constitutional position, ECI has asked all those who are 18 and above, and are not registered as voters, to get themselves enrolled.

## Grain transportation tender scam: Punjab ex-minister arrested

**DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL** LUDHIANA, AUGUST 22

PUNJAB VIGILANCE Bureau Monday arrested Congress leader Bharat Bhushan Ashu over alleged irregularities in awarding contracts for transporting foodgrains on fake vehicle registration numbers during his tenure as food and civil supplies minister in the previous government.

The two-time MLA from Ludhiana West, Ashu was arrested from a salon in Ludhiana where he had gone for a haircut in the evening. The arrest came hours after the Punjab Congress 'presented" its leadership, including Ashu, before the Vigilance Bureau in Mohali saying it could detain any of them as it was "fed up" of allegations of corruption against its leaders by the Aam Aadmi Party government in state.

SSP, Vigilance (Ludhiana range) Ravinder Pal Singh Sandhu said that Ashu "has been arrested after thorough probe and verification of allegations". The SSP said the former minister's name has been added to the FIR in which Ashu's personal assistant (PA) Meenu Pankaj Malhotra and Rakesh Singla, the deputy director of the food and civil supplies department had already been booked. Both Malhotra and Singla are absconding.

Earlier, the Vigilance Bureau on August 16 had registered a case against the owner/partners of Gurdas Ram & Company, unnamed officers/officials of the state food and civil supplies department, and employees of concerned procurement agencies for allegedly committing irregularities in accepting labour, cartage and transportation tenders for



Congress leader Bharat Bhushan Ashu being arrested from a salon in Ludhiana, Monday. Express

grain markets in Ludhiana district. Vigilance sleuths on August 16 arrested a contractor, Telu Ram, of Udhanwal village in SBS Nagar. It also booked two other contractors Jagroop Singh and Sandeep Bhatia. The VB investigation found that at the time of submitting tenders for 2020-21 with regard to labour, cartage and transportation works in Ludhiana, the lists of vehicles submitted by the contractors contained registration numbers of scooters, motorcycles, and cars, which were not verified by concerned officials of the tender committee "due to criminal connivance with each other".

On Monday, the Vigilance Bureau said Telu Ram had revealed that he met Ashu through Meenv Malhotra for 2020-21 tenders. Malhotra told him to meet Singla chairman of departmental chief vigilance committee, who was acting on the ex-minister's directions.

**KANNUR VARSITY ROW** 

Kerala HC stays

# Shah points to decline

FROM WAIVER in pending dues nent in devolution of funds to states from the Centre, changes in National Social Assistance hub within the state — these were some of the demands from states in central India during the 23rd central council meeting chaired Shah in Bhopal on Monday.

Eighteen issues were discussed during the meeting, attended by Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami and Madhva Pradesh CM Shivrai Singh Chouhan, Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel joined the meeting virtually, their visit having been cancelled by bad weather.

Of 18 issues taken up for discussion, 15 were resolved, including the need for an cargo hub in

Baghel said more time should viewed again," an official said.

sues have been resolved. For the 14th meeting of standing committee on January 2022, out of 54 issues, 36 issues have already been resolved. Eighteen issues were discussed in today's meeting out of which 15 were resolved, which is a great achievement," said Shah, underscoring the importance of these meetings. Dhami stressed on the need to

cier-based rivers. He also urged the Centre for assistance in making arrangements for pilgrims coming for Char Dham vatra. He also sought assistance in developing all-weather roads in villages bordering China and improving

mobile connectivity in mountain

#### Cong reaches out to Anand Sharma day after he quit Himachal panel

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

A DAY after Anand Sharma resigned as chairman of the steering committee for Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections, the Congress leadership on Monday ned out to the ( a bid to placate him.

AICC general secretary incharge of organisation K C Venugopal spoke to him over phone and AICC in-charge of Himachal Pradesh Rajiv Shukla met him at the instance of Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Shukla drove to Sharma's residence after a meeting with Gandhi. He told Sharma that he as the in-charge had not deliberately sidelined or ignored him. Sources close to Sharma said he heard Shukla but did not give any assurance on taking back his resignation. Sources close to Sharma merely said his resignation is with the Congress president, Sharma, meanwhile, is set to begin a tour of Himachal from Wednesday.

downplayed Sharma's resignation and said he was not angry with the party.



inviting them to be part of the Congress' "Bharat jodo yatra" — its in recent times - beginning September 7, senior leader Rahul Gandhi today met several civil society groups and reiterated the reach-out message. Among those who attended the meeting were Aruna Roy and Yogendra Yadav.

worked with several civil society leaders, inducting many of them into the Sonia Gandhi-headed NAC, which was the brain behind many rights-based legislations of the UPA government. But its ties with a section of the civil society groups had turned frosty during the Anna Hazare movement.

## **ARUNA ROY, YOGENDRA YADAV AMONG ATTENDEES**

## Rahul meets civil society leaders, asks them to be part of Cong's 'Bharat yatra'

to civil society representatives,

The Congress had in the past

The outreach by the party hence is interesting. In 2019, Yadav had said that Congress needs to die so that the way for new politics may be cleared. Rahul joined the interaction in the afternoon after senior leader Digvijaya Singh



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi interacts with representatives of various civil society organisations during the Bharat Jodo Yatra conclave in New Delhi, Monday. PTI

gave a detailed presentation on the 3,500-kilometre vatra to the civil society groups.

Sources said a section of the civil society groups was apprehensive on joining a political programme but nevertheless decided to broadly engage with the yatra in various forms. "The participant organisations welcomed the decision of the yatra and expressed

their willingness to engage with it. It was decided that an appeal will be issued for larger engagement of various civil society groups, jan andolans and individuals," a state-

welcome this Bharat jodo yatra because this is the need of the hour. We have agreed to engage with it. Engagement can take many forms.

from the beginning till the end... someone will walk for one day, someone would go and welcome, ment issued by organisations said. someone would extend support... "There is a consensus that we forms will vary but we have agreed to engage with this yatra in a positive spirit." Yadav said after the interaction during which Rahul was asked many tough questions.

appointment of CPM leader's wife SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 22

IN AN interim order, the Kerala High Court on Monday stayed the appointment of Priya Varghese, wife of CPI(M) leader K retary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, as associate professor of Malayalam Department at University of Kannur.

Justice Devan Ramachandran impleaded the University Grants Commission(UGC) on a plea filed against the appointment and sought reply from the Governor as the Chancellor of universities in the state, the government, Kannur University vice-chancellor and others by August 31.

The court acted upon a petition moved by one Joseph Skaria, an applicant to the said post. who was the top scorer on various parameters, except in the interview. Skaria in his petition had pointed out that the University had violated the University Grants Commission (UGC) norms in appointing Priya Varghese. WITHPTIINPUTS

## In first meet, committee on MSP sets up sub-groups to discuss key issues

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

THE GOVERNMENT'S committee on the MSP (minimum support price), natural farming and crop diversification held its first meeting on Monday during which three internal sub-groups were formed to deliberate on the mandated topics.

The committee, headed by former Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agrawal, has 26 members, including the chairman, and three membership slots are kept for Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) that had rejected the committee and stayed away from the meeting.

Speaking to The Indian Express, an official said broad discussions were held on the committee's three-point agenda — the MSP. natural farming and crop diversification. This was the first meeting of the panel notified on July 18, 2022, and preliminary discussions were held, the official said.

Tasks before the panel

tasked to give suggestions on making minimum support price (MSP) more effective and transparent, how to give more autonomy to the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and measures to make it more scientific, to strengthen the agricultural marketing system, steps needed to promote natural farming, and crop diversification.

NOTIFIED ON July 18,

2022, the committee is

The official said during the meeting, it was decided to form internal informal groups on all three agenda points. The groups will overlap, he said.

was issued, the Agriculture Ministry tweeted, "During the first meeting of the committee, suggestions were made regarding programmes and plans for area expansion under Indian natural farming system through value-chain development and research for future requirements."

"Suggestions were also made regarding a systematic implementation of farmer-friendly alternative certification and marketing system for natural farming processes and products," the ministry tweeted. The ministry said suggestions were made on the development of a chain of laboratories for international coordination on methods and organic certification of the products produced to strengthen the value-chain development of natural farming.

As per the Agriculture Ministry's July 18 notification, the committee will give "suggestions to make available MSP to farmers by making the system more effective and transparent."

#### SP leader held in Moradabad for Bilkis Bano rally

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, AUGUST 22

MORADABAD POLICE on Monday arrested Samajwadi Party's city unit president Shane Alam for allegedly raising slogans against the country and Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a rally to protest against the release of 11 men convicted

in the Bilkis Bano gangrape case. Police have booked Alam (46) and three others under various IPC sections, including 153-A (promoting enmity between two groups), 147 (rioting) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention).

"Alam was produced before a court, which sent him to judicial custody," said Circle Officer (Moradabad) Mahesh Chandra Gautam, According to police, prohibitory orders were in place in the area and the SP leader had not taken permission to hold the "mashal" rally on Sunday.

New Delhi

### Sarma: Police verification, online registration must for imams from other states

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** GUWAHATI, AUGUST 22

In some cases, engagement can be

that someone would walk right

ASSAM CHIEF Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma Monday said the police would verify the identity of all imams (clerics) of the Muslim community who have come from outside the state.

Sarma's announcement follows a series of arrests of individuals allegedly linked with Al Qaeda-affiliated terror outfits in Bangladesh. Some of these include imams of mosques as well

as teachers of madrasas. "We have made a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) — if a new imam [from outside] comes to the village, the villagers should report it to the local police station, and the police will verify the identity," Sarma told reporters on Monday. He said a government portal would be made, on which imams and madrasa teachers would have to register themselves.



Himanta Biswa

Officials in the state's home and political department told The Indian Express that they were not aware of any such SOP yet.

Assam DGP Bhaskarjyoti Mahanta said a "master directory" of all madrasas in the state would he created. "We want to create a master directory of all madrasas in Assam. A tough job, as many of them are unregistered & unauthorised. Our objective - to prevent Anti-India, iihadi elements from utilizing madrasas for their nefarious fundamentalist purposes," the state police chief tweeted after meeting Maulana Abdul Qadir, Secretary, Tanzim Council.

## Sisodia should be given Bharat Ratna but is being hounded, says Kejriwal

AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 22

**DEFENDING HIS deputy Manish** Sisodia who was recently booked Investigation (CBI) in a case over alleged irregularities in the state's excise policy, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that a man who should have been given Bharat Ratna is instead being hounded by the Centre with

Kejriwal and Delhi Deputy CM Sisodia were in Ahmedabad on Monday as part of their two-day trip to Gujarat where they are expected to hold townhalls in Himmatnagar of Sabarkantha as well as in Bhavnagar.

Addressing a press conference with Sisodia by his side, Kejriwal said, "Such a man who should have been handed over the education system of the entire country, a man who performed a miracle in the past five years and made splendid government schools to improve the future of this country's children... you want to conduct CBI raid at such a man's house? Don't you feel ashamed? He should be given the Bharat

When asked about a recent

**KCR** daughter:

No role in Delhi



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy CM Manish Sisodia at a press conference in Ahmedabad, Monday. Nirmal Harindran

statement by Sisodia that people of Rajput community are unhappy the raids at his house, Kejriwal said, "People from all communities are angry over the manner in which Sisodia has been framed. Now he might be arrested over the next three-four days. What will happen after his arrest? The education system will be impacted. Who will benefit from all this? The whole case against him is fake. We will not let the work stop in his absence but it will get hampered for sure."

Defending the Delhi government's liquor policy stating that his party had to back out due to increasing pressure from central agencies and Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Kejriwal said, "There was a proposal to open 850 shops but we have permission to open only 350. The manner in which the central government was putting pressure on Delhi officials through central agencies and LG, officials refused to do auction for the new

When asked whether his party would retain the prohibition policy in Gujarat, Kejriwal vehemently supported it stating, "The prohibition policy will stay as it is in Gujarat but we will not do the business of illicit liquor. We will not do illicit liquor business worth Rs 10,000 crore and try to run our party like they are doing in

to join, offered to drop cases; party junks claim scendant of Maharana Pratap, I **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** am a Rajput. I will sacrifice my-

THREE DAYS after a CBI raid at his residence in connection with a case registered against him and several excise officers over alleged corruption in the rollout of Delhi's liquor policy, Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia on Monday claimed that the BJP had reached out and offered to

Sisodia says BJP asked him

drop all cases if he joined the BJP. BJP leaders accused Sisodia of fabrication. Stating that the cases against

NEW DELHI. AUGUST 22

him are "false", Sisodia claimed through tweets that BIP also offered to make him the party's chief ministerial candidate for Delhi, and added that he will "not bow in front of the corrupt and schemers".

The AAP leader tweeted [translated from Hindi]: "I have got a message from BJP — leave AAP and join BJP, we [purportedly BJP] will close all CBI/ED cases. My reply to BJP - I am a de-

self but will not bow in front of the corrupt and schemers. The cases against me are false. You can do whatever you want."

In another tweet, he stated. 'My message to the BIP on their offer to make me a CM candidate: @arvindkejriwal is my political guru, I will never betray him. I have not come to become CM, my dream is - every child in the country should get good education, only then will India become the number 1 nation. In the whole country, only Kejriwal-ji can do this work."

Reacting to Sisodia's claims, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said, "Sisodia-ji, there is no [one] challenging you in weaving fabricated stories. You have done all the politics you had to, now you should start working as a Bollywood script writer - you will do well in writing children's films."

**FULL REPORTS ON** www.indianexpress.com

## Sonowal focusses on bilateral ties, trade via Chabahar port

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

THE GOVERNMENT on Monday said India Ports & Global Limited (IPGL) will open offices in Tehran and Chabahar to promote trade and transit through the strategically important Chabahar port in

The announcement was made after Union Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Monday called on Iran's Vice President, Mohammad Mokhber, in Tehran and reiterated commitment to strengthen the bilateral relations, according to an official statement.

The statement said the two sides signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on recognition of certificates of competency in unlimited voyages to help seafarers from both countries as per provisions of International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch Keeping for Seafarers.

It said India Ports & Global Company (IPGL) will open offices in Tehran and Chabahar to promote trade and transit via Chabahar port.

According to the statement, while Mokhber noted that development of Chabahar port will lead to increase in trade and shipment volume, Sonowal un-



Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal calls on Iran Vice President Mohammad Mokhber in Tehran. PTI

derscored the importance for both sides to collaborate on further steps to be taken to make Chabahar an instrument for regional growth in trade shipment.

"Extremely pleased to meet...Mr Mohammad Mokhber, where we discussed ways and means to further strengthen and consolidate the vibrant Indo-Iranian bilateral relations. We continue to strengthen our dynamic relationship with Iran," the statement said, quoting Sonowal.

Chabahar's role as a trade multiplier for the region was highlighted by Sonowal at the meeting, as the port's potential to act as a swift, economical trade conduit between Central Asia

and South Asia, even South East Asia, remains to be tapped, it said.

Since IPGPL assumed operations of Shahid Beheshti Port at Chabahar, it has handled more than 4.8 million tonnes of cargo.

In 2020, India supplied 7,50,00 tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan as part of humanitarian assistance programme to Iran via Chabahar port in a concerted effort to mitigate locust threat to agriculture and en-

hance food security in the region. Sonowal is on a three-day official trip to Iran. Following his Iran visit, he will be on a day-long official visit to the UAE, where he will visit Jebel Ali port and participate in bilateral meetings and

an investors' meet.

#### Independent judiciary key to democracy: Dhankhar sponded to request from India. Dhankhar said the felicitation

**SREENIVAS JANYALA** HYDERABAD, AUGUST 22

liquor policy

THE DELHI excise policy row is now reverberating in Telangana, a state that the BJP is trying hard

to make inroads into, ahead of

the Assembly elections. On Monday, K Kavitha, the MLC daughter of Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao, dismissed the BJP allegations that she had a role in deciding the AAP-led

Delhi government's liquor policy. "These allegations are baseless. The Centre has all the agencies in its hands and they can investigate all they want. These allegations will remain that only - allegations," Kavitha said, adding the BJP is rattled because of her father's popularity. "He is a vocal critic of the BJP government and

has been speaking out against it...' Telangana Excise and Prohibition Minister V Srinivas Goud said, "We do not give licences just like that to anyone... I am not aware what the controversy is all about.

ASTHE education sector continues to evolve on the back of the roll-out of the National

Education Policy, Santhosh Viswanathan, managing director, sales, marketing, and com-

munications group, Intel India, talks about the

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exchange ideas – all while staying

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importance of technology to fuel growth. Can you elaborate on Intel's initia-

**EdTech industry?** 

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

A FAIR and independent judiciary is the safest guarantee of democratic values, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said on Monday.

"Spinally strong, fair and independent justice system is safest guarantee to blossoming and flourishing of democratic values." Dhankhar said while addressing a felicitation hosted for him by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA).

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Law Minister Kiren Rijiju were among those who attended it. Former CJIRM Lodha and former SC judge G S Singhvi, both from Rajasthan HC, were also present

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YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU, AUGUST 22

THE RECRUITMENT of Gorkhas in the Indian Army, first time after the launch of Agniveer scheme, has become uncertain as the

Nepal government has not yet re-

The process that was scheduled to begin from August 25

and conclude in a month's time in five different centres may not start because of this.

"We have not received any instructions from our government," official sources from Pokhara and Dharan, two major recruitment centers told ENS.

"We have not heard any thing from the government and as such we are confused whether we can go forward with the recruitment scheduled from September 19 to 28," sources in the Dharan pension camp said.





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E-Bids are invited for licensing shops/sites/activities at various Complexes of Haryana Tourism corporation ltd. The e-auction will be held on 09th September, 2022 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Last date for submission of documents are 07th September, 2022. For enquiry please contact concerned DDO of the complex.

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#### Rahul should be Cong chief: Gehlot

**SALUTE THE SOLDIER** 

Jaipur: Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot on Monday said that if Rahul Gandhi is not made the party president, then it will lead to "disappointment among Congress workers across the

CAPT NIRMAL

**SIVARAJAN** 

Last date/Time of

Date and time of

C-1038

1. Name of the work

4. Period of completion

5. Class of Contractor

6. Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal

10. The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only

Name of Work

Construction of Pre-Fabricated /Pre-Engineered PHC building

at Baridhar with light gauge steel frame structure (LGSF)

Technology including water supply and sanitary fittings etc.)

4. Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender document

Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid

Scanned copy of PAN /GST No. & Income Tax clearance certificate.

4. Tender details:- The tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 cover.

Cover 1 (A) Original demand draft towards the cost of bid documents.

time of opening of bids, falling which the bid will be declared non responsive.

(Scanned copies) otherwise tender will summarily be rejected.

Scanned copy of Affidavit regarding genuineness and correctness of document attached

Class of contractor as per HPPWD Norms is exempted as it being a specialized work.

Cover 1: Shall contain scanned copies of all Technical Documents/ Eligibility Criteria.

Cover 2: Shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid" where contractor will quote his rates for each item. 5. Submission of original documents:- The bidders are required to submit bids in two separate covers.

(3)1/2020-1 dated-7-10-2021 negotiation for above & below will be applicable

Scanned copy of work done certificate of similar nature work.

7. Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal 8. Date & time of opening of technical bids

Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid

2. Types of Bid

2. Key dates:-

Date of online publication

3. Terms and conditions:-

2. Document Download start and End date

followed by opening of Financial Bid

irrespective of class since it is a specialized.

Scanned copy of Earnest Money and Cost of Form.

Bid submission start and End date

opening of tender

pload of tenders

home and we will suffer. He (Rahul Gandhi) should understand the sentiments of the common Congress workers across the country and he himself should accept this post," Gehlot said while talking to journalists "Many people will sit at in Jaipur on Monday."

04.11.1991 TO 17.08-2022 Fraternity of Army Educational Corps expresses profound grief on the sad and untimely demise of Capt Nirmal Sivarajan. He will always be remembered for his selfless and dedicated service to the Corps. We pray to the Almighty to bless eternal peace to the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family.

Maj Gen R Putariunam Addl DG AE and **All Ranks of Army Educational Corps** 

#### REMEMBRANCE 5045072 RFN RAM BAHADUR THAPA

#### **23 AUG**

On this day 5045072 Rfn Ram Bahadur Thapa of 5/1 Gorkha Rifles made the supreme sacrifice during 'OP RAKSHAK', Jammu and Kashmir in Aug 1998 in a true act of valour and courage. The brave soldier will always be remembered for his enthusiasm. To this brave heart we pledge that we shall always be guided by his immortal spirit

CO AND ALL RANKS, 5/1 GORKHA RIFLES

#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY** The Chief Administrative Officer/Const/Northern Railway, Kashmere Gate, Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites EPC e-tender under Two Packet Syste or the under noted work: Development/Re-Development/Major Upgradation of Ghaziabad Railway Station of Delhi Division of Northern Railways Approx. Cost of work Rs. 318,44 Crores Completion period 30 Months Earnest Money to Rs. 1,59,22,100.00 e deposited Sale/availability of Tender documents will be available on IREPS web ender document on site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 20.08.2022 to 28.09.2022 Rly. Website upto 11:30 hrs 02.09.2022 at 11.30 hrs at CAO/C office, N. Rly. K. Gate Pre Bid Conference

Board of the above office Tender Notice No. 74-W-4-1-457-WA-S.E.Rd-II Dated:-20-08-2022 2146/22 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

28.09.2022 upto 11.30 hours. Tender documents can be

The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WATCO.

Ground Floor, Unnati Bhawan,

H.B. Colony, Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar-751007, Odisha, India

Telefax:- +91-674-2391444 E-mail: mail@watcoodisha.in/ md@watcoodisha.in

Bid Identification No. WATCO (W) - 19/2022-23 Dtd. 17.08.2022

WATCO No. 3675 Date: 17.08.2022

Rs. 620.89 Lakh

Manufacturer

**GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH** 

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** 

**E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE** 

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** 

The Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, H.P PWD. Kullu on behalf of Governor Himachal Pradesh invites

the items rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of following work from the Manufactures or their

authorized dealer of Light Gauge Steel Fabrication (LGSF) Technology or who have already execute the similar

Bidders documents can be downloaded from the Website Http:// hp tenders govt. in. The document download from the

Scanned copy for only those can participate having certificate of manufacturer /authorized dealer of Manufacturer

As per new guidelines issued by Special Secretary (PW) to the Govt. of H.P Shimla vide order No. PBW(B)A

The details of cost of documents, EMD specified in the tender documents should be the same as submitted online

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays

due to system failure or beyond its control Even though the system will attempt to notice the bidders of any updates,

the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender and the undersigned has the right to accept /reject the

**Executive Engineer,** 

Mechanical Division.

HP PWD Kullu-175101.

Ph: 01902-222052, E-mail: eems-kul-hp@nic.in

site should not be tempered, and if any such tempering is detected before or after the opening of bids, the bidders shall be

Other terms & condition shall remain unchanged same as given in the bid document which can be seen on the website

3 (Three calendar) Months

Double Cover (Technical & Financial)

CEO, WATCO Telefax:- 0674-2391444. E-mail: mail@watcoodisha.in md@wa

Estimated

1.45.42.363.00 2.90.900.00

24-8-2022 at 11.00 AM

31-8-2022 up to 5.00 PM

1-9-2022 at 11.00 AM

"Procurement of ISI marked DI K-7, K-9 secket & spigot pressure pipes conforming to IS:8329 and its subsequentamendments and ISI marked rubber gaskets (IS:5382) for push-on type flexible joints of DI pipes of different diameters for different DFT zones of BBSR.."

**INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)** 

uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site w.e.f.

14.09.2022 to 28.09.2022.

28.09.2022 at 11:30 hours

### Lawyer held for 'stalking' woman judge in Hamirpur

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, AUGUST 22

THE HAMIRPUR police on Monday arrested a 35-year-old practising lawyer for allegedly stalking a woman judge and passing inappropriate comments against her.

The complainant, a civil judge, said the lawyer used to stalk her when she went for a evening walk and also stared at her when at work.

On the basis of her complaint, the police on Friday had registered an FIR against the lawver under IPC sections 354-D (stalking) and 354-C

Hamirpur SP Shubham Patel said the lawyer was produced in

a local court which sent him to judicial custody. In her complaint to the police, the judge had alleged that the lawyer ogled at her through

her chamber and it made her feel uncomfortable She also claimed that he had passed objectionable remarks

a gap between the wall behind

Earlier, before the lawyer's arrest, Hamirpur ASP Anoop Kumar said the police were collecting evidence against the accused based on the woman judge's complaint

#### Rajasthan State Ganganagar Sugar Mills Limited 4th Floor, Nehru Sahkar Bhawan, Bhawani Singh Road, Jaipur Tel No.: 0141-2740841 Fax: 0141-2740676 E-mail Id: Dgmpurchase.rsgsr NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Bids for labels (adhesiv invited from interested bidde up to 6.00 p.m. of 12.09.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on th procurement portal (<u>http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in</u>, and http://sppp.raiasthan.gov.in) of the state; and departmental website http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.iii/ or the state, http://rajexcise.gov.in/. UBN-GSM2223GLRC00092 Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

OPEN TENDER NOTICE
he Sr. Divisional Engineer/C, Northern Railway, DRM Office, Delhi Division, Sta
intry Road, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India Invit
ealed onen electronic-tenders for under noted work:-

sea	led open electronic-tender	rs for under note	ed work:-		
S. Vo.	Name of work	Approximate cost of work	Earnest money to be deposited	Completion period	Date of opening
1.	Supplying, stacking & loading of 30000 cum, 65 mm gauge stone ballast (machine crushed) into Railway Wagons including all lead & lift at ballast sub depot No.4 at SSB (Cost is inclusive of all taxes).	Rs. 3,86,60,400/-	Rs. 3,43,300/-	10 Months	16.09.2022
2.	AT Welding of avoidable joints & removal of DFWR over DLI division. (Cost is inclusive of GST).	Rs. 3,04,39,907/-	Rs. 3,02,200/-	12 Months	16.09.2022

The e-tender is to be submit throgh railway website 'http: ireps.gov.in' The tenders can be submit on website up to 15:00 hrs. on 16.09.2022 and shall be opened there after. No: 128-W/Sr.DEN-C/NIT-7A-7B/2022-23-WC Date: 22.08.2022 2143/22

WATCO

Sd/- (CEO) WATCO

Three

Months

Cost of RFP

**Earnest Money** 

Deposit

(E.M.D.)

