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Freebies panel for suggestions, Parliament has to decide: CJI

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THE SUPREME Court said on Tuesday that the intention behind planning to set up a committee to look into the issue of freebies promised by political parties was only so that it can come up with suggestions that can be submitted to Parliament, which can debate on the issue and formulate a law if necessary.

"I had initially thought people who are concerned about the economy and welfare of people can look into the whole issue and make some suggestions. This can be placed before Parliament, which can debate and make a law. Then there is also opposition to not even look into the issue by even constituting a committee,' Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, presiding over a threejudge bench, said.

"Ultimately, we are not going to say that whatever suggestions made must be accepted. Ultimately, in a democracy, the Parliament has to debate and take a decision. But for that, some background paper is required. So I initiated this debate," the CJI said. The bench also includes Justices Hima Kohli and C T Ravikumar.

Describing freebies as a "complex issue", the CJI said it CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



RUPSA CHAKRABORTY

IN CALENDAR year 2021, when

hospitals across India were bat-

tling the delta wave of Covid-19,

Maharashtra recorded a signifi-

cant 20.47 per cent increase in

all-cause deaths to 9.74 lakh as

compared to the previous year.

This was over and above the

16.57 per cent rise in all-cause

deaths in calendar year 2020.

Maharashtra accounted for al-

MUMBAI, AUGUST 23

MLAT Raja Singh was released hours after his arrest in

BJP suspends MLA in Telangana over Prophet remarks

Raja Singh held, court orders release citing police failure to serve notice

SREENIVAS JANYALA & LIZ MATHEW HYDERABAD, NEW DELHI,

AUGUST 23

BJP LEADER from Telangana, T Raia Singh, was suspended by the party and arrested by the state police on Tuesday for delivering remarks against the Prophet in a video posted on social media. Raja Singh, who is the BIP MLA from Goshamahal in Hyderabad, also faces expulsion from the party, which has issued him a show cause notice asking

him to submit a written reply by September 2.

The development comes two months after the BJP suspended its national spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled its Delhi leader Naveen Kumar Jindal for their remarks on the Prophet. Sharma's comments, in a TV show, had triggered an international backlash, mainly from countries in the Middle East.

Raja Singh was taken into custody from his residence by a task force under the Hyderabad Police Commissioner and

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SC to consider hearing pleas against release of convicts in Bilkis case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE SUPREME Court said on Tuesday that it would look into a request to take up for urgent hearing petitions challenging the remission granted to 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana said this while responding to a petition mentioned before it by advocate Aparna Bhat and filed by Subhashini Ali, journalist Revati Laul and academician Roop Rekha Verma. A second petition in this regard has been filed by Trinamool Congress MP Mahua

When the issue was raised in the court, the CJI asked if the release was by virtue of a Supreme

Maharashtra: One-third of all deaths

most 10 per cent of all-cause

Four key insights emerge from an analysis of data obtained

by The Indian Express from the

state's Civil Registration System

(CRS) under the Right to

■The three months — April-

June 2021 — accounted for more

than one-third (or 37 per cent)

of the total all-cause deaths In

witnessed the most Covid-19

■ These three months also

Maharashtra during the year.

deaths across India in 2020.

in 2021 during Delta Covid surge

Information Act.

Court order. Bhat replied that the apex court had, by an order, given the Gujarat government the discretion to take a decision.

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, also appearing for the petitioners, said the challenge was on the principles of remission. "Fourteen people killed, pregnant woman assaulted...", he said. Bhatt asked if the court would consider listing the matter on Wednesday. "Let us

three-year-old daughter Saleha mob on March 3, 2002, in trict during the Gujarat riots.

government released the 11 convicts under its 1992 remission

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phase of the delta variant of the

coronavirus. Covid-19 deaths

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were more than three-fourth (or 76.71 per cent) of the total Covid-

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(43 per cent to 63 per cent range)

in all-cause deaths in 2021 com-

pared with the previous year were

predominantly semi-rural -

Jalgaon, Sindhudurg, Nandurbar,

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19 deaths during the year.

see", the CJI said. Bilkis was gangraped and her

Limkheda taluka of Dahod dis-Bilkis was pregnant at the time. On August 15, the Gujarat

and premature release policy CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

MISSILE LANDED IN PAKISTAN IN MARCH

3 IAF officers sacked for **Brahmos missile misfire**

Court of Inquiry found deviation from SOP: IAF statement

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 23

THE GOVERNMENT has terminated the services of three IAF officers after a probe conducted by the Air Force concluded that they were responsible for lapses that led to the "accidental firing" in March of an unarmed Brahmos missile from Haryana that landed near the town of Mian Channu in Pakistan.

A statement issued by the IAF said "deviation from Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)" led to the firing of the missile and the three officers have been held responsible. The officers are learnt to hold the ranks of Group Captain, Wing Commander and



A Brahmos missile at the Republic Day parade. File

Squadron Leader.

The IAF statement said that a "Brahmos missile was accidentally fired on March 9, 2022" and that "a Court of Inquiry (Col), set up to establish the facts of the case, including fixing responsibility for the incident, found that

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& SANDEEP SINGH

deviation from the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) by three officers led to the accidental firing of the missile".

"These three officers have primarily been held responsible for the incident. Their services have been terminated by the Central Government with immediate effect. Termination orders have been served upon the officers on August 23, 2022," the IAF said.

The CoI was headed by Air Vice Marshal RK Sinha, Assistant Vice Chief of Air Staff (Operations).

The missile had travelled over 120 km, taking a pre-programmed route that took it from a base in Haryana to Mian Channu in Khanewal district of CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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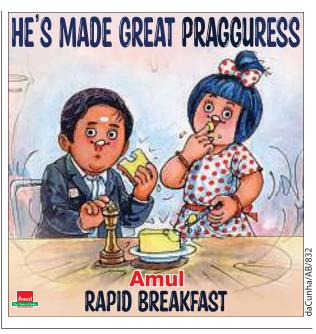
said it will launch an open offer

as required by the Securities and

warrants to VCPL against

loan to RRPR Holdings, which

Rs 403.85 cr to VCPL



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FROM RELIANCE LOAN TO ADANI MOVE



August 23, 2022: Adani Group

■VCPL converts warrants into

■ VCPL announces open offer to acquire 26% stake in

Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to

buy another 26 per cent in the

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acquires VCPL for Rs 113.75 cr.

RRPR equity, indirectly acquiring stake in NDTV.

SAKSHI SAROHA & RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

CUET GLITCHES

Fewer exam

centres, subject

likely next year

combinations

WITH COMPLAINTS of glitches in the conduct of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET), the first-ever all-India exam for admissions to undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Central universities, the National Testing Agency (NTA) is considering making changes for next year's exam - among them, a reduction in the number of subject combinations on offer and reviewing the number of cities where the exams is held.

In an interview to The Indian Express on Tuesday, NTA chief Vineet Joshi said, "This was the first year of CUET and people CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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SC RAPS RAMDEV: DON'T CRITICISE OTHER **SYSTEMS**

Fadnavis on Bilkis case: **Felicitating** convicts wrong

MOHAMED THAVER MUMBAI, AUGUST 23

IN THE first public remarks on the issue by a senior BJP leader, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said in the State Legislative Council on Tuesday that it was "wrong" to felicitate the convicts in the Bilkis Bano case following their release from prison in Gujarat on remission of sentence.

The release of the 11 convicts was raised by the Opposition in the House on the issue of women's safety in Maharashtra in the wake of several instances of sexual misconduct, including the case of a girl in Bhandara who was raped by two accused over a span of three days.

Replying to questions from CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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not just Covid-19 deaths,

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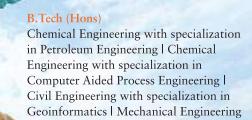
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No toll plazas, cameras to read number plates, deduct toll: Gadkari unveils plan

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MIHIR MISHRA

THE GOVERNMENT is moving ahead with a plan to remove toll plazas across India's national highways and instead rely on automatic number plate reader cameras, which will read vehicle number plates and automatically deduct toll from the linked bank accounts of vehicle owners. A pilot of this scheme is underway and legal amendments to facilitate this transition are

also being moved, Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said.

"In 2019, we made a rule that cars will come with companyfitted number plates. So, the vehicles that have come in the last four years have different number plates. Now, the plan is to remove toll plazas and put cameras, which will read these number plates and toll will be deducted from the account directly. We are also doing a pilot of this scheme. However, there is one problem — there is no provision under the law to penalise the vehicle owner who skips the toll plaza and does not pay. We need to bring that provision un-



NITIN GADKARI MINISTER FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

der the law. We may bring in a provision for cars which do not have these number plates to get them installed within a certain period of time. We will need to

told The Indian Express. Currently, about 97 per cent

of the total toll collection of nearly Rs 40,000 crore happens though FASTags - the remaining 3 per cent pay higher than normal toll rates for not using FASTags. With FASTags, it takes about 47 seconds per vehicle to cross a toll plaza and there's a marked throughput enhancement - more than 260 vehicles can be processed per hour via electronic toll collection lane as compared to 112 vehicles per hour via manual toll collection lane, according to government

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CII on freebies

was necessary to decide what can be considered a freebie and what is welfare measure.

"Some states give bicycles. It was reported that it has changed lifestyle and they have started moving across places and (it) improved their education, business... Question is, what can be categorised as freebie and what is really needed for upliftment of the disadvantaged?...To the rural poor whose livelihood depends on it. such measures make a lot of difference. That's the reason why we can't sit here and debate these issues. These are issues that have to be gone into in the context of the country, cross-sections of the people and their experiences," the CJI said. He also said that all political parties were on the same side regarding freebies. "In this I can say, all political parties are on one side, everybody wants freebies," he

Agreeing with the CJI, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, whose views were sought by the court in the matter, said that is why the fiscal deficit of states is beyond the 3 per cent permissible under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003. The CJI said that's the reason why the court made an attempt to have a neutral platform to look into the issue. But Sibal said that any such platform will be enmeshed in politics and a non-political way to deal with it will be through the Fiscal Responsibility Act.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, said that "nobody can question the responsibility of any party to assure social measures to uplift the downtrodden or any section of the society, but difficulty arises when some party distributes sarees, some say electricity free".

Recalling that the Delhi High Court had issued an order directing enforcement of promises made by the Delhi Chief Minister the order was subsequently stayed -- Mehta said, "Question is, in such circumstances will the

court remain a mere spectator?" "Suppose a party starts saying we will not collect tax, can that be done? That's the question because the voter has a right to make an informed choice whom he will vote for, and if you are giving him a false promise which your finances do not permit or you are burdening the finances in a matter that it destroys the economy, would that be permissible? It is a serious issue leading to devastating economic consequences,'

The court will continue to hear the matter on Wednesday.

3 IAF officers Pakistan's Puniab province.

Subsequently, the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) department of the Pakistan Army had held a press conference to announce that an unarmed missile had landed near Mian Channu -and that no person or property was harmed in the incident.

Pakistan had also summoned the Indian envoy in Islamabad and lodged a protest, calling for a transparent probe into the inci-

On March 11, the Defence

(A) Cancellation of Trains:

Ministry issued a statement calling the incident "deeply regrettable" and expressing relief that there was no loss of life. It attributed the "accidental firing" of the missile to a "technical malfunction" in the course of routine maintenance.

Following the incident, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had assured both Houses of Parliament that the Brahmos missile system was very reliable and safe. "Moreover, our safety procedures and protocols are of the highest order and are reviewed from time to time," he had said.

BIP MLA

produced before the 14th Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court. However, the court rejected the police's remand application, stating that they did not serve a notice under CrPC section 41A before arresting him.

The court ordered Raia Singh to be released on the condition that he would not leave the city and would seek permission from the police before stepping out of his home. The court said that he is not a flight risk since he is an elected member of the Legislative Assembly. Officials said they would pull down the video in

Raja Singh claimed that his remarks were part of a "comedy video" made in response to a show held in Hyderabad by stand-up comedian Munawar Faruqui, Faruqui has faced multiple protests from pro-Hindutva groups after being in jail for a month in Indore last year on charges of hurting religious sentiments. He performed in Hyderabad on Saturday.

Hyderabad DCP(South Zone) Sai Chaitanya said Raja Singh was booked under IPC sections 295 A (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings); 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion and acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony); 505 (1) (b) (statement with intent to cause fear or alarm to the public); and 505 (statements conducing to public mischief). In a letter sent to Raja Singh, Om Pathak, the member secretary of BIP's central disciplinary committee, said the Telangana leader "expressed views contrary to the Party's position on various matters, which is in clear violation of Rule XXV 10(a) of constitution of the Bharatiya Janata Party".

"I have been directed to convev to you that pending further inquiry, you are suspended from the party and from your responsibilities/ assignments if any, with immediate effect," the letter stated, "Please also show cause within 10 days from the date of this notice as to why you should not be expelled from the party. Your detailed reply must reach the undersigned no later than 2nd of September 2022," it stated.

Rule XXV 10(a) of the BJP constitution states that "acting or carrying on propaganda against any programme or decision of the party" would be considered as breach of discipline.

Speaking to reporters, Raja Singh said: "I don't understand on what basis the police registered the FIR because I did not take the

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name of any particular community. My video was aimed at Farugui and I stand by my words, and I did not hurt anyone's sentiments. This was the first part of the video, there will be a second

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, whose party is an ally of the ruling TRS, condemned Raja Singh's remarks and said "the BJP is conspiring to disturb law and order in Hyderabad and Telangana".

Telangana Congress chief M Bhatti Vikramarka condemned Raja Singh's remarks and demanded that the BJP "should not

BJP state leaders refused to comment on the issue. Union Minister G Kishan Reddy said the police have taken action by registering an FIR. "The law will take its own course," he said

Raja Singh had been banned by Facebook in September 2020 "for violating its policy prohibiting those that promote or engage in violence and hate from having a presence on the platform".

His remarks on the Prophet come at a delicate time for the BIP. which is pushing to emerge as an alternative political force in

Speaking to The Indian Express, BJP leaders said Singh's remarks have embarrassed the party and deviated attention from its aggressive campaign against the ruling TRS and the Opposition Congress on key issues such as corruption and dynasty politics. The remarks also go against the stated position of the party on controversial comments on religious personalities, they said.

The leaders said Raja Singh is "an important and hard working leader with ground level support' -- but "he should have stayed

within limits". Referring to the action taken against Nupur Sharma and Naveen Kumar Iindal, a senior national BJP leader said, "When the party has taken a stand and suspended its national spokesperson and others for similar remarks, how could he (Raja Singh) take it lightly? Why should he put the party in such a difficult situation? What was the need to make these

According to the leader, the party had sent an internal note to its state units and leaders. including spokespersons, strictly asking them to refrain from making any 'derogatory remarks against religious personalities".

In June, following the remarks by Sharma and Jindal, BJP general secretary Arun Singh had issued a statement saying that the party strongly denounces insults of any religious personalities of any religion" and is "against any ideology which insults or demeans any sect or religion".

According to another senior Pleader Raia Singh's "remarks. which have come before tempers over the Nupur Sharma incident have cooled down, was too much for the party to afford".

"Especially in the south, the BJP would have to pay a huge price for inaction against such leaders. Raja Singh has gotten away with too many controversial statements, but no longer," the

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CUET glitches

were apprehensive that this was yet another entrance test that would push students towards coaching. In this context, we decided not to limit the subject combinations on offer. This eventually led to 45,000+ unique combinations of subjects opted by students appearing for CUET-UG. However, based on suggestions from various academics and students, we are now looking to strike a balance. We might propose a reduction in the basket of subjects that candidates can choose from...," he said.

"In my opinion, for example, if someone is looking to pursue commerce, they will be given a combination of three or four subjects to choose from rather than 61 subjects," Joshi explained.

Currently, NTA offers 27 domain-specific subjects and 33 languages, out of which a candidate can choose a maximum of nine subjects. This spectrum of options had created over 45,000 unique subject combinations.

On August 4, the NTA had to cancel the second shift of the exam as it couldn't upload the question papers on time. Students had also complained about lastminute rescheduling of exams and late information about exam centres. Cutting down on the number of cities where the exam is held is another option on the table, Joshi said. "Currently, there are over 400 cities, which may go down... Or we may have to find a better mechanism of exam delivery like having our own centres or using computer tablets. Based on this year's experience, we will suggest these points to the committee, which will take the final decision," Joshi added.

A committee headed by the VC of the Central University of Punjab had been set up to chalk out the implementation of CUET. The NTA had also come in for criticism for informing students about their exam centres only a few days before their exams. This, Joshi said, was a deliberate move to check against potential malpractices. Asked if the exam would be conducted more than once from next year, Joshi said it should "ideally" be the case given that the National Education Policy advocates multiple attempts for competitive examinations.

"The ideal choice for conducting CUET twice a year would be to follow the JEE (Main) calendar. The first session can be conducted around January, which is well before the Board exams, and the second in April, once students have taken their Board exams," he said

Asked about UGC Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar's suggestion on the merger of IEE and NEET with CUET-UG, Joshi said, "NTA doesn't make these decisions. We are conducting these examinations on behalf of different bodies like the UGC and the Health Ministry. This decision needs to be made by these bodies."

"But the idea of a merger of the three entrance exams is feasible," he added.

To a question on JNU vicechancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit's recent remarks that the CUET's multiple choice format was unsuited for postgraduate admissions, Joshi said, "There is a designated committee that guides NTA on the exam pattern. Suggestions are always taken up and discussed before making any final decision. But every system has its pros and cons. Conducting subjective type exams creates discrepancies during the evaluation process. It has been experienced in the past with NEET and UGC-NET which were earlier conducted in the subjective mode but were then changed into the MCObased format."

Bilkis Bano case

after one of them, Radheshyam Shah, successfully moved the Supreme Court seeking directions for his application to be considered by the state under the old policy that was prevalent when the crime was committed. Shah had been sentenced to life imprisonment by a CBI court in Mumbai

The petitioners, Ali, Laul and Verma, said they did not have a copy of the order passed by the competent authority that led to the 11 persons walking free as it "is not freely available". However, they said, "media reports would indicate that eleven convicts walked free...pursuant to grant of remission under an alleged remission policy...dated 9th July

They said the case was investigated by the CBI and "accordingly, grant of remission solely by the competent authority of a state government/ State Gujarat...without any consultawith the Government...is impermissible in terms of the mandate of Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973".

The petition said that "at a time when" the Centre "issued a special remission policy dated 15th August 2022, whereby remission on the occasion of 75 years of Independence was granted to a class of convicts, persons convicted of rape and those sentenced to imprisonment for life were specifically excluded".

Therefore, the petition said the Centre "would not have granted permission to the State of Gujarat to remit the sentences of the 11 convicts, had it been consulted in the present matter".

The plea referred to the case as "heinous" where the "narrative as contained in a judgment of the Hon'ble Division Bench of the Bombay High Court confirming conviction" of the accused had recorded "gruesome acts". Hence, the petition said, "it would be entirely against public interest and would shock the collective public conscience, as also be entirely against the interests of the victim (whose family has publicly made statements worrying for her safety) to grant remission in such a case".

The petitioners contended that "on such facts, no right thinking authority applying any test under any extant policy would consider it fit to grant remission to persons who are found to have been involved in the commission of such gruesome acts".

They also raised questions on the composition of the competent authority that granted the remission -- the remission was granted by the Gujarat government on the recommendation of its Jail Advisory Committee (JAC).

The petition said it would appear that "the constitution of members of the competent authority...also bore allegiance to a political party, and also were sitting MLAs". The plea said "it would appear that the competent authority was not an authority that was entirely independent, and one that could independently apply its mind to the facts at

According to norms, the JAC has eight members, including the District Magistrate (or Chief Metropolitan Magistrate) as chairman, jail superintendent, member secretary, District Sessions Judge, Superintendent of Police (or City Commissioner), District Social Welfare officer, and two local (elected) members. In this case, the elected members were Godhra BJP MLA C K Raulji and Kalol BJP MLA Suman Chauhan.

The plea also said that the decision to release the 11 convicts is contrary to principles laid down by the Supreme Court in previous

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"One of the members raised the Bilkis Bano case... There was no need to raise it here... The convicts served their sentence and were released as per the Supreme Court order. However, be it any accused, felicitating them on their

release is wrong. A convict is a convict, and they cannot be felic-

The 11 convicts were released by the Gujarat government on August 15 following a recommendation by the state's Jail Advisory Committee (JAC). Earlier, one of the convicts had successfully moved the Supreme Court seeking directions for his remission application to be considered by Gujarat under an old policy that was prevalent when the crime was committed.

On Opposition demands for a quick implementation of the Shakti Bill, which was passed by the Assembly last year and proposes the death penalty for rape convicts. Fadnavis said the legislation was sent to then President Ram Nath Kovind for assent on January 1, 2022.

Since it is a special law, it also changes some Central rules and overrides them, he said. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had raised some queries, which the state DGP would answer soon, said Fadnavis, who also holds the Home portfolio.

Delta Covid-19

Ahmednagar and Yavatmal Together, they accounted for 12.5 per cent of all-cause deaths. In terms of Covid-19 deaths, these districts made up 12 per cent of the total Covid-19 death tally for

■In terms of the largest number of all-cause deaths, Mumbai topped the list with 1,08,113 allcause deaths in 2021 (11 per cent of all deaths in the state). Notably it recorded lesser number of deaths than in 2020 (1.11.942).

A state public health official said the 2021 numbers are provisional, and the actual all-cause death numbers can be higher. A month-wise analysis of all

cause deaths for the state showed that before the pandemic, the average monthly death was hovering around 58,000 which climbed to 67,398 in 2020 and 81,197 in Globally, several studies have

shown that the post-Covid state has also been associated with increased risk, and individuals who may have died after having contracted Covid-19 would not have Covid explicitly mentioned as the cause of death. Dr Avinash Supe, in-charge of the Covid death committee in Maharasthra, said, "Certainly, there has been a rise in all-cause deaths in Maharashtra. This data includes both direct and indirect impact of Covid which has been observed globally.'

Dr Lancelot Pinto, epidemiologist and pulmonologist from Hinduja hospital said that the healthcare system was stretched to its limit during the peaks of the Covid-19 pandemic and it is possible that individuals may have died due to non-Covid causes because of them reaching the healthcare system late.

"....and passed away before a test was done, or there was no access to testing. Individuals with a lower respiratory tract infection are known to be at a higher risk for heart attacks and strokes, and it is possible that individuals dying of these causes were assumed to have died because of these causes, and the link with SARS-CoV-2 was either not looked at, or not deemed important enough to report." Pinto said.

Health experts also noted that the pandemic further affected the population, especially patients with chronic health issues. Significantly, data obtained in a separate RTI application in June this year revealed that Mumbai had witnessed a six-fold rise in deaths related to heart incidents in the first six months of 2021. "It has been blamed on the pandemic when people with heart attack symptoms reached hospital late, which pushed up the mortality rate," said Dr Prafulla Kerkar, interventional cardiologist, Chairman of Guidelines Committee of Cardiological Society of India (CSI).

A district-wise analysis of the CRS data showed that out of 36 districts in Maharashtra, 22 recorded all-cause deaths above the state's average surge. Jalgaon saw the maximum surge in terms of percentage increase of 45 per cent. In 2020, the district witnessed 23,458 all-cause deaths, which jumped to 38,121 in 2021. Of this, only 1,267 or 3.3 per cent deaths were related to Covid-19.

This is followed by Sindudhurg, another rural district, which in 2020 witnessed 6,539 all-cause deaths which jumped to 10,300 in 2021, However, Covid-19 deaths – 1,304 – accounted for

34.67 per cent of all deaths. Nandurbar, the district with the highest tribal population in the state, recorded a surge of 46.70 per cent as all-cause deaths increased from 10,068 in 2020 to 14,770 in 2021. Of the additional deaths of 4,702, as many as 778 or 16.52 per cent were related to Covid-19.

Coincidentally, the Covid case fatality rate (CFR) in all these small districts was over the state's average of 1.81 percent in the second wave. The CFR of Mumbai was 4.06 per cent in 2020 which dropped to 1.40 per cent. But the CFR in smaller districts like Sindhudurg, Osmanabad was over 3 per cent.

Doctors attribute multiple factors behind the disparity in the number of all-cause deaths in rural and urban areas including poor availability of critical care beds, super speciality services, and advanced diagnostic facilities with faster turn-around-time. "Whereas cities like Mumbai had approximately two critical care beds per 1,000 people, in several rural regions only one critical care bed was available for about 2 500-3.000 individuals. If studied thor-

oughly, one would find that the graph of Intensive Care Unit bed availability will run parallel to the Case Fatality Rate of the region," said Dr Abdul Samad Ansari, Director, critical care services, Nanavati Hospital, who was a former member of the Covid-19 task

'No toll plazas' While the use of FASTags has

eased traffic at toll plazas across the country, congestion is still reported as there are toll gates that need to be crossed after authentication. Some of the issues with the FASTags, which were made mandatory from February 16, 2021, include: users with low balance entering the fee plaza lane, which eventually results in longer processing time; internet connectivity issues at remote fee plazas due to which the status of lowbalance FASTag is not updated to active FASTag in time by the plaza servers; wear-and-tear of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) reader and tag; and improper affixation of FASTags by users. With the use of the number

plate reader cameras, also known as Automatic Number Plate Reader(ANPR) cameras, the congestion at toll plazas is likely to reduce further, but much would depend on the implementation of the system. An industry insider. who did not want to be identified. said more than one technology will be required to ensure the system is foolproof and there are no leakages. "The ANPR camera is accustomed to reading nine numbers of the number plate and, if there is anything beyond that like something written on the number plates that we typically come across in most vehicles in the country -- the camera will not read it." he said.

He added that tests have shown that the camera misses about 10 per cent of the number plates because they had text bevond nine words and numbers. He said such systems can be implemented on new projects along with FASTag and GPS toll. "In a country like India, we would need more than one system to ensure minimal revenue loss," he said.

NDTV

company.

The Adani Group — which in May this year said it will acquire 49 per cent in digital news provider BloombergQuint — aims to further boost its media investment with a television channel under its umbrella. In a notice to stock exchanges, NDTV said the acquisition was executed without any input from, conversation with, or consent of NDTV founders Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy. The two continue to hold 32.26 per cent in NDTV.

In a press statement, the Adani Group said its flagship Adani Enterprises Ltd's subsidiary AMG Media Networks Ltd Tuesday Vishvapradhan bought Commercial Pvt Ltd (VCPL), which had in 2009 and 2010 loaned Rs 403.85 crore to NDTV promoter

company RRPR Holding Pvt Ltd. RRPR Holding was owned by the Against this interest-free loan.

RRPR issued warrants to VCPLentitling it to convert them into a 99.9 per cent stake in RRPR, RRPR holds 29.18 per cent stake in NDTV. Notably, VCPL had raised funds from Reliance Strategic Ventures, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd, to extend the loan to RRPR.

In a statement to the stock exchanges. NDTV Ltd said: "Without any discussion with NDTV or its founder-promoters, a notice has been served upon them by VCPL, stating that it (VCPL) has exercised its rights to acquire 99.50% control of RRPR the promoter-owned company that owns 29.18% of NDTV."

Subsequent to VCPL's acquisition for Rs 113.75 crore, the Adani Group announced an open offer for buying another 26 per cent stake. The group is offering Rs 294 per share. The NDTV stock closed Tuesday at Rs 366.20 on the BSE, 2.6 per cent higher than its previous day's close.

In its latest filing to the Registrar of Companies on August 23, Adani Group-owned VCPLannounced the appointment of three directors on its board – Sanjay Pugalia, Senthil Chengalvarayan and Sudipta Bhattacharya. Pugalia is the CEO of AMG Media Networks Ltd. VCPL's loan agreement with

RRPR had attracted regulatory ire with SEBI launching an inquiry in 2017. In its order passed in June 2018, the market regulator noted that RRPR had taken the loan from VCPL to repay its previous loan of Rs 375 crore to ICICI Bank. which in turn was taken to repay a Rs 540 crore loan taken from Indiabulls Financial Services in December 2008. This order was, however, guashed by the Securities Appellate Tribunal in July this year

In its order, SEBI had in June 2018 pointed out that "the takeover exercise has been conveniently couched as a loan agreement with the predominant intention of the Noticee (VCPL) being to acquire control over NDTV without contemplating any repayment of the loan, whatsoever, from the Promoters or Borrowers."

The regulator had also then ordered VCPL to make an open offer for NDTV, and penalised NDTV and RRPR for not disclosing the loan to the company's shareholders. Besides quashing this Sebi order, the SAT had also reduced the penalties on RRPR and NDTV were – from Rs 25 crore to Rs 5 crore in case of RRPR, and from Rs 5 crore to Rs 10 lakh in case of

The Adani Group, which has

been eyeing entry into the mainstream media space, had hired journalist Sanjay Pugalia last September to lead its media company. Adani Media Ventures. Pugalia was the president of Quint Digital Media, which operated BloombergQuint."AMNL seeks to empower Indian citizens, consumers and those interested in India, with information and knowledge. With its leading position in news and its strong and diverse reach across genres and geographies, NDTV is the most suitable broadcast and digital platform to deliver on our vision. We look forward to strengthening NDTV's leadership in news delivery," Pugalia said in the statement. Though the Roys hold more than the Adani Group in NDTV as of now, market experts said the business conglomerate holds an edge. Since September 2020, four shareholders who have interlinked directors, cumulatively own 7.11 per cent in NDTV. As of June 2022, Drolia Agencies owns 1.48 per cent stake, GRD Securities 2.8 per cent, Adesh Broking 1.5 per cent and Confirm Realbuild 1.33 per cent. LTS Investment Fund which

owns 9.75 per cent in NDTV, also owns 1.69 per cent in Adani Enterprises and also in other group companies including Adani Power 1.09%, Adani Transmission 1.63% and Adani Total Gas (1.27%). If these two sets of investors sell their shares in the open offer, it would take Adani Group's shareholding in NDTV to over 46 per

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SC warns TN counsel on state minister's comments on freebies party...We are also responsi-"Mr Wilson, I am sorry to say,

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> THE SUPREME Court has taken serious exception to a Tamil Nadu minister's remarks on the freebies issue, with Chief Justice of India NV Ramana on Tuesday warning state counsel P Wilson, not to be under the impression that the comments had been ignored by the court.

I want to say so many things. But I don't want to, being a chief justice, talk about your party or minister...(about) what he is talking," CII Ramana said while hearing the petitions seeking a ban on promises of freebies during polls. Wilson is an MP from Tamil

Nadu's ruling party, the DMK. The CII further said: "I don't think wisdom belongs to only don't think that we are ignoring, that we are closing our eyes." Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Palanivel Thiagarajan had recently told TV news channel NDTV that he did not understand the role of the courts in de-

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Ensure proposals sent to me are duly signed by you, L-G tells CM

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DELHI LIEUTENANT Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has written to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal saying that he had observed that a "significant" number of proposals from the CM's office for approval or opinion come to him, which are not signed by him and instead say, "Hon'ble CM has seen and approved the proposal".

Saxena said in the letter that it should be ensured that proposals are duly signed by the

"It has been observed that in recent months a significant number of proposals, as a matter of routine, have been submitted by your office for my approval or for my opinion... by your Jt. Secretary or Additional Secretary, with the remarks 'Hon'ble CM has seen and ap-



The L-G wrote a letter to CM Kejriwal regarding the same

proved the proposal' without specifying any grounds of urgency warranting such a communication," Saxena wrote.

The Delhi government refused to comment on the mat-

According to officials, the Manual of Office Procedure, 2022 says it is only in the event that a minister is on tour, is sick and approval has to be taken on telephone, will his decision be conveyed by the private secretary in writing. "In such cases, confirmation shall be obtained on file when the minister returns to headquarters/rejoins," Saxena wrote.

The L-G also asked the CM to introduce the e-office system in

"In the interest of smooth and effective governance, it may be ensured that proposals, which are submitted by your office for my opinion or approval, as the case may be, should be

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duly signed by your good self. would also like to suggest that your office may consider introducing the e-office system at the earliest so as to enable seamless movement of files," he added.

The state government had is-

sued a circular in June this year, asking all departments to switch over to the e-office system by the end of the month (June). As per the e-office provisions, all orders, circulars and guidelines are to be uploaded on the website for easier access. Every department is supposed to have infrastructure such as a record unit, high speed scanners and reliable internet connectivity to ensure timely updates are

In 2015, the Delhi Cabinet had decided to start e-office facilities in each department, but a few had not followed the direction. According to sources, the CM Office has not started its eoffice so far.

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A DELHI court Tuesday said an investigation into a case in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots was perplexing after the prosecution sought to charge a man shot at by rioters as an accused in his own case.

Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat discharged nine people accused in this case under IPC section 307 (attempt to murder) and said only sections per-

Ashok Gehlot

Chief Minister

taining to rioting were made out in this case. "However, the investigation is completely perplexing as prosecution has charged eight accused under section 307 IPC which is an attempt to murder for the attempted murder of injured Bittu who has also been made as an accused in this case for the offence of rioting," the court said.

This case pertains to a gunshot injury in which one Bittu was shot in his toe during riots near Kabir Nagar Pulia on February 25, 2020.

The court said for the purpose of proving IPC section 307, the prosecution must show that a gunshot injury is caused to the injured, who is not only a star witness in this case but was now also one of accused persons who has to face trial as per the prosecution.

"Thus, without proving the gunshot injury to Bittu, IPC section 307 can't be proved but how will Bittu appear as a witness in a case in which he himself is an accused. Thus, as per the prosecution, injured/accused Bittu will be on both sides of the court at the same time, firstly as a prosecution

witness and then as an accused,'

the court said.

Advocates Salim Malik and Shavana, who appeared on behalf of the accused, had sought discharge in this case by stating that the "police is not clear about the case". The court passed a similar order on August 18, when it noted that complainant Sajjid who was injured by a gunshot injury, was made an accused in his own attempt to murder case. ASJ Rawat had called the investigation incongruous and said "by this logic, every injured person in a riots case can be made an accused".

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SC allows transfer of Sukesh, wife from Tihar to Mandoli jail

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE SUPREME Court Tuesday said that alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar and his wife Leena Poulose be shifted from Tihar jail, where they are lodged now, to the capital's Mandoli jail.

A bench of Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia ordered this in a petition by Sukesh who approached the court citing threats to life. The court, however, refused to accede to his request for transfer to a prison outside Delhi.

Taking into consideration an affidavit filed by Enforcement Directorate, the court directed that the duo be moved to Mandoli in a week. The ED had

ning an extortion racket from Tihar" and "several officials had been suspended. Now he wants to continue his activities elsewhere". The court said it had noted that and asked whether action has been taken against officers found complicit. "We know he is wanted in many cases. In this very jail, some 80odd officials are complicit. Have you taken action? Have transfers been made?", the bench asked. Raju replied that action had been taken due to which the accused is finding it difficult

to continue his racket. Senior advocate R Basant, appearing for Sukesh, disputed the contentions. "By their own admission, I am not a target under watch." He said Sukesh and his wife have been implicated in several cases and are facing threats. "My only grievance is against high-ranking people", he submitted. The court then sought to know whether he had filed the affidavit as directed by it, disclosing names of those who paid allegedly on his behalf and those who received money

opposed his request, saying it was only to carry out his "nefarious activities from there as he was finding it difficult to carry out the same from Tihar". Additional Solicitor General S V Raju said Sukesh "was run-

Maintaining monuments under our purview at Mehrauli park, says ASI

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

A DAY after the Delhi High Court reprimanded the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for the "pathetic" condition of monuments at Mehrauli Archaeological Park, and asked for a status report, the agency said "it will follow the court's direction in letter and spirit", and submit a status report soon.

Speaking to The Indian Express Tuesday, ASI officials said, "There are about 80 monuments in the entire area, out of which only five fall under the purview of the ASI." These include the Mandi Mosque, Balban and Jamali Kamali Tomb, the area between these two tombs, Rajon ki Baoli, and the meeting point of Jahanpanah Qila and Qila Rai Pithora. The agency said there are multiple stakeholders in the area, which include the Delhi state archaeology department and the Delhi Waqf Board, while the park comes under the purview of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

While hearing a petition filed by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, the court had remarked: "The monuments are in a pathetic state and not being maintained." The court stressed that "it is the duty of ASI to protect and preserve monuments", while directing it to file a status report about all monuments of historical importance in the area.

ASI sources said there is an encroachment issue, but as it is not an "enforcing agency", its role is limited. On its part, ASI officials said, they have been maintaining the five monuments, and if more needs to be done, they will certainly look at it. Asked about other monuments, which may be under other agencies, ASI said, "If any written requests are made to us, we can look at it on case-to-case basis, subject to approval."

