



Chief Justice of India N V Ramana at a farewell organised by the SC Bar Association in New Delhi on Friday. Courtesy: Supreme Court

## Subject to conspiratorial scrutiny from day I joined... suffered in silence: CJI at farewell

**ANANTHAKRISHNAN G**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

OUTGOING CHIEF Justice of India N V Ramana said on Friday that he "was subjected to conspiratorial scrutineers" from the day he joined the bench till he reached "the highest possible position in the judiciary". "My family and I suffered in silence. But ultimately, the truth will al-

ways prevail," he said.

Speaking at the farewell function organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) to mark his last day in office, CJI Ramana also spoke about the highlights of his tenure — from filling up "nearly 20 per cent" of the sanctioned strength of High Court judges to appointing more women judges and promoting social diversity. He also spoke about the need

to use "modern technological tools" and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to reform the functioning of the system.

"I am happy to inform that, thanks to my collegium judges and consulting judges, in the last 16 months, we could appoint 11 judges to the apex court and out of the 255 recommended for the various High Courts, 224 judges are already appointed. This amounts to nearly 20 per cent of

the total sanctioned strength of the High Courts... We got 15 new Chief Justices for various High Courts during the same period," he said.

CJI Ramana, who took charge on April 24, 2021, said progress was also made in appointing more women judges and promoting social diversity on the Bench, adding that "this process is a reflection of the coherence

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## VHP objects, Delhi Police says no to Munawar Faruqui show

**MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

A DAY after the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) wrote to Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora seeking cancellation of a show by comedian Munawar Faruqui in the national capital, scheduled for August 28, the licensing branch of the Delhi Police has rejected permission. This comes after the central district police sent the branch a report that "the show will affect communal harmony in the area", it is learnt.

When contacted, JCP (licensing branch) O P Mishra confirmed that permission had been rejected after receipt of a report by the local (central) district police.

On August 23, the licensing branch had given permission to the applicant, Gursimar Singh

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## Not yet time to drop caution on growth front, says Sitharaman

**FE BUREAU**  
MUMBAI, AUGUST 26

UNION MINISTER for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday that the International Monetary Fund's latest projection of a 7.4 per cent economic expansion for India in FY23 was broadly in sync with the Government's own assessment — but added that given the downside risks from external factors, it was not yet time to drop caution on the growth front.

Speaking at an interactive session moderated by *Financial Express* editor Shyamal Majumdar before giving away the FE Best Banks Awards in Mumbai, Sitharaman said that robust corporate tax collections



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at the FE Best Banks Awards. Express



were a clear sign that private investments were picking up on the promise of durable consumption demand.

The Union Minister also hinted at sustained support to exports, as "these are facing external headwinds", and steps to attract more foreign investment. "We (want to) draw in more (foreign) investments into India so that the growth momentum is not lost. We are definitely working on this," Sitharaman said.

Speaking on the issue of "freebies" promised by political parties, she said that rather than the question of what constituted freebies, she was more concerned about the tendency to shift the burden onto "someone else", like the electricity discoms, instead of funding them out of

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## Hate speech: SC upholds HC order backing UP's no to prosecute Yogi

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, AUGUST 26

THE SUPREME COURT on Friday dismissed an appeal challenging the Allahabad High Court judgment upholding the UP government's refusal to allow sanction to prosecute Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in a 2007 case for al-

legedly delivering an inflammatory speech. Adityanath was the BJP's Gorakhpur MP at the time.

On August 24, a bench of Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, and Justices Hima Kohli and CT Ravikumar, had reserved its order in the matter.

Writing for the bench, Justice Ravikumar agreed with the submission of Senior Advocate

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## SLAMS COTERIE, FEARS POINT OF NO RETURN

# Congress veteran of 50 years Ghulam Nabi Azad quits, tells Sonia: Rahul destroyed party

He subverted PM (Manmohan) and UPA by trashing ordinance, biggest reason for Cong's 2014 defeat: Azad

**MANOJ CG**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

IN A massive setback to the Congress, veteran leader Ghulam Nabi Azad Friday resigned from the party and launched a blistering no-holds-barred attack on Rahul Gandhi. Singling out Rahul, Azad said he had "demolished" the "entire consultative mechanism" in the party, sidelined all "senior and experienced" leaders and let a "new coterie" of "inexperienced sycophants" run the party.

He also called Rahul a "non-serious individual", and suggested his "PAs and security guards" among others took decisions for him.

Azad is a member of the Congress Working Committee and a member of the Sonia Gandhi-headed political affairs group.

Amid reports that the Gandhis are keen that Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot take over as Congress president, Azad in his five-page damning letter



Azad, a CWC member, was part of the G-23. File

to Sonia, who is abroad for a medical check-up, along with Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, said: "Unfortunately, the situation in the Congress party has reached such a point of no return that now 'proxies' are being propped up to take over the leadership of the Party,"

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## 'Insulting, immature, childish': Azad is first to exit with gloves off for Rahul

**MANOJ CG**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

FROM SHARAD Pawar to Ghulam Nabi Azad, the Congress has seen the exit of many a veteran and leader since 1998 when the Gandhi family took control of the party. But what sets apart Azad's resignation is that his is the first time that a senior leader has put,

on record, such a strong and pointed critique of Rahul Gandhi in a letter to Sonia Gandhi.

Calling Rahul "a non-serious individual," whom the leadership tried to "foist" upon the party, Azad points to his "immaturity" and "childish behaviour" in the context of his 2013 trashing of the ordinance brought by the Manmohan Singh govern-

ment to negate a Supreme Court order on disqualifying convicted MPs and MLAs. (Rahul had called the ordinance a "complete nonsense" which should be "torn up and thrown out.")

That "one single action more than anything else contributed significantly to the defeat of the UPA government in

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## Maharashtra, Goa... BJP topples govts, now after us: Kejriwal

**GAYATHRI MANI**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Friday that the case against his deputy, Manish Sisodia, was part of a "pattern" by the BJP to topple elected governments.

Speaking at a one-day special session of the Delhi Assembly, Kejriwal reiterated what he had tweeted a day earlier — that there is a new "serial killer" on the loose, a potshot at the BJP trying to bring down elected state governments. "Others form governments, they bring them down. They have trampled on citizens. People selected a government in states like Maharashtra and Goa, they toppled it... they are after the people... the pattern is the same everywhere... First they



Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

sent the CBI and ED after (Health Minister Satyendar) Jain, now

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## Kejriwal kingpin in excise... AAP's habit to shoot & scoot: Thakur

**LIZ MATHEW**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

DESCRIBING DELHI Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal as the "kingpin" and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia as "an accused" in the AAP's contentious excise policy, which is now under the scanner of investigative agencies, Union Minister Anurag Thakur said on Friday that the party is not answering key questions raised by the BJP on the issue — and "it has become a habit" for AAP to "shoot and scoot".

Responding to questions at *The Indian Express* Idea Exchange (detailed transcript to be published on Monday), the Minister of



Anurag Thakur during the Idea Exchange. Abhinav Saha



Information and Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports also said

that Ghulam Nabi Azad, who quit the Congress on Friday, was an "honourable leader". Asked if the BJP would welcome Azad into its fold, Thakur said: "He can

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## Year later, Afghan media struggles to survive: 'no law, only restrictions'

**NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN**  
AUGUST 26

SADIQA SHIRAZI knew what the Taliban thought about her journalism well before their takeover of Afghanistan. From 2008, as Shirazi, then running a TV and

radio station in Kunduz, focussed on stories about domestic violence, women's rights and their education, she and her husband started getting death threats. In 2015, during the five brief days that Taliban entered Kunduz, her television and radio station was destroyed, and stripped of all equipment.

Shirazi, who had fled to the Afghanistan capital at the time, decided to fight back. With funding help from donors, and a mostly women team of 15, she restarted Roshani radio, broadcasting programmes from 6 am to 2 am, including live Q&As with listeners.

In 2021, Shirazi, her husband and eight-year-old daughter had already left for Kabul when the Taliban took over Kunduz. "They were calling my husband repeatedly, asking us to return, saying that they would not harm us," she said. But this time, Shirazi said, she knew there was no going back.

"They always accused us of pushing an American agenda... There is no way to work as a journalist in Kunduz now," Shirazi told *The Indian Express* from Canada, where she is now trying to start life anew with her family. Her female team members have dispersed too, to Canada



Need a media law, otherwise it will be difficult to define boundaries: Khpolwak Sapai, director of Tolo News

and Pakistan.

The handful of men who were in Shirazi's team are still operating the radio station. "They have to go by the Taliban agenda. They have only Islamic programmes now," she said.

According to a report by the International Federation of Journalists which partners with the Afghan National Journalists Union, in the immediate aftermath of the Taliban takeover, of 400 media organisations, over 160 have had to shut down, of which nearly 100 are radio stations. For those that are open, the ground rules of what can and cannot be broadcast are laid

down by the new rulers. Two TV channels run by women for female audiences are among those that have shut down.

From 2003 to 2021, as Afghanistan tried to find its democratic centre even as foreign forces and Taliban fought for control, other than the education of women, the explosion of media was one of the more noticeable achievements. Many women joined journalism as it was considered respectable work.

Since last year, with so many media houses no longer functional, more than 2,000 journalists are out of work, 70 per cent of them women, according to

surveys by journalist associations, amid draconian rules for women at work. Many of these women were the only earning members of their family. A targeted attack in July 2021 against three women television journalists, killing them on the spot, set the stage for women to quit their jobs en masse when the Taliban took over in August.

There have been 120 detentions of journalists, 48 of them in Kabul alone. Newspapers are no longer printed and have all gone online.

"Afghans have no access to information on their own. We

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## New Delhi



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PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: 356

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19,97,674Total  
HOSPITAL BEDS 9,405  
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2,025

	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Aug 25	702	1,354	4	15,632
Aug 26	630	1,066	2	16,579
Total	3,206*	19,68,020	26,448	3,98,84,837

\*Total active cases in Delhi

	Aug 25	Aug 26
Cases	90	84
Deaths	0	0

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Cases	226	260
Deaths	1	1

## GOVT HOLDS ONE-DAY SPECIAL SESSION

## Out of Assembly, BJP takes to streets



Police deploying water cannons for dispersing BJP workers in a protest near CM residence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

FROM THE Delhi Assembly to the streets, BJP leaders in the national capital held protests demanding Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia's resignation from the Cabinet while the Delhi government conducted a one-day special session of the Assembly.

The assembly session itself began with slogans being exchanged between BJP and AAP MLAs, with the latter entering the Vidhan Sabha with slogans of "20 khokha 20 khokha" alluding to allegations by AAP of BJP offering Rs 20 crore to its MLAs to switch sides. The eight BJP MLAs hit back with slogans of "dhoka dhoka".

The session was adjourned for 10 minutes amidst this exchange of slogans.

By 11.40 am, the BJP MLAs had been expelled from the assembly for the whole day after party leader Ajay Mahawar was found to be live recording the session on his phone. While the session continued inside the assembly, the BJP MLAs protested outside with placards demanding Sisodia's removal from the Cabinet, which stated: "Dismiss

the corrupt ministers Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain."

"We wanted to discuss the excise policy and the scam done by deputy CM Manish Sisodia... Where did they get money for election campaigning in Punjab, Goa, Gujarat. Instead of answering our questions, they removed us from the assembly for the whole day... They want to suppress the voice of the opposition... Sisodia has committed a scam worth Rs 1,000 crore in Delhi Excise Policy. Arrest Sisodia and dismiss him from the cabinet... Otherwise we will protest here at the Gandhi Statue," alleged BJP MLA from Badarpur Ramvir Singh Bidhuri.

Later, in the afternoon, BJP leaders including party's Delhi chief Adesh Gupta, MPs Parvesh Sahib Singh and Ramesh Bidhuri and former Union Minister Vijay Goel led workers in a protest near Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's residence, which escalated into police deploying water cannons to disperse them. A senior police officer stated that the water cannons were used as the crowd was not dispersing.

"We have many questions on their excise policy but they did not respond to any of them in the Assembly. They are running away from questions, they are

running away from giving any answers on corruption. They called an Assembly session but it was just a 'propaganda session' for them," said Gupta.

Northeast Delhi BJP MP Manoj Tiwari also criticised the AAP over their MLAs' visit to Rajghat on Thursday, referring to them as "descendants of Goebbels".

"Through his life, Mahatma Gandhi ji considered several things as evil. Among these were also alcohol and intoxicants. But those who have done a scam of thousands of crores on alcohol, those trying to make Delhi sharaab nagri, those trying to push Delhi's children into alcoholism today go to Gandhi ji's memorial in Rajghat and sit. Delhi remembers well that Arvind Kejriwal, you once stood on Anna's (Hazare) shoulders for support and fooled Delhi. Now Delhi can never accept you standing on Gandhi ji's shoulders for support. And today Delhi is asking that those who have created a record by lying continuously, those who have even crossed the seema of dishonesty, descendants of Goebbels – are they even worthy of going to Mahatma Gandhi's memorial site?" he said.

## Inside House, Sisodia keeps up attack on CBI and Centre

GAYATHRI MANI  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

CALLING THE CBI FIR filed against him completely "fake and fabricated", Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Friday said the "BJP is acting like a serial killer to topple state governments".

Sisodia made the remarks at the one-day special Delhi Assembly session called by the Aam Aadmi Party amid a political slugfest between it and BJP, with the former accusing the latter of trying to lure its MLAs to switch sides and the latter questioning the Arvind Kejriwal government's excise policy.

Earlier, comparing Kejriwal and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sisodia said, "I've never seen such a Prime Minister who is this insecure. There is Arvind Kejriwal, the one chief minister who appreciates work and schemes introduced by the central government and learns from the good work done by other governments. While there is (the) Prime Minister, who is not letting others work, sends CBI and ED after leaders to destroy the state governments."

"I have not done a penny of corruption. The only thing I have done is development of schools and the education system in Delhi. But they could not digest this and are sending CBI and ED after me. Had Kejriwal been PM and I had been in the opposition doing such good work, unlike Modiji, he would have... appreciated my work... shown interest to learn and implement it in other states. He would have not

sent CBI, ED after me. This is the difference between Kejriwal and Modi," Sisodia added.

He also referred to the Prime Minister as a person with "small thinking" and said he is trying to "destroy the Delhi government as it is being praised all over the world".

Sisodia, who also holds the education portfolio, said, "Delhi government constructed 700 new school buildings, hired 19,609 teachers and improved existing schools. These government schools earlier used to be known as 'chidiyaghar school, jhuggi wale, khadde wale schools', now these schools have been developed and are being called 'IIT wala school, robot wala school.'"

Referring to the CBI raids and FIR against him, Sisodia said, "The Bharatiya Khoka Party is not here, it would have been good if they were here... on August 19, my family and I got ready to visit the temple. It was Krishna Jayanti and I received a message with a picture of a story published in the *New York Times*. I was just feeling happy and within five minutes I received a call saying CBI is here to search your house and an FIR has been filed against you in the Delhi Excise Policy."

"I read the FIR and it was completely fake and fabricated. I have been a journalist but never saw such an FIR filed completely on the basis of just 'sources'... On the morning of Janmashtami, when CBI came to my house, for a moment I thought, is getting published on the front page of the NYT a crime? They searched my house for 14 hours... but they found nothing."

## Probe into govt school classrooms 'delayed', L-G Saxena seeks report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

AMID THE ongoing tussle between the ruling AAP government and BJP, L-G Saxena Friday sought a report from the Chief Secretary over the delay of 2.5 years by the Vigilance Department in acting on the CVC inquiry report into construction of additional classrooms in Delhi government schools. The government did not respond to queries seeking comment.

The report, which allegedly found gross irregularities and procedural lapses in the execution of projects, was sent by the CVC to the Secretary, Vigilance, GNCTD

on February 17, 2020, seeking comments for investigation.

Officials at L-G office said the Lt-Governor has taken a serious view of the "inordinate delay" that appears to be an attempt at covering up gross malpractices pointing towards "corruption", apart from violating the relevant clauses of the CVC manual. "The L-G Secretariat had received a complaint enclosing a copy of the CVC communication sent to the Directorate of Vigilance, GNCTD," said the officials.

This comes following a complaint filed by Delhi BJP MLA Vijender Gupta who in 2019 alleged "irregularities" and "cost overrun" in the construction of additional classrooms in Delhi

government schools. After filing a complaint, Gupta demanded a CBI probe into the construction of classrooms and action against Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia who holds the portfolio of Education.

The report claimed, "The cost of constructing classrooms escalated to Rs 326.25 crore, which is 53% higher than the awarded amount of tender. This escalated cost was utilised for construction of only 4,027 classrooms against the 6,133 that were to be constructed. In 194 schools, 1,214 toilets were constructed against requirement of 160 toilets with an extra expenditure of Rs 37 crore. Toilets were projected as classrooms by government."