OIPR- 13194/11/0044/2223

Document

5000.00

Security

24-8-2022 at 11.00 AM 30-8-2022 till 5:00 PM

24-8-2022 at 11.00 AM 30-8-2022 till 5:00 PM

#### SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

## British High Commissioner listening, Jharkhand village shares its problems

British High Commissioner to India Alexander Ellis with a

THE CHODAVARAM COOPERATIVE SUGARS LIMITED, GOVADA. Chodavaram ( M), Anakapalli Dist. A.P. Email : <u>ccslgovada@yahoo.com</u> Contact : Managing Director : 77024 92222/ 99089 52222

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE** The Chodavaram Cooperative Sugars Ltd., Govada is proposed to

procure second hand Robert type evaporator bodies of 1800 SQM @ Rs.43,00,000/-, 1600 SQM @ Rs.38,00,000/-, 1200 SQM @

Rs.29,00,000/-. In this connection, if any suppliers would like to

supply the same less than the prices mentioned in good condition

and if any other objections / Views / comments may contact us or

**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement system)

Assistant Materials Manager, Northern Railway, DSL, Store, Depot Shakurbasti, Delhi-110034, for and on behalf of the President of India invite:

e-tender through e-procurement system for supply of the following item.

**Brief Description** 

based Fire detection and suppression

system as per technical requiremen

viate distress migration.

With CM Hemant Soren, he is

scheduled to launch a new tool

JHAR-CRISP - funded and formu-

lated by UK agencies – in Ranchi

The tool is a mobile and web-

based Geographical Information

System (GIS) to support planning,

implementation and monitoring

of the MGNREGA scheme. The

tool, currently operational in some

other states, will be employed in

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dated: 20.08.2022

92 Sets 09.09.2022

Time

group of villagers in Khunti district. Abhishek Angad

future, in particular to the effects

of climate change on rains and

water. This can reduce the pres-

sures on migration which, just like

in any country, is strong when cli-

to 'gain insights' on how climate

change is impacting the lives and

livelihoods of villagers and tribal

communities, and how schemes

such as MGNREGA can help alle-

Ellis and Low are in Jharkhand

mate change takes place."

#### **ABHISHEK ANGAD**

KHUNTI (JHARKHAND), AUGUST 22

AT GOILKERA, a remote village in Iharkhand's Khunti district, villagers flocked around British High Commissioner to India Alexander Ellis, and flooded him with complaints ranging from lack of electricity, few teachers in schools to poor implementation of the job-guarantee scheme.

Sitting cross-legged with his deputy Nicholas Low and senior state government officials, including Khunti Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan, Ellis was all ears to their way of life for well over an hour, and addressed them towards the end in broken Hindi. "This is my first time in an Indian countryside...We are working with the government to support the livelihoods of these villagers to make sure they are ready for the

SIGNALLING WORK Sig 09 of 2022-23 DRM/S and Tacting fo and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. DRM-SnT-ADI-Sig 09 of 2022-23 closing date 15.09.2022, 15:00 Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. (1) Name of work: Provision o outsourcing of the part supply of signaling material, installation, testing and commissioning in connection with work for repair and maintenance o outdoor signaling gears of Sabarmati Dhragandhra(Ex) section in Ahmedabac Division. **(2) Estimated Cost of work** : ₹ 1,07,98,608.62/- (₹ One Crore Seven Lakh Ninety Eight Thousands Six Hundred Eight Rupees and Sixty Two Paisa only) **(3)** Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ 2,04,000/- (₹ Two Lakh Four Thousands only) (4) Date and time of closing: Not later than 15:00 Hrs of 15.09.2022 (5) Date and time of Opening of Tender: Opening on 15.09.2022 at 15:30 Hrs. (6) Website of E-Tendering: www.ireps.gov.in

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#### **CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NO. WR-TPI-1-2022**

In connection to Tender No. WR-TPI-1-2022 published on Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) website i.e., www.ireps.gov.in or 14.06.2022, following amendment in Tender closing date is issued with

Tender No.	Closing Date	Description of work
WR-TPI-1-2022	02.09.2022	Engagement of Third-Party Inspection Agencies for Goods Procurement in Indian Railways.

For any further information/clarification please contact: Dv Chief Materials Manager (Chg), Western Railway, Telephone No. 9004490765,

### specified as per RDSO spec no

or before 30.08.2022.

RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0192-2018 (Rev-1) for electrical, cubicles, traction convertors etc. of Vande Bhara Express to be executed through firms approved under the RDSO approved sources:- One set will consist of 2 canisters of 100 gms each with 02 Nos sensors including wiring, brackets or any other accessories required

for successful Installation an

commissioning' Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.

<u>TENDER NOTICE</u> Tender Notice No- 42225082A/DSL/SSB/2022

01 42225082A "Supply and Installation of Aerosol

### SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

five districts to begin with. PHIA Foundation, an NGO which works on rural distress and livelihood, is the implementation partner. Goilkera, under Dahu Panchavat of Rani block, is a remote village with a population of around 500 belonging to the Munda tribe. Most villagers are

engaged in agriculture, wage labour and minor forest produce. Xavier Horo, a psychology graduate, who works as a farmer in his village Goir under Sade Panchayat, 15 kilometres from Goilkera, complained that electricity didn't reach his village despite several applications, "There is no electricity in my village and we are also not getting kerosene oil under the PDS; how do we educate our children under these conditions? We don't even get mobile network reception, so how do we enable online education for our children." To this, Ranjan said

ensure a transformer is installed. Jeevan Jairam Kaldona, who works as an insurance agent and claims to be a social activist, told the gathering there were just two teachers for 150 students in Goilkera Upgraded Middle School. "Most days, one of the teachers is busy with preparation of the electoral rolls. This is worrisome. If good education is given to our children, then there will be employment which will stop distress migration," he said.

an application to the DC office will

Another villager, Marshal Munda, who spoke in Mundari language (translated to English for the High Commissioner) said students complete college education but don't get jobs. MGN-REGA implementation was a big concern for many. Kaldona said,

**FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

#### S.E.RAILWAY - CORRIGENDUM

#### Corrigendum

SRCDOTATA-22-23-03, dated 16.08.2022 published earlier by Sr. CDO/Tatanaga S.E.Railway. In the above tender, (1) Bio Security should be read as ₹ 3,51,000 instead of ₹ 3,51,100/-. (2) Date and tlm of closing of Tender should be read as 06.09.2022 at 15.00 hrs. instead of 05.09 2022 at 15.00 hrs. for both Tender Notice Nos. (i) SRCDOTATA-22-23-02, dated 16.08.2022 & (ii) SRCDOTATA-22-23-03 dated 16.08.2022. All other terms &

itions remain unchanged.
(PR-501/C)

#### **Moradabad Municipal Corporation** Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad-244001 (U.P.)

#### **E-Procurement Tender Notice** Ref. No: 123/Ex. Eng./Env./NNM/2022-23

**Tender reference**: 87/Ex. Eng./Env./ NNM/2022-23 Date 29.06.2022 "Design, Supply, Construction, Installation & implementation of Name of Work/ 100 TPD Construction and Demolition waste processing plant with Description of Operation & Maintenance of Ten years period in Moradabad City (Ú.P.) on EPC Contract mode" Non-refundable/Non-adjustable fee of INR 6,000/-+18%

GST=7,080/-(INR Seven Thousand Eighty Only). The payments to be made in the form of RTGS/NEF from any nationalised bank to the account details as mentioned below:

Bank of Baroda Beneficiary Name: NAGAR NIGAM MORADABAD E-TENDERING, A/c No - 27050100020717, IFS code BARB0LYMOR (5th Character is Zero) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Refundable amount of Rs. 5,33,000.00 (Five Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Rupee Only)

The payments to be made in the form of RTGS/NEFT/FDR/ NSC/ Bank Guarantee from any nationalized bank/Scheduled bank of India in favour of the "Municipal Commissioner, Moradabac Municipal Corporation, Moradabad" payable at 'Moradabad'

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Governmen of Uttar Pradesh e-Procurement Portal <a href="https://etender.up.nic.in">https://etender.up.nic.in</a> from 23/08/2022 at 10:00 Hours (IST) onwards. Online bids are invited for the following works up to 29/08/2022 at 16:00 hours. Technical Bid will be opened on same day at 17:00 hours at Office of the Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Pili Kothi, Moradabad.

For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visi the above mentioned portal.

NOTE:- 1- All eligible/interested consultants are mandated to get enrolled or e-Procurement portal (https://etender.up.nic.in)

2- Contractor can contact Help Desk for any clarification of their doubts

regarding the process of Electronic Procurement System.

(Rajeev Kumar Rathi) Ex. Eng./Environment Engineer Nagar Nigam Moradabad

## <del>ई-निविदा सूचना</del>

उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान की ओर से केन्द्रीय भण्डार, देहरादून द्वारा निम्न कार्यों हेतु ई–निविदा, टू–बिड सिस्टम (तकनीकी बिड एवं कार्मिशियल बिड) आधार पर निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

नेविदा सं.	धरोहर धनराशि रू.	ई-निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की तिथि एवं समय	अपलोड करने की प्रारंभ एवं अंतिम	क्रं.सं. ७ अनुसार मूल पणन विभाग में जमा	तकनीकी बिड खोले जाने की तिथि एवं समय	वधता	सशोधन

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25.08.2022

अर्हता:– Only manufacturers of ISI marked Malleable galvanized iron fittings & special having BIS license for IS: 1879:1987 revised as IS: 1879:2010 for supply of Malleable galvanized iron fittings & specials are allowed to take part in this tender

वार्षिक दर अनुबन्ध पर, ISI marked, G.M. Gate Valve Class-1 with hand wheel conforming

to IS: 778/1984 (Reaffirmed 2000) for water works purpose की आपूर्ति I 25.08.2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 07.09.2022 trom 11:00 a.m. to 07.09.2022 upto 5:00 p.m.

778/1984 for supply of G.M. Gate Valve are allowed to take part in this tender. वार्षिक दर अनुबन्ध पर, Supply of Reagents suitable for qualitative analysis of total coliform, fecal coliforms & E-Coli in water working on Qunti tray sealer and UV Cabinet

अर्हता:– Only manufacturers of ISI marked, G.M. Gate Valve having BIS license for IS:

at 365 mm wavelength and supply and installation of Colilert Kit at departmental water quality testing laboratories कार्य l 25.08.2022 from 07.09.2022 08.09.2022 11:00 a.m. to 07:09:2022 upto 5:00 p.m. 1,97,000.00 5:00 p.m

अहेता:– Only manufacturer of Reagents and Colilert Kits or agency authorised by

manufacturer are allowed to take part in this tender. ई–निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त जानकारियां व शर्तें उत्तराखण्ड की वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in एट विभागीय वैबसाईट http://ujs.uk.gov.in पर ऑन लाइन देखी ∕ प्राप्त की जा सकती हैं।

30.08.202



### कृषि विभाग

#### राज्य एवं राष्ट्रीय स्तर के सभी कृषि यंत्र निर्माता कम्पनियों

#### के लिए आवश्यक सूचना कृषि विभाग, बिहार सरकार द्वारा कृषि यांत्रिकरण (राज्य योजना) अन्तर्गत

कृषकों के प्रोत्साहन हेतु 14 (चौदह) नये कृषि यंत्रों यथा**— (i)** Rotary Slasher (Above 35 BHP T/D) (ii) Paddy Straw Chopper (Above 35 BHP T/D), (iii) Alluminium Ladder (3 Meter & Above), (iv) Briquette Making Machine (Minimum 100 kg/hr Capacity), (v) Solar Power Artificial Intelligent Pest Control Traps, (vi) Flour Mill (Electric Motor Operated 3 Hp & oove), **(vii)** Hand Cranked Improved Chakki Machine, **(viii)** Sugarcane Seed Trea Device (Capacity 3000 Sugarcane Butts/30 minutes), (ix) Sugarcane Seedling Transplanter, (x) Tractor Mounted Sprayer (Capacity 1000 L), (xi) Bud Chipper (Manual), (xii) Sugarcane Crusher (15 Hp & Above), (xiii) Chisel Plough (5-7 Tyne), (xiv) Solar Driers (Capacity 50 Kg & Above) को अनुदानित कार्यक्रम में शामिल किया गया है। अतः राज्य एवं राष्ट्रीय स्तर के सभी कृषि यंत्र निर्माता कम्पनियों को एतद्

द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि अगर वे उपरोक्त यंत्रों का निर्माण करते है तो भारत सरकार के मान्यता प्राप्त परीक्षण संस्थानों (यथा– FMTTI's /SAU's/BIS) से यंत्रों की जाँच कराकर उक्त यंत्रों के मेक / मॉडल को बिहार सरकार, कृषि विभाग के विभागीय वेबसाईट www.farmech.bih.nic.in (OFMAS Portal) पर पंजीकरण / सूचीबद्धता हेतु ऑनलाईन आवेदन करते हुए संबंधित चेक लिस्ट के अनुसार अभिलेखों की हार्ड कॉपी संयुक्त निदेशक (कृषि अभियंत्रण) बिहार, पटना के कृषि भवन, मीठापुर, पटना स्थित कार्यालय में समर्पित किया जाय।

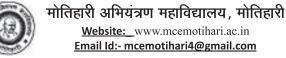
सम्पर्कः संयुक्त निदेशक (कृषि अभियंत्रण) बिहार, पटना मोबाईल संख्या : 8544588316

PR-006873 (Agriculture) 2022-23

बिहार, पटना

कृषि निदेशक

#### नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।



#### **WALK IN INTERVIEW** Advt. No.- 01/2022

विज्ञान एवं प्रावैधिकी विभाग, बिहार सरकार के नियंत्रणाधीन मोतिहारी अभियंत्रण महाविद्यालय, मोतिहारी एवं राजकीय अभियंत्रण महाविद्यालय, शिवहर के लिए अतिथि सहायक प्राध्यापक एवं अतिथि तकनीकी सहायक / अनुदेशक की आवश्यकता है। पदनाम, आवश्यक योग्यता एवं मानदेय निम्न प्रकार है।

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(B) Original bid security/Earnest Money (EMD) and other technical requirement documents. Cover 2 Financial bid in the office of Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, HP.PWD. Kullu as specified in key dates at Sr. No. 4 on tender opening date, failing which the bids will be declared non responsive. Bidders should attach the scanned copies of cost of documents, EMD (The earnest money in shape of call deposit of post office or fixed deposits/demand draft of schedule bank duly pledged in favour of undersigned payable at Kullu) and other documents as specified in the tender documents in the online bid. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents and EMD are required to be submitted to the tender inviting authority on or before the

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# EXPRESS NETWORK

#### JAMMU & KASHMIR Soldier hurt in Rajouri militant attack dies

Iammu: One more soldier succumbed to injuries, raising the toll in the militant attack on an Army camp in Rajouri to five. Identified as Havildar Satpal Singh of Rajasthan's Jailtpur village in Jhunjhunu, Defence PRO Lt Col Devender Anand said he was undergoing treatment in Udhampur for the past 10 days. He breathed his last on Sunday evening. Four soldiers who had died in the attack on Thursday were Subedar Rajendra Prasad (48)from Raiasthan, Riflemen Manoi Kumar (26) and Nishant Malik (21) from Haryana, and D Lakshmanan (24) from Tamil Nadu.

#### **KARNATAKA**

#### Man, son held for 'question paper leak'

Bengaluru: A man and his son were arrested for allegedly leaking question paper of an exam held on August 7 to hire junior assistants for Karnataka Transmission Corporation Ltd. The duo has been identified as Maruti Sonavane, vice principal of Gadag municipal college, and his son Samith Kumar, who posed as a journalist to take photos of papers and shared it

## **NEW DELHI CDRI** now

New Delhi: India accorded the status of "Independent and International Legal Entity" to the Coalition for Resilient Infrastructure(CDRI) as the government signed the Headquarter Agreement on Monday. The CDRI is an international partnership that seeks to promote infrastructure resilient to climate and disaster risks. The agreement will enable the tions internationally with all rights, immunities, and privileges, as per the United Nations (Privileges & Samp; Immunities) Act, 1947. ENS

## Pak get Indian

Ahmedabad: Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi gave Indian citizenship certificates to 40 Pakistani Hindus at the Ahmedabad collectorate Monday. Since 2017, a total of 1,032 Pakistanis have been given citizenship by the district collector. The district collectors of Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar and Kutch have powers to grant citizenship to minori-

# 12 aspiring teachers injured as police China to issue visas lathicharge them during stir in Patna

**SANTOSH SINGH** 

PATNA, AUGUST 22

THE NEW Mahagathbandhan government in Bihar faced its first challenge on Monday with a heated protest by job aspirants over pending appointments of teachers triggering a lathi-charge by the police in Patna.

Over a dozen protesters suffered minor injuries in the lathicharge, with video clips and images of an Additional District Magistrate beating a protester sparking outrage. The incident led to Patna District Magistrate Chandra Shekhar ordering an official probe against Additional District Magistrate (law and order)



Security personnel lathi charge teacher job aspirants during a protest in Patna on Monday. PTI

The clips and images showed the protester, Darbhanga resident Anisur Rahman (25), lying on the ground holding a Tricolour while being beaten with a lathi by Singh.

It also showed a policeman snatching the Tricolour even as Rahman was hit on the jaw. Officials said Rahman was admitted to Patna Medical College and

being discharged.

DM Chandra Shekhar said in a statement: "After having watched the video of the incident gone viral, the beating of a protester lying on the ground by police and ADM (law and order), it looks objectionable. It needs to be probed with all seriousness." He asked the Deputy Divisional Commissioner and SF (Town Central) to submit a probe report within two days.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Bihar TET Teachers Association president Amit Vikram said. There was no provocation from the aspirants for the police to resort to a lathi-charge. The way the ADM (law and order) beat Anisur Rahman is highly condemnable." The aspirants, who have been

Gardanibagh for a month on rotation, had decided to continue their agitation even after the new government took charge on August 10. They decided to hold the protest march on Monday after failing to receive a concrete assurance from Tejashwi and the Education Minister.

The protesters' key demands are: advertising for the seventh phase of appointments in August; online centralised application; time-limit for the process; vacant positions in sixth phase to be added; openings for male applicants from the same category against vacant positions of women; and, age relaxation for applicants to primary teacher

# for Indian students

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** BEIJING, AUGUST 22

CHINA ON Monday announced plans to issue visas to hundreds of Indian students stranded at home for over two years due to Beijing's strict Covid restrictions, besides various categories of travel permits for others including business

"Warmest congrats to #Indian #students! Your patience proves worthwhile. I can really share your excitement & happiness. Welcome back to #China!" Ji Rong, Counsellor, Department of Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China tweeted.

Her tweet cited a detailed announcement by the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi on the opening of visas for students, businessmen and families of those

As per the announcement, X1-Visa, will be issued to students who intend to go to China to pursue long-term study for higher academic education, including newly-enrolled students and students who return to China to resume their studies

Over 23,000 Indian students, mostly studying medicine, are reportedly stuck back home due to Covid visa restrictions.

While new students should produce original admission letter issued by a Chinese university, old students need to submit a Certificate of Returning to Campus' issued by the university.

According to official sources, over 1.000 Indian students have expressed wish to return. It is to be seen whether the Chinese universities would issue the certificates for them to apply for visas.

on WhatsApp.

## international legal entity

Disaster

#### **GUJARAT** 40 Hindus from

# citizenship

ties in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan. ENS

## **COURT SEEKS CENTRE'S STAND ON DEPORTATION**

## Was treated like a terrorist: British professor tells HC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

THE DELHI High Court (HC) Monday sought Centre's stand on UK academic Filippo Osella's petition seeking records related to his deportation from Thiruvananthapuram airport on Osella, a Professor of

Anthropology and South Asian Studies at the University of Sussex, has also sought a declaration that his deportation was arbitrary, unreasonable and ille-

Justice Yashwant Varma granted time to a central government counsel to seek instructions and listed the case for consideration on October 12. In the petition, Osella, 65, has

said that he was treated as a "terrorist or some kind of hardened criminal" by authorities in India when he "was escorted back and bundled into the same aircraft in

"The petitioner was in complete shock as he had a valid re-

search visa issued by the Government of India. Once the petitioner asked the immigration supervisor and officers as to why he was being deported, the petitioner was refused any explanation. In fact, the immigration officers gave no reasons. The deportation/situation was spinning out of control with the potential intervention and/or threat of use of force by the security officers," reads the petition.

Osella's plea further states that he was not even allowed to get in touch with his friends or colleagues in Kerala or India. The immigration officers behaved in a remarkably inhuman way, even when the petitioner explained that he was just an academic and teacher who had been doing research in India for more than 30 years," read the petition, adding he was denied access to life-saving medicines from his luggage.

Osella is a specialist on Kerala society and has conducted extensive research for over 30 years in the state, mapping its social and cultural transformation.

#### **REMARKS ON KANNUR V-C**

### Historians and academics hit out at Kerala Governor

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI AUGUST 22

HISTORIANS AND academics hit out at Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan on Tuesday for calling the Vice Chancellor (VC) of Kannur University Dr Gopinath Ravindran a "criminal".

Terming Khan's comment 'harassment'', a group of around 50 historians and academics came out in Rayindran's support and said the governor's statement is a "false, defamatory and politically motivated campaign"

"We are shocked to learn from the media that the Governor of Kerala, Arif Mohammad Khan, has described the VC of Kannur University, the eminent historian,

Professor Gopinath Ravindran as a "criminal." Professor Gopinath Ravindran is one of India's leading historians, with a particular specialisation in the agrarian history of Kerala and historical demography," they said in a statement.

The false, defamatory and politically motivated campaign against the VC by the Governor and the Chancellor of the University is unacceptable. The Governor must stop this harassment of a distinguished historian immediately," the statement said.

Among the signatories are eminent historians Romila Thapar and KN Pannikar and academics Prabhat Patnaik, Aditya Mukheriee. Mridula Mukheriee, CP Chandrasekhar, Zoya Hasan and Harbans Mukhia.

#### Apex court dismisses PIL against Reliance zoo in Jamnagar

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

THE SUPREME Court has dismissed a PIL opposing the permission granted by the Central Zoo Authority to the zoo being set up by Reliance Industries Ltd in Gujarat's Jamnagar, and permitting it to acquire animals from other zoos in India or abroad, saying it is "unable to find any logic or basis in" the 'petition".

Rejecting objections raised by petitioner Kanhaiya Kumar, a Delhi-based advocate, a bench of Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Krishna Murari said: "We are unable to find any legal infirmity in grant of recognition to the Zoo and the Rescue Centre of the respondent No. 2 (Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre) by the respondent No. 1 (Central Zoo Authority).'

The court added that "it does not appear that the petitioner has carried out the requisite research before moving this Court in PIL jurisdiction" and that "the petitioner himself is not an expert in the field and has based the petition merely on news reports...".

Kumar had guestioned the permission granted to the Greens Rehabilitation Centre, a private entity, to establish the zoo. He also sought an SIT probe into the management of the centre.

Kumar approached the court citing reports of the zoo getting animals from Mexico besides Assam, Chennai and Madhya Pradesh.

He contended that "it is a private zoo for which master layout plan... was approved in February 2019, but it is not clear how it is qualified to take animals from abroad or a public zoo".

The petitioner added that Centre is planning to have the largest number of species and animals in the zoo to make business, which remains entirely impermissible, and that in the garb of making rescue centre for animals, the zoo is seeking to carry out commercial activity.

In its counter-affidavit, Centre denied all the allegations and asserted that the plea "is entirely misconceived, being based on incorrect and incomplete news reports".

## SC agrees to hear plea against its order on PMLA validity

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

THE SUPREME Court on Monday agreed to list for hearing a petition seeking review of its July 27 order upholding the constitutional validity of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, as amended from time to time, including those dealing with the powers of the ED with regard to arrest, search, attachment and seizure in money laundering of-

It was mentioned before Chief Justice of India NV Ramana who asked the lawyer "is this on Justice Khanwilkar's judgment", to which the counsel answered in the affirmative, following which the CJI said "ok, we will list it".

#### Noida: Two held for kidnapping IDU leader's son

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NOIDA, AUGUST 22

TWO MEN were arrested for kidnapping two people, including the son of a Janata Dal United (IDLI) politician from Bihar on Monday, following an exchange of gunfire with Noida Police. Three other associates are currently absconding. Noida police said.

The accused have been identified as Ayub and Rashid. They kidnapped Dilbar Khan and Parvez Ansari, residents of Bihar's Banka district on Sunday. Khan is the son of Minhaj Khan, a former Zila Adhyaksh of JDU in Bihar and presently a member of the party in the state, police said.

According to Noida police, on Sunday the accused abducted Dilbar from Greater Noida's Pari Chowk and demanded a ransom of Rs 5 lakh from Khan's family.

On being informed, Noida police took over and arrived at Chuhadpur underpass Monday with the 'dummy ransom amount', and handed it over to secure the kidnapped men. When police tried to arrest them, they fired at the police team. Police fired back, and in the crossfire Ayub was hurt on his leg and was taken to a hospital, police said.

Though it upheld the provisions of the law, a three-judge bench of Justices AM Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar left the question whether the amendments could have brought about by way of Finance Acts in 2015, 2016, 2018. and 2019, respectively, to a sevenjudge bench which is already seized of similar questions arising in matter of other legislation.

The court underlined that "the principle of innocence of the accused/offender is regarded as a human right" but "that presumption can be interdicted by a law made by Parliament/Legislature".

It refused to accept the contention that the procedure followed by the ED in registering the **Enforcement Case Information** Report (ECIR) is opaque, arbitrary rights of an accused and that the procedure followed under PMLA is draconian. The court said an ECIR cannot be equated with an FIR, that supplying an ECIR in every case to the person concerned is not mandatory and "it is enough if the ED, at the time of arrest, discloses the grounds of such Rejecting the argument that it

and violative of the constitutional

will amount to money laundering only if the proceeds of crime are projected as untainted property, it said, "Section 3 of the 2002 Act has a wider reach and captures every process and activity, direct or indirect, in dealing with the proceeds of crime and is not limited to the happening of the final act of integration of tainted prop-

#### erty in the formal economy.'

## SC stays order on filing FIR against BJP leader

RAPE COMPLAINT AGAINST SHAHNAWAZ

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

stayed the Delhi High Court's order directing the police to register an FIR against BJP leader Shahnawaz Hussain over a rape complaint.

A bench presided by Justice U U Lalit also stayed all further proceedings against Hussain in connection with the complaint and said it is "prima facie convinced that this matter requires consideration". Appearing for the BJP leader,

senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi submitted that Hussain had lodged a police complaint in November 2017 after the complainant made scandalous comments against him.

Rohatgi said that two months after this, she had approached a magistrate court with a complaint against Hussain and sought directions to the police to register an FIR.

The complainant had problems with Hussain's brother, who she claimed had promised to marry him but had now roped him in, too, alleging that the for-



BIP leader Shahnawaz Hussain

mer minister took advantage of her, Rohatgi said.

Appearing for the complainant, advocate Sanjay Kumar Singh said she had been assaulted after the HC order and prayed that protection be granted to her.

In its order, the bench, also comprising Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia, said the complainant could approach the nearest police station, and if any application is made, police protection will be granted to her, needed. In an Action Taken Report

filed before the magistrate court, Delhi Police had stated that the complainant's allegations were not found to be substantiated. The court had directed it to register an FIR. On August 18, the High Court criticised Delhi Police for its "reluctance" to register FIR.