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Delhi to host 2 art events Parul Vadehra, director of

VANDANA KALRA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THIS FORTNIGHT the city will see two art celebrations—Delhi Art Week (DAW), from August 24 to 31, and Delhi Contemporary Art Week (DCAW), from September 1 to 7. While the former will have galleries plan special exhibitions and events at their respective venues, the latter will see seven galleries showcase artists

and artworks at Bikaner House. "...Events like these not just generate more hype around art but also increase art awareness...," said Renu Modi, director of Gallery Espace, who is participating in both events.

Speaking about DCAW,



















PSUs are laying the template for social development

In the post-pandemic period, PSUs are expected to resume their involvement in community development activities through CSR

SR or Corporate Social Responsibility is based on the idea that successful, profitable corporations have to manage their business processes in a way that it is a win-win situation for profit maximisation, stakeholder wealth, social welfare, inclusive equity and climate control for the planet's future. CSR has been a longstanding phenomenon in corporate India and we have one of the world's richest traditions in implementing it in the economy. CSR practices in India have evolved with companies setting up charitable trusts, ensuring social development and benefits to all their stakeholders.

Corporates through their CSR funds have started contributing to socio-economic development, especially in their operational areas. It is interesting to analyse the CSR expenditure spent on various developmental issues by different companies over a period of time. Such an analysis helps us to understand the status of allocation of CSR funds across various development sectors and the consistency in committing funds for different sectors over a period of time. Also, given the emerging newer developmental issues for intervention, it is important to understand to what exthese companies are responding through their CSR interventions.

If we analyse the number of companies contributing to India's development through various CSR activities, then we see a dip in Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs). These were 493 in FY 2014-15, consis-

tently grew to 616 in FY2018-19 and then declined to 460 during FY 2019-20. This may be attributed to the Corona pandemic and other related situations. A similar trend is also noticed among non-PSUs.

In terms of the funds spent by these companies, the data indicate that the PSUs contributed over a quarter in each of these years. Among the top 10 companies, which are ranked according to their CSR expenditure (FY2020-21), there are three PSUs (ONGC, IOCL and NTPC) and seven private companies. The sector-wise CSR expenditure of these three PSUs have been analysed between 2014 and 2021. The results reveal that the expenditure on education and related sectors (12.8 per cent to 28.7 per cent), followed by allocations to environment sustainability (12.3 per cent to 16.0 per cent) and health (6.8 per cent to 13.7 per cent) have been consistently higher among PSUs during the reference period. PSU-wise data also reflects the specific sectors they are prioritising. For instance, NTPC has a major focus on "Eradicating Poverty, Hunger and Malnutrition" (36.8 per cent) and "Rural Development related projects" (10.5 per cent). In the case of ONGC, the expenditure was on the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (8.4 per cent), contribution to other Central government funds (12.6 per cent), sanitation (6.8 per cent) and Swachh Bharat Kosh (2.1 per cent). The IOCL has invested in vocational skills (14.7 per cent), sanitation (8.2 per cent) and Prime Ministers' National

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2019-20	No. of companies Amount Spent	460 5279.83 (INR Cr.)
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Source:https://csr.gov.in/content/csr/global/master/home/ExploreCsrData/misreports/psu-nonpsu-wise.html

As the CSR itself is a new area of engagement by PSUs, the importance of research, especially the field-based one, needs to be emphasised. The same has to be actively promoted by them so that they can build a strong empirical data base

Relief Fund (10 per cent).

The expenditure made by the PSUs, especially during the pandemic period, not only through the disbursal of funds to the government but also by undertaking various measures like strengthening the health infrastructure, spearheading health education awareness programmes and distributing

various types of sanitary kits and other items, is noteworthy. A similar trend is observed among other PSUs during the pandemic period.

Overall, the data on the CSR expenditure of the three top PSUs clearly indicate that their role in addressing the various socio-economic developmental issues of the communities, especially in their op-

SECTOR-WISE CSR CONTRIBUTION BY PSUs

- Art And Culture
- Art And CulturEducation
- Environmental Sustainability
- Health Care ■ Livelihood Enhancement
- Projects
- Poverty, Eradicating Hunger, Malnutrition ■ Prime Minister's National
- Relief Fund

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- Projects
 Safe Drinking Water
- Swachh Bharat KoshTraining To Promote Sports
- Vocational Skills
- Women Empowerment
 Sanitation
- Special Education
- Conservation Of Natural
- Resources

 Other Central Government
- Funds
- Setting Up Homes And Hostels
- Skill Development

erational areas, is considerably increasing.

Also, it is observed that these organisations are contributing to a great extent by collaborating with various stakeholders like Government, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and self-help groups. Now that the country has moved to the post-pandemic pe-

riod, the PSUs are expected to resume their active involvement in various community development activities and allocate more CSR funds to other stakeholders which are actively involved in this area.

Having a history of philanthropic activities, most PSUs have been involved in community development for decades. CSR provides them additional opportunities to associate with the other stakeholders and establish their presence as a major change -makers in society. Currently, their operational areas are spread across the country and their presence is significant in areas which are termed as "disturbed" or "inaccessible." Our research evidence clearly reveals that some PSUs are highly visible in their communities and have professionally managed several innovative projects.

Given the encouragement through various awards and other recognition, there is a growing competitiveness among PSUs to push innovation and establish benchmarks in best practices. Some of the areas where PSUs need to focus on are capacity-building, participation in training programmes, networking with similar agencies and exposure to ground realities through field visits and interactions with field staff. As the CSR itself is a new area of engagement by PSUs, the importance of research, especially the field-based one, needs to be emphasised. The same has to be actively promoted by them so that they can build a strong empirical data base. Various types of surveys

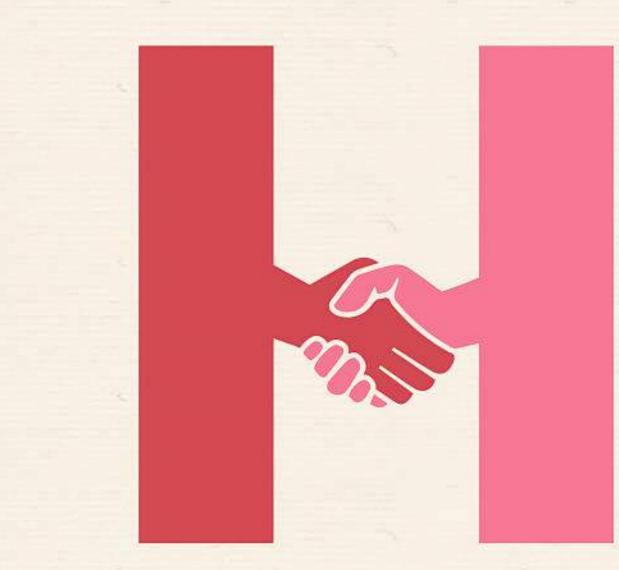
like baseline, need assessment, stakeholder mapping, monitoring, evaluation and social impact assessment are suggested, through which the PSUs can have very scientific knowledge on various issues related to the communities.

A welcome change in India has been the specification by the Government, through an amendment in the Companies Act- 2013, of the amount that a corporate has to "spend mandatorily" for the "specified activities" they may undertake to fulfill their CSR obligation for social development. According to section 134, 135, and 469 of the Companies Act 2013, companies need to spend two per cent of their net profits, averaged over the three preceding financial years, on the ten suggested items of CSR given in the Schedule VII. The thrust areas that the PSUs are expected to spend their CSR funds have been revised over a period.

In view of the growing popularity of CSR in India, combining the social, environmental and other concerns into the PSU's business operations is increasingly visible. In fact, communities are increasingly becoming dependent on CSR activities by PSUs. Though their activities contribute to enhancing the quality of life of the community around their sites, PSUs are laying the template for India to commit to and meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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How to help businesses in India fulfil their social responsibility

CSR has emerged as a single key component that simultaneously benefits businesses and society



ELPING others has always been a way of life in India with the concept of "daan" or "giving" being an integral part of our Dharma. Even before Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) came into existence in its present form, businesses in India had a history of looking beyond accumulating mere profits and contributing actively to social and economic causes. So the societal mindset was there with Indian companies embracing CSR wholeheartedly.

India, which is the sixth largest economy in the world and at present is classified as a developing country, is on par with many developed nations, such as Norway, Denmark, Australia, Sweden and the Netherlands, when it comes to making CSR mandatory for companies with a certain amount of turnover or net profit or net worth. CSR indicates a business model that is self-regulating and reflects a company's commitment to being accountable to not only itself, the public and its stakeholders but also be responsible for social, economic and the environmental impacts that stem from its business operations. Companies these days prioritise environmental and social concerns and make conscious efforts to carry out their operations ethically. This helps them bolster

their own brand image and business credibil-

ity, earning public trust and building positive relationships.

CSR, which was regarded as a philanthropic activity and as a mere moral responsibility of businesses, has come a long way in India, with the introduction of Section 135 in the Companies Act 2013, which makes CSR compliance mandatory for companies registered under Section 8. Complying with CSR obligations is a must for companies that are registered under the Indian Companies Act as either public, not-for-profit, private or as foreign companies' subsidiaries.

They should have a turnover greater than Rs 1,000 crore, a net worth that amounts to more than Rs 500 crore or even net profit that is above Rs 5 crore. As of April 1, 2014, it is mandatory for such companies to spend two per cent of their preceding three years' average net profits on CSR activities that are in accordance with the Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013.

Needless to say, 2021 witnessed the world grappling with the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic which impacted businesses globally, including in India. As a result, the CSR spends in the country plummeted to Rs 8,828.11 crore in FY 2020-21 from Rs 24,688.66 crore in FY 2019-20. The positive takeaway from this is the fact that

despite facing financial challenges caused by the pandemic, companies in India did not put CSR on the back burner. Godrej Consumer Products Limited, which held the top position in the CSR ranking list for 2021, reportedly spent Rs 34.08 crore on its CSR initiatives in the domains of public health, skills and livelihoods, waste management and watershed management.

Earning profit had always been the sole objective of businesses. That perspective has changed forever with the advent of CSR and with more and more companies acknowledging its importance, India is poised to become a future-proof economy. According to IndiaCSR, a 2022 study found that "CSR can boost a business' bottom line by creating value, increasing innovation, improving customer and employee relations and expanding growth options. CSR has the potential to make a company more competitive, lower financing costs, and increase overall economic value. Not only that, it's the way of the future. Business as usual is harming our planet. Using business as a force for good has the potential to save it. It's important to recognise socially responsible companies, not just to commend their efforts, but to encourage other organisations to incorporate social good into their missions."



ElL's social initiatives enriching lives!

The concept of CSR is closely associated with sustainable economic and social development of the community through conscious efforts from corporate organisations and businesses. At Engineers India Limited (Ell), Corporate Social Responsibility is not just a compliance but a way of taking the society forward hand-in-hand with its business growth. Ell envisions enrichment of the lives of people through social upliftment, promotion of inclusive growth and recharging the environment in a sustainable manner.

Ell has set clear objectives towards assisting the transformation of the Country's social infrastructure in an environmentally sustainable manner and has aligned its CSR initiatives to the national priorities. As a responsible corporate citizen, EIL has reached out to lakhs of beneficiaries belonging to underprivileged segments of society through its numerous innovative and sustainable CSR initiatives in

Health Care

In pursuit of its endeavour to enhance healthcare infrastructure in the country, EIL has supported installation of medical equipment in hospitals & old age homes for underprivileged people. Some key healthcare interventions that created significant



Divyangjan with quality aids and appliances required in their daily lives and round 4,500 Divyangjan have benefitted Specialised vehicle for conducting free

Camps on pan India basis to provide needy

. Nammography amongst women from marginalised society, medical equipment for early detection & treatment of Cancer.

Mobile Medical Care van for bringing affordable health care services at the doorstep of poor people residing in remote villages of Odisha. General health checkup camps and advanced eye ailment & taract surgery camps for patients across

tting up of nine Oxygen Plants at seven Government Hospitals in Karnataka to combat Covid 19 pandemi

Drinking Water & Sanitation

In an attempt to make India open defecation free, EIL has undertaken construction/ maintenance of toilets in schools of Assam, Bihar, Odisha and Tamil Nadu under Swachh Vidyalaya Project- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. A few initiatives taken in this sector are as

- Construction of 200 nos. community and individual toilets for poor families in remote villages of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh
- Setting up RO water plants to to facilitate availability of potable water to residents in remote regions and schools in rural greas.

Initiatives undertaken in the area of Education primarily focus on construction of classrooms in schools and educational programmes for children belonging to underprivileged segments of society. Highlights of CSR initiatives undertaken include

- Thousands of children especially girls across the country benefitted resulting in ar increase in the enrolment rate of students in schools
- Spreading awareness on personal hygiene and menstrual health through installation of sanitary napkin vending and incineration units in Girls Secondary schools in rural

Rural Development

Initiatives have been undertaken towards illuminating lives of people in remote villages/ regions facing irregular supply of grid electricity by installation of Solar Photovoltaic based LED Street Lighting Systems across the country and Solar Power plants in remote villages of Ladakh. These programs promote clean energy and encourage people to realise the full potential of solar power.

Women Empowerment

Enabling women to earn their livelihood makes them financially independent, leading to their empowerment. EIL has undertaken CSR programs to provide livelihood skills to underprivileged women to make them self-reliant. The initiatives, which touched upon the lives of over 5,000 women, include an innovative project to train women inmates of a jail in Uttar Pradesh and structured programs to impart traditional livelihood skills viz. Mushroom Cultivation, Bee Hiving etc. for tribal women in an aspirational district in Odisha

Skill Development Training



Skill Training programs are another area of EIL's social initiatives aimed at employment generation across many states. Technical and professional skill development programmes for more than 8,000 candidates including women belonging to SC/ST/OBC and EWS segments of the society have been undertaken and more than 70% of the candidates' got placement and became self-reliant.

ElL aspires for a shining transformation in the lives of each and every underprivileged and needy person it has touched upon through its widespread social initiatives and future endeavours. Most Educational, Healthcare and Skill Development initiatives have been scaled up and have created a positive impact in the society, boosting and inspiring Ell's social footprints.

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NDIA'S rapid economic growth has led to a huge demand for vocational skills across traditional as well as new and emerging sectors. Simultaneously, there is a need to ensure that this growth is inclusive in order to have a positive socio-economic impact. Alongside a young and growing labour force, there is a significant shortage of skilled manpower, essentially due to gaps in skill availability and skill needs. Accelerating growth and providing productive employment for the continuously increasing labour force is an integral part of the objective of inclusive growth.

The oil and gas sector is one among the six core industries in India and has very significant forward and backward linkages with the entire economy. India has been growing at a decent rate annually and is committed to accelerate the growth momentum in the years to come. This would translate into India's energy needs growing many times in the years to come. Further, the anticipated business growth in the sector is contingent on the availability of skilled manpower in the country. Hence, there is an immediate need for generating a pool of skilled workforce to con-

duit the industry manpower need. In line with the Government's National Skill Development Mission, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has taken a unique initiative of setting up Skill Development Institutes (SDIs) in different parts of the country. The SDIs primarily focus on imparting skill development training in various employable sectors, including oil



SKILL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, GUWAHATI

Empowering the youth of Northeast



Machine Operator Workshop



Training on Automotive Service Technician

and gas. So far six such Skill Devel-

opment Institutes (SDI) have been

set up at Kochi (Kerala), Visakhap-

atnam (Andhra Pradesh),

Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Guwahati

(Assam), Ahmedabad (Gujarat) and

Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh) estab-

lished by BPCL, HPCL, IOCL, OIL,

Oil India Limited set up its Skill

Development Institute, Guwahati

(SDIG) as a society in the year

2017 under the Society Registra-

tion Act XXI of 1860. The objective

of the SDI is to cater to the skill

needs of the youth of the North-

Eastern region in order to enhance

ONGC and GAIL respectively.

TRAINED YEAR PLACED 2017-18 60 41 2018-19 474 636 2019-20 910 747 2020-21 970 880 2021-22 1110 969 (In Progress) **TOTAL** 3686

their employability in hydrocarbon and other sectors. To this end, the institute has adopted the National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT)/State Council of Vocational Training (SCVT) and National Skills

3111 qualifications Framework (NSQF)/ Sector Skill Council (SSC)-approved courses. The SDIG was dedicated to the nation by Shri Dhar-

mendra Pradhan, the then Union

Minister for Petroleum and Natural



ber 8, 2017.

The SDIG's main campus is located at North Guwahati with extension centres spread across different parts of the Assamese capital to conduct training courses. The courses cover various trades under the Hydrocarbon Sector Skill Council, Health, Capital Goods, Tourism, Hospitality and Apparel sectors. Primarily the youths selected for training are High School passouts who are unable to further their education due to various socio-economic chal-



lenges. They would have otherwise remained unemployed but by undergoing training courses at SDIG, they have been able to enhance their employability by acquiring new skills.

Ever since its inception in 2017-18, the SDIG has trained 3,686 youths in 16 different trades with a placement record of more than 80 per cent. These trades are: (1) Industrial Welder (2) Industrial Electrician (3) Hospitality Stewardship (4) Certificate course in Machine Operation (5) Certificate course in CNC Turning (6) Certificate course in Pipe Fitting and Rigger(7) Certificate course in CNC Milling (8) Emergency Medical Technician (9) Pipe Fitter (Oil & Gas) (10) General Duty Assistant (11) General Duty Assistant(Advanced) (12) Sewing Intern Training Programme(TITP) (14) Hospital Front Office Desk (15) Automotive Service Technician and (16) Coffee Brewmaster. The youths for training come

Machine Operator (13) Technical

from far-flung regions of the North-East and are successfully placed in northern, western and southern regions of India as well as locally. The trainees have also been placed abroad in the hospitality sector, including cruise ships. The most prestigious training programme under SDIG has been the Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP), which is under the health sector, and envisages placement of care-givers at nursing and old age homes in Japan, to take care of their elderly population. This has been highly appreciated by the Hon'ble Ambassador of Japan to India, Dr Satoshi Suzuki, when he visited SDIG on March 3, 2020. The trainees have passed the qualifying tests and one SDIG passout is already working in Japan.

The entire training programme is completely free for the students, including boarding, lodging and medical facilities. Travel expenses to the place of posting are also paid by the SDIG to trainees.

There has been a host of success stories and the beneficiaries have been both the community and the industries. In a nutshell, the establishment of the Skill Development Institute Guwahati has undoubtedly enhanced the stature and goodwill of OIL as well as other supporting organisations and has provided tremendous employment potential to the youths in the North-Eastern

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FIRED HALF A DOZEN BULLETS BEFORE FLEEING: POLICE

Armed assailants shoot dead two men in case of 'mistaken identity'

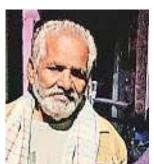
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

TWO MEN were shot dead and their friend severely injured, in what appears to be a case of mistaken identity, in Outer Delhi's Bakkarwala. Police said Joginder Kumar (41), Mangal Ram (60), and Mohan Lal (62) were at the former's home when two unknown assailants broke in on Monday night, chased them and fired over half a dozen bullets before escaping.

Joginder and Mangal were rushed to a hospital by their families but were declared dead on arrival. Mohan is undergoing treatment at a hospital. Police claimed the accused had come to target another person in the locality but mistakenly entered the victim's house.

No arrests have been made yet. Senior police officers said the assailants were sent by another person, who is also on the run, and that they are looking for the

According to police, they received multiple PCR calls about the shooting around 9.15 pm. DCP (Outer) Sameer Sharma said, "Empty cartridges were found at Joginder's house and on the street; a total of 9 were recovered. CCTV footage shows two men coming to the area around 9.05 pm. One of the assailants was wearing a black cap and the other sported a muffler. They entered the house and fired at the three





Mangal (left) had a tent business while Joginder ran a garment business

men, who were sitting in a room. Lal ran to save his life while the others were shot dead... Within two-three minutes, the assailants are seen running back to the main

"During investigation, we found that a local had been receiving death threats and extortion calls from a gang over the last month. The assailants are connected to the gang. Their target was the local, but they fired at the victims assuming one of them was him," added DCP Sharma.

Joginder ran a garment business while Mangal ran a tent business. Mohan, who works as an erickshaw driver, said he managed to escape and rushed home where his son, Rajesh, took him to a hospital. Recounting the incident, he said he and Mangal were at Joginder's house when two men entered and asked about a man named Satish:

"Joginder pointed at his deceased father's photo and said his name was Satish. The assailants then took out their weapons and started firing. Joginder and

Joginder is survived by his wife, their two sons and a daugh-

Mangal collapsed.'

Meanwhile, police suspect the accused are involved in another firing incident where a 48year-old realtor, Amit Gupta, was shot at by two assailants on Tuesday afternoon in Burari. Police said he sustained multiple iniuries. "Prima facie... there's a connection between the two incidents. We are verifying details," said an officer. Police said they have registered a case of attempt to murder.

Police said a case has been registered under sections of murder, attempted murder, criminal

division

'My brother tried to grab their pistols, was overpowered'

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

A DAY after armed men barged into Joginder Kumar's home in Bakkarwala's JJ Colony and shot him dead, along with a friend, Mangal Ram, who was with him at the time, his family members remain anxious and scared. His younger brother, Kuldeep

said, "I was outside when my sister-in-law called me. Joginder was sitting with his friends when these men came and fired indiscriminately. They came on a bike with no number plate and were masked. My brother attempted to save everyone by trying to snatch their pistols, but they overpowered him and fired at his chest, limbs and back. Police told us that my brother was mistaken for someone else. We think the assailants were looking for our neighbour and fired at bhaiya, My brother and his friend were lying in the house for 10-15 minutes. Everyone was scared to step out and help."

A relative of Mangal Ram, who refused to be named, said the two men had known each other for ages. "His son was go-



The armed men barged into Joginder Kumar's home in Bakkarwala's JJ Colony

ing to get married and he was making arrangements for it, Last night, he went to meet his friends when the assailants killed him."

Locals, meanwhile, alleged that hardly any police personnel are deployed in the area. Police, however, denied the claims and said the incident happened in someone's home and patrol staff would not have been able to help in this case. A neighbour, Ramesh, said: "It

felt like someone was bursting firecrackers... These men were masked and started firing at Joginder. I was standing outside and ran inside my house. We locked our door thinking this would go on for some time, but they left in minutes..."

Supertech D-day: Air Force, Airport body asked to take precautions over dust cloud

MALAVIKA PRASAD NOIDA, AUGUST 23

WITH THE Supertech twin towers demolition scheduled for Sunday, sources said the Airports Authority of India and the Indian Air Force have been requested to take precautionary measures for flight safety as a dust cloud is likely to appear up to 300 metres above ground level that may take 10-15 minutes to settle.

Preparations for D-day are on track and six personnel have been asked to be present to oversee the demolition, officials at Edifice Engineering, the Mumbai-based firm tasked with razing the twin towers partnering with South Africa-based Jet Demolition, said.

"There will be a team of six people who will be standing next to the blast point, where the button is going to be pushed. These are Chetan Dutta, who is a certified Indian blaster; three people from Jet Demolition who are managing director and master blaster Joe Brinkmann, senior manager Kevin Smit, and chief safety officer Marthinus Botha; project manager of the demolition from Edifice Engineering Mayur Mehta; and a police officer," said Utkarsh Mehta, partner at Edifice Engineering.

The firm has started floor-tofloor connection of explosives in the towers early Tuesday which will be completed by day after tomorrow, he said, adding, "We have spent a lot of time design-



Noida traffic police have begun preparations to ensure a smooth flow of traffic on the demolition date. Gaiendra Yaday

Teen 'kills' minor boy:

Family alleges offered

money to drop case

ing the demolition plan. Plans have been made to decide how and at which angle the towers will come down. There are many consultants involved in the project including CBRI, our technical team. We have consultants from Kochi as well. We are totally confident about D-day."

Traffic plan charted

Meanwhile, Noida traffic police has begun preparations to ensure smooth flow of traffic on Sunday.

Ganesh Prasad Saha, DCP (Traffic), said, "A detailed plan has been charted regarding traffic arrangements for the demolition day, which is in its final stages. The road opposite the towers was closed a few days ago around the time when the charging process began. Movement of vehicles around the towers is being regularly monitored.On August 28, the Noida-Greater

hour and, if required, every 15 minutes. Since it is a Sunday, concentration of traffic personnel in the area will be heavy but we will also ensure congestion does not take place in other areas in the district." Details of route diversions will be shared with the public two-three days before Sunday, Saha said, adding that arrangements have been made for commuters using Google maps -

Expressway will be shut for half

an hour. The roads around the

towers in the exclusion zone will

be completely restricted for en-

try, and connecting roads will

also be barricaded. Our control

room will be watching traffic via

Google maps. The public will be

kept abreast with traffic updates

on the day via Twitter. We will

issue a traffic bulletin every half

they will be able to spot roads that have been cordoned off and can access alternate routes ac-

BRIEFLY —

Grand Omaxe residents seek removal of Shrikant Tyagi from district

Noida: Residents of Grand Omaxe society, located in Noida's Sector 93B, have filed a complaint before the District Magistrate. Noida, seeking initiation of proceedings under the provisions of Uttar Pradesh Control of Goondas Act. 1970 against Shrikant Tyagi and that he be not allowed in the district. On August 9, Tyagi was arrested for allegedly assaulting a woman resident during an argument about encroachment in the common area of the society.

Child begging: **HC** seeks report on steps taken for rehabilitation

New Delhi: The HCTuesday sought a detailed status report from the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Delhi government and the Centre on steps taken to rehabilitate children found begging on the streets in Delhi. **ENS**

MCD to digitise property records to find tax defaulters

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

FOLLOWING AN internal survey wherein the Municipal Corporation of Delhi found that around half the property owners in the capital do not declare their properties as rented to save house taxes, it has decided to digitise the property records of Delhi with details of owners and whether it is rented to find those evading taxes.

erty tax filing system will be simplified and linked with Aadhaar numbers to increase collection. said a senior official. The MCD earns around Rs

2,000 crore from the property tax and hopes to double its tax resources by increasing its tax am-"For an average 2BHK house,

tax in an average locality is around Rs 1,000 yearly," he said and added that for rented accommodation, it would be double the factor for calculating changes. "The civic body provides sev-

eral facilities even in unauthorised colonies like garbage collection, park maintenance, drain cleaning, mosquito fumigation among others for which a nominal amount is charged as property tax," said another official. "And if you are earning from the property, better the reason you should pay the taxes," he said.

He said that while the tax collection rate from commercial



PROPERTIES ARE divided into eight categories for tax collection in the capital — A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H – depending on their location. Upscale colonies like Golf Links, Vasant Vihar fall in categories A and B and localities such as Geeta Colony, Anand Moreover, digitising the prop-Parbat and Sheikh Sarai fall in the E, F, G and H categories.

> properties, both rented and selfoccupied, is better, it is those at residential accommodation who mostly try to evade taxes.

L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena had earlier advised that all properties within the city limits, commercial as well as residential, be brought under the tax net so that MCD's incomes increase, and it provides better services.

To bridge the gap in the tax collection system, the MCD has also fixed a target for the property tax department.

The MCD has doubled the target and set it at Rs 3,850 crore from its present tax collection of around Rs 2,000 crore.

A senior MCD official said this also means the corporation would be stricter in collecting its taxes and imposing penalties on

Presence of unmanned barricades on city roads: HC pulls up police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

PULLING UP Delhi Police for putting unmanned mobile barricades on the roads in the city, High Court Tuesday said policemen do not apply their minds, and block roads during rush hours. The division bench of Justice

Mukta Gupta and Justice Anish Dayal in this regard summoned Delhi Police's Special CP (Law & Order) to court, and listed the matter for hearing in September. "Please let me tell you, they just don't apply their mind. In the evening hours when there is so much rush, they will have those intersections. They would be standing on the side, not looking at one vehicle. Why are they blocking the roads?" said the court, while addressing a counsel representing the Delhi Police.

The bench earlier asked



The court said barricades are put up around 6 pm when there is peak traffic. Archive

whether the roads were meant for traffic "or being closed like this". While particularly addressing a police official from the Vasant Kunj area, the court said, "Aise sadak bandh karte hai aap? Raat ko saare raste band kar denge aap? Saare raaste band kardenge, kisi ko koi medical emergency hojaye toh aadha ghanta toh inhi raston main nikal jaye, hospital tak bach ke pahunche na wo. (Do you close roads like this? Do you close

 $all\, roads\, during\, the\, night?\, When$ you close all roads and someone faces a medical emergency, they will end up wasting half an hour in finding the exit and then not reach the hospital alive)."

The court added that such barricades are put up around 6 pm when there is peak traffic. "There is also an issue. So many times as citizens we see there is half a barricade there, there is nobody around and that one barricade on an otherwise empty road is causing a traffic jam.," it continued.

Delhi Police told HC that detailed standing order was issued in 2021 on the usage of mobile barricades, and it has been instructed that under no circumstances the barricades should be left unmanned, and be removed from the carriageway and footpath when not in use so that they don't cause traffic hindrance or become a cause of potential hazard for motorists and pedestrians.

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23 A DAY after a 13-year-old Dalit

boy was murdered allegedly by his 16-year-old neighbour in Ghaziabad, his family alleged they had been pressured by the juvenile's family to drop the case. The victim's aunt claimed, "They (juvenile's family) told us their community would get support from the government, whereas no one would help us. They also offered our family money to settle the issue. But we want justice." Another relative asked angrily, "Do they think they can just kill us and offer money when they feel like it?"

Police apprehended the juvenile for allegedly strangling the 13-year-old and said he allegedly wanted to commit a crime to "get out of studying". Police said the boys had gone out to play on Monday evening and the victim's body was later found on the Delhi-Meerut expressway by the roadside around 5.30 pm.

On Tuesday afternoon, relatives and neighbours thronged the alley in front of the victim's home. The child's parents, who are labourers, were not present - his father had gone for the postmortem, and his mother was taken to a doctor after she suffered a shock due to the murder.

His aunt recalled how the family learned about his death: "The incident happened in the afternoon, and police came

the pandemic. "My father died

us soon," she said.

around 5 pm, asking where my nephew lived. His parents were working at the time and found out about the incident only when they returned late in the evening."

She added, "The juvenile insisted that my nephew go out with him to play, but he was reluctant since he had homework. His younger sister asked him to seek permission from their parents. But the boy insisted and took my nephew.'

The child's uncle recalled: "He was a quiet child. He would always be seen reading and studying.'

Residents of the area, meanwhile, said the juvenile's family had left their house.

According to Iraj Raja, Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural), "the juvenile was apprehended when he was on his way to surrender. He wanted to be arrested."

"When he was questioned, it was found that he was not interested in studying but his parents were insistent that he study. He claimed he had been thinking of a way out of this for the past sixseven months. He then decided to commit a 'crime' as a possible way out...," the SP had said ear-

Police said an FIR under IPC section 302 (murder) as well as sections of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act has been registered. The 16-year-old had been sent to a juvenile justice centre,

'Money laundering' case: Jain's wife gets bail New Delhi: A Delhi court Tuesday FIR, Satyendar Jain, while posted court and his lawyers have said

granted bail to Poonam Jain who was accused in an alleged money laundering case along with her husband and AAP leader Satyendar Jain.

Poonam's lawvers told Special Judge Geetanjli Goel that they will submit her passport on the next date of the hearing. Poonam was earlier granted interim bail in the same case on furnishing of a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh with surety of like

As per the allegations in the

and functioning as a minister in the Delhi government allegedly acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of income to the tune of Rs 1.62,50,294 from February 14, 2015, to May 31, 2017, allegedly with the help of other persons and his family members namely Poonam Jain, Ajit Prasad Jain, Sunil Kumar Jain, Vaibhav Jain

 $Satyendar\,Jain\,is\,currently\,in$ judicial custody since June 13. He was also produced before the

and Ankush Jain.

that he will appear again before the judge on August 27.

Jain's bail plea is also expected to be taken up on the next date of hearing.

On July 29, the court took cognizance of the ED chargesheet by stating that "there is prima facie sufficient incriminating evidence about the involvement of the accused" and issued summons to Poonam Jain and the representatives of four companies who were made ac-

STARTING TODAY

From a boxer to a teacher, 11 women drivers to steer fleet of DTC buses

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

FROM A boxer to a school teacher, about 11 women drivers will be seen at the wheel of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses from Wednesday. This will be the first time that the city's public transport fleet will see these many women drivers.

Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot Tuesday issued letters of appointment to the 11 women drivers who will be deployed at various DTC depots such as Nangloi, Mundka, Peeragarhi, Nand Nagri and East Vinod Nagar.

Among them is Seema Thakur (40), a homemaker and mother of two children. She said she was demotivated by her husband and in-laws who said she cannot handle a bus as she is a woman.

"I studied up to class 12 and then I got married. At that time, wanted to study further but neither my in-laws nor my husband supported me... Five-six years ago, I got to know from friends that there is an NGO that provides free training in driving to all women. I took it up and





Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot Tuesday issued letters of appointment to 11 women drivers who will now work as bus drivers and have been deployed under various depots of DTC such as Nangloi, Mundka, Peeragarhi, Nand Nagri and East Vinod Nagar. Tashi Tobgyal

driver," she said. The women also requested

the Delhi government to give them permanent jobs as drivers in the coming months for stability. Sharmila Sharma from Haryana said, "Although neighbours used to say things about women driving buses, I had full

Pooja, who said she was a boxer, said: "I will continue to play at the local and national level if I get support from my husband. He an opportunity. I always wanted works as a labourer and we have to do something different, and I two children, now I can support got to know about the Delhi government's initiative. I am happy my family as well. I am thankful to the transport minister, but my to be a bus driver and set an exrequest is to regularise us." ample for other women." Nitu Devi (25) worked as a

For Babita Dhawan, who has teacher but lost her job during driven tractors and bikes, han-

four years ago and since then my farmer's daughter... They have mother, an anganwadi worker, provided us with training, includprovided for the family. I hope ing how to behave with passenthe government will regularise gers," she said. On her salary, she said, "During training, we got Rs 12,000 per month. Now, we will Meanwhile, another driver, get paid on a per km basis...'

dling a bus will be a first. "I am a

Welcoming them, Gahlot said: "I am hopeful they will inspire more women to become bus drivers with the DTC." He added that the government will appoint more women drivers in phases, Meanwhile, CM Arvind Kejriwal will inaugurate 97 electric buses tomorrow, taking the fleet to 198.



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PLAYING CENTRE FORWARD

WITH PM Narendra Modi urging BJP leaders to build a rapport with Christian leaders in states, such as Kerala, where the party has so far failed to make a deep impact, it seems to have begun the exercise. The BJP leadership, however, does not seem to have confidence in its state leaders in taking the matter for $ward.\,BJP\,general\,secretary (organisation)\,BL\bar{S} anthosh\,is\,learnt$ to have had a meeting with representatives from Kerala-based Christian churches. Santhosh's meeting took place after state BJP chief K Surendran told party colleagues that they do not have to take any initiative in approaching Church leaders in the state, as the national leadership would handle it. With Santhosh taking the initiative, insiders hope BJP's dream to build a Christian-Hindu consolidation in Kerala will finally take shape.

PLACEMENT BUZZ

WITH CRPF D-G Kuldiep Singh set to retire next month, there is speculation that he is unlikely to get an extension despite being trusted by the ruling dispensation. The buzz is, he would likely be replaced by Gujarat cadre IPS officer Atul Karwal, who is currently D-G of NDRF. Karwal was earlier also speculated to be appointed Delhi Police Commissioner but, in a move that surprised many, the government appointed ITBP chief Sanjay Arora in the post. There is also a speculation that Karwal might get the ITBP chief's post since he is an avid mountaineer and has even scaled Mount Everest.

STATUS REVIEW

UNION MoS for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje held a meeting on Tuesday to review the status of arecanut in the country. The meeting was attended by Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja and other senior officials of the ministry. It assumes significance since Karnataka, Karandlaje's home state, is the largest producer of the crop, and is slated to go to the Assembly polls next year. Ruling BJP is trying to cement its support base among farmers in the state.

Ahead of trust vote, Bihar Speaker says will not quit

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, AUGUST 23

A DAY before the Nitish Kumarled Grand Alliance government faces a trust vote, Bihar Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha of the BJP on from his position and will preside over Wednesday's session.

Sinha, who was served a noconfidence motion by RID on August 9. however, might resign soon after the trust vote is held.