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## CM vs CM as Himanta, Kejriwal spar online

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

A TWITTER spat broke out between Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma Friday over the Assam government's reported decision to close some schools over poor results.

Firing the first salvo, Kejriwal quoted a news report on the said closure and wrote that the decision of the Assam government to close schools was not the solution. The report mentioned that 34 schools in the state were being closed down due to the non-performance of students in the high school leaving exam.

"Closing schools is not the solution. We just need to open many new schools all over the country. Instead of closing the school, improve the school and make education right," the Delhi chief minister said in a Twitter post.

"I will come to Assam. Tell me when can I come? You show your good work in the field of education. You come to Delhi, I will show you the work of Delhi," said Kejriwal.

Sarma responded by mentioning that the Delhi CM was commenting on something without doing homework on the subject. "Assam is 50 times bigger than Delhi. Our 44,521 govt schools teach 65 lakh students, against your 1,000+ odd schools... We impart education in six mediums including 14 different tribal languages. Our diversity is something that we are proud of, cherish, and ensure to thrive through our unique education system. And yes, we do not have resources like that in Delhi..." he tweeted. "And yes, when you're in Assam, which you so desperately wish to, I will take you to our Medical Colleges, 1,000 times better than your Mohalla Clinic. Also meet our bright Govt school teachers & students," he said in the tweet.

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In the budget 2022-23, the government has enacted structural reforms for strengthening the country's economy that are in line with its long term goals. The massive ramp up of capital expenditure in key areas as well as emphasis on creating and developing infrastructure will deliver tailwinds helping the country to achieve the goals of overall development and prosperity in the long term.

After being the one of worst sufferers of the pandemic, the travel and tourism industry has finally shown signs of recovery, with a promising surge in travel in the second half of fiscal 2021-22. An increase in vaccine rollout, mass vaccination campaigns and the relaxations in inbound and outbound travel is helping the Indian travel and tourism industry to overcome the pandemic induced shock, current fiscal is likely to be a year of travel comprising of Domestic Travel, Revenge Travel and enhanced Corporate Travel.

The rebound in travel and tourism has been more apparent on the online travel platforms. With a wider adoption of internet usage, there has been a boost in online ticket bookings covering diverse model of travel. The fiscal 2021-22 showed a further increased preference of customers for online bookings with increased dependence on online travel platforms and apps. The online travel booking platforms have become the preferred choice of the customers due to their seamlessness booking experience and user friendliness. As we move ahead, I believe, that more countrymen would be preferring internet for getting competitive prices of various travel and tourism products and with the changing consumer preferences, we are poised to seize the multitude of opportunities that lie in the near future.

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I would now like to now move forward, and present to you the segment-wise performance of the company during FY22.

In the area of **Internet Ticketing**, I am delighted to inform you that an average of 11.44 lakh tickets were sold daily through IRCTC's website and Mobile App, which accounted for 80.43% of the total reserved tickets booked online on Indian Railways.

The Company touched a major milestone of achieving a record booking of 15.88 lakh tickets in a day on 21st March, 2022. IRCTC also launched various new products and services such E-ticket booking booking through AskDisha Chatbot and IRCTC BOB Loyalty Cobranded Credit Card on RuPay platform in collaboration with Bank of Baroda. Your Company also Integrated Bus booking facility in IRCTC Exclusive section of IRCTC Rail Connect Mobile App & IRCTC Website ([www.irctc.co.in](http://www.irctc.co.in)).

Coming to **Tourism segment**, I am pleased to report that IRCTC has diversified its tourism product offering for a greater market share. Your Company launched and operated a number of Land Tour Packages, Domestic Air Packages, Bharat Darshan, Pilgrimage Special Tourist Train, State Special Trains, customized travel packages, Deluxe tourist train and IRCTC Corporate Trains during FY 22. With full resumption of passenger train services by the end of 2021, IRCTC started the operation of Rail Tour packages and accordingly started the process of getting earmarked berths in the requested trains. During the year, your Company also operated "Ramayana Yatra" with AC Deluxe tourist train covering all major destinations of Lord Rama like Ayodhya- Sitamarhi-Janakpur-Varanasi-Prayagraj-Chitrakoot-Nasik-Hampi- Rameshwaram-Kachipuram-Bhadrachalam. With the aim to promote tourism in the inland waterways of the country, IRCTC has also signed an agreement with one of the leading river cruise liners in the fiscal. This has given our customers the opportunity of sailing to some of the best destinations of the country located near famous river beds.

With respect to **Catering segment**, as we all are aware that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, operations of regular Rajdhanis, Tejas, Gatman, Vande Bharat, Shatabdis, Duronto, and Mail/ Express trains were under suspension during the entire FY 2020- 21 and major part of 2021-22, and, only special trains were operated by Railways to facilitate movement of passengers. However, with the resumption of regular passenger trains and service of cooked food from November 2021 onwards, the Company has restarted the mobile catering operations in full swing. As on 31st March, 2022, Your Company provided Onboard Catering facilities in 391 Trains and managed 180 refreshment rooms, 55 Jan Ahaars, 06 Cell Kitchens and 306 Food Plaza/Fast Food units. I am happy to convey that along with cooked food service, the food orders through E-Catering has also started picking up and an average of 24,813 meals per day were booked through e-Catering during FY 22.

Your Company is also successfully operating eight Executive Lounges on pan India basis. These 'state of art' executive lounges have won admiration from the railway passenger fraternity for their impeccable décor, elaborate meal services and a host of other facilities offered to the passengers in transit during pre-departures and post-arrivals.

Recently, our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji made a visit to IRCTC's Executive Lounge at Varanasi Railway Station and interacted with IRCTC's officials about the facilities being provided to the passengers.

Your Company also plans to build a network of a well-planned chain of hotels that target the economy / budget travellers. Presently, Budget Hotels at Lucknow, Khajuraho and Kevadia are under construction and Company is exploring the avenues for setting up more such hotels at other locations and has approached several state governments for the same.

Talking About Rail Neer Packaged Drinking Water segment, the Company has 15 operational Railneer plants today located at Nangloi, Danapur, Palur, Ambarnath, Amethi, Parassala, Bilaspur, Sanand, Hapur, Mandideep, Nagpur, Jagroad, Maneri, Sankrail and Una, out of which plants at Amethi, Parassala, Sanand, Hapur, Mandideep, Nagpur, Jagroad, Maneri, Sankrail and Una are operated under the PPP model. IRCTC commissioned its new Rail Neer Plant at Una, Himachal Pradesh and commenced commercial operations during FY21-22. To increase its market share and to meet the growing demand, your Company plans to setup new Rail Neer plants at Bhusawal, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar and Kota.

As a responsible corporate citizen, **Corporate Social Responsibility is always our priority**. The Company continues to involve in meaningful welfare driven initiatives through Corporate Social Responsibility that distinctively impact the quality of life by helping the underprivileged people. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, your Company prioritized response towards strengthening the health system. Your Company also extended its support to the downtrodden people affected by COVID-19 areas under CSR program. During the year 2021-22, the Company completely utilised the CSR Budget of ₹ 9.90 Crores towards CSR activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Board that we will not rest on our laurels. On the contrary, we will grab every available opportunity to further expand our market share and aim to focus and improve the quality of services offered in all segments.

I am convinced that we are well positioned to capitalize on future growth prospects despite the temporary disruption induced by pandemic. We are grateful for the support offered by our investors for making us among one of top 100 valuable companies on the basis of market capitalization as on 31st March, 2022.

On behalf of the Board, I want to assure you that we will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to evolve our approach to match the dynamics of the market. We are proud of our employees, for their dedication that has positioned us so well for the future. We also thank all our stakeholders, business partners, passengers and Government for their generous support that has enabled us to achieve our corporate objectives. Our shareholders as always, serve as a polestar steering us towards greater ambition and success.

Thank You!!!

Date : 26.08.2022  
 Place : New Delhi

Sd/-  
**Rajni Hasija**  
 Chairperson & Managing Director



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# Twin towers: Rise and fall

After weeks of preparation and anticipation, the Supertech twin towers in Noida will be brought down tomorrow. On Friday, a final round of checks was carried out by Edifice Engineering along with teams from Jet Demolition and Central Building Research Institute. A look at the size and scope of the project

## ‘CONTROLLED IMPLSION’

### THE PROCESS



#### QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES USED

ROUGHLY **3,700 KG**

■ Around **9,640 HOLES** drilled into the twin towers

■ Towers were then charged, a process in which explosives are placed in the building which has to be demolished. This began on Aug 13, ended on Aug 22

■ Explosives, known as **SHOCK TUBE EXPLOSIVES**, which resemble a plastic tube containing the explosive material in powder form, used

## THE CIRCUITRY

■ After placing explosives in the holes, the process of floor-to-floor connection began on Aug 23 wherein each explosive on each floor was connected through wires. This was done to ensure that when the implosion takes place, the towers sit on each other as they fall. The two buildings, Apex (32 floors) and Ceyane (29 floors), will not fall in one go

## THE SCIENCE

■ Explosives used in this demolition are different from the understanding of explosives in the country. Explosives in India are generally used for mining, which is underground work requiring heavy explosives. A few mining explosives have been used in columns at the base. On the top, minimal quantity of explosives have been used

## NEXT STEPS

**DEBRIS MANAGEMENT:** Around 80,000 tonnes of construction & demolition waste will be generated out of which 50,000-55,000 tonnes will be used for filling at the site; rest will be sent to a construction and demolition waste plant for processing

**DUST CONTROL:** Noida authority will provide water tankers, mechanical sweeping machines, sanitation staff. Air quality monitoring stations will assess impact of dust generated and same will be shared with residents to reassure them

## THE 2 TOWERS

**APEX** (32 FLOORS) **CEYANE** (29 FLOORS)  
IN NOIDA SECTOR 93A



Blast Scheduled For **2.30 PM** on **AUGUST 28** with one-week bandwidth ending on September 4 as directed by Supreme Court on August 12



**400+** police personnel will be deployed in the exclusion zone  
■ One team from NDRF will also be deployed

## THE TIMELINE

**NOV 2004:** Noida allots plot to Supertech in Sector 93A for development of Emerald Court

**JUNE 2005:** Building plan sanctioned under New Okhla Industrial Development Area Building Regulations and Directions, 1986, for construction of 14 towers, each with 10 floors and a total height of 37 metres

**JUNE 2006:** Additional land area in same plot leased to Supertech under same conditions

## APEX & CEYANE TOGETHER HAVE

**915 FLATS**

**21 SHOPS**

**2 BASEMENTS**

**DEC 2006:** Revised plan sanctioned for project, as per new regulations, and two floors, two towers and a shopping complex are approved

**MAR 2010:** Third revised plan sanctioned by authorities allowing Supertech to raise 40 floors as a part of the two new towers

**DEC 2012:** RWA approaches Allahabad High Court to quash revised plan, demands demolition of the two towers, alleging various violations and misrepresentations on part of Supertech

**APRIL 2014:** Allahabad High Court orders demolition of the two towers

## 2 SOCIETIES TO BE EVACUATED

**80%**

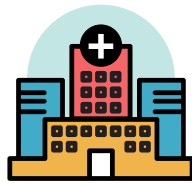
residents from Supertech Emerald Court and ATS Village to be evacuated by Saturday evening. Deadline for evacuation of people, vehicles: **SUNDAY 7 AM**

**AUG 12:** Aug 21 deadline extended. SC agrees to request by Noida Authority to fix Aug 28 for demolition. Granted bandwidth of 7 days between Aug 29 to Sept 4 to take into account marginal delay on account of technical reasons or weather conditions, as requested by Noida Authority

**MAY 2022:** Blast scheduled for August 21, with a one-week cushion period ending on August 28 as directed by May 17 Supreme Court order. Previous deadline set for demolition was May 22

**FEB 2022:** Noida Authority informs top court that demolition work had started and would be completed by May 22

**AUG 2021:** Supreme Court upholds High Court judgment and orders demolition to be completed within three months. Deadlines lapses



## BEDS SET ASIDE IN 3 HOSPITALS

Beds at Yatharth Super Speciality Hospital Sector 110, Felix Hospital Sector 137 and Jaypee Hospital Sector 128 reserved for emergencies

Graphic: Mridul; Illustration: Sujavjit Dey

## Airspace around towers ‘no-fly’ zone during demolition, final checks on

**MALAVIKA PRASAD**  
NOIDA, AUGUST 26

WITH TWO days to go for the Supertech twin tower demolition, a final round of checks was carried out by Edifice Engineering, along with teams from Jet Demolition and Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Friday. The process will continue Saturday. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has declared a no-flying zone of one nautical mile airspace around the towers during demolition due to dust expected to emanate, as per the Noida Authority.

In a series of tweets, the CMO, Government of UP, said CM Yogi Adityanath has “directed to ensure strict compliance of safety standards... and safety of people residing in adjoining residential complexes should be ensured. In addition, environmental standards should also be taken care of.”

At the site Friday was Joe Brickman, managing director of Jet Demolition, the South

African company partnering with Edifice for the demolition. “We are carrying out checks for the final day so there are no disturbances. It is one of the most difficult tasks; the building is strong and in the seismic zone. But we’ve designed the plan and implemented it to meet challenges. Edifice will be handling the debris, which will be cleaned up in three months.”

Dr DP Kanungo, CBRI chief scientist, has meanwhile been carrying out checks along with his team. “Our main stress is instrumentation monitoring, as it is one of the largest demolitions in the country. We want to collect as much scientific data... as we can use it for future research. Our instrumentation monitoring plan... will capture the vibration, air pressure. We will get data by placing black boxes in the building on how it is falling, what is the velocity and acceleration of the fall; everything will be monitored,” he said.

During a meeting of the Noida Authority Friday, it was stated that the UP pollution control board has installed manual ambient

air quality monitoring stations at six places, while anti-smog machines will be installed at 15 locations, and 50 water tankers will clean the footpath, flora and fauna near the site. Around 100 sanitation staff, along with four mechanical sweeping machines, will be deployed. Information/complaints can be registered with a control room on 0120-2425301, 0120-2425302 and 0120-2425025.

DCP (Noida) Rajesh S and DCP (Traffic) Ganesh Prasad Saha also spoke on the preparations, including reservation of beds at three hospitals for any emergencies. Eight ambulances and four fire tenders will also be on call.

Rajesh S said 400 police personnel will be deployed along with one team from NDRF. According to Saha, entry of vehicles into the exclusion zone will be prohibited but people who are evacuating can do so until 7 am on Sunday and fresh traffic bulletins will be issued on August 28 along with regular updates on Google maps so commuters can access alternate routes.

## Sealed windows, covered swimming pools: Those in vicinity prepare

**MALAVIKA PRASAD**  
NOIDA, AUGUST 26

TWO DAYS ahead of the Supertech twin towers’ demolition, residents in the neighbouring Emerald Court have been preparing on their own. Supertech Emerald Court lies in the vicinity with only a nine-metre gap between Aster-2 tower and the twin towers.

“We’ve kept all our valuables in lockers and have taken down the TV from the wall,” said Gaurav Saxena (38), resident of the society. A software engineer at HP in California, he has been working from home for the past two years and has been a resident at Emerald Court for the past 14 years with his mother, wife, daughter and brother.

Saxena said though the dust is unavoidable, he and his family have taken steps to protect their home. “We have placed plastic sheets around the balconies and we will be placing bubble wrap around glass windows



Gaurav Saxena, resident of Emerald Court, covered his balcony. Malavika Prasad

and doors to protect them from any damage that the blast can cause.” The RWA has asked residents to place a sheet of paper outside their flat to imply the number of people in the flat and that nobody is inside, Saxena said. Electricity in the society will be turned off and residents have been asked to turn off

all electrical appliances and other equipment including LPG gas connection.

Saxena lives in Aster-7, which is a little away from the blast site, but a tour of the premises shows Aster-2 building is only a few metres away from the twin towers. “The swimming pool and tennis courts have been covered, and the green area inside the buildings will also be covered later today. We will be going to Nainital tomorrow to the homes of our relatives. There is an inconvenience; my daughter and wife have gone to my in-laws’ place to ride the pollution and dust out. These issues, however, are temporary...”

Inderjeet, who lives with her two kids in Aster-2, will be leaving for her hometown in Meerut Saturday. “We have sealed windows and cleared things from walls. *Humne is building ki digging se le karke finally is building ki demolition ki tayyari dekhi hai.* We are happy about the demolition; it also serves as a lesson for all those builders who have carried out illegal construction.”