#### 3 iournalists in MP booked for cheating, forgery over news report

Bhopal: Three journalists from Madhya Pradesh have been booked by Bhind police on charges of cheating and forgery over a news report on a man taking his father to the hospital in a handcart due to unavailability of an ambulance. The police action was based on

into a news item by Anil Sharma from News18, Kunjbihari Kaurav from Patrika and NK Batella from Lalluram.com. All three scribes have been booked under IPC Sections 420 for cheating and dishonesty, 505 for

a probe ordered by district collector S Sathish Kumar on August 17

public mischief, along with relevant section of Information Technology Act. On August 16, the journalists had reported on Hari Singh who

had to take his ailing father, to a hospital on a handcart after reneated calls to the ambulance operator on 108 went unanswered. According to collector Sathish

Kumar, the probe was ordered to flag deficiencies to 108 operator for improvement of service but no records of any such calls being missed was found with the operator. Following this a team of six to seven officials from the block administration got in touch with Following this an FIR was reg-

istered against the three journalists on August 18. **ENS** 

#### Ahead of PM visit, pro-Khalistan slogans appear at Air Force station

Mohali: Ahead of PM Narendra Modi's visit to New Chandigarh Mullanpur Garibdas), pro-Khalistan slogans were spotted on the wall of Air Force station but the police acted swiftly and erased them. They also sounded

Sources in the police that they would soon identify the culprits who had done this. The PM is coming to inaugurate the Homi Bhabha Cancer Research Centre on August 24. A video allegedly shot by the

chief of Sikhs for Justice Gurpatwant Singh Pannu was also circulating on social media. ENS

**GUJARAT VIDYAPITH SURVEY** 

## Better grasp, but lack of ecosystem: Gujarati language tech students

No

answer

#### **RITUSHARMA**

AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 22

STUDENTS WHO did a technical course in their mother tongue found it easier to understand the subject, had less stress about writing exams and even felt that they became more sensitive towards the problems faced by common people, according to a survey conducted by Ahmedabad-based Gujarat Vidyapith, which offers a Masters in Computer Application (MCA) course in Gujarati language

Providing students with technical education in mother tongue has been one of the talking points of National Education Policy-2020, and Vidyapith's survey provides a glimpse of what such an

initiative could accomplish. The MCA course in Gujarati has had 666 graduates so far. Out of 322 students who participated in the survey, 244 felt Gujarati medium allowed them to better understand the subjects: 211 said it made them grasp theoretical concepts and practical application better; and 131 said learning in Gujarati made them sensitive towards problems of the common people. Around 55% alumni surveyed said writing exams in Gujarati reduced mental stress. At least one student from every

batch participated in the survey. Gujarat Vidyapith is India's only university to offer an MCA in students' mother tongue, said Ajay Parikh, head of Computer

Science department. The survey was conducted to

in Gujarati Source: Gujarat Vidyapith assess the MCA programme before introducing a Gujaratimedium Bachelors in Computer Administration (BCA) course in

Problem in

giving exam

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DIFFICULTIES IN GUJARATI MEDIUM MCA

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2022-23 session. Mantavya Gajjar, 40, a student from 2006 batch, was hired by Belgium-based IT firm Odoo as its first Asian employee a day after he graduated. He is now director of operations in India, with 260 staff.

Before joining Vidyapith, he did BCA from an English-medium college. Speaking of the difference between the two, Gajjar said, "I failed in C language (a computer language subject) in my first year (of BCA) only because of English medium. We did not understand what was being taught in class. Only with efforts of one of the teachers, who took extra classes,

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issues

Total number of respondents: 322

could I clear the subject".

"I completely support higher education in the mother tongue if you want to understand the core fundamentals... I can tell the difference, because at Gujarat Vidyapith, our classes were easy to understand," Gajjar added.

His thoughts were echoed by a majority of the respondents. Piyush Govani, from 1996-99 batch who now runs an IT company, said: "If your technical knowledge is strong and you have basic knowledge of your subject, expressing it and communicating comes automatically.'

Govani studied at a Gujaratimedium school in a village in Jamnagar and at an Englishmedium BSc Computer Science before joining the MCA programme at Vidyapith.

Asked if he will choose English over technical knowledge while hiring prospective employees, Govani said, "I will see how technically strong they are, though to some extent, speaking in English is required too.' Availability of reading material

in Gujarati, problems in writing answers in Gujarati in exams, and problems in understanding and reading English books as classroom teaching was in Gujarati were identified as difficulties faced by students of the course. Mukesh Patel, 45, of 2000

batch has been living in the United States since 2004 and works at Deutsche Bank. He believes technical knowledge cannot be compromised upon, but "English, or any other language, can be learnt".

"Technical skills are important.

Otherwise, you cannot survive." he said, adding that a "gradual transition" from one job to the other in various Indian cities before moving to the US helped him learn English. He, however, said there should be a way to "fill the gaps in communication skills". while teaching a programme in the mother tongue.

Others also think this is where the catch lies. "With credibility and name, barely anyone doubts your technical knowledge when ou tell them that you have studied at Gujarat Vidyapith. The only thing lacking was our confidence while speaking English...so, our body language (also suffered)," said Gajjar, recollecting the time he was applying for jobs.

Department head Parikh said the situation was more difficult in

the past, "Most subject books were in English, but the medium of instruction (at the Vidyapith MCA course) was Gujarati. We would translate the content and prepare notes before teaching in class. Also, no publisher was ready to publish books for only 35 students (the strength of the batch at the time)." At present, 10 of 15 papers are

available in Gujarati, he said.

More than 93% participants did their schooling in Gujarati medium. At their undergraduate level, it dropped down to 50 per cent. Among respondents, 265 are settled in India. 33 in the US. 14 in Canada. three in Australia, two in Singapore, and one each in Kenya, Denmark, the UAE and the UK.

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## **IMRAN'S GAMBIT**

Former Pak PM, booked under anti-terror law, has turned against his 2018 benefactors, plays to tensions within army

HE POLITICAL TURMOIL in Pakistan that began with Imran Khan's allegation that he had been removed as prime minister by a US-hatched conspiracy has escalated. The former prime minister and leader of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf has been booked under the country's anti-terror law after he spoke at a public meeting asking the army to side with him in his battle to return as prime minister, though what exactly attracts the terrorism charge is still unclear. A court has granted him protection from arrest until August 25. An aide was arrested last week for comments allegedly seeking to incite a mutiny in the army. The present turbulence reflects a recurring theme in Pakistan's politics — the army is still the final decider of political fortunes. Khan has now given this situation an ironic twist. Elected by the strenuous efforts of the army and the ISI — they worked overtime to engineer his victory - Khan has now turned against his 2018 benefactors. By appealing to the "neutrals" — Khan's term for the military establishment — to support him, the ousted PM is now playing to the tensions within the army. General Qamar Javed Bajwa is due to retire as army chief in November this year. Khan has, more or less, accused Bajwa of being a key player in his removal, and wants to see his back to ensure his own return, electorally or otherwise. Khan and his followers claim that many in the army's middle rungs support him,

This would be treading dangerous territory in civil-military relations anywhere, but more so in Pakistan. As Khan demonstrated during his removal by a no-confidence vote, he is going for broke. Nothing is off limits. In a country where anti-American sentiment runs high, his pitch has won him much support, as seen in the PTI's victories in by-elections to the Punjab Assembly, which helped the party wrest it back from the ruling PML(N). The crowds at Khan'srallies have been swelling with every meeting. He may also have touched a chord within some sections of the army. There is another irony. Khan calls his opponents "thieves" for their alleged corruption, and led the charge against Nawaz Sharif that eventually cost the latter his prime ministership in 2016 and earned him a permanent disqualification from holding elected office. But he and his supporters dismiss the charge, upheld recently by the Pakistan Election Commission, that the PTI benefited from illegal foreign funding. This could end in disqualification for Khan and his party.

Against this complex background, the move to slap Khan with a terrorism charge, perhaps to be followed by an arrest, may end up making a political martyr of him, especially if the dots connect to the army. Already, the government is in the dock for its high-handed measures against pro-Khan journalists and TV channels. As Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif tries to stabilise the economy, and his government imposes unpopular measures in return for an IMF bailout, his government is certainly not getting more popular. The Pakistan Army, too, may emerge weaker from the political turbulence. An institutional response to protect itself could be the game-changer, with possible ramifications for not just Pakistan but the entire region.

## Our Bilkis moment

Bilkis is silent. But there exists a Kali, waiting in the wings, tongue out and foot raised, who will fight back

Mahua Moitra

THE VISUALS OF Bilkis Bano's rapists and the murderers of her family being garlanded are fresh for all to see. The Union government's silence is deafening. This nation is being drip fed via the BJP's insidious propaganda system that the state of Gujarat had nothing to do with the release of these 11 convicted men, now being celebrated as heroes, as Bilkis's husband painfully puts it, and that it acted on the Supreme Court's direction. In fact, the court only noted the applicable remission policy, which allows for remission of the sentences of convicts who have spent 14 years in jail. It did not compel the release of the convicts. The decision to free the rapists and killers - instead of letting them remain in jail, as the policy allows – was entirely that of the government.

For those of us who deal with the BJP's Goebbelsian doublespeak on a daily basis, this should come as no surprise. And yet, this time feels different. The stark facts of a young pregnant woman being gang-raped in front of her mother, then forced to watch the rape of her mother and her two sisters. Then made to watch her three-year-old's head smashed. Make no mistake - these facts were proven in court and the "sanskari Brahmins" found guilty. This is no case of innocent till proven guilty, no case of undertrials being given the benefit of doubt. These 11 were proven guilty and sentenced to life in prison for the most heinous crimes of gang-rape and murder. No one, not even the most ardent Sanghi, can dispute this inalienable fact.

How, then, in a country where average pendencies are upwards of 14 years, where undertrials serve years in prison without being charge-sheeted, where convicts with crimes far less heinous than that of the 11 in the Bilkis Bano case serve 30-40 years of life terms without being considered for remisAs with all heinous crimes, it is most often the spectators who play a more defining role than even the perpetrators. Indians today risk being reduced to collective participants in the crime against Bilkis, in the murder of her child and in the decimation of the members of her family. For each one of us who engages in the whataboutery of placing the crimes of these 11 men in a make-believe moral spectrum of bad, worse and worst must remember this: It doesn't

get any worse than this.

sion, did these men walk free?

The answer, simply, lies in method. It has taken a special blend of the rightwing's hatred for Muslims, its visceral disregard for women as equals, its absolute belief that the law is fundamentally an ass, and

its desire to reap electoral benefits from

every situation, no matter how unfortunate,

that has reprised Polonius's dictum: Though

this be evil, yet there is method in it. This method is what led to the BJP using the order of the Supreme Court as a smokescreen to aver that the court had somehow compelled the remission.

The remission of a sentence is an exclusively executive prerogative. The Supreme Court as far back as in State of Madhya Pradesh v. Ratan Singh (1976) 3 SCC 470, settled this debate by clarifying that pardon, remission and commutation are within the exclusive domain of executive decisionmaking. It is not our judiciary that has let us down, but rather the executive machinery the BJP government of Gujarat — which has commuted the punishment awarded to these rapists and murderers.

The other manifestation of the method in evil was the government's malevolence in applying its 1992 remission policy. Its updated 2014 policy explicitly lists gang-rape and murder as offences for which remission is impermissible, but this does not mean a request for early release made by rapists and murderers under the 1992 policy has to be granted.

Moreover, Section 435 of the CrPC clearly states that in cases investigated by agencies governed by the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, the states have to act in consultation with the Union government. Bilkis's tormentors were convicted by a CBI court — where, then, is the evidence that the government of Gujarat consulted

the Centre on remission in this case? Established case law in D Krishna Kumar vs State of Telangana had the high court lay down that the appropriate authority deciding a remission should consider the opinion of the presiding judge of the court before or by which the conviction was had or confirmed. The government has said nothing about this so far.

Half of the panel that decided on the remission was directly linked to the BJP. Two were BJP legislators. One was a BJP officebearer, and one a former office-bearer of the local BJP. The others — the district collector, superintendent of police and jail superintendent - report directly to the state government. The method is clear.

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doesn't get any worse than this. To have gang-rapists, the killers of a 3year-old walk out of jail and be feted with a hero's welcome with the active connivance of an entire establishment requires a very special kind of evil. But for every BJP voice that lauds this "sanskar", there exists a Kali, waiting in the wings, tongue out and foot raised, who will fight back. Like the young woman gang-raped in Delhi 2012, who even in death strengthened the moral fibre of India, Bilkis even in shocked silence will

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### SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS

More women are making a career in science. A lot more needs to be done to ease their journeys

OR EVERY INDIAN woman aspiring for a career in science, the role models were too few and far between — Tessy Thomas, Soumya Swaminathan, Gagandeep Kang, N Kalaiselvi, Annapurni Subramaniam and a handful of others notwithstanding. After all, many of these women are exceptions to the rarefied male bastions of scientific research in India.

This could be changing, going by data released by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) that has confirmed a rise in the participation of women in scientific and technological fields over the last two decades. The percentage of women researchers has increased from 13.9 in 2015 to 18.7 in 2018. While the social sciences and humanities still register a larger presence of women researchers, numbers have increased appreciably in the sciences as well. Health sciences is now pegged at 24.5 per cent, natural sciences and agriculture at 22.5 per cent and engineering and technology at 14.5 per cent. Women occupy key research and leadership positions in institutions such as the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Defence Research & Development Organisation and Indian Space Research Organisation, among others. A lot of this has to do with individual enterprise as well as the thrust of successive governments on gender diversity through grants and rewiring of infrastructure for greater inclusivity. In the wake of the pandemic that has hit women professionals harder, the pragmatic focus of the Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy 2020 is on meeting its target of 30 per cent women at a post-doctoral level by 2030. To this end, DST is set to incorporate GATI, a grading system for institutes based on the enrollment of and impetus to the careers of women in its ranks.

Yet, a lot more remains to be done. According to the 2018 Global Gender Gap report, India is ranked 108 out of 149 countries. The 2019 All India Survey on Higher Education shows a significant lag in female participation at doctoral levels, partly owing to the pressures of marriage and family planning. Those who overcome these are often faced with the loneliness of being an outlier in a male domain, where biases are rampant and getting oneself heard, a constant struggle. As elsewhere, women scientists often have to shoulder a disproportionate burden of academic housekeeping in comparison to their male counterparts. While policies and leadership roles are excellent incentive models, further benefit could come from a system of mentoring and an availability of funds, especially for those who want to get back into the workforce after a hiatus.

### BULBUL-E-PAKISTAN

Nayyara Noor's music was just like her — gentle and perfectly controlled with an old-world charm to it

AKISTANI SINGER NAYYARA Noor, who died on Sunday after a long battle with cancer, was one of the most underrated singers from the subcontinent. She will be remembered as a musician with a dulcet voice that was admired by many, but never achieved the glory reserved for vocalists like Noorjehan and Begum Akhtar. This may have also been because she remained away from any flamboyance in terms of her music and personality.

Noor's family had migrated from Amritsar to Assam, where her father was an active member of the All India Muslim League. Born and raised in Guwahati, she grew up listening to songs by Begum Akhtar, Kanan Devi, Noorjehan, and Lata Mangeshkar, mostly through radio. It was at National College of Arts in Lahore that Noor was first noticed for her voice by Professor Asrar Ahmad of Islamiya College. She'd sung a Krishna bhajan — "Jo tum todo piya" from V Shantaram's "Jhanak Jhanak Payal Baaje" (1955). Attention came to her through an EMI tape titled "Nayyara Sings Faiz" (1976), recorded as a gift to the poet on his birthday. Noor sang 12 pieces of poetry by Faiz including the famed "Aaj bazaar mein pa-ba-jaulan chalo/ Chashm-e-nam, jaan-e-shoreeda kafi nahin (Let us walk in the bazaar in shackles/Wet eyes, restless souls are not enough)".

Noor never sang in the thick or robust or nasal voice that was then in fashion. She did not embellish her songs with many classical elements either. She was averse to complicated taans used by ustads and pundits to showcase their musical prowess. Nayyara Noor's music was just like her — gentle and perfectly controlled with an old-world charm to it.



## VEERANGANAS OF THE NATION

PM's I-Day speech emphasised unsung women warriors, as a symbol for the future

Aditi Narayani Paswan

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech was transformative. It did not just trace a historical journey but outlined how the unsung warriors of pre-independence Bharat contributed to the nation. He also underlined the role of women - veeranganas - in our freedom movement. The initiative highlighting the brave women of our freedom struggle, under the broader celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, will mark a turning point in Indian feminist history writing from an Indic perspective. The construction of the "new India" PM Modi has envisaged since taking office is a synthesis of two major elements - the principles, ideas and values of our national ethos and freedom movement; and new ideas and policies to face new and emerging

The veeranganas are a potent symbol of nationalism and patriotism. They can overturn oppressive attitudes towards women in society. Their role and celebration in popular culture also refutes the colonial allegations about the suppression of women throughout Indian history. But it is essential to discover, rewrite and reinterpret the role and representation of these heroic women in the liberation of the motherland. Such rewriting and reinterpretation might also provide a method to deal with the reactionary and androcentric approach

The historical memories of courage and sacrifice are preserved in folktales, songs and regional lore. They reveal the less-celebrated character of Indian society, in which women's power was acknowledged. The PM paid tribute not only to celebrated women but also to unsung veeranganas. Rani Lakshmi Bai, the first woman warrior of the

PM Modi's dynamic and inclusive speech shows that he is not merely a political leader but also a social reformer. He believes not only in transforming society through policies but also in engaging in constructive dialogue. His exhortation that we decolonise our consciousness will provide the spaces, opportunities and platforms for women to engage in nation-building. The rediscovery of unsung warriors and icons is a step in this direction.

woman in India. Begum Hazrat Mahal took be more intense, vivacious and resplendent." 1857 and till her last breath in 1879, fought the British. Remembered as the "Agni of India", Durgawati Devi was an armed revolutionary and active member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association and a close associate of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru. There is also Jhalkari Bai, whose tales of bravery have travelled far and wide. Her story presents a social reality where even a Dalit woman had acquired social and cultural significance. Like Jhalkari Bai, Uda Devi also belonged to the Dalit community from Awadh, a significant centre during the revolt of 1857. She is said to have formed a women's battalion, comprising mostly Dalit women, popularly known as "veerangana" or "warrior women". The story of Asha Devi Gurjari follows a similar trajectory — a Dalit, she led women in a bid to restore the political self-respect of the motherland. These stories of the valour of veeranganas were not limited to any time or area. Rather, they are of a piece with the national consciousness of the times.

After the holistic account of the veeranganas, the PM emphasised "nari shakti", which can be seen in various fields such as law, governance, science, technology, bureaucracy, academics, and politics. He restated the manifold contribution of women in both public and private spaces. But he also highlighted that there is much to be done to "provide opportunities and facilities to our daughters" in order to take the nation to new heights. He further pointed out that "if the considerable efforts of our nari shakti are added to fulfil the dreams in the Amrit Kaal, then it will take less hard work and our time

revolt of 1857, is known to every young limit will also be reduced. Our dreams will

to the battlefields along with Lakshmi Bai in But before making the attempts the PM outlined, it is important to assert a feeling of oneness or unity, the foundation for which must be laid in the homes of the common people. Every household must treat its sons and daughters equally. Such a household, particularly in the joint family system, is as the PM said — our cultural heritage. It is this culture that is "cultivated by the daughter and sisters" and holds within it "Nar" and "Narayani". He underlined the rich cultural values of our civilisation, which assert equality through the lens of "divinity" in both male and female forms.

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At the age of 75, India envisions gender equality and empowerment. This year's Independence Day speech marked the creation of a gender-inclusive nation, based on the liberal ethos found in our cultural-civilisational values and new ideas for a postmodern world. Such a society will achieve the dreams of all its members, the entire nation, by channelling to a greater degree the potential of women.

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### AUGUST 23, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

#### CM DEFENDS POLICE

BIHAR CHIEF MINISTER Jagannath Mishra alleged that "backed by anti-social elements, some people provoked a clash with the police" in which many journalists sustained iniuries. The CM, in a statement, claimed that the police force acted only when it "was subjected to heavy stoning". Accepting the police version, he said that "press versions of the incident are expectedly most exaggerated and they deliberately hide facts which prove that the march was far from peaceful."

#### J&K CABINET

THE 'WAIT-AND-SEE' POLICY of the support-

ers of G M Shah, who quit the Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet last week, appears to have forced Chief Minister Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah to have second thoughts on the proposed reshuffle. None of his supporters, who were expected to tender their resignations. did so till now to make way for a reshuffle. The Sheikh has, therefore, proposed the induction of only his eldest son, Farooq Abdullah, into the cabinet as health minister.

#### BOEING HIJACKING

MUSEEBAT SINGH, THE Indian Airlines hijacker who was shot dead, was expecting three accomplices to join him. The police and intelligence authorities are reportedly making frantic efforts to track down Singh's co-conspirators.

#### ISRAEL WARNS SYRIA

AFTER WATCHING THE first batch of Palestinian guerrillas leave Beirut, Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, subtly warned Syria that Israeli guns were within range of shelling the Syrian capital, Damascus. This was the second time in a week that the minister has telegraphed that the Israelis may turn their Lebanese invasion into an assault on the Syrians, who have some 35,000 troops in Lebanon under an Arab league mandate.

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the South China Sea", will reduce Beijing's "at-

tention toward the Indian Ocean". "India would

take this opportunity to strengthen its mar-

itime power and consolidate its advantages in

South Asia and the Indian Ocean region." That

China's problems on its eastern frontier would

open up strategic opportunities for India, how-

ever, is a myth. China's conflict with the US over

Taiwan during the late 1950s was also the pe-

riod when Sino-Indian tensions over Tibet

Pacific over the last decade have not seen any

diminution of Beijing's ambitions in the Indian

Ocean. China now has the political will, eco-

nomic muscle, and growing naval capability

ment – a China locked in a conflict with the

US might be more accommodative of India's

concerns. This too has been a persistent but

unrealised hope in Delhi. India's problems with

China have less to do with the US policies in

Asia, but everything to do with their intractable

the last 75 years, but that has had little impact

on the resolution of the clash of Chinese and

Indian territorial nationalisms. That problem

has been worsened by the growing power gap

between Beijing and its neighbours, including

to a Delhi that keeps political distance from

Washington. China is convinced it now has the

power to redeem its historic territorial claims

vis a vis India and other Asian neighbours.

Beijing also believes that the West is in termi-

nal decline and the changing Asian balance of

power allows China to set the terms of engage-

China and the two have now proclaimed an al-

liance without limits. Like Xi Jinping, Vladimir

Putin has bet that a weakened West will be un-

able to stop the Russian attempt to restructure

the European security order. Both Putin and Xi

have been hailed for their great "political ge-

nius". But both of them may have over-esti-

mated their own power and under-estimated

the resilience of the West.

Russia seems to share this assumption with

ment with the US in its own favour.

Beijing does not believe it must make nice

Sino-US relations have oscillated wildly in

There is also an Indian flip side to Liu's argu-

China's growing problems in the Western

turned into the 1962 war

to pursue a two-ocean strategy.

bilateral disputes.

# THE IDEAS PAGE

#### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The federal government needs to do more for refugees. The migrant problem belongs to everyone, and so does the burden of relief." - THE WASHINGTON POST

## A tale of Putin and Xi

Lessons from past misjudgments of shifts in great power relations should help Delhi to better navigate the current dynamic. It must find its way to manage turbulence between Washington, Moscow, Beijing



BY C RAJA MOHAN

"INDIA WISHES TO sit on top of the mountain to watch the tigers fight." This was the assessment of a Chinese scholar reviewing India's approach to the unfolding conflict in Taiwan. In a column for the Global Times, Liu Zongyi argues that India will be a major beneficiary if the US can contain China in East Asia and the

Some Chinese might extend the argument to Europe as well — that the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which began six months ago this week, suits Delhi. The conflict between the Kremlin and the West, they might believe, weakens both sides and would eventually benefit a rising India. There is no doubt that both Russia and the West are wooing India to support them in this conflict.

That kind of hyper-realist Chinese thinking, however, has not been part of India's strategic culture. In fact, independent India has been far too idealistic. Nothing illustrates it more than Delhi's enduring illusion of building an "Asian Century" in partnership with Beijing.

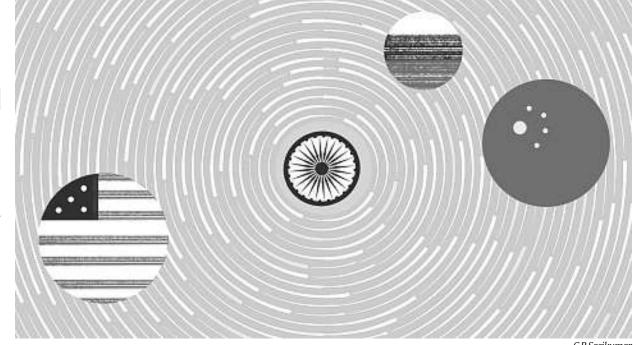
At a time when China was isolated in Asia and the world in the 1950s and 1960s, India campaigned with the rest of the world to engage with China. It sought to serenade China before a sceptical Asian audience at Bandung in 1955. Delhi also insisted that Beijing is the rightful owner of a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council. India pursued for long a "China-first strategy" despite persistent evidence that Delhi's contradictions with Beijing are structural and not amenable to easy resolution. Delhi's reluctance to come to terms with that reality has cost India dearly. The Galwan clash two years ago, which followed China tearing apart three decades of peace and tranquillity on the disputed frontier, appears to have made Delhi wiser. It certainly has cured at least parts of the Indian establishment of chronic Sinophilia

Returning to Liu's geopolitics, there is no mountain for India to retreat to and watch the US, Russia, and China tear each other apart. In today's deeply integrated world, great power conflict has systemic effects and consequences for everyone. The Russian war in Ukraine and the Western sanctions in response have roiled global oil markets, disrupted the food supply chains and pushed the global economy into a

For India, which was just about recovering from the devastating economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been no joy in watching the war in Ukraine. It has no reason to wish for another great power war in the East.

If the current tensions around Taiwan boil over into a shooting war, the global economy will sink even faster and take India down with it. Taiwan's geopolitical location, its special place in US-China relations, and its centrality to global manufacturing supply chains will make a war in Asia far more consequential than the

European one. Liu argues that "China's preoccupation with the East China Sea, the Taiwan Straits and



At the root of this miscalculation may be the kind of geopolitical thinking articulated by Liu Zongyi. Six months after the invasion of Ukraine, it is difficult to see how Putin's Russia can come out victorious, whichever way Moscow defines "victory". Xi's China too will find it hard to emerge unscathed from an escalating confrontation with the US.