Sinha is not likely to face a noconfidence motion, which the BJP is set to lose, as the Grand Alliance is seen as having the backing of 164 MLAs in the 243member House

Enphasising that he will "not resign from my position", Sinha on Tuesday said, "RJD legislators had not served me the no-confidence motion on August 9 in a proper format. They did so on August 10."

As per rule, he said, there has to be a 14-day gap before the motion is taken up, excluding the day the notice is served and the day of trust vote. Thus, if Sinha does not



no-confidence motion only on Thursday – the 14th day — in the two-day special trust vote. Sources in BJP said Sinha was

on Wednesday,

he could face the

against resigning because he wants to say "certain things on legislative procedures, and about his tenure as Speaker" before he steps down. "As Sinha had a spat with CM Nitish Kumar during the last Assembly session, the party wants to play him up as the leader who can take on the CM as an Opposition MLA now," a source in the saffron party said.

RJD national spokesperson Subodh Kumar told *The Indian* Express: "When there is a noconfidence motion in place against the Speaker, he does not have constitutional morality to preside over the House. Yet, if he continues, the House can pass a resolution against him and appoint a pro-tem Speaker."

BJP seeks Nitish apology for entering Bihar temple with Muslim minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PATNA, AUGUST 23

TAKING OBJECTION to CM Nitish Kumar visiting a temple in Gava that bars entry of non-Hindus with state minister Mohammed Israil Mansoori, the BJP in Bihar has demanded an apology from Nitish for "hurting sentiments" of Hindus. Grand Alliance leaders dismissed the BIP's remarks as an effort to rake up "non-rel-

Nitish, who was in Gaya on Monday to assess preparations for the coming 'pitripakhsha mela', which commemorates ancestors, visited the Vishnupad temple with Information and Technology Minister Mansoori, RJD legislator from Kanti (Muzaffarpur district).

On Tuesday, BIP MP and former Bihar deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi said: "Nitish Kumar has visited Vishnupad temple several times...There is a clear mes-



Mansoori

Pointing out that the BJP "did not take time in taking action against its spokesperson for making objectionable comments on the Prophet", he asked, "why has Nitish Kumar not taken any ac-

sage outside the

temple: 'entry of

non-Hindus is not allowed'.

Whom does

Nitish Kumar

want to please

despite know-

ing the facts?"

Vishnupad Temple management committee's secretary, Gajadhar Lal Pathak, said, "Although entry of non-Hindus is banned (in the temple), I am not sure how to react to the situation."

tion against Mansoori so far?"

Bihar Congress spokesperson Kuntal Krishna said, "Can't BJP take up issues such as unemployment and inflation? It takes up issues which divide the society."

In its first meeting after govt fell, MVA resolves to fight state, LS polls together

ALOK DESHPANDE MUMBAI, AUGUST 23

THE MAHA Vikas Aghadi (MVA), in a first meeting of all three allies after the fall of its government in Maharashtra, reportedly decided on Tuesday that Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress will con-

test both Assembly and Lok Sabha polls together. However, a decision on local body polls will be taken based on area-wise inputs, sources said.

The meeting was attended by former CM and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, who on Friday made his first appearance in the state legislature after resigning from the CM's post.

"We three parties fought a pandemic like Covid-19, which brought the world to its knees, successfully. This obstacle (Shinde-Fadnavis government) is a very minor one compared to that. We shall overcome and we standing together will send a message to the country," Thackeray told mediapersons after the meeting.

The meeting was held in the Shiv Sena legislative party office on the third floor of state legislature. The venue of the meeting was chosen to not only press upon Sena's leadership in the MVA but also to send a message to the rebel Eknath Shinde camp that the Thackeray faction is the official Shiv Sena.

Apart from Thackeray, the

Sonia to travel

Rahul, Priyanka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

CONGRESS PRESIDENT Sonia

Gandhi will be travelling abroad

on Wednesday for medical

check-ups, the party said late

Tuesday night, hours after it sig-

nalled that the schedule for the

election of the party president

will be announced in a few days.

by her children Rahul Gandhi

and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Her

unexpected foreign travel for an

undisclosed period comes at a

time when there is heightened

speculation on the election of

claiming that Rahul was not keen to contest. Neither does he

wants anyone from the family to

Gandhi will be travelling abroad

for medical check-ups. She will

also visit her ailing mother before

returning to New Delhi, Rahul

Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi

Vadra will be travelling with the

Congress President, Rahul Gandhi

will address the Congress's

'Mehangai Par Halla Bol' rally in

New Delhi on September 4, 2022."

AICC general secretary in-charge

of communication Jairam Ramesh

signalled that the date-wise

schedule for the election will be

announced in a few days, "In a few

days...I hope the schedule for fil-

ing of nomination, scrutiny, with-

drawal, etc. and the date for the

election will be announced.

Broadly, we know that the process

would begin on August 20 and

end on September 21. But the ex-

act dates for the election will be

announced in a few days. Let us

see what happens," Ramesh said.

Earlier in the day, Jairam had

said in a late night statement.

head the party.

Party leaders had been

"Congress president Sonia

Sonia will be accompanied

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abroad today

along with



meeting was attended by all senior leaders of MVA, including NCP's Ajit Pawar, Jayant Patil and Dilip Walse Patil, Congress' Balasaheb Thorat, Prithviraj Chavan and Ashok Chavan as well as Rais Sheikh of the Samajwadi Party.

Flanked by Congress state president Nana Patole, Thackeray said that MVA stands together as strong as it was before. On coming elections, he said, "We have met after a long time. Let us first discuss and decide further strategy." Patole, too, said, "The MVA is together and we wanted to send this message through today's meeting."

leader Äaditya Sena Thackeray said the meeting is a part of the usual process to ensure better coordination between MLAs and the leadership

A senior Congress MLA, who attended the meeting, said it was also important to send a message that all those who have stayed back are still together and will remain so. "We are confident that the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, if fought unitedly, will be ours. It has been decided that elections will be fought together under the MVA banner."

A senior NCP leader said that general consensus in the meeting was that MVA should contest all polls except that of local bodies, together. "The people have not liked what happened and we feel that the manner in which the current directionless government is working, we will have a better chance to win." he added.

Amid speculation on whether Thackerav will head MVA after Sena was reduced to junior partner in the coalition, the Sena chief was given a chair in the middle as a symbolic gesture.

SC Constitution Bench to hear Sena petitions

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday referred questions arising out of petitions filed by leaders of the Udhav Thackeray and Eknath Shinde factions in the Shiv Sena following a political row that led to the unseating of Thackeray and elevation of Shinde as CM, to a five-judge Constitution Bench.

A bench presided by CJI N V Ramana said the SC's 2016 decision in Nabam Rebia case regarding the limitations on the power of the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker against whom disqualification application is pending, "requires gap filling to uphold constitutional morality" and added that "the question is therefore referred to the Constitution Bench to conduct the requisite gap-filling exercise".

The court also said that the Constitution Bench will assemble on August 25 to consider the interim prayer to restrain the ECI from proceeding with applications by the Eknath Shinde camp seeking to be recognised as the real Shiv Sena and claiming right to use the party's 'bow and arrow' election symbol.

stand quashed," it said.

SC strikes down provision of jail term in 198**8** benami law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday held as unconstitutional a provision in the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988, that prescribed jail term for entering into benami transactions.

A bench of Chief Justice of India N V Ramana and Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli also held that the Act which was amended in 2016 can only be applied prospectively and quashed all prosecutions or confiscation proceedings before the amended Act came into force.

Section 3(3) of the 2016 amendment enhanced the three-vear imprisonment to seven years and fine of up to 25% of the fair market value of the property, a provision that remains untouched.

"Concerned authorities cannot initiate or continue criminal prosecution or confiscation proceedings for transactions entered into prior to the coming into force of the 2016 Act. viz., 25.10.2016. As a consequence of the above declaration, all such prosecutions or confiscation proceedings shall

The bench also expressed concern on certain findings in the SC's

recent judgement upholding the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, allowing authorities to take possession of property before trial in exceptional cases saying it leaves the scope for arbitrary application. It said "we are of the opinion that the aforesaid ratio requires further expounding in an appropriate case, without which, much scope is left for arbitrary application".

The ruling came on an appeal by the Centre challenging a December 2019 decision by the Calcutta High Court which held that the 2016 Act does not have any express provision allowing its retrospective application.

The Centre had argued that under the 1988 Act, there was no machinery or procedure in place to effectuate proceedings against benami transactions and that the Amendment Act was only brought in to remedy this procedural deficiency.

Rejecting the argument, the SC said "the 2016 Amendment Act was not merely procedural, rather, prescribed substantive provisions". Though it held the punitive provision in the 1988 Act unconstitutional, the court said this will not affect the civil consequences contemplated under the Act.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Govt raises post-retirement allowances for CJI, SC judges

New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday amended service rules for Supreme Court judges by making additional post-retirement allowances, including a rent-free Type-VII accommodation in Delhi for a retired Chief Justice of India (CJI) for six months after demitting office and protocol courtesies at airports for SC judges.

The rules were amended under Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1958. The changes come into effect immediately.

This comes two days before CJI N V Ramana demits office on August 26. The CJI currently occupies a bungalow on Krishna Menon Marg.

The new rules also allow a chauffeur and a secretarial assistant equivalent to the level of branch officer in the SC for one vear after retirement for retired SC judges, including the CJI. Retired judges and retired CJIs will be entitled to 24x7 security for residence and personal guard for a year from date of retirement, ENS

Congress treads carefully on Rahul's long march

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HE WILL walk some 20-odd km every day with around 150 workers, sleep in makeshift containers and interact with people from all walks of life. The 3,570-km yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir that Rahul Gandhi is set to embark on from September 7 is the longest such campaign in his nearly two-decade political career and the biggest mass contact programme his party has undertaken in decades.

However, the Congress is not just walking the talk, it is also walking the tightrope on the yatra, traversing 12 states over 150 days: it does not want the march to be seen as yet another attempt at image makeover of the Gandhi family scion, often lampooned as a reluctant political heir; it is consciously playing down the fact that Rahul will lead the yatra; it

has refused to make it clear whether he will lead it as the Congress president; and it wants to send a message that the yatra is not just any other party programme but meant to include all walks of life

President Droupadi Murmu with Congress chief Sonia Gandhi at Rashtrapati Bhavan. PTI

SONIA CALLS ON PRESIDENT

So, keen that civil society groups be part of the yatra, Congress managers have assured them that it will not be conducted under any party symbol or flag, to dissuade any misgivings they might have. As part of this packaging of the yatra as a non-partisan event, its logo that was released by the Congress Tuesday bears neither the party name nor Rahul's photograph.

However, the brochure released by the Congress was less ambiguous, saving the party is "playing a key role in organising the yatra and our senior leaders including Rahul Gandhi will actively participate in the yatra. The tagline is 'mile kadam, jude watan (we walk as one country)'.



Digvijaya Singh and Jairam Ramesh at a press meet on the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' on Tuesday. Anil Sharma

"They are not going to display the Congress flag or Congress panja (hand) and walk around. They are going to use the national flag. They are not going to shout slogans like 'Rahul Gandhi zindabad'. The vatra is going to basically look at issues which the people are facing... Out of enthusiasm, some people may say 'Rahul Gandhi zindabad, but in terms of policy it was decided that there will be no Congress symbols," said P V Rajagopal, head of the Ekta Parishad, a people's movement for land rights, who was present at an interaction held by Rahul on While the Congress had also

appealed to like-minded political parties to be part of the yatra, so far there has been no positive response from them. Sharing details about the ya-

tra, sources in the Congress said Rahul will start after paying homage to father and former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi at his memorial in Sriperumbudur (where he was assassinated), near Chennai. He will be accompanied by 150-200 Youth Congress workers from the beginning to the end, and they aim to cover around 20 km every day.

About resting in makeshift containers for the night, the sources said: "It is clear that the yatris cannot stay in hotels or houses of party workers. Putting

Days after calling V-C 'criminal', Khan

up tents every 20 km to house 250-odd people (including security personnel etc) is an expensive proposition and a logistical nightmare. So we have decided to procure 50-odd containers. These will be 20x10-ft containers which can accommodate a maximum of four people. Beds will be put up inside. In some containers, there will be washroom facilities too. one leader said.

He said the containers will be transported on 50-odd trucks, to the planned night halts. The pace will be unhurried. For instance, while the vatra will begin from Kanyakumari on September 7. it will enter Kerala, 60 km away, only four days later. The yatra will be in Kerala for 11 days or so (Rahul is an MP from Wayanad) before entering Tamil Nadu briefly on its way to Mysore in Karnataka, It will pass through Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana and Punjab.

Lakhimpur Kheri case: MoS remarks draw Opp fire; Tikait demands sacking

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, AUGUST 23

UNION MoS Ajay Mishra, under fire from farmers over the alleged involvement of his son in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence of last October, has purportedly said that he is not answerable to people like farm leader Rakesh Tikait and called him a "do kaudi ka aadmi (a second-rate person)". The comments drew widespread criticism from Opposition parties on Tuesday and Tikait called for

Mishra's externment from UP. Tikait, who leads the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU), led a 75-hour demonstration in the UP district last week under the



MoS Mishra

Kisan Morcha (SKM), demanding Mishra.

In a video doing the rounds on social media — The Indian Express could not independently verify its authenticity — Mishra purportedly said at

his office in Lakhimpur Kheri on Monday: "Tikait... do kaudi ka aadmi... He contested elections twice and both times he lost his deposit. If people like him oppose, then it has no meaning. This is why I don't reply to such people tweeted on Tuesday.

... A reply will be given at an appropriate time," he said.

Mishra also purportedly said, "Dogs bark. Suppose, I am going to Lucknow and the vehicle is moving at a good speed, several times dogs bark. On various occasions, they (dogs) run after the vehicle. This is their nature and hence I will not say anything.

Responding to the video, Tikait said, "The court and the police should do their work, Remove him (Mishra) and extern him from the state." RLD chief Jayant Singh tweeted: "Ministers in the Union government display their background...by using such abusive language, which also reflects their style of functioning," he

slams historian Habib: He is a goonda **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 23

DAYS AFTER calling Kannur University V-C, Dr Gopinath Ravindran, a "criminal", Kerala

Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Tuesday referred to historian Irfan Habib as "a goonda". "Is the job of an academic to indulge in physical fights. That is

the job of a goonda. Irfan Habib is a goonda," Khan told reporters in Delhi, referring to a protest against him during the inauguration of Indian History Congress in Kannur in 2019.

Earlier, referring to the bid to disrupt his speech at the History



Khan was referring to an incident from 2019. File

Congress, Khan had alleged there was a "conspiracy hatched in Delhi" to attack him. Habib had responded to the allegation by saying "academics do not indulge in conspiracy".

Khan raked up the 2019 issue last Sunday after his relation with the Kannur V-C soured over the

appointment of CPI(M) leader K K Ragesh's spouse as associate professor of Malayalam at the varsity. The Governor stayed the appointment and also sought a report from the V-C saying the university is in a shambles.

Ragesh is the private secretary to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Addressing the media in Delhi on Tuesday, Khan questioned why the V-C did not report to the police the alleged assault on him during the 2019 function. "People are arrested for wearing black dress and for their facebook posts. But there are people who are confident that they can attack me and no action would be taken against them."

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BRIEFLY

JAMMU & KASHMIR Warrant against Rubaiya in 1989 abduction case

Jammu: A special TADA court on Tuesday issued a bailable warrant against Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of former J&K CM late Mohammad Sayeed, as she did not appear for cross-examination by the defence counsel in a case relating to her abduction in 1989. Rubaiya had not informed either the court or her counsel about her inability to appear before the court. The judge fixed the hearing September 21.

KERALA

Court tells cops to book Jaleel

Thiruvanananthapuram: A magistrate court in Pathanamthitta district on Tuesday directed the police to register a case against CPI(M)-backed MLA KT Jaleel for his remarks referring to PoK as "Azad Kashmir". The court direction came on a petition filed by RSS leader Arun Mohan. Jaleel, an MLA from Thavanaur in Malappuram district, had in a Facebook post also referred to J&K.

MADHYA PRADESH Debt-ridden man kills family, self

Bhopal: A 35-year old man poisoned his wife and two children before hanging himself at his rented house in Banganga locality, police said Tuesday. Amit Yadav, an electrical engineer at a private company, was depressed after incurring huge debt, DCP, Indore-Zone

Dharmedra Bhadoria said quoting a suicide note found in Yadav's room Police said Yadav hailed from Sagar.

MAHARASHTRA

Weapon system test successful

Pune: The DRDO and the the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile off the Chandipur coast in Odisha Tuesday. The launch of the system was conducted against a high-speed aerial target mimicking an aircraft, which was successfully engaged. VL-SRSAM is $designed \, for \, Indian \, Naval$ warships.

RELEASE OF CONVICTS IN BILKIS BANO CASE

'There is fear': Muslim families flee village, take shelter in relief colony

ADITIRAJA DAHOD, AUGUST 23

AWEEK after the Gujarat government released 11 convicts serving life sentence in the Bilkis Bano case, several Muslim families from Randhikpur (Singwad) have started leaving their homes and have taken shelter in Rahimabad Relief Colony of Devgarh Baria taluka in Dahod district, where Bilkis has been living since 2017.

Bilkis was gang-raped in Randhikpur during the communal violence that followed the Godhra train-burning incident in 2002. She was 21 years old and five months pregnant. Seven members of her family were killed.

On Monday, when The Indian Express visited the locality, loaded tempo-rickshaws were bringing in residents of Randhikpur into the colony along with their luggage. These people had decided to stay in the colony until a "decision is made" on the convicts' release.

The convicts were released from Godhra sub-jail on August 15, following a recommendation of the Jail Advisory Committee (JAC), set up by the Gujarat government, approved their application for remission of sentence.

Sultana, 24, who arrived with her mother and sister on Sunday, said, "There is fear among the community since last week... There have been no direct threats but the welcome they (convicts) received and the sense of jubilation in the village...we grew anxious and left, as we did not feel safe. It was different when they came out on parole — we knew they were ultimately prisoners but now they have been released."

Bengal judge gets

'threat': 'Release

TMC leader or

face drugs case'

Kolkata: A CBI court judge in

Asansol, has allegedly received a

letter threatening his family

members with drug cases if he did

not grant bail to Trinamool

Congress leader Anubrata

Mondal, Mondal was arrested by

CBI on August 11 in a cattle smug-

gling case. The judge allegedly re-

reported. He has reportedly for-

warded the letter to police and

legedly sent the threat letter.

works as a head clerk at the

Executive Magistrate Court of

Burdwan. He has, however, de-

nied sending the letter. "I came

to know of it from media. I sus-

pect someone used my name to

malign me." Chatteriee told me-

Bappa Chatterjee, who al-

district administration.

On Monday, members of the



Families from Randhikpur arrive at the Rahimabad Relief Colony in Devgarh Baria. Bhupendra Rana

Muslim community in Dahod submitted a memorandum to the District Collector, seeking reconsideration of the state government's decision to grant remission to the convicts. They stated that the decision had "dented the image and respect of the judicial system" and should be "reversed to restore faith in justice".

The community is also seeking permission to organise a rally to protest the remission, members of the community said.

Sultana and her mother are daily wage labourers. Her mother recalled fleeing Randhikpur in 2002, with a four-year-old Sultana in tow. She said, "Although we were lucky to have escaped then. we can't trust the process now... None of us has the kind of courage that Bilkis has shown in the past two decades to fight. On our way here, we came across a huge convoy of the ruling party near Kesharpura and were petrified. I held on to my daughter tight."

Bilkis's husband Yaqub Rasool Patel said, "She is preparing to

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PULLING UP yoga guru Ramdev,

the Supreme Court said on

Tuesday that he must "restrain

(himself from) accusing the other

all the doctors, allopathy, every

system of medicine... Ultimately,

we respect him. He popularised

yoga. We all used to go to his pro-

grammes and watch yoga. But he

should not criticise the other sys-

tems. What is the guarantee that

Ayurveda or whatever system he

is following will cure all diseases?

And the type of advertisements.

accusing all the doctors, as if they

are killers...." said CII NV Ramana.

The bench, which included

"He can tell greatness about

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systems of medicine".

fight on.... We have sought advice and a decision will be taken soon

on the appeal.' On Monday, some of the 11 convicts, too, were not home, according to their family members. Radheshyam Shah's brother Ashish said, "My brother is currently out on a tour. If certain people feel threatened by those released, they are free to approach the authorities.

Family members of co-convict Shailesh Bhatt and his brother Mitesh also claimed that the two were on tour.

Sub Inspector D G Vohania of Randhikpur police station said, "No law and order situation occurred since the convicts returned to the village on August 15." He said police are carrying out extensive patrolling in the village. Stating that police are not aware of Muslim families leaving the village, Vohania said, "The village has been calm and going about its usual business.

FULL REPORT ON

don't criticise other systems

Justices Hima Kohli and C T

Ravikumar, was hearing a plea

filed by the Indian Medical

Association (IMA) accusing

campaign against modern medi-

cine and vaccination. IMA's plea

cited advertisements issued by

Ramdev in national dailies which

Prabhas Bajaj referred to some of

the advertisements, saying that

they "say you will become blind,

you will have life-long problems

can't abuse the doctors and the

"That's a different issue, but he

from allopathy...

Appearing for IMA, Advocate

allegedly criticise allopathy.

Yoga guru

Ramdev

SC pulls up Ramdev, says

Decision to release 11 must be reconsidered,

says judge who convicted them

SADAF MODAK

MUMBAI, AUGUST 23

THE LAW must carry justice with it, said Justice U D Salvi (retired) on Tuesday, responding to the point that the remission granted to 11 men convicted of the gangrape of Bilkis Bano and the murder of her family members.

Justice Salvi said the convicts accepting felicitation from local leaders after their release showed that there likely was no reformation in them. Justice Salvi had presided over their trial and delivered his judgment in 2008, convicting the 11 men.

Addressing the media on Tuesday, Justice Salvi said the decision should be reconsidered and decided fairly based on all the facts before authorities. "When it is said that the decision for early release was as per law, it means two things. It is more than merely about law. Law is a vehicle for justice. Ultimately, law must carry iustice with it." he said.

He said the implementation of punishment awarded by court is the responsibility of the government, which also has to consider safeguards for the victim. Referring to videos and photographs on social media where the convicts were seen being felicitated after their release, Justice

systems. It is better he must re-

strain accusing the other sys-

tems," CJI responded. The court

then issued notice to the union

Bajaj said that besides "dis-

paraging statements" about al-

lopathy, the advertisements also

make claims about research and

evidence based medicine for high

level. Alleging that "all of this is be-

ing done only for commercial pur-

poses," he said the public was be-

ing misguided. The counsel said

there are central enactments

which identify such misleading

claims as a criminal offence, but

ing this as a quackery," said

"It appears you are describ-

"Absolutely My Lord," re-

no action was taken.

Justice Ravikumar.

sponded the counsel.

government

HATHRAS 'CONSPIRACY' CASE

HC grants bail to driver who ferried Kappan

Makes distinction from Kappan case: 'No incriminating material found from Alam'

ASADREHMAN LUCKNOW, AUGUST 23

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THE ALLAHABAD High Court on Tuesday granted bail to a cab driver, who was arrested along with journalist Siddique Kappan and two others on October 5. 2020, while they were on their way to Hathras where a Dalit woman died after she was al-

Granting bail to Mohammad Alam (33), a resident of Rampur, the Division Bench of Justices Ramesh Sinha and Saroj Yadav said, "There appears no reasonable ground for believing that the accusations against the appellant are prima facie, true.'

"Prima facie, there appears no complicity and involvement of the appellant with the terrorist activities or any other activity against the nation," the Bench said.

Alam, Delhi-based journalist Kappan, and PFI members Atikur Rahman and Masud Ahmad were booked under UAPA and on charges of sedition and other IPC sections and IT Act by UP Police. Alam's bail plea was earlier rejected by an NIA special court. The Special Task Force had filed a chargesheet against the accused in April last year.

However, the High Court drew a distinction between Alam's case and that of Kappan. "The case of



Siddique Kappan was arrested on Oct 5, 2020

this accused appellant (Alam) is distinguished to the case of co-accused Siddique Kappan as incriminating material was allegedly recovered from his (Kappan's) possession. He is a press reporter and a laptop and a mobile phone recovered from his possession, incriminating articles and video clips etc. were found inter-alia. Admittedly, no such incriminating material was recovered from the possession of the present ac-

Advocate Amarjeet Singh Rakhra, who represented Alam, submitted that Alam "was just ferrying the passengers in his taxi to the place of their destination". "The offences under the sections mentioned in the chargesheet are not made out against the appellant even if the story of the prosecution is believed on its face value," the lawyer submitted.

cused appellant (Alam)."

Opposing Alam's bail plea, Additional Government Advocate Umesh Chandra Verma told the court that "sufficient evidence of the use of money received from terror funding to purchase the car being used by him has been found PIL in HC: Quash appointment of 220 law officers 'recommended by RSS' in UP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW. AUGUST 23

A PUBLIC Interest Litigation (PIL) filed in the Allahabad High Court has sought quashing of the appointments of 220 state law officers, alleging that the appointments were made on the recommendation of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

The petition further alleged that out of the 220 appointments, some appointees are "relatives of dominant politicians in the state, some are relatives of the judicial officers and a few are juniors or followers of Additional Advocate Generals in Allahabad HC and its Lucknow bench".

The petition reads, "Because, the list was prepared by the RSS, only the members of the R.S.S./ Officer Bearers have been appointed."

"That the petitioners got information from reliable sources that appointment list of State Law Officers was made on the recommendation of RSS and several advocates who hold different positions in the Sangh have been appointed," it says.

The PIL was filed by Allahabad High Court advocates Rama Shankar Tiwari, Shashank Kumar Shukla and Arvind Kumar through advocates Alok Kirti Mishra and DKTripathi. The PILis scheduled to be heard on Wednesday by the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad HC.

The PIL also alleges that some advocates "who have not completed five years of practice have been selected as State Law Officers/Brief Holder (Civil and

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MP RECOVERY OF DAMAGES ACT

HC seeks govt response in plea challenging 2021 law

IRAM SIDDIQUE BHOPAL, AUGUST 23

THE MADHYA Pradesh High Court on Tuesday issued a notice to the state government for its response to a petition seeking to declare MP Prevention and Recovery of Damages to Public and Private to the Constitution' and the claims tribunals set under it 'unconstitutional'. The next hearing is on October 11.

The Act that was enacted on December 16, 2021, and came into effect on January 4, 2022, empowers a two-member committee through a claims tribunal to recover from the accused the cost of damage to a public or private property during any kind of viofiled by one Fatima Bi, a two-judge bench of Justices Vivek Rusia and Amarnath Kesharwani issued notice to the state government. Fatima's husband Shajju, alias Shehzad, is an accused in case related to the Khargone communal clashes that broke out during the Ram Navmi procession on April Fatima accused the state gov-

On Tuesday, hearing a petition

ernment of using the law "for depriving citizens of their property and for prosecuting them arbitrarily, furthering the purpose of political vendetta and revenge".

After communal clashes broke out in Khargone on April 10, there was extensive damage to property of members from the both communities. Subsequently, the government announced the first claims tribunal to be set up.

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INDIA IS waiting for Russia to "formally" share evidence on the suspected Islamic State (IS) terrorist who was reportedly planning to carry out a suicide attack against a India", allegedly over comments on Prophet Muhammad. Sources said that once evidence is received, the case will likely be given to National Investigation Agency (NIA), which may send a team to Russia to interrogate the suspect.

Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) on Monday announced detention of the suspect, Mashrabkhon Azamov, said to be an Uzbek national.

"Information has been shared by Russian authorities informally. But a case will be registered only after some evidence comes through formal channels, Since the NIA has the mandate to probe cross-national cases, it is natural that it will be entrusted with the probe. A team may even visit Russia to interrogate the suspect.' said a home ministry official.

Meanwhile, the central security establishment is probing alleged IS network in India which was supposed to provide logistical support to Azamov after he arrived. In a video released by FSB on Monday, Azamov said: "I was supposed to be given things there (in India) to commit a terrorist at-

Actor Sonali Phogat dies, family alleges foul play

VARINDER BHATIA CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 23

HARYANA BJP leader and actor Sonali Phogat, 42, died of a suspected heart attack in Goa on Tuesday, following which her family questioned the circumstances leading to her death.

Phogat was on a visit to Goa along with her staff members. She was taken to St Anthony Hospital at Anjuna in North Goa district after she complained of uneasiness late Monday night while having



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turned BJP leader Sonali Phogat

food at a restaurant there, Goa DGP Jaspal Singh said. He ruled out any foul play, adding that the postmortem examination will reveal the exact cause of death.

A social media influencer, Phogat on Monday, between 7 pm and 8, posted two videos and four images on her Instagram profile.

In Hisar, her elder sister Ramen Phogat said she had called their mother Monday, around 11 pm, and told her that she was 'feeling uneasy" after eating her meal. "She sensed there was something wrong after eating the food...as if some conspiracy was being played against her," Ramen said, adding that she too spoke to her sister and told her to consult a doctor. "During an earlier call, Sonali told me she was going for a shoot. She told me she will be back home(in Harvana) on August 27."

to know that she died of heart attack." She said Sonali did not suffer from any previous illness. Haryana Congress chief Udai

Bhan tweeted: "I demand that CBI should investigate this death.' Goa Police, meanwhile, citing

information from St Anthony's Hospital, said Phogat was "brought dead" to the health facility. DGP Singh said, "There are no external injury marks on the body. Prime facie, the cause of death is established as heart attack but further medical examination would WITH ENS. PANAJI

GOVT ADVISORY ON TOMATO FLU

Isolate children if symptoms show

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI AUGUST 23

THE UNION Health Ministry on Tuesday issued an advisory on "tomato flu", which is seen as affecting young children more, and stated that if children develop symptoms, they should be isolated, their utensils, clothing and bedding must be regularly sanitised, they must be kept hydrated. and the blisters caused by the infection must be cleaned with warm water. Tomato flu now determined

to be a clinical variant of the handfoot-mouth disease (HFMD), results in tomato-shaped red blisters on several parts of the body. More than 82 cases of the self-limiting viral infection have been reported in children below the age of five years, and the infection has so far been reported from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Harvana, and Odisha. according to the advisory.

Other than blisters, the infection results in fever, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting, and fatigue. The lesions are usually located on the tongue, gums, inside of the cheek, palms and soles.

"In children with these symptoms, molecular and serological tests are done for diagnosis of dengue, chikungunya, zika virus, varicella-zoster virus, and herpes; once these viral infections are ruled out, a diagnosis of tomato flu is considered," the advisory stated.

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changed its stand. The

Vizhinjam fisherfolk,

traditionally Congress

supporters, backed the

party's Thiruvananthapuram

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Vijayan's announcement in the

Assembly that construction work

will not be suspended to study its

impact, as demanded by the fish-

ermen, has sparked fresh protests.

Vicar-General Fr Eugine H Pereira,

said seven years into construction,

the entire coastal belt of

Action committee convener,

'Children of the sea' protest Vizhinjam port project: 'Will not surrender our coasts'

SHAJUPHILIP

VIZHINJAM, AUGUST 23

FRANCIS XAVIER, 55, has been sleeping on sand at the seashore in Valiyathura, in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram district, for the last one year after his house collapsed due to sea erosion. "The government has put up my family, among others, in a godown," he said. "We have been allotted a metal sheet enclosure.

That enclosure, he said on Tuesday, has space only to put up two mattresses. "My wife and four daughters sleep there at night. I sleep outside," he said.

According to local residents, houses of 42 families of Valiyathura coast, near Vizhinjam,

sion since construction of Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited (VISL) began in 2015. On Tuesday, the eighth day

have been destroyed by sea ero-

since fisherfolk from the area began an agitation against the Rs 7,500-crore VISL project, Xavier was one of hundreds of protesters at the sit-in outside VISL's main gate. As part of a relay agitation, Tuesday was the turn of protesters from Valiyathura, about a halfhour drive away from the underconstruction port, being developed by Adani Group.

VISL had suspended work since the protests began. At the construction site, as a result, huge cranes lay silent, the VISL office remained closed, the site office containers stood empty. And long rows of trucks, which ferried boulders, stood idle.

Ramen said. "This morning we got

The silence was broken by the fisherfolk - men and women, young and old — some of whom shouted slogans against Adani. "Go back," they said, "We will not surrender our coasts to you."

Flags of Kerala Latin Catholic Association, which is lending support to the protest, flutter at the project site, with mountains of boulders, ferried from far away, and acropods — concrete blocks used to dissipate waves - forming the background.

A senior official of VISL said it is up to the government to settle the issue: "We have suspended work in the wake of the agitation and discussions should be between the government and protesters."



Protesters at Vizhinjam, near Thiruvananthapuram, Tuesday. The agitation is set to go on until August 31. Expre

Protesters, however, said there is nothing to discuss. Valivathura resident Kevin. 25.

who had come to join the day's protest with his wife, their oneyear-old boy and parents, said:

"We see our houses on the coast falling apart in huge waves. Several relatives are homeless, as the sea has taken away their homes. Sea erosion is escalating... The Latin Catholic Church, un-

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CPI(M) was critical of the terms and conditions of the Build-Operate-Transfer contract, since coming to power

der the archdiocese of

Thiruvananthapuram, which is

leading the agitation, had stated

that nearly 500 houses were de-

stroyed in high tides, which, ac-

cording to them, were a fallout of

Where politics lie

the port construction.

New Delhi

Assembly polls.

At VISL gate, Catholic priests from far-flung areas are trooping in to express solidarity. A group of priests said they had come from the high ranges of Idukki to "supThiruvananthapuram is facing the

consequences: "We have lost five fishermen due to high waves at Vizhinjam fishing harbour. There have been incidents of fishing vessels colliding in high waves. Whatever the CM says, we are not ready to back out. It is a matter of survival for us."

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WORDLY WISE

THERE IS A MOMENT IN EVERY DAWN WHEN LIGHT FLOATS, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF MAGIC. CREATION HOLDS ITS BREATH. — DOUGLAS ADAMS

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL



The army's growing inability to decisively shape the course of events is most striking

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army, Khan displayed a lack of adequate ap-

preciation of the civil-military balance of

power in Pakistan. In this, he appears to

have not heeded the salutary lessons

emerging from former PM Nawaz Sharif's

summary dismissal of the then Army Chief

Pakistan's shifting red lines

RAMANATHAN KUMAR

Allying with civil society, Congress kicks its dented can down the road, acting like an NGO rather than a party that wants to fight

OUTSOURCING POLITICS

ONGRESS HAS REPORTEDLY got the support of civil society organisations for its Bharat Jodo Yatra scheduled to begin September 7. There are two ways of reading this. One, as a good convergence. After all, both civil society groups and political parties have their bounded spaces but they also play a complementary role in making democracy's mosaic and holding up its equilibrium. A partnership of the robust civil society organisation with the strong political party promises benefits to both-while the former deepens popular mobilisation, the latter aggregates issuesand locates them in institutional frameworks for resolution. But is that the way it will be, when Congress is the political party holding up one end of the pact? The second — and more realistic — way of looking at the get-together in the capital's Constitution Club on Monday is, therefore, this: A party progressively losing a sense of its own self is desperately seeking the civil society cover and crutch. In government, as the UPA, Congress was once accused of outsourcing policy to unelected and unaccountable civil society groups in $the \, National \, Advisory \, Council \, -the \, criticism \, was \, deserved, some \, progressive \, NAC-guided \,$ legislation notwithstanding. Now, as the party of the Opposition, Congress is trying to outsource its politics to some of the same entities.

In this moment of BJP dominance, both Congress and civil society are besieged — but they are besieged differently. While Congress has slipped into an incoherence mostly of its own making, civil society has been the site, in recent years, of popular movements that have made a difference even as they have shunned parties. The farmers' movement that began in Punjab and brought its battle to Delhi's door led, eventually, to the government rolling back its farm laws that were reformist but which stoked anxieties it left unaddressed. The anti-CAA stir made a powerful statement against a discriminatory law that makes religion a criterion for fast-tracking citizenship to persecuted groups in selected countries. It is true that civil society is at the receiving end of strong-arm tactics by a government that weaponises loosely worded laws past their sell-by date. But by aligning with a party that has lost its own compass and bearings, civil society risks surrendering its claim of non-partisanship while gaining nothing.