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## 7 Govt &amp; POLITICS

FEW IN G-23 KNEW OF HIS EXIT

## Azad's next move: His own party

## Polls approaching, will float J&amp;K unit first, says veteran

**MANOJ C G,  
ARUN SHARMA &  
SOURAV ROY BARMAN**  
NEW DELHI, JAMMU, AUG 26

GHULAM NABI Azad's exit from the Congress — two months after Kapil Sibal's departure — is yet another blow to the G-23, some leaders of which are planning to force a contest in the Congress presidential elections. Sources said only a handful of his G-23 colleagues knew about his exit plan. Others were as shocked by the news as those in the Congress.

A para in his resignation letter gave a hint about Azad's plans. "Some of my other colleagues and I will now persevere to perpetuate the ideals for which we have dedicated our entire adult lives, outside the formal fold of the Indian National Congress," he wrote in the letter. Late in the evening, *PTI* quoted Azad as confirming that he will float a new party with a J&K-centric unit to start with. "I am in no hurry as of now to launch a national party but keeping in mind that elections are likely to be held in Jammu and Kashmir, I have decided to launch a unit there soon," Azad told *PTI*.

While the Congress put up a brave face, many leaders see a bigger crisis brewing. "We are perhaps not looking at a split. It could be death by a thousand cuts. Some more could leave. And what will play out in the election to pick Sonia Gandhi's successor cannot be predicted," one leader said.

Sources in the G-23 — or rather G-19 since four leaders have quit — did not rule out one of them contesting in the election of the party chief. "It could be even Shashi Tharoor or Manish Tewari. We don't know," one leader said.

"It was unfortunate. When a senior leader like him leaves the party... *toh party ko nuksan hota hai*," his friend and former Haryana CM Bhupinder Singh

Hooda told *The Indian Express*.

His exit dealt a blow to the Congress in the Jammu region where it is struggling to find its feet after the entry of the BJP.

Within hours of Azad's resignation, two former J&K ministers of the Congress — G M Saroori and R S Chib — and four ex-MLAs/MLCs also quit the party. Former minister Jugal Sharma and ex-MLC Naresh Gupta said they, too, will go with Azad as he is the only one who can bring J&K "out of the present morass". Some other local leaders are expected to follow suit in the coming days.

Newly appointed PCC president Vikar Rasool Wani, an Azad loyalist who was believed to have been chosen to placate the senior leader, said his resignation will "certainly hit the Congress in J&K as many people will go with him".

The leaders of the G 23, meanwhile, spoke in different voices. Expressing "shock" over the development, senior party leader Anand Sharma said the situation could have been avoided had the Congress leadership carried out "serious introspection and course correction" based on conversations with the dissident leaders.

Former Maharashtra chief minister Prithviraj Chavan said this was a "classic example" of the working style of the "coterie" surrounding Rahul Gandhi who was at the receiving end of a fierce attack by Azad on Friday. Senior leader Sandeep Dikshit, who was among the signatories of the G 23 letter, wrote to Azad that he feels that the group had "raised the banner of reform, not a banner of revolt".

Former Rajya Sabha deputy chairman and veteran Congress leader PJ Kurien, said the objective of G 23 was not to destroy but to act as a corrective force.

Congress Rajya Sabha MP Akhilesh Prasad Singh echoed Kurien, saying Azad's desertion comes at a time the party needed him the most.

## Known to be close to party bosses, now an unlikely rebel

**MANOJ C G**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

IN THE summer of 1977, when Ghulam Nabi Azad first came to Delhi after being appointed as a general secretary of the Youth Congress by Sanjay Gandhi, he could not withstand the torrid summer. His nose bled for several weeks and he told his colleagues that he is going back. Forty-five years later, he has severed his association with the party which is bleeding because of repeated electoral defeats and constant exodus of leaders.

Azad is an unlikely rebel. His decision to leave the party after launching one of the sharpest ever attacks on the Gandhi family was

much as a surprise as his decision to lead a band of leaders to write to Sonia Gandhi calling for changes in 2020. In fact, he was one of those leaders who have always been seen as having sided with the establishment and without break held key posts both in the organisation and governments.

Despite his closeness to the leadership and perhaps because of it, he spoke his mind, too, at times. And the leadership invariably listened, which is perhaps missing now. And that is his single biggest grouse.

For instance, when Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi renamed the education ministry as Human Resource Development Ministry and asked PV Narasimha Rao to head it in September 1985, Azad

Azad had been in the CWC for 37 years and was AICC in-charge of almost every state. *PTI File*

## Ordinance row: Cong asks, 'Why were you silent then?'

**MANOJ C G**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

GHULAM NABI Azad's claim that Rahul Gandhi's outburst in 2013 against the Manmohan Singh government over an ordinance led to the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance's (UPA) defeat in the general elections the following year has surprised many in the party, with the veteran leader's former colleagues asking why he did not speak his mind at the time. The government had brought the ordinance to negate a Supreme Court order on disqualifying convicted MPs and MLAs, but Rahul's criticism forced it to withdraw the ordinance a week later.

Azad was the Health Minister in the Singh-led Cabinet but remained silent like his other ministerial colleagues, leaving Singh to fend for himself and, according to an account, consider stepping down because of the lack of confidence in the government expressed by Gandhi who was party vice-president at the time. Azad wrote in his resignation

letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Friday, "One of the most glaring examples of this immaturity was the tearing up of a government ordinance in the full glare of the media by Rahul Gandhi. The said ordinance was incubated in the Congress Core Group and subsequently unanimously approved by the Union Cabinet presided over by the Prime Minister of India and duly approved even by the President of India."

"This 'childish' behaviour completely subverted the authority of the Prime Minister and Government of India. This one single action, more than anything else, contributed significantly to the defeat of the UPA Government in 2014..." Azad said.

Before Rahul, Digvijaya Singh, Milind Deora, and M Veerappa Moily were the Congress leaders to have openly spoken against the government taking the ordinance route to save convicted lawmakers. The first beneficiary of the legislation would have been RJD chief Lalu Prasad, a Congress ally. At the time, Moily was the petroleum minister and

the only member of the Cabinet, which cleared the ordinance, to express reservation.

While several ministers and senior leaders felt Rahul's open criticism of the government was unwarranted, they kept mum. Many believed the remarks were a blow to the image of the government as well as that of Sonia Gandhi, who was a part of the Congress core group meeting that cleared the ordinance proposal.

At the press conference on September 27, 2013, Rahul rubbished the ordinance, calling it "complete nonsense" that should be "torn up and thrown out".

In a 2020 book, Montek Singh Ahluwalia, who was the Planning Commission's deputy chairperson then, recalled that Singh thought of stepping down after Rahul's criticism. Rahul later admitted his words were wrong.

Congress media department chair Pawan Khara targeted Azad Friday. "If you think it was wrong, you would have thought it to be wrong then also. Why were you silent then? Now you don't have a post and therefore you are speaking," he said.

Singh), when he entered Lok Sabha from Washim in Maharashtra.

He had been in the Congress Working Committee for 37 years and he had been AICC in-charge of almost every state, a feat that has no parallel in the party. He began his political career in the mid 1970s and became the president of the J&K Youth Congress in 1975-76. He moved to Delhi in 1977 and became one of the close associates of Sanjay Gandhi with the likes of Kamal Nath and Ambika Soni. He became the national president of the Youth Congress in 1980.

And as he wrote in resignation letter, he was a member of the Congress Parliamentary board headed by Rajiv Gandhi as Congress president and later P V

## SERIES OF EXITS FROM CONG SINCE 2014

## FORMER CHIEF MINISTERS

Amarinder Singh (Punjab); Vijay Bahuguna (Uttarakhand); Late Ajit Jogi (Chhattisgarh); S M Krishna (Karnataka); Narayan Rane (Maharashtra); Giridhar Gamang (Odisha)

## FORMER UNION MINISTERS

G K Vasan (Tamil Nadu); Kishore Chandra Deo (Andhra Pradesh); Jayanti Natarajan (Tamil Nadu); Late Beni Prasad Verma (UP); Srikanth Jena (Odisha); Shankersinh Vaghela (Gujarat)

## STATE PRESIDENTS (FORMER AND SERVING)

Ashok Tanwar (Haryana); Rita Bahuguna Joshi (UP); Botcha Satyanarayana (Andhra Pradesh); Bhubaneswar Kalita (Assam); Ashok Chaudhary (Bihar); Sunil Jakhar (Punjab)

## OTHER PROMINENT NAMES

Himanta Biswa Sarma (Assam); Pema Khandu (Arunachal Pradesh); N Biren Singh (Manipur); P C Chacko (Kerala); Chaudhary Birender Singh (Haryana); D Srinivas (Telangana); Manas Bhunia (West Bengal); Vishwajit Rane (Goa); Chandrakant Kavlekar (Goa); Kapil Sibal; Jyotiraditya Scindia (MP); Ashwani Kumar, R P N Singh, Jitin Prasada (UP); Sushmita Dev, Hardik Patel (Gujarat); Priyanka Chaturvedi (Maharashtra); Khushbhu Sundar (Tamil Nadu); Kuldeep Bishnoi (Haryana); Jaiveer Shergill.

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## ROMANTIC NOVEL

SPEAKING AT the farewell event organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association in honour of outgoing Chief Justice of India NV Ramana, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said he had "gathered from very reliable sources" that the CJI, who is a connoisseur of Telugu literature, "is contemplating writing a romantic novel in Telugu after retirement". "I have stopped my research at that. I did not go into the roots what inspired his Lordship to contemplate writing that," the SG quipped. CJI Ramana said he "wants to correct" Mehta, adding: "Just like the IB (Intelligence Bureau) reports, your report that I am going to write a romantic novel is not correct. I may write some books on literature, I may write on historical events which took place while I was an advocate and so on..." IB reports are a part of the judges' appointment process.

## INDIA CONNECTION

VISITING NEW Delhi with ex-Australian PM Kevin Rudd, former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Friday revealed that he had started his career in the city 50 years ago. Addressing a gathering at the launch of a climate report, Ki-moon revealed his India connection saying that his son was born in New Delhi, and that his daughter, who works with the United Nations, is married to "an Indian boy". Ki-moon's son-in-law now works with the UN in China. "Maybe he will be responsible for bringing India and China together," joked the former UN Secretary General.

## SERIAL HOPPER

FOLLOWING ITS emphatic victory in the 2021 West Bengal Assembly polls, the Trinamool Congress chose Tripura to expand its base. The Trinamool was aware that Subal Bhowmik, who was appointed to lead the party in the state, was known as a serial party-hopper, but the party didn't have many choices. Bhowmik, who had been gradually distancing himself from the Trinamool since the party fared poorly in the recent by-polls, was recently removed from the post. He is likely to return to the BJP fold during party chief JP Nadda's two-day visit to the state starting August 28.

## DAY AFTER STAY ORDER

## HC allows Karnataka govt to decide on use of Idgah Maidan

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
BENGALURU, AUGUST 26

WITHIN A day of a single-judge of the Karnataka High Court imposing a stay on the use of the disputed Idgah Maidan in south Bengaluru for activities other than prayers for Ramzan and Bakrid, and as a playground, a division bench of the Karnataka HC on Friday modified the order and granted powers to the state to decide on the use of the land.

A division bench of the Karnataka HC Friday modified the August 24 order on the basis of an appeal filed by the state. The order passed by the HC judge Thursday came at a time right-wing groups are demanding the use of the disputed Idgah Maidan for Ganesh festivities this year.

In its appeal, the Karnataka government told the HC on Friday that the Deputy Commissioner for Bengaluru had received five applications for use of the Idgah Maidan land on

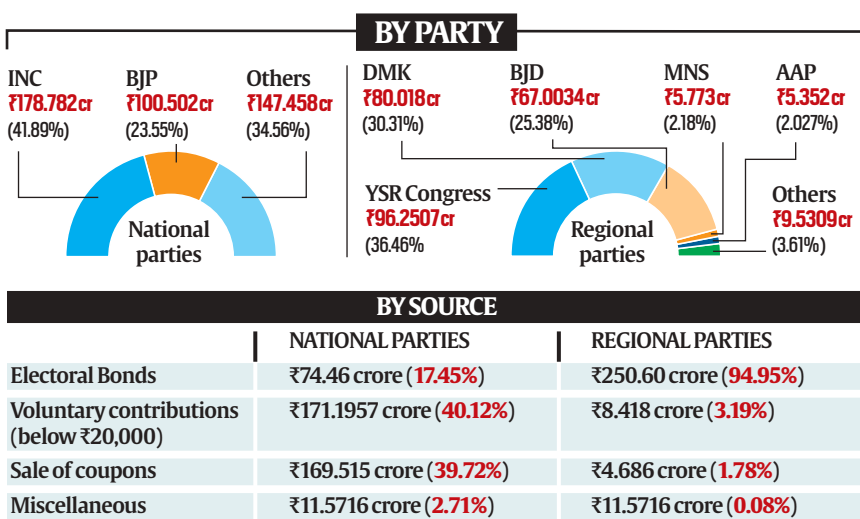
August 31 (Ganesh Chaturthi) for a limited period "for the purpose of holding religious and cultural activities." The state sought a modification of the HC order of August 24 to allow it to take action on the applications.

"The Indian society comprises religious, linguistic, regional, or sectional diversities. The Constitution of India itself fosters brotherhood amongst various sections of society. The principle of religious toleration is characteristic of Indian civilization," the HC division bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty said on Friday.

"We, therefore, at this stage, in the peculiar facts of the case, modify the interim order and permit the state government to consider and pass appropriate orders on applications received by the DC seeking use of the land in question for holding religious and cultural activities for a limited period from August 31 onwards," the HC said Friday.

## POLITICAL PARTIES' UNKNOWN INCOME SOURCES

National and regional political parties earned ₹1,904.486 crore in FY21 of which ₹690.67 crore was from unknown sources, as per a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms. The following is the break-up of the unknown income sources



## After SC Pegasus remarks, IT Minister says Centre has lawful right to intercept

**KAMAAL SAIYED**  
SURAT, AUGUST 26

THE CENTRE has "lawful right to intercept" to curb terrorism and other activities, said Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar Friday. He added that the Centre was working on a new framework of laws to address digital privacy.

The statements came a day after the Supreme Court said the committee appointed by it to probe allegations of unauthorised use of Israeli firm NSO Group's Pegasus software for surveillance found no conclusive evidence on the use of the spyware in phones examined by it. However, to the apex court's re-

Rajeev Chandrasekhar in Surat on Friday. *Express*

marks that the Central Government did not cooperate with the probe, the minister noted that almost all phones and computers are vulnerable to

what is referred to as "Zero Day Exploits" (ZDE) used by "ethical and unethical people".

"What I have come to know is that from the 29 mobile phones they have found, five have malware. We cannot find out which one of 12 ZDE is there, the hacker only knows it. It is difficult to pinpoint whose malware and what malware (is there). In the technology space... there are many ZDE that are being used by ethical and unethical people. The Centre has got lawful right to intercept... in terms of national security to curb terrorism and other activities," Chandrasekhar, on a two-day tour to Surat since Thursday, told *The Indian Express*.

"The reality of technology today is that almost every phone or computer is vulnerable to ZDE

both in Android and iOS. When the Pegasus issue was raised by the opposition, there were 8 ZDE on iOS that have been documented. Similarly, in Android, there were around 10 to 12 ZDE. It is for the phone and device manufacturers to get them (the devices) updated," Chandrasekhar said.

Further, the minister said the Centre had to withdraw the Personal Data Protection Bill "as it has become too complex and creates a lot of compliance or burdens on small companies". "We are coming up with a new comprehensive framework of laws that will be the catalyst for the 'India techade'. The current IT Act is 22 years old. We are coming up with a modern framework of laws that will address digital privacy," he said.

## Petition in HC: Use 'Union', not 'Centre' in all govt orders

*New Delhi:* A petition has been filed before Delhi High Court seeking that the government of India be directed to use "Union Government" or "Union" instead of "Central Government" or "Centre" in all orders, notifications, rules, executive actions and correspondences.

The division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad on Friday asked the counsel representing the Centre to seek instructions and granted four weeks for it. The petition in particular challenges Section 3(8)(b) of General Clauses Act, which defines "central government".

The PIL was filed by 84-year-old Atmaram Saraogi. He was represented by Senior Advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan before the bench. **ENS**



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## Freebies: SC refers issue to 3-judge bench

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

THE SUPREME Court on Friday referred petitions seeking ban on freebies distributed by political parties before elections to a three-judge bench which it said will look into prayers for reconsidering the top court's 2013 judgment in S Subramaniam Balaji vs State case of Tamil Nadu.