In Europe, the Russian aggression has compelled Finland and Sweden to join the US-led NATO. Putin has also put an end to Germany's neutralist temptations. In Asia, Japan has embarked on its own rearmament and is strengthening its alliance with the United States and is eager to build regional coalitions against China.

Unrealistic external calculus and an authoritarian political bubble at home have seen Putin and Xi squander their national gains over the last three decades. The costs of overweening geopolitical ambitions in Moscow and Beijing are just coming into sharp relief.

Although it is widely assumed that Putin and Xi are now rulers for life, it is unrealistic to ignore the pro-Western tendencies so deeply rooted in modern Russian and Chinese political tradition. "Westernisers" in Moscow and Beijing may be down right now, but they have not disappeared.

Liu Zongyi's suggestion that Delhi can sit back and watch the great powers bleed each other imputes the Chinese way of thinking to India. Delhi, however, must find its own way to manage the current turbulence in the triangular relationship between Washington, Moscow, and Beijing.

Abetter appreciation of past errors in misjudging the frequent shifts in great power relations should help Delhi more adroitly navigate the current dynamic. The discourse on India's current diplomacy focuses on Delhi's "positional play" among the great powers. But there is no mistaking the essential "strategic play" that must guide India in the coming years reducing the power gap with China, building the capacity to deter Beijing's aggressive actions on its land and maritime frontiers, and rebalancing the Indo-Pacific.

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## Welfare model: BJP vs AAP

BJP skimps on investing in people, gives tax cuts and loan write-offs to rich. AAP regards investment in education, health as article of faith



JASMINE SHAH

INDIA FACES a critical question after 75 years of Independence: Do we prioritise the use of public funds to develop our human potential, or do we give them away in corporate tax cuts and corporate loan write-offs in the hope that it will set off a virtuous cycle of development?

That's the question at the heart of the ongoing debate on freebie vs revdi politics with Prime Minister Narendra Modi making veiled barbs at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's and the Aam Aadmi Party's welfare model.

Over the last seven years of its rule in Delhi, the AAP government has given birth to a distinct welfare model that prioritises investment in Delhi's citizens. Transforming public education and public healthcare is at the heart of the AAP's welfare model. Delhi government schools have seen an unprecedented transformation, be it in terms of their physical infrastructure, provision of world-class training for principals and teachers at reputed institutions such as IIMs in India and abroad, and innovative curriculum that has transformed the quality of learning in classrooms.

As a result, government schools in Delhi are now consistently performing better than their private peers and close to four lakh children have moved from private to government schools. The transformation has caught the attention of the world with the former US First Lady Melania Trump choosing to visit a "happiness class" in a Delhi government school in 2020 and The New York Times doing a front-page feature on the transformation of lives of millions of poor families in Delhi due to the AAP government's education model.

The establishment of a universal healthcare system under the AAP government in Delhi presents a unique model too. Over 500 moĥalla clinics provide free diagnosis, medicines and tests to around 65,000 people every day, while 38 government hospitals provide free and quality treatment to lakhs of patients every year, irrespective of their income levels or cost of treatment. A large-scale expansion is underway that will see the capacity of clinics, as well as hospitals, double by 2025. None of this comes cheap. The AAP government spends 40 per cent of its budget on education and health - the highest by any government in India.

The AAP government in Delhi also gives free electricity and water subsidy up to a certain level of consumption, spending close to 5 per cent of its budget on these two schemes. These targeted subsidies serve to boost the productivity of the most vulnerable citizens of Delhi besides allowing them to live a life of dignity. Yet, as per the CAG, the AAP government is the only government in India that has been running a revenue surplus budget each year for the last five years, doubling its budget from Rs 30,000 crore to Rs 60,000 crore during this period.

Contrast this with the expenditure by BJP governments in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh – the three most prominent examples of BJP's welfare model – which have been spending only 18 to 20 per cent of their budgets on education and health sectors for the past decade. None of them even claim to offer free and quality education or public healthcare system for all. Each of these states, much like the rest of India, is seeing a continuous migration of students from government to private schools, with Gujarat alone shutting down many government schools in the past decade. Accessing government schools and hospitals in these states is a mark of deprivation, not choice.

Nationally, too, the BJP government has fallen consistently short of its own targets of investing in education and health sectors. The Ayushman Bharat Yojana (PM-JAY), touted as the silver bullet for meeting public healthcare needs for the masses. provides coverage for only a fraction of the population through the private sector-led insurance model, without ensuring accessible and quality health infrastructure across India. The pandemic exposed the shortcomings of this approach. India ranked 94 out of 107 nations in the Global Hunger Index in 2020, and 131 on the UN's Human Development Index.

Has skimping on education and health meant that BJP-ruled states and the Centre are doing well fiscally? Not if you look at their budgets. The UP government has declared a fiscal deficit of Rs 81,000 crore for 2022-23, whereas Gujarat and MP have declared a fiscal deficit of Rs 36,000 crore and Rs 52,000 crore, respectively. The CAG has even called out Gujarat being at the risk of falling into a debt trap.

But it is the finances of the central government that should worry all of us. Since 2015, its total debt has ballooned from Rs 53 lakh crore to Rs 136 lakh crore. A series of corporate tax cuts have resulted in huge forgone revenues, during a period that also saw unemployment in India rise to the highest in 45 years. Around Rs 10 lakh crore of bad loans of rich corporates have been written off, largely from the books of public sector banks that operate under the close supervision of the government with seemingly little consequences for the 12,265 wilful defaulters.

So this is what the freebie politics debate boils down to. At one end is PM Modi and the BJP's welfare model that consistently skimps on investing in the people of India and has no model of human development to showcase anywhere in India but regards giving runaway tax cuts and loan write-offs to corporates as an article of faith. At the other end is CM Kejriwal and the AAP's welfare model that regards investing in education, health and basic services of the people of India as an article of faith and has done it successfully in Delhi while at the same time being prudent in managing public finances.

The ongoing debate on revdi politics puts forth these two very contrasting visions of what will make India great. And that is why it is the most important debate of our times.

LONG ROAD AHEAD

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'At 75, bat-

tles won and losing' (IE, August 20). The

writer has clearly outlined the progress

made by India on projects identified by

the Constituent Assembly such as na-

tional integration, social justice and

poverty alleviation. Perhaps, the great-

est challenge democracy faces in India

is to deliver the kind of sustained eco-

nomic development enjoyed by neigh-

bours like China. India is currently un-

dergoing a "demographic dividend" — a

rising working age population.

However, it is struggling to generate

iobs. It is also clear that democratisation

is not easy in a society that has had a

long history of inequality based on

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Better appreciation of past errors in misjudging the frequent shifts in great power relations should help Delhi more adroitly navigate the current dynamic. The discourse on India's current diplomacy focuses on Delhi's 'positional play' among the great powers. But there is no mistaking the essential 'strategic play' that must guide India in the coming years — reducing the power gap with China, building the capacity to deter Beijing's aggressive actions on its land

## Revdi culture is unsustainable

and maritime frontiers, and

rebalancing the Indo-Pacific.

Unlike central schemes, Delhi government's freebies are fiscally imprudent

#### Parvesh Verma

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal seems to be perturbed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to the youth to choose governments that invest in long-term projects and programmes instead of relying on shortcuts such as freebies. Since entering electoral politics, the Delhi CM has been misrepresenting mere quid pro quo distribution of freebies as a comprehensive welfare model. His approach is in sharp contrast to the Modi government's welfarism which bridges inequity in access to basic facilities and ensures no one is left

Kejriwal's much hyped "Delhi model" is an attempt to deceive the public through selective disclosures, misinformation, and exaggerated claims. How? The Delhi CM highlights free treatment in government hospitals and free education in government schools as a hallmark of his model. However, he deliberately omits the fact that state governments across the country have been providing free education and medical treatment for decades.

The Delhi government seems to have failed in expanding education and health infrastructure, the real barometer of success. In 2011-12, Delhi had 948 schools run by the Directorate of Education (DoE). In almost a decade, just 79 schools were started by the DoE and merely 18 of these were built under the Kejriwal government. In 2021-22, just two students received loans under the Delhi government's loan scheme for higher education. However, the state government has spent 19 crore on advertising this scheme. An RTI revealed that no new government hospital was constructed by the Delhi government between 2015 and 2019. AAP's highly publicised mohalla clinics have been missing in action during the city's multi-

On the other hand, the Modi government has facilitated unprecedented expansion in higher education opportunities. Since 2014, two new colleges per day and one university per week have been established in India. The Centre has also launched the world's largest government-funded healthcare programme, Ayushman Bharat, which has empowered more than 18 crore citizens to seek treatment at their hospital of choice.

Which of these is an effective model for the country — a government that merely promises and fails to deliver or a government that is successfully transforming India's health and education sectors while ensuring fiscal sus-

Contrary to Arvind Kejriwal's claims, uninterrupted electricity and water supply remain distant dreams for a large proportion of Delhites as the government has chosen to transfer public resources to the affluent rather than those who need them the most. Subsidised electricity to all including the rich and upper-middle class cannot increase power supply for citizens. In fact, it can make matters worse through perverse incentives. Similarly, a universal water subsidy cannot relieve innumerable colonies and slums in the city from the tanker mafia.

This reckless distribution of freebies must be contrasted with the Modi government's approach of providing targeted benefits. The Modi government provided 3.5 crore electricity connections across the country in less than two years. In about three years, the Modi government has relieved more than 6.75 crore households from the daily ordeal of collecting water. The Delhi government's claim of maintain-

ing a revenue surplus despite extending various subsidies to citizens is another instance of selective disclosure to deceive the public. The surplus is not a new achievement. Delhi had a revenue surplus even during Sheila Dikshit's tenure as chief minister. Moreover, various states including some big states ruled by the BJP such as Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat have a revenue surplus.

In fact, the revenue surplus in Delhi has declined under Kejriwal; almost 88 per cent as compared to 2010-11. In the current fiscal year, there is a high likelihood that the city may report a revenue deficit. There has also been a substantial increase in the city's debt during his tenure - 39 per cent between 2012-13 and

Kejriwal repeatedly criticises the central government for creating hindrances for the state government. In reality, extensive central transfers and assistance are the bedrock of the "Delhi model". Would Kejriwal have been able to provide freebies if central resources devolved to Delhi hadn't increased by almost 10 times between 2015-16 and 2020-21? If he is so proficient in fiscal management, why did the Delhi government need to borrow more than Rs 4,700 crore from the Centre in 2019-20 alone? However, mounting fiscal pressure and accompanying challenges haven't prevented Kejriwal from making a mammoth increase in advertisement expenditure. Ad spending increased by 44 times between

2012-13 and 2021-22.

A few days back, addressing the inauguration of the 2G ethanol plant in Panipat, PM Modi again reminded the public that shortcuts can lead to "short circuits". The unravelling of Arvind Kejriwal's "Delhi model" seems to be the perfect example. The ballooning burden of the electricity subsidy and weakening finances have forced Kejriwal to roll back the universal subsidy and make it optional. This decision was announced after Punjab had already signed up for free electricity and is carefully omitted from all announcements about electricity subsidy

Similarly, due to rising expenditure on subsidies, the Delhi government has been unable to undertake much needed efforts to reinvigorate the city's infrastructure. The government has failed to substantially increase its capital expenditure. Bus availability in the city has suffered due to a consistent reduction in fleet.

Keiriwal's transactional welfarism must be contrasted with the central government's focus on ensuring ease of living and holistic development by providing basic facilities such as banking, healthcare, electricity, water, housing, clean cooking fuel etc to crores of households across the country.

Instead of merely achieving piecemeal changes, policy makers should aim for paradigmatic transformation. This is the difference between the Modi government's "transformation at scale" and the unambitious Delhi Model. This is the choice between a freebiecentric revdi culture and Modi's welfarism.

The writer is a Member of Parliament

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Madam V-C

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Every university has a lunatic fringe... left, right, cenre... But they cannot define its identity' (IE, August 22). When she was appointed VC of JNU by the Centre, people had apprehensions as she was the first woman VC of such a prestigious university, at a time when it was surrounded by controversy. It was also feared that she would only remain a "yes-woman" of the ruling dispensation. But she has taken control and proven to be an efficient administrator. It is expected that she will unshackle JNU from any ideological optics and prime this abode of knowledge to greater heights and eminence.

Devendra Awasthi, Lucknow

#### SUSTAINABLE PLAN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'For Amrit kaal in agriculture' (IE, August 22). India is already a water-stressed country where, especially in northern states like Punjab and Haryana, growing of rice should be a serious concern. We need to focus on "virtual water mismatch". In the last five years, India has remained one of the top exporters of basmati rice and bovine meat - two of the most water-consuming products. This will lead to salinisation and land degradation. Pronami Gogoi, Assam

#### BAD PRECEDENT

caste, community and gender.

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Misogyny in court' (IE, August 20). Just last month, one of the legislators in the Kerala assembly disgraced himself and the assembly. This ruling on the heels of the previous event does not bode well. Judge S Krishna Kumar has, sadly, proved that justice is indeed blind. After his comments, how will women who look up to the judiciary for justice have any hope or faith in the system?

Bal Govind, Noida

Dattatray S Giri, Thane

# 12 THE WORLD



FOLLOWING ESTONIA

#### LATVIA TO TOPPLE SOVIET-ERA MONUMENT

Built in 1985, the monument commemorates the Red Army's victory over Nazi Germany. The obelisk is part of a complex that includes statues — a band of three Red Army soldiers and a woman representing the "Motherland" with her arms held high.

#### TOPOFTHE WORLD



**Anthony Fauci** 

**UNITED STATES** Fauci, face of US Covid response, set to retire

DR. ANTHONY Fauci, the US's top infectious disease expert who became a household name - and the subject of partisan attacks — during the Covid pandemic, announced Monday he will depart the federal government in December. Fauci, who serves as President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, has been the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. He became the face of the government response to Covid, with frequent appearances on TV news and at press briefings with White House officials, including then-President Donald Trump.

**FINLAND** 

#### Marin negative for drugs after party video leak

FINNISH PM Sanna Marin has tested negative in a drug test she took following the publication of a video last week that showed her partying with friends, her office said Monday. Video clips of Marin at a party with Finnish celebrities began circulating on social media last week and were soon published by media outlets in Finland and abroad. Marin said she had never taken drugs and that she had not seen anyone doing so at the party. She also said her ability to perform her official duties had remained unimpaired and that she would have left the party had she been required to work. REUTERS

#### **BANGLADESH** School, office hours cut to save power

**BANGLADESH WILL close** schools for one extra day a week and cut office timings by an hour to save power, a government official said Monday. The country last month shut down all 10 of its diesel power plants after Russia's invasion of Ukraine drove up the cost of imported fuel. Bangladesh began daily two-hour power cuts last month, but many parts of the country go without electricity for much longer. The shut plants account for about 6% of Bangladesh's total power REUTERS generation.

#### **ZAWAHIRI EPISODE NOT A DISINCENTIVE**

## **US commits to Afghan asset talks** despite frustration with Taliban

At the core of effort is plan to transfer billions of dollars into Swiss-based fund

The US froze \$7 billion in Afghan assets following the

Taliban's takeover of Kabul last year. Reuters

**JONATHAN LANDAY** WASHINGTON, AUGUST 22

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden's administration will press ahead with talks on releasing billions of dollars in Afghanistan's foreignheld assets despite late al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri's presence in Kabul and foot-dragging by the Taliban and Afghan central bank, according to three sources with knowledge of the situation.

The decision to pursue the initiative to help stabilize Afghanistan's collapsed economy underscores growing concern in Washington over a humanitarian crisis as the United Nations warns that nearly half the country's 40 million people face "acute hunger" as winter approaches.

At the core of the US-led effort is a plan to transfer billions in foreign-held Afghan central bank assets into a proposed Swiss-based

EU negotiator:

Iran's answer to

nuke deal offer

was reasonable

Madrid: EU foreign policy chief

Josep Borrell said on Monday

that a response from Iran to the

EU's latest proposal on a nuclear

Iran that I considered reasonable.

It was transmitted to the United

States which has not yet re-

sponded formally," he told a uni-

2015 nuclear deal with Tehran

after 16 months of indirect US-

versity event in Spain.

Josep Borrell

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be made with the help of an international board and bypass the counterproposal in talks in Doha

Taliban, many of whose leaders are under US and UN sanctions. The Taliban presented a

trust fund. Disbursements would

in late June. US State Department and Treasury officials told independent analysts at an August 11 briefing - 12 days after a CIA

drone strike killed al-Zawahiri in

Kabul – they will pursue the

pace, two sources said.

who requested anonymity confirmed the briefing's substance. "The strike did not change the US government's commitment to setting up the international trust fund" and it is "working with the same speed and alacrity as before the strike," said the US source.

The Taliban and Afghan cen-

tral bank – known by the initials

DAB - are not acting swiftly, a US

A knowledgeable US source

official said, one source said.

US officials also have discussed the trust fund plan with Switzerland and other parties. Following the Taliban's seizure

of Kabul, Washington and other donors halted aid that funded 70% of the government budget.

Washington also froze \$7 billion in Afghan assets in the US Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Other countries hold some \$2 billion of Afghan reserves.

DAY AFTER KILLING OF PUTIN ALLY'S DAUGHTER

## Russia spy agency: Bombing planned in Kyiv, Ukrainian woman hired to execute

**ANTON TROIANOVSKI** AUGUST 22

RUSSIA ON Monday blamed Ukraine for organising the killing of Daria Dugina, the ultranationalist daughter of a prominent Russian supporter of the invasion, a claim that raised fears of a further escalation in the sixmonth war.

Ukraine has denied having anything to do with the car bombing on Saturday that killed Dugina, 29, outside of Moscow.

Russia's domestic intelligence agency, the FSB, issued a statement Monday saying the attack "was prepared and committed by Ukrainian intelligence."

Some Russian media reports had said Dugina's father, Aleksandr Dugin, an ultranationalist writer who helped build the ideological foundation for President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine, was the likely target of the blast.

But the FSB's statement described Dugina - herself a hawkish commentator who had earned a following with frequent appearances on state media - as the intended target.

Soon after the FSB's announcement, the Kremlin published a letter of sympathy from Putin to Dugina's parents, the Russian leader's first statement about the attack. "A vile, cruel crime ended the life of Daria Dugina - a bright, talented person with a real Russian heart,' Putin wrote, making no mention of the perpetrators or of Ukraine.

In its statement, the FSB alleged that a Ukrainian woman had been contracted to carry out the bombing, saying that she had entered Russia on July 23 and rented an apartment in the Moscow building where Dugina lived "in order to organise the murder of Dugina and obtain in-



Investigators at the site of the blast that killed Daria Dugina, daughter of Russian ideologue Alexander Dugin. Reute

Portent of escalation

THE SPY AGENCY'S claims are likely to raise the clamour among Putin's supporters for an escalation in the Ukraine war. The agency, however, has often been accused of staging attacks for political ends and its statement blaming Kyiv

for the attack will hardly convince Putin's critics formation about her lifestyle."

Ukraine's presidential adtional world.

crossing the border. A senior

#### **RUSSIA SEEKS UN MEET ON N-PLANT**

Moscow: Russia on Monday requested the UNSC to meet on Tuesday regarding Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station. The nuclear plant was overrun by Russian troops in March. It has come under repeated shelling in recent weeks, raising fears of a nuclear disaster. Both sides blame each other for the attack.

The woman was at the same nationalist festival attended by Dugina and her father on Saturday before the bombing, the agency said.

viser, Mykhailo Podolyak, tweeted that the FSB statement was "propaganda" from a "fic-

The FSB also alleged that the perpetrator of the bombing had left Russia for Estonia, later releasing video footage of what it said showed her in a gray Mini Cooper

Russian lawmaker, Vladimir Dzhabarov, said on Monday that if Estonia did not hand over the woman, there would be "every reason for the Russian Federation to take tough actions against the Estonian state."

The bombing came on the heels of a spate of Ukrainian attacks in Crimea, and the FSB's accusations heightened the clamor among the war's most ardent cheerleaders to escalate fighting. "Zelenskyy regime must be destroyed," Sergei Mironov, a hawkish leader in the Russian parliament, said in a TV interview. NYT

Lanka PM 'calls

Gotabaya, talks

about his return

from Bangkok'

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** 

COLOMBO, AUGUST 22

#### BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER 2 YEARS Borrell was referring to a response sent last week by Iran to the EU proposal for updating a

A teacher sprays alcohol on the hands of students at a public school in San Juan City, Philippines on Monday as millions of students streamed back to schools across the country in their first in-person classes after two years of Covid lockdowns. Reuters

## Day after terror case, Imran gets contempt notice from High Court

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 22

A TOP court in Pakistan on Monday decided to initiate contempt proceedings against former PM Imran Khan for his controversial remarks against a female sessions court judge at a rally here.

The decision was taken by Acting Islamabad High Court Chief Justice Aamer Farooq during the hearing of a petition filed by the PTI challenging incarcerated party member Shahbaz Gill's police remand.

At a rally in Islamabad's F-9 park on Saturday, Khan had threatened to file cases against Islamabad's inspector general of police and deputy inspector general of police and declared: "We won't spare you." He then warned the judiciary against its "biased" attitude towards his party, saying that it should brace itself for the consequences.



Imran Khan's supporters block a road to prevent his arrest in Islamabad on Monday, Reuters

The PTI chairman also warned additional district and sessions judge Zeba Chaudhry. who had approved two-day physical remand of Imran's aide Gill's on the request of Islamabad Police, that she would also face dire consequences.

A larger bench comprising Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, Justice Babar Sattar and Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb will hear the contempt case and the first hearing is expected Tuesday.

The court notice comes a day after Khan, 69, was booked under Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act (punishment for acts of terrorism), according to the FIR.

On Monday, Khan secured a protective bail till August 25 in the terror case.

## **PAKISTAN** Hindu sanitation

### worker arrested over blasphemy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KARACHI. AUGUST 22

A HINDU sanitation worker, who escaped lynching by a mob in Pakistan's Sindh province, has been arrested over alleged blasphemy following a personal clash with a local resident, police said on Monday.

Ashok Kumar was arrested after pages of an Islamic book were allegedly burnt on Friday and the extremist group Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) on Sunday staged protests in front of a building housing Hindu families.

Police used force to disperse the violent mob, a police official said, adding that the sanitary worker was targeted because of a personal clash with a local.

Ravi Dawani, a Hindu leader, has appealed to the government to hold an impartial inquiry.

## South Korea, US begin biggest drills in years

**AMID THREAT FROM NORTH KOREA** 

KIM TONG-HYUNG SEOUL, AUGUST 22

THE US and South Korea began their biggest combined military training in years Monday as they heighten their defence posture against the growing North Korean nuclear threat.

The drills could draw an angry response from North Korea, which has dialed up its weapons testing activity to a record pace this year while repeatedly threatening conflicts with Seoul and US amid a stalemate in diplomacy.

The Ulchi Freedom Shield exercises will continue through September 1 in South Korea and include exercises simulating joint attacks, front-line reinforcements of arms and fuel, and removals of weapons of mass destruction.

The US and South Korea in past years had cancelled some of their regular drills and downsized others to computer simulations to create space for former US President Donald Trump's diplomacy with North Korea and because of Covid concerns.

Tensions have grown since the collapse of the second meet-



South Korean howitzers in Paju, near the border with North Korea, on Monday. AP

ing between Donald Trump and North Korea leader Kim Jong Un

South Korea's military has not revealed the number of troops participating in Ulchi Freedom Shield, but has portrayed it as a message of strength.

The drills follow North Korea's dismissal last week of South's "audacious" proposal of economic benefits in exchange for denuclearisation measures, accusing Seoul of recycling proposals Pyongyang has long rejected.

SRI LANKAN President Ranil Wickremesinghe has reached out to his predecessor Gotabaya Rajapaksa to finalise arrangements and facilitate his return to the crisis-hit country, a media report said on Monday

Rajapaksa, 73, fled the country and resigned last month in the face of a popular uprising against his government for mismanaging the economy. He is

currently in a hotel in Bangkok. The Daily Mirror, citing highly-placed sources, claimed Wickremesinghe is reported to have contacted Rajapaksa to discuss arrangements for his return to the country. The move comes after the ruling party, Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna, leader Basil Rajapaksa met the PM and called for the former president's early return, the report said.

The Daily Mirror has also claimed that Rajapaksa's lawyers in the US had last month applied for his Green Card as he was eligible by virtue of his wife's being a US citizen.

#### WILL BOLSONARO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 2 RESULTS?

## The question menacing Brazil's coming elections: Coup or no coup?

JACK NICAS & ANDRÉ SPIGARIOL BRASILIA, AUGUST 22

A SIMPLE but alarming question is dominating political discourse in Brazil with just six weeks left until national elections: Will President Jair Bolsonaro accept the results?

For months, Bolsonaro has attacked Brazil's electronic voting machines as rife with fraud despite virtually no evidence and Brazil's election officials as aligned against him. He has suggested that he would dispute any loss unless changes are

made in election procedures. He has enlisted Brazil's military in his battle. And he has told his tens of millions of supporters to prepare for a fight.

"If need be," he said in a recent speech, "we will go to war." With its vote on October 2, Brazil, the world's fourth-largest democracy, is bracing for the possibility of its president refus-

ing to step down. Bolsonaro has consistently trailed former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, a leftist, in opinion surveys.

Yet, according to interviews with more than 35 Bolsonaro administration officials, military generals, federal judges, election authorities, members of Congress and foreign diplomats, the people in power in Brazil feel confident that while Bolsonaro could dispute the election's results, he lacks the institutional support to stage a successful coup.

Brazil's last coup, in 1964, led to a brutal 21-year military dictatorship. "The middle class supported it. Business people supported it. The press supported it. And the US supported it," said Luís Roberto Barroso, a Supreme Court iustice and Brazil's former elections chief. "Well, none of these

players support a coup now." Instead, the officials worry



President Jair Bolsonaro has suggested he would dispute any loss unless changes are made in election procedures. NYT

about lasting damage to Brazil's democratic institutions – polls show a fifth of the country has lost faith in the election systems and about violence in the streets. Bolsonaro's claims of fraud and potential refusal to accept a loss echo those of his ally Donald J Trump, and Brazilian officials repeatedly cited the Jan 6 attack on the US Capitol as an example of what could happen.

"How do we have any control over this?" Flávio Bolsonaro, a senator and Bolsonaro's son, said in an interview with the Brazilian newspaper Estadão. In the United States, he said, "people followed the problems in the electoral system, were outraged and did what they did. There was no command from President Trump, and there will be no command from President Bolsonaro."

At the same time that many of Bolsonaro's supporters are convinced that the vote can be rigged, many more also have guns. Bolsonaro made it much easier for civilians to purchase firearms under looser restrictions for hunters, and now more than 670,000 Brazilians own guns under such rules, 10 times as many as five years ago.