Congress's crisis begins from its top. It has a vacant space where its president should be — Sonia Gandhi is interim president while the party continues to look strikingly irresolute on its leadership question. Senior leaders opt out of committees and several have walked out of the party, some shed tears in public, others in private. It is not just that Congress does not talk to itself — it barely talks to other Opposition parties. This was evident in the elections for president and vice-president and it's apparent in the lack of solidarity that other parties show Congress and that it shows other parties on the common threat posed by the ways in which CBI and ED are wielded by the government. By reaching out to civil society groups, Congress is only kicking its political can - dented and rusted - down the road. It is acting more like them, as an NGO, at a time when it most needs to be itself, and behave like a political party that wants to fight back and for what it believes in.

DON'T BAN OR RESTRICT

Acreage deficit in rice points to need to monitor crop status, production, stocks — not to throw farmers or trade into a tizzy

HE ACREAGE DEFICIT in rice for the current kharif cropping season over last year has come down to 3.1 million hectares (mh), according to the Agriculture Ministry's latest report on August 18. While an improvement over the previous week's figure of 4.4 mh, it is still cause for concern. The bulk of kharif paddy transplanting happens during June-July. Deficient monsoon rains this time in UP, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal have delayed these operations. Although rainfall has picked up in August, farmers in the four states would have missed the main sowing window. They would, if at all, have planted short-duration varieties of about 125 days (from seed to grain), as against the normal, more high-yielding crop maturing in 150-160 days. Even the current sowing gap of 3.1 mh, at an all-India average rice yield of 2.7 tonnes per hectare, translates into a production decline of nearly 8.5 million tonnes (mt).

But that's not the only source of worry. Farmers in Punjab and Haryana — where rice yields average 4-4.5 tonnes per hectare —have been reporting a disease resulting in stunting of paddy. This "dwarfing" disease, whose cause has not been identified as yet, can potentially impact production in the most productive rice-growing belt. The two states together contribute close to 30 per cent of rice to the central procurement pool and 90 per cent of India's basmati exports. For now, the extent of damage —the stunted plants are unlikely to bear any panicles or grain —isn't known, even as there is no evidence of the infection being confined only to particular varieties or areas that also cover parts of neighbouring western UP and the Terai plains of Uttarakhand.

The one consolation is that rice stocks in government godowns, at 41 mt as of August 1, are only marginally below the record 44.5 mt for this date last year. Rice, unlike wheat, is cultivated both during kharif and rabi as well as in a wider geographical area. There is, hence, that much more flexibility when it comes to covering production shortfalls in rice. The Narendra Modi government should not resort to any knee-jerk measures such as export bans or restrictions like it did in wheat and sugar. India is the world's largest rice exporter; the last thing it should do is follow Indonesia's ill-advised decision to ban palm oil shipments (thankfully revoked). There is a need to closely monitor crop status, production and stocks, not to throw farmers or the trade into a tizzy.

JUPITER CALLING

Iames Webb Telescope images of the planet open up new horizons of the imagination

OR CENTURIES, SCIENCE fiction writers have taken findings and theories from the most cutting-edge research and used them to feed their flights of fancy. The clouds on Mars and its similarity to Earth, when seen through a telescope (as early as 1610, by Galileo), have led to speculation about everything from "little green men" to the John Carter series. Billionaires like Elon Musk continue to harbour (rather expensive) notions of colonising the Red Planet. And quantum theory has led to many multiverses. Even something as simple as the earliest seafarers seeking to pierce the horizon continues to form the emotional bedrock of the Star Trek franchise. With the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), the limits of the horizon have been pushed exponentially.

Jupiter, children have been told for decades in their middle-school syllabus, is a "gas giant". What the general public did not comprehend —how could it —was that in the swirling mass of storms on the planet (the largest of which could easily swallow up the Earth), encircled by hitherto invisible Saturn-like rings, there is beautiful, ferocious activity. Or, that the violent geological "life" is circumscribed by an almost heavenly halo. Looking at the stunning JWST images by NASA —just weeks after it revealed the "sound" of a Black Hole – there is no doubt that there will be enough fodder to feed the imagination for generations to come.

The JWST, like the Hubble telescope before it, is likely to enhance human understanding of the cosmos immeasurably. A horizon, of course, is a curious thing. It is simultaneously a challenge and a limit. It also tells us exactly what to aim for —a theoretical meeting point in the distance. The immensity of what lies beyond can offer both hope and an escape. Thanks to the JWST, Jupiter is already calling.

THERE HAS BEEN a sharp escalation in the level of political turmoil in Pakistan. In particular, the tensions between former prime minister Imran Khan and his erstwhile mentors in the Pakistan army have crested, with the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader facing imminent arrest under the country's anti-terrorism laws on charges of intimidating the law enforcement agencies and the judiciary following the arrest and alleged torture, in police custody, of his chief of staff, Shahbaz Gill. Gill's remarks on a prominent television channel have been interpreted by the Army as a thinly-disguised call to mutiny. When Khan was installed as PM following

a flawed election, widely perceived as having been manipulated in his favour by the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), political commentators saw the development as the culmination of a "political engineering" project going back to the days of the late Lt. General Hamid Gul, who headed the ISI in the early 1990s. The objective of this murky project was to foist on Pakistan a supposedly "clean" political leader, untainted by the charges of corruption that had dogged both the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz), which alternated in power during the decade, and whose political beliefs would be more in consonance with the hardline Islamic ideology espoused by the army.

Others, however, more realistically assessed that for all the initial optimism expressed by Khan's supporters about the army and the civilian dispensation being on the "same page", this state of bonhomie might not last long, with Pakistan's economy entering a sharp downward spiral and the PM remaining fixated on exacting revenge against his political opponents rather than focussing on the more pressing tasks of providing good governance. While the "novice" PM was initially content to be deferential to the military on matters of national security, his natural propensity for exercising a leadership role in all spheres soon manifested. The inescapable conclusion that followed was that it was only a matter of time before the military leadership began viewing its former protégé as a liability and distancing itself from him.

That Imran Khan hastened his government's demise by his irrational insistence on retaining Lt. Gen. Faiz Hameed as the ISI chief, when the latter was due to be moved out of

Jehangir Karamat and his hobnobbing with Lt. Gen. Tariq Parvez, the then Quetta Corps Commander, reportedly behind the back of the newly-appointed Army Chief Pervez Musharraf. This contributed to the unravelling of the relationship between Nawaz and Musharraf in the wake of the Kargil fiasco and eventually led to the PM's overthrow by the army. Since the fall of his government, Khan has attempted to galvanise his party's rank and file by holding a series of well-attended rallies in which he has stepped up his fulminations against the US and the self-pro-Notwithstanding the 'deep fessed political neutrality of the army. state's' attempts to stifle dissenting voices and the

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Predictably, this has led to the inevitable "leaks" by "well-placed" sources, highlighting the violation of Pakistan's electoral laws by the PTI in accepting foreign funding. The recent story published by The Financial Times of London, containing details of the alleged funnelling of funds to the PTI by a company owned by the non-resident Pakistani businessman, Arif Naqvi of the Abraaj Group, bears the hallmarks of a covert campaign to irredeemably tarnish Khan's image in the eyes of the Pakistani public. It is, perhaps, only a matter of time before Khan is disqualified from contesting elections, a fate similar to that which befell Nawaz Sharif when he ran afoul of the army.

Irrespective of which way the chips eventually fall, there are certain broad contours of the political landscape taking shape in Pakistan. Notwithstanding its underwhelming performance, the shaky political coalition presently rul-

the ISI on a routine posting as a corps coming Pakistan under the stewardship of Shehbaz mander, an essential rite of passage for all as-Sharif, may manage to complete its remaining pirants to the post of Chief of Army Staff, is well term of less than a year, paving the way for a known. Other factors such as Khan's reflexive caretaker government to hold fresh elections in 2023. Relations between Pakistan and anti-Americanism, his angry denunciations, with scant evidence to back his claims, of a US Taliban-ruled Afghanistan will remain trouplot to destabilise his government and his pubbled. The army's ill-advised efforts to underlic eulogisation of global terrorist leaders such cut the strength of secular Pashtun and Baloch as Osama bin Laden whom he described as a nationalist voices by striking yet more "peace "martyr," contributed to the army's disendeals" with extremist groups such as an ostensibly "pacified" Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) In transgressing the "red lines" of the may bring more bloodshed to the erstwhile

> Pakistan is likely to have a new army chief come November when General Bajwa completes his extended term of office. Above all, it is the growing inability of the Pakistan army, the ultimate arbiter in Pakistan's scheme of things, to decisively shape the course of events that is most striking. Notwithstanding the "deep state's" attempts to stifle dissenting voices and the sustained assault on civil society, the army's allegations about the country being a victim of externally-sponsored "fifth generation warfare" appear increasingly contrived, generating a healthy pushback from civil society, including the political parties. If it was Nawaz Sharif earlier who challenged the all-powerful army's narrative, it is Imran Khan today. The latest reports about Pakistan's decision to scrap the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority, set up amid much fanfare by the army to free languishing CPEC projects from the clutches of an allegedly venal civil-

Federally Administered Tribal Areas, now

amalgamated with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and

to the adjoining province of Balochistan. Lastly,

barring some unforeseen development,

strategic security. The prospect of fishing in troubled waters may be alluring but the best course of action that India can adopt under the circumstances is to maintain a safe distance from the chaos engulfing its Western neighbour, without letting its guard down in any

ian administration, offer conclusive proof of

its inability to ensure successful implementa-

tion of a project it views as being indispensa-

ble for ensuring Pakistan's economic and

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THE POWER OF VOICE

Nayyara Noor was a far cry from the opulent begums who ruled the ghazal circuit



Rakhshanda Jalil

NEWS OF THE passing of Nayyara Noor began to trickle in during the last watches of Saturday night. Those of us who happened to be awake and active on social media at that hour, posted the usual heart emojis and rushed to find her playlist on YouTube, Audible, Spotify, etc. As her soaring, lilting voice filled my silent room at 3:30 am, I found myself wondering: How did people remember singers once they were gone in the olden times? Now, with technology providing instant recall, a voice is a living presence; but in an age when music was memory, how did one pay homage to a lost voice? And, for that matter, can a voice or a song, once heard, be perfectly preserved in memory with nary a change in tone and tenor caused by time?

As I sit down to write this tribute, I find myself flooded with memories. In trying to recall my earliest memory of Nayyara Noor, I find myself drawn back in time. Newly married and setting up our own home with limited funds, we had virtually no furniture but we did have a rackety old tape recorder. Someone had gifted us an EMI cassette jointly produced by Faiz Ahmad Faiz's talented son-in-law Shoaib Hashmi and the recording company as a birthday gift for the poet in 1976; it bore the legend: Navvara Sings Faiz, After all these years, I have a near-perfect recall of how her voice filled our almost-empty flat, entering the nooks and crannies of our imagination, more than mak-

After all these years, I have a near-perfect recall of how her voice filled our almostempty flat, entering the nooks and crannies of our imagination, more than making up for the absence of material possessions in our

ing up for the absence of material possessions in our modest home. The splendour of her voice and the treasure that was Faiz's poetry combined to fill our life with an abundance of riches as we played that cassette over and over again, day in and day out; it even travelled with us on long drives so it could be played relentlessly in our dinky Maruti car!

Perhaps it would be no exaggeration to say that nearly every song in that cassette is associated with a vivid memory of those days, especially 'Barkha barse chhat pe' which she sang with Sheheryar Zaidi. While each of the 12 pieces remains etched in my memory, looking back it is hard to say if an enduring love for Faiz was born when this cassette played ceaselessly around me or that love was nurtured by Nayyar Noor's voice as she sang 'Uttho ab maati se uttho', 'Aaj bazaar mein', 'Tum mere paas raho', 'Aaiye arz guzarain', each transporting us to realms of immense possibilities. Then there was Faiz's haunting ghazal, 'Hum ke thehre ajnabi itni madaraton ke baad/ Phir baneingev ashana kitni mulagaton ke baad' (We who have remained strangers after so many hospitalities/After how many meetings will we become acquaintances) with its dauntingly long behr (metre) that I initially mistook for a romantic ghazal. Written in 1974 after Faiz's return from Dhaka and his first visit to Bangladesh since the creation of the new country, to us in India it revealed an immense loss

and a powerful acknowledgement of a great betrayal

With the advent of new technology, one began to see Nayyara Noor and also hear her. While her public performances began to diminish, the number of recordings from her old PTV days began to increase exponentially on the internet. And there she was, simply dressed in a salwar kameez, with eyes demurely down-cast behind those outsize glasses and looking more like a senior secondary school teacher than a concert singer. A far cry from the opulent diamond-dripping, sequin saree-clad begums who had hitherto ruled the ghazal circuit, she was starkly simple, unadorned, almost austere. What is more, she would be seated in the tashahhud posture, usually associated with the namaaz, with her knees folded beneath her as she sat erect and unsupported, her hands by her side as unlike other ghazal singers, she never played the harmonium as she sang. Bereft of the faintest whiff of ada, a word that covers the gamut of expressions from charm to coquetry and which is considered the hallmark of concert singers, Nayyara Noor showed an entire generation of ghazal lovers the power and beauty of singing poetry adorned by nothing save a melodious voice.

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AUGUST 24, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

PATNA BANDH

modest home.

NORMAL LIFE CAME to a standstill with shops, business establishments and cinema houses remaining closed in response to the call for a 12-hour Patna bandh in protest against the brutal police lathi-charge on a peaceful procession of Bihar journalists. The magnitude of the response to the bandh call exceeded all expectations. The movement of buses, private and state, and rickshaws thinned down to a trickle. Although hospitals, banks and government offices were not affected by the bandh, attendance was less than normal. The Patna university area and the busy shopping centre were deserted as students and teachers alike boycotted classes.

PM In Mauritius

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi, who arrived in Port Louis to a warm welcome by the Mauritians, said that India was opposed to the establishment of nuclear bases which endangered world peace. Mrs Gandhi, who flew in on a three-day visit by a special Air India Boeing 707 "Lhotse", said in her arrival statement that the Indian Ocean was bristling with problems which threatened the world. Later, addressing a mass rally at the Champ de Mars, the PM assured that India desired to help Mauritius in all its problems and forge closer economic links.

IA HIJACKER REVEALED

THE AMRITSAR DISTRICT police have established the identity of the Sikh youth who hijacked the Indian Airlines Boeing 737 on August 20 was shot dead by commands of the Punjab police at Rajasansi airport. Disclosing this, Surjit Singh Bains, senior superintendent of police said that the hijacker's real name was Manjit Singh, son of Dalip Singh alias Mela Singh. The hijacker is survived by his wife, Sharanjit Kaur, and a fiveyear-old daughter, Rajji, besides an unmarried sister, Paramjit Kaur.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

A wellness wish for 2047

India should provide education and healthcare to all. Equity should be at the heart of this endeavour



GAGANDEEP KANG

INDIA AT 100 to me is an equitable country, built on firm access to high-quality education and healthcare.

I could add gender parity, employment opportunities for all, reduced or no corruption — both small and large-scale — removing caste barriers, vibrant agriculture and animal husbandry and industries focused on quality. All these contribute to equity in several ways. But these are areas best left to other experts

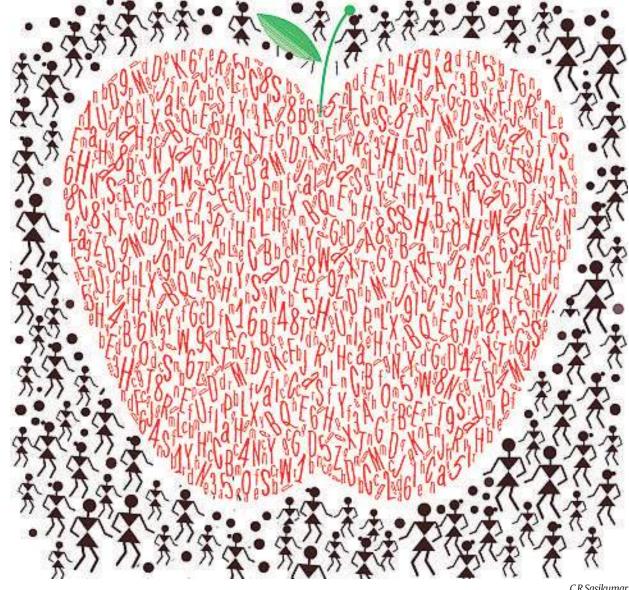
Education and health are foundational to every society. Examples of India's capabilities in these areas are easy to find. Indian education produces global CEOs and Indian private healthcare systems have been providing services to medical tourists from many parts of the world. But these are exceptions and not the rule. Moreover, equity has no place

Foundational education must begin at an early stage at home, and then in schools, before we get to institutions of higher learning. Education that allows all children to achieve their full cognitive potential starts with parents understanding the importance of verbal engagement and sensorimotor stimulation and moves to schools that have trained, competent and engaged teachers. In both nuclear and non-nuclear families, socioeconomic status determines the amount and quality of the interactions children have in their early life — this translates to significant developmental advantages depending on the household into which a child is born. The school environment can mitigate socioeconomic deprivation to an extent. For that to happen, schools have to be functional. The functionality of schools comes not from buildings and administrative structures, but the quality and commitment of teachers. The transformational power of education for children who come from deprived environments can only operate at scale if schools and teachers know what is possible and do all they can to become agents of change. Such change cannot be effected overnight or through mandates and government orders. Whether it is in learning from tribal cultures or adapting reasoning exercises to the environment, school education and assessment cannot rely entirely on a one-size-fits-all approach of a standardised curriculum and limited assess-

The counterarguments - India is a large country, standardisation is needed across states, the government lacks resources, and the timelines for change are too long - cannot be ignored. But these arguments ignore the foundational role of schooling in not just societal development, but equity, gender parity and a host of other consequential shifts.

ment of knowledge and competencies.

Parallel to improving the schooling system, we must strengthen vocational training centres — Industrial Training Institutes, for instance — that provide skills necessary for employment, while also reducing the number of degrees that do not serve as a gateway to professional development or knowledge acquisition. India has had and will have stars in several fields — historians, mathematicians, doctors, engineers, business leaders and managers — and they will continue to emerge following the principle of



the creamy layer rising to the top, but the goal of equity requires us to create and maintain opportunities at all levels of our educational system. Wherever possible, we must ensure that finances are not a barrier to education.

A World Bank report from the early 2000s made the case for education of women as the major driver of change in the health status of societies. Reduced fertility, safer births and better health of children and increased social status are causally linked to the education of women, but healthcare must move beyond maternal and child health packages and programmes to treat diseases that we today control far more effectively compared to a few decades ago. Enabling people to increase control over, and improve their health, preventing life-threatening diseases and improving palliative care for patients of such diseases should acquire importance.

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 are unlikely to be addressed in full measure by 2047 if we do not address health, health emergencies and catastrophic health expenditures. Although only Goal 3 of the SDGs directly focuses on good health and well-being, the other goals are also linked to health. For example, Goals 1 and 2 — no poverty and zero hunger cannot be attained if issues related to health

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need to place healthcare providers close to patients by creating proper and functional physical and digital infrastructure. We also need to create the right and rapid referral pathways, so that delays in care do not result in unnecessary burden on individuals and their families. For this, we need the right people with the right resources at the right places. Appropriate processes must also be in place. În other words, the architecture of health should place individuals and their needs at the centre and ensure that these needs are met without large payments being required at the point of care. This form of healthcare cannot be addressed without governance systems to regulate the private sector and to ensure that no part of the country is a health "desert". To support this architecture, we need trained and motivated personnel and inexpensive drugs and vaccines for which India is well-known. We have islands of excellence in primary care and outstanding clinical services, but they are patchy and do not always provide sustained care. Equitable access requires that we deliver to all, and not just the privileged few. 2047 may seem distant, but to create the foundation for the next century, we need to invest in education and health in the next 25 years – not just for the elite, but for all. The returns on this investment will then keep accruing for generations to come.

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Only point-scoring, no debate

"Even though Imran Khan is known for slandering his political opponents, censoring his words is a breach of his constitutional right to the freedom of expression. The restrictions must be immediately revoked." - DAWN, PAKISTAN

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

State of the economy is far too important to be left just to technocrats or social media memes



PRAVEEN CHAKRAVARTY

"IF YOU TAKE credit for the rains, be prepared to take the blame for the drought" is a maxim that Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman would do well to imbibe.

For the average Indian family of five, cooking a simple dal, tomatoes, onion, garlic, ginger, salt and oil on an LPG gas stove costs roughly Rs 51 today. It would have cost them only Rs 36 in 2019, Rs 38 in 2014 and

In her speech in the recently concluded session of Parliament, the FM pleaded helplessness about such a steep increase in costs for the Indian family and blamed it on external factors such as the Ukraine war, global inflation etc. But when such costs declined from 2014 to 2019, the FM never missed an opportunity to take full credit for herself and her government and equally, castigated the then UPA government for high inflation between 2009 and 2014

The truth is much simpler. Crude oil (Indian basket) went up from an average price per barrel of \$80 in 2009 to \$106 in 2014, came down to \$70 in 2019 and has climbed back up to \$101 now. The rise and fall in the cost of a dal dinner for the Indian family is synchronous with global crude oil costs, regardless of which government is in power. While levels of inflation may change, the trend of domestic prices is tightly correlated to global crude oil costs.

Similarly, the FM gloated in Parliament about how India will be the world's fastestgrowing economy this year but when India's economy was among the world's worst in 2020, she famously blamed it on an "act of God", the Covid-19 pandemic. If India's economy is growing fast this year, it's the same "God" who deserves credit, since it's nature's law that when something falls sharply, it will also rebound sharply.

Fleeing foreign investors have triggered a collapse in the value of the rupee. The FM and her cheerleaders' defence is that the rupee is not falling, only the dollar is gaining or that other currencies have fallen even more, akin to a defeated sportsman's laughable excuse that he did not lose, only his opponent won. But when foreign inflows were strong in previous years, in a heartbeat the FM proclaimed that the same foreign investors were flocking to India enamoured of the Modi government. The reality is that a weaker rupee makes a dal dinner much more expensive for the average Indian family and it is of no solace to them that the Bangladeshi or the Sri Lankan family is paying even more for their dal.

There is also much nationalistic chestthumping by the FM and her cheerleaders about India's stout defiance of Western wisdom to provide a large fiscal package during the pandemic which, in their view, has now

caused runaway inflation in Western countries. But the data completely contradicts such gloating. India's fiscal package in 2020 was a measly 10 per cent of GDP, compared to the US's 28 per cent, Canada's 20 per cent, Germany's 43 per cent and Japan's 45 per cent. As a direct consequence, India's economy was the worst hit, with a negative 6.6 per cent growth (FY2021 real GDP) vis-à-vis the US's -3.4 per cent, Canada's -5.1 per cent, Germany's -4.6 per cent and Japan's -4.5 per cent. And in FY2022, India had the highest inflation among all these countries. So, India neither avoided the high inflation of other nations nor a steep GDP fall. In fact, there is much to be embarrassed about in India's pandemic economic management.

If there is one issue that affects nearly every Indian, it is the state of the nation's economy. Politics is the only legitimate medium to voice concerns and raise issues that affect the common people. India's economic condition is not merely a topic for debate among elite economists and technocrats but a burning political issue. Such a serious issue warrants a serious discussion in Parliament and state legislatures, not just among policymakers and commentators in the media. Unfortunately, the current discussion on the economy has been reduced to a political "tu-tu, main-main" (blame game) for which both the government and he Opposition are equally culpable.

The discussion on the value of the rupee should be about how a strong rupee is not a sign of a nation's strength and a weaker rupee may boost exports and create jobs. But it can also cause "mehengai" (price rise) through imported inflation and every government has to strike a delicate balance. It would help the nation greatly if the FM would boldly explain this to the people rather than hide behind a "rising dollar" excuse and if the Opposition could demand a coherent currency strategy rather than make puerile jokes about rupee value and ageing leaders.

Similarly, the discussion on increasing GST rates should have been about progressive direct taxes that affect the rich more than the poor versus regressive GST which affects the rich and the poor alike. In 2010, out of every 100 rupees in Union government taxes, corporate taxes accounted for 40 but today they only contribute 25. So, the tax burden has shifted enormously from corporates to individuals. The Opposition should have clamoured for correcting this skew by reversing the indiscriminate 2019 corporate tax cut, rather than make some facile and factually wrong arguments over paneer and crematorium taxes.

The quality of discourse in a democracy shapes its future direction. India's economic future will be shaped by the quality of political discussion on economic issues. Parliament is the appropriate forum to raise such issues in the larger spirit of finding solutions to India's woes and not for shallow. tit-for-tat political rhetoric, Both the government and the Opposition must share equal responsibility for this. India's state of the economy is far too important to be left just to technocrats or social media memes.

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Exploiters like us

Video of a woman in Noida abusing a security guard tells an uncomfortable truth

IN 2008, AN Indian author ("proper Indian", not just Indian-origin) won the Booker Prize. Usually, this prestigious international literary award comes with an exaggerated sense of adulation. Not so, for Aravind Adiga's The White Tiger. In reviews, essays and the quiet, supercilious conversations at the parties of English-speaking India, the story about a driver who kills, cheats and steals his way to a better life was subtly denigrated. Its artificiality, its lack of literary merit and even the act of trying to write in English, in the first person, of the invisible "servants" who subsidise our comforts — there were a plethora of reasons to hate the book, in accents that pronounce consonants with the lightest of emphasis.

But at least one of the reasons that so many "people like us" found The White Tiger uncomfortable was this: Despite the veneer of modernity, sophistication and the liberal conceit of "global citizenship", Adiga's book held up a mirror to the truth we dare not truly acknowledge. We are, so many of us, exploiters. Sometimes, though, a viral video is worth more than a Booker

On August 21, the Noida police arrested Bhavya Roy for misbehaving with a security guard at the gate of the luxury condominium where she resides. In a video of the incident,

she can be seen threatening him and some

other guards with violence, shoving them, saying she will castrate them and making slurs against people from a particular state. Her sleeves are rolled up, her demeanour dangerously aggressive. Behind this confidence is a simple truth, which Ms Roy – like so many of us — likely knows instinctively, even if she cannot justify it intellectually: The system and society provide an impunity that allows the sort of unforgivable behaviour that would never be deployed against people who are considered social equals.

On the same day Roy's video went viral, traffic in large parts of Noida was at a standstill. About 4,000 police personnel were reportedly deployed in the area because thousands of people from the Tyagi community — with support from the RSS-backed Bharatiya Kisan Union — held a Mahapanchayat in support of Shrikant Tyagi. Tyagi was arrested earlier this month for misbehaving with a woman in his Noida condominium. His actions, too, were caught on video

What is apparent in both cases is the use of humiliation as a tool against people considered "lessers" and its seeming acceptability. The threats and abuse both Tyagi and Roy are seen hurling at their victims — all of which are too offensive to print — are of the same order as heard across casteist and misogynistic conversations all over North India.

What these incidents highlight, once again, is that a feudal sense of entitlement continues to be the defining characteristic of Indian society. The resident of a group housing society, with her upper-middle-class job and foreign holidays, polices the boundaries of her privilege with as much force as the villainous Brahmin in Satyajit Ray's Sadgati. The qualitative difference between the casual sense of superiority of the past and now, of urban India and "civilisational Bharat" though, is an en-

This is the same fear that Adiga's novel taps into: One day, the underpaid and unrespected driver, maid, security guard, nanny or cook will get fed up with the people and system that exploits them. And they will take their due. This fear surrounds us, even if it is not often articulated. It is because of this fear that the condominium and the bungalow need round-the-clock security, high walls and concertina wire.

Because those living in them know that the country has changed.

The security guard can hope to become a supervisor, and his daughter can be an academic. With urban life increasingly becoming the norm and aspiration becoming widespread, there is less deference from the

working classes. It is increasingly only through force and abuse that a working person can be shown their "aukat". Political power and bullying (as in Tyagi's case, whose community is an important vote-bank for the BJP in UP) and exhortations to "harmonious" varna society from the powers that be may make it seem like the clock is turning back. The videos of abuse and exploitation can make one feel despondent about the regressive tendencies in Indian society. But that isn't the whole, or even the larger, story.

It is important to see the silver lining in the disturbing video from Noida. The security guard who was being abused did not respond in kind. But he did not cower either. Along with his comrades, he told his assaulter not to speak to him the way she was and in a moment of righteous anger, even flung his official ID to the ground (she was threatening his job).

The elite may not have changed in substance. They may still believe that they can get away with criminally abusive behaviour. And they may deploy all their means to maintain their identity and power. But those they seek to oppress now — in a far more dignified and civilised manner — know often how to hold

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHO'S TO BLAME?

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Our Bilkis moment' (IE, August 23). Power corrupts. The facts are explicit. The SC order was a smokescreen. The 11 convicts are guilty beyond any reasonable doubt for committing a crime which is hard to imagine. As of now, these convicts are free with garlands around their necks. More than half of the committee which allowed the remission has an affiliation with the party in power. The issue remains, who among the perpetrators and spectators are to blame? Laws misused so conspicuously are disheartening.

Shaswat Jena, Ghaziabad

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Our Bilkis moment' (IE, August 23). The remission of the sentence of the 11 convicted of rape and murder in the Bilkis Bano case should weigh heavy on the conscience of our nation. How can we credibly talk of "nari shakti" if this is the injustice that one of India's daughters has to face? Surekha Iyer, Thane

WOMEN IN SCIENCE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Scientific progress' (IE, August 23). The participation of women in scientific research has remained the Achilles' heel of Indian scientific progress. Though there are some notable exceptions, large-scale participation of women in research is still a pipedream. CSIR, the country's noted research institute, took 75 years to appoint the first woman as its head. Having said that, the increased participation from 2015 to 2018, as per the report by DST, is

New Delhi

a step in the right direction. Steps taken by the government like incentives for women to enter the research domain, emphasis on "nari shakti", and other similar initiatives are promising.

Dewang Ganesh Thosar, Raigad

REVDI DEBATE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Revdi culture is unsustainable' (IE, August 23). The author, a member of the BJP, writes that Arvind Kejriwal makes selective disclosure to deceive the public, while doing the same in his column. Ayushman Bharat is credited to the Modi government but states bear 40 per cent of the fiscal burden of this scheme. Likewise. the claim that the Modi government facilitates the opening of two new colleges per day is misleading. There are two facts to remember. Many of these colleges are private and state government run spaces. Both parties are making selective discourse of the facts which suit them. A more honest conversation is needed.

INDO-PAK RELATIONS

Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad

THIS REFERS TO your editorial, 'Imran's gambit' (IE, August 23). A split in political thinking of the Pakistani army is likely to destabilise the entire South Asian region, Like Zia, Imran is also likely to create a narrative based on the centrality of religion to hide his economic mismanagement. Such a narrative will strengthen the Taliban next door and will once again push the India-Pakistan relationship to a new low.

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AIMING FOR WORLD RECORD

TEEN PILOT ON TRACK FOR SOLO GLOBAL FLIGHT

A Belgian-British 17-year-old pilot, Mack Rutherford was on track Tuesday to become the youngest person to fly around the world solo in a small plane as he landed in southern Belgium ahead of the penultimate leg of his global odyssey. He's due to land in Bulgaria on Wednesday. His aim: to displace Travis Ludlow of Britain, who was 18 when he set the record in 2021.



Former Malaysian PM Najib Razak. Reuters

MALAYSIA

Najib loses final appeal, goes to jail for graft

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia's top court ordered former PM Najib Razak to begin a 12-year prison sentence on Tuesday after upholding a guilty conviction on charges related to a multibillion dollar graft scandal at state fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB). The Federal Court ruling caps the stunning downfall of Najib, who until four years ago governed Malaysia and suppressed local investigations of the

scandal. Investigators have said some \$4.5 billion was stolen from 1MDB and that over \$1 billion went to accounts linked to Najib. A court official and sources close to Najib said he was taken to Kajang Prison, about 40 km away from Kuala Lumpur. REUTERS

USA

Texas shooting: Families to file \$27 bn suit

Houston: Families of the victims and survivors of the school shooting in the US state of Texas are planning to file \$27 billion civil right lawsuit against district and state police authorities for negligence in performing their duties, KSAT News, a Texas-based media organisation report has said. The law suit in particular is against Uvalde Consolidated Indep -endent School District Police Department, school chief Pete Arredondo, sheriff's offices, among others, the re-

NEPAL

Govt to allow transit flights after pandemic

Kathmandu: Foreign nationals will now be allowed to travel to third countries via Nepal, a government spokesperson has said, after the government decided to resume the transit visa service after a 16-month hiatus due to the pandemic. Minister of Communication and I-T Gvanendra Karki said the decision was taken during a Cabinet meeting on Monday.

FINLAND

PM apologises for party picture

Helsinki: Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin on Tuesday apologised for a picture that emerged from a private party she had thrown at her official residence in July, following a public stir over her partying in the past week. "In my opinion, the picture is not appropriate. I apologise for it," Marin REUTERS

HUNGARY

Heads of weather service fired

Budapest: The two top officials, head and deputy head of National Meteorological Service, prompted Hungary's meteorological service to fire the officials after an inaccurate rain forecast prompted postponement of a fireworks display on the country's important national holiday.

Weary but uncowed, Ukraine to mark I-Day amid new strike fears

US urges citizens to leave amid Kyiv attack fear, to grant \$3 bn in aid to Ukraine

KYIV, AUGUST 23

UKRAINIANS REVELLED at a surreal display of burnt-out Russian tanks and armour laid out as war trophies in central Kyiv to mark 31 years of independence this week, but fears of fresh Russian attacks lurked behind the show of defiance.

The sense of an eerie calm before the storm grew on Tuesday as the US Embassy told its citizens to leave Ukraine because of fears of possible Russian missile strikes on Independence Day on Wednesday. Kyiv has warned Moscow of a powerful response if it does so.

The public holiday, which falls six months into Russia's invasion, is often marked with a military parade, but Kyiv, fearing attacks on mass rallies, has banned public events in the city this year.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed Tuesday that Ukraine would react quickly with a "strong response" if Moscow were to strike Kyiv, a show of defi-



SIX MONTHS OF WAR: The Donetsk Peoples Republic administration building. AP

ance. Asked at a news conference what Ukraine would do if Kyiv came under attack ahead of Independence Day, Zelenskyy said it would respond as it does if any other city is hit, "If they attack us, they will receive a response, a strong response," he said after a meeting with visiting Polish

President Andrzei Duda in Kviv. Meanwhile, the US security

assistance is shifting to a longerterm campaign that will likely keep more American military troops in Europe into the future, including imminent plans to announce an additional roughly \$3 billion in aid to train and equip

Ukrainian forces to fight for years to come, US officials said.

The UNSC will hold an emergency meeting on Tuesday at the request of Russia to discuss the situation at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, where nearby fighting has raised the risk of a nu-

Want to change UK-India relations: Sunak

ADITIKHANNA LONDON, AUGUST 23

BRITAIN'S PRIME ministerial candidate Rishi Sunak said he wants to change the UK-India relationship to make it a more two-way exchange that opens up easy access to UK students and companies in India.

During a campaign hustings event hosted by the Conservative Friends of India (CFIN) diaspora organisation in north London on Monday evening, Sunak greeted the largely British Indian gathering with a mix of traditional greetings such as "namaste, salaam, khem cho, and kidda". He even broke into Hindi: "Aap sab mere parivar ho (you all are my family).""We know the UK-India relationship is important. We represent the living bridge between our two countries," he said.

"I want to make sure that it's easy for our students to also travel to India and learn, that it's also easy for our companies and

Indian companies to work together because it's not just a oneway relationship, it's a two-way relationship, and that's the type of change I want to bring to that relationship," he said.

On China, he reiterated his stand about the need to be "very robust" in defending the UK against its aggressiveness. PTI

Sikhs protest

PAKISTAN

over forcible marriage of woman

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PESHAWAR, AUGUST 23

MEMBERS OF the minority Sikh community staged a protest in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Tuesday against police inaction in a case involving the forcible marriage of a Sikh woman to a Muslim man.

The protesters blocked the main Buner road for hours. The Sikh community members in their speeches complained that police were not cooperating with them and demanded protection for their lives and property.

They said Sikh woman Meena Kumari, 25, was first compelled to elope and then forcibly married to the man.

However, Kumari in her statement before the local police said she was not pressured and eloped with the Muslim man on her own free will. "I am 25 years old and working as a teacher at a government school. I married the Muslim boy after studying Islamic studies. I don't want to go to Darul Aman and want to live with my husband," she said.

The protest that went on for hours led to the death of an injured person who could not reach a hospital in time. The relatives of the deceased put the body on the main road for hours and demanded legal action against the protesters.