The 2013 verdict had held that such promises of freebies cannot be termed corrupt practice. A bench presided by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana said some of the parties had submitted "that the reasoning in the above judgment is flawed as it has not considered various provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951". "It was also submitted that the judgment incorrectly implies that the Directive Principles of State Policy can override the Fundamental Rights under Part III of the Constitution, which is against the law settled by a Constitution Bench of this court in" the 1980 decision in Minerva Mills Ltd. v. Union of India case, it said. "Looking at the complexity of the issues involved, and the prayer to overrule a judgment rendered by a two-judge bench of this court in S Subramaniam Balaji... we direct listing of these set of petitions before a three-judge bench after obtaining the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India," the bench, also comprising Justices Hima

Kohli and CT Ravikumar, ordered. Hearing a petition filed by Advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, who sought a ban on promise of freebies by political parties in the run-up to elections, the bench said it initially mulled setting up a committee to go into the issue and make recommendations. Subsequently, there were intervention applications by some parties who contended that "all promises cannot be equated with freebies as they relate to welfare schemes...", it said.

The bench added that "at the same time, the worry raised by the petitioners herein, that under the guise of electoral promises, fiscal responsibility is being dispensed with, must also be considered".

Considering the arguments, it said in its Friday's order that "ultimately, it appears that the issues raised by the parties require an extensive hearing before any concrete orders can be passed".

The bench pointed out that "certain preliminary issues that may need to be deliberated upon and decided in the present set of petitions are... What is the scope of judicial intervention with respect to the reliefs sought in the present batch of petitions?... Whether any enforceable order can be passed by this court on these petitions?... Whether the appointment of a commission/expert body by the court would serve any purpose in this matter?... What should be the scope, composition, and powers of the said commission/expert body?"

### GUJARAT

## Journalist booked for report claiming CM's 'impending ouster'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 26

A JOURNALIST associated with an evening newspaper in Rajkot has been booked for allegedly writing a news story claiming that Rajya Sabha MP and Union Cabinet Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala would replace Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel in Gujarat.

According to the police, an FIR has been lodged at Rajkot A Division police station against Aniruddh Nakum, the Rajkot-based journalist associated with 'Saurashtra Headline—Assal Kathiyawadi' newspaper. The news report titled "Goodbye Bhupendraji, Welcome Rupala" was published under his byline on August 22.

The FIR has been lodged following a complaint by 'Babubhai Vaghara' from Rajkot city who is into the "construction business". Nakum has been booked under IPC Sections 505 1(b) for making, publishing or circulating any statement, rumor or report with the intent to cause fear or alarm to the public, 505 (2) for statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill will between classes and 114 for offence committed when abettor present.

### TO ACHIEVE NET-ZERO EMISSIONS TARGET BY 2070

## India needs \$10-tn investment from now: report

**ESHA ROY**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

INDIA WILL require an economy-wide investment of \$10.1 trillion from now if it is to achieve its net-zero emissions target by 2070, according to a report released by former Australian prime minister Kevin Rudd and others in New Delhi on Friday.

According to the 'Getting India to Net Zero' report, the investment required will be \$13.5 trillion if the target is to be met by 2050. The report also says achieving net-zero by 2070 would boost annual GDP by up to 4.7% by 2036 and create as many as 15 million new jobs by 2047.

The report was released by



Australian ex-PM Kevin Rudd (centre), along with former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon (right) and International Finance Corporation's Head and Director of Climate Business Vivek Pathak, in New Delhi, Friday. *Express*

Rudd, also the president of Asia Society Policy Institute., former UN Secretary-General and

Global Green Growth Institute President & Chair Ban Ki-moon, International Finance

**MAYURA JANWALKAR & VARINDER BHATIA**  
PANAJI, CHANDIGARH, AUG 26

THE GOA Police on Friday arrested two people in connection with the death of Haryana BJP leader and actor Sonali Phogat. Police said the accused, Sudhir Sangvan and Sukhwinder Singh, "intentionally gave the victim an obnoxious chemical substance in a liquid" hours before she died on Tuesday morning.

Phogat's family have alleged that she could possibly have been murdered in an attempt to grab her property. She had assets worth around Rs 2.74 crore, according to her 2019 election affidavit. On Friday, Inspector General of Police Omvir Singh Bishnoi said: "Based on witness statements (and) CCTV footage, it was



Family members of Sonali Phogat take her body for cremation in Hisar on Friday. Her daughter lit the pyre. *PTI*

seen that Sudhir and Sukhwinder partied with the deceased and videos show that a substance was forcefully given to the victim by one of the accused. When confronted, Sukhwinder and Sudhir confessed that they intentionally

gave her an obnoxious chemical in a liquid and made her drink it. Then she lost control and she was looked after (by the accused)..."

Police had registered an offence of murder on Thursday following a complaint filed by



Hurriyat leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq speaks to police personnel after being stopped from leaving his residence in Srinagar on Friday. *Express*

## Police stop Mirwaiz from leaving residence for prayers

**NAVEED IQBAL**  
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 26

POLICE ON Friday stopped All-Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who has been confined to his house for three years, from leaving his residence to offer prayers at Jamia Masjid at Nowhatta, days after Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said the Kashmir head cleric was not under house arrest.

When the Mirwaiz stepped out of his residence at Nigeen, police officials present outside the gate stopped him, citing security issues. "The Mirwaiz has threats against him. He has no security. He has been informed by the SP on Friday as well," J&K Police ADGP for Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar told The Indian Express. Since there is no provision as per the law for house arrest, Kumar clarified that "he is not under house arrest...he

never was. He is allowed to visit the hospital. We are not allowing him to visit Jamia because of apprehensions related to law and order".

Stating that even leaders are sometimes not allowed to travel when there are "security-related threats", Kumar said, "He will have to give in writing that the public will not create a law-and-order situation at the Jamia Masjid."

On Thursday, the Anjuman Aulqaf, the body that oversees the functioning of the Jamia Masjid, had said that "all preparations have been made for the Friday sermon by the Mirwaiz and people are eagerly looking forward to seeing and hearing him".

On Friday, Anjuman Aulqaf expressed "strong disdain against the authorities for once again disallowing its incarcerated chairman and Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq to address the faithful at the historic and central grand mosque after three years".

"A large number of people who had come from across the Valley for the Friday prayers were once again deeply saddened. They expressed their anger and strongly protested against the illegal and arbitrary detention of Mirwaiz Umar Farooq," the Anjuman said.

Prayers at the Jamia Masjid have been allowed only sporadically over the last three years. The Anjuman termed his continued detention "condemnable" while highlighting a statement of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who in an interview with foreign media last week had claimed that the Mirwaiz was not under detention and that there were no restrictions placed upon him.

"Earlier, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had twice made similar statements in Parliament. However, on the ground, these claims are far from reality as was once again proved today [Friday] when Mirwaiz was forcibly stopped at the gate of his house."

## Man kills five of family, dies by suicide

**SAURABH PARASHAR**  
AMBALA, AUGUST 26

A 33-YEAR-OLD man killed his elderly parents, his wife, and his daughters, before dying by suicide inside his Balana village residence in Ambala on Friday.

The man — who worked as the branch manager of a private insurance firm, IFFCO-Tokio General Insurance — was identified as Sukhwinder Singh, who police said left behind a two-page suicide note, blaming his

immediate superior, Balkishan Thakur, and the owner of a two-wheeler automobile agency in Yamunanagar, Kavi Narula, for his extreme step. As per details, Sukhwinder was posted at the Jagadhari branch of IFFCO-Tokio in Yamunanagar and had joined the insurance firm six years ago.

The deceased were identified as Sukhwinder's wife Reena, 31, his parents Sangat Singh, 65, Mohinder Kaur, 61, and his two daughters Ashu, 7, and Jassi, 5. Reena worked as a contractual employee with Saksham scheme,

Sangat Singh was the lambardar of Balana village, while Sukhwinder's daughters Ashu and Jassi were both students of DAV school, Ambala. Police said they have booked Balkishan Thakur and Kavi Narula for abetment under Section 306 of IPC, besides registering a murder case against Sukhwinder Singh.

Officers said Sukhwinder had blamed Thakur and Narula for pressurising him to pay Rs 10 lakh, failing which he might lose his job. He blamed Narula for pressurising him for doing his personal work.

Phogat's brother Rinku Dhaka, who accused Sudhir, Phogat's personal assistant, and Sukhwinder, his aide, of murder. The duo was detained on Thursday. Bishnoi said on Friday that the two had now been placed under arrest and would be produced before a magistrate within 24 hours.

Phogat's family said Sudhir was possibly just a "front man" and there could be a larger political conspiracy behind her death. In his complaint, Rinku said Sudhir of Rohtak and Sukhwinder of Bhiwani met Phogat during her 2019 Assembly poll campaign.

"In 2021, a theft took place at her residence... After that, Sudhir terminated her cook's services and started taking care of her meals himself. Three months ago, Sonali called and told me that Sudhir had served her kheer after eating which she started shivering and

her limbs stopped working. I questioned Sudhir, but he gave me an evasive reply," Rinku said, adding that Sudhir used to take care of Phogat's finances and paperwork.

Talking to *The Indian Express*, Rinku added, "We suspect that Sudhir and Sukhwinder murdered Sonali to grab her property. When we reached Goa, we asked him about her articles, including her wallet, ATM cards etc. He said they came to Delhi in a car that was parked in a flat in Gurgaon. We asked him about the flat's keys to which he said those were in the car and when we asked him about the car's keys, he refused to give it and went away".

The IGP said at 4.40 am, after the "obnoxious chemical" was given to her, the accused took her to the bathroom where she spent two hours and they have given no explanation for this.

### JUNKS PIL TO CHANGE BUILDING INTO MOSQUE

## If more places of worship allowed, no place will be left to reside: Kerala HC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 26

THE KERALA High Court on Friday rejected a petition seeking to change a commercial building into a Muslim place of worship, observing that "if further religious places and religious prayer halls are allowed in Kerala without any guidelines, there will be no place for citizens to reside".

The bench of Justice P V Kunhikrishnan was considering a petition of Noorul Islam Samskari Sangam, Thottakkad, near Nilambar in Malappuram district, which wanted to change a commercial building into a place of worship. The petitioner had listed the Malappuram district collector, the district police chief, local station house officer, village panchayat and a local resident as respondents.

The judge said Kerala is exhausted with religious institutions and prayer halls. There are sufficient number of religious places and prayer halls for all communities in the state even as per the 2011 Census report. "As far as the present case is concerned, there are about 36 mosques situated within 5-kilometre radius from the existing commercial building of the petitioner. Then why another prayer hall for the petitioner is a million-dollar question," the judge said.

Quoting Quran verses, the judge said the verses clearly highlight the importance of mosque to the Muslim commu-

nity. "But, it is not stated in the above verses of the Holy Quran that mosque is necessary in every nook and corner... It is not stated in the "Hadees" or in the Holy Quran that mosque is to be situated adjacent to the house of every Muslim community member. Distance is not the criteria, but reaching the mosque is important. In the instant case, 36 mosques are available within the vicinity from the commercial building of the petitioner. In such circumstances, there is no need for another mosque in that vicinity," said the judge.

The judge directed that the chief secretary will issue a separate circular/order prohibiting change of category of a building to a religious place/prayer hall except in inevitable circumstances and in the rarest of rare cases after obtaining reports from authorities concerned. In the order, it should be clearly mentioned that the distance to the nearest similar religious place/prayer hall is one of the criteria while considering the application for religious places and prayer halls. The government should ensure that there is no illegal functioning of any religious places and prayer halls without obtaining permission from the competent authorities.

The court said the government and the local bodies should be vigilant while granting permission for religious places and prayer halls in future. Besides, the change of occupancy of existing buildings from one category to another shall not be allowed in normal cases.

### SUICIDE BY SAMBHAL GANGRAPE VICTIM

## Police say all 4 accused arrested, SHO among 2 suspended for laxity

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBHAL, AUGUST 26

TWO DAYS after a 16-year-old gangrape victim died by suicide in a Sambhal village, police claimed they have arrested all the four accused, while the investigating officer (IO) and the SHO concerned have been suspended for negligence.

The girl was found hanging by her mother at their house on Wednesday. The father of the victim had died in 2015.

The mother of the girl accused the police of negligence, claiming that only one of the four accused was booked initially in the FIR registered on July 15. According to the FIR, the alleged crime took place on June 5 and only one accused — Souvendra — was booked for rape, trespass, kidnapping, criminal intimidation, and under the POCSO Act.

"I don't care if all the four accused have been arrested now. Why didn't the police do this on July 15? I lost my daughter because the police didn't do anything. The accused were roaming freely and would call and threaten to kill my daughter. They were never absconding. Had they been on the run, how did the police catch them



Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav

### LAND FOR JOBS

## After mall search by CBI, firm says no Tejashwi link

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

TWO DAYS after Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav dismissed links to an under-construction mall in Gurgaon that the CBI searched Wednesday, the construction firm too denied it had any association with Yadav.

The CBI had searched Urban Cube mall in Gurgaon's Sector 17 in connection with a "land-for-jobs" case against former Bihar chief minister Lalu Prasad and his family.

On Friday, the company constructing the mall, Whiteland Corporation Pvt. Ltd, said the CBI's allegation of the mall being connected to Yadav, as reported in the media, was a "false portrayal". It claimed "vested interests" were maligning its reputation.

A statement released by Whiteland said: "All the assets of the company have been lawfully acquired with only the legitimate sources of the company and are regularly audited as per the protocol. Whiteland Corporation Pvt Ltd is a growing Company with a stupendous track record of the management. We hope this matter is thoroughly investigated and only the correct information is circulated," it added.

## MP dam breach: CM suspends eight engineers

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
BHOPAL, AUGUST 26

FIFTEEN DAYS after seepage in Karam dam created a flood-like situation in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday announced suspension of eight engineers of the state's water resource department.

The action comes after two companies, Delhi's ANS Construction and Gwalior's Sarthi Construction, associated with the construction of the dam were blacklisted after a four-member panel was constituted to probe the incident. The committee was supposed to submit its report within five days.

Those suspended on Friday were chief engineer CS Ghatole, superintendent engineer P Joshi, executive engineer BL Ninama, assistant engineer Wakar Ahmed Siddiqui and sub engineers Ashok Kumar, Vijay Kumar Jathhap, Dashabanta Sisodia and RK Shrivastava.

right after my daughter died?" said the victim's mother.

"I met the SHO as well but he asked us to settle the matter. How can I settle the matter? My daughter was gangraped and threatened," said the mother.

She alleged that they had named all the accused but the police booked only one. On July 24, the matter reached a court where the minor told the judge that she was gangraped by four men, after which the names of three others — Veeresh, Vipin, Jeenesh — were added to the FIR.

A second FIR for abetment to suicide was lodged on Wednesday after the girl died. "Since the FIR was lodged on July 15, the accused were pressuring my sister and our family to withdraw the case. Police kept pushing us to cremate the body even as we were expecting relatives. Policemen were standing behind us," said one of the brothers of the victim.

Sambhal SP Chakresh Mishra said, "The FIR was immediately registered. Later, the complainant named 3 other accused in a court. We added their names to the FIR, but they were absconding. We are verifying the threat allegations. There was no pressure for cremation... The policemen were standing far away."



New Delhi





UKRAINE RETURNEES  
Top court seeks  
Centre's reply  
to students' plea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

THE SUPREME Court on Friday sought response from the Centre and the National Medical Commission (NMC) on a plea by medical students who were forced to return from Ukraine due to the war situation seeking permission to continue their education in India.

A bench presided by Justice Hemant Gupta will hear the matter next on September 5. Taking up their plea, Justice Gupta pointed out that there are about 20,000 students and wondered if India has the capacity to accommodate all of them.

The counsel appearing for the students said they chose Ukraine because they could not get admissions in Government seats in India. The counsel said he is asking for only the final year students to be accommodated.

WhatsApp's privacy policy  
forced users to agree: Delhi HC

SOFIA AHSAN  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

IN ITS verdict dismissing the appeals by Facebook and WhatsApp against Competition Commission of India's order for a probe into WhatsApp's 2021 privacy policy, the Delhi High Court said the policy update placed the messaging app users in a "take-it-or-leave-it" situation, virtually forcing them into agreement by providing a mirage of choice.

The division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad had junked the plea Thursday. The judgment was made public on Friday.

The Bench said WhatsApp occupies a dominant position in the market and has a strong lock-in effect which renders its users incapable of shifting to another platform despite dissatisfaction. The court said the same is exemplified

by the fact that despite an increase in the downloads of Telegram and Signal when the 2021 policy was announced, the number of users has remained unchanged.

The court, in the judgment dated August 25, said that to ensure retention of its user base and to prevent any other disruptive technology from entering the market, data is utilised by tech companies to customise and personalise their own platforms so that its user base remains hooked.

"When data concentration is seen through this prism, it does give meaning to the new adage that 'data is the new oil', and, as noted in the CCI Order dated 24.03.2021, it raises competition concerns because it prima facie amounts to imposition of unfair terms and conditions upon its users, thereby violating Section 4(2)(a)(i) of the Act," it said in the verdict.