Yet there are increasing hopes for a smooth transition of power if Bolsonaro loses – because he

His allies, including top officials in the armed forces, are about to begin negotiations with de Moraes about changes to election system. The idea is that Bolsonaro would back off his attacks on the voting machines if election officials agreed to some changes requested by Brazil's military. On Tuesday, as Supreme

now appears open to a truce.

Court justice, Alexandre de Moraes, took office as the nation's new elections chief and warned that he would punish attacks on the electoral process, the he crowd stood and applauded.

Bolsonaro sat and scowled.

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

## Terror charge on Imran and the new political flashpoint in Pak

**SAURABH KAPOOR** 

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

POLITICAL TENSIONS in Pakistan escalated on Monday as police announced they had filed terrorism charges against ousted premier Imran Khan for allegedly threatening public officials in a speech during a rally on Saturday. As Imran's party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), warned of nationwide protests if he was arrested, hundreds of his supporters gathered around his residence to prevent their leader from being taken into custody. Meanwhile, Imran moved Islamabad High Court, and was granted pre-arrest bail until August 25.

#### What led to this flashpoint?

The crisis began after a key Imran aide, Shehbaz Gill, was arrested on August 9 over comments made on TV, which the country's media regulator, the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra) termed "seditious" and tantamount to inciting "armed forces towards revolt".

The PTI has since claimed that Gill has been tortured in custody and his life remains in danger. In his rally on Saturday, Imran attacked a judge who had approved 48 hours' physical remand for Gill, and vowed to file cases against top officials of the Islamabad police.

Soon afterward, the former PM was himself booked under Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act (punishment for acts of terrorism) for "terrorising" the police and judiciary in his speech.

#### What does Imran Khan want?

Eager to ride the present momentum in his favour, the former PM is pushing for early elections. While his popularity was down in the run-up to his ouster in April, that changed dramatically after he was voted out in a noconfidence motion that he successfully managed to paint as "orchestrated".

His dramatically-delivered narrative of the US-dictated "regime change", which claimed he was kicked out for pursuing an independent foreign policy, struck a chord with his supporters, most of whom are young and belong to the Pakistani middle class.

The PTI chairman has since used the same line of argument to question the "neutrals" a euphemism that he uses for the army — for their alleged role in propping up the PML-N-PPP regime of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

He has backed this up with his talk of building a "Naya Pakistan" that is rid of corrupt politicians. The PTI has won resounding



Supporters of former Pakistan PM Imran Khan outside his residence in Islamabad on Monday. AP

victories in bypolls in the Pakistani province of Punjab, the home turf of the Sharifs, which has rattled his political opponents.

By continually upping the ante through his well-attended marches and rallies, Imran not only aims to deligitimise the regime that replaced him, he also hopes that the pressure would help advance the scheduled elections to the National Assembly.

#### What position has the Pak army taken?

In the remarks that got him into trouble, Gill said that the lower and middle rungs of the army and their families were firmly behind Imran, and that this had angered the

**UDIT MISRA** 

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

INDIA COMPLETED 53 years of bank nation-

alisation last month — amid a policy debate

over whether it is now time for a summary

reversal of the momentous decision that

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi took in July

1969. Is there a case for turning over all pub-

lic sector banks (PSBs) to the private sector

overnight? Or perhaps for an alternative that

might involve privatising some while keep-

ing others in the public sector, and stretch-

ing out the process of privatisation? That de-

pends on the policy goal in sight.

government. The PTI continues to count on the backing of a section of the Pakistan army.

Even before he lost power, the former PM was speculated to have tried moving the pieces to get a loyalist, then-ISI chief Lt Gen Faiz Hamid, as the next army chief. This involved refusing to confirm Army Chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa's appointment of Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum as the next ISI chief for three weeks. Until then, the Bajwa-Faiz-Imran trio was considered to be working together to preserve the Pakistan army's "hybrid" regime experiment, which had brought the PTI to power in 2018.

But in the end, Imran's attempt to create

NPAS IN PVT AND PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS

CHART 1

a power centre in the army loyal to him cost him the support of his military benefactors,

Now, even as there is talk of Imran continuing to enjoy some army support, there is also a view that the military would not want the PTI to sweep the next elections, whenever they are held, as it would be difficult to exercise control on such a popular regime.

#### Where is Pakistan headed next?

There are two key milestones to watch out for as the current crisis plays out. First is the approaching date when the current army chief's tenure ends. COAS Bajwa is due to retire in November this year. But he may still have a shot at an extension as he is 61 years old, and the age by which an army chief must be retired in Pakistan is 64.

The picture is likely to be clear by mid-September. It is not clear how Imran plans to script the victory he hopes for if Bajwa continues, or cleans the army stables before stepping down.

The other important milestone is the general election that is due to be held next year. The Election Commission of Pakistan had in April declared that it would not be in a position to conduct polls before May 2023. The

SHARE IN INFRASTRUCTURE LENDING (%)

ECP plans to begin a delimitation exercise based on a special census in January, and wrap it up in three months.

In the meantime, pitched political battles are expected to continue on the streets and through institutions, which are known to

take sides in Pakistan's power tussles. The ECP recently ruled that the PTI received foreign money, which is illegal in Pakistan. The ruling could result in the party being banned from politics, something that Imran's opponents are already demanding.

Imran has made it clear that his party will continue protesting until polls are announced. The PML-N, in turn, has been accusing him of trying to challenge "the writ of the state by inciting rebellion".

One X-factor could be the return of former PM Nawaz Sharif to Pakistan from London. While it may energise the PML-N rank and file, the army's entrenched distrust for the older Sharif, and its backing of current PM Shehbaz Sharif, might queer the party pitch.

Another variable is Pakistan's precarious economic situation. The ruling dispensation blames PTI and Imran for the current financial mess, but on the flip side, it may not have enough time to script a turnaround before going into an electoral battle.

## Pandurang Khankhoje: Indian revolutionary and agricultural scientist revered in Mexico

**RISHIKA SINGH** 

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

LOK SABHA Speaker Om Birla will travel to Mexico where he will unveil statues of Swami Vivekananda and Maharashtraborn freedom fighter and agricultural scientist Pandurang Khankhoje (1886-1967).

The Speaker's visit is part of the government's efforts to honour lesser-known Indian-origin leaders outside India, From Mexico, Birla will travel to Suriname on the northern coast of South America, where he will hold discussions with the Indian-origin President, Chandrikapersad Santokhi.

#### Reformer and revolutionary

Born in Wardha, Maharashtra, Pandurang Khankhoje came in contact with other revolutionaries early on. In his biography, Khankhoje's daughter Dr Savitri Sawhney wrote of his early years: "As a student, Khankhoje was an ardent admirer of the French Revolution and of the American War of Independence. Closer to home, the Hindu reformer Swami Dayanand and his Arya Samaj movement, which called for a spirit of reform and social change, became the hero to a young student group led by Khankhoje."

Khankhoje decided to go abroad for further training in revolutionary methods and military strategy. Before leaving, he visited Bal Gangadhar Tilak, who advised him to go to Japan, which was a strong, anti-West, Asian power then.

Khankhoje eventually moved to the US, where he enrolled in college as a student of agriculture. He later joined the Mount Tamalpais Military Academy in California to fulfil his original purpose of leaving India.

#### Role in freedom struggle

the US. "Har Dayal had begun a propaganda campaign, publishing a newspaper that featured patriotic songs and articles in the vernacular languages of India. This was the seed from which the Ghadar Party would emerge," wrote Sawhney. Khankhoje was a founder member of Ghadar in the US.



met many people from Mexico. The Mexican Revolution of 1910 had led to the overthrow of the dictatorial regime, and this inspired Khankhoje.

Soon, in part due to his prior friendship with Mexican revolutionaries, he was appointed a professor at the National School of Agriculture in Chapingo, near Mexico City. He researched corn, wheat, pulses and rubber, developing frost and drought-resistant varieties, and was part of efforts to bring in the Green Revolution in Mexico.

Norman Borlaug, called the Father of the Green Revolution in India, brought the Mexican wheat variety to Punjab.

seated around a table.





#### Passage to Mexico

Later on, the American agronomist Dr

tural scientist in Mexico. The renowned Mexican artist Diego Rivera painted murals that featured Khankhoje, including one titled 'Our Daily Bread' that prominently depicted him breaking bread with people



At the military academy, Khankhoje



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Context of the debate

Over the past decade, PSBs have struggled with high levels of non-performing assets (NPAs), which have eroded the banks' profitability and restricted their ability to finance India's growth needs. In dire cases, the government had to recapitalise PSBs - triggering demands that instead of wasting taxpayers' money on recapitalisation, the government should simply sell the bank off to the private sector. Doing so would reduce the financial burden on the government, while also ensuring that PSBs become more efficient and profit-making entities under pri-

By 2021, the government had reached a point that, in the Union Budget 2021-22, it announced its decision to start by privatising two PSBs.

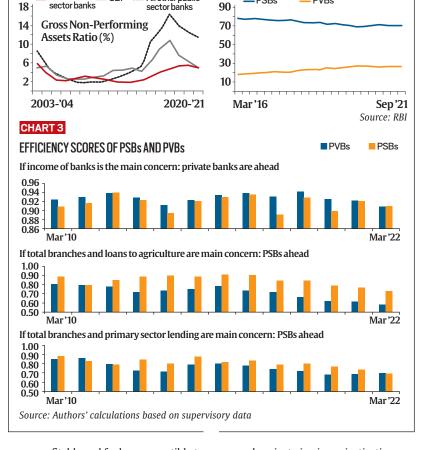
vate ownership, it has been argued.

#### 'Total and rapid privatisation'

A recent paper by Poonam Gupta of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and Arvind Panagariya of Columbia University argued that all PSBs should be privatised, and "the government should move as rapidly as politically feasible". Conceding that this might, however, be politically difficult for any Indian government to do, they suggested a middle path of privatising all PSBs except the biggest, State Bank of India (SBI).

"In principle, the case for privatization we have made applies to all PSBs including SBI. But we recognize that within the Indian economic framework and political ethos, in the foreseeable future, no government will want to be without a single PSB in its portfolio," they wrote. ('Privatization of Public Sector Banks in India Why, How and How Far?')

Gupta and Panagariya pointed to several metrics to argue that private sector banks (PVBs) were not only more efficient but also



**EXPLAINED ECONOMY** 

Ways to privatise PSBs

Should India privatise nationalised banks wholesale and rapidly, or take a gradual approach? Data show

CHART 2

more profitable and far less susceptible to fraud. For instance, as Chart 1 above shows, PVBs have lower gross NPAs.

Their research also found that between 2014-15 and 2020-21, PVBs contributed more towards extending loans, and had a higher share of deposits from savers. In doing so, they added more branches and created new jobs, while the PSBs saw declines on both counts.

Gupta and Panagariya also found that "fraud amounts have concentrated disproportionately in PSBs". Unsurprisingly therefore, there is a stark difference in the market capitalisation of PSBs and PVBs.

#### 'Cautious, gradual approach'

Other experts argue against rapid privatisation. In a paper titled 'Privatisation of Public Sector Banks: An Alternate Perspective', members of RBI's Banking Research Division

warned against viewing privatisation as a panacea for all of the sector's ills.

The paper, which was released last week as part of the RBI's August Bulletin, urged people to employ a more "nuanced approach". It argued that "a big bang approach of privatization of these (public sector or governmentowned) banks may do more harm than good".

In support of their argument, RBI's researchers compared and contrasted the performance of PSBs and PVBs over different metrics. They looked at data since 2010 – the time when PSBs have been at their weakest. The findings can be summarised as follows:

■ PSB are more socially relevant in **India:** The point of nationalising private banks in 1969 was to reach out to those sections of society and economy that were typically ignored by private sector banks.

RBI's researchers found that PSBs are far

private banks have generated profits, but PSBs have been more inclusive, and lent more to crucial sectors

ahead of PVBs in servicing rural India. They

have far more branches and ATMs in rural

PSBs also do the heavy-lifting when it comes to financial inclusion. Private sector banks accounted for just 1.3 crore of the total almost 46 crore beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), the research reported.

■ PSBs are more cost-efficient: The RBI's researchers noted that "when profit maximisation is the sole motive, efficiency of the PVBs has always surpassed that of their public sector counterparts". (Top panel in Chart 3) "However, when the objective function

is changed to include financial inclusion – like total branches, agricultural advances and PSL advances — PSBs prove to be more efficient than PVBs. (Middle and bottom panels)

Here, cost efficiency is defined as "efficiency that gives a measure of how close a bank's cost is to what a best-practice bank's cost would be for producing the same bundle of output under the same conditions".

■ PSBs are more useful to the economy: The RBI's research shows that PSBs, far more than the PVBs. extend loans when the economy is in a cyclical downturn. This is crucial because a downturn is when new loans are most needed to put the economy back on to a growth trajectory. This also shows up in the choice of sectors that PSBs lend to - infrastructure, for instance. (Chart 2)

"Infrastructure finance has been a bottleneck in the country's development and growth. PSBs have a lion's share in these lendings and their role has been especially crucial against the backdrop of the withering away of erstwhile development financial institutions," the researchers say.

The study also found that PSBs are more effective in monetary policy transmission. During the last easing cycle (February 2019 to March 2022), for example, PSBs' reduction in lending rates was substantially higher than At the same time, PSBs' deposit rates

were relatively stickier than PVBs. While this reduces the incomes of PSBs vis-à-vis PVBs, the researchers argue that this shows that PSBs contribute to larger social goals.

"In line with recent research, which suggests that 'private ownership alone does not automatically generate economic gains in developing economies' and 'a more cautious and nuanced evaluation of privatization is required'... this article also recommends a gradual approach to privatization", says the paper.

### **EVERYDAY HEALTH**

## How smoking harms the heart, clots blood and causes brain strokes



Dr. K Srinath Reddy From The Indian Express panel

of specialists, exclusive insight

A RECENT report in *The Lancet* said that 44.4% of global cancer deaths are attributable to three risk factors: smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, and a high body mass index (BMI), which indicates obesity.

Each of these is related to unhealthy behaviour, propelled by commercial drivers. Indeed, a greater number of tobacco victims die globally from cardiovascular disease

#### than from cancers. There are many ways in which tobacco consumption, active or passive, can harm the heart, arteries and veins.

Impact on blood vessels

Smoked tobacco releases several chemicals. Of these, nicotine and carbon monoxide are especially harmful. Nicotine constricts the blood vessels and reduces blood flow. Carbon monoxide is highly injurious to the blood vessel wall. A variety of oxygenfree radicals generated during smoking also damage the blood vessels.

Tobacco use promotes both atherosclerosis (fat deposition coupled with fibrosis) in the vessel walls and thrombosis (blood clot formation) on the damaged vessel walls. Blood levels of HDL cholesterol (the protective fraction) are decreased, while the levels of the highly atherogenic "small dense LDL" fraction increase. Triglyceride levels rise too. Smoking has also been linked to an increased risk of diabetes and pre-diabetes.

When walls of blood vessels are inflamed their protective inner lining is breached and fats get deposited in these damaged areas. Those deposits grow into plaques, and in the longer run impede blood flow.

**Clotting risk** 

Smoking also activates a cascade of proteins (clotting factors), leading to the formation of blood clots. It causes platelets (blood cells that form a clot) to clump together. The atheromatous plaques, even when small, can be destabilised by smoking. As they crack open in any arterial wall, their exposed fatty core initiates clotting of blood flowing in those arteries. When this happens, large clots can quickly form and block blood flow completely. This can lead to a heart attack. When a plaque is soft, smoke from even a single cigarette can cause plaque instability, precipitating a heart attack.

Smokers get a heart attack 7-10 years earlier than non-smokers. Male smokers have a two-fold higher risk of heart attacks than non-

smokers. Women smokers have a three to four fold higher risk of heart attacks than nonsmoking peers, because smoking diminishes the protective effect of female sex hormones.

#### Brain stroke risk

Risk of strokes (brain attacks) too increases because blood clots can form more readily in the blood vessels of tobacco users. These clots cut off blood supply to parts of the brain. By acutely raising blood pressure, smoking increases the risk of sub-arachnoid haemorrhage (a type of brain bleed into the surrounding fluid). Aorta, the main artery that arises from the heart to distribute blood to all parts of the body through its branches, can balloon in parts (aneurysm) and rupture. Disease of arteries of the legs can lead to gangrene and amputation. Even the large veins can suffer from clots. Blood flow through the maternal placenta is reduced as arteries constrict due to active or passive exposure to tobacco smoke, thereby increasing the risk of stillbirths or small sized babies. Endothelial dysfunction of the arteries supplying blood to the male genitalia causes impotence (erectile dysfunction).

(Prof K Srinath Reddy, a cardiologist and epidemiologist, is President, Public Health Foundation of India. Views are personal)

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I, hitherto known as Yogita

Rani, W/o Shiv Kumar, residing

atH.No.-4/1288.Gali.No.-10.

Mohalla Dalhai, Bholanath

Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-

110032, have changed my

known as Yogita Parcha.

I.hitherto known as Shiv

residing at, H.No.-

Dalhai, Bholanath-

Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-

110032,have changed my

name and shall hereafter be

known as Shiv Kumar Parcha.

I,KOMAL,W/O.DEEPAK SINGHI,

NIKETAN SHAHDARA, NORTH

EAST DELHI.110094, Changed

all, future Purposes.

NAGAR EAST-DELHI

ADD-A-44, STRFFT,NO.1,INDIRA

my name to KOMAL SINGHI, for

I,HEENA AHUJA,W/O.PARVESH

AHUJA, ADD-X/1784,GALLNO-

110031, changed my name

18, RAJGARH-COLONY, GANDHI-

toHARSH AHUJA, for all, future

I,Ashok Kumar S/O Tej Ram Sharma,R/O H.No-810, Sector-

3,R.K.Puram,Delhi-110022

Ashok Kumar Sharma.

I,ANIL KUMAR S/O M N

BAHUGUNA,R/O D-

FIRST FLOOR, INDRA

Have Changed my Name to

511.KH.NO.191.FRONT SIDE

PARK, NAJAFGARH, DELHI-

110043,have changed my name to ANIL BAHUGUNA.

It is for general information

237. Sainik Vihar, Pitam

that I, Bhayain, S/O Janki, R/O-

Pura, Delhi-110034, declare that

name of mine and my wife has

been wrongly-written as Hari

Parsad Pal and Janki Devi in

my son Deepak Pal aged-14-

wrongly mentioned date of

birth of my son in school

years his School-Records and

record as 05.11.2006 instead of

08.11.2007. The actual-name of

mine and my wife Bhayain and

may be amended accordingly.

Mamta respectively, which

I,YASHIKA ARODA,D/O NASIR

CHANGE MY NAME TO IQRA

RAZA6408, GALI ISHWARI

RAO, DELHI-110006 HAVE

I,Vinod Vihari S/o Bhagwati

201011, have changed my

I,Tarvinder Singh,S/o Mohinder Singh,R/o 7606, FF,76th Avenue

DLF Phase-4, Gurgaon HR, have

**I,Surender** Singhal, S/o Pratap

Village,New Delhi-110080,have

changed my name to Surender

Kumar, for all future Purposes.

I.Santosh Mhaian.W/o-Tarsev

Maiaian R/o-D-660/A.Balbir

282005, have changed my

MAHAJAN, for all, future

I.Sampa Naravana Saha W/o

Sabha.Pooth Kalan.Delhi-

110086, have changed my

I.SUBHASH KUMAR.S/O LATE

APARTMENT, PLOT, NO. 10.

Subhash Kumar Pabreia to

I.SIMRANPREET KAUR.D/O-

B-80 L/G/F GURUNANAK-

**ENCLAVE NILOTHI EXTN** 

Subhash Kumar. Both are one

RANJIT SINGH,R/o.B-79 A AND

NANGLOI, DELHI-110041, have

changed my name to SIMRAN.

I.Rehan S/o Riazuddin R/o-B-14

Delhi, have changed my name

to Mohd Rihan for all purpose

I.Ravi Sain, S/o-Roshan Lal Jain

Gali.No.4, Shankar-Nagar

Ext..Krishna-Nagar Delhi-

110051, have changed my

name to Ravi Sain Jain, for all

I.Rachita Mavor W/o Jasmeet

**Brahmaputra Apartments** 

Sector-29 Noida(U.P) have

Rachita Mayor Chhabra to

Rachita Mayor for all future

changed my name from

Singh Chhabra R/o 22

DDA Flats Turkman Gate

R/o-H.No.P-67

purposes.

purposes.

NAME IS

SECTOR-9, ROHINI, have

name to Sampa Sil.

SHRI HIRA NAND R/0

41,RAMAKRISHNA

& the same person

Sachin Sil R/o-H.No.418, Sardar

Patel Enclave, 3rd-Floor, Gram

name to SANTOSH

purposes.

Bagh, New Agra, Uttar Pradesh

Vihar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-

name to Vinod Pant.

changed my name to

Singh, Add.512, Devli

Tarvinder Singh Gandhi.

Prasad Pant R/o D-69B, Brij

PRASAD BARA HINDU

FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Kumar, S/o-Harphool Singh,

4/1288,Gali.No.-10,Mohalla

name and shall hereafter be

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### Classifieds

#### **PERSONAL**

I. Heena Bhatia. D/o Subhash Bhatia, W/o Padam Gupta, R/o Plot No-111, Street No-4, Subhash Chowk, Bheem Colony, Bakhtawar Pur, North West Delhi-110036, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Heena Gupta.

0070800518-1

I, Hawldar Singh, S/o Shankar Singh R/o-B-225/13A, Street No.7. Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110093 have changed my name to Hawaldar Singh.

0040628307-4 I, Gaurav Raj Singh Singh, S/o Chattra Veer Singh, R/o L1663,

 $have\, changed\, my\, name\, to$ Gaurav Raj Singh 0070800520-1 I, Garv Anand, R/o W-25, FF

Shastri Nagar-4, Meerut, UP,

Greater Kailash 1, New Delhi-110048. have changed my name to Garv Kumar Anand. 0070800521-1

I, Deepak Kumar Sehgal alias Deepak Sehgal alias Deepak, S/o Walaiti Ram, R/o H.No-259. Street No. 9, Faiz Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar for all future purposes. 0070800519-1

I, Babli, D/o Gopal Das, R/o 74/15, Nai Basti, Gurgaon, Harvana-122001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Pratibha Singh.

0070800515-1

I, BHAGAT SINGH S/o Dayal Singh R/o F-179, 3rd Floor Jeevan Nagar, New Delhi-110014, have changed my name to BHAGAT SINGH SAINI for all future purposes.

0040628211-1

L Avan S/o Riazuddin R/o-B-14 DDA Flats Turkman Gate Delhi, have changed my name to Mohd Ayan for all purpose 0040628307-6

I, AFSHEEN AYUB D/o MOHD AYYUB R/o-2479, Bazar Chitli Qabar, Jama Masjid Delhi, have changed my name to AFSHEEN AYYUB, for all purpose.

0040628307-5 I Sasi kala W/o Col. Rajender Singh Yadav (Retd) PPO NO 131201807543 R/o C-402, Sujjan Vihar, Sector-43 (AWHO) Gurgaon, Sworn in an Affidavit at-SDM Kotputli court changed my name as SHASHI KALA YADAV.

0040628279-1 I Sanchita Sharma D/o Sh. Ravi

Prakash Sharma W/o Sh. Ish Gupta R/o 21/43. Shakti Nagar. Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Sanchita Gupta for all purposes. 0040628204-10

I S.K.Sah alias Saroj Kumar S/o Sh. Ganesh Prasad R/o Railway Quarter No.20/15, Railway Colony, Kishan Ganj, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Saroi Kumar Sah for all purposes.

0040628204-11 I Rupinder Kumar S/o-Siya Ram Sharma R/o-Q-344, Block-Q-4, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-21, Noida-201301 declare that my name wrongly-written in myminor daughter-(Himadri Sharma)School-Record as-Rupinder Kumar Sharma

instead of Rupinder Kumar. 0040628270-1

I Pooja Siwach D/o Mr. Dharamvir Singh Pawar W/c Mr Rohit Siwach R/o B-119 Third Floor, Paryavarn Coplex Saidulazaib, New Delhi-110030 have changed my name after my marrige from Pooia Pawar to Pooja Siwach for all future

0040628234-1

I Deepak Krishna Shetty S/o Sh. Krishna Shetty R/o J-10, Main, New Delhi-110016 have changed my name to Deepak Shetty for all purposes. 0040628204-9

I Bhavna Dhameja W/o Mahesh Kumar Dhameja R/o Block 7

House No. 6A (7/6 A) 2nd Floor Declare That Bhavna Dhameja and Bhawna Dhameja Are Same Person Name 0040628280-1

ISalak Chand Jindal S/o Keshram R/O-34/13 Gali No.10 Sanjay colony narela delhi-110040, have changed my name to Salekh Chand as mention in my adhar card for all purposes 0040628274-1

I Anjali Arora Wife of Gaurav Arora Resident of 44A Pocket A9 Gomti Apartments Kalkaii Extension New Delhi -110019 have changed my name to Anjali Naithani for all future

purposes 0050202940-1 I Alisha Ahuja D/o Sh. Naveen Ahuja W/o Sh. Sidhant Aeron R/o E-97, 3rd Floor, Kamla Nehru Marg, Aeron

Associates, Kamla Nagar, Delhi-110007 have changed my name after marriage to Alisha Aeron for all purposes.

I,Kamala Pagaria,W/o Raj Kumar Pagaria, R/o-House.No.5. 3rd-Floor.Road-No.17, Punjabi Bagh-East, West Delhi-110026 have changed may name to Kamla Pagaria, for all future purposes. 0040628248-3

I,RUKHSAR FATIMA,D/O WAKIL AHAMAD,R/O-161/51,JOGABAI EXT JAMIA-NAGAR, N DELHI-110025.IN MY 10TH-CERTIFICATE MY-MOTHER

> INCORRECT.SHABNAM JAMAL, MY-MOTHER CORRECT-NAME IS SHABNAM. 0040628295-1

I.Poonam Malik.D/o Ramjilal, W/o Vijay Kumar, R/o.WZ-239, Gali No 05, Virender Nagar, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Punam. 0040628319I,Parneet Thanewal,W/o-Balvinder Thanewal, R/o-K-112.Kangra Nikaten.Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to parneet thanewal for all future purposes.

0040628311-2

I,Niyaz Khan,S/o-Jilai Khan,R/o:Plot.No-9393-101/3, Gali.No-7,S-Block,New Roshan-Pura Extn., Najafgarh, New Delhi-43.Declare that Mv-Minor Daughter Aafrin Date.Of.Birth Certificate Wrongly-Written in School-Record, 22-01-2008 is Correct Date.Of.Birth-05-08-

0040628295-6

I.Nitin Kumar Dhingra.S/O Darshan Dass Dhingra, R/O O 31, First-Floor, Gate No-3, Sri Niwas Puri.Delhi-110065.Have Changed my Name to Nitin Dhingra.