International Human Rights Foundation has meanwhile said that it has received "credible reports" of abuses of authority in Pakistan.

TOLD TO APPEAR ON AUG 31

Contempt case: Pakistan court summons Imran

US says it does not side with any political party in the country

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 23

A TOP court in Pakistan on Tuesday issued a show-cause notice to former prime minister Imran Khan and summoned him on August 31 in contempt proceedings initiated against him for passing controversial remarks against a female judge at a rally.

A three-member bench of the Islamabad High Court, headed by Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani and comprising Justice Babar Sattar and Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, also asked Khan to personally appear before the bench on August 31.

The court on Monday constituted a larger bench to initiate contempt of court proceedings against Khan for "threatening" Additional Sessions Judge Zeba Chaudhry during his speech in Islamabad on Saturday.

During the hearing, Justice Kayani termed the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman's remarks "inappropriate" and said the case is not only confined to the IHC, but the message is going to the highest level, adding that people on social media should be controlled.

Justice Mian Gul added that Additional Sessions Judge Zeba



The proceedings against Khan is for threatening a judge during his speech in Islamabad. AP

Chaudhry will be provided security. Pakistan police has registered another case against Khan and top leaders of his PTI party for flouting a ban on public gatherings in the national capital, it emerged on Tuesday.

The US, meanwhile, has made it clear that it does not side with any party in Pakistan and supports the "peaceful" upholding of democratic, constitutional, and legal principles in the country. US State Department spokesperson Ned Price said this is a matter of the Pakistani legal and judicial system. "It is not directly a matter for the US, and that's because we don't have a position on one political candidate or party," Price said.

Sri Lanka to replace terror law with new **National Security Act**

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA COLOMBO, AUGUST 23

SRI LANKA on Tuesday announced that it will soon replace the controversial Prevention of Terrorism Act(PTA) with a new security law. amid international condemnation over Colombo's use of the draconian counter-terrorism law to detain student activists. "PTA has been there since

1979. The justice minister informed the cabinet that a new National Security Act would be drafted by deleting the undesirable parts of the PTA." Cabinet spokesman and minister Bandula Gunawardena said.

The development comes a day after the US and the European Union on Monday expressed concern over the detention of three student activists under its dracon-

GOTABAYA MAY RETURN BY SEPT

Colombo: Sri Lanka's former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa may return home in about two weeks after fleeing a popular uprising in July, two sources familiar with the matter said on Tuesday. One of the sources said his return was partly linked to the costs of his stay in Thailand."He may return in two weeks or even before that if arrangements for his safety can be made.' **REUTERS**

ian counter-terrorism law for participating in protests, which led to the resignation of former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

UK spy agencies alleged to have tipped India on Johal

London: Britain's intelligence agencies are accused of tipping off Indian authorities about a British Sikh man now being held in an Indian prison on terrorism charges and conspiracy to murder.

Jagtar Singh Johal, a 35-yearold British national from Dumbarton in Scotland, was arrested while in Punjab for his wedding in 2017 and his family

in the UK have alleged he was subjected to torture and mistreatment. The Indian authorities

have denied torture allegations. On Monday, UK-based NGO Reprieve said it was supporting a legal claim by Johal that MI5 and MI6 may have contributed to his "detention and torture" by sharing intelligence with the Indian

Scotland police issue appeal as 3 **Indian students** die in road crash

ADITIKHANNA LONDON, AUGUST 23

THE POLICE in Scotland are appealing for information as they investigate the circumstances surrounding a road accident that killed three Indians, while a fourth one remains in hospital in a critical condition.

Pavan Bashet Hyderabad and Girish Subramanyam from Bengaluru, both 23, were both Aeronautical Engineering students studying for a Master's degree at the University of Leicester, A former university student and their friend, 30-year-old Sudhakar Modepalli from Nellore in Andhra Pradesh, was also killed in the crash involving their car, a silver Honda Civic, and a black heavy goods vehicle (HGV) on Friday on the A828 highway near Castle Stalker in Scotland.

Sai Varma, 24, from Hvderabad who is studying for a Mechanical Engineering with Management degree at Leicester University remains at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow with "serious injuries".

Sergeant Kevin Craig of Police Scotland said "We are continuing to investigate the circumstances surrounding this crash and would ask anyone with information, or who witnessed anything, to contact officers via 101 quoting incident 1976 of Friday, 19 August, 2022."



A group of people, likely to be migrants, brought into Dover in Kent, England, Tuesday. AP

Record 1,295 migrants arrive in Britain by boat in a single day

ANDREW MACASKILL LONDON, AUGUST 23

THE NUMBER of migrants arriving in Britain in small boats hit a record for a single day on Monday, as the rise in dangerous journeys across the English Channel continues despite UK government plans to deport those arriving illegally to Rwanda.

Britain's Ministry of Defence said 1,295 people in 27 boats were intercepted after making the crossing from the European

mainland on Monday. The figure surpasses the previous daily record of 1,185 set last November. The summer surge happens

normal as alternative routes have been shut down. The rate of arrivals in the first eight months of this year is almost double that during the same period last year.

most years, but is now larger than

The outgoing PM Boris Johnson had hoped that the threat of deporting people to Rwanda announced in April alongside other efforts would act as a deterrent to those arriving in dinghies and small boats.

Britain's Refugee Council said

the figures were "yet more evidence if needed that the government's cruel Rwanda removals plan – supposedly a deterrent to dangerous Channel crossings simply isn't working".REUTERS

Rwanda plan not working?

THE LATEST figures come

despite aggressive and expensive policies from Priti Patel's department. This year, she has struck a 120mn Euro deal to send asylum seekers to Rwanda, has asked Royal Navy vessels to rescue boats in UK, and has threatened to turn boats around and send them back to France.

700-plus pages of classified records found at Trump's home

REUTERS WASHINGTON, AUGUST 23

THE US National Archives discovered over 700 pages of classified documents at Donald Trump's

Florida home in addition to material seized this month by FBI agents, according to a newly disclosed May letter that the records rency sent to the Republican for mer president's attorney. The large quantity of classi-

fied material in 15 boxes recovered in January by the National Archives and Records Administration, some marked as "top secret," provides more insight into what led to the FBI's court-authorised Aug. 8 search of Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach.

The May 10 letter was sent by Acting US Archivist Debra Steidel Wall to Trump attorney Evan Corcoran. It was released late on Monday by John Solomon, a conservative journalist who Trump authorised in June to access his presidential records. The National Archives then confirmed its authenticity and

posted a copy on its website. "Among the materials in the boxes are over 100 documents with classification markings, comprising over 700 pages. Some include the highest levels of classification, including Special Access Program materials." Wall's letter said, referring to security protocols reserved for some of the most closely held secrets.

IF SCIENTISTS COMPARED GENOMES, THEY MIGHT FIND A LOT IN COMMON

Your doppelganger is out there, you probably share DNA with them

KATE GOLEMBIEWSKI

CHARLIE CHASEN and Michael Malone met in Atlanta in 1997, when Malone served as a guest singer in Chasen's band. They quickly became friends, but they didn't notice what other people around them did: The two men could pass for twins.

Malone and Chasen are doppelgängers. They look strikingly similar, but are not related. Their immediate ancestors aren't even from the same parts of the world; Chasen's forebears hailed from Lithuania and Scotland, while Malone's parents are from the Dominican Republic and the The two friends, along with

hundreds of other unrelated lookalikes, participated in a photography project by François Brunelle, a Canadian artist. The picture series, "I'm not a look-alike!," was inspired by Brunelle's discovery of his own look-alike, the English actor Rowan Atkinson.

The project has been a hit on social media and other parts of the internet, but it's also drawn the attention of scientists who study genetic relationships. Dr Manel Esteller, a researcher at the Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute in Barcelona, Spain, had previously studied the physical differences between identical twins, and he wanted to examine the reverse: people who look alike but aren't related. "What's the explanation for these people?" he wondered. In a study published Tuesday

in the journal Cell Reports, Dr

Esteller and his team recruited 32 pairs of look-alikes from Brunelle's photographs to take DNA tests and complete questionnaires about their lifestyles. The researchers used facial recognition software to quantify the similarities between the participants' faces. Sixteen of those 32 pairs achieved similar overall scores to identical twins analysed by the same software.



32 pairs of look-alikes. NYT

The researchers then compared the DNA of these 16 pairs of doppelgängers to see if their DNA

was as similar as their faces.

Dr Esteller found that the 16 pairs who were "true" look-alikes shared significantly more of their genes than the other 16 pairs that the software deemed less similar. "These people really look alike because they share important parts of the genome, or the DNA sequence," he said. That people who look more alike have more genes in common "would seem like common sense, but never had been shown," he added.

However, DNA alone doesn't tell the whole story of our makeup. Our lived experiences, and those of our ancestors, influence which of our genes are switched on or off - what scien-

tists call our epigenomes. And our microbiome, our microscopic co-pilot made up of bacteria, fungi and viruses, is further influenced by our environment. Dr Esteller found that while the doppelgängers' genomes were similar, their epigenomes and microbiomes were different. "Genetics put them together, and epigenetics and microbiome pulls them apart," he said. This discrepancy tells us that

the pairs' similar appearances have more to do with their DNA than with the environments they grew up in. That surprised Dr Esteller, who had expected to see a bigger environmental influence. Because the doppelgängers'

appearances are more attributable to shared genes than shared life experiences, that means that, to some extent, their similarities are just the luck of the draw, spurred on by population growth. There are, after all, only so many ways to build a face. "Now there are so many people in the world that the system

is repeating itself," Dr Esteller said. It's not unreasonable to assume that you, too, might have a look-alike out there.

Dr Esteller is hopeful that the study's findings will help doctors diagnose illness in the future — if people have similar enough genes to look alike, they might share predilections for diseases too. NYT

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How Google tech that flags child sexual abuse material works

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IN TWO separate cases, a parent in San Francisco and another in Texas lost access to their Google accounts after the system flagged private images of their children as child sexual abuse material (CSAM). The story, reported by The New York Times, highlights the complicated terrains around user privacy and CSAM tracking that companies such as Google deploy.

Flagged for potential abuse

According to The NYT report, a father in San Francisco had taken a picture of his son's groin area to send to a doctor. He used an Android phone, and the picture was backed up to his Google Photos account. Google's system flagged this as CSAM, and his account access was suspended. The father also faced a police investigation. This is because if and when Google's systems detect CSAM they also make a "CyberTipline" report to the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) in the US.

The NCMEC can then involve law enforcement. A similar tale unfolded with another father in Texas. While police cleared both parents, Google has not given them their access back.

This is not the first time the issue of Google automatically scanning photos and detecting CSAM has been reported.

In 2020, Forbes reported that a warrant was issued against an artist based in Kansas after Google identified some of his art works

According to Google's own transparency report, it sent close to 458,178 reports about CSAM to the NCMEC, and reported over 3.2 million pieces of content during the period June to December, 2021. Also, 140,868 accounts were disabled during the same period.

Scanning for CSAM

Google states that it relies on "automated detection and human review, in addition to relying on reports submitted by our users and third parties, such as NGOs, to detect, remove, and report CSAM on our platforms".

But it primarily uses two main technologies for this purpose. This applies to photos, videos, and files you might upload on Google Drive, Google Photos, etc. Your Google account is linked to all these services.

The first technology is hash matching, and this includes YouTube's CSAI (Child Sexual Abuse Imagery) match technology. CSAI Match is technology deployed on YouTube to fight videos of child abuse, and can spot "re-uploads of previously identified child sexual abuse material in videos", according to Google. This particular API can also be used by other NGOs, companies to find

CSAM by matching it against Google's databases. Basically, every time Google detects an image potentially identified as CSAM, it is assigned a hash or numeric value, and then it is matched against an earlier hash from an existing database.

Google is not the only one using this hash matching technology. Companies like Microsoft, Facebook, Apple also deploy similar techniques.

In hash matching, the company does not store the CSAM itself, but a value or hash that represents the image, video or content in question. If a similar hash is found for another photo or video, then it likely is CSAM, and the content in question is flagged. But Google also deploys machine learn-

ing tools to search for CSAM, and it had first announced this back in 2018. It notes that these "machine learning classifiers can discover never-before-seen CSAM".

The technology relies on machine learn-

ing and deep neural networks for image processing. The advantage here is that you can find content that might not be part of the hashed database. Google made this technology available for free to NGOs and its industry partners at the time of the announcement. Google also notes that content identified as CSAM by its machine learning technology is "then confirmed by our specialist review teams".

It is not clear what technology was used to identify CSAM in the reported cases. Google has not revealed the accuracy of this AI technology.

Google policy on the matter

Google's policy page mentions a list of content that is banned and can lead users to

Regarding the definition of child pornography, Google uses the one set by the US government. So any sexually exploitative image

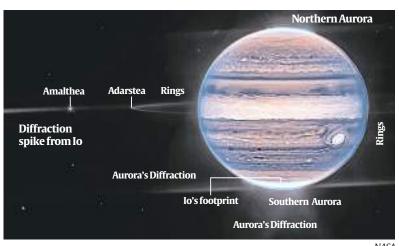
of a minor (under 18 years) is defined as child pornography.

It has a detailed segment on CSAM and notes clearly that users should not "create, upload, or distribute content that exploits or abuses children," and that "this includes all child sexual abuse materials". It also encourages users to report abuse when they see content which is CSAM.

It also prohibits the use of its products "to endanger children". The policy notes that using Google products to 'groom children' for sexual content, sextortion (blackmailing or threatening a child), "sexualization of a minor", "trafficking of a child," are all banned.

The policy clearly states that users should also not "distribute content that contains sexually explicit material, such as nudity, graphic sex acts, and pornographic material. This includes driving traffic to commercial pornography sites". It allows "nudity for educational. documentary, scientific, or artistic purposes".

Jupiter like never seen before, through the Webb telescope



An image of Jupiter obtained by the James Webb Space Telescope on July 27.

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THE JAMES Webb Space Telescope, NASA's latest and most powerful telescope, has captured new images of our solar system's largest planet, Jupiter, presenting it in a never before seen light. The photographs published on Monday have captured a new view of the planet, presenting in detail its massive storms, colourful auroras, faint rings and two small moons — Amalthea and Adrastea

Unprecedented view

While most of us are familiar with the yellow and reddish-brown gas giant, the telescope's Near-Infrared Camera, with its specialized infrared filters, has shown Jupiter encompassed in blue, green, white, vellow and orange hues. Since infrared light is not visible to the human eye, the images were artificially coloured to match those on the visible spectrum, so that the planet's distinctive features could stand out, accord-

Jupiter's famous Great Red Spot, a storm so big that it could swallow Earth, appeared bright white in the image, since it was reflecting a lot of sunlight, the space agency stated. A NASA blog post quoted Heidi

Hammel, interdisciplinary scientist for the James Webb telescope, as saying: "The brightness here indicates high altitude so the Great Red Spot has high-altitude hazes, as does the equatorial region...The numerous bright white 'spots' and 'streaks' are likely very high-altitude cloud tops of condensed convective storms.'

The Webb telescope

NASA's \$10 billion James Webb Telescope was developed with the assistance of the European Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency.

It was launched to space on December 25, 2021 and is currently observing from Lagrange point 2, approximately 1.5 million km beyond Earth's orbit around the Sun. The telescope released its first image on July 11 2022.

The technology

The incredible images taken by the James Webb telescope don't arrive on Earth as we currently see them, according to NASA's blog post. Instead, scientists receive raw data about the brightness of the light captured on Webb's detectors, which is then processed and translated into images by the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI), Webb's mission and science operations centre.



Europe's great drought

Legendary rivers have been reduced to shallow streams, hitting power generation. After the record-breaking summer heat, 2022 may be the worst drought year in Europe in 500 years. China, US too are facing drought

EXPLAINED CLIMATE

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EUROPEAN MEDIA has been full of dramatic pictures of drying, exposed riverbeds. Some of Europe's biggest rivers — Rhine, Po, Loire, Danube - which are usually formidable waterways, are unable to support even mid-sized boats. As water levels have fallen, remains of sunken ships and ominously named hunger stones - rocks engraved by previous generations during earlier periods of extraordinary dryness — have come out of erstwhile depths. The drought has been billed as the worst in

500 years. It is being said that never has a European summer been so dry since 1540, when a year-long drought killed tens of thousands of people. The dry spell this year follows a record-breaking heatwave that saw temperatures in many countries rise to historic highs.

The impact has been debilitating. Water transport has suffered badly, and is having cascading effects. Power production has been hit, leading to electricity shortages and a further increase in energy prices already pushed high by the war in Ukraine. Food is sharply more expensive in many countries, and drinking water is being rationed in some regions.

'Worst in 500 years'

Earlier European droughts — such as those in 2003, 2010, and 2018 — too were compared to the 1540 event. Much like now, the 2018 drought was described as the "worst in 500 years". But last week, a senior scientist at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre said this year could turn out to be worse than 2018, though data were still being

"We haven't analysed fully the event because it is still ongoing, but based on my experience I think that this is perhaps even more extreme than 2018." senior researcher Andrea Toreti said. "Just to give you an idea, the 2018 drought was so extreme that looking back at least the last 500 years, there were no other events similar to the drought of 2018, but this year I think it is really worse than 2018.'

The "worst in 500 years" description may be still not settled, but the impacts of this event are expected to be far worse than anything experienced in the recent past. Europe has been facing large scale climatic anomalies for over six months - precipitation has been far less than usual, while temperatures have soared to unprecedented levels. And this has come on top of the massive energy and foodsupply implications of the Ukraine war.





ONCE THERE WAS A MIGHTY RIVER: (Clockwise from left) The dry bed of the Yangtze in Chongqing, China; the Rhine in Cologne, Germany; wreckage of a World War II German warship has emerged out of the Danube in Serbia. Reuters, AP, Reuters

TYPES OF DROUGHT

Drought is a rainfall-scarce period, affecting the availability of water for irrigation, drinking, etc. They are classified into three types.

METEOROLOGICAL drought is a prolonged dry spell in periods when rainfall is expected

HYDROLOGICAL drought is when $scarcity\, of\, water\, begins\, to\, hit$ normal supplies in the system **AGRICULTURAL** drought is when scarcity of water begins to affect

In Europe, all three kinds are being observed currently, varying in degrees in different areas.

the agricultural production

Waterways and power

Apart from agriculture and drinking water supplies, the most visible impact has been the disruption in Europe's waterways. Europe depends heavily on its rivers to move cargo in an economical manner, including coal to power plants. With water levels down to less than a metre in some stretches, most large ships have been rendered unusable.

Supply disruptions in coal has hit power generation, Lack of adequate water has affected the operation of nuclear power plants, which

use large amounts of water as coolant. The result has been a shortage of electricity and an unprecedented rise in energy prices. Household energy costs in the UK are projected to double by October from the levels of April. There is talk of power blackouts in winter.

A grim outlook

An "analytical report" of the Global Drought Observatory (GDO), an agency of the European Commission, released on Tuesday said about 64% of the continent's landmass was experiencing drought conditions, as per data available till August 10. And the situation was only "worsening" as of that date, it said.

Nearly 90% of the geographical area in Switzerland and France, about 83% in Germany, and close to 75% in Italy, was facing agricultural drought. Some areas, especially the UK, have received rain in the last one week, but it has made only a marginal difference to the overall situation.

The situation is unlikely to improve substantially in the coming months. The GDO's report suggests that the prevailing conditions could extend up to November.

No rain, record heat

Droughts are part of the natural climate system, and are not uncommon in Europe. It is the severity of this drought that is making it stand out. The extraordinary dry spell has been the result of a prolonged and significant deviation from normal weather patterns.

Rainfall has been scanty in several countries. The UK had its driest July since 1935, and

receives plenty of rainfall, is having one of the driest years ever, and Germany received only half its normal rain in July. In fact, rainfall has been below normal since the winter. In addition, unusually high temperatures

France since 1959. The Netherlands, which

have led to increased evaporation of surface water and soil moisture. The severity of the current drought can also, at least partially, be attributed to the fact that it has appeared so soon after the 2018 event. Many areas in Europe were still to recover from that drought. Soil moisture had not been restored to normal, and the current dry spell has sapped it further of moisture.

Drought in China, US too

Many parts of China too are headed towards a serious drought, being described as the worst in 60 years. The country's longest river, Yangtze, which caters to about a third of the Chinese population, is seeing water levels drop to record lows, according to a report in the South China Morning Post, Two of the country's biggest freshwater lakes, Poyang and Dongting, have touched their lowest levels since 1951, the report said.

The water scarcity is leading to problems similar to those in Europe. Power shortages in some areas have begun to force factories to shut, adding to the strain on global supply

Over 40% of the area in the United States too is under drought conditions currently, affecting about 130 million people, according to the US government.

Why fisherfolk, church in Kerala are protesting against Adani's Vizhinjam port

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 23

THE WEEK-LONG ongoing protests against the construction of the Adani Group's Vizhinjam International Transhipment Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport in Kerala's capital Thiruvananthapuram intensified on Monday, with fisherfolk laying siege to the port from the sea and land.

The fishing community under the leadership of the Catholic Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram has said the protests will continue until all their demands are met. At talks between Fisheries Minister V Abdurahiman and representatives of the archdiocese on August 19, the government agreed to most of the fisherfolk's demands, but no breakthrough was achieved.

On Tuesday, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan told the Assembly that the protest in some areas seemed "orchestrated". The government, he said, was ready for talks. and wanted to resolve the concerns faced by the fishing community — however, it could not agree to halting the project.

Fisherfolk's demands

The biggest demand of the protesters is that the construction of the Rs 7,525-crore port and container transhipment terminal should be stopped and a proper environmental impact study should be carried out.

The community has also put forward six other demands: (i) rehabilitation of families who lost their homes to sea erosion, (ii) effective steps to mitigate coastal erosion, (iii) financial assistance to fisherfolk on days weather warnings are issued, (iv) compensation to families of those who lose their lives in fishing accidents, (v) subsidised kerosene, and (vi) a mechanism to dredge the Muthalappozhi fishing harbour in Anchuthengu in Thiruvananthapuram district.

The government has conceded all demands except providing a kerosene subsidy, and halting the construction of the port. It has agreed to find accommodation for relocated families before Onam (which begins at the end of this month).

But Rethin Pulluvila, a representative of



The church is backing protesting fisherfolk who have laid siege to the port. PTI

Pulluvila ward and a member of the coastal community, said the protests would continue until all the demands were met and implemented. A J Vijayan, a member of the Coastal Area Protection Forum, said the protests were widening as awareness among the fishing community increased. and they experienced the impact of the project on their day-to-day life.

More than 100 families lost homes to coastal erosion last year, but there is no official data on relocated families except for some church records, Vijayan said. He claimed around 300 families were living in schools and camps, and many others were staying in rented accommodation or with relatives.

The fisherfolk fear that the proximity of the port to the fishing harbour will impact the tranquillity of the sea and fishing. There are apprehensions that the proposed shipping channel will lead to loss of livelihoods.

Pulluvila said that since construction began, fisherfolk have had to travel deep into the sea for catch, and this has increased fuel costs. Since the government has eliminated the subsidy on kerosene, they are directly hit.

Delays, contested studies

As per the initial agreement, the project was supposed to be operational by 2019. The Adani Group cited several reasons for the delay, from the 2017 Ockhi cyclone to the Covid-19 pandemic. The company also faced a shortage of granite boulders to build the 3.1km breakwater, only 1 km of which has been built so far. Minister for Ports Ahammad Devarkovil said last year that the project was

now expected to be completed by 2023. Vijayan said fisherfolk were also provoked by the central government's annual shoreline studies that concluded work on the port did not lead to increased coastal erosion. even though the impact was clearly visible.

In 2019, the National Institute of Ocean

New Delhi

Technology, Chennai, said in its Annual Shoreline Monitoring report that erosion spots such as Valliyathura, Shangumugham, and Punthura had remained unchanged since the construction of the port began in 2015.

The 2021 edition of the study noted erosion at multiple places but concluded that the port activity had less impact than high wave activities and cyclones in the Arabian Sea.

Question of viability

The report of the CAG tabled in the assembly in 2017 said the conditions of the concession agreement were not favourable to the state government. "Out of a total project cost of Rs 7,525 crore, the Adani Group needs to invest only Rs 2,454 crore. The rest of the cost would be borne by the state and the central governments," it had said. The CAG had said that the standard concession period for PPP projects was 30 years, but the Vizhinjam project concessionaire had been given an extra 10 years, which would allow it to reap an additional revenue of Rs 29,127 crore.

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I,Zareen Begum,W/o Rasheed Ahmed,R/o H. No.3032/8,Bazar Turkman Gate, Delhi-110006, inform that Zareen Begum & Zareen Ahmed both are one & the same person in $future \, name \, as \, ZAREEN$ BEGUM FOR ALL PURPOSES.

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I,Ved Prakash S/o Raj Kumar Singh R/o-H-21, Kh/No.47/10.Brahmpuri.Ranh ola Delhi-110041,have changed my name to Ved Prakash Singh for all purposes.

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I,Tomi Joseph,S/o Late Raphayel Joseph R/o E-5/94, Ground-Floor, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Tomy Joseph, permanently.

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I,Surekha W/o Rajendra Raj Sudhanshu R/o-35, 2nd-Floor, MEERA, ENCLAVE, CHAUKHANDI, DELHI-110018, have changed my name to Surekha Raj Sudhanshu.

0040628512-3

I,Suprada Shiv Kumar,D/o Shri.Shiv Kumar, R/o-197,Subhash Khand,Giri Nagar, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, have informed that Suprada Shiv Kumar and S.Suprada are one and the same person.

0040628516-6

I,Sunita D/o Balwinder Singh R/o flat.no-1115, Tower-1,Sector-168, Paras Seasons.Noida.U.P-201304, have changed my name to Sunita Singh.

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I.Shrey Bansal S/o Sanjay Bansal R/o House No.19 Block-C/2, Prashant Vihar Delhi-110085, inform that Shrey is my name and Bansal is my

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I,SUNTI DEVI,W/O ADITYA CHOUDHARY R/O.WZ-45 RAJ NAGAR PART II GALI NO 1.PALAM.DELHI-110077.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM SUNTI DEVI TO SUNITA DEVI,VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-23/08/2022,BEFORE NCT-0040628494-11

I,Om Prakash S/o Shivdayal Gupta,R/o-4/12 third Floor, Geeta colony, Delhi-110031, Have Changed My Name To Om Prakash Gupta.

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I.SHREYA PRUTHI.W/O VIKAS PRUTHI RESIDENT, HOUSE.NO-1950-P,SECTOR 12.SONIPAT.HARYANA.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JASPREET KAUR. 0040628484-3

I,SHREE KANTA BHAKKAR,W/O-ANIL KUMAR BHAKKAR, R/O.E-99B, MANSAROVER GARDEN, WEST-DELHI, DELHI-110015, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM SHREE KANTA TO SHREE KANTA BHAKKAR.

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I,SAROJ DEVI W/O SURENDER KUMAR R/O HNO.3.GALINO.1.GAURAV NAGAR,KIRARI,SULEMAN NAGAR.DELHI-110086.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SAROJ.

I,RUDRA,W/o SIDDHARTH KOHLI,R/oo,D-99, 1"Floor,Freedom Fighter-Enclave, IGNOU-Road,Saidulajab,New Delhi-110068.changed my name to RUDRA MAUSOAN, for all 0040628499-1

I,RAHUL S, S/o B Syaman, Presently, residing at,Thulasi Vilas,VRA-A44,Dr.M S Nair-Road Vanchiyoor,Thiruvananthapur am,Kerala-695035,have changed my name,from RAHUL S to RAHUL SYAMAN NAIR, vide-affidavit, dated-22-8-22, at New-Delhi.

0040628490-10

I,Pushkar Mohan Sharma,S/o Vidva Charan Sharma Residence-2127, Dhobi Wara,Kinari-Bazar,Chandni-Chowk, Delhi-06, my name wrongly-mentioned in my Passport as Pushkar Mohen Sharma. But correct name is Pushkar Mohan Sharma, for all,future purpose.

I,Prateek S/o-Shri Narender Kumar, R/o House. No. A-8,Tower-7,Type-2,East Kidwai Nagar, Delhi-110023, have changed my name to Prateek Kumar,for all,future purposes 0040628494-7

I,Poonam Devi,W/o Paramiit.R/o H.No.319.Arva Nagar, Near-Shanti Niketan-School,Jhajjar,Haryana 124103, have changed the name of my minor son Hardik hereafter be known as Hardik 0040628516-12 **I,Pinki** Kumari W/O-Amit Kumar Agarwal R/O.H.No.606, New-Swastik Apartment, Sec-9,Rohini,Delhi-85,have changed my name to Chinky Agarwal after-marriage.

I,Pardeep Kumar Garg,S/O Late.Jai Parkash Garg,R/O,B-1/267.2nd-Floor Paschim-Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have PITAMPURA, DELHIchanged my name to Pardeep Garg, for all, future purposes. 0040628484-4

I,PUNEET JAIN S/O SUBHASH CHAND JAIN, HOUSE. NO-718, SECTOR-10 .FARIDABAD HARYANA-121006 CHANGE MY NAME TO PUNEET KUMAR JAIN, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSE.

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I,PRASHANT SINGH,S/O.HARGOVIND SINGH.R/O.68B DDA-LIG-FLATS MADHUBAN-ENCLAVE PASCHIM-VIHAR OUTER, DELHI-110063, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRASHANT KUMAR SINGH.

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I.PARMINDER KAUR BAWA,W/O SARABPREET SINGH NARANG,R/O.B-2/3,NEAR-DOMINOS ASHOK VIHAR PHASE-2, ASHOK-VIHAR, DELHI-110052, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM PARMINDER KAUR BAWA TO PARMINDER KAUR NARANG.

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I,No.JC372050A SUB MAJ&HONY CAPT Ajay Kumar R/o,RZ-3/8,U/G/F,Indira Park,Palam Colony, ND-45, have changed my minor son's name from Ankush to Ankush Yadav vide affidavit 23.8.22, before Delhi.

I,NEERAJ kumar kukreja, Address: Anand viharcolony,po dhalwala-Tehri gharwal pin code-249137,utrakhand,Changed my Minor-daughter name

0040628499-2 I,Paramjit Singh S/o Binder Singh R/o N-38 Gali No.1 Vishnu Garden Delhi have changed my name to Parmjeet

ANIYA kukreja to Anya kukreja.

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I,Mohammad Safeeq,S/o Chhedi, R/o.H No-928. Gali.no-17, Meethapur-Extn. Badarpur, New Delhi 110044, have changed my name to Mohd Safik, for all purposes.

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I.Mahesh Monga.S/o Om Prakash Monga, R/o B14/15, Sushant-Lok-II, Behind-Police Station, Sector-56, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122011, have changed my name to Mahesh Chander Monga, for all purposes.

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I,MOHD NAVED S/0 MOHD. ZAKI.R/o 1488 IIND-FLOOR GALI QASIM JAAN BALLI-MARAN DELHI-6,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHAMMAD-NAVED.

I,Kapil Lalwani,S/o Suresh Lalwani, R/o. A-2/17 Janak puri Delhi, have changed name of my minor son Jaiditya Lalwani to Jayaditya Lalwani born on.25.08.2007.

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I,Kapil Dev S/O-Gurucharan Lal Sharma R/O,F-134,Phase 1,New Palam-Vihar Gurgaon Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Kapil Dev Sharma.

0040628484-6

I.Kamal S/o Amar Chand, R/o. House.no-101D, 1st-Floor, Village-Pooth Kalan Near Bank of Baroda, Sultanpuri, C-Block, North-West Delhi, Delhi-110086,have changed my name to Kamal Kumar.

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Flats Janakpuri Delhi have changed my name to Jaswinder Kaur. 0040628490-5 I,Harvinder Pal Kaur Bindra W/o

Devinder Singh Bindra R/o.BD-100 MIG-Flats Janakpuri Delhi, have changed my name to Harvinder Pal Kaur. 0040628490-6

I,Harishankar Shiv Kumar,S/o Shri.Shiv Kumar,R/o 197, Subhash Khand, Giri Nagar, Kalkaji, New Delhi 110019, have informed that Harishankar Shiv Kumar and S.Harishankar are one and the same person. 0040628516-7

I,HARNEET SETH W/O-Mr.AMIT SETH,R/o 105.BLOCK.No.1.EXPRESS GARDEN,6,VAIBHAV KHAND, INDIRAPURAM, SHIPRA.SUN CITY, GHAZIABAD. U.P-201014,before marriage HARNIT KAUR RAKHROY, have changed my.name to HARNEET SETH.after marriage, both names are

same persons. 0040628494-8 I,Gurvinder Singh Slach S/o Bawa Singh R/o F-51 Sham Nagar Tilak-Nagar, Delhi have changed my name to Gurvinder Singh. 0040628490-4

I,GIRISH MOHAN,S/O GUPTA,R/o.FLAT.NO-7,GANPATI APARTMENTS,TOOT SARAI, MALVIYA NAGAR, DELHI-110017, have changed my name to GIRISH MOHAN GUPTA, permanently. 0040628484-10 I,GAURAV KUMAR,S/O MAGAN VEER SINGH,R/o GALI.NO.4,KRISHNA KUNJ, TIBRA ROAD, MODI-NAGAR,GHAZIABAD, U.P.201204, changed my name to GAURAV DAGAR.

0040628516-1

I,DIKSHA D/O LALIT KUMAR R/O GD-86.2ND-FLOOR.GD-BLOCK. VISHAKHA ENCLAVE, 110034.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DIKSHA SINGHAL.

0040628512-1

I,Bimla Devi Daima,W/O Tej Singh Daima R/O,B-3/387,Paschim-Vihar New Delhi-110063,have changed my name to Bimla Devi 0040628484-7

Baani Luthra.

I,Baani D/o Ajay Kumar Luthra R/o J-136 Vishnu Garden Delhi have changed my name to

0040628490-I,BHUPENDER Kumar,S/O TULSI RAM,R/O-1883 D,139 A,Ganesh PURA A.TRI NAGAR.DELHI-110035 inform that in my passport my son name wrongly written as SOMAYA GARG instead of Somya Garg.

I,Anju S Kumar,W/o A.Siva Kumar, R/o Flat. No. 931, Block J,Kali-Bari Marg,Gole Market, New Delhi-110001, have changed my name to Anju Chandran.

0040628512-5

I,ASHOK KUMAR, presently, residing at,SMQ.No.41/7,Old Willington Camp, Race Course, New Delhi-110003, have changed my Son's name, from DEORAJ SINGH to DEVRAJ YADAV, vide-affidavit dated-23/08/22.

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0040628505-2

I.A. Siva Kumar.S/o Late Sh.K.Appukuttan Pillai,R/o.Flat.No.931, Block-J.Kali-Bari-Marg.Gole-Market,New Delhi-110001,have changed the name of myminor son, from Ashwin S. Kumar to Ashwin Siva Kumar.

0040628512-4 I, hitherto known as SAVNEET CHOPRA W/o-VARUN CHOPRA R/o-G-30/346-347, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my name and shall hereafter

0040628453-1 I, Vandana Sharma, R/o E-402, Krishna Apra Residency, Plot No.E-8, Sector-61, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201301, have changed my name to Vandna

be known as NEETI CHOPRA.

0070800726-1

I, Usha W/o Krishan Lal Aggarwal R/o-House No-40, Block-60, Ramjas Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Usha Aggarwal

0070800729-1

I, Umesh Kumar, S/o Kishan Lal, R/o M-42, Second Floor, Near Durga Mandir, Pratap Nagar, Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Umesh Gulati.

0070800724-1 I, Umesh Kaushik S/o Gurudayal Sharma R/o Baba Colony Village Bhangel Hanuman Mandir Sector-106 have Changed my Name to Umesh Chandra Kaushik for all future purposes. 0040628452-1

I, Sonu Singh S/o Satpal Singh R/o.H.No-W-6/9 Sainik Farm Ekta Marg, Near Country Club, Deoli, New Delhi-110062, have changed my son's name from Ryan Chaudhary to Ryan Singh for all future purposes.

0070800697-1

I, Sonu Singh S/o Satpal Singh R/o.H.No-W-6/9 Sainik Farm, Ekta Marg, Near Country Club, Deoli, New Delhi-110062, have changed my daughter's name from Aarohi to Aarohi Singh for all future purposes.

0070800695-1

I, Sonu S/o Satpal Singh R/o H.No-W-6/9 Sainik Farm, Ekta Marg, Near Country Club, Deoli, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Sonu Singh for all future purposes.