While ordering an investiga-

tion, the CCI last year had come to a prima facie conclusion that the conduct of WhatsApp in "sharing of users' personalised data with other Facebook companies, in a manner that is neither fully transparent nor based on voluntary and specific user consent" appears unfair to the users. A single-bench of the Delhi High Court on April 22, 2021 had dismissed the petitions filed by WhatsApp and Facebook against the CCI order. The companies appealed the decision.

The division bench rejected WhatsApp and Meta's argument that since the privacy policy is under challenge before the courts, including Supreme Court, the CCI probe can potentially lead to conflicting opinions. "The sphere of operation of both are vastly different. Neither this court nor the Supreme Court are analysing the 2021 policy through the prism of competition law," it ruled.

Monsoon withdrawal likely to  
start early September, says IMD

Pune: The beginning of the withdrawal of Southwest monsoon is most likely to be on time. A season spanning from June to September, the Southwest monsoon contributes to over 70 per cent of country's annual rainfall.

Officials of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday said the monsoon withdrawal could commence from the extreme western

regions of Rajasthan, sometime around September 6-7.

In its latest Extended Range Prediction Thursday, the IMD said, "Conditions are likely to become favourable for the withdrawal of the Southwest monsoon from parts of northwest during September 1-7. During this period, rainfall activity is likely to be below normal over the northwest and central India regions." ENS

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

## LISTEN TO AZAD

Congress needs to acknowledge the truth of what his resignation letter says and act if it wants to rescue itself before it is too late

G HULAM NABI AZAD'S letter, as he resigned from Congress on Friday, sharply and forthrightly locates the crumbling within. For him, there is also a clear and present culprit — Rahul Gandhi. Azad's now-erstwhile party colleagues have been quick to read motives in his decision. Their reaction is narrow and dispiriting. A leader who has worked in and for the party for five decades deserves to be heard, at the very least, with humility and respect. Of course, it is possible to lock horns with Azad's argument, after listening to it. There are several reasons for, and many sites of, Congress decline in times of BJP dominance. It can be contended that Azad's diagnosis is incomplete, that it ignores wider and structural reasons for the party's crisis that go beyond an individual. Congress diminishment can also be blamed, for example, on its inability to connect with the changing aspirations of the electorate, its refusal to learn any lessons in the face of the rising BJP behemoth. And yet, in this moment, none of those counter-arguments sounds credible, for two reasons. One, because the Congress has notched up such a long and formidable record of evading and obfuscating its own predicament. And two, because what Azad has pointed to is an inalienable part of the Congress shrinking.

Azad's letter is undeniably a significant moment not just in his own career, but also in that of the Congress. Not since Sharad Pawar walked out on the "foreign origin" issue, has a senior leader of similar prominence or stature articulated such a powerful critique of the party at the very top. In fact, Azad's critique is far more political than Pawar's — it is about the inner life of an institution, not identity. Azad's recurring use of the term "coterie", and his anger at the breakdown of consultative mechanisms within, is resonant. His flagging of the conduct of a leader who makes a public show of tearing into his own government's ordinance, relies on "inexperienced sycophants", steps down from party presidentship in a "huff", and controls the party through "remote control" and "proxies" is important not because all this is being said for the first time — it isn't — but because he is saying it. The fact is that the Congress's serial electoral losses, its inexorable ceding of space to the BJP and to the regional party, its incoherence on major issues and its inability to hold on to several of its young and ambitious leaders, all have something to do with the erraticness, lack of ideas or any real empathy or connect at its very top.

It has become increasingly clear that for there to be any Congress revival, its top leadership cannot be quarantined from the change. And that is why the Congress would be doing itself a grave disservice if it doesn't read and re-read Azad's letter. The party needs to acknowledge the truth of what he has said, and act on it, if it wants to rescue itself — before it's too late.

## TALK TO KATHMANDU

Delhi must reach out to Nepal, address its concerns on Agnipath. Gorkhas from Nepal are an inalienable part of Indian Army

T HE AGNIPATH SCHEME for recruiting personnel for the armed forces has had a fallout in Kathmandu that Delhi cannot afford to ignore — or leave unaddressed. The Indian Army recruits soldiers for its seven Gorkha regiments from ethnic Gorkha communities — two-thirds from Nepal, and one-third from India. Until the last recruitment, this worked out to about 1,400 recruits from Nepal annually. Over 30,000 soldiers from Nepal serve in the Indian Army at any given time, and there is a 1.4 lakh strong community of Indian Army pensioners in that country. In a country battling massive unemployment, the annual inflow of Indian Army pensions and salaries is a vital injection of money into the local economy. Kathmandu was evidently taken by surprise when the Agnipath scheme — under which 75 per cent of recruits would be let go after four years with no pension benefits — was announced. Apart from the uncertainty about the numbers to be hired in Nepal, and the question of how the returnees would be absorbed back into the Nepali workforce, there is concern about the impact of the All Country All Class recruitment on ethnic Gorkha regiments in the Indian Army, and on Gorkha recruits. The Narendra Modi government must reach out, and address Kathmandu's anxieties.

The recruitment of Gorkhas takes place under a 1947 tripartite treaty between the governments in India, Nepal and Britain. The Indian Army set August 25 as the start date for the recruitment, subject to approval from Kathmandu — in the past this approval has been granted routinely. This time, the government in Nepal has conveyed that the recruitment cannot go ahead for now as it needs to study the impact of the new scheme, which it has also described as a violation of the treaty — one of the terms of the treaty is that Nepali citizens must be allowed to serve long enough to be eligible for pensions. In a country where anti-India sentiments are high, the recruitment of Gorkhas has given a crucial institutional connect to the people-to-people relationship. When PM Modi visited Nepal in 2014, he highlighted the Gorkha link — Gorkhas are deployed at the LoC in Kashmir, and the LAC with China. PM Modi rightly said that India had won no war without the sacrifice of Nepalis.

The message that the Nepal government is suspending the recruitment drive comes only days ahead of the Indian Army chief's customary annual visit to Nepal. It is still not too late to initiate consultations with the Nepal government on this matter and ensure that the 75-year-old practice of recruiting Gorkhas in the Indian Army continues into the future.

## GOOGLE VS FAKE NEWS

The tech giant says it wants to inoculate people against harmful content online. Can it, really, and look who's talking

I T MIGHT SEEM a bit like hiring the Big Bad Wolf to babysit Red Riding Hood, but hear the case out: Google, through its subsidiary Jigsaw, is launching a programme next week to tackle the scourge of disinformation in Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic on Ukrainian refugees. The programme, which essentially comprises 90-second clips designed to "inoculate" people against fake news and other harmful content online, is based on "prebunking". This is an emerging area of study which looks at whether people can be made resilient against misinformation if they are taught to identify manipulation in content. The idea being that they would be far less susceptible to fake news this way than if they are told that a certain piece of content is manipulated or fake.

Google has described the Jigsaw programme as a pilot study that can eventually be implemented more widely. Given how much real-world harm can be caused by content online, this attempt to stem the misinformation flow is welcome — even if that attempt turns out to be only as effective as a beaver dam in a raging river. Still, it should be remembered that the role of Big Tech in the dissemination of harmful content remains under a cloud, despite the work of whistleblowers like Frances Haugen and court cases around the world. Consider the furore that erupted in 2020 when the Global Disinformation Index revealed that Google had been running ads from organisations like Red Cross and Save the Children on Covid-19 conspiracy sites.

In the war against misinformation — a global affliction that has jeopardised elections, led to violence and ruined or changed relationships forever — all allies are welcome. But considering the role played by Big Tech, including Google, Meta (formerly known as Facebook) and Twitter, in shaping the smoke-and-mirrors world that the internet now is, a little scepticism — or "inoculation" as Google might describe it — is warranted.

# A few highs & belied hope



REKHA SHARMA

CJI N V Ramana could have been more assertive and reformist. But he leaves the Court better

JUDGES MUST NEVER forget that sooner or later, they too will be judged. Of late, we have witnessed many who failed their oath of office and withered away unwept, unsung and unhonoured. Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, who retires on August 26, took over the reins of the Supreme Court in difficult times when the fundamental rights and civil liberties of the citizens were under threat as never before. Speaking against the government or its policies was treated as equivalent to speaking against the Indian state. People of all hues, including political opponents of the present dispensation, journalists, social activists, artists, and comedians, irrespective of their age or standing in life, were booked under the sedition law or the draconian Unlawful Activities and Prevention Act (UAPA), making it difficult — almost impossible — for them to obtain bail.

Judges at the district level, barring a few brave exceptions, treated the police version as the gospel truth. High courts were loath to interfere. Most people do not have the wherewithal to come to the Supreme Court. However, when journalist Siddique Kappan, who was apprehended on his way to cover the Hathras gangrape, approached the Supreme Court after spending over two years in custody he was sent back by the then Chief Justice. Even more shockingly, this was done with the observation that the court wanted to discourage petitions under Article 32 of the Constitution.

Against this background, Justice Ramana faced the onerous task of restoring the people's faith in the judiciary. To his credit, by and large, he lived up to what was expected of him — though he could have done much more. Soon after assuming charge, speaking from a public platform, he said that the "judiciary is an independent organ which is answerable to the Constitution alone, and not to any political party". It was a message to the political class that he was his own man. On another occasion, he said that "people are confident they will get relief from the judi-

ciary — they know when things go wrong the judiciary will stand by them". This statement held out the hope that the judiciary was there to protect the people. As Justice Ramana retires, it is time to look back, and see if he lived up to his own words. The answer isn't black or white.

The bench headed by Justice Ramana passed some laudable, and pro-citizen orders — the order in the Pegasus spyware case, for example. A batch of petitions was filed in the Supreme Court alleging that the government had purchased software that was infiltrating malware into the digital devices of its political opponents, some senior state functionaries and others. The issue rocked Parliament, and an entire session was washed out. The government was not prepared to divulge any information, citing national security concerns. The Supreme Court pulled up the government and observed that "the state cannot get a free pass every time the spectre of national security is raised, and that national security cannot be the bugbear that the judiciary shies away from". It appointed a committee overseen by a former judge of the Supreme Court to look into the matter. The committee has submitted its report.

Recently, Justice Ramana's bench also agreed to revisit the British-era sedition law as embodied in Section 124 (A) of the Indian Penal Code. In the meanwhile, the bench urged the Centre and state governments to refrain from lodging FIRs under the said section. Given that the sedition law was being invoked by the police at the drop of a hat, this too was a welcome order. Again, had it not been for the CJI's bench, Ashish Mishra, son of a Union Minister for State who allegedly mowed down five persons under the wheels of his SUV, would not have been in jail. The same bench also halted the demolition drive in Jahangirpuri, launched by Delhi municipal authorities targeting a particular community, and ordered the authorities to maintain the status quo.

Justice Ramana's tenure had its disap-

pointments too. The foremost among these was his failure to list cases of immense national and constitutional importance, such as the challenge to the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, the Citizenship Amendment Act, Electoral Bonds Scheme, etc. By not listing these cases, he followed in the footsteps of his predecessors, giving the impression that he was shying away from hearing these matters. As a result, these cases appear to be dying a slow death.

The Registry of the Supreme Court was under intense attack. It was openly being accused of favouritism. No less a person than a former judge of the apex court lamented the issue. He said that he had seen cases involving big money, and fancy law firms being listed in four weeks, while those involving junior lawyers not being listed even for six months. While citizens were crying for justice, there were forces set to defeat even their access to that right. Given this state of affairs, one expected Justice Ramana to put in place some corrective mechanisms.

While Justice Ramana deserves to be complimented for appointing a large number of judges to various high courts, and nine to the Supreme Court, these appointments have come at a price. The fact that Justice Akil Kureshi was not elevated to the apex court invited several questions. That this happened with Justice Ramana at the helm — who is known for his fairness — is disappointing.

One does wish that he had been more assertive, forthright, and reformist. He would have also added lustre to his tenure had he taken suo motu notice of the release and garlanding of Bilkis Bano's rapists and the havoc played on the constitutional rights of the people by a recent judgment of the Supreme Court on the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Yet, all said and done, Justice Ramana did try to change the face of the Supreme Court for the better.

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SURANJALI TANDON

## RBI's GREEN CHALLENGE

Central bank needs to be cognisant of the risks from climate change

AS THE WORLD copes with the repercussions of legacy emissions, there is growing pressure to achieve climate-compatible growth. Fiscal and monetary authorities will now have to be cognisant of the feedback from climate change to the economy and suitably adapt their policy responses. Exposure of assets to extreme weather events and loss of asset value due to a green transition are imminent risks to the financial system.

Yet, the inclusion of climate change in a central bank's policy response function is a widely contested issue. Some experts see no harm in the bank's internal assessment of the impact climate change would have on the economy but shy away from asking the bank to actively set a monetary policy based on such assessments. Others argue that climate change is a significant threat to financial stability and a central bank that does not address climate risk is "failing to do its job".

Central banks can guide the flow of finance by restricting the flow of credit to fossil fuel-dependent sectors. Central Banks adopt a range of best practices and approaches. For example, the Bank of Lebanon sets different reserve requirements for loans linked to energy savings. The People's Bank of China offers positive incentives to commercial banks for extending green credit and India includes renewable energy (RE) within priority sector lending.

The RBI has been measured yet receptive in addressing the concern. In 2021, it joined the Network for Greening Financial System, a voluntary group of 116 central banks that promotes the exchange of best practices on green finance. In July 2022, it released a dis-

cussion paper that covers the issue of climate risks and sustainable finance. The paper seeks to understand preferred approaches to identification and disclosure of exposures to climate-related risks, frameworks for management of risks and capacity building within the banking sector.

Heeding the shift, RBI's paper indicates interest in understanding the degree of physical and transition risks. While at the same time it reflects that RBI prefers to tread carefully by assessing the preparedness of the system rather than indicate its own approach to what a central bank can do. The RBI's approach is reasoned since acknowledgement of risks is a double-edged sword. Not recognising the risks hints at complacency whereas preempting all such risks through regulation means that the already stressed loan books will be aggravated. The paper, therefore, allows the RBI to respond based on existing practices and a better understanding of the risk profiles of banks.

RBI's past research papers also indicate a growing acknowledgement of risks to the financial system. In 2021, an RBI research paper demonstrated that extreme weather events can elevate inflation — as was demonstrated by wheat prices this year. In 2022, RBI estimated the exposure of Indian banks to green transition. The report found that direct exposure of public and private banks to three fossil fuel-based sectors — electricity, chemicals, and automobiles — may not be "not alarming". Nevertheless, indirect exposure through other sectors within the fossil fuel value chain must also be closely monitored, given that some already have bad loans.

Both reports indicate that there is a need for further comprehensive risk assessment to be carried out. To add to this, the risk to public borrowing from declining fossil fuel revenue also needs to be established. While the wheels are turning within RBI, disclosures and risk assessment frameworks are a starting point. It remains to be seen what macro and micro-prudential regulations RBI will introduce. Moreover, the scope of discussion in the paper remains limited and without a general narrative on the central bank's role. It does not detail the various instruments such as capital requirements for fossil fuel-based lending by banks or credit guidance a central bank can work with to ensure the greening of the financial system.

The RBI's consultation paper shows the bank's inclination to address risks from climate change. It indicates that regulatory changes are in the offing yet their direction remains unknown. Moreover, it leaves to the imagination if climate change will be a key consideration for monetary policy. A point that needs due consideration is that a full assessment of macro-risks from disinvestment from fossil fuel-based assets requires a clear identification of the horizon for phasing down fossil fuels across sectors. While these are not in the remit of the RBI, it is a precondition for comparability of risk assessment carried out by financial institutions thus forming the basis for regulation. The release of the paper is therefore only the beginning and requires an overall net zero plan for the disclosures to be used objectively.

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## AUGUST 27, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### WORLD BANK'S REPORT

INDIA'S INVESTMENT PROGRAMME will rely more on external resources in the eighties than in the seventies because of the likelihood of persistent current account deficits in the coming years, according to the World Bank's annual report. The report added, "With concessional aid flows declining, the task of adjusting India's external position has become at once both more complicated and more pressing."

### ASSAM TALKS PROGRESS

A NEW ELEMENT was introduced in the

Assam talks with the suggestion that the ticklish question of detecting foreigners should be left to quasi-judicial tribunals functioning at the assembly constituency level. This formula, which aims at delinking the process of detecting aliens from government agencies, was mooted by the Janata Member of Parliament, Ravindra Varma. The government spokesman and the Assam student leaders maintained a stony silence on the formula.

### BLACK MONEY

FOR THE FIRST time, the government has decided to quantify the black money in circula-

tion. It has asked the Delhi-based National Institute of Public Finance and Policy to take up the study. The institute will not only fathom the magnitude and growth of the menace, but will also study the causes of black money generation.