0040628300-5

I,NITISH KUMAR,S/o Mr. Vinod Kumar.R/o H.No.D-211.Street No.7, Mukund Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to NITISH KUMAR MISHRA, for all future purposes.

0040628295-9

I,Majid A Khan,S/o Mushtaq Khan, R/o House.no.535, D-Block.Gali.No.13. Sheetla-Colony,Gurgaon,Haryana-122001 have changed my name to Majid Khan, for all the

0040628319-4

I.MANJU ARORA W/O-HARJEET SINGH R/O E-211, TAGORE GARDEN EXTN., NEW DELHI-110027, have changed my name to MANPREET KAUR.

0040628307-2 **I,Kulwant** Kaur,D/o Partap Singh &,W/o Manjeet Singh.R/o House.No.L-5/541(407),Gali.No.3,Shaheed Udham Singh-Nagar, Amritsar-143001.Puniab.have changed my name, from Kulwant Kaur to Rajwant Kaur.

0040628307-9

I.Shaheena D/o Md Livakat Ali R/o-Jhuggi-No.58, New Ranjeet-Nagar, N.Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Shaheena Ansari.

0040628324-4

I,Krishna Jain W/O.Satish Jain.R/O.AK-50.secondfloor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Jyoti Jain,for all purposes. 0040628295-4

I.Kishan Lal Khurana S/O Tikam Dass R/O.J-138 Second-floor Saket Malviya-Nagar,New Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Krishan Lal Khurana, permanently.

0040628300-2 **I,Kajal** D/O Veeru Gupta R/O T-510/C-13 F-1. Balieet Nagar, Patel Nagar, Delhi-

110008, Have Changed my Name to Kajal Gupta. 0040628300-4

I,K M.ARCHANA GARG,W/O TARUN GUPTA,R/O.H.NO-4/5 CHILKANA ROAD GOL KOTHI, SHAHPUR MAZBATA, Saharanpur, U.P-247001. have Changed My Name To ARCHANA GUPTA.

0040628300-8 Permanently. LJasmeet Singh Chhabra S/o Harpal Singh Chhabra R/o 22 Brahmaputra Apartments Sector-29, Noida(U.P) have changed my name from Jasmeet Chhabra to Jasmeet Singh Chhabra for all future purposes.

I,JASWINDER SINGH,S/o **GURCHARAN SINGH is** JASWINDER SINGH PRUTHL and my son's name is HARMEET SINGH PRUTHI. House, No.5B/365.Flat.No-A-1 UGF, Sultanpur, Delhi-110030.

0040628313-3 **I,Hirdyesh** Goel S/o Ajay Goyal R/o-20 North Avenue.Road 1st-Floor West Punjabi, Bagh Delhi-110026, changed my name to Hirdyesh Goyal. 0040628319-5

I.Gautam Kumar Surana S/o-Lal Chand Surana, R/o-A-5/8 Third Floor, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, Have Changed My Name To Gautam Surana. For All Purposes.

0040628313-5

I,DEEPAK,S/O.PHOOL CHAND, ADD-A-44,STREET.NO,1,INDIRA NIKETAN SHAHDARA, NORTH EAST DELHI 110094.Changed my name to DEEPAK SINGHI, for all, future Purposes

0040628313-1

**I,Charanjeet** Singh S/o Avtar Singh Saimbi R/o A-83, Sector-15, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Charanjeet Singh Saimbi for all purposes.

0040628252-1 I,Chanchal W/o-Rana Ranvijay Kumar Singh, R/o-Plot.No.27.Flat No.302. Shalimar Garden, Extension-1, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005, have changed my, name to Chanchal Rana, for

all future purposes. 0040628307-10

I,Chanchal Goyal,D/o Jagdish Narain Goval &.W/o Santosh Aggarwal,R/o D-11,Vidyut Apartment,81-I.P.Extension Delhi-110092.have changedmy name, from Chanchal Goyal to Rachna Aggarwal, (after marriage). 0040628300-6

I.Bindu Kushwaha S/o Ramdayal Kushwaha R/o-H.no.25,Kapil Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my minor son's name from Shivam to Sidharth Kushwaha for all purposes. 0040628295-8 I,Asif Ali,R/o-Servant Quaters, Embassy of Kuwait.5A Shantipath Chanakyapuri, Delhi-110021, have changed my minor daughter's name Wardah to Wardah Asif Ali.

0040628307-3

I,Amandeep S/o Jitender Singh R/o RZ-V-115-A, Bhagwati Vihar, Uttam-Nagar, N.Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Amandeep Singh.

0040628324-3

I, Saurabh Verma, S/o Rajesh Verma, R/o G70/3, 3rd Floor, Kiran Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59 have changed my minor Daughter name from Parvi Verma to Parvi Nalwa foi all purposes.

0070800539-1

I,Amaanya Kaur Dhall,D/o-Sh.parminder Singh, R/o-16/16, Geeta colony Delhi-110031.have changed my name from Amaanya dhall to Amaanya kaur dhall, both are one and the same person. 0040628311-1

I,Ajay Kumar Choudhary,S/o Chander Pal Singh, R/o RZF-547, Gali. No. 42, Sadh Nagar-2,Palam Colony,Delhi-110045 Change My Name to Ajay Kumar Chaudhary.

0040628300-7 I,ARTEE SINGH GOUSAIN,D/O-PLOT.NO-76A, 1ST-FLOOR, SARASWATO-COLONY.TILPAT. FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121003, have changed my name to AARTEE.

permanently.

0040628295-5

I,ABHILASHA SHANDILYA W/O NARESH KUMAR SHARMA R/O 115A,GH-10,SUNDER APARTMENT, PASCHIM VIHAR DEI HI-110087 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ABHILASHA SHARMA.

0040628307-8

I,AARTI BHATIA W/O SUNNY **ΒΗΔΤΙΔ Ρ/Ο 216 ΚΟΗΔΤ** ENCLAVE,PITAMPURA,DELHI-110034.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ARTI BHATIA.

0040628319-3

I, Vikash Bishnoi, S/o Radha Krishna Bishnoi, R/o House No. 707, Sector 23, Gurgaon, Harvana-122017, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vikas Bishnoi.

0070800533-1

I, Ujjawal Malhotra S/o Satish Kumar Malhotra, R/o-AF-59-B, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Love Malhotra

0040628248-2

I. Sved Amir Shah, S/o Sved Arab Shah, R/o 1094, Near Sheesh Mahal, Delhi-110002, declare that S. Amir Shah, Amir Shah and Sved Amir Shah, all refer to the same person i.e., me, but from now my correct complete name SYED AMIR SHAH shall be used for all future purposes.

0040628205-1

I, Sunil Chamoli, S/o Chandi Parsad, R/o Flat No-56, IInd Floor, Pocket-1, Gangotri Apartment, Sector-12, Dwarka, PO: N.S.I.T. Dwarka, South West Delhi-110078, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sunil Kumar.

I, Saurabh Verma, S/o Rajesh Verma, R/o G70/3, 3rd Floor, Kiran Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59, have changed my name to Saurabh Nalwa for all purposes.

0070800531-1

I. Satesh, S/o Bir Singh, R/o 323. Allika, Musaka Mohalla, Ward No-1, Allika(36), Palwal, Harvana-121102, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Satesh Kundu.

0070800534-1

I, SUHAIL, S/o SOLOMON SAMUEL NELSON, R/o A-5/53, Top Floor, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to SUHEL S. NELSON for all purposes.

0070800491-1

L SHILPA MOLLY DINESH, W/o VIKAS SHARMA, R/o E-43, 1st Floor, Gali No-2, East Vinod Nagar, Padparganj, East Delhi 110091, have changed my name to SHILPA SINGH for all 0070800492-1 purposes.

I. SHILPA CHOPRA, W/O PRIYANK SHARMA, R/O-E-1203, SKYTECH MATROTT, SECTOR-76, NOIDA. G.B.NAGAR, U.P-201301, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHILPA SHARMA FOR ALL THE FUTURE PURPOSES. 0070800524-1

Sardar Ahmed R/o 781, Fourth Floor, Zakir nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to MOHD FAISAL for all future purposes.

I. SHAHANSHAH FAISAL S/o

0040628207-1 I. SANTOSH RANI, R/o HOUSE

No. A-113, NAND RAM PARK. NEAR TRANSFARM, UTTAM NAGAR, WEST DELHI, DELHI 110059, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SANTOSH VERMA 0070800497-1

I, Renu Malhotra W/o Love Malhotra R/o-AF-59-B. Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Renuka Malhotra 0040628248-1

I. SABINA.W/o IKRAM KHAN,ADD.F-439-B,GALI.NO.19, NEAR-CHURCH.KHAJURI KHAS.KARAWAL NAGAR.DELHI 110094, changed my name to SABINA KHAN. 0040628300-1

Gadadhar Prasad, W/o Suresh Chandra Srivastava, R/o 2/5, Mig Awas Vikas Colony, Yoiana-3, Jhunsi, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh-211019, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rina Prasad.

0070800513-1

I, Ravinder Kumar, S/o Nawal Singh, R/o House No.15, Village-Kheri Kalan. Faridabad, Haryana, have changed my Duaghter name from Tanihs to Tanisha Narwat permanently.

I, Rina Srivastava, D/o

0070800522-1

I, Pearl Dhupar, D/o Sudhir Kumar, R/o A2/284, Janakpuri, West Delhi-110058, declare that Name of Mine & My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Pearl Dhooper & Sudhir Dhooper and Deepali Dhooper in my 10th class Certificate and 12th class Certificate. The actual name of Mine & My Father and My Mother are Pearl Dhupar & Sudhir Kumar Dhupar and Deepali Dhupar, which may be amended accordingly. 0070800525-

I, Parvesh Kumar Gupta, S/o Jai Kishan Gupta, R/o A-5/179-B, DDA Janta Flats, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi-63, have changed my name to Parvesh 0040628273-1 Gupta.

I, PARAMJIT KAUR,W/O SH.MANMOHAN SINGH R/O-M-63.FIRST-FLOOR.GURU HARKISHAN NAGAR, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110087, have changed my name to PARAMJEET KAUR for all future purposes.

I, Murari Kumar Shroff, S/o Krishna Lal Shroff R/o-G-22/347-348, 2nd-Floor, Sector-7 Rohini, Delhi-110085,has changed my name from Murari Lal Shroff to Murari 0040628248-4 Kumar Shroff.

I, Megha Verma, W/o Saurabh Nalwa, R/o G70/3, 3rd Floor, Kiran Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59, have changed my name to Megha Nalwa for all

purposes. 0070800536-1 L Kabir S/o Hemant Sharma R/o-H.No.372, Gali No.04, Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Kabir Sharma.

0040628214-1

PUBLIC NOTICE y client Sh. Shiv Kumar Aggarwal yo Sh. Tale Ram and his wife Smt. thash I Aggarwal resident of 22/7, toround Floor, East Punjabi Bagh, leihi 110026 have severed all lalations and disown their son namely anchanan Aggarwal is wife namely havinani Aggarwal and grand-aughter namely Vaishnavi Aggarwal com their all movable and immovable roperties due to their disobedience on misbehavior, if anybody deals with them will do so at his/her/their win risk, cost and consequences. My lients shall not be responsible for leir any acts and deeds.

Sid-Dilij Gupta (Advocate)

Sd/- Dilip Gupta (Advocate Ch. No. 125, Saket Court New Delhi-17 IN THE COURT OF SH. PANKAJ GUP'
DJ (COMMERCIAL COURTS),
DWARKA COURTS, NEW DELINE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
DEFENDANT
Order 5 Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Proc.
uit No: CS (COMM): 60/2021

Punjab National Bank VS Ram Chand Sharma(Deceased) through LR's and Co Borrower Sunil Sharma n Chand Sharma (Deceased), Through legal heir (Defendant-

Sh. Sunil Sharma (Legal Heirs and Co Borrower) S/o Lt Sh Ram Chand Sharma

national Pvt Ltd, Plot No 15, Sect am, Haryana-122001

This is for the information of General Public

at large that our client is negotiating to

PUBLIC NOTICE

Suraswati Devi wife of Late Tilak Raj Bali, residential plot bearing number WZ-102 (D-12), Gali No. 7, Lajwanti Garden, Nangal Raya, New Delhi, admeasuring 164 square yards ("Said Plot") along with buildi constructed thereon ("Said Building") ("Said Plot" and "Said Building" ollectively referred to as "Said Property") Any person (s) claiming or having an claim(s) / interest(s) / right(s) / title demand (s) / estate interest in respect ( the Said Property or any part thereof in any nanner whatsoever including by way o sale, exchange, mortgage, let, lease, lie charge, maintenance, license, gift inheritance, share, possession, easement right of way, holding original title deeds trust, bequest, assignment, encumbrance collaboration, agreement to sell or development agreement of whatsoever intimate the undersigned within 14 (fourteen) days from the date o with copies of all relevant document supporting their claim(s) / interest(s), right(s) / title / demand(s) / estate interest failing which it will be construed that such claim(s) / interest(s) / right(s) / title demand (s) / estate interest in the Said Property and there exists no claim (s) interest (s) / right (s) / demand (s) / estate interest against the Said Property and the aforementioned landowners shall be free to deal with the Said Property in the nner as it deems fit. For the avoidanc of doubt,receipt of any claims by the undersigned, will not be deemed and / nr presumed to mean acceptance of such claims by our client. KUNAL MITTAL

> A-37, South Extension Part-Delhi-11004 Mob: +91-9999348834 / +91-9899770737

#### LOST & FOUND

My original propertydocuments GPA Dt.19/04/2010 Ajay Khurana to Laxman Ram Gujjar and Substitution-Letter in-the name-of Harsh Rani and Master Yash Chawla of property-No.17/44,Subhash Nagar, N. Delhi-110027, has been lost.Finder contact: Yashpal,S/o-Alam

Chand, Mobile-No: 9354281914.

that,I have lost my BSc Certificate and Marksheet issued by JNU.If found please contact-8437294646. 0040628295-10 Brii Mohan Sareen R/o I-1720

GF, CR Park, Delhi-110019 Have

lost original Release deed Reg

I,Rahul Saxena,hereby declare

No.3346 and GPA Reg No.410 of my property A-42, FIEE Complex Okhla Ph-2 Industrial

Area Delhi-110020 LR No. 708701/2022 Contact -0040628278-1 LJava Rai, D/o Sudhir Rai, R/o N-3, C-2 Dilshad Grdn Del-95, have lost Xth Class

Certificates Roll No. 8164096.

Finder Cont 8851309747

0040628245-1

I Kapil Jain S/o Late Surinder Jain R/o B-11, Motilal Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033 have lost my Original Sale Deed dated 29.12.1971 of Property No.E-256, Shastri Nagar, Delhi. Finders may contact at above address.

0040628204-12

I, Narender Kakkar S/o late Prithvi Raj Kakkar R/o H.no 66, Bhai Parmanand Colony, Mukherjee nagar Delhi-110009 have lost Original Allotment letter 249/DH/L&E& Possession Slip of above mentioned property. Finder Contact: 9818402037

0040628267-1

Public Notice
Know all men that my clients Mr.
Gurpal Singh S/o Sh. Bakshish Singh
& Mrs. Gurdev Kaur W/o Sh. Gurpal
Singh, R/o E-206/C, Krishan Vihar,
Delhi-110086, do hereby severe all
their relation and disown their sof namely Amandeep Singh and his wife Anudeep Kaur W/o Amandeep Singh from all their movable and immovable properties since they are not in their control and are highly disobedient My clients shall not be responsible for their acts/ dealings with any person & those doing so shall bear all the risks Aidel Singh (Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to the general public that
my client, Smt. Sumitra Gusain Wo
Late Sh. More Singh Gusain aged
about 68 years Rio C-14407, Gall No.
18, Harsh Vihar Delhi-93 has
disowned her son, Pradeep Singh
Gusain and his wife, Preetl Gusain
from all her moveable and immoveable
property and severed her relationship
with them as a result of sufferings
//harassment due to unsocial &
aggressive act & behavior of her son
and his wife. If anybody keeps and
relation deals with them in anymanner,
he/she would be doing solely at his/her
own risk and consequences and my wn risk and consequilient shall not be response

Ch.No. 724 Rohini Court Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE All concerned are nereby informed through this public notice that my clients Sh. Raj Kumar Singh S/c Sh. Sukhwant Singh and Smt Kuldeep Kaur W/o Raj Kumar Singh both R/o A-39D, Viks Vihar Singh both R/o A-39D, Viks Vihar, Chander Vihar, Nilothi Extm, West Delhi-110041, have disowned and debarred their son Navneet Singh and daughter in law namely Smt. Bavleen Kaur W/o Navneet Singh from their all moveable and immoveable properties and severed all their relations with severed all their relations with them in future as the aforesaid son and daughter-in-law used to harass, torture and quarrel with my clients and are totally out of their control. My clients shall not be held responsible for any of their acts, deeds and things whatsoever in any manner and if anyone deals with them shall be deal as per his/her own risk, cost and consequences.

K.K. SINGH

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(Advocate) Enri No.D-229-B/94

**PUBLIC NOTICE** it known to public at large that ment. Vinni Ahmed w/o Late Sinsoor Ahmed R/o H.No-1088 Mansoor Ahmed H/o H.No-1088; Church Road, Near Desi Ghee Singhara Chowk, New Delhi- 110036; ans severed her relationship with Imtia. Ahmed S/o Sh. Shabir Hassan C/c Mansoor Ahmed R/o C-919, 7th Avenue Jaur City, Sector-4, Noida, Utta Pradesh-201301 And Saqib R/o 6459 Pradesh-201301 And Saqib R/o 6459, Second Floor, Sher Ka Pinjra, Ul-Kureshi School, Karabpura, Idgagh Road, Delhi-110055 alongwith bot tamily members and also cancelled or revoked all the General Power of Attorney and will, Agreement to sell, receipt, possession letter in both the and none of above irtue of any documents shall have a virtue of any odocuments shain nave an right or interest in any of her movable or immovable properties and other thing of benefits as Imtiaz Ahmed and Saqi forged the documents. If anybody deal with them or his family members in thi respect they will do so at their own risl lient shall not be responsible in a

B-5/132, Sector-5, Rohini, Delhi-8

J-(Civil)-12 IN THE COURT OF SH.PANKAJ GUPTA, DJ (COMMERCIAL COURTS), DWARKA COURTS, NEW DELHI PUBLICATION NOTICE DEFENDANT (Order 5 Rule 20 of the Code o Civil Procedure) Suit No: CS (COMM): 179/2020

Mr Amit Sharma S/o Mr Ashol Kumar Sharma, TA-51, Om Vihar, Shukar Bazar, Uttam

Bank of India

Whereas you are intentionall voiding services of summons. is hereby notified that if you sha not defend the case on the day of 10.10.2022 at 10.00 A.M. i.e. the day fixed in the matter, it will be neard and determined ex-parte Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 16th day of August, 2022 to be published in Inglish daily "Indian Express Note:- Defendant is informed

days from the date of receipt o ummons with advance copy to the plaintiff and filling of WS in COPY OF ORDER ATTACHED

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform you that we, M/s Allied Mettech Pvt. Ltd., are th Allottee of Apartment No KLP0020903 in Kalvpso Cour Tower -02 at Jaypee Greens Wish Town Sector-128, NOIDA, UP vide Provisional Allotment Letter No. 23194/335963/KLP0020903 dated 31.03.2011 and Possession Certificate dated 31.01.2018 along with Registered under Bahi No. 1 Pages No. 113 to 182 of Jild No. '931 Registered at S.No. 762 dated 31.01.2018. The origina

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE
This is for the information of public that my client SH. OM PARKASH SO LATE SH. HARI CHAND R/O G-27, BUDH VIHAR, PHASE-I, NEW DELHI-110041 has severed all his relations and connections with his son RAKESH KUMAR BHARDWAJ and his daughter-in-law SMT.UJALA BHARDWAJ and Children and have debarred and disowned them from all his moveable and immoveable properties because they are out of control of my client and they will have no claim in his properties. Anybody dealing with them shall do so at his/her own risk and responsibility. them snan do risk and responsibility. Rajan Mahajan (Advocate) Regn. No.D-34194

traceable and an FIR LF

No:708473/2022 has been lodged

on dated 20.08.2022 in this regard.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

b be known to all that I Gaurav Sehgal (O Late Shri Charan Sehgal owner of A-328, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085, as applied for certified paper of the foresaid flat such as original onveyance Deed has been lost. An FIR-LR.No.710293/2022) to this effect ha en lodged in the police station of been lodged in the police station crime branch Delhi on dated 21/08/2022. Any person claiming any right, intrest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write/contact with the above named person at above address/ Phone no. 9873442081 or Dy. Director (LAB) Housing or Director (Housing). Dh. Office Vikas Sadan. New Delhi, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE DST IN RESPECT TO THE SA ROPERTY.
ANY OTHER CLAIMENT HAS ANY RIGIR IN THE AFORESA ROPERTY, HE'SHE SHOULD INFORM IVE INTIMATION TO THE UNDERSIGNITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THE DATE (SUE OF THIS NOTICE. **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

t know to all concerned That my d WANT SINGH S/O BHIM SING ISA DEVI W/O BALWANT SINGH B

LAWYER'S BLOCK SAKET COURT SAKET, NEW DELHI-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

my clients namely Sh Mukesh Vaid Slo Sh Plonak Lal Vaid and Sm Neelam Vaid W/C Sh Mukesh Vaid both at F D 1/2 First Floo Sh Vaid Enclave. Tagore Garden Delhi, have disowned and debarred their daughters namely. Sheelal Vaid W/G Shekhar and Nisha Vaid from their and movable and their relations from them for forever due to their relations from them for forever due to their affattude, torture and misbehavior with ry clients. So anybody deals with them He/she shall be doing so at his/her own risk, cost and consequences and my clients shall not be responsible regarding any act or omissions, commissions and transaction made by my clients above said daughters in past, present or future. Sd/- SANDEEP MISHAR (Advocate)

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

(M) 87002

The General public is hereby informed that my clientess SMT. RUMA KAPOOR W/O LATE YASHPAL KAPOOR, residing at G-88, PREET VIHAR, DELHI-110092 since last 35 years, is the absolute legal owner and ssion of First floor, Second flo and garage shop at Ground floor plu roof rights till date. Anybody else havin

Enrolment No. D/902/9 Ch. No. F-723, K.K.D. Cour

सार्वजनिक सूचना गरण को सचित किया जाता है कि में नुविक्कल श्रीमती कांता पत्नी स्वर्गीय श्री राज कृमार निवासी N-17B/267, T-Hut पुरुषर नाताः **१५** *1751,257*, 1 11तः पुरुषर वाला बाग जे.जे कॉलोनी वजीरपु दिल्ली-110052 ने अपने पुत्र अमित एर उसकी पत्नी नेहा को उसके दुर्व्यवहार कारण अपनी समस्त चल-अचल संपत्ति बेदखल कर सारे संबंध विच्छेद कर दिए है भविष्य में यदि कोई इनसे किसी प्रकार क लेन देन आदि कछ भी करता है तो उसक जिम्मेदार वह खुद होगा, मेरे मुवक्किल व कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी।

Prakash Chand (Advocate

Enrl.No.D-9065/2019.

Regd. Office.: PSEB H.O. Building, The Mall, Patiala

CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Contact No. 96461-18774) Tender Enquiry No. MQP-202/2022-23/PR Dated: 22.08.2022

LID PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

CE/Metering, PSPCL, C-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for procurement of 1.5 lac 1-in-1 Metal Meter Boxes (Cabinets) for incorporating Single Phase Energy Meters. For detailed NIT and Tender Specifications please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from .08.2022, (05.00 PM onwards).

NOTE: Corrigendum and amendments, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

**NORTHERN RAILWAY** TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tenders through e-procurement system

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and or behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-Tender No. Brief Description Quantity Closing Date 01 07225005 COMPLETE STRIPPING AND FITMENT 100 NOS 16.09.22 02 DRIVER SEAT AND PEDESTAL 159 SET 19220753A 19.09.22 ASSEMBLY 03 MODIFIED WASHABLE SIDE BODY 3000 NOS 02221847 19.09.22 FILTER 04 07220280B LOCKABLE GAS SPRING 12918 NOS 19.09.22

05 07223632 CASTSTEELWHEEL 120 NOS 19.09.22 08221252 7926 NOS 110VAC, 2-6V DC, 5AMP ov.in 2137/22 Note:1) Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

for details. 2) No Manual offer will be entertained. Tender Notice No. 37/2022-23 Date: 22.08.2022. SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

NIT No. 5(5)-TGP/Proc/2022 The undersigned hereby invites Bids from bona fide & resourceful, registered manufacturers / authorized dealers/ suppliers/ stockists / agents for supply of Offset Printing Materials for use in the Tripura Govt. Press. Pre-Bid meeting is on 22.8.2022 at 12.30 p.m. Last date for online submission of Bids is 07.09.2022 upto 6 p.m. For more details please visit the e-

procurement website: https://tripuratenders.gov.in Sd/ (S. Mog),

Director

23.09.22

GA (Printing & Stationery) Department ICA-C-1886-22

(Tender ID: 2022\_GA\_31171\_1).

Agartala 799003, Tripura NORTHERN RAILWAY

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

N.I.T. No. S.N. 14-2022-23-W-V Name of work Construction of span 1 and 2 of foot over bridge withlocation no 2 at Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway station unde Sr.DEN/V/NDLS. Similar nature of work: Fabrication, supply assembly, erection and launching/regirdering of girders, through girders, plate girders, FOBs etc. in running track. 2 Approx. Cost of work Rs. 66.95.560.75 Earnest Money (It should be in the form of net banking or paymer gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 201025//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated

4 Completion period of Work Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender Upto 15.00 hrs. on 06.09.2022. Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 06.09.2022 6 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be

31.08.2016)

Rs. 1.33.900.00

purchased etc.: Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in No.: 128-W-280-O.E.T.-22-23-WV-NIT-14 Date: 22.08.2022 Serving Customers with a Smile

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of August 19

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**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** 

ANY INDIAN resident, who has

been classified as a wilful defaulter

or is under investigation by

Central Bureau of Investigation

(CBI), Enforcement Directorate

(ED) or Serious Frauds

Investigation Office (SFIO), will

have to obtain a no-objection cer-

tificate(NOC) from his or her bank,

regulatory body or investigative

agency before making any over-

seas "financial commitment" or

disinvestment of overseas assets.

lenders, the concerned regulatory

body or investigative agency fail to

furnish the NOC within 60 days of

receiving an application, it may be

presumed that they have no ob-

jection to the proposed transac-

tion. This has been done through

the newly introduced Foreign

Exchange Management (Overseas

Investment) Rules, 2022 and

Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas) Regulations, 2022 noti-

Additionally, the new rules

also prohibit Indian resident from

making investments into foreign

fied on Monday.