0070800694-1

I, Sonu Devi, D/o Sube Singh, R/o Chhapera (198), Mewat, Haryana-122107, have changed my name and shall

hereafter be known as Sonam. 0070800652-1

I, Shaik Niyaz Ahamed, resident of-Flat No- D-405,Patel S Green Park, Malkajgiri, PO- Yapral, District-Medchal Malkajgiri Telangana-500087 have changed my name from Shaik Niyaz Ahamed to Shaik Niyaz Ahmed vide affidavit dated 06-08-2022, for all future 0020444318-1 purposes.

I, Sagar S/o Ranvir Singh R/o H.No-717, Mandi, Panipat, Haryana-132107, that name of my father has been wrongly written as Ranvir in my 10th Class Certificate Cum Marksheet. The actual name of my father is Ranvir Singh 0070800721-1

I, Nishi, W/o Sonu Singh, R/o H.No-W-6/9, Sainik Farm, Ekta Marg, Near Country Club, Deoli, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Nishi Singh for all future purposes.

I, JUHI SINGH GILL D/o.RAVINDER SINGH R/o.H.No.19,Third-Floor,Street No.2,Shivpuri Extension.Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to JUHI 0040628499-4

I, Ravindra Kumar S/o Late Chaukhe Lal R/o Plot. No-27/1, KH-53, Budh Vihar, Ghaziabad UP-201001, declare that in my pasport my father name wrongly mention-as Chokhe Lal instead of Chaukhe Lal. In purposes future, My father will be known-as Late Chaukhe Lal for I, Amrit Kumar Samra S/O

0070800699-1 I, Ravi S/O Surender Singh,R/O Kh no.159,Gali no.5/13,Near Mangal Bazaar Road, Samta Vihar, Mukundpur North West Delhi-110042, Have changed my name and shall hereafter be known As Ravi singh.

all purposes.

0040628505-3

I, Ranjay Jha S/o Late Sachidanand Jha R/o.2718/215, 1st Floor, Old Bus Stand, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my minor son's name PRIYA RAJ to RAJ JHA for all future

0070800698-1

0040628408-1

L Raiesh Kumar son of Late Shri. Mange Ram resident of Bamnola, Tehsil, District. Jhajjar (HR), declare that my daughter Sangam date of birth is wrongly written as 13.03.2008 in SLC records, her correct date of birth is 31.03.2008 for future purpose.

I, Raghu Kumar Rajamahanthi S/o Manmadha Rao Rajamahanthi R/o A3-2305, Panchsheel Greens-2, Noida Extension have changed my son's name from R.Pranav Sahith to Pranava Sahith Rajamahanthi for all future purposes.

I, Prem Kumari, D/o Kesar Ram W/o Om Prakash Meena, Resident of Flat No 403 Saksham Apartments, Plot No.40 B, Sector-10, Dwarka, Delhi-110075, is to inform that my and my father name to be read as PREM KUMARI and KESAR RAM respectively in place of as MISTRY PREMKUMARI KESARRAM and MISTRY PREM KUMARI KESAR RAM for all Purpose.

0040628402-1 I, Pawan Kumar Gulia, S/o Jagdish Chander, R/o House No-798, Sector-46, Kanahi (73), Gurgaon, Haryana-122003, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as

Pawan Singh Gulia. 0070800651-1

I, Nilima Chaterjee , spouse of Akhil Kumar Chatterjee, resident of Flat 4034 G.Flr. Sector D Pocket 4, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, have changed my name from Nilima Chaterjee to Nilima Chatterjee vide Affidavit dated 23/08/2022 at New Delhi

0050203028-1 I. Neeraj Kumar Poddar R/o Qtr.No.4B, Block No.58, Sector-2, DIZ Area, Kali Bari Marg, New Delhi-110001, have changed my minor daughter's name from AAYUSHI to AAYUSHI PODDAR, for all

future purposes. 0040628389-1

I, Nasir Ali S/o Shamshad Ali, R/o House No.197, Near Heera Masjid, Kanun Goyan, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh-245101, do and Nasir are the same person. Henceforth, I have changed my name from Nasir to Nasir Ali for all purposes.

0040628272-1 I, Mohit, S/o Ram Chander, R/o RZ-93, C-Block, Opp. Shiv Mandir, Roshan Vihar, Najafgarh, South West Delhi-110043, have changed my name and shall hereafter be

known as Mohit Kadyan.

I, Lakhbir Kaur W/o Jatinder Singh R/o A502, Galaxy Royale, Gaur City2, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP 201301, declares that my name in my son's school as well as in his 10th marksheet is mentioned as Lakhvir Kaur instead of Lakhbir Kaur. My correct name is Lakhbir Kaur. It is requested that the aforesaid name may

be suitably amended 0040628410-1

I, Krishan Lal S/o Narain Dass R/o-House No-40, Block-60, Ramjas Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Krishan Lal Aggarwal

I, Nikhil, S/o Murli Dhar

Buswala, R/o 147/Gh-13

paschim vihar New delhi 110087, have changed my name to Nikhil Buswala.

0040628447-1 I, Hemlata Vijh W/o Deepak Kumar R/o 1210, Jatia Mohalla Main, Najafgarh, N.Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Hema Luthra.

I, Balam Singh, S/o Manohar

Singh, R/o Plot No.D-49, Flat No.C-1, S.K. Paval School Road. Budh Vihar, Tajpur Extn., Badarpur, Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Vijay Singh. I, Avnish Mishra alias Avinash Mishra S/O Shri Girish Babu

Mishra, Employed as Inspector/GD In The Border Security Force, Ministry of Home Affairs, R/O Flat No-5, Balaji Homes-2 Chandravatika, Near Canara Bank, Noida Sector-45. Gautam Budh Nagar, UP 201301, Have Changed my name to Avinash Mishra 0040628457-1 I, Asim Ansari S/o Shri Amjad Sajeer Ansari R/o 71-D, Block-E-04, Udvog Vihar, Sector-82, Noida (U.P.), have changed my name from Asim Sajeer Ansari to Asim Ansari for all future

0040628391-1

Street No-3, Gurmat Enclave, Bir Kheri, Gujran, Patiala, Sular, Punjab-147001, Declare that name of Mine & My Wife and My Minor Daughter has been wrongly written as Amrit Samra & Meena And Amarpreet in my minor Daughter Amarpreet, aged about 16 Year. In her 10th class Certificate. The actual name of Mine & My Wife and My Minor Daughter are Amrit Kumar Samra & Meena Kumari And Amarpreet Samra, which may be amended accordingly.

Surinder Pal, R/o House No- 11.

I, ASHOK KUMAR S/o Arjun Singh R/o NIL-6B, Third Floor, Malviya nagar, New Delhi-110017, have changed my name to ASHOK CHAUHAN for all purpose.

I Vikas Kumar S/o Late Sh. Om

Floor, Sector-5, Rohini, North

West Delhi, Delhi-110085 have

Prakash R/o C-8/128, 2nd

0040628449-1

changed my name to Vikas Kumar Singh for all purposes. 0040628394-7 I Sunil Kumar Grover S/o Krishan Kumar Grover R/o KC/ 1B. Phase 1. Block KC. Ashok vihar, Delhi-110052 have

changed my name to Sunil

Grover in future.

Grover, I will be known as Sunil

0040628462-1

l Sanjay Kumar Dahiya (DOB 23.08.1975) (Pan-AHTPD7977M) (Aadhar-598595715773) S/o Sh. Karan Singh Dahiya Permanent R/o H.No.1144/21, Gali No.4R, Hafed Road, Prem Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana-124001 Presently R/o 060702, Ansal Green Escape, Sector-35, Jatheri Road, Sonipat-131001 have changed my name to Sonjayy Dahiyaa for all

0040628394-8

I Rinky Kalra W/o Rahul Baweja R/o BL-102, L Block, Anand Vihar, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name Rinki Baweja all future purposes 0040628400-1

I Pushpender S/O, Subhash Chandra R/o 30.31 Bodan Colony, Jaipur Road, Alwar 301001, rajasthan have changed my name to Pushpender Yaday for all purposes.

0040628467-1 I Puneet Talwar R/o H.No-20-B/96-B, Tilak Nagar, Delhi -110018 declare that my minor daughter's name Drishtee Talwar & Drishtee are same person name

I,Shabana Begum,W/O Saleem

Khan R/O,1658,Kucha Dakhni

Rai Pataudi House DaryaGanj,Delhi-110002,have changed my name to

0040628465-1

Shabnam Khan. l Preet Mohan S/O, Ajit Mohan Singh R/o C 3013, Ground Floor, Green Fields Coloy, Faridabad, Harvana 121009 have changed my name to Preet Mohan

Singh for all purposes. 0040628469-1

Parveen Makhija R/o Pkt-14. changed my minor daughter's name from Omya to Omyaa for all future purposes.

I Megha D/o Anil Kumar Masta

R/o D-14C Tilak Vihar Tilak

Nagar New Delhi -110018 have changed my name to Megha

0040628466-1

0040628470-1 I Divya/Divya Malhotra W/o Puneet Talwar R/o H.No-20-B/96-B, Tilak Nagar, Delhi -

110018 have changed my name

to Divya Talwar

I Chimutai Santosh Patil W/o No 2800377X, Nk Patil Santosh Ananda, R/o P O Washi, Mali Galli, Washi, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, in my husband's office record my name is wrongly recorded as Chimutai instead of Chimutai Santosh Patil, vide affidavit No.IN-DL7714382029372U dated 23 August 2022 before Notary Public Supreme Court, New

110085 have changed my name to VISHVENDER SINGH. 0040628505-5 I.Pratibha Shri Khanna W/O Gurbax Singh Khanna,R/O

I,VISHVENDER S/O RAM

House No-67, Block-ND,

Willington-Camp, Race

Pitampura, North West Delhi,

SHARAN,R/O A-2/81, Second

Floor, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-

Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Pratibha Shri. 0040628505-6 I.ASHOK KUMAR, presently, residing at,SMQ.No.-41/7,Old-

changed my Daughter's name, from AARADHYA SINGH to ARADHYA ROY, videaffidavit dated-23/08/22. 0040628499-8

Course, New Delhi-110003, have

I,AMAL JAHAN D/O IMTIYAZ AHMED,R/O D-11/391,Sector-7.Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to AMAL 0040628505-4

I,TADI SUNEETHA RANI, W/O.YARAMALA KOTESWARA RAO ADD-QTR,NO.13,BLOCK-Q,3RD-FLOOR ANDREWSGANJ,SOUTH-DELHI-110049, Changed my name to

YARAMALA SUNITHA RANI, for all, future Purposes. 0040628516-3

I Pooja Siwach D/o Mr. Dharamvir Singh Pawar W/o Mr. Rohit Siwach R/o B-119, Third Floor, Paryavaran Complex, Saidulazaib, New Delhi-110030 have changed my name after my marrige from Pooja Pawar to Pooja Siwach for all future purposes.

LOST & FOUND

0070800702-1 I,CHETRAM MEENA S/O-

I, Abhay Pratap, S/o Pramod RAMKISHOR MEENA, LOST MY Singh Raghav, R/o L-1, 937/19, ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS DDA Sangam Vihar, Delhi-110062. FLAT.POSSESSION have changed my name to LETTER, NOC, WATER AND Abhay Pratap Singh Raghav. ELECTRICITY BILL. 0070800689-1 POSSESSION SLIP. **ELECTRICITY SLIP, WATER** SLIP.FILE NO-L/353(2303)2015/DDA14/RO, FLAT.NO-44,GROUND FLOOR, POCKET-6 BLOCK-B1.SEC-35, ROHINI, NEW DELHI, add GA-114/9, GUPTA COLONY,PUL PHALAD

PUR.NEW DELHI.Mob No-

0040628499-10 My original-documents of property No.T-650H-5/A1, Area-150 Sq.Yds., Deshmesh-Mohalla, Baljeet-Nagar, New Delhi-110028 has been lost.finder contact: Shoban Singh S/o Jeet Singh. Mobile-No.9310195384.

LOST ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS pertaining to property bearing no DSC 258 DLF SOUTH COURT MALL, SAKET, NEW DELHI. FIR for the same has been filed vide LR no. 35008/2021and LR no. 712396/2022 respectively. Finder please contact Mrs Madhuri Chauhan. 8527244227 0070800722-1

LOST AND FOUND WFT property C21/38A Janalows, N Delh 116058, i Naresh Kumor Uppel, S/O Lute Hukum Chand, A-3/159, Janak Puni, Nev Delhi, have lost original DOA allothers letter and other documents of transfer of property before arguring conveyance-deed. An FIR also has been filled dased 19th August 2022 vide number SD number 430/2014, LR 705665/2022, Kanyone is in procession o these discurrents as mortgage or some actionable dain etc may liferin within one week to current owner Dr Shrikast Kauchik at C-2/94 Janakpuri, N.Delhi 113058 or at 0811151001 or dielicantiau delikovobou co otherwise it will be assumed that no one ha

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PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all concerned that my client St Niranjan Singh Rovore, S/o late St Surcharan Singh Ro G40, Sant Nagar Exha Gail No.4, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, senior citizen of B1 years, has severed all h relationship and disinherited his son St Sarabjot Singh Grover, his daughter in la namely Gurmeet Kaur, his grand daughter manely Miss Kamaldeep and Miss Anm Kaur from his all movable and immovable properties, because of their misbehavio assaults, disobedience with my client an hair constant in fioths so that he may live! ssaults, disobedience with my client ueir constant in fights so that he may li eace in his present old age. He then w ot have any share, whatsoever, in loveable and immovable property of bove said client. Anybody dealing with thall do so at his/her own responsibility.

PUBLIC NOTICE

iis Notice general public is nereb ned that Dr. Suman Bhagi & Mo espectively), located in Premises amely, K-5, B.K. Dutt Colony, Karbal ane, Jor Bag, New Delhi-110003 elonging to & owned by my Client, Sm lekha Devi W/o. Sh. Ashok Kumar R/o. C iding upon my said Clien

ool Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-11009

PUBLIC NOTICE ieneral public take a note ent Chhabie Lal Goswami vife Gayatri Goswami R/o.22.Tem Stand opp. Water Tank Radha Niw

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Know to all men that my client Sh. Kailash Gupta, Aged 62 Years, S/o Chetram Gupta, R/o Years, S/o Chetram Gupta, R/o E-5, Siddharth Basti, Hari Nagar, Ashram, Delhi-110014 do hereby inform to General Public that my client has disinherited and disowned his younger son Gopal, Aged 31 Years and his family from his movable and improvable, properties. Any mmovable properties. Any person dealing with them will do at his own risk and responsibilities.

PUBLIC NOTICE. MY CLIENT BRIJPAL SINGH SON OF SH. OMPARKASH, H.NO. A-16/16/16 OCORVI MARG VASANT VIHAR SOUTH WEST DELHI 110057. SEVERE LA RELATION AND DEBAR HER SON SHIVAM SON OF SH. BRIJPAL SINGH FROM ENTIRE MOVABLE-BY THE SON ENTIRE MOVABLE-BY DESTRICT OF STALL NOT SERVICE STALL NOT SERVICE STALL NOT SERVICE STALL NOT SER RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ANY ACTS/DEEDS.

Enrl. No. D/1425/1

PUBLIC NOTICE

This public notice is issued on behalf of my clientess Neetu Chadha Wio Sanjay Chadha Rio 324, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-9 whereby it is informed that the title documents i.e., Conveyance Deed dated 10.01.2001, executed by DDA in favour 5h. B. L. Gupta (Sh. Babu Lal Gupta) wr.t., Property Nearing no. 308. Dr. Property Nearing no. 308. Dr. Gupta (Sh. Babu Lai Gupta) W.r.t. Property bearing no. 308, Dr Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-9 has beer lost somewhere and despite due diligence could not be found. In case anybody finds the same. The same may be informed/handed over to the

RAJEEV KAPOOR ADVOCATE Office : X-1/108, W.H.S. Naraina, New Delhi-110028 Mob. : 9811116256

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that my client Devi Datta Giri S/o Late Sh. Raghubir Giri R/o C-1108 Amrapali Princely Estate, Sector 76 Noida, Gautam Budha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, has disowned / disentitled his son Akhil Giri date of bid. 20/7/1991 from all his moveable and immovable properties and also severed all her relations with him. My client shall not responsible of any acts, deeds and things done by his son above named in future Any person dealing with him shall be doin so at his own costs, risk and consequence Neeraj Walia & Vivek Singh (Advocates

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ch. No.179, Patiala House Cour

at large that I, Smt. Kulraj kaur Wo Late S. Gorbas Singh Ro Be 7.0, Fatch Nagar, New Delhi 18, with my own will and having well healthy sound mind, without pressure of any type from anywhere have delaw fidework my to the daughters namely Smt. Surbir Kaur Win Sh. Agunder Singh, New Delhi at Smt. Ravinder Kau Dros. Gurbas Singh, New Delhi at Smt. Ravinder Kau Dros. Gurbas Singh, New Delhi at Smt. Ravinder Kau Dros. Gurbas Singh, New Delhi at Smt. Ravinder Kau Dros. Gurbas Singh, New Delhi at Smt. Ravinder Kau Dros. Gurbas Singh, New Delhi at Smt. Ravinder Kau Dros. Gurbas Singh, New Delhi at Smt. Ravinder Kau Dros. Gurbas Singh, New Delhi at Smt. Ravinder Kau Transfer my morgetties et or their certain meas and are involved in so many such activities which are causing problems, deframe, humilation, insecurity, terror for me. Hereinafter any sersons/d sedax with my daughters shall deal at his/her own cost and responsibility as I had cut/severed all the relations with them. I am not accountable for any type of transaction, deal, act, etc. of them and now nowads, my daughters shall have no right, claim over my purpose whatsoever in my residence.

Adv Ishvinder Singh. K.-23

Adv Ishvinder Singh, K-23 Fateh Nagar, Delhi 9811773177 **PUBLIC NOTICE** y client Usha Sharma W/o Late hri Nirmal Kumar Sharma R/o /10000 A, Gali No.3-G, Wes Gorakh Park, Shahdara, Delhi-32 Sharma aged about 35 years from all movable & immovable propertie and also severed all relation from him with immediate effect due to his minimentate enert due to his misconduct/ unlawful act misbehaviour if any one dealing him will be doing so at his/her own risk and responsibilities and my client as well as her sibling/family members will not be responsible for the same

Sd/- (IQRAR AHMAD KHAN

PUBLIC NOTICE e it known to all that my clients s nander Pal Singh S/o Sh Shiv F ingh & his wife Smt Geeta Devi Gita Devi W/o Chander Pal Singh R G-21/180. Sector-7. Rohini, Delh 10085, have severed all their relat and disowned & disinherited their eld n namely Sh Manoj Kumar, his wi Ms Ruch Verma & Grandson Mas ratul Kumar from their all movable a

Rajesh Kumar Sing Advoca T-56, Tehsil Building Compound Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

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General Public is hereby informed
that my Clients, Sh. Ashok Kumar
Aggarwal S/o Lt. Sh. Gulzari Lal
Aggarwal s/o Lt. Sh. Gulzari Lal
Aggarwal who is the owner in the
property bearing no. 9/1565, Cinema
Street, Gandhi Nagar, Dehii - 110031
and both currently residing at B1-30,
Manu Apartments, Mayur Vihar
Phase -1, New Delhi - 110091; have
disowned their son namely Mr. Mohit
Karan Aggarwal and his wife namely
Mrs. Geetu Wadhwa D/o Sh. Jagdish
Wadhwa, who are both residing at
3170, Sector-23, Old Gurugram 122017 as their conduct is beyond
ny Clients control and supervision,
My Clients hereby severe all
relations and disown the said son
and daughter-in-law, from any
inheritance absolutely and from
any/all rights in the properties
(including both, movable and
immovable properties) of my Clients
and heretofore, the above named
son and daughter-in-law shall cease
to have any domestic relations with
my Clients. Anybody dealing with Mr.
Mohit Karan Aggarwal and his wife
will do so at his/her/their own risk
and responsibilities and my Clients
will not be responsible for any act,
deed or dealing done by them, jointly
or severally.

VIMAL GOYAL Mayur Vihar Phase-1 New Delhi-9

PUBLIC NOTICE client Smt. Chhoti Devi Wlo Late Sh. Seeta Ram R/o A-300, Gokalpuri, Delhi, debarred/ disowned their son Devendra and his wife Bhawna from her moveable and immoveable properties due to his unsocial acts, misconduct and unfamiliar activities. In future and in past any one had made any relation with Devendra and his wife Bhawna. He/She shall be liable for any loss himself/hersel.

MANPREET KAUR
SHASHI PRAKASH DHASMANA
RENU GUPTA ADVOCATES
CH. No390-A, WESTERN WING
TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-11005-

PUBLIC NOTICE

y client Smt. Janki Devi W/o Late S am Chander R/o B-64, Gali No. 1 waroop Vihar, North West Delhi-11003 ave debarred and disowned their son A umar from all her movable and immovab operties due to his disrespectful ar obedient behavior and severed all he ations with him. If anybody deals with in in any manner he/she shall do so a /her own risk cost and consequence:

DELHI-11004

PUBLIC NOTICE User, Street No.3., Opposite, Sections-, falgapuril, Uttan Nagar, New Delin-H1005S, hereby disown and dis-in-herit her son namely Sh. Baadal Anand and her daughter-in-law Shahina Basha who Sha Baadal Anand from her all movable and mmrovable properties because they have murmilating and disgraceful behaviour lowards her. That my client will not behaviour seeponsible for any acts civil/cirriminal done by the couple and they will be thems seeponsible for all their actions performed,

RAJIV KUMA
E. No. D-326/2015 (Advocate
CH. NO. 310
DWARKA COURT COMPLE)

NEW DELHI-110075

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि में मुवविकला रामा देवी पत्नी स्व0 श्री राम सहाय नि

his is to inform to General Public nat my client Mrs. Kamla Rajan Wife f Late Rajendran Nair resident of 1-C, Kamal Park Palam Road, New Delhi-110045 disentitled/disowned t ner son Mr. Denis Viraj and his wife Smt. Sunaina Solomon Nair from al er moveable and immovab operties rights and titles.

Akshay Kuma Advocate

OFFICE: CHAMBER NO. 133
PATIALA HOUSE COURTS

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Tender Notice No.- 42, Dt. 19-08-2022 Invitation of tenders through e-Procurement System

other condition are available on websit www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in & ww.tenders.gov.in Item No.-1, Tender No. & Du date: 10227480 Open on 20-09-2022 Brief Description of stores: Mandator replacement items of Cummins mak engine etc., Qty. Required: 22 Set. Earnest Money (Rs.): ₹ 1,63,050/-Item No.-2, Tender No. & Due date 10227481 Open on 20-09-2022, Brief Description of stores: Mandator

(1) Above tenders are available IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in th firm desirous in participating against -tender are advised to electronicall regd. Themselves on the above websit for which they would required to obtai class-III digital certificate (if alread not obtain) from certifying agenciauthorized under govt. of India IT Act 2000. Manual offers will not be accepted. (2) Advertised tender and bulletin tenders of Dy.CMM/Depo Office/NER are being opened through EPS (E-Procurement System) onl Firms desiring to participate in Dy. CMM Depot, Tenderers should obtain necessar digital certificate and get themselve registered with CRIS/New Delh Necessary details in this regard can b obtained from the website http://www ireps.gov.in (3) In case of difference between English and Hindi version the tender notice the English version shall prevail. (4) Head of allocation towards, SD Money in 00844517 & Earnest Money is 00084506. (5) Th Tender Cost & EMD will be accepted through on-Line payment on IREPS portal only for the tender Published o or after 01-09-2016 against all the D

Dy. Chief Material Manage CPRO/S-39 Depot, Gorakhpui

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15 ECONOMY



PORT-TO-POWER: THE ADANI BASKET

On Tuesday, Adani Group made its big entry into the media space with the acquisition of 29.18 per cent stake in NDTV. It already owns 49 per cent stake in Quintillion Business Media. As on August 23, the total market cap of the listed companies of the Adani Group aggregated to Rs 19.29 lakh crore

ADANI PORTS & SEZ

1,75,907

ADANI TRANSMISSION

4,00,478

ADANI TOTAL GAS

3,77,344

TOTAL MARKET CAP

19,29,159

As on August 23; figures in ₹ crore

9 \$95.29 ₹55,662 Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of August 19

SENSEX: 59,031.30 ▲ 257.43 (0.44%) NIFTY: 17,577.50 ▲ 86.80 (0.50%) NIKKEI: 28,452.75 ▼ 341.75 HANG SENG: 19,503.25 ▼ 153.73 FTSE: 7,475.92 ▼ 57.87 DAX: 13,224.95 ▼ 5.62

FINALISING InVIT MODEL SO SMALL INVESTORS CAN INVEST IN ROAD PROJECTS

'Not rigid on any auto fuel tech, but petrol, diesel alternatives needed'

THE IMPROVEMENT of highway infrastructure between key cities has sharply shrunk travel time, with the result being that commuters are increasingly opting for road trips between these destinations instead of taking flights, according to Union Road Transport & Highways Minister NITIN GADKARI. In an interview with MIHIR MISHRA & ANIL SASI, he said the highways sector in India has immense potential as a driver of growth in the economy, while asserting he is of the view that rules should not be rigid only on any particular technology on alternate automobile fuels, even as it is imperative that the transport sector find alternative technologies to replace petrol and diesel vehicles in order to reduce the crude import bill. Edited Excerpts:

Operational highway stretches constitute the largest share of Rs 1.6-lakh crore asset monetisation plan spread over a period of four years under the National Monetisation Pipeline. How is that proceeding?

Every toll road can be monetised and we are actively proceeding with the asset monetisation plans. As far as highway building is concerned, money is not a problem... we have a budget of Rs

We are currently developing highways through a combinations of models - the hybrid annuity model or HAM, BOT (build operate transfer, and TOT (toll operate transfer) models... the fourth



Union Road Transport & Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari at a FICCI event in New Delhi, Tuesday. Abhinav Saha

model that we are in the process of finalising is the InVIT (infrastructure investment trust) route and we are lining up 3-4 projects.

Under this model, we will be moving to the capital market ... So, essentially small investors currently earning 4-5 per cent on their money in fixed deposits can now invest up to Rs 10 lakh each and they will get an 8 per cent return on their investments.

We are in the process of finalising it with the Sebi (Securities and Exchange Board of India). This model will help India's middle class earn more on their investments.

Are there specific targets that vou've set on improving highway connectivity?

As Road Minister, I had announced plans to cut the travel

imported crude." 12 hours and this road is about 70 per cent done. Travel times to Meerut, Dehradun, Haridwar, Chandigarh, Jaipur, Katra,

satisfaction of having been able to fulfil my promise... However, there is a lot more work to be done... The transport sector in India has immense possibilities and I am working on this.

Srinagar and Amritsar have all re-

duced from earlier, and I have the

Accidents on highways - how big a concern is that?

There are four reasons for accidents — road engineering, automobile engineering, commuter education and implementation of rules. We are working on all of it. We have identified 2,500 black spots and are working with an aim to reduce accidents on these spots. We are losing about 1,50,000 people due to road acciI am of the view that we should implement all alternative fuel technology available in the country to help us bring down our import bills. Ethanol and methanol are already being blended with fossil fuels to reduce this dependence on

dents and about 60 per cent of those deaths are in the 18-24 age group, which is a big loss.

If we leave aside other things, just the loss to India's GDP due to these deaths would be in the range of 3 percentage points.

The government's focus seems to be largely only on battery electric vehicles as an alternative to internal combustion engine vehicles? Is this focus extremely narrow?

First of all, our annual oil import bill is of the order of Rs 16 lakh crore. I am of the view that we should implement all alternative fuel technology available in the country to help us bring down our import bills.

Ethanol and methanol are already being blended with fossil fuels to reduce this dependence

on imported crude. For instance, Assam Petroleum produces 100 tonne/day of methanol, which we can use to blend with diesel in that part of the country. For Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and parts of Bihar, we will use ethanol, since this is the sugarcane belt and ethanol is readily available.

So, companies are now coming with flexible fuel engines (flexible fuel vehicles or FFVs have an internal combustion engine and are capable of operating on gasoline and any blend of gasoline and ethanol). We are also focusing on making biodiesel through used oil. IndianOil is making 1 lakh litre ethanol and 150 tonne bio bitumen daily from agriculture waste. India consumes 75 lakh tonnes of bitumen per year and we import about 25 lakh tonnes this import can be reduced if we start using agricultural waste to produce these.

So, rules should not be rigid only on any particular technology and should allow everyone with an aim to restrict petrol and diesel use. These are indigenous technologies that pollute less with respect to petrol & diesel. Hence, import substitute, cost effective, pollution free and indigenous. The focus should be on all technologies. This is a huge target and the sky is the limit in terms of bringing in alternative technologies. We encourage everyone to bring new technology, and there is absolutely no

'Adani Group is deeply overleveraged'

ADANI ENTERPRISES

3,44,696

ADANI POWER

1,58,597

ADANI GREEN ENERGY

3,82,512

ADANI WILMAR

89,625

REUTERS NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

ADANI GROUP, controlled by Gautam Adani, is "deeply overleveraged" and its many investments in capital-intensive businesses could pose long-term risks to investors, CreditSights said on Tuesday.

The conglomerate's debtfunded growth plans could spiral "into a massive debt trap" and culminate in distress or default of its companies and the broader Indian economy in a "worst-case scenario", the agency, a Fitch Group debt research unit, said in its report.

An spokesperson for the Adani Group did not immediately respond to a request seeking comment.

Draft rul by state sought **Draft rules** by states

> WITH THE implementation of the four labour codes eyed at the earliest, the Central government is aiming consensus with states in all lishing of draft rules by all states and Union

India forced Twitter to put 'agent' on payroll: **Ex-Twitter executive**

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

A FORMER senior Twitter executive has alleged that the Indian government "forced" the social media company to hire one or more individuals who were "government agents" and had access to vast amounts of the platform's user data, according to a whistleblower disclosure with US regulators. The allegations come amid the company's legal challenge with the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) over its content blocking orders.

"The company did not in fact disclose to users that it was believed by the executive team that the Indian government had succeeded in placing agents on the company payroll," Peiter 'Mudge' Zatko, former head of safety at Twitter, said in his complaint filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

He alleged that the company "knowingly" permitted an "Indian government agent direct unsupervised access to the company's systems and user data".

In a statement, a Twitter spokesperson said that Zatko was fired from his role in the company in January for "ineffective leadership and poor performance". "What we've seen so far is a false narrative about Twitter and our privacy and data security practices hat is riddled with in cies and inaccuracies and lacks important context. Mr. Zatko's allegations and opportunistic timing appear designed to capture at-

Spam accounts

New Delhi: Peiter Zatko, in his complaint, said Twitter misled US regulators about defenses against hackers and spam accounts. **REUTERS**

tention and inflict harm on Twitter, its customers and its shareholders. Security and privacy have long been company-wide priorities at Twitter and will continue to be," the person said.

In February last year, MeitY notified the Information Technology Rules, 2021. These rules mandated social media companies to hire key personnel - nodal officers – who would solely liaison with law enforcement agencies to assist them in investigations. The companies were also required to hire a compliance officer, who would ensure compliance with the rules, and a grievance officer, who would resolve user complaints.

It is unclear whether there is any link between Zatko's claims about Twitter staffing a "government agent" and the employees the company was mandated to hire under the IT Rules, 2021. Zatko has told The Washington Post that evidence to support this claim have been shared with US intelligence. Twitter did not respond to a query seeking clarifilink. An email sent to MeitY too was unanswered until press time.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Investment via P-notes falls to ₹75,725 crore in July Investment in domestic capital markets through P-notes

declined to ₹75,725 cr at the end of July, the lowest level in nearly two years, according to Sebi data



BRIEFLY —

'iPhone in India'

Bengaluru: Apple Inc plans

to start making the iPhone

14 in India about two

months after its release out

of China, in a move that will

narrow the gap from the

typical six to nine months

for previous launches, as per

Oil up nearly \$3

New York: With Saudi Arabia

proposing OPEC+ output

cuts to support prices and

the prospect of a fall in US in-

ventories, Brent rose \$2.92,

or 3%, to \$99.40 and WTI by

\$2.96, or 3.3%, to \$93.32 as

of 12:32 pm EDT. **REUTERS**

New Delhi: Marine Products

Export Development Auth-

ority (MPEDA) will start

50th anniversary celebra-

tions Wednesday in Kochi,

to be launched by MoS Com-

merce Anupriya Patel. **ENS**

Tender No

MESCOM/2022-23/IND881

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Bloomberg News.

₹80,092 crore: Participatory note (P-note) investments in Indian markets - equity, debt, and hybrid securities — at June-end, as per

~ ₹5.000 cr: Amount invested by from Indian shares in July

'I-T issues

evasion

notice to

Anil Ambani'

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

THE INCOME tax department

has sought to prosecute Reliance

Group Chairman Anil Ambani

under the Black Money Act for

allegedly evading Rs 420 crore in

taxes on undisclosed funds

worth more than Rs 814 crore

held in two Swiss bank accounts.

Ambani, 63, with "wilful" eva-

sion, saying he "intentionally"

did not disclose his foreign bank

account details and financial in-

terests to tax authorities. A show

cause notice, a copy of which

was accessed by PTI, in this re-

gard was issued to Ambani early

this month. The department said

he was liable to be prosecuted

under Sections 50 and 51 of the

Black Money Act. It has sought

his response by August 31.

The department has charged

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

Source: Sebi/PTI

SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 25-26 AT TIRUPATI, WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVES Labour meet: Codes, worker data to be taken up plementation of the four labour all. Deliberations will also take

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

WITH THE aim to implementing the proposed labour codes as soon as possible, the Centre will hold a conference with labour ministers of all states to discuss the modalities on August 25-26.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the two-Thursday which will deliberate on reforms, social security for informal workers, Vision-2047 for workforce and the proposed imcodes. A top Labour Ministry official said the Prime Minister will address the 'National Labour Conference of Labour Ministers and Labour Secretaries of States/UTs' virtually.

The conference is being organised to seek feedback of state counterparts after 2014, the official added. It will also discuss integrating e-Shram portal for the Central and state governments to universalise social protection for workers and improve employment opportunities for

place on improving medical care and services through ESI (employee state insurance) hospitals run by state governments and integration with Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (PMJAY).

On Monday, industry representatives met Labour Ministry officials over implementation of the codes. The CII sought clarity on calculation of wages, espenent. It also sought that gratuity calculation be prospective with the new law. Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

FORM NO. NCLT. 3A [Rule 35 of National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016] ADVERTISEMENT DETAILING PETITION BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH, CHENNAI

Company Petition No. 69 of 2022

Connected with

CA(CAA) No.40 of 2022

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 2013 And

In the Matter of Sections 230 to 232 read with Section 52 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013

And

In The Matter of The Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation between Shrilekha Business Consultancy Private Limited and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Private Limited and Shriram Capital Limited and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited and Shriram City Union Finance Limited and Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram GI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram Investment Holdings Limited and their respective shareholders.

Shriram Capital Limited

a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at

Shriram House, No. 4, Burkit Road,

T. Nagar, Chennai-600017, Tamil Nadu

Represented by its Managing Director Mr. D.V. Ravi

Petitioner Company/ Transferee Company 1 / Demerged Company /

NOTICE OF PETITION

A Petition under Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Petition") seeking an Order for sanctioning the Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation of Shrilekha Business Consultancy Private Limited and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Private Limited and Shriram Capital Limited and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited and Shriram City Union Finance Limited and Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram GI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram Investment Holdings Limited and their respective shareholders ('Scheme") was presented by the Petitioner Company on Thursday, July 14, 2022 and was heard on Thursday, August 4, 2022. By an Order dated August 4, 2022, the said Petition is fixed for hearing before Chennai Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal on Thursday, September 22, 2022, for the consideration of the approval of the Scheme as contemplated.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner Company's Advocates at the address mentioned below, notice of his/her intention, signed by him/her or his/her Advocate along with appropriate authorization, with his/her name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner Company's Advocates not later than two days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition along with a copy of his/her affidavit shall be furnished with such

A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the

Dated at Chennai on this Tuesday, 23rd day of August 2022.

Advocate for Petitioner Company

Preeti Mohan

No 5, 1st and 2nd Floor 8th Street, R.K Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600004

SHRIRAM C/ty

FORM NO. NCLT. 3A

[Rule 35 of National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016] ADVERTISEMENT DETAILING PETITION BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH, CHENNAI

Company Petition No. 73 of 2022 Connected with

CA(CAA) No.36 of 2022

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 2013

And

In the Matter of Sections 230 to 232 read with Section 52 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013

In The Matter of The Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation between Shrilekha Business Consultancy Private Limited and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennal) Private Limited and Shriram Capital Limited and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited and Shriram City Union Finance Limited and Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram GI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram Investment Holdings Limited and their respective shareholders.