### BHINDRANWALE FLEES

SANT JARNAIL SINGH Bhindranwale, who was accused by Punjab Chief Minister Darbara Singh of hatching a conspiracy to kill him, has left Guru Nanak Niwas in the Golden Temple premises where he was staying after the arrest of his close associate, Amrik Singh.



# THE IDEAS PAGE

## Before Bharat jodo, Congress jodo

In August 2020 when I and 22 other senior colleagues wrote to Sonia Gandhi to flag the abysmal drift in the party, the coterie chose to unleash its sycophants, vilified and humiliated us



GHULAM NABI AZAD

*Hon'ble Congress President,*

I JOINED THE Indian National Congress in Jammu and Kashmir in the mid-1970s when it was still taboo to be associated with the party, given its chequered history in the state from August 1953 onwards — the arrest of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah being the nadir of its political myopia. Notwithstanding all this, inspired from my student days by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Lal Nehru, Sardar Patel, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Subhash Chandra Bose and other leading lights of our freedom struggle, and subsequently, at the insistence of the Late Sanjay Gandhi, I agreed to shoulder the responsibility of the presidency of the Jammu and Kashmir Youth Congress in 1975-76. I was already serving the INC as a Block General Secretary since 1973 after completing my post-graduation from Kashmir University.

I have had the honour of serving as a Union minister in the Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh governments from 1982 to 2014. I have also had the opportunity of serving as a General Secretary in the AICC with every president of the INC since the mid-1980s. I have also been a member of the Congress Working Committee continuously for nearly four decades, both in an elected and nominated capacity. I have been the AICC General Secretary in-charge of every state and Union Territory of the country at one point of time or the other over the last 35 years. I am happy to state that INC won 90 per cent of the states that I was in charge of from time to time.

I am recounting all these years of selfless service just to underscore my lifelong association with this great institution that I also served recently as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha for seven years. I have spent every working moment of my adult life in the service of the INC at the cost of my health and family while undoubtedly, as the president of the party, you played a sterling role in the formation of both the UPA-1 and UPA-2 governments.

However, one of the major reasons for this success was that as president, you heeded the wise counsel of senior leaders, besides trusting their judgement and delegating powers to them. Unfortunately, after the entry of Rahul Gandhi into politics and particularly after January 2013 when he was appointed as vice-president by you, the entire consultative mechanism which existed earlier was demolished. All senior and experienced leaders were sidelined and a new coterie of inexperienced sycophants started running the affairs of the party.

One of the most glaring examples of this immaturity was the tearing up of a government ordinance in the full glare of the media by Rahul Gandhi. The said ordinance was incubated in the Congress Core Group and subsequently unanimously approved by the Union Cabinet presided over by the Prime Minister of India and duly approved by the President of India. This "childish" behaviour completely subverted the authority of the PM and the Government of India. This one action, more than anything else, contributed significantly to the defeat of the UPA government in 2014, which was at the receiving end of a campaign of calumny and insinuation from a combination of the forces of the right-wing and certain unscrupulous corporate interests.

You may recall that after you took over as the Congress president after dethroning Sita Ram Kesri, the Congress leadership had met for



HITESH JAIN

ON JULY 18, 2021, a consortium of journalistic organisations from several nations, including one Indian portal, released a report which alleged that a spyware, Pegasus, targeted over 50,000 phone numbers worldwide and over 300 mobile phone numbers in India. This report sparked outrage across political and legal circles in India. Several opposition leaders viewed this as an opportunity to settle their political scores and wasted no time in hurling all sorts of accusations at the Centre. However, at the very outset, two aspects were strikingly unusual about this report, which claimed to be the culmination of a long investigative effort.

Firstly, it would be the most obvious course of action that when such grave allegations are raised, a detailed analysis is to be carried out to substantiate such allegations. In this case, although journalistic organisations claimed that more than 50,000 phone numbers were allegedly targeted by the Pegasus spyware, forensic tests were only carried out on 37 such phones. The question as to why forensic tests were apparently conducted on such a small number of phones remains unanswered. Further, the organisations involved failed to publish any details as to how such forensic tests were carried out. Rather, they merely expected



C R Sasikumar

## FOR THE RECORD

a brainstorming session in Panchmarhi in October 1998. Subsequently, there was another such session in Shimla in 2003 and then again in Jaipur in January 2013. I had the privilege of chairing the working group on organisational affairs on all three occasions. Regrettably, none of the recommendations of these retreats was ever properly implemented. In January 2013, at Jaipur, I had proposed with the assistance of others members of the Committee, a detailed action plan to revitalise the party in the run-up to the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. That action plan was duly approved by the CWC. These recommendations were supposed to be implemented in a time-bound manner. Unfortunately, they have been lying in the storeroom of the AICC for the past nine years.

Under your stewardship since 2014 and subsequently that of Rahul Gandhi, the INC has lost two Lok Sabha elections in a humiliating manner. It has lost 39 of the 49 assembly elections held between 2014-2022. The party only won four state elections and was able to get into a coalition situation in six instances. Unfortunately, today, the INC is ruling in only two states and is a very marginal coalition partner in two others.

Since the 2019 elections, the situation in the party has only worsened. After Rahul Gandhi stepped down in a huff and not before insulting all the senior party functionaries who have given their lives to the party in a meeting of the extended Working Committee, you took over as interim president. A position that you continue to hold for the past three years.

Worse, the "remote control model" that demolished the institutional integrity of the UPA government now got applied to the INC. While you are a nominal figurehead, all the important decisions were being taken by Rahul Gandhi or rather, worse, his security guards and PAs.

In August 2020 when I and 22 other senior colleagues including former Union ministers and chief ministers wrote to you to flag the abysmal drift in the party, the coterie chose to unleash its sycophants on us and got us attacked, vilified and humiliated in the crudest manner possible. At the direction of the coterie that runs the AICC today, my mock funeral procession was taken out in Jammu. Those who committed this indiscipline were feted in Delhi by the general secretaries of the AICC and Rahul Gandhi personally.

Subsequently, the same coterie unleashed its goondas to physically attack the residence of a former ministerial colleague, Kapil Sibal, who incidentally was defending you and your kin in the courts of law for your alleged acts of omission and commission.

The only crime committed by the 23 senior leaders who wrote that letter out of concern is that they pointed out both the reasons for the weaknesses in the party and the remedies thereof. Unfortunately, instead of taking those

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views on board in a constructive and cooperative manner we were abused, humiliated, insulted and vilified in a specially summoned meeting of the extended CWC meeting.

Unfortunately, the situation in the Congress Party has reached such a point of no return that now proxies are being propped up to take over its leadership. This experiment is doomed to fail because the party has been so comprehensively destroyed that situation has become irretrievable. Moreover, the chosen one would be nothing more than a puppet on a string.

Unfortunately, at the national level, we have conceded the political space available to us to the BJP and state-level space to regional parties. This all happened because the leadership in the past eight years has tried to foist a non-serious individual at the helm of the party. The entire organisational election process is a farce. At no place anywhere in the country have elections been held at any level of the organisation.

Handpicked lieutenants have been coerced to sign on lists prepared by the coterie that runs the AICC, sitting at 24 Akbar Road. At no place in a booth, block, district or state was an electoral roll published, nominations invited and scrutinised, polling booths set up and elections held. The AICC leadership is squarely responsible for perpetrating a giant fraud on the party to perpetuate its hold on the ruins of what once was a national movement that fought for and attained the Independence of India. Whether the INC deserves this in the 75th year of India's Independence is a question that the AICC leadership must ask itself.

You are aware of my extremely close personal relationship with your family — the late Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the late Shri Sanjay Gandhi and your Late husband. In that spirit, I have great personal regard for your individual trials and tribulations which shall remain intact.

Some of my colleagues and I will now persevere to perpetuate the ideals for which we have dedicated our entire adult lives outside the formal fold of the INC, for all the reasons mentioned above, especially since the INC has lost both the will and ability under the tutelage of the coterie that runs the AICC to fight for what is right for India. In fact, before starting the Bharat Jodo Yatra, the leadership should have undertaken a Congress Jodo exercise across the country. It is, therefore, with great regret and an extremely leaden heart that I have decided to sever my half-a-century-old association with the INC and hereby resign from all my positions including the primary membership of the Indian National Congress.

*The writer, a former Union minister and Leader of Opposition, resigned from the Congress Party on August 26. This article is an edited excerpt of his resignation letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi. Full text available on indianexpress.com*

## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Waiting for full clinical trial results might leave the booster well behind the curve if the virus mutates into a new variant. The trade-off — a booster that is currently relevant, with less clinical trial data — seems reasonable."

— THE WASHINGTON POST

## Slowing justice, the committee way

The Pegasus case frames CJI Ramana's legacy: Great expectations only to be met with greater disappointment



APAR GUPTA

A DAY BEFORE the retirement of Chief Justice N V Ramana, the Supreme Court listed the Pegasus case for hearing before his bench for examining the reports submitted by a technical committee constituted last year. In the midst of the hearing the Chief Justice took the reports on record, unsealed them and read out some portions and then adjourned the case. Later at night, a three paragraph order was released without any operative directions and the reports were resealed. These events have sharpened public cynicism on the possibility of fixing accountability for the use of Pegasus and the role of the Court.

The first strand of a lack of trust in the Court comes from a broader assessment of how it negotiates the process and progress for sensitive cases. It stems from a wider institutional critique of how a range of issues that concern India's democratic framework and fundamental rights are jettisoned. Here, it almost seems that the SC lacks confidence in its own power and tentatively assesses the response of a muscular executive branch. Take, for instance, the course of the Pegasus case. It took the Court four hearings over two weeks to issue a pre-admission notice to the central government. As per the transcripts made available by court reporters, these four hearings are instructive regarding the failed attempts by the Court to solicit the cooperation of the Union government. For instance, the only written pleading by the Union government till date is a limited affidavit of three pages on August 16, 2021. When examined by the Court, the Chief Justice remarked, "...you don't want to take a stand...". It was another matter, that he also stated to the Solicitor General, "We cannot compel you to do something you don't want to." This is exactly what the Union government ended up doing.

It set the stage for the second ground of pessimism when the SC on October 27, 2021 constituted a committee of technical experts monitored by retired Supreme Court Justice R V Raveendran. As a court romantic, writing in these pages I had expressed hope that if the committee conducted its proceedings fairly and transparently it could lead to a clear factual determination given the evasiveness of the executive. Here, the Court had expressly noted that central and state governments are "directed to extend full facilities" and even the correspondence from the committee to them would be coordinated by the court registrar. Its role became more important when the SC on December 17, 2021 restrained a similar committee, constituted by the West Bengal government and headed by retired Supreme Court Justice M B Lokur.

But doubts soon began to emerge. While the committee created a website and published a methodology, inviting submissions and devices for study through a public notice, the video recordings for depositions made available were only of victims and

some expert witnesses. There was a conspicuous absence of any such testimonial statements by state or central government functionaries. Further, in response to a question on its website — "Will your final report be in the public domain?" — the answer provided was, "The technical committee's report will be submitted to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India".

This final report was submitted by the committee in August in a sealed cover. After its submission, the case was first tentatively listed for hearing on August 12, which came to be deleted and shown as being listed on September 2. This obviously did not happen with the Court listing the case on August 25. These slight delays may be attributable to the heavy caseload in the final few days of a chief justice. However, they do show judicial priorities. The Court has chosen to provide extensive time for hearing a petition concerning "freebies" announced as poll promises by political parties.

This is a quibble when compared to the oral remarks made when select portions of the report were read out. The findings of the committee were announced in summary without disclosing material particulars such as that of the 29 devices examined, five showed signs of malware that could not be confirmed as Pegasus. Further, the Court remarked that as per the report the government failed to cooperate with the committee. In retrospect, it would have been astounding for a technical committee to obtain evidence and testimony from the government given the failure of the SC. The final material remark was the Court's response on the committee requesting withholding the public disclosure of the report claiming that it contains information that may create security problems and that the persons who had deposited requested confidentiality. To be clear, the chief justice indicated that a redacted version of the report may be published after the Court has reviewed its contents. However, as per yesterday evening's order, the report has been resealed and kept in the custody of the Secretary General of the Supreme Court of India. Yesterday's oral observations have led to a media meltdown with headlines that attack the victims of Pegasus, fueled by a press conference conducted yesterday by the former Minister for Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad, who called the Pegasus case part of a "motivated campaign" by "opposition parties, so-called intellectuals, some NGOs and a section of the media" against the Prime Minister. How are the petitioners in the case, the press and experts expected to rebut ad-hominem allegations without the public disclosure of the report?

While there may be far more detailed evaluations of Ramana's term, when viewed specifically from the perspective of the Pegasus case it represented great expectations only to be met with greater disappointment. Given the Pegasus case is pending it is hoped that remedial measures are undertaken, contents of the report are released and clear directions are issued to the government enforcing the writ of the Supreme Court of India.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### DEATH OF PRIVACY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Private, public' (IE, August 26). The criticism of Finland's Prime Minister for simply partying with some people is quite surprising, considering the fact that the location of the controversy is the "progressive" West. Having said that, it'll be prudent for those holding public office to remain vigilant in the age of social media, which has sounded the death knell of privacy.

Vijai Pant, Hampur

### FOCUSED MEASURES

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Govt to chalk out winter pollution action plan' (IE, August 26). This is a timely step in the right direction. However, NCR extends up to 150-km outside Delhi in some states. It seems inconceivable that industries that far would affect pollution levels in Delhi. The authorities need to take focused measures and ensure that while addressing the pollution problem, the economic and industrial activities which, with great difficulty, have now gained some momentum in post COVID times, are not adversely affected by a one-size-fits all approach.

Rahul Gaur, Gurgaon

### VAGUE VERDICTS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'August 25, in court' (IE, August 26). The new CJI's appointment, followed by listing crucial

cases for hearing, evokes hope in the judiciary. However, it has been observed that the apex court, while engaging with contentious issues, often gives ambiguous verdicts. Exhausting delays and vague verdicts dampen the confidence of common people.

Devendra Awasthi, Lucknow

### A FAIR TRIAL

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'PM security breach: Panel set up by SC says SSP failed to act' (IE, August 26). There is no doubt that the SSP Ferozpur failed to discharge his responsibilities. He did not take the steps needed to ensure a strong deployment of security along the PM's route, even though he was aware that agitating groups were trying to blockade the PM. One hopes that the probe panel has investigated the matter in a free and fair atmosphere.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

### WAY FORWARD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Chief and Justice' (IE, August 26). As he completes his tenure, CJI N V Ramana has shown the way forward. By making as many as 250 recommendations for the appointment of judges to the high courts, he has displayed a sense of urgency to fill up judicial vacancies. The elevation of three women judges to the SC during his tenure, one of whom could even grace the top post of the CJI, bodes well.

Ravi Mathur, Nodia



# Punjab Police file charge sheet against 24 accused

Notice is hereby given that Western UP  
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 Corporate Block, Huda, A-10, Asset No.  
 10, Arco City, Gurgaon, Haryana,  
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 its report, New Delhi, 110037, Powers and  
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 Attorney dated 08th February 2021,  
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 for the purpose of the said Power of  
 Attorney, Mr. Rajeev Kumar Garg, S/o  
 Late Mr. Rajendra Kumar Garg, who is  
 presently residing at D-1/601, Gurgaon,  
 Haryana, India, to act as its sole  
 authorized signatory, Section-121, Noida (U.P.) as its  
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 annulled. It is hereby announced. It is  
 further declared that all or any acts done  
 by or on behalf of the Company, which are  
 executed by Mr. Rajeev Kumar Garg in  
 pursuance of the aforesaid power of  
 Attorney after the date hereof shall not be  
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 For and on behalf of the Company  
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Gorkha soldiers at attestation parade in Shillong in May. Ministry of Defence

## Why Nepal has put on hold Gorkha recruitment under India’s Agnipath scheme

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA  
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 26

NEPAL HAS postponed scheduled rallies to recruit Gorkha soldiers for the Indian Army under the Agnipath scheme.

### Why has it taken this decision?

The Nepalese government is of the opinion that this new way to enter the Indian military is not covered under the Tripartite Agreement signed by Nepal, India, and the UK in 1947, soon after India’s independence. Reports from Nepal say the government in Kathmandu feels that it must first approve the Agnipath scheme and, for that, political consultations must be held with all parties. It has requested the Indian Army not to hold the recruitment rallies — which were scheduled to begin on August 25 — until these consultations are completed.