The rules also provide that if

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defaulters, FinMin

tweaks overseas

investment rules



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SENSEX: 58,773.87 ▼ 872.28 (-1.46%) NIFTY: 17,490.70 ▼ 267.75 (-1.51%) NIKKEI: 28,794.50 ▼ 135.83 HANG SENG: 19,656.98 ▼ 116.05 FTSE: 7,538.53 ▼ 11.84 DAX: 13,307.72 ▼ 236.80

### FED WATCH

CENTRAL BANKING CONFERENCE

## Forecast for Powell's Jackson Hole trip: Inflation, limited visibility

Federal Reserve Chair

stop raising rates or even be-

gin cutting them, said Seema

Shah, chief strategist at

Principal Global Investors.

Rather, she said Powell was

likely to emphasise that

growth is slowing, is likely

to slow further, yet inflation

will be sticky and their prior-

ity is to contain inflation ...

They are not about to stop in

response to weaker growth."

been laid in comments re-

cently from the Fed's cadre of

regional bank presidents,

who have openly entertained

the risk of recession as part of

controlling inflation, used

phrases like "raise and hold"

to describe a rate-hiking

strategy where cuts have no

place yet, or flat out called for

continued large rate in-

creases like the back-to-back

75-basis-point hikes deliv-

ered in June and July. It im-

plies a rocky second half of

the year, with risks particu-

larly for equity investors who

have recently pushed stock prices higher and employees

who might be caught out by

ary surge are broad, ranging

from the volatile ride in en-

ergy and food markets stem-

ming from Russia's February

24 invasion of Ukraine, to the

vagaries of global shipping

during the COVID-19 pan-

demic. Getting a read on

what's next has become im-

be delivered at 10 a.m. EDT

(1400 GMT) on Friday, will

target a US audience, but the

ears of the world will hang on

every word. **REUTERS** 

Powell's remarks, due to

The roots of the inflation-

a cycle of layoffs.

The groundwork has

Jerome Powell. File

**HOWARD SCHNEIDER** WASHINGTON, AUGUST 22

FOR WORKERS hoping to hold onto wage gains and investors hoping to hang onto profits, US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's remarks this week to a central banking conference in Wyoming will lay out what he expects to happen in an economy battling inflation while also, some fear, edging towards a recession.

He'd be the first to acknowledge one uncomfortable fact: He has no idea what the next few months will bring, "It's very hard to say with any confidence in normal times ... what the economy's going to be doing in six or 12 months," Powell said on July 27 after the end of the Fed's last policy meeting. "These are not normal

Powell is scheduled to speak Friday morning at the Kansas City Fed's annual Jackson Hole research conference held at a national park lodge outside of Jackson in the western US state. The gathering is one of the central banking profession's Alist events, with global officials kibbitzing over cocktails, listening to presentations on new research, hiking the Grand Teton mountains and fly fishing for fine-spotted cutthroat trout on the Snake

With the US central bank facing the worst breakout of inflation since the early 1980s, and raising interest rates fast to counter it, Powell is expected to keep the focus squarely on that battle - and on the Fed's singular com-

mitment to winning it. "What we should hear and are likely to hear next week is push-back" to the tightened credit conditions enough to fix the inflation problem, or that, as some have speculated, it would "blink" at the first sign of economic weakness and either

#### **NIFTY ENDS 1.51% DOWN**

# Sensex slips 1.46% as global growth concerns spark sell-off

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, AUGUST 22

INDIAN EQUITIES lost ground for the second straight session on Monday anxious that global growth would slow sharply amidst continued tightening by central banks. The Street also expects more hikes in local interest rates with inflation remaining uncomfortably high.

The benchmark indices, the Nifty 50 and BSE Sensex lost over 1 per cent dragged lower by metals and banks as weak global cues weighed on the sentiment. The NSE Nifty 50 index closed down 267.75 points or 1.51 per cent to 17,490.7, while the S&P BSE Sensex gave up 1.46 per cent or 872 points to end the session at 58,773.87. Barring ITC and Nestle India, all Sensex components posted losses.

Strategists at HSBC wrote late last week the Indian equity market has seen a turnaround, with easing inflationary pressure and a lower risk of steeper US rate hikes. "We see many factors coming together, creating a Goldilocks like scenario for continued support of the bull run in India We prefer to position for a continued risk-on rally through a mix of domestic cyclical and growth stocks," they observed.

However, the weakness in



The BSE building in Mumbai. Declining for the second consecutive session, the 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 872.28 points or 1.46 per cent to close at 58,773.87. File

the Chinese economy, driven by the troubles in its real estate market, appears to have led to apprehensions and the slowdown could spill over to other economies as well. Also, the recent rally has meant the markets are now a shade more expensive with the Nifty trading at over 21 times estimated oneyear forward earnings. As such, there were bouts of profit taking following the rally earlier in August, analysts pointed out. Until August 18, the Nifty had rallied by 4.6 per cent while the Sensex had put on 4.7 per cent. Foreign institutional investors pumped in \$5.6 billion into Indian equities until August 19, compared with inflows of \$618

million in July, data showed. Also, emerging market (EM) funds have increased their allocation to India to 19.7 per cent, analysts at Bank of America wrote.

There was also some concern on corporate earnings for the April-June quarter which were muted, primarily due to pressure on gross margins amid ongoing geopolitical conflicts and improving supply chain dynamics. "The topline growth at the Nifty level (ex-financials) was at 3.3 per cent quarter-on-quarter," analysts at ICICI Securities observed adding that operating profits, however, were down 7.2 per cent QoQ. FE

#### Muted Corporate earnings

ALONG WITH fears of more interest rate hikes by the Reserve Bank of India, markets are also concerned over the corporate earnings for the April-June quarter which were muted, primarily due to pressure on gross margins amid ongoing geopolitical conflicts as well as improving supply chain dy-

#### World mkts dip

New York: US and European shares slumped and the dollar surged on Monday. European STOXX index fell 1.02 per cent to its lowest in almost four weeks. On Wall Street in mid-day trade, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1.48 per cent, the S&P 500 lost 1.78 per cent and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 2.15 per cent. Brent crude futures for October settlement fell 44 cents, or 0.5 per cent, to \$96.28 a barrel by 12:38 p.m. ET. **REUTERS** 

McLaren

**India foray** 

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** 

BRITISH LUXURY carmaker

McLaren Automotive on Monday

said it is set to enter Indian market

this year with the opening of its

first dealership in Mumbai in

October. It would be the au-

tomaker's 41st global territory.

The opening of the first retail out-

let in October is a key part of com-

tending the brand's already

well-established and growing

presence in the Asia Pacific region,

McLaren Automotive said in a

statement. McLaren sells a range

of supercars which are hand-built

market where our fans and select

clientele can enjoy the best of McLaren in Mumbai. Looking

"India remains an important

at UK-based facility.

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set for

Changes done through the Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Rules, 2022 and Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas) Regulations, 2022

make it difficult for wilful defaulters to send funds out of the country, they also make it easier for domestic corporates to invest abroad. 'In view of the evolving needs of businesses in India, in an increasingly integrated global market, there is need of Indian corporates to be part of global value chain. The revised regulatory framework for overseas investment provides for simplification of the existing framework for overseas investment and has been aligned with the current business and economic dynamics," the finance ministry said in a statement.

Clarity on Overseas Direct Investment and Overseas Portfolio Investment has been brought in and various overseas investment related transactions that were earlier under approval route are now under automatic route, significantly enhancing 'ease of doing business' it said. Last year, the government in consultation with the RBI undertook an exercise to sim-

the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). While these particular rules

entities that are engaged in real estate activity, gambling in any form, and dealing with financial products linked to the Indian rupee without the specific approval of plify these regulations. **Director of Mines** 

# **Steel & mines Department**

**Government of Odisha** Email: directormines1@orissaminerals.gov.in

Date: August 22, 2022

#### **Notice Inviting Tender**

"Inviting bids for grant of Mining Lease for Quartz & Quartzite" In exercise of the power conferred by Section 15 of Mines and Mineral (Development & regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rule. 2016 and Odisha Specified Minor Mineral Auction Rule, 2019 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Odisha has identified 05 (five) Mineral Blocks as under for electronic auction and herby invites tender for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease.

a) 03 (three) mineral block of Ouartz

b) 02 (two) mineral block of Quartzite

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligible condition, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in Tender Document. Detailed Tender Document along with the timeline, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited.

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited.

(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mmb/mmbod /index.jsp).

Last date for purchase of Tender Document after payment of a tender fee on website of e-auction platform provider is October 11, 2022, and the last date for submission of the bid is October 17, 2022, on or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time). The Reserve price of all the 5(five) Mineral Blocks is 5% (five percent).

Sr. No.	Name of Block	Mineral	Details of Area (in Ha.)	Mineral resource (in Metric Tonne)	Price of Tender Document	
			Forest land: 33.849			
	Bhatuabeda		Govt. land: 3.064			
1.	Quartz	Quartz	Private land: 14.947	34,383.67	10,000	
	Block		Total Concession Area: 51.860			
	T		Forest land: 0.875			
2.	Lumurajhala (SE) Quartz	Quartz	Govt. land: 7.112	1,31,608.46	10,000	
۷.	Block	Quartz	Total Concession Area: 7.987	1,51,000.40	.,,	
			Forest land: 14.558			
	Mudrajodi- Pokharia		Govt. land: 0.304			
3.	Quartz	Quartz	Private land: 2.504	6,759.27	10,000	
	Block		Total Concession Area: 17.366			
			Govt. land: 5.909			
4.	Batigruha	Ouartzite	Private land: 1.771	1,33,087.25	10.000	
4.	4. Quartzite Block	Quartzite	Total Concession Area: 7.680	1,33,087.23	10,000	
			Forest land: 1.682			
	Raruanguda		Govt. land: 10.636			
5.	Quartzite	Quartzite	Private land: 13.088	25,79,984.82	50,000	
	Block		<b>Total Concession</b>			
			Area: 25.406			

Director of Mines, Odisha OIPR-30004/11/0023/2223

'Luxury home sales jump in top 7 cities in Jan-Jun'

25,680 units across 7 cities during January-June 2022 and surpassed sales in last 3 years, according to Anarock

housing sales in the first half of this year was contributed by the

"remarkably well" this year, helped by discounts offered by developers and demand from non-resident Indians, Anarock said

homes were sold during January-June 2022

units sold

in 2020

units sold in 2021

the overall housing sales of 1.84 lakh units across the seven cities rose to 14 per cent during the first six months of 2022.

Source: Anarock/PTI



Sales of luxury flats, priced above Rs 1.5 crore, stood at

**OVER 50%** of the total luxury Mumbai Metropolitan Region

THESEGMENT performed

25,680 units of luxury | Share of luxury homes in

■ Delhi-NCR

■ Bengaluru

■ Hyderabad

■Chennai

■ Kolkata

Region

Pune

#### BRIEFLY —

## Infy variable pay

New Delhi: Infosys has scaled back the average variable payout of employees to about 70 per cent for the June quarter amid margin squeeze and high employee costs, according to sources. Recently, Wipro held back the variable pay. TCS also has reportedly delayed variable payout for some employees.

#### Revenue secy

New Delhi: Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj has got additional charge as Corporate Affairs Secretary. PTI

#### **BHEL**director New Delhi: Jai Prakash

Srivastava has assumed charge as director (Engineering, Research & Development) of BHEL.

#### **ASDC** award

New Delhi: Adani Skill Development Centre (ASDC), a not-for-profit arm of Adani Group, has won the "Organizational Excellence Award for Women Empowerment" at CMO Asia Awards. **ENS** 

#### Future Retail

New Delhi: Lenders to Future Retail Ltd have submitted loan claims of about Rs 21,058 crore (\$2.64 billion) under insolvency process, according to a document on the firm's website.  $\mbox{\bf REUTERS}$ 

## BS-VI vehicles: CNG, LPG kit retrofitment allowed

#### **PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

THE GOVERNMENT has allowed retrofitment of CNG and LPG kits in petrol and diesel vehicles that are compliant with BS-VI emission norm.

As of now, such modifications are permissible only in vehicles that are compliant with BS-IV

**SHRITAMA BOSE** 

MUMBAI, AUGUST 22

THE GOVERNMENT'S stand

against bringing back charges on

Unified Payments Interface

(UPI) transactions has brought

to the fore the tussle between

banks and non-bank payment

service providers (PSPs) on split-

ting of compensation for such

transactions. The Payments

Council of India (PCI) is now

seeking an increase in the total

compensation amount for UPI

and RuPay debit cards to Rs

Ministry of Finance on Sunday

that the government has pro-

vided compensation for revenue

loss on digital payment transac-

tions, Vishwas Patel, executive

director, Infibeam Avenues, and

chairman of PCI, said banks have

not been sharing any part of the

compensation with other PSPs.

In response to a tweet by the

#### **CURRENTLY ONLY PERMISSIBLE IN BS-IV CARS**

Such modifications are as of now permissible in vehicles that are compliant with BS-IV emission norm

vehicles and replacement of

FinMin's UPI stand foregrounds

tussle between banks, other PSPs

Banks and non-bank

loggerheads on splitting

"...all the support money

provided by the finance min-

istry has been appropriated by

the banks only (no single bank

has even a significant single digit

volume in UPI)... none of the

payment aggregators or facility

provider (sic) received any-

said banks have received the

subsidy amount for three

months, which works out to

roughly Rs 900 crore. The un-

derstanding between banks and

other service providers was that

once the subsidy came in, enti-

Payment industry executives

thing," Patel tweeted.

of compensation for

such transactions

payment service

providers are at

"This ministry... has notified retrofitment of CNG and LPG kit on BS (Bharat Stage)-VI gasoline

diesel engines with CNG/LPG engines in case of BS-VI vehicles, less than 3.5 tonnes," the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

ties on the merchant acquiring

side would get 0.1 per cent and

those on the issuing side would

get 0.15 per cent. Payment ag-

gregators and facility providers

were expecting 0.05 per cent

RuPay debit cards to MasterCard

and Visa debit card MDR (mer-

chant discount rate) as pre-

scribed by the RBI, the total sub-

sidy required to be paid by the

finance ministry should be Rs

6,000 crore for UPI and Rs 2,000

crore a year for RuPay debit

card," Patel said. The MDR is the

fee paid by a merchant who ac-

cepts digital payments to the

bank for offering the payments

infrastructure, which is split fur-

ther among other entities in-

Two third-party app

providers - PhonePe and

Google Pay — account for over

80 per cent of all UPI transac-

volved in a transaction.

"If we compare UPI and

from what acquirers got.

■The Ministry of Road

type of approvals

Transport and Highways

notification lays down the

type of approval requirements for retrofitment. CNG is an environment-friendly fuel and will reduce the emission levels of carbon monoxide, hydrocarbon, particulate matter and smoke as compared to petrol and diesel engines, the ministry said, adding that the notification has been formulated in consultation with stakeholders.

ahead, we will shortly welcome (MoRTH) said in a notification. the Artura to India, the all-new The notification lays down the high-performance hybrid supercar," McLaren Automotive managing director — APAC and China - Paul Harris said. The company's retail outlet in Mumbai will offer sales, aftersales and servicing. The supercar manufacturer said it will offer the breadth of its model range to Indian customers, including the Everyday McLaren GT and the marque's high-performance hybrid Artura.

## NMDC Limited

**CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT** 

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministr of Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids through MSTC Portal from

experienced domestic bidders for the work of Excavation, Loading Transportation of 10,00,000 (+/- 20%) Tons of Iron Ore fines/slimes from FOD or Deposit-10 fines stockpile/Tech Pro or IOPP and unloading at Route No. 4 Loading yard and further loading into Railway Wagons - BIOM Bacheli Complex, Bacheli, Dist Dantewada, Chhattisgarh state - 494 553.

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and / or downloade rom 23-08-2022 to 22-09-2022 from following website links;

. Central Public Procurement Portal - https://www.eprocure.gov.in/

The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC Portal. The details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website CPP Portal / MSTC Portal for corrigendum, if any, at a future date

040-23534746, Telephone No. 040-23532800, email contracts@nmdc.co.in

**Chief General Manager (Contracts)** 

#### Dated: 23-08-2022

Tender Enquiry No: HO(Contracts)/Bacheli complex/Fines Loading/837

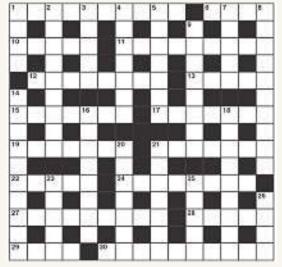
. NMDC website - https://nmdcportals.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender

epublish/app and search tender through tender enquiry number

. MSTC Portal - https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/ For accessing the bid document from MSTC portal, bidders to visit MSTC vebsite (use Microsoft Edge browser for compatibility) and search ender Event No. NMDC/HO/51/22-23/ET/367.

For further clarification, the following can be contacted -Chief General Manager (Contracts), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad, Fax No

#### **CROSSWORD 4827**



#### ACROSS

1 Edifice with strong beams (10) 6 Size of field for a medley race? (4)  $10\,Strengthen\,the\,coastline\,(5)$ 11 A foolish assumption of the old school(6,3) 12 What you will do if you can (8)

13 Sarcasm from the club youth leader(5)

15 See what someone has to say? (3-4)17 It appears to produce fright or

respect perhaps (7) 19 Day hire arranged for a rural excursion(7) 21 It's beaten by those who are themselves beaten (7)

seams?(5) 24 The penalties of strife perhaps

22 One employed to unpick

27 Strangely, civilians may lead such a life in war (9) 28 Scent the beginning of a

romance (5) 29 Hebridean bunch of keys (4) 30 Embarrassed by compilers of crosswords for dogs (3,7)

#### **DOWN**

1 Fasten with rope and inflict punishment (4) 2 A mundane subject (9) 3 People who pull strings to get ranks?(5) 4 Arranged but not voluntarily

5 Boy with nets and lines (7) 7 Accountants love a supplier of

chocolate(5) 8 Forms to be filled at a general election(5,5) 9 Not a migrant I'd feel indignant

about(8) 14 St Michael's reform of medieval metallurgists (10)

16 Travel overseas to get home 18 Score one more for what was the majority (6-3)

20 Broken fence or implement (7) 21 Variety of red rose seen in church (7) 23 Such people want a lot (5)

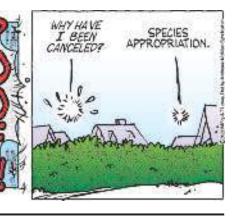
25 Insist on getting the payment absolutely correct (5) 26 They accept what is sound (4)

Solutions Crossword 4826: Across: 1 Rebuked, 5 Local, 8 Gathering, 9 Odd, 10 Ella, 12 Describe, 14 Signet, 15 Tenths, 17 Restrain, 18 Eric, 21 Pea, 22 Eliminate, 24 Evens, 25 Guessed. Down: 1 Rogue, 2 Bat, 3 Keep, 4 Drivel, 5 Legacies, 6 Chorister, 7 Ladders, 11 Legislate, 13 Heartens, 14 Scruple, 16 Dining, 19 Creed, 20 Lime, 23 Ass.

#### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis







#### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson









#### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong



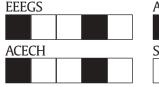


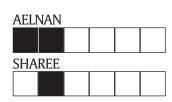


#### JUMBLED WORDS

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

Life belongs to the living, and he who lives must be prepared for\_ - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (7)





- Jonann vvoligang von Goetne Answer: Life belongs to the living, and he who lives must be prepared for **changes**. SOLUTION: GEESE, CACHE, ANNEAL, HEARSE

#### Difficulty Level 5s 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 =

SUDOKU

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7			9				5	

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1	3	5	9	8	7	4	6	2
6	2	7	4	3	1	5	9	8
2	1	6	3	4	5	8	7	9
7	5	8	1	9	2	3	4	6
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: Tender Notice No.31/2022-

2023 dated 27.07.2022 (i). Tender

No 08225189 due on 26.08.2022

(S.No.6) In reference to above tenders, the due date has been

extended from 26.08.2022 to

**02.09.2022** and PL no. 5590N012

(Consignee SSE/Sig-I/MB Qtv 100

nos) has been added All other

terms and conditions remain

inchanged. The corrigendum has

been published on website

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#### **DAY TODAY**

#### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

entry into a fresh region of your chart is enhancing everything in your character that is most inquisitive and curious. For the next few weeks the best friendships will be based around common

#### interests. It's companionship TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

you need, not passion.



most romantic of all the planets: in short it's time for emotional enlightenment. The scales will soon fall from your eyes as you see an old friend in a new light.

#### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) If there's one thing that's certain in the astrological

universe, it's that nothing is certain. The ebb and flow in the tide of your emotional fortunes is a marvellous thing to behold Your feelings are due to emerge into the full glare of public scrutiny, so, at all costs, be prepared.

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Life can be pricey, perhaps too expensive. Lunar alignments are still urging you to spend. I'm not talking about outrageous shopping sprees, just those necessary purchases which you have put off for far too long. By the way, your professional stars are

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

extraordinary.



suspect that you may be recovering from a recent embarrassment, but there is little to worry you, and others will be ready to forgive and forget. All you have to do is avoid repeating a past mistake.

#### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)



fact, quite selfish is a moot point on which many people disagree. Whatever the answer, you will have to put your interests in second place for another twenty-four hours

### LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

BY PETER VIDAL

### Venus' imminent

The future is bright, but your iudgment must be impeccable. Everything that happens now will strengthen your bargaining power, but only if you have the resolve to carry on and the commonsense to avoid excesses encouraged by

#### irresponsible people. SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

The time has come to change direction and prove just how independent, forceful and original you can be. Uranus insists that the decisions you take reflect your needs and yours alone. Meanwhile, nebulous Neptune creates a sense that anything is possible.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) The planets are



### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) At a time such as



hospitality may all too easily tip into excessive greed, selfishness and resentment. And, if that happens, then you'll expose yourself to massive criticism.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) The only way to deal



potentially upsetting situation is to keep vour own counsel and avoid intervening in anyone else's affairs. You just cannot gauge the consequences of your actions, so that's all the more reason for caution.

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



nature, but then that is part of the Piscean dilemma. Maybe you should pay more attention to public and professional issues. And perhaps you should steer clear of people in authority.

#### **Government of Himachal Pradesh** Jal Shakti Department "Notice Inviting e-tender"

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Vibhag Division Nalagarh 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	Source strengthening of various LWSS under JSV Sub Division Nalagarh Solan District HP (Sub Head:- Drillling lowering of assembly and development of Tubewell 150 mtrs. depth 2 Nos.125 mtrs depth 4 Nos. and 120 mtrs. depth 7 Nos.) Job No. 2	2,32,79,966/-	2,65,300/-	2500/-	Three Month
2	Source strengthening of various LWSS under JSV Sub Division Nalagarh Solan District HP (Sub Head:- Drillling lowering of assembly and development of Tubewell 125 mtrs. depth 14 Nos.) Job No. 1.	2,50,74,970/-	2,83,250/-	2500/-	Three Month
	st date of filing / uploading the tender through e-tendering: - 05-09-2022 up	oto 11:00 AM.	The tender f	orms and	other detaile

**Executive Enginee** JSV Divn. Nalagarh, Distt. Solan (HP) HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK 3376/HP



#### HIMACHAL PRADESH HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (HPHDP) (World Bank Funded) Dyerton Bizhub, Talland Bypess, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh - 171001

REQUEST FOR DETAILED PROJECT REPORTS FOR MATCHING GRANT SCHEME FROM ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/ ENTREPRENEURS

Himachal Pradesh Horticulture Development Project (HPHDP) is inviting Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Matching Grant Scheme from eligible applicants/ entrepreneur(s) interested to invest in

Horticulture Value Chain in Himachal Pradesh.
The grant (30% of the eligible project cost for male applicant and 35% in case of female applicant or The grant (30% of the engitte project cost for male applicant and 35% in case of female applicant of specially abled applicant, with max, grant amount capped at INR 60 Lakits for all categories) will be provided to prospective applicantal entrepreneur(s). The Request for Proposal (RFP i.e. eligibility crtesis. DPR format and other necessary information are available on the Project website (www.hds.tp.gov.in). The duty completed DPRs may be submitted via email (http-pd-hp@gov.in) or can also be submitted at HPHDP Office at Dyerton Bizhub, Talland Bypass, Shimla (Ph-6894497175) or office of Deputy Director of Horticulture (DDH), Kangra (Ph-7781004578) or DDH, Mandi (Ph-9811185018) or DDH, Solan (Ph-9311018839) during office hours on or before 05/18/2022. Sid/-

Project Director 03910HP HPHDP



#### Department of Forests, Environment & Climate Change Government of Jharkhand

Notice Inviting RFP (Request for Proposal)

For Selection OF

"Technical Consultant and Transaction Adviser for Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Manage the Bio-Diversity Park at Lalkhatanga, Ranchi through Public Private Partnership (PPP)." RFP No. 01/2022-23

The Forests, Environment and Climate Change Department, Government of Jharkhand is planning to develop the Bio-diversity Park at Lalkhatanga, Ranchi on the concept of Eco-Tourism as per International Standards.

Therefore Request for Proposals (RFP) is invited from Prospective Applicants for Preparing technical and financial appraisal report, bid documents, the Master Plan, the Project feasibility Report, other Project documents and the Manual of Standards and Specifications for operation and maintenance of the eco-tourism facilities of the Project. The intending RFP Applicant are advised to visit the area and form their own opinion. No cost for this purpose will be paid by the State Govt.