Shriram City Union Finance Limited

a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at

123, Angappa Naicken Street,

Chennai- 600001, Tamil Nadu,

Represented by its Authorised Signatory, Mr. R. Chandrasekar

....Petitioner Company / Transferor Company 3 **NOTICE OF PETITION**

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The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptender.gov.in
The executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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23rd August, 2022 E-TENDER NOTICE (www.etenders.gov.in)

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(3rd Call)

Tender Reference:- DWSD/JJM/SVS/SIM-15/2021-22Date:- 23.08.2022

1. Name of Work: - Construction of Cluster wise Single Village Water Supply Schemes based on Solar Energy Based Mini Rural Pipe Water Supply Schemes in different blocks of Simdega District which are not included in MVS/Other Schemes to supply water and house connection with 05 Years Operation and Maintenance works on "Turn Key Basis" Under D.W. & S. Division, Simdega for the Financial Year 2021 -22 (JJM- Head)

Sl. No.	Sub Cluster No.	Block	No. of Scheme	No. of FHTC	Estimated Cost (in Lakh)	Earnest Money (in Lakh)	Cost of BOQ (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	11A	Thethaitangar	129	1718	749.80	7.50	10,000.00	09 Months
2	2 Date of Tender Uploading in Website			Date – 27.08.2022 up to 04:00 PM				
2 Date of Tender Uploading in Website 3 Date of Pre-bid Meeting 4 Last Date Receipt of Bid			Date – 29.08.2022 up to 3:30 P.M. in the office of Engineer in Chief, D.W.& S. Department Jharkhand, Ranchi.					
4	Last Date l	Receipt of Bid			Date - 07.0	9.2022 up 1	to 04:00 PM	
5					 Date – 08.09.2022 up to 4:00 PM in the office of 1- Executive Engineer, DW&S Div. Simdega. 2- Superintending Engineer, DW&S Circle, Gumla. 3- Regional Chief Engineer, D.W.& Dept. Ranchi Region, Ranchi 			
6	Date of Op	ening Tender (Te	echnical B	id)	Date - 09.0	9.2022 up 1	to 11:00 AM	
7	Name and	Address of office	e Inviting	Tender	Executive E Simdega	ingineer, D	.W.& S. Div	ision,
8	Name and Officer	Address of Tend	er Opening	,	Executive E Simdega	ingineer, D	.W.& S. Div	ision,
9	Contact No	o. of e-Procurem	ent office		9973461837	7		
10	Helpline N	lo. of e-Procuren	nent cell	-	06525-3502	233		
Note	:- i) Tender	is liable to be ca	nceled at a	ny time v	without assign	ning any re	ason.	

ii) Estimated Cost & EMD Cost may be changed. iii) Only Registered contractor in this department participate in said tender.

iv) Further detail can be seen on website http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in

gible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

PR 276233 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 22-23 (D)

Executive Engineer D.W.& S. Division, Simdega.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Bangana Division Distt Una H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids for item rate, in electronic tendering in 2 Cover System for the below mentioned works from the eli-

Name of Work Estimated Cost of Cost Limit Tender of Contractor C/o 1 No. Bridge on Link road Village Ghaneti Km 0/000 to 1/500 Tehsil Bangana, District Una (H.P.) (SH:C/o RCC T-Beam Bridge 42.464 meters span (3 Span of 13.75 meters each) single Lane of I.R.C. Class A on Ghaneti Khad at RD 0/295 i/c Approaches (Under SCSP) 225200 19264085 One Year 5000 Class-A to C

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website https://hptenders.gov.in. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandato ry to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:

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	1.	Date of Online Publication	21.09.2022 11:00 HRS
l	2.	Document Download Start and End Date	21.09.2022 11:30 HRS 29.09.2022 upto 17:00 HRS
ı	4.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	21.09.2022 11:30 HRS 29.09.2022 upto 17:00 HRS
ı	5.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	30.09.2022 upto 10.30HRS
ı	6.	Date of Technical Bid opening.	30.09.2022 11:00 HRS
l	7.	Evaluation of Technical Bid.	Evaluation of technical Bid will be followed after verification

4. TENDER DETAILS:

The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover

- Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information". Cover2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item
- 3. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/o Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Bangana H.P as specified in Key No. 5 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.
- BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 30.09.2022 at 11:00 HRS in the office Executive Engineer, Bangana Division HPPWD Bangana H.P. by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadine date for bid submission
- 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 beyond his control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.
- 7. The copy of EPF No/GST No must be attached.

Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Bangana Distt Una H.P on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

नगर विकास न्यास, बीकानेर Office, Bikaner (Rajasthan) Fax: 91-151-2226012, Phone: 91-151-2226012, 91-151-222601 E-Mail Address:- uitbikaner@yahoo.co.in Web Site:- urban.rajasthan.gov.in/uitbikaner

ई-बिड सूचना संख्या 14/I/2022-23

गर विकास न्यास बीकानेर की ओर से अखिल भारतीय स्तर, न्यास एवं राजकीय विभागों में नियमानु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से सिविल कार्य हेतु मुहरबंद निविदाएं आमन्त्रित की जाती है। इन कार्य की अनुमानित लागत, निविदा बेचे जाने प्राप्त करने व खोलने की दिनांक एवं निविदा शर्तों आदि सम्पूए विवरण वेबसाईट www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in रे www.urban.rajasthan.gov.in/uitbikaner पर देखा जा सकता है।

UBN No :- ITB2223WS0B00134 अधिशाषी अभियन्ता Raj.Samwad/C/6608/2022-23 नगर विकास न्यास, बीकाने

NORTHERN RAILWAY **TENDER NOTICE**

Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procument Systems) N.I.T. No. 17-22-23/WE Name of work with its location GEM/2022/B/ (A) Mechanized cleaning & up keeping of Northern Railway 2459745 Head Quarter office Baroda House New Delhi for 12 months 25717896.36 Approx. cost of work 280325.00 **EMD** amount (A) Completion period of work (A) 12 Months Closing date of tender on 13.09.2022 Date and Time for submission of at 15:00 hrs tender and opening of tender

Above tender available

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complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form www.gem.gov.in can be purchased etc. 128-W/269/OET/22-23/WE/NIT/17 Dated: 23.08.2022.

Website particular notice board location

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender Notice Dy. CE/Const.-II/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the Presiden of India, invites the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works pto **15.00 hrs. on 12.09.2022**. The details of the tenders are as under: -

Name of work No. of work (Rs.) Security (Rs. Construction of building for 220/132 KV grid sub-station including Approach CEN-Road, Culvert, Retaining wall and other 64980234.29 474900/allied works at Ramwa Station ir 23-12 connection with Fatehpur-New 220/132 KV grid substation 220 KV transmission lines and associated works.

Completion Period: 12 Months, Tender Closing Date & Time: 12.09.2022 15:00 nrs., Date of opening of tender: 12.09.2022 15:30 hrs., Type of tendering: Oper Fender (Single Packet system). Note:-12. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www ireps.gov.in up to 15.00 on the due date of tender opening i.e. 12.09.2022 3. Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above enders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered wit IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA unde IT Act-2000. **14.** The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e ryment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled mmercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per **Annexure- VIA** as given in Tender Document and hall be valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period. **15.** Rates ntered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by endor shall be straight way ignored and shall not be considered. **16.** Joint /enture (JV)/ Consortiums/MOUs shall be considered for the tender having ost more than 10 Cr. 17. Documents being attached should be signed by the nderer on its body. **18.** The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tende ocument in standard format for all items without which their tender may not be onsidered and shall be summarily rejected. 19. Each page of the copy of ocuments/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall e self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Slef-attestion shall include signature, stamp and date (or each page). Only those documents which are declared explicitly by the tendere is "documents supporting the claim qualifying the laid down eligibility criteria" vill be considered for evaluation his/their tender. In case of any wrong informatio ubmitted by the tenderer, the contract will be terminated. Bid Security (BS) erformance Guarantee (PG and Security Deposit (SD) of contract will be orfeited and agency will be banned for doing business on entire Indian Railway or **five (5)** years. **20.** GST Act & rules issued from time to time by the Governmer uthorities shall be applicable. 21. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 22. Tender online can be ubmitted up to 15.00 hrs. on 12.09.2022 and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. or

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U.P.RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD HARDUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION, KASIMPUR (ALIGARH)

E-Tender Notice SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, COAL HANDLING CIRCLE

HTPS, KASIMPUR. 1. Tender Notice No.- ET-06/CHC/CHD-II/HTPS/2022-23 Online bids are invited for Round the clock operation and

maintenance of complete coal handling plant including housekeeping, stone picking, locomotives bulldozers, etc of 2x250 MW, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh for the period of two years. E-Tender has been uploaded on 20.08.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated cost: Rs. 18.18 Crores Period of Work: Two Year, Earnest Money: Rs. 36,37,600.00 (Refundable). Last date of Tender 22.09.2022 at 16:00 hrs. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, OPERATION AND

MAINTENANCE CIRCLE-I, 'E'TPS, KASIMPUR

2. Very short time E-Tender Notice No. VSTET-01/O&MC I/OG&ChD/E'TPS/2022-2023, Online bids are invited for "Round the clock & Routine collection and prepration of various samples and analysis of water/steam/coal/oil/ash/ waste water & Monitoring, Recording & maintaining Water Chemistry and other parameters of 1x660 MW, HTPS (Extn-II), Kasimpur, Aligarh for a period of six months" E-Tender has been uploaded on 18.08.2022 at 17:00 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated cost: Rs. 23,10,000.00. Earnest Money: Rs. 46,200.00, Last date of Tender 07.09.2022 (14:00)

Superintending Engineer, MMC, Kasimpur.

3. Short Term E-Tender No. 42/MMC/EPD/DTPS/HTPS/2022 Online e-bids are invited for the "Procurement of Insurance policy of standard fire and special perils (Flood, Tempset & Inundation including all in built perils & earthquake) for risk coverage of all assets of 1x660MW Plant, common auxiliaries of E'TPS at Harduaganj Thermal Power Station, U.P.R.V.U.N.L Aligarh UTTAR PRADESH", E-Tender will be uploaded on 20.08.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated cost of work: Rs. 4.96 Crore, EMD : Rs. 0.00 Last date of Tender 05.09.2022

4. E-Tender No. 43/MMC/EPD/DTPS/HTPS/2022, Online e-bids are invited for the procurement of "Supply of plastic refractory for 1x660MW 'E'TPS, at Harduagani Thermal Power Station. U.P.R.V.U.N.L., Aligarh UTTAR PRADESH", E-Tender will be uploaded on 22.08.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated cost of work: Rs. 85,089.00, EMD : Rs. 1,400.00, Last date of Tender 23.09.2022 (14:00 Hrs)

Note- Tender ET-42, 43 Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers/their Authorized Dealer can participate in this tender.

Note-Total quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender documents available on the e-portal Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. Part- I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website <u>www.uprvunl.org</u>. The contactors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/ Division. Who reserve the right to unaccept/cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Superintending Engineer (H.Q.) पत्राकः ३४ / अधी०अभि०(मु०) / विज्ञापन / कैम्प–1(२८) / २२ "Save Electricity Enhance National Productivity"

WESTERN RAILWAY

BALLAST WALL CCG-VR Tender Notice No. & Date: BCT/22-23/93 DTD: 22.08.2022. Work and location: CCG-VR Section-Providing etaining wall/ballast wall ir Churchgate-Virar section. **Approx.** cost of work : Rs. 11.76.01.824.41/-EMD: Rs. 7.38.000.00/- Date & Time of submission: On 27.09.2022 till 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of opening: On 27.09.2022 at 15.30 hrs. This has approval of the competent authority. Note: Please visit our website

SIGNALLING WORKS E-Tender Notice No: 02 of 2022-23 Ipen E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: E-Tender No. N-2022-23-02-Sr.DSTE-MLG; Name of work: Signating works

n connection with provision of RUB in Neu of level crossing Gate ST/1. Tender Value ₹44,67,644/-; Bid Security : ₹89,400/-, Etender will be closed at 15.00 hrs, and opened at 15.30 hrs. on 09.09-2022. The implete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in. Sr. DSTE, Maligao

O HORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Notice **Inviting Offer**

Sale of Gas from KG-DWN-98/2 field

ONGC Ltd. invites offers from interested Buyers for purchase of 0.75 MMSCMD gas from KG-DWN-98/2 field of Eastern Offshore Asset Kakinada (AP)

Interested parties are requested to download Request for Proposal (RFP) and Gas Sales Agreement (GSA) from: https://eps.buyjunction.in/gasbidding

Contact: ongcgasbidding@mjunction.in e-Bidding Partner - mjunction services ltd.

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tender document, corrigendum and

further details

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GLOBAL TENDER

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SPOT TERM TIME CHARTERING OF ONE SELF - TRIMMING PANAMAX/KAMSARMAX GEARLESS (OR WITH GEARS CONSIDERED AS GEARLESS) VESSEL WITH CAPACITY OF ABOUT 70,000 TO 86,000 DWT

			Last date for	Tender	Tender
Tender Number	Lay Days	Period	issue of Tender	closing	opening
			book	Date & Time	Date & Time
PSC/OPS/TENDER	12.10.2022	6 months	29.09.2022	29.09.2022	29.09.2022
(SHIP)/GEARLESS/	to	+3 months	upto	at	at
004/2022-23	26.10.2022	+/-10 days	1200 hours	1500 hours	1530 hours
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Prospective bidders are advised to refer our website www.tamilship.com and www.tn.tenders.gov.in for specific important details. The conditions / requirement mentioned in the website shall be met out by the bidders. This advertisement is an invitation for bid only . The details given in the website are comprehensive. Further, all communications will be updated through our website only. GENERAL MANAGER (OPS) DIPR/3874/TENDER/2022

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Sr. No.	Description of works/ Bid Reference	Estd. Cost (₹) incl GST/ Duration	Event Start/ Close Date	Bid submission / opening date & time
I	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning for	the following:		
А	Pre-processing milk plant at Sabar Dairy, Himmatnagar, Gujarat NDDB:HO:PUR:LCB:44/2022 (ET/44)	2768 Lakh/ 12 Months	24.08.22/ 14.09.22	14.09.22 15:00 hrs. 14.09.22 15:30 hrs.
В	Automated Storage & Retrieval System (ASRS) at Sabar Dairy, Himmatnagar, Gujarat NDDB:HO:PUR:LCB:43/2022 (ET/43)	2000 Lakh/ 12 Months	26.08.22/ 16.09.22	16.09.22 15:00 hrs. 16.09.22 15:30 hrs.
С	11KV/433V Substation at NDDB Campus, Noida, Uttar Pradesh. NDDB:HO:PUR:LCB:41/2022 (ET/41)	77 Lakh/ 06 Months	26.08.22/ 16.09.22	16.09.22 15:00 hrs. 16.09.22 15:30 hrs.
D	Expansion of existing VMWARE Hyper Converged Infrastructure Cluster at Anand Datacenter, NDDB Anand, Gujarat NDDB:HO:PUR:LCB:37/2022 (ET/37)	131 Lakh/ 03 Months	24.08.22/ 14.09.22	14.09.22 15:00 hrs. 14.09.22 15:30 hrs.
II	Civil, Structural, Sanitary, IE work etc. for Hostel Block at IRMA, Anand, Gujarat. NDDB:HO:PUR:LCB:45/2022 (ET/45)	2200 Lakh/ 15 Months	25.08.22/ 15.09.22	15.09.22 15:00 hrs. 15.09.22 15:30 hrs.
III	Liquid Chromatography coupled with Triple Quadruple Mass Detector (LC-MS/MS) for CALF Laboratory, Anand, Gujarat NDDB:HO:PUR:LCB:40/2022 (ET/40)	130 Lakhs 03 Months	26.08.22/ 16.09.22	16.09.22 15:00 hrs. 16.09.22 15:30 hrs.

om/eprochome/nddb. For any clarification please contact General Manager (Purchase), NDDB, Anand-388001, NB: Any corrigendum/modification etc. will be posted only on these websites.



CAPITAL REGION URBAN TRANSPORT Regd.Office: Plot No. 548/1452, Patia, Kalarahanga, Bhubaneswar, Odisha,

(India) Pin No - 751024, Phone: 0674-3501580, E-Mail:-crutbbsr@gmail.com, CIN - U60210OR2010NPL011624 Notice No. 1770/CRUT Date. 22/08/2022 **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

FOR SELECTION OF AN AGENCY FOR COMMUNICATION **CELL IN CAPITAL REGION URBAN TRANSPORT (CRUT)**

Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) invites Proposal from interested agencies for the above mentioned purpose. Please refer the RFP document for details. The RFP document shall be available from 24/08/2022 onwards in following web portal: www.capitalregiontransport.in. Any further intimation (i.e. Corrigendum / Addendum / Responses

to the queries/Clarifications) shall be uploaded in the above website only. A pre-bid meeting shall be organised for the same on 30/08/2022 at 4:30 PM in CRUT Conference Hall Applicants are required to submit duly filled Proposal as per the prescribed formats on or before 15/09/2022 by 3:00 PM. The Proposals received shall be opened at 4:30 PM on 15/09/2022.

In case of any queries/clarifications, email at crutbbsr@gmail.com. CRUT reserves the right to accept or reject bid process without assigning any reasons thereof.

General Manager (P&A),



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GLOBAL TENDER

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SPOT TERM TIME CHARTERING OF ONE SELF - TRIMMING PANAMAX/KAMSARMAX GEARLESS (OR WITH GEARS CONSIDERED AS GEARLESS) VESSEL WITH CAPACITY OF ABOUT 70,000 TO 86,000 DWT Sealed tenders are invited from the Ship owners / disponent owners for the following specification

Tender Number	Lay Days	Period	issue of Tender book	closing Date & Time	opening Date & Time
PSC/OPS/TENDER (SHIP)/GEARLESS/ 003/2022-23	29.09.2022 to 12.10.2022	6 months +3 months +/-10 days choption	23.09.2022 upto 1200 hours	23.09.2022 at 1500 hours	23.09.2022 at 1530 hours

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STATION HEADQUARTER, MATHURA

APPLICATION FOR OPERATING FAST FOOD COURT CUM RESTAURANT (VEG & NON VEG) AT CHOTA BAZAR AND SOWC COMPLEX, MATHURA CANTT (UP)

- 1. Station Headquarters Mathura invites applications on prescribed format from War Widows/Widows of Defence personal killed while on duty/Disabled Soldiers/Ex-Servicemen for, "Operating Fast Food Court cum Restaurant (Veg & Non Veg) at Chota Bazar and SOWC Complex Mathura Cantt (UP)" on monthly maintenance basis. The allotment will be on bid cum auction basis with the minimum base rate fixed before the auction.
- Application forms along with the terms and conditions can be obtained from Station Headquarters Mathura on cash payment of Rs 100/-.
- A bank draft for Rs 10,000/- (Earnest Money) in favour of Station Headquarter Mathura to be incl with the Application. The earnest money is non-refundable for successful bidder.
- 4. The last date of receipt of application is 10 Sep 2022.



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Sealed tenders are invito	ea from the Sni	p owners / als	sponent owners i	or the followin	g specification
			Last date for	Tender	Tender
Tender Number	Lay Days	Period	issue of Tender	closing	opening
			book	Date & Time	Date & Time
PSC/OPS/TENDER	10.09.2022	3 months	05.09.2022	05.09.2022	05.09.2022
(SHIP)/GEARLESS/	to	+3 months	upto	at	at
002/2022-23	24.09.2022	+/-10 days	1200 hours	1500 hours	1530 hours

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New Delhi

Sealed tenders are invited from the Ship owners / disponent owners for the following specification



National Dairy Development Board
PB No. 40, Anand - 388001, Gujarat

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)/ LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (LCB) Bids are invited on behalf of Service Recipients/ NDDB from eligible bidders for the works listed below:

With reference to the Possession Notice of NPA Account- **Pawan** Kumar (Prop- Shrl Pawan **Automobile)** pertaining to Bank of Baroda Siwan Branch published on 10th Page of Indian Express on 18/07/2022, in security column, in security No-01 with area 01 katha & 07 dhur, khata No to be read as 32 in place of 45.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **E-TENDER NOTICE**

50 of 2022-23 (Open)-Engg/DDU On line (through e-tendering) for the ollowing work is invited by DRM/Engg/DDL for and on behalf of the President of India rom experienced and financially as well a echnically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD BSNL, MES, PWD and other public secto

Tender No. 34-DDU-DEN-HQ-22-23 Tender No. 34-DDU-DEN-HQ-22-23.

(i) Name of work with its location: Construction of new remote control center/ Traction power control building at DDU under ADEN/HQ/DDU. (ii) Approx. cost of the work: ₹61653653.41 (iii) Earnest Money: ₹458300.00 (iv) Closing Date & time for submission of e-tender: 19.09.2022, Up-to 12:00 hrs. (v) Website particulars of e-tendering: www.lreps.gov.ln

Divisional Railway Manager E.C. Railway, DDU PR/00897/DDU/ENGG/T/22-23/28

(Level-15 as per 7th CPC)

davp-17102/11/0026/2223

U-12025/12/2016-NE(Part-II)

Government of India

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

(NE Section)

Employment Notice

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

invites applications for the post of Director, Regional Institute

of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal, Manipur, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Health &

Family Welfare, in the pay scale of Rs. 67,000-79,000/-

(but restricted to a maximum of Rs. 85,000/- including NPA).

Details of the advertisement including the proforma of

application may be seen/down loaded from the website:

www.mohfw.nic.in or www.rims.edu.in. The applications

STATE INSTITUTE OF HEALTH & FAMILY

WELFARE, HARYANA

OPPOSITE HANSRAJ PUBLIC SCHOOL, SECTOR 6,

received after the due date will not be entertained.

Public Notice Final Notice for inviting claims from Investors of M/s. Innovative Infra Developers Private Ltd

State of Haryana u/s/4 on 27.08.2004. Subsequently land measuring 688 acres 3 kanal 12 marla was notified u/s 6 of the Land Acquistion Act, 1984 on 25.08.2006 but the award was not passed and the State Government decided to drop the acquisition.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgment dated 12.03.2018 passed in Civil appeal No.8788 of 2015 and subsequent order passed on 21.07.2022 in miscellaneous application no. 50 of 2019, declared that the award for the aforesaid acquisition shall be deemed to have been passed on 26.08.2007 in respect of lands (i) which were covered by the declaration under section 6 and (ii) land transferred by the land-holders during the period from 27.08.2004 till 29.01.2010.

3rd parties from whom money has been collected by the builders/private entities will be either entitled to refund of the amount or will be allotted plots or apartments at agreed price or prevalent price, whichever is higher. Their entitlement will be subject to the verification of

In the case of M/s. Innovative Infra Developers Private Limited, in response to the public notice/s, HSIIDC received 3rd party claims from 137 investors. However, the developer builder M/s. Innovative Infra Developers Private Limited claims that they have sold the individual

documentary proof within 30 days as per the format given on website of the corporation) in the office of Estate Manager, HSIIDC field office near Tehsil Office, Industrial Model Township, Manesar Distt. Gurugram (telephone No. 0124-2290326) in person or by Registered Post before the due date, failing which their claim shall be considered null & void. Incomplete claims/applications without documentary proofs and those submitted after the due date

HSIIDC Website: hsiidc.org.in | ♥ f () ➤ /mdhslido

ADVERTISEMENT DETAILING PETITION

Company Petition No. 71 of 2022 Connected with

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 2013

Act, 2013 And

Consultancy Private Limited and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Private Limited and Shriram Capital Limited and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited and Shriram City Union Finance Limited and Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram GI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram Investment Holdings Limited and their respective shareholders.

Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Private Limited

a Company incorporated under the Companies

Shriram House, No. 4, Burkit Road,

PANCHKULA, 134109 **CORRIGENDUM FOR ADVERTISEMENT**

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

(Jitendra Kumar Jangid)

PUBLISHED VIDE DATED 02.11.2021

Dated: 22.08.2022

In continuation of the advertisement published earlier by State Institute of Health & Family Welfare Haryana, Sector 6, Panchkula in the newspapers on Dated 02.11.2021 for filling up of posts of Skill Lab Trainer (Nurse) at District Bhiwani, Panchkula & Rohtak under National Health Mission (NHM) Scheme on contract basis, the following information is placed for the candidates who had applied for those posts:

- 1. These posts are for district Bhiwani, Panchkula & Rohtak and will be re-advertised by the districts concerned at their own level by following the due process & as per NHM guidelines.
- All the candidates are advised to regularly visit the websites of www.hshrc.gov.in, www.sihfw.nrhmharyana.gov.in & www.nhmharyana.gov.in for any updates in the recruitment.

Deputy Director State Institute of Health & Family Welfare Haryana Sector 6, Panchkula

12027/HRY

Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd VISTAAR Registered Office: Plot No 59 & 60- 23,22nd Cross, 29th Main BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560076. www.vistaarfinance.com

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 NOTICE is hereby given by Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd (VFSPL), that the following borrowers who have availed loan against property from Vistaar Financial Services PvtLtd and failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan to and that their loan account nas been classified as Non-performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. The Borrowers have provided security of the immovable property towards the loan, the details of which are described herein below. The details of the loan and the amounts outstanding and payable by the borrowers to Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd as on date are also indicated here below. The borrowers as well as the public in general are hereby informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd. the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrowers under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the SARFAESI Act). If the following borrowers fails to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice along with further interest and other charges if any, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the owers conferred on the Secured Creditor under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the . SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property and sell the same. The

Account		Total Loan	Total Loan
No	and Co-Borrowers	Outstanding (in INR)	Outstanding As On
L00035	1. Mr /Mrs Rakesh Kumar 2. Mr/Mrs. Asha Rani 3. Mr/Mrs. Jyothi Rakesh	Rs. 21,83,179.97/-	04-08-2022

public in general is advised not to deal with property described here below.

Description of the Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of Built Up Third Floor Portion Along with Roof/Terrace Right of Property Bearing No.195,Out of Khasra No.11/27-B, Situated in the Layout Plan of Gopal Park, In the area of Village Khureji Khas, Illaga Shahdara, Delhi, Measuring Area 50.16 Sq. Mtr. **Bounded by:** East: Road, West: Property of Other North: Remaining Portion South: Portion of Property no.194 Registration Details-Book No-1, Zild No-8453, pages from 106 to 110 Doc No-3443 in the year 2016 with Sub Registrar-VIII New Delhi/Delhi in the name of Smt. Asha Rani.

For Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd., Date: 24-08-2022 **Authorized Officer**

Careers

KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

Main Campus, Vellanikkara, Thrissur-680656 Phone (office): 0487-2438012. E-mail: registrar@kau.in

No. GA/M2/10873/2022 NOTIFICATION In suppression of the earlier notification No.GA/M2/2060/2015 dtd: 09/12/2016, applications in the prescribed format are invited from eligible candidates for appointment to the posts of Dean of Faculty (Agriculture), Dean of Faculty (Agricultural Engineering), Director o Research and Director of Extension.

The application form and further details regarding the age, qualification application fee etc will be available in the University Website www.kau.in The application form can be downloaded from the Website and the duly filled in application shall reach the Registrar, Kerala Agricultural Jniversity, KAU P.O., Vellanikkara, Thrissur - 680656 on or before 5.00 pm on 12/09/2022

REGISTRAR

Land measuring 912 acre D kanal 7 marla was notified by the Department of Industries,

As per the directions contained in para 39 (h) of the judgment dated 12.03.2018, all such

their claims by HSIIDC. According, public notices were issued by HSIIDC for inviting claims.

units to 265 individuals. The developer builder has not provided the list of balance claimants. This final notice is hereby given to such 3rd parties to submit their claims (along with

shall not be entertained. Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Bevelopment Corporation Limited Regd. Office: C-13 & 14, Sector-6, Panchkula, Ph. 0172-2590481-83, E-mail: contactus@fesico.org.in

> FORM NO. NCLT. 3A [Rule 35 of National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016] BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH, CHENNAI

> > CA(CAA) No.38 of 2022

In the Matter of Sections 230 to 232 read with Section 52 and other applicable provisions of the Companies

In The Matter of The Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation between Shrilekha Business

Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at

T. Nagar, Chennai-600017, Tamil Nadu

Represented by its Managing Director Mr. D V Ravi

....Petitioner Company

NOTICE OF PETITION

A Petition under Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Petition") seeking an Order for sanctioning the Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation of Shrilekha Business Consultancy Private Limited and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Private Limited and Shriram Capital Limited and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited and Shriram City Union Finance Limited and Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram GI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram Investment Holdings Limited and their respective shareholders ("Scheme") was presented by the Petitioner Company on Thursday, July 14, 2022 and was heard on Thursday, August 4, 2022. By an Order dated August 4, 2022 the said Petition is fixed for hearing before Chennai Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal on Thursday, September 22, 2022, for the consideration of the approval of the Scheme as contemplated.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner Company's Advocates at the address mentioned below, notice of his/her intention, signed by him/her or his/her Advocate along with appropriate authorization, with his/her name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner Company's Advocates not later than two days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition along with a copy of his/her affidavit shall be furnished with such

A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated at Chennai on this Tuesday, 23rd day of August 2022.

Advocate for Petitioner Compan

sd/ Preeti Mohan

No 5, 1st and 2nd Floor

8th Street, R.K Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600004

FORM NO. NCLT. 3A

[Rule 35 of National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016] ADVERTISEMENT DETAILING PETITION

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH, CHENNAI Company Petition No. 75 of 2022

Connected with

CA(CAA) No.8 of 2022

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 2013

And

In the Matter of Sections 230 to 232 read with Section 52 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013

In The Matter of The Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation between Shrilekha Business Consultancy Private Limited and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Private Limited and Shriram Capital Limited and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited and Shriram City Union Finance Limited and Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram GI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram Investment

Holdings Limited and their respective shareholders. **Shriram Investment Holdings Limited**

a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at

Shriram House, No. 4, Burkit Road, T.Nagar, Chennai – 600017,

Tamil Nadu, Represented by its Director Ms. Subhasri Sriram

...Petitioner Company / Resulting Company 3 NOTICE OF PETITION A Petition under Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Petition")

seeking an Order for sanctioning the Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation of Shrilekha Business Consultancy Private Limited and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Private Limited and Shriram Capital Limited and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited and Shriram City Union Finance Limited and Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram GI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram Investment Holdings Limited and their respective shareholders ("Scheme") was presented by the Petitioner Company on Monday, July 18, 2022 and was heard on Thursday, August 4, 2022. By an Order dated August 4, 2022, the said Petition is fixed for hearing before Chennai Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal on Thursday, September 22, 2022, for the consideration of the approval of the Scheme as contemplated. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner Company's

Advocates at the address mentioned below, notice of his/her intention, signed by him/her or his/her Advocate along with appropriate authorization, with his/her name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner Company's Advocates not later than two days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition along with a copy of his/her affidavit shall be furnished with such

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> Dated at Chennai on this Tuesday, 23rd day of August 2022. **Advocate for Petitioner Company**

Preeti Mohan

No 5, 1st and 2nd Floor

8th Street, R.K Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600004

2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna- 800001, E-mail: sbi.05176@sbi.co.in Appendix – IV – A [See Proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement

of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the SYMBOLIC POSSESSION of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 30.09.2022 (Friday). Other

il. o.	als of the e-auc Name of Borrower(s)	Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI notice)	Description of the property	Name of Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date of 13(2) Date of 13(4) under SARFAESI Act	Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount
	M/s Jagdamba Enterprises, PropSmt. Soni Devi	as on 24.06.2021 with further Interest from 25.06.2021 plus other	1. Sale Deed No. 1169 dated 30.01.2008, Stands in the name of Smt. Soni Devi, W/o Sri Ashish Kumar Singh, Mauza-Baunsi, Thana & Anchal-Baunsi, Registry & Dist-Banka, Thana No.419, Khata No.127, Khesra No.110, Area-1.5 Decimal, This property is bounded by: North-Rasta, South-Hal Kewaldar Vinay Jha, East-Rasta, West-Pankaj Das. Property ID: SBIN39608128275	Kumar Singh S/o Sri Birendra Kumar Singh	24.06.2021 04.10.2021	1. ₹3,00,000/- ₹30,000/- ₹10,000/-
			2.Regd.DeedNo.6023dated24.04.2019,Standsinthename of Sri Ashish Kumar Singh S/o Sri Birendra Kumar Singh, Mauza-Panjwara, Thana No.354, Distt-Banka, Bihar, Khata No.278/147(O), Khesra No.781/872/575(O), J.B. No.43,	W/o Sri Ashish Kumar Singh (Mortgagor)		2. ₹35,00,000/- ₹3,50,000/- ₹10,000/-
	Area-9.5 Deci		eed No.13565 dated 19.07.1990, This property is bounded			outh-Rameshwar

Prasad Singh, East-Gunsu Yadav & Road, West-Sargun Singh & Nuneshwar Singh. Property ID: SBIN38423773071 **E-auction Terms and Condition**

1. Date & Time of e-auction: 30.09.2022 (Friday); Time: 120 Minutes. From 12:00 noon to 02:00 P.M. with unlimited extension o 10 Minutes each.

2. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction". The intending Bidders/Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process a e-Auction Service Provider's website https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.
3. MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help): 033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253. SBI contact

no. (for property related enquirey): 9771435419. 4. The General Terms and Conditions of e-auction sale is available on the website: https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices

sarfaesi-and-others This publication is also a 30 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice then this E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service. The other terms and conditions of the e-Auction are

published in the following websites. https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others **AUTHORISED OFFICER** Date : 22.08.2022 STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA Place: Patna

FORM NO. NCLT. 3A

[Rule 35 of National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016] ADVERTISEMENT DETAILING PETITION BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH, CHENNAI

> Company Petition No. 70 of 2022 Connected with

CA(CAA) No.37 of 2022 In the Matter of the Companies Act, 2013

And In the Matter of Sections 230 to 232 read with Section 52 and other applicable provisions of the Companies

Act. 2013

In The Matter of The Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation between Shrilekha Business Consultancy Private Limited and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Private Limited and Shriram Capital Limited and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited and Shriram City Union Finance Limited and Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram GI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram Investment Holdings Limited and their respective shareholders.

Shrilekha Business Consultancy Private Limited

a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, having its Registered Office at

Shriram House, No. 4, Burkit Road,

T. Nagar, Chennai-600017, Tamil Nadu, Represented by its Director Mr. S. Natarajan

....Petitioner Company / Transferor Company 1

NOTICE OF PETITION

A Petition under Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Petition") seeking an Order for sanctioning the Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation of Shrilekha Business Consultancy Private Limited and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Private Limited and Shriram Capital Limited and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited and Shriram City Union Finance Limited and Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram GI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram Investment Holdings Limited and their respective shareholders ('Scheme') was presented by the Petitioner Company on Thursday, July 14, 2022 and was heard on Thursday, August 4, 2022. By an Order dated August 4, 2022, the said Petition is fixed for hearing before Chennai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal on Thursday, September 22, 2022, for the consideration of the approval of the Scheme as contemplated.

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A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated at Chennai on this Tuesday, 23rd day of August 2022.

Advocate for Petitioner Company

Preeti Mohan No 5, 1st and 2nd Floor 8th Street, R.K Salai, Mylapore,

Chennai - 600004

SHRIRAM FORM NO. NCLT. 3A

[Rule 35 of National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016] ADVERTISEMENT DETAILING PETITION BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH, CHENNAI

> Connected with CA(CAA) No.7 of 2022

And

In the Matter of Sections 230 to 232 read with Section 52 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013

In The Matter of The Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation between Shrilekha Business Consultancy Private Limited and Shriram Financial Ventures (Chennai) Private Limited and Shriram Capital Limited and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited and Shriram City Union Finance Limited and Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram GI Holdings Private Limited and Shriram Investment

Holdings Limited and their respective shareholders. **Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited**

Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032,

....Petitioner Company / Transferee Company 2

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Advocate for Petitioner Company

Preeti Mohan No 5, 1st and 2nd Floor 8th Street, R.K Salai, Mylapore,

Chennai - 600004

New Delhi

Company Petition No. 72 of 2022

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 2013

And

a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase,

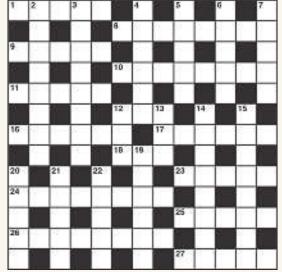
Represented by its Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. Umesh G. Revankar

NOTICE OF PETITION

the consideration of the approval of the Scheme as contemplated.

prescribed charges for the same.