### What is the Tripartite Agreement?

The governments of India, Nepal, and UK signed the agreement regarding the future of Gorkha soldiers who were serving in the Indian Army. As per this agreement, four regiments of Gorkha soldiers — 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 10th — were transferred to the British Army, while the remaining — 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, and 9th — remained with the Indian Army. A new Gorkha Regiment, the 11th Gorkha Rifles, was raised by India soon after Independence.

The agreement also provides for the terms and conditions of Nepal-domiciled Gorkha soldiers in the Indian Army, and for their post-retirement benefits and pensions.

An interesting historical aspect of Gorkha troops is that Pakistan, at the time of independence, and China, soon after the 1962 war, had also requested Nepal for Gorkha soldiers in their respective armies — this was turned down by Nepal’s government.

The largest body of Gorkha troops serves in the Indian Army. In the UK, their presence has been reduced from

four regiments to two, viz., 1 Royal Gurkha Rifles and 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles. The British Army uses the term ‘Gurkha’ while the Indian Army uses ‘Gorkha’.

### Are Nepalese Gorkhas in foreign armies mercenaries?

No. As per the 1949 Geneva Convention, which gives the officially agreed definition of a mercenary, soldiers serving in sovereign armies are not considered mercenaries. In addition, Gorkha soldiers from Nepal serve side by side with Gorkha soldiers who are born and brought up in India.

### How has the recruitment of Gorkhas changed over the years?

There have been attempts to reduce the dependence on Nepal for Gorkha soldiers in the Indian Army and to strike a balance between India- and Nepal-domiciled troops. A pure Indian Gorkha battalion was raised in 2016. This unit, 6th Battalion of the 1st Gorkha Rifles (6/1 GR), was raised in Subathu, Himachal Pradesh.

The ratio of Nepalese domiciled soldiers and Indian domiciled soldiers in a Gorkha battalion ranges from 60:40 to 70:30, though this will change in the future. A change was made in the recruitment rules for Gorkha Rifles recently after the Army decided that soldiers hailing from Kumaon and Garhwal regions of Uttarakhand will also be eligible to serve in Gorkha Rifles.

### How important is it for Nepal that Gorkhas serve in the Indian Army?

The remittances they send home has a major socio-economic impact. A research paper from 2020 titled ‘The Gurkha Recruitment, Remittances and Development’ by Ratna Mani Nepal of Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, notes that remittances from Gorkhas serving in foreign armies has “significantly contributed to social modernization in the isolated villages, while the financial remittances spurred entrepreneurship development thereby contributing to regional development”.

## SIMPLY PUT

# Chhattisgarh’s forest ‘by mistake’

The state has sought to take back land that it says was given to its Forest Department ‘by mistake’. There is a history to this argument going back decades. Are forests forever, as the SC ruled in 1996?

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

THE UNION Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has objected to the transfer of thousands of hectares of land without following due process by Chhattisgarh from its Forest to the Revenue Department for setting up industries and for building road, rail, and other infrastructure.

While the Chhattisgarh government has described these areas as non-forest land that were earlier given “by mistake” to the Forest Department, the Environment Ministry has warned that the land in question is “undemarcated protected forests”, which cannot be used for non-forest purposes without clearance under the Forest Conservation (FC) Act, 1980.

### Forests in law

Broadly, state Forest Departments have jurisdiction over two types of forests notified under the Indian Forest (IF) Act, 1927: Reserve Forests (RF), where no rights are allowed unless specified; and Protected Forests (PF), where no rights are barred unless specified. Certain forests, such as village or *na-garpalika* forests, are managed by state Revenue Departments.

The FC Act, 1980, applies to all kinds of forests, whether under the control of the Forest or the Revenue Department, and it requires statutory clearance before forests can be used for any non-forest purpose such as industry, mining, or construction. In 1976, forests were included in List III (Concurrent List) under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

### Chhattisgarh case

The recorded forest area in Chhattisgarh covers 44.21% of its geography. The state government says it is constrained by the limited availability of land, particularly in the tribal regions, for development works.

Therefore, in May 2021, the state Revenue Department sought a field survey to identify non-forest land — parcels smaller than 10 hectares with less than 200 trees per hectare — “that had been included by mistake” in “Orange Areas” under the Forest Department.

This March, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced that over 300 sq km of



Forest conservation aims to protect a range of diverse ecosystems, including scrubland, grassland and so-called wasteland. Archive

“Orange” area in the Bastar region had been handed over to the Revenue Department.

### Orange, a grey area

Under the *zamindari* system, villagers used local *malguzari* (livelihood concessions) forests for firewood, grazing, etc. When *zamindari* was abolished in 1951, *malguzari* forests came under the Revenue Department. In 1958, the government of undivided Madhya Pradesh notified all these areas as PFs under the Forest Department.

Through the 1960s, ground surveys and demarcations of these PFs continued — either to form blocks of suitable patches to be declared as Reserve Forests, or to denotify and return to the Revenue Department. For this purpose, Madhya Pradesh amended the IF Act, 1927, in 1965 — when forests figured in the State List — to allow denotification of PFs. The areas yet to be surveyed — undemarcated PFs — were marked in orange on the map.

Since 2003, a case has been pending in the Supreme Court on rationalising these orange areas that have remained a bone of contention between the two Departments.

### Policy jam

The transfer of PFs to the Revenue Department continued until 1976, when reports of illicit felling in Revenue areas prompted Madhya Pradesh to seek a fresh survey to shift quality forest patches back to the Forest Department. But before this survey could be undertaken, the new govern-

ment that came to power in the state in 1978 switched the focus to settling encroachments.

The FC Act came in 1980, and required central clearance for non-forest use of forest land. This led to a situation where the rights of lakhs of villagers, including those settled by the government through *patta*s, remained restricted.

In 2020, a task force set up by Madhya Pradesh to resolve the deadlock recommended that *patta*-holders should not be considered encroachers since they were given land by government officials, and they “should be settled after obtaining permission from the Government of India” with a cut-off year of 1976.

### After MP was split

Carved out of Madhya Pradesh in 2000, Chhattisgarh inherited its share of ‘orange’ areas. Ranked second after Orissa in implementing the Forest Rights Act, 2006, the state has settled over 26,000 claims since 2019. The logical next step, say officials who declined to be quoted, was to find land for the economic development of the tribal belt. Chhattisgarh did not seek central clearance to transfer over 300 sq km to Revenue, they claim, because it did not have to.

In December 1996, the SC defined ‘forest’ after its dictionary meaning, irrespective of the status of the land it stands on. It also defined forestland as any land thus notified on any government record irrespective of what actually stands on that land. To meet this broad defi-

nition, Madhya Pradesh in 1997 framed a “practical yardstick” — an area no smaller than 10 hectares with at least 200 trees per hectare — to identify forests in Revenue areas for handing over to the Forest Department.

As the process continued until 2007 — after Chhattisgarh had come into existence — state officials claim, some non-forest areas also came under the Forest Department as part of 2,328 sq km added to the “9,954 sq km original Orange Areas of 1950s” inherited from Madhya Pradesh. These non-forest areas, they claim, are now being identified and returned to the Revenue.

### Does this hold?

First, a senior official in the Environment Ministry said, the nature of vegetation changes over time. After so many years, a visual survey cannot determine if a particular piece of land did not meet the definition of forest at the time when it was brought under the Forest Department.

Second, the official said, once brought under the Forest Department, whether mistakenly or otherwise, an area gets the status of forestland as per the 1996 SC order, and hence comes under the FC Act, 1980.

The other view is that Chhattisgarh, thanks to the 1965 amendment to the IF Act, can still denotify PFs unilaterally. It may also vest management of any land with any department since the state owns all land within its boundaries. But if the stated purpose is non-forest use — building industries and infrastructure — the state will anyway require central clearance under the FC Act, 1980.

### What happens now

Clearance for non-forest use of forestland under the FC Act requires giving back twice the area for compensatory afforestation (CA) from Revenue to Forest. That would defeat the very purpose of the state government’s action.

However, conversion of Forest to Revenue land has been exempted from CA under exceptional circumstances in the past. For example, when enclaves were moved out of forests, the SC allowed those to be resettled at the edge of the forests, in the absence of suitable Revenue land, as revenue villages. It will be a stretch, though, for such considerations to apply on thousands of hectares meant for industries.

## EXPLAINED BOOKS SATURDAY SUMMARY

# An economic history of independent India

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

WERE THE Nehru years a wasted era for the Indian economy? Did the ostensibly Soviet Union-inspired planned development model — which channelled resources towards multipurpose river-valley projects, mines, fertiliser plants and capital goods (machine tools, heavy electrical, transport equipment, iron and steel), as opposed to consumer goods — result in economic stagnation?

Not really, according to the new book by Pulapre Balakrishnan. Annual GDP growth averaged 4% during the Nehruvian period (1950-1 to 1964-5), compared to 0.9% over the last half-century of the British Raj (1900-1 to 1946-7). Per capita GDP growth, too, accelerated to 1.9% against 0.1%. That gap would have been even more had population risen at 0.8% a year (the average for 1900-47) and not at 2% (for 1950-65).

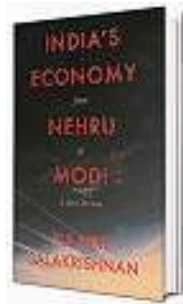
But the turnaround wasn’t limited to overall GDP. All three sectors of the economy



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— agriculture, industry, and services — registered higher average growth during the Nehru years over the preceding period. In short, the early years of independent India were a time “when the economy decisively broke out of the shackles imposed on it by colonialism (in addition to dislocations from the Partition)”, says Balakrishnan.

The author, a professor of economics at Ashoka University, takes on two major criticisms of the Nehruvian economic strategy. The first is that it ignored agriculture — when the



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sector grew faster than the population, in contrast to the per capita output decline recorded during the Raj. Agriculture would also have benefited from the Bhakra-Nangal, Hiraakud, and Nagarjuna Sagar dams (Balakrishnan forgets to mention the world-class state farm universities at Pantnagar, Ludhiana, Bhubaneswar, and Hyderabad established in this period).

The second criticism is the creation of public sector “white elephants”. Balakrishnan argues that public sector undertakings during Nehru’s time, far from being a drain,

actually generated savings. At the inauguration of a second plant of Hindustan Machine Tools in 1962, Nehru took pride in its having been funded by the “surplus” from the first. As regards the private sector, it wasn’t about suppression as much as the recognition of weak “animal spirits” among entrepreneurs in the uncertain post-Partition environment under a new political entity. They wouldn’t, at any rate, have invested in long-gestation projects.

The economy’s slowdown happened after Nehru. Average GDP growth fell to 3.4% from 1965-66 to 1971-72 and to 3.1% during the subsequent seven years. It had partly to do with droughts (in 1965, 1966, and 1972), wars (1965 and 1971) and the forex crisis-induced 36.5% devaluation of June 1966. But much of this period also coincided with Indira Gandhi’s measures such as nationalisation of banks and coal mines, the MRTP Act, and vertiginous income tax rates.

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# Lumpy Skin Disease: Viral outbreak that is killing cattle across India

GOPAL KATESHIYA  
RAJKOT, AUGUST 26

TWELVE STATES and Union Territories, including Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, and Jammu & Kashmir, are battling the outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), a serious viral infection in cattle. Since the first case was reported on April 23 in Kutch, Gujarat, over a million heads of cattle have been infected around the country, and 46,943 have died, according to figures compiled by the central government’s Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying until Friday.

### The LSD virus, prevalence

LSD is caused by the lumpy skin disease virus (LSDV), which is a virus of the capripoxvirus genus in the poxviridae family. Sheeppox virus and goatpox virus are the other members of the genus capripoxvirus. The LSDV mainly infects the cow and its progeny, and the Asian water buffalo. According to a 2021 report of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), LSD outbreaks occur as epidemics

several years apart. There is no known reservoir of the virus; it is also not known where and how the virus survives between epidemics, the FAO report said.

The report said that after being restricted for long to sub-Saharan Africa, the virus has spread to the Middle East and Turkey over the past decade. From 2015 onward, it has infected cattle in southeastern and Eastern Europe and in Russia.

### The virus in India

LSD entered India, Bangladesh and China in July 2019. Since then, outbreaks of the disease have been reported from 20 Indian states and UTs, including Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

There were small outbreaks in Gujarat’s Kheda and Anand in 2020 and 2021, which the state animal husbandry department controlled by treating the infected cattle and giving goat pox vaccine to healthy animals. But this year has been very different.



Infected animals at a temporary isolation centre in Gandhidham earlier this month. Nirmal Harindran

Buffaloes have been largely safe, however.

As of Friday, the largest numbers of LSD-infected and dead animals were in Rajasthan — 733 lakh and more than 31,000, respectively — followed by Punjab (1.25 lakh and more than 10,000) and Gujarat (1 lakh and 4,000 respectively). Government officials said the actual numbers of both infections and deaths could be much higher — many dairy farmers and cattle herders may not be reporting cases, or they could be consulting private veterinarians.

### Spread, symptoms

The LSDV spreads through blood-sucking vectors like ticks, mites, and mosquitoes, and also through contaminated water, fodder, and feed. Mosquito and housefly infestations reach their peak during the monsoon, and veterinary scientists and government officers blamed the very wet July for the spread of the infection in western India.

Scientists have been advising that infected animals be isolated; however, the large numbers of stray cattle makes this task

difficult, and has possibly been contributing to the rapid spread of the disease.

LSDV attacks the circulatory system of an animal and causes vasculitis or inflammation of blood vessels and lesions in organs like liver, lungs, spleen, lymph nodes etc. Prof R M Patel, head of the department of medicine at the College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (CVSAH), Dantiwada, said.

The epidermis, or outer surface of the skin, gets separated from the inner layer, leading to the formation of lumps or nodules on the animal’s body. Fever, increased mucus secretion, and loss of appetite are among the other symptoms.

Autopsies carried out by Prof Patel’s team on eight carcasses in Kutch and Banaskantha found that the virus had caused necrotising vasculitis, or the death of tissues, and fibrosis in various organs, leading to death.

Also, the nodules may burst due to outer pressure or friction as the skin covering them is very thin. The open wounds make the animals susceptible to secondary bacterial and protozoal infections.

### Risk to indigenous breeds

As per the 2019 livestock census, the bovine population of Gujarat is 2.60 crore, including 1.49 crore cattle (1.14 crore indigenous breeds and 35.19 lakh exotic breeds) and 1.10 crore buffaloes. The indigenous breeds include Kankrej, Gir, Sahiwal, etc., and the exotic/crossbreeds are Jersey and HF cows.

Kankrej, which is known for being resistant to diseases and parasites, has been the worst hit. However, Prof D V Joshi, dean of CVSAH, Dantiwada, said that this could also be due to the larger population of this breed in the state. The infection has also spread among Gir, which is an important breed in Junagadh, Amreli, and Jamnagar.

### Economic impact

In cases of aggravated symptoms, cows stop producing milk and pregnant cows suffer miscarriages. Valamji Humal, vice-chairman of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), that markets dairy products under the brand name ‘Amul’, said that cow milk collection has gone down by around 5 per cent in August in Kutch, the worst affected district in Gujarat.



Classifieds

PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, Balvinder Singh Kalsi, S/o Ajit Singh, residing at, 84, Baldev-Park, Krishna Nagar, East-Delhi-110051, declare that name of mine and my-minor son has been wrongly-written as Balvinder Singh and my minor-son Harman Singh (13 Years) name as Harman in his School-record and his aadhar-card and birth-certificate. The actual-name of mine and my-minor son are Balvinder Singh Kalsi and Harman Singh respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

0040629015-5

It is for General information that I, Bhawna Rampal Ex wife of Sh. Dinesh Taneja R/o Rajesh Rampal R/o C20 Y-1 Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095 declare that I got divorce from my husband Sh. Dinesh Taneja wide court decree No-HMA-2016/2022 dated 06/06/2022. Further I am staying with my father Sh. Rajesh Rampal dated 10/06/2022. Now I want to give the guardianship of my minor son namely ANNHAD, age about 11years to my father Rajesh Rampal and he shall henceforth be under the guardianship of Rajesh Rampal in future for all purposes.

0040629008-8

I, VINEY BHARADWAJ, S/O DHARAMVEER BHARDWAJ ADD HOUSE, NO-57 MOHALA PIPAL WALA BADLI-VILLAGE DELHI-110042, Changed my name to VINEY BHARDWAJ.

0040629009-1

I, Urvashi, D/o-Raj Kumar Verma Address, H.No-wz-40, street-no-1 near-C.R.P.O, Camp-old sahibpura tilak-nagar delhi-110018, changed my name to Urvashi Verma.

0040629009-2

I, Tapas Kumar, S/o-Shanti Lal, R/o 1FF, Plot No 3, 2nd Floor, Ramkrishna Vihar, GT Road, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad-201005, have changed my name to Tapas for all purposes.

0040629012-4

I, Shubha Singh, W/O Yashvant Kumar, R/O D-109, Green Valley Apartment, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089, declare that the name of mine has been wrongly-written as Shubha Kumari in my-passport. The actual-name of mine is Shubha Singh.

0040629008-7

I, Satyabr S/o Suraj Bhan R/O A-69, Shish Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Satyabr Singh for all purposes.

0040629012-6

I, SUDERSHAN MALHOTRA, W/O-Vinod Malhotra, R/O, A-298, Govindpuram, Ghaziabad (UP) have changed my name to POONAM MALHOTRA.

0040629049-2

I, TANNU D/O MOHAN LAL, R/O H.NO A-4/209 SECTOR-20 ROHINI, DELHI-110086, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TANYA.

0040628671-3

I, SANGEETA VOHRA, W/O SUNIL VOHRA, ADD-15/74, GROUND-FLOOR, SUBHASH NAGAR, WEST DELHI-110027, Changed my name to DOLLY. For all, future Purposes.

0040628671-2

I, SAROJINI, MOTHER OF, RAMKUMAR NARMALA, R/O, SMQ-N-79, CAMERO COMPLEX SUBROTO PARK, NEW DELHI-110010, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM SAROJINI TO NARMALA SAROJINI, VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED 26/08/2022, BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

0040629015-9

I, (Rajesh) born on (28 Jan 1973) residing at (House, No.184 Gali No.15B Swantantar Nagar, Phase-2, Narela North West Delhi-110040), have changed my name to (Rajesh Dahiya) vide affidavit dated (20 Aug 2022)

0050203152-1

I, Renu Bansal D/o Narsingh R/O B-88A, Gali No.11, Shashi Garden, Delhi-110091, have changed my name after marriage to Renu Aggarwal, for all future purposes.

0040629008-5

I, Rafat Imam, D/o Ghafoor Imam, W/O Mohd.Wasiuddin R/O Ti-1-601, Tata Primanti, Near-Tatvam-Villas, Sector-72, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Rafat Wasi, for all Purposes.

0040629049-1

I, RADHA RAWAT, W/O RAJESH SINGH RAWAT, R/O-S-17, South Pandav Nagar, Ext, Delhi-110092, have changed the name of my, minor son, from HAARDIK RAWAT to HAARDIK SINGH RAWAT, for all future purposes.

0040629049-7

I, Pravinder Kapoor S/o Chandra Prakash Kapoor R/o-111, Pocket-13, Sector-20 Rohini Delhi-110086, changed my name to Pravindra Kumar Kapoor.

0040629008-1

I, Pawanpreet kaur, W/O Kawal Preet Singh R/O, B-2 134, B-2 Block, Janakpuri West, Delhi-110058, have changed my minor-son's name Pratham Singh To Pratham Pal Singh.

0040629008-3

I, Navya Saxena D/o Sandeep Saxena R/o Flat, No.3 G Deepa-Apartments 10, Patparganj, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Sia Saxena.

0040629008-6

I, Mubarak, S/O-UMMAT ALI, R/O H.No.2, GALI, No.-7, SHIV VIHAR, VIKAS NAGAR, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110059, have changed my name from Mubarak to Mubarak Ali. Mubarak and Mubarak Ali are now the one and same person only.

0040629012-2

I, Mohit Kataria, S/O-Ved Parkash Kataria, R/O 169, First Floor, Sharda Niketan, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my minor daughter name from Advika to Advika Kataria for all purposes.

0040629012-1

I, Meena Kumari, w/o Randhir Singh, R/o-B-99, D-Block, Baba Haridas nagar, Najafgarh Delhi, have, changed my name to Meena, for all purposes.

0040629049-3

I, Kamal Kumar, S/o Dhan Raj R/o H.No.110, Street No.10, Sarojni Park, Shastri-Nagar, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Kamal Kumar Bhawnani, for all purposes.

0040629008-2

I, Herjinder Singh R/o-WZ-374/1 Street No.21, Shiv Nagar, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058 changed my minor-son's name from Triman Chadha to Triman Singh Chadha.

0040628953-1

I, Heman Sattar, W/o-Abdul Sattar, R/O-632, Raikot Road, Pehlwan Hospital, Malerkotla (R), Malerkotla, Punjab-148023, have changed my name From Kulveer Sattar To Heman Sattar For all Future Purposes. Both are one and same Person.

0040629012-5

I, Durga Prasad, R/o-4/10, Double Storey, Tank Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, inform that in my daughter's school record her name has wrongly written as Rakhi instead of Riya.

0040629012-3

I, Bhure Saifi s/o Mohd Wazeer, R/o. H.No.173, Garima-Garden, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad-201005, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name to Mohd Bhoore, permanently.

0040629049-5

I, Amit Gupta S/o-Purshotam Dass Gupta R/O A-105, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, have changed my name to Amit Kumar Gupta.

0040629015-1

I, Alpna and alpna Nain, w/o Indrajit singh R/O-643, Sector-15, Sonipat, have changed my name to Alpna Anil for all purposes.

0040629049-4

I, Aashu Goyal D/o Vinod Goyal R/O A 37, Vishwash Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, changed my name to Shivanya Goyal.

0040629008-4

I, Shakuntia Dhoundiyal W/o R.P. Juyal R/O F-71, Sector-20, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Shakun Juyal for all purposes.

0040628931-1

I, AMIT DAFTARI, S/O AKHIL MANIKCHAND DAFTARI, R/O 216, BAZAR ROAD DAFTARI PRABHAG, NO-15, WARDHA MAHARASHTRA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AMIT AKHIL DAFTARI.

0040629009-3

I, Yogesh Kumar Saini s/o Dharmendra Kumar Saini r/o 259, Unchi Dankaur, NOIDA, GBN, UP-203201 have changed my name to Yogesh Saini.

0040628955-1

I, Renu S/O Phool Singh, R/O Nathupur (56), Nathupur, Sonipat, Haryana, 131029, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Anikak.

0070801243-1

I, Nilam Tiwari, W/o Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Residence 12/15, Ashok Road, Shipra Suncity, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201014, have changed my name Neelam Tiwari to Nilam Tiwari for all future purpose. Nilam Tiwari and neelam Tiwari both are same person.

0070801233-1

I, Mayank, S/o Rajender Sharma, R/O B-228, Jain Colony, Barwala, Delhi, have changed my name to Mayank sharma for all future purposes.

0070801232-1

I, Manish S Chaturvedi, S/o Suresh Chander Chaturvedi, R/O AE-216, Avantika Chiranjiv Vihar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201002, Manish S Chaturvedi and Manish Kumar Chaturvedi are Same Person.

0070801230-1

I, Km. Shivani, R/o A4-1004, Saviours Greenisle Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad, UP-201016, have changed my name to Shivani Tyagi.

0070800830-1

I, Kavita W/O-Suheb Khan R/O, Plot, No.C-33, first floor, Bhagwati-Vihar, Block-V, Sector-C, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Kavita Khan, permanently.

0040629015-4

I, KAKKAKOODUNKEL JOSEPH, S/o Joseph Kakkakoodunkal, R/o B-1201 Magnia Grand Kingston, Sector-75, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my name to KJ JOSEPH for all future purposes.

0040628930-1

I, Hresh at 347, Challera, Noida have changed my name to Hresh Chauhan for all purposes by Affidavit Dt: 25.08.22.

0040628832-1

I, Hemant Kumar Jaggi, declare that my Son formerly known as Akshit Jaggi is now known as Akshiv Jaggi (Passport No. S3819508). I hereby confirm that Akshit Jaggi & Akshiv Jaggi is the same person.

0070801237-1

I, Dinesh Goel S/o Jagdish Chand Goel R/O-C-2/59, 2nd-floor, Ashok Vihar, Phase-2, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Dinesh Kumar Goel.

0070801227-1

I, Chandar Pal Singh S/o Bhanu Prakash R/O-RC-62, Dharam Vihar, Khora Colony, Ghaziabad-201001 have changed my name Chandra Pal Singh to Chandar Pal Singh for all future purpose.

0070801235-1

I, Bhavana Aujla, R/o Jalvayu Towers, Tower H, Flat no 516, Gurgaon, Haryana-122011, have changed my minor Daughter's name from Pearl Sharma to Pearl Singh for all purposes.

0070801239-1

I, Anurag Sharma S/o, Anil Kumar Sharma R/o- H.No.112, Pratap-Nagar, Jail-Road, Hari-Nagar, New-Delhi-110064, have changed my -minor daughter's name Pihu Sharma to Evanya Sharma. D.O.B.-10.12.2020.

0040629015-2

I, Amiruddin S/o, Sarajuddin R/O-2-16-B, DDA-Flats, New-Ranjit Nagar, Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008, that my -father's name is wrongly-written in my 10th-Class certificate as Sirajuddin instead-of correct-name Sarajuddin.

0040629015-3

I, Harinder Singh S/o Kanwar Bahadur Singh R/O C-77, Unchepar Fzalpur Mandawali, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Harinder Singh Rathore for all purposes.

0040628938-1

I, Vijander Kumar Goyal S/o- Rajbir Singh Goyal R/o-C-42, Pink Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Vijander Kumar Goel for all purposes.

0040628940-1

I, Suman W/o Ram Kumar R/o H. No.C-180, Peeragarhi Camp, Shakur Basti, New Delhi-110056 have changed my name to Seema

0040628990-1

I, Smita Mittal D/o Sh. Ashwani Mittal W/o Mr. Samarth Salem R/O C-79, Ganesh Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Smita Mittal Salem for all purposes.

0040628928-3

I, Ram Singh Bisht R/O D-84, Rajpur Khurd Colony, New Delhi do hereby declare that my name mentioned as Ram Singh in LIC policy 114237221. My correct name is Ram Singh Bisht. I affirm that Ram Singh Bist and Ram Sigh is one person.

0040629044-2

I, Ram Devi W/o Jagat Raj R/O C-280, Ji Colony, Shiv Vihar, D.K Mohan Garden, West Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Jayanti.

0070801221-1

I, Monika Arora W/o Pradeep Kumar Arora R/O House No. 292-293, II Floor, Street no.10, Main Faiz Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 have changed my name from Monika to Monika Arora for all future purposes.

0040628935-1

I, Dirij Dhar S/o Mithan Lal Dhar R/O-140, Ashoka Enclave, part-1 Sector-34 Faridabad, Haryana have change my name to Dheeraj Dhar

0040628985-1

I, Bakade Ganesh Amrutrao S/o Sh. Amrutrao Bakade R/o 1119, Third Floor, Lane 2, Sector-C-1, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi have changed my name to Ganesh A Bakade for all purposes.

0040628928-5

I, Ayushi Ganesh Bakde D/o Sh. Ganesh A Bakade R/o 1119, Third Floor, Lane 2, Sector-C-1, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi have changed my name to Ayushi Ganesh Bakade for all purposes.

0040628928-4

I, APARNA D/O Sh. Jai PRAKASH R/o 106 Bhupani More, Bhaskola Post, Sec 89, Faidabad 121002 do hereby declare that my name mentioned as APARNA RANI in LIC policy 114238493. My correct name is APARNA. I affirm that APARNA and APARNA RANI is one person.

0040629044-1

I, SATISH K BEHERA, S/O-MADHABA BEHERA, R/O-RZF-1/102, FLAT, NO.A1, SHIVAY-APARTMENT-MAHAVIR ENCLAVE, GALI, NO.1, NEW-DELHI-110045, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM SATISH K BEHERA TO SATISH KUMAR BEHERA, VIDE-AFFIDAVIT, DATED, 26/08/2022, BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

0040629015-11

I, APPALASWAMY NAIDU, FATHER OF, RAMKUMAR NARMALA, R/O- SMQ-N-79 CAMERO-COMPLEX SUBROTO-PARK NEW-DELHI-110010, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM APPALASWAMY NAIDU TO NARMALA APPALASWAMI NAIDU, VIDE-AFFIDAVIT, DATED-26/08/2022, BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

0040629015-10

It is for general information that I, Neetu W/O-Neeraj Juneja, R/O, House, No-269-270, 1st-Floor, Pocket-18, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-85, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Neetu Madaan in my educational-documents. Also, the name of my father has been wrongly-written as Ashok Kumar Madaan in my educational-documents. The actual-name of mine and my father are Neetu and Ashok Kumar respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

0040629049-8

LOST & FOUND

I, MANOJ KUMAR KHANNA, S/O K.C. KHANNA, R/O 51-C, DDA-LIG-FLAT, SATYAM-ENCLAVE, JHILMI DELHI 110095, THAT MY LOST ORIGINAL-ALLOTMENT CUM-DEMAND-LETTER, ORIGINAL-POSSESSION-LETTER AND ORIGINAL-SITE POSSESSION-LETTER AND OTHER-DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY DELHI-DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN RESPECT OF PROPERTY, NO.51-C, DDA LIG FLAT SATYAM ENCLAVE JHILMI DELHI IN THE NAME OF SH. K. C. KHANNA VIDE FILE, NO. LO/10(52786/LIG/NP/JM, PLEASE FINDER-CONTACT MR.MANOJ-9971878070.

0040629009-10

Lost my original property papers Allotment Letter, Demand Letter Final Instalment No-5, Site Possession, DDA Possession, NOC for Electric and Water Connection of my DDA Flat No-474, First Floor, Block-G-17, Pocket-GH-13, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087. Finder may Contact-Rajesh Kapoor S/o-Madan Kapoor at above noted address.

0040628941-1

LOST & FOUND

I Nageshwari Devi r/o H-96 Beta2 Noida inform that the original transfer deed of H-96 beta 2 G. Noida is lost. If found please contact 9650632502

MARRIAGE NOTICE

MARRIAGE NOTICE No. DUBA/Com/434/M/2022-1445 DATED: 25/08/2022 MR. NISHANT FARMAN, S/O NAVEEN FARMAN, RESIDENT OF BLOCK C 401 AT NO 2 C ANVAR PARK DELHI PIN: 110058, DELHI, INDIA; PRESENT ADDRESS FLAT 213, RED RESIDENCE, SPORT CITY, DUBAI, U.A.E. AND MRS. SAMIYA TALBO DAUGHTER OF JOHN BAPTIST SALDANHA; RESIDENT OF 701A, SHILPIN NEW SABARA NAGAR 924549INDIA ROAD KANDWALI WEST, MUMBAI PIN 400067, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA; PRESENT ADDRESS FLAT 213, RED RESIDENCE, SPORT CITY, DUBAI, U.A.E. ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE PRESENTLY RESIDING IN THE UAE. HAVE GIVEN NOTICE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE BETWEEN THEM UNDER THE FOREIGN MARRIAGES ACT, 1969. IF ANY ONE HAS ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE HE/SHE SHOULD FILE THE SAME WITH THE UNDERSIGNED ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURE LAID DOWN UNDER THE ACT/ RULES WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

(Todu Name) (Marriage Officer) Consulate General of India P.O. BOX 5737, DUBAI (UAE) FAX NO. 0697143976453 Email: cons\_dubai@mea.gov.in, cons3\_dubai@mea.gov.in Home page: www.cgindia.gov.in

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TOPOF THE WORLD



Donald Trump

UNITED STATES Affidavit shows concerns about Trump files

14 OF the 15 boxes recovered from former President Donald Trump's Florida estate early this year contained documents with classification markings, including at the top secret level, according to an FBI affidavit released Friday. The 32-page affidavit, even in its heavily redacted form, offers the most detailed description to date of the files being stored at Trump's Mar-a-Lago property long after he left the White House. It does not, however, provide new details about the 11 sets of classified records recovered during the August 8 search but instead concerns a separate batch of 15 boxes retrieved from the home in January. **AP**

ETHIOPIA Seven killed in Tigray air strike

An air strike killed at least seven people in the capital of Ethiopia's northern Tigray region on Friday, medical officials there said, the first such attack after a four-month old ceasefire collapsed this week. The officials said three children were among the dead but a federal government spokesman denied any civilian casualties. The air strike on Mekelle took place two days after fighting broke out again between the national government and Tigrayan forces on the border of the Tigray and Amhara regions. Tigray Television, controlled by the regional authorities, blamed the federal government for the strike. **REUTERS**

UNITED KINGDOM Truss' Macron remark slammed

BRITAIN'S PM hopeful Liz Truss came under fire Friday over her remarks about French President Emmanuel Macron. The Foreign Secretary said the "jury is out" on whether Macron is a "friend or foe" of the UK and that if she becomes the PM she will "judge him by deeds, not words". The Opposition Labour Party accused Truss of a "a woeful lack of judgement" as it would be seen as an insult of one of "Britain's closest allies". Macron himself responded by accusing the Cabinet minister of "grandstanding". **PTI**

'This is a catastrophe': UK households face fuel poverty as energy bills set to jump 80%

PAUL SANDLE & KATE