Interested RFP Applicants may download the sale of RFP document from the website https://www.forest.jharkhand.gov.in/ or e-procurement site of the Government of Jharkhand i.e https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

The RFP Applicants are advised to study the RFP document carefully. Submission of Bids shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the RFP document with full understanding of its implications. The RFP Applicants downloading the RFP document from the website should deposit the RFP Tender processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand) Only in the form of DD or Banker's Cheque issued in favour of D.F.O, Ranchi Forest Division, Ranchi shall be payable by the RFP Applicants at the time of submission of Technical Proposal alongwith Financial Proposal. The Applicant shall furnish as part of its proposal a bid security of Rs. 1.00 Lakh (Rupees One Lakh) only in the form of a Demand Draft issued by one of the Nationalised/Scheduled Banks in India in favour of the DFO, Ranchi Forest Division, Ranchi payble at Ranchi. Schedule of Events

Date

**Event Description** 

1.	Last date for receiving queries/clarifications	27.08.2022		
2.	Pre-Proposal Conference through Video Conferencing	07.09.2022		
3.	Authority Response to Queries	13.09.2022		
4.	Proposal Due Date or PDD	16.09.2022 by 11.59 AM		
5.	Opening of Proposals	On 16.09.2022 (01.00 PM)		
6.	Validity of Applications	90 days of Proposal Due Date		
7.	Place for Submission of Proposals	O/o DFO, Ranchi Forest Division, Ranchi,		
		Block- F, Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi-834002		
8.	Place of Opening of the Proposals	O/o APCCF, Development, Block- A, Van		
		Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi-834002		
		sd/-		
Divisional Forest Officer,				
PR 276119 Forest Environment and Climate Changes (22-23) D. Ranchi Forest Division Ranchi				

#### HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS(IFB)

he Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Bolon Distr. Solan H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites he tiere rate bids, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractor

Sr. NO	None of work	Estimatelors	Starting Date for downloading BIL	Euroest Money	Deadline for rutinization of Did.
Ti.	"Contraction of Commerce Block in Gort For Graduate Begine College at Schmidtli- Co chill north water supply and cardary installation, take scater harvesting lash and the development".	3,73,94,975%	31.08.2022 10.08 HRS	7,47,906	88.09.2922 30.303885

Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division Solan, Distr. Solan HP of Behalf of

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (WW) DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI FLAT NO.-E1, TYPE-IV, STAFF QTRS. JHANDEWALAN, DELHI-110005 असृत महोत्सव E-mail:- eecplantww.dib01@gmail.com/ acewwp2@gmail.com PRESS NIT No. 24 (2022-23) Tender Processing Fee (Fresh) 02.09.2022 Annual repair of Hasanpur Bunglow at Hasanpur 2672389/ 53500/ 500/-18.08.2022 Reservoir under EE(C) Plant, WW. (Re-invited (Tender ID: 2022\_DJB\_227902\_1 re detail required above can be see seen

Sd/-(ER. ABSAR AHMED) SSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) EX. ENGINEERS(C) PLANT, WW Chandrawal WW No. II, Civil lines, Delhi-110054 Advt. No. J.S.V. 295 (2022-23) "STOP CORONA, WEAR MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"

#### **WESTERN RAILWAY MANUFACTURE & SUPPLY OF ERC**

#### Advertised Tender Notice No. 193/E-Tender/P.way/2022 dated 18.08.2022 for tender on E-procurement

mode only for invited by Chief Administrative Officer (Construction), Station Building, 1st floor Churchgate, Mumbai-400020 for supply of the following item:

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description of Material	Tender Value	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Date/time of Opening of tender
1	WTR/S&C/ 17/2022/8196	Manufacture & supply of ERC, Mark-V, RDSO Drg. No.T-5919 for 16,48,300 Nos.	1816.76 lakhs	20,00,000/-	21.09.2022 at 11.30 hrs.
2		Manufacture & supply of ERC, Mark-III, RDSO Drg. No.T-3701 for 4,29,450 Nos.	388.82 lakhs	7,77,650/-	22.09.2022 at 12.00 hrs.
3	WTR/S&C/ 17/2022/8198	Manufacture & supply of ERC, "J" Type, RDSO Drg. No.T-8258 for 24,100 Nos.	22.12 lakhs	NII	22.09.2022 at 12.30 hrs.

Note: For eligibility, terms and conditions, please visit relevant webpage www.lreps.gov.ln. 0368 Like us on : 🕴 facebook.com/WesternRly Follows us on : W twitter.com/WesternRly

#### **NOTICE INVITING Re-E-TENDERS**

Telephone No. 7018735461, E-mail: eejsvnadaun@gmail.com, Website: - http://hpetenders.gov.in Online bids on item rate/ lump sum basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, JSV Division Nadaun on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractor/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag, in appropriate class and lates renewal thereof before award of the work.

Name of work: - Annual Running and Maintenance of Sewerage Scheme to Nadaun Town - in Tehsil Nadaun Disti Hamirpur (SH:- Repair and Maintenance of complete sewer net work manholes, flushing tanks and STP MLD)for period 3 years).

Estimated Cost: Earnest Money: Cost of tender document: Time limit:

Rs. 20013611/-Rs. 232636/-Rs. 2500/-3 years

Sch	edule of tendering:-			
1.	Site Visit	From 20.08.2022 to 01.09.2022 during working hours from 11:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. except holidays.		
	Bid submission start date	From 20.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M.		
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Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Hasnain has replaced the injured Shaheen Shah Afridi for the Asia Cup in the UAE. The 22-year-old returned to cricket in June after remodelling his bowling action. The right-arm fast bowler has taken 17 wickets in 18 T20s and played his last T20 against the West Indies at Karachi in December 2021. AP

### Football: India's friendlies vs S'pore, Vietnam called off

MIHIR VASAVDA

MUMBAI, AUGUST 22

IN ANOTHER fallout of FIFA's decision to suspend the All India Football Federation (AIFF) for third-party interference, the national teams twin friendly matches against Singapore and Vietnam in September have been cancelled. India were scheduled to face Singapore on September 24 before taking on Vietnam on September 27. The matches, crucial for India's preparation for next year's Asian Cup, were being hosted by Vietnam with Thong Nhat Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City being the likely venue.

However, according to sources, the Vietnam football federation communicated to the AIFF last week their inability to host India for the matches. It must be noted that after suspending the AIFF on August 14, FIFA had written to all its member associations, reminding them not to enter any 'sporting contact with AIFF' and its teams while it is suspended.

Sources said Vietnam took the decision to cancel India's matches even though they are still a month away to avoid any 'uncertainty'. "Vietnam did not want to risk losing out on matches during crucial FIFA window. Given that there was no clarity on the status of AIFF, they chose to cancel the matches and begin their search for an alternate opponent," the source said. For Vietnam, these matches were a part of their preparation for the 2022 AFF Mitsubishi Electric Cup. India, meanwhile, were hoping to make use of the FIFA window (September 19 to 27) to begin their preparation for the Asian Cup.

The development means the AIFF will have to begin their hunt for new opponents if its suspension before the FIFA window.

Last week, Indian Women's League champions Gokulam Kerala became the first team to bear the brunt of the AIFF's suspension after they were barred from competing in the Asian Club Championship in Uzbekistan and sent back home.

#### **Ex-players should get voting** rights, says Bhaichung Bhutia

PTI: Former India captain Bhaichung Bhutia on Monday welcomed the Supreme Court decision to remove the Committee of Administrators as it was done to "salvage' the U-17 Women's World Cup and ensure revocation of the FIFA ban on India.

Bhutia had filed his nomination papers for the AIFF president's post but, after Monday's Supreme Court decision, the whole poll process will start again. He has also filed an application for intervention to the SC, making the plea that the top court should give full effect to its earlier order that 36 eminent players should have voting rights as part of the electoral college.

Asked if he was disappointed that the SC decision has left the ex-players out of the electoral college, he said, "Yes, I had apsented (in the General Assembly)... The players will keep on fighting, keep on appealing to the federation, to the sports ministry and the Supreme Court that when the constitution of the AIFF is framed in future. the ex-footballers should also get voting rights. They can contribute in administration and decision making. For the last 75 years, we have not seen any footballer becoming president of not even a state association, leave alone the AIFF.'

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**BHAICHUNG BHUTIA** FORMER INDIA CAPTAIN

## Experiments with fun: Pragg wins match, Carlsen the title

SHASHANK NAIR

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

ON THE morning of his match against World No 1 Magnus Carlsen, R Praggnanandhaa's sister Vaishali sent him a text - "Don't worry. Just beat Magnus." On Monday, the 17-year-old Indian chess prodigy did just that, winning his final match against the Norwegian in a tiebreaker to secure second position in the FTX Crypto Cup. Carlsen had already won the tournament after winning Game 3 of their clash. This was because even if Praggnanandhaa made a comeback in the remaining games, Carlsen would have won a point on the basis of making it to the tiebreaker.

With a second-place position, Praggnanandhaa takes home \$37,000 in prize money. But more importantly, he now has three wins over Carlsen in the last six months alone.

In a tweet, Carlsen praised the Indian prodigy. "Fully deserved, after a performance that showed great resilience, determination, and quality. As for me, I am happy to (barely) be younger than the second and third place finishers combined,'

It was evident that the 31-year-old world champion was lacking the motivation to go all out once the win was secured in the third round

"I was feeling terrible today; I didn't get enough sleep; I was just not in good shape. I'm very happy and relieved to have won the tournament. Obviously, I would have wished to have done better today, it's really kind of embarrassing to lose the last three games but overall, the emotions are obviously positive. I wish that I could have kept my level going right till the very end. I didn't but nevertheless it's a great result," said Carlsen to Chess.com after the series ended.

Both players were in fact, short of motivation once Carlsen won Game 3. With not much left to play for, experiments started to take place. 16...b5 by Carlsen in the fourth game was one of those moves that was more a fun attempt by Carlsen to put



R Praggnanandhaa finished second.

Prag under pressure.

"I think Magnus just wanted to have more fun, that's it," said Praggnanandhaa. This 16...b5 is unnecessary. I think he just wanted to have fun and try to beat me."

Praggnanandhaa later told Chessbase India's YouTube channel that he was trying to keep things light after the result of



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ON PRAGGNANANDHAA'S PERFORMANCE

game. "This game I was just trying to exchange all the pieces. After I lost that third game, I didn't really care whether I won or not. I was just trying to play and have fun. Even if I had lost, I wouldn't be too sad about the result. It would have been fun to play the Armageddon round," said Praggnanandhaa.

In the second blitz game between the two, Carlsen was all set to take the victory. But the Norwegian was unable to force Armageddon from a winning position and his Indian counterpart. It also bode well for the Indian GM that with time winding down, there was little to no sense of pres-

Praggnanandhaa's coach RB Ramesh spoke on ChessBase India's YouTube channel and rued the missed opportunity that

was there for his ward in his first game. "In the first game he was up a piece and that was a costly miss. Overall, I thought the game qualities were pretty good. He saved many difficult positions. Even in the fourth round, which he won, the risk that ne took was not necessary at all.

"Strictly speaking, in the rapid match it was tight but he won in the blitz. It was probably because Magnus was under pressure already after missing many chances. I think he would have been very disappointed at the way he blundered 9c.5 in the irst round," said Ramesh.

FINAL PLACINGS: 1. Magnus Carlsen 16 match points, 2. R Praggnanandhaa 15, 3. Alireza Firouzia 15, 4. Liem Le 12, 5. Jan-Krzystof Duda 11, 6. Levon Aronian 8, 7.

# Gill, the Sikandar

After his 130 from 97 balls, Indian opener takes diving catch at long-on to dismiss Zimbabwe's hero to end home team's fightback



#### Take a bow

Shubman Gill celebrates after scoring his maiden international century during the third ODI vs Zimbabwe on Monday. PTI

#### **ABHISHEK PUROHIT**

NOT ONLY did Shubman Gill slam his maiden international hundred, he also made the most decisive fielding intervention of the third ODI, diving forward at long-on in the penultimate over of the game to hold on to the catch of fellow centurion Sikandar Raza. Before India scraped through by 13 runs, the Sialkot-born had all but single-handedly

dragged Zimbabwe home in the chase of 290

from the brink of what had looked like an-

other heavy defeat looming at 169 for 7.

In the company of No 9 Brad Evans, on his own surge after claiming 5/54, Raza, during his innings of 115 from 95 balls, had stunned the Indians with a late boundary barrage against the pacers after the spinners had bowled out. Timing the ball with the touch of a man who had made consecutive ODI centuries against Bangladesh earlier this month, Raza would get the front leg out of the way, set up a firm base with the back leg and thump it down the ground or over extra

cover. Two of those hits even cleared the sub-

stantial deep extra-cover boundary at Harare

India had benched Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna for the dead rubber, Avesh Khan was playing his first match of the series, and Deepak Chahar is liable to go for runs at the death. For the 12 overs that the eighth-wicket stand lasted, India had no answers. Misfields and misjudgments appeared, so did angry words from the bowlers

With just 17 needed off 13, Avesh having already conceded 16 in the 48th, Zimbabwe had to be favourites now. Even in the first ODI, Evans had stood firm amid India's charge, and had stretched Zimbabwe's innings from 110 for 8 to 189. But now, he went leg-before, missing a heave off Avesh. With 15 required after three quiet deliveries from the wily Shardul Thakur in the 49th, Raza couldn't get hold of the slog and found Gill.

#### Just 79 from 10 overs

The pressure having switched sides, India rediscovered the yorker that had gone missing while Raza was hammering them; Avesh sealed the series 3-0, disturbing last man Victor Nyauchi's stumps halfway into the last over. India had just escaped after taking only 79 off their last ten overs from a position of



#### SIKANDAR RAZA

And even those came mostly because of Gill. Off the first delivery of the 48th over of the Indian innings, Gill slogged Nyauchi to the deep-midwicket boundary. It was the last of the 15 fours he hit, and the first one for which he had to resort to a slog. Despite constructing his innings through mostly orthodox strokes, he still got 130 from just 97 deliveries. A lovely mix of straight and cover drives, cuts and flicks from the 22-year old carried India to 289 for 8 after they had chosen to test their batsmen early morning against the new balls.

Zimbabwe lost all three tosses in the series, and had found themselves 31 for 4 in the first two ODIs after being asked to face the Indian pace attack first. Series already in the bag, KL Rahul changed his decision on Monday, and proceeded to add a calming 63

Neither did the Zimbabwe seamers have the same discipline and bite as their Indian counterparts, nor was the pitch as much of a help as it had been in the first two games. And, of course, Dhawan and Rahul were of a different class when tackling the new balls.

Zimbabwe didn't help themselves by dropping Dhawan on 17, but barring that reprieve, Dhawan was almost flawless early on. Wide line or full length was attacked, and anything tight was immediately left. The leftarmer Richard Ngarava got one to straighten and bounce just outside off, but a watchful Dhawan hadn't committed to anything apart from a step across, and was able to let it zip past. At times, Dhawan would jump down the track trying to disrupt the lengths, but watching the ball kick, would avoid having a swing and potentially getting into trouble.

Rahul's aim of spending some time in the

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middle was foiled in the second ODI with an early leg-before while playing across the line, so he was a lot more circumspect to begin with. He'd be careful to not get the front pad too far across, and let go of a few scoring opportunities on the leg side by defending straighter. He hit only two boundaries, and both of them came after the first Powerplay.

#### Costly cut

But having patiently done all this work, Rahul went for a big cut on 30 to a Brad Evans delivery that moved in to cramp him and disturbed the bails off an inside-edge. A few overs later, Dhawan found a leading edge to Evans off his pads on 40 and the ball sailed straight to cover.

Sean Williams put down Ishan Kishan on 6 off his own bowling, and the latter and Gill out India on their way to a decent score with a 140-run partnership. Gill's choice of not having a big initial shuffle in limited-overs lets him slam deliveries to the right of the sweeper, making it a very productive scoring area with only four deep fielders allowed

Kishan, scratchy in the second ODI, nailed his charge-and-swing routine and slogn way to a brisk hit caught him short in the 43rd. No one apart from Gill could click thereafter, and India failed to get past 300.

At 82 for 1 in the 17th over, the Zimbabwe chase had built a promising platform, but the middle order was to come apart quickly against Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav on the same surface used for the first ODI. Once they were done, though, Raza turned the game on its head. The first two games quickly became tedious, but the third could have probably come only in the space this shrinking format provides.

BRIEF SCORES: India 289/8 in 50 overs (Shubman Gill 130, Ishan Kishan 50; Brad Evans 5/54) bt Zimbabwe 276 all out in 49.3 overs (Sikandar Raza 115, Sean Williams 45: Kuldeep Yadav 2/38, Axar Patel 2/30, Avesh Khan 3/66) by 13 runs.

India win series 3-0

**DRAW WIDE OPEN** 

## Ranked 152 till last week, Coric now the player to avoid at US Open

**NAMIT KUMAR** AUGUST 22

MUCH WAS expected from men's tennis at the start of the 2022 season. With Rafael Nadal spending nearly six months on the sidelines with injury, and the uncertainty of Novak Djokovic's schedule given his unvaccinated status, the ATP's 'NextGen' - labelled so in their teenage years but carrying that title well into their 20s - were expected to take over.

Daniil Medvedev was the reigning US Open champion, Alexander Zverev came off an Olympic gold and ATP Finals triumph. Matteo Berrettini had seen a steady stream of progress at best-of-five level, and by March, 18-year-old Carlos Alcaraz's meteoric rise saw him anointed the sport's next king in waiting.

Yet, as the final Major of the year nears, none of them have taken advantage of Nadal and Djokovic falling away. The duo have won each of the Majors this year, and played Casper Ruud and Nick Kygrios in Grand Slam finals. The two Masters 1000

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On Sunday, Coric defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-6, 6-2 in the final of the Cincinnati Masters to complete his comeback on tour. The Croat is still entering tournaments through a protected ranking after he spent 13 consecutive months between February 2021 and March 2022 away from the tour

with a bad shoulder injury. Coric was once a big prospect on tour. In

2018, he won the grasscourt title in Halle by beating Zverev and Roger Federer. He defeated Medvedev at the US Open, and Stan Wawrinka, Juan Martin del Potro, and Federer again on his way to the final of the Shanghai Masters later that year.

His attempted comeback this year was going to take time, despite a few ATP wins. As recently as July, the 25-year-old lost an ATP Challenger first round to World No. 195 Gastao Elias.

The fast courts in America's midwest aided the changes the Croat has been forced to make following shoulder surgery. His serve is recording more pace and accuracy. and his two-handed backhand has become a real force for winners. These changes allowed him to adopt a more aggressive strategy, that saw him blow away Tsitsipas 7-0 in the first set tiebreaker in the final, and drop only a single set all week, to Nadal.

The Cincinnati title – the biggest of his career - marks his return to a world class level that is signified by wins over five top 10 seeds including Nadal and Tsitsipas. Doing so within months of his return on tour is even

more sensational, given the recent struggles faced by Major champions like Andy Murray and Dominic Thiem in making their returns.

The result of Coric's fairytale triumph is that the leadup to the US Open has more contenders than any other Grand Slam in

Coric, who was ranked 152nd in the world last week but will now be seeded in New York, will become a floater nobody will want to face. Carreno Busta, a two-time US Open semifinalist with the Canada Masters title under his belt, may also have a say. And so could Kyrgios, who backed up his run at Wimbledon with a title at the ATP 500 event in Washington, Americans Frances Tiafoe and Taylor Fritz have had solid seasons, and will be buoyed by loud home support to cause an upset or two.

Even at 50% fitness, Nadal will come into the US Open as the favourite. But with Tsitsipas, Medvedey, and Alcaraz all without a major hardcourt title coming into the tournament, and Zverev and Djokovic missing from the draw, more than few surprises can be expected in New York next month.



Borna Coric with the Cincinnati Masters trophy on Sunday. AF

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### BCCI asks state units to postpone their elections

#### **DEVENDRA PANDEY** MUMBAI. AUGUST 22

THE BOARD of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has asked all state associations to postpone their elections by two months. Out of 38 affiliated units, more than 25 are due to have elections in September. Post Lodha Committee's recommendation, all state units conducted their election with a new constitution in September 2019.

The reason for the BCCI diktat is the Supreme Court's pending order over the Board's plea to abolish the cooling-off period for its office-bearers. Treasurer Arun Dhumal had filed a petition in 2020 with proposed changes made to the new BCCI constitution, and last month, the Board had moved the apex Court, seeking direction on their plea to allow its president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah to have another term despite completing six years.

As per Lodha Committee recommendations, individuals have to vacate office and undergo a three-year cooling-off period after completing six years in any position. The total period in office, whether at BCCI or any state association, is considered for this purpose. The BCCI wants to change this

The current BCCI dispensation took over from the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators in October 2019. Out of 38 states associations, The Indian Express spoke to 12 state units, who confirmed that they have got a call from a top BCCI official asking them to postpone their elections till November.

The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) has called an emergent meeting of its Apex Council on Tuesday to discuss this matter. "We have been informed that the BCCI has told us not to go ahead with the election. Instead, we all have been asked to postpone it till November. There has been no further reason given to us," a member of the MCA Apex Council said.

It is learnt that state associations of Baroda, Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association and Hyderabad Cricket Association had decided to hold elections. However, in wake of the BCCI's communication they have deferred the date.

'The BCCI case is still pending in court and there are few important amendments which need to be ratified by the Supreme Court. The BCCI election was scheduled to be held late September but it could be now extended until the Supreme Court gives their final verdict on it. State association will wait." a BCCI official said.

# Finishing on the right side

Guilty of squandering several leads in deciders, Dhruv Kapila-MR Arjun come through in a tight contest to advance at Badminton Worlds

#### **SHIVANI NAIK**

DHRUV KAPILA finally had had enough. All this year, him and partner MR Arjun had taken nice chunky leads in deciding games, only to falter at the crunch. A 15-10 advantage against Lee Jhe-Huei-Yang Po-Hsuan at the Thailand Open, 12-9 up against another Taiwanese pair, and a cat-and-mouse 13-11, 14-13, 17-16, 18-17, 19-18 leads in the third game against Ong Yew Sin-Teo Ee Yi at German Open, falling short on all occasions. The Indians, ranked No. 35, even ran the legendary Ahsan-Setiawan close at Singapore, after pushing a decider at the All England Championships. In all instances, they left the court disappointed.

Playing their World Championship opener against No. 33- ranked Supak Jomkoh-Kittinupong Ketren of Thailand, Dhruv finally scoffed at the familiarity of their brain-fade that took them from leading 15-6 in the decider to allowing the Thais back to 16-all.

"Wo bachpan se shaitaan hai, kab kya karega koi nahi bol sakta (he is mischievous from childhood. It's difficult to predict his actions)," coach Vijaydeep Singh thought, watching the pair. Having watched Dhruv grow up from age 8 at the academy in Hyderabad, Vijaydeep reckoned the clever brat would pull off something unpredictable. The tall shuttler first charged on a Thai serve for a scything cross return, and in what made Vijaydeep chuckle the whole evening, pulled off a flick-serve next, at a clutch moment-something he'd stowed away for the very end.

The Indians eventually won 21-17, 17-21, 22-20, in what was the most exciting performance of the day, though the duo had contrived to make it this dramatic after leading comfortably at one juncture. Coach Mathias's instructions to the bewildered pair, who saw 8 off 9 points from 15-6 up vanish in a matter of minutes, had been to not complicate. "He kept saying - keep it simple. We lost momentum in a matter of 2-3 points, and we're just not able to score points. We went blank," Dhruv told The Indian Express later.

Boe's appeal to simplify got interpreted as trying the adventurous, unexpected flick serve in Dhruv's transliteration. At any rate, it got the job done. Errors had caught up with the Indians, once even going for the same shuttle on the same side of the forecourt. "It wasn't happening, and they were playing very steadyat that point. But we knew we had to take this anyhow, we couldn't leave the match now. We were playing such matches all this year! I just thought someone has to take the step, I can't just stand there, so I went for it," Dhruv recalled



Indian pair Dhruv Kapila (right) and MR Arjun eventually won 21-17, 17-21, 22-20 on Monday. Badmintonphoto.com

thinking. He imposed his frame on the front court on the last two points, the stomp getting them the win without any more stumbles.

The Ludhiana man would overcome the misery of memories, and with Arjun jolted out of his reverie too, would cross the Round 1 hurdle at the Worlds. The Indians led 1-0 in headto-head records, but had struggled in the slow shuttle conditions inside the massive Tokyo

It had been a 50/50 match, Dhruv reckons, from the outset, though the Indians took time to adjust to eschew playing the drives and instead keep the shuttle firmly down before taking the opener. As is their wont, the pair had inexplicably changed strategy midway through the second game - keeping one steady pace is something they are still internalisingand though they picked cheap points nearing the end of the second, the decider was again poised for drama.

"We were under pressure when we lost those points. I was shaking," Dhruv recalled, adding it had taken Boe's composure to calm them down after another one seemed to be racing away from them. The coach would offer a smile and pat on the back in the end, having shepherded them through an almost-similar Thomas Cup loss.

With memories of five deciders that went the other way at All England and later in the summer in Thailand, Dhruv knew they'd catch a break sooner than later. "I knew things would turn around but it was crucial for us to clear the first round," he'd add.

Their next opponents are the antithesis of

simple. Nothing about 'brattier-than-thou' Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen is ever straightforward. But their bond will help them give their best, Dhruv reckons. "We are on the same page, Arjun and I, and we always manage to stay in step. We'll give our best," he reckons.

#### Tough times, tight bond

Dhruv came to Hyderabad from Ludhiana when he was 8, and his parents couldn't drop down often since he had a toddler brother back at home. Urged to take up badminton by his grandfather, Dhruv had made the move to the Gopichand academy alright, but like most kids, missed home. "Food, medicines, doctor, homesickness, it was my duty to help him as coach," the jolly Vijaydeep recalls.

Paired with different partners till 2016, the

#### **OTHER INDIAN RESULTS**

Ashwini Ponappa-N Sikki Reddy bt Nabeeha Aminath-Nabaaha Fathimath (MDV) 21-7, 21-9; B Sai Praneeth lost to Chou Tien Chen (TPE) 21-15, 15-21, 21-15; Manu Attri-Sumeeth Reddy lost to Hiroki Okamura-Masayuki Onodera (JPN) 21-11, 19-21, 21-15; Lakshya Sen bt Hans-Kristian Solberg Vittinghus (DEN) 21-12, 21-11; HS Prannoy bt Luka Wraber (AUT) 21-12, 2-11; Kidambi Srikanth by Nhat Nguyen(IRE) 22-20, 21-19; Malvika Bansod lost to Line Christophersen (DEN) 21-14, 21-12; Pooja Dandu-Sanjana Santosh bt Ines Salazar-Paula Regal (PER) 21-6, 10-21, 21-14; Ishaan Bhatnagar-Tanisha Crasto bt Patrick Scheiel-Franzisca Volkmann (GER) 21-12.21-13.

two had been brought together after Arjun and Chirag Shetty both took a fancy to the forecourt. While Shetty went off with Satwik, Dhruv was brought in as the traditional heavy from the backcourt. Tall and strong, he complemented Arjun's fast, agile, tricky net-play. India's No. 2 pair, though, would buy into rotating front and back quicker than Satwik-Chirag, to share the hitting burden.

Arjun has a mean smashing jump, and Dhruv didn't mind combative exchanges at the net. One was from Kerala, the other from Punjab, and they struck a great understanding, staying down to earth, just like Satwik-Chirag. "They both speak good Telugu. Arjun talks a lot of Hindi. And me and Pranaav Jerry Chopra were around for the Punjabi touch when Dhruv was young," Vijaydeep recalls. A little laid-back in his teens, Dhruv has matured quickly over the last few seasons when he realised that he would fall behind.

So tuned-in is their bonding that they even botch leads and fritter away matches frustratingly at the same pace. "They tend to play in patches. We are working on that," Vijaydeep explains. Hybrid skills help – Arjun's attacking jump, and Dhruv's nuanced deception from the back. "Sometimes, they take it easy when leading and the mind goes blank as continuous mistakes happen," he added.

Dhruv's game smarts, though, are innate. "He was very naughty earlier," Vijaydeep says, and would sneak up on teammates and scare them. On Monday in Tokyo, Dhruv Kapila merely flicked a serve out of nowhere on match point, and a winning light came on.



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