CROSSWORD 4828



DOWN

2 Instrument with the stamp of

Acknowledging applause for

fine stuff(8)

violin playing (6)

5 Riding school tumble?

13 Our first cardinal (3)

and posed (8)

passing(8)

the street (5)

Street light to go off (5)

7 Colour for putting on (5) 12 A silent part of the forest (3)

14 The mannequin went ahead

15 Something to remind one in

19 Dressed up and ready to go?

20 Bustling atmosphere around

21 Function like a group of

politicians (5)
22 Meals provided for the

3 Left in error?

(3.5)

ACROSS

- Draw attention to location
- 8 Device for company without
- any true organisation? (8) A stone may bar the way
- 10 Wild bear I let out (8) 11 Block discovered in Roman
- villa(5) 12 Article on travel in the past
- 16 The illumination comes down
- 17 Done so may be caught
- 18 Hurry from thieves (3)
- 23 What it means to be like Pavarotti(5)
- 24 Are they sung in deep voices? (3,5)
- 25 Small and mischievous, the

- Spanish finish in Paris (5) 26 New form of travel in space (8)
- 27 A bad lad of Austrian origin (5)

Solutions Crossword 4827: Across: 1 Lighthouse, 6 Acre, 10 Shore, 11 Dunce's cap, 12 Preserve, 13 Irony, 15 Lip-read, 17 Spectre, 19 Hayride, 21 Retreat, 22 Miner, 24 Forfeits, 27 Sheltered, 28 Aroma, 29 Skye, 30 Red setters. Down: Llash, 2 Geography, 3 Tiers, 4 Ordered, 5 Sonnets, 7 Cacao, 8 Empty seats, 9 Resident, 14 Alchemists, 16 Emigrate, 18 Twenty-one, 20 Enforce, 21 Reredos, 23 Needy, 25

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



I JUST CALLED TO LET YOU KNOW IT'S A PERFECT DAY OUTSIDE.





SOLUTION SUDOKU 4935

CHILDHOOD IS FOR SPOILING ADULTHOOD.



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



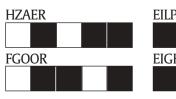




JUMBLED WORDS

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

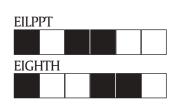
There are always two people in every picture: the ___ and the viewer. - Ansel Adams (12)



RFP No. SBI/ACV/2022-23/001

amendments & corrigendum etc.

Date: 23.08.2022



Dated: 20.06.2022

Deputy General Manage

(Implementation & Rollout)

viewer, - Ansel Adams There are always two people in every picture: the **photographer** and the SOLUTION: HAZER, FORGO, TIPPLE, HEIGHT

OSBI

Anytime Channels, Corporate Centre, 3rd Floor,

World Trade Centre Arcade, Cuff Parade, Mumbai - 400005

CORRIGENDUM - 4

Last date for Bid submission with reference to RFP for procurement of OTC Lock Management Solution and Services has been extended to 30.08.2022. Amendments in RFP document shall be uploaded at Bank's

portal https://bank.sbi in Procurement News link and e-tendering porta https://e.tender.sbi/SBI/by 24.08.2022.

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited from firms/contractors registered with

UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be

uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per

schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders

are available on NOIDA Authority's official website:

www.noidaauthorityonline.com & http://etender.up.nic.in.

Please ensure to see these websites for any changes

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9

SUDOKU

Difficulty Level 5s

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 =

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18/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23, Name of Work:- M/o W/s (Supply and Fixing of Line Shaft for UGR & TWs in Sector-30, 31, 36 and Nithari), Noida (For Two Year) Cost - Rs. 60.64 Lacs. 19/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23, Name of Work:- M/o W/s

17/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23, Name of Work:- M/o W/s

(R/o V.T./Submersible motor, Transformer and other

electrical allied work on UGR/TWs in Sec-52, 53, 61 &

Gijhore), Noida (For Two year). Cost - Rs. 37.31 Lacs.

(Cleaning of OHT, UGR for Two Year in Sec-20, 25, 37, 38, 52, 53, 75, 100 & Vill-Gijhore), Noida, Cost - Rs. 71.03 Lacs

20/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23, Name of Work:- M/c Sewerage (Maintenance of Sewer Line Network at Sector-28, 29, 37, 75 & 79), Noida (For Two Year). Cost -Rs. 54.45 Lacs.

23/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23, Name of Work:- M/o W/s (Supply and Fixing of Line Shaft for UGR & TWs in Sector-28, 29, 37, 99, 100), Noida (For Two Year). Cost -Rs. 93.00 Lacs.

24/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23, Name of Work:- M/o W/s (R/o VT Motor, starter, Transformer & other electrical allied work on UGR/TWs in Sec-28, 29, 37, 99, 100) Noida (For Two Year). Cost – Rs. 75.03 Lacs. 25/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23, Name of Work:- M/o W/s

(Supply and Fixing of Line shaft set at Network Sec-20, 21, 25 & 26), Noida (For Two Year), Cost - Rs. 69.47

29/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23, Name of Work:- M/o Sewerage (Maintenance of Sewer Line Network at Sector-30, 31, 36, 116, 117 & Village-Bandauli, Momnathal), Noida. (For Two Year). Cost - Rs. 69.65

Which can be uploaded by date 06.09.2022 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 07.09.2022 at 11.00 AM.

07/SM(Jal)-I/2022-23, Name of Work: - M/o Sewerage (Two Year Repair of Non-clog Motor Pump (Submersible and 250 KVA Transformer Starter and Lighting work Repair of Sluice valve and Reflex valve in Network Sector-1 to 7, SPS-2/5 and Sumpwell) Noida. Cost-Rs.

Which can be uploaded by date 30.08.2022 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on date 31.08.2022 at 11.00 A.M.

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21.02.2022. RFP is available at www.mstcecommerce.com from 23.08.2022. Bid has to be submitted online through DEEP Portal of MoP. All terms and conditions shall be as per RFP.

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GUVNL, a Govt. of Gujarat Undertaking hereby invites e-tender for

purchase of 500 MW power for the period from 19.09.2022 to

21.10.2022 at GETCO Periphery (interconnection point of Gujarat STU

with CTU) as per Ministry of Power (MoP), Govt. of India Guidelines

dated 30.03.2016 read with amendment to the guideline notified on

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, KOTA (RAJ.) No. EE/WRD/Acctt./2022-23/1769-77 Dated: 18.08.2022

Notice Inviting Bid No. 08/2022-23

Bid for "Restoration and Strengthening of Baheda Anicut (WHS) across River Parwan, Tehsil Sangod, District Kota" are invited from Interested Bidders upto 12.09.2022 (Upto 6.00 PM). Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the Procurement Portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj./nic.in) of the state Rajasthan; and www.diproline.org. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 253.85 Lacs.

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A Tata Power and Delhi Government Joint Venture d. Office: NDPL House, Hudson Lines, Kingsway Camp, Delhi 110 009 Tel: 66112222, Fax: 27468042, Email: TPDDL@tatapower-ddl.com CIN No.: U40109DL2001PLC111526, Website: www.tatapower-ddl.com NOTICE INVITING TENDEDS

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS Aug 24, 2022					
TATA Power-DDL invites tenders as per following details:					
Tender Enquiry No. Work Description	Estimated Cost/EMD (Rs.)	Availability of Bid Document	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date and time of Opening of bids		
FPDDL/INS/ENQ/200001452/22-23 Standard Fire & Special Perils and Burglary Insurance	NIL		13.09.2022;1400 Hrs/ 13.09.2022;1500 Hrs		
PDDL/INS/ENQ/200001453/22-23 Cyber Security Insurance	NIL	24.08.2022	13.09.2022;1400 Hrs/ 13.09.2022;1500 Hrs		
complete tender and corrigendum document is available on our					

ebsite www.tatapower-ddl.com→Vendor Zone → Tender / Corrigendum Documents Contracts - 011-66112222

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Tender Notice

Invitation of tender through E-tenderIng (e-Procurement Systems)			
NIT No.	E-FileNo115740RT-2		
Name of Work and Its location	Tender for "Work contract for complete filment of Mechanical & Electrical items viz. Furnishing items, Passenger Amenities, plumbing items, Bio Tank, Vestibule rubber Fall plate, pantry items and other misc. electrical items as per scope of work for 10 LWSCZAC coaches" for a period of six months		
Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 1,99,99,469.94/- (Rs. One crore Ninety-Nine Lacs Ninety-Nine		

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Cost of Tender document or

details of tender can be seen

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No.: E-FileNo115740RT-2 Dated: 18.08.2022 Serving Customers with a Smile

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from 24.08.2022.

Director

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender No.: PRYJ-Sig-208-2022-23

E- Tender Notice

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Coordination/ orth Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of ndia, invite E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following works up to 12.00 hrs. The details of the Tender is as under:-

Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost of work (?)	Control Section 2
Sig- 208-	Upgradation/Augmentation of electric Locomotive maintenance tacilities at ELS/CNB (Phase-II).		55000/-
2022-23	facilities at ELS/CNB (Phase-II).		L

Date of Opening of tender: 16.09.2022

Availability of tender form: Tender forms shall be available on www.ireps.gov.in

Time date & place of opening of tender: Tender will be opened through E-lender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj on or after pre 1095/22 (ADM

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CIN U40102GJ2003SGC042909 Regd. & Corp. Office: 'Urja Sadan', Nana Varachha Road, Kapodara Char Rasta, Surat 395 006 GUJARAT **DGVCL Toll Free No. 19123** (Or 1800 233 3003)

Tender Notice

Tenders are invited for full turnkey contract (Design, Supply

Installation, Testing & Commissioning) for development distribution infrastructure works i.e. UG cables, AB cables, RMUs Transformers, HT lines, etc. for Loss Reduction at Surat, Valsad Bharuch and Navsari districts under DGVCL in Revamped Reforms Based and Result-linked Distribution Sector Scheme. Details are available on www.dgvcl.com (for view and download tender documents) & www.dgvcl.nprocure.com. (For view, download and online tendér submission).

Sr. No.	Tender No.
1	DGVCL/SD&P/202203/RDSS/Loss Reduction/Surat district
2	DGVCL/SD&P/202204/RDSS/Loss Reduction/Valsad district
3	DGVCL/SD&P/202207/RDSS/Loss Reduction/Bharuch district
4	DGVCL/SD&P/202208/RDSS/Loss Reduction/Navsari district
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Note: Bidders may visit the Company website/s for regular updates till

opening of the tenders.

DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Several important planets are altering their positions. directing your attention away from old concerns to new ambitions. Happily, family gatherings will be on the cards. At the very

they want

least you need to ask relations what they're feeling and what



if the consequence was a complete break, you can be assured that in the long run all was for the very best. Even an old rejection, or failure, may turn out to have saved you for something better.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

As from today, financial planning is due to achieve a much greater priority in your daily affairs. You'll be signing papers, making deals, negotiating contracts and summoning family conferences. However practical the steps you're

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You can be the most

taking, your emotional

commitment will be

beyond question.

tolerant of people nobody would deny that. But you're not one to suffer fools or put up with incompetence, especially not at work. However, it may be your own overweening ambition or impatience which

causes minor problems today.

Humility pays.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
You are moving into a secretive phase which could last for

another two weeks. You may be wise to keep certain information to yourself, regarding other people being unfit to know what you have in mind. You have to steer clear of those who jump to conclusions. the wrong conclusions.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) The Moon adjusts its

position in the early hours, raising the energy level just

slightly. Only night-owls, shiftworkers and early-risers will notice the change of mood that takes place then, but all of you will be happier by midday. Or, at least, you'll know that a difficulty can be satisfactorily dealt with

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) There is certainly no reason for you to feel inadequate or guilty.

The trouble is that the Moon tends to evoke in you some mysterious feeling that you have done something you shouldn't have, even when you haven't. Perhaps you've just got a guilty

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)



balance the prevailing emotional atmosphere. In view of current uncertainties, one thing we can be definite about is that decisions reached now will be overturned within no more than a few days.

into rather troublesome

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Partners and rivals shouldn't be too complacent. You have one or two tricks up your sleeve and it will be a foolish person who attempts to pull the wool over vour eves. You can save your trump cards until the weekend,

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)



to satisfy.

utterly individual, unique even, that they are impossible



others may cope with certain hassles and responsibilities more effectively than you. Your skills lie in cheering up people who are stressed out, wound up or just generally annoyed.

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enders under Two Part bidding system are invited for the following:
SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF SCRUBBER-CUM-FLOOR

TENDER NO. 022/SAL/PUR/2022-23 [ESTIMATED COST - ₹72.50 LAKH]. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF DG STATION AT BRBNMPL SALBONI

TENDER NO. 022/SAL/MMD-MAINT/2022-23 [ESTIMATED COST -₹51.00 LAKH]. ast date of submission of all the above tenders is 23.09.2022 by 11:30 Hrs. For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit our website www.brbnmpl.co.in. Further extension or amendment/s, if any, shall be uploaded on our

Date: 23-08-2022

EE(G),Chibro

Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur has invited e-Tender for the work of Selection of Operator's for supplying, installing providing, commissioning and providing 05 maintenance for Domestic mechanical and Ultrasonic/ electromagnetic AMR water meters by Tender ID No: 2022_SMC_820016_1. Due to improper response in the tender process, the first extension to the tender process is being giving up to date of 16-09-2022. All relevant dates will be as per the tender published on web portal www.mahatenders.gov.in. Technical bid will be opened on date 20.09.2022 (if possible)

> **Public Health Solapur** Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur



Chibro, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below: Tender No.13/EE(G)/CPH/2022-23 for "Annual contract for

Date of availability of tender on website: 24.08.2022 from 11:00 Hrs. ast date for submission of tender: 14.09.2022 up to 15:00 Hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com

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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender No.: 196-S/71/2022-23/TENDER NOTICE-TSO-II/HTS Wire -Tender for and on behalf of the President of India, CE/TSP, Northern Railway Headqarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001 invites the following tenders through E-Procurement System:

Tender No. 211-2707-2022-23-NR	Due on 16.09.2022		
Description of Item	Manufacture and Supply of uncoated stress relieved High Tensile Steel Wire strands of : 3mm x 3 Ply as per IS : 6006 as amended up to date.		
Tender Value	Rs. 3,67,65,450/-		
Tender Document Cost	Rs. Nil		
Earnest Money	Rs. 7,35,310/-		
Completion Period	12 Months		
Time of Submission of Tender	Up to 16.09.2022 at 14.30 IST		
Date & Time of OpenIng of Tender	On 16.09.2022 at 14.30 IST		
Validity of Offer	180 days		
Note: The complete information of above E-Procurement tender is available or			

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) It certainly is difficult to keep the

simplest of things in perspective. The danger at the present time is that you're likely to blow relatively trivial molehills up mountains. Don't exaggerate your weaknesses or overestimate your strengths.

and, even then, you should probably keep something





OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

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Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur

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New Delhi

ACE (SD&P), DGVCL, Surat.

A tennis fan who was temporarily removed from Centre Court during the men's Wimbledon final following a complaint by Nick Kyrgios is taking legal action against him for what she describes as a "reckless and entirely baseless allegation." Kyrgios complained to the umpire that a spectator was distracting him while he was serving, saying she was "drunk out of her mind in the first row" and identifying her as "the one who looks like she's had about 700 drinks." AP

Chopra to compete in Lausanne Diamond League

New Delhi: Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has recovered from the "minor" groin strain injury he had suffered last month and is set to



take part in the Diamond League Meeting Lausanne

Switzerland, on August 26. A good show in Lausanne can ensure Chopra a berth in the Diamond League Finals

in Zurich on September 7 and 8 as he is at fourth spot in the standings. The top six in the standings will make the Zurich Finals. The Lausanne event is the last leg which has men's javelin throw competition. The 24-year-Chopra had pulled out of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games last month due to the injury he had suffered during the final of the World Championships on July 24 in Eugene, USA, where he had won a historic silver.

Pujara scores third ton in Royal London Cup

Hove (England): India's Test specialist Cheteshwar Pujara smashed his third hundred of the Royal London One-Day Cup here on Tuesday. Representing Sussex, Pujara hammered 132 off 90 balls to help his team reach 400 for four in 50 overs against Middlesex. His attacking knock was studded with 20 fours and couple of sixes. Opener Tom Alsop top-scored in the innings with 189 off 155 balls. Earlier, Pujara had blasted a 79-ball 107 against Warwickshire. He then smashed his career-best List A score of 174 in the match against Surrey.

Sania Mirza pulls out of US Open with injury

New York: India's Sania Mirza on Tuesday announced her withdrawal from the U.S. Open because of a torn tendon, adding that the injury would lead to a change in her retirement plans. The 35-year-old, who in January announced that she would be retiring at the end of the 2022 season, said she had picked up the injury while competing at the Canadian Open this month. After reaching the semi-finals of the women's doubles in Toronto alongside partner Madison Kevs. Mirza also played at last week's Cincinnati Open, "I hurt my forearm/elbow while playing in Canada 2 weeks ago and obviously didn't realize how bad it was until I got my scans yesterday and unfortunately I have in fact torn a little bit of my ten-

Bengaluru FC beat Indian Air Force

Kolkata: Indian Super League (ISL) giants Bengaluru FC registered their second consecutive win in the Durand Cup as they blanked Indian Air Force 4-0 at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan (KBK) here on Tuesday. Roy Krishna (9th min), Sunil Chhetri (23rd min), Faisal Ali (71st min), and Siva Sakthi (93rd min) struck for The Blues as it secured a resounding win. With this dominating win, Bengaluru topped their Group B table with six points. PTI

Saina wins battle of wills, and grace

In the twilight of her career, Saina Nehwal, 32, wins battle of minds in 21-19, 21-9 win over Cheung Ngan Yi

SHIVANI NAIK AUGUST 23

IT WASN'T the proverbial 'enjoying the last phase of her career' sort of smile from Saina Nehwal as she neared her 21-19, 21-9 win. Winning has always been laboured, difficult and just plain hard work.

Badminton isn't a thing of joy, where smooth movements, physical prowess or talented strokeplay can help her impose herself on the game, and find delight in the opponent's decimation, Badminton remains one right jostle for Nehwal, a struggle till the match is won.

So when she smiled and stuck her tongue out with relief after a particularly blistering rally against Cheung Ngan Yi, it was a sheepish acknowledgement that the preceding fast exchange had properly shredded her nerves in her World Championship Round 1.

The 32-year-old was leading with a hefty margin in the second set, having eked out the first. Cheung had been error-prone and her lengths were all over the place. Yet, in this rally, she got stuck into the Indian.

Nehwal kept attacking with downward scythes from the front court, and Cheung kept retrieving a dozen of those, sending her returns to get the Indian scurrying, and baiting her into a smashing error. Finally after what seemed like forever of that frustrating feeling where a retrieving machine wears down an attack by being stubborn, Nehwal got one past Cheung. The Indian would shake her head, stick her tongue out and smile at coach P Kashyap, drained from that rally's exertions. Even a firstround win in her 12th outing at the World Championships against a 29-year-old would demand its pound of fatigued flesh.

Nehwal is at that stage of her injury-leaden career where every World championship match could well be her last. In the face-off between the seasoned shuttlers, both wracked by patched-up battle wounds, holding on at World No.33 and No.50, this was a battle of minds, and who wouldn't fall apart first. At one point, Kashyap sat hunched with his head in his hands, and Cheung's coach sunk back in his chair, feet and hands crossed, resigned to the fact that there was only so much their instructions could push their players.

Nehwal was winning the war of deceptive clears from either end, as Cheung fled the



Saina Nehwal's quest to push the top names in her sport continues at the BWF World Championships where she has made it into the second round. Badmintonphoto

Indian. Her cross-court drops with the occasional smash were adequate against the Hong Kong player clearly struggling from past injury woes. But where Nehwal surprised many was in her front-court low retrieving

Age-old mystery of movement

Saina Nehwal has always confounded badminton watchers with how she exactly succeeded at the highest levels, with what critics call her lumbersome, slow court coverage. "She has a lot of good things, but good footwork (movement) isn't one of them," commentator Steen Pedersen would note. She's not the tallest, her steps look heavy and Nehwal carries the look of someone who'll invariably struggle to reach the shuttle. And yet, all through her career, she has managed the precise lunge at the net, without allowing opponents to use the forehand far corner as an area

On Tuesday, she demolished half of Cheung's resolve by sending back most shuttles at the net, forcing the clears, which she comfortably pounced on from mid-court to backcourt. Kashyap rebuts the theory that Nehwal's court coverage is a weakness at all.

"Idon't think they're right entirely. She has been a good mover always (even) before. Shuttles don't get back magically," he asserts. "She's not smooth, I agree. But she's quite good when she's fit."

While most experts look to the striding and the feet, to glean quickness, Kashyap reckons it's her brain and hands that quell those worries. "Anticipation and understanding are very good. Not the most elegant strokes-wise, but

NEXT AT WORLDS

■ Ashwini Ponappa-Sikki Reddy vs (1) Chen Qing Chen - Jia Yi Fan

■ Treesa Jolly - Gayatri Gopichand vs (10) Pearly Tan - Thinaah Muralitharan

■(12) Kidambi Srikanth vs Zhao Jun Peng

■ HS Prannoy vs (2) Kento Momota

■ MR Arjun - Dhruv Kapila vs (8) Kim Astrup-Anders Rasmussen

■ Ashwini Bhat - Shikha Gautam vs (4) Kim So Yeong - Kong Hee Yong ■ Pooja Dandu-Sanjana Santosh vs

(3) Lee So Hee - Shin Seung Chan ■(9) Lakshya Sen vs Luis Penalver

■(7) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy -Chirag Shetty vs Solis Jonathan -**Anibal Marroquin**

or windy, her hands are steady and she doesn't make easy errors. That's just good control and presence of mind," he adds.

The scoldings kept continuing though, even after the match was done. In the break, he would ask her to form up her crouching stance when receiving serve and not

appear like she's standing without any plan or purpose.

After the match in 37 minutes, it was just remnants of some earlier quibble. "She needs to start better. She was nervy at the start and almost throughout the entire first game, trying to adjust to the nditions.

Next, she has to sort out her service options and have clarity in it," he would say later. Throughout the match though, it was him repeating the same suggestion. "Just to keep her discipline with regards to the tactics," he said.

What's the motivation

It has been speculated of her before, why Saina Nehwal continues to play at 32 after ticking most boxes that her abilities allowed. A former World No 1, she has a silver and bronze from the World Championships, holds the Indian record for most Tour titles, and was India's first Olympic medallist in the sport. Twice a Commonwealth champion, why would she sit crying at nights when not picked for this one?

Badminton is all she knows, winning is all she craves. Nehwal clearly believes she has some fuel left in the tank, and nurses an impressive ambition to push the top names in the sport. The body seldom supports that intent, but when fit, she can tangle up opponents getting them to fall over their feet with her carefully curated deception.

She's simply a bright brain in a match-up. So some things remain constant. The crossflicks at the net with a wisened sure wrist and the drop shots at neatly varied angles still fetch her points. Her judgment is impeccable - she even signalled one that went wide herself, with stretched arms, and got on with the next point without dwelling on the over-hit.

The lunge is precise and at 17-8 in the second, Nehwal was all class: Cheung had bottled herself up in far corner and the Indian had an open court to go for a smash kill. She wisely scooped it closer to the net instead, ensuring no rush of blood. The net chord briefly halted the shuttle, and in what remains the sport's classical etiquette, Saina Nehwal apologised to the opponent for that slice

of luck.

It surprises her why people want her gone from the court, when she's funding her trips and trying to win against top names. It stunned her of course that she wasn't trusted to bring India's second medal in women's singles from the CWG. But mostly, Saina Nehwal can't wrap her brain around why people are deciding her time to exit this career. She reckons she owes noone anything. Slated to

play Busanan Ongbamrungphan next in round 3, it will be another wringer of a battle. Once again, she'll play to her strengths, smile through the errors and on good days, win against a top

Shastri predicts Kohli's return to form

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FORMER INDIA coach Ravi Shastri said on Tuesday that the team must continue with its ultra-aggressive approach with the bat in T20 cricket and believed that the returning Virat Kohli will now be a lot calmer,

Kohli, who is approaching his 100th T20I, was also backed by Shastri to end his lean patch in the upcoming Asia Cup, to be held in the United Arab Emirates.

"He will come back with a calmer mind because the heat is off. You have been away. Now, what you do will set the tone. He gets a fifty in the very first game, mouths will be shut for the rest of the tournament. What's happened in the past is history. Remember, public memory is very short. So, it works both ways. His opportunity here is to get that calmness and then take it one day at a time," Shastri said on Star

Analysing Team India's approach in the T20 version which has often been dubbed as cautious and a tad slow in the past,

Shastri said, "They should not change the approach (they have shown of late). Even when I was a coach, we discussed we were a bit timid at the top considering the players we had down the order.

"It is the right approach. You will lose a few games in between but if you start winning with this approach, you can take that confidence in big games and use the same

While Kohli is coming back into the playing eleven after a break, another senior batsman KL Rahul has returned after an injury layoff. According to Shastri, the two batters can show the same aggression as the younger lot.

"Why not? They are very experienced players," said Shastri before adding, "They have played enough IPL and T20s and it should not be tough for them to adjust. With Rishabh (Pant), Hardik (Pandya), (Ravindra) Jadeja there is enough depth in the middle and lower order to get the innings back on track if the top order falls

Contemporary stalwarts

Pakistan legend Wasim Akram, who was also present in the freewheeling chat

looking ahead to the Asia Cup, spoke about Kohli being one of the all-time greats, and said comparisons with Babar Azam were still premature. "The criticism from Indian fans against

Kohli has been unnecessary. He is one of the greatest of all time, not just in this era. He is still fit as a fiddle. He is still one of the best fielders in the Indian squad

Virat Kohli. Hope he doesn't come back to form against Pakistan but he will come back eventually," said Akram. "The comparisons (between Kohli and

Azam) are only natural. When we played, people used to compare Inzamam-ul-Haq, Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar. Before that, it was Sunil Gavaskar, Javed Miandad, G Vishwanath and Zaheer Abbas. "Babar has been very consistent be-

cause he has got the right technique. He is very hungry and very fit. He is still a young captain but is learning very fast. However, comparison with Virat is too early.

"Babar is on the right track to be where Virat Kohli is but to compare him with him at this stage is too early. But he is absolutely on the right track to be one of the modern greats," said Akram.

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DEVENDRA PANDEY

INDIA COACH Rahul Dravid has tested positive for Covid 19 and is doubtful for the Asia Cup. The BCCI will wait on his status before deciding if they should deputise VVS Laxman, set to travel to India via Dubai from Zimbabwe today, for the Asia Cup. Dravid is set to take an-

"Dravid's symptoms are mild. So we will wait and decide later whether we need to send VVS Laxman as his replacement or not. Laxman is already in Harare and they are supposed to take a flight to Dubai today. We can ask Laxman to stay back for a few days in Dubai until Dravid's situation gets clear. We have asked Dravid to undergo another test," a BCCI official said.

The India team is travelling to Dubai today and the players and support staff were given the option of flying straight from their respective destinations. Dravid, who was supposed to depart from Bangalore, tested positive and has been under isolation.

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placement soon and instead will wait for Dravid's recovery. Until then, the bowling after the team in Dubai. India begin their Asia Cup campaign on

August 28 with a game against arch rivals In a statement, Jay Shah, the BCCI secretary,

noted, "Team India Head Coach Rahul Dravid has tested positive for COVID-19 in a routine test conducted ahead of the team's departure to the UAE for Asia Cup 2022.

Mr. Dravid is under the supervision of the BCCI Medical team and has mild symptoms. He will join the team once he returns with a negative COVID-19 report. The rest of the team will assemble in the UAE on 23rd August,

Barring the break during the IPL, Dravid has been on the road for nine-and-half months and for five series since he took over last November.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Not being able to visit dad because of IPL duty made Stokes hate cricket

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

ENGLAND TEST team skipper Ben Stokes has opened up about his mental health and panic attacks. The all-rounder revealed he was still on daily anxiety medication after returning from a six-month break to focus on his well-

Stokes took a rest from the game last year to focus on his mental health as he was suffering from a series of panic attacks following the loss of his father to brain cancer almost two years ago.

He announced in July he would retire from one-day cricket citing the "unsustainable" rigour of playing all three formats of the game.

On his break from IPL

Stokes said he felt deep resentment towards cricket when he took the break because he had been unable to visit his dying father as much as he wanted. "The last time I saw Dad was leaving New Zealand to go to the Indian Premier League - that was dictated by cricket.

He wanted me to go, he really loved me playing for Rajasthan Royals and the people there. But it made me hate cricket, I thought it was the reason I didn't see my dad before he died. I should have opened up about it sooner – I just thought 'cricket, cricket'. It's not a regret...but I'd do things differently," Stokes told

"So, I had a real thing with cricket at the time I took a break. I was really angry at the sport because it was dictating when I could see my dad," he said.

On anxiety medication

"I never thought I would be on medication to help me for that kind of stuff. I am not embarrassed or ashamed to say it because I needed the help at the time," Stokes said in an Amazon documentary, which will be released on Friday. "But it's not done just because I'm back playing. I still speak to the doc, not as regularly, and I'm still taking medication every day. It's an ongoing process.'

Importance of mental health

He stressed the importance of opening up



Ben Stokes at an England cricket team practice session.

about mental health, adding it was not human nature to pretend to be fine.

"I find sometimes people are a bit nervous to go into the detail about that kind of stuff with me. It's perceived you can't

feeling great," he said. "People think they can't ask people who have struggled. No. It's fine. I'll happily tell you as much as I possibly

feel a certain way - that's a

sign of weakness to show

that you are not mentally

Stokes goes into the details about his struggles. Once at a dry-cleaners',

he felt his heart was 'sweating' and he had to escape. On another occasion, it hit him while picking up his son from a children's party. But the most significant attack came after a Hundred match at Trent Bridge. Veteran paceman Stuart

Broad, Stokes' long-time teammate and close

friend, was candid enough to say: "I could have

that was dictated by cricket. He wanted me to go, he really loved me playing for the Royals. But it made me hate cricket, I thought it was the reason I didn't see my dad before he died.

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-BEN STOKES

seen him never playing again." "I didn't know what was happening,"

Stokes tells The Guardian. "The best way to explain it is, not a two-week thing but a huge build-up of multiple things

over time. It's like you're a glass bottle, you keep putting things in there and eventually over time there's no more room and it smashes. That's what happened in Nottingham – the bottle smashed. But it's hard to remember what happened, I can't really explain it.'

It prompted him to take a break from the game to focus on his mental health and seek professional help. "It was a case of completely stepping away from sport.

And speaking to a clinical psychologist, someone who could understand what I was feeling and tell me what my brain is doing, why it's happening.'

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And he now believes it is not a sign of weakness to not feel great occasionally.

"This stuff isn't something you pick and choose, which day you'll feel top-drawer, which day you'll feel like s**t. The most frustrating thing, and something I understand now, is saying 'it'll all be alright'. No, shut up, stop be-

Chequered disciplinary record

The documentary also refers to the Bristol brawl Stokes was involved in that resulted in him missing the 2017-18 Ashes tour. He was later cleared of affray by court. But the toll it took on him prompted the left-hander to wonder if he might be "playing for the wrong people" and he had to be convinced by his wife and agent Neil Fairbrother not to retire from international cricket.

All that is a far cry from his current status as England Test captain, leading the team in the same aggressive manner that he likes to play his

"I'm loving life at the moment, especially out on a cricket field. Being able to influence others is something I really enjoy," he says in the docu-

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What worked for Man United

Elanga in place of Ronaldo, Varane at the back and right attitude made the difference

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MANCHESTER UNITED were a team

transformed against Liverpool. From David de Gea between the posts to the much-taunted backline and the insipid frontline and unimaginative midfield, each department saw a collective upgradation in both skill and spirit. So much so that they were a team unrecognisable from the shambles they were against Brentford last week.

After defeats against Brentford and Brighton, United manager Erik ten Hag needed to make a statement against Liverpool and that was exactly what he got from his players, as they rattled their biggest rivals and secured a win that could potentially be the catalyst of a change.

The spirited backline

The United defence-pack has copped incessant criticism and ridicule for the most part of the last season as well as this. But the performance against Liverpool was as resolute a rearguard they had produced in recent Manchester times. Marshalling them United manager was Rafael Varane, who Erik Ten Hag deservedly started at the

expense of the forlorn

Harry Maguire. A technically gifted centreback, he contributed to the opening goal too, stealing the ball off Bobby Firmino and belting it upfield, besides his cool tackling and composure in duress. He demonstrated his leadership skills-it's baffling why he does not start as often as he should and ahead of Maguire—and forged a fine rapport with Lisandro Martinez.

The latter had endured a torrid time against Brentford, and substituted at half-time, but against Liverpool, he had Mohammed Salah and James Milner on a leash, pressing relentlessly and often dispossessing them.

Midfield muscle

You could argue that Liverpool were laid low by the absence of Thiago Alcantara and Naby Keita. But there still was enough expertise in James Milner and Jordan Henderson. As sloppy as they were, they were out-run and outthought by Scott McTominay, who despite the rough edges and hard tackles, brings heart and fire into the team, and Christian Eriksen, who is seamlessly settling into the deep-lying playmaker role.

Superb Elanga, Rashford

Elanga, who replaced Cristiano Ronaldo in the starting eleven, looked like a player possessed, constantly pressing Alexander-Arnold, who looked out of sorts, winning the duels. Tormenting Alexander-Arnold

with his sharp movements, the 20-year-old nearly scored in the 10th minute, his clanger hitting the woodwork.

Six minutes later, he turned provider to the Iadon Sancho opener. Like Alexander-Arnold his colleagues had a tough night containing Marcus Rashford, who ratcheted up the pace and troubled, of all defenders the finest of them, Virgil van Dijk.

Fighting spirit The standout trait was United's

tigerish spirit-they ferociously held onto possession, robustly won the ball back and seized onto their chances. Not for a moment did they seem like a team under fire. Post-match, manager Erik Ten Hag admitted the same. "We can talk about technical but it's all about attitude. Now you see we bring the attitude. There was communication, there was a fighting spirit and especially there was a team, and you can see what they can

Cancer-free Evert says her late sister saved her life

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Tennis legend Chris Evert, in an emotional interview, talks about how her sister Jeanne, who passed away after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer saved her

In an interview to cbsnews.com, Evert, an 18-time singles Grand Slam winner, recalls an incident at an airport which resulted in a doctor's visit a day

Her sister Jeanne, who was also a WTA pro, was first diagnosed with cancer. Later it was found, following tests, that Evert had a genetic mutation which meant she was at a risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer. Eventually, to Evert's shock, test results showed she already had ovar-

The airport story goes like this: Evert

and her sister were running to catch a flight at the airport when Jeanne, athletic and fit, was struggling to keep up. Jeanne felt it was because of a lung in-

> "I look back and Jeanne is like walking, but huffing and puffing. And I said 'Jeanne what is wrong'.

visited a doctor.

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And she said 'I think I have a lung infection'. She made an appointment (with the doctor) and basically they found out that she was stage 4 of ovarian cancer. She lived for two more years," Evert says.

Later when Evert found out that she had the BRCA1 genetic mutation, the doctor recommended she undergo hysterectomy. "My doctors considered it a preventive surgery. Five days later the doctor calls and savs 'I am in shock as much as you are going to be in shock'. But you have cancer in fallopian tubes and ovaries. You have to go in for surgery.

Ten days later after I healed (after hys-

the longest three or four days. I was tied up in knots. I knew it was a bad cancer. I saw Jeanne go through it.

"I was the needles, the pain, the agony and the chemos. She was like 80 pounds when she passed away. It was a horrible experience for her. I was like Jeannie, please help me. And later I got a call from the doctor and he said it was all clear. But you have to go through chemotherapy. My sister saved my life."

FORM NO. NCLT. 3A

[Rule 35 of National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016] ADVERTISEMENT DETAILING PETITION BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH, CHENNAI

> Company Petition No. 74 of 2022 Connected with

CA(CAA) No.5 of 2022

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 2013

In the Matter of Sections 230 to 232 read with Section 52 and other applicable provisions of the Companies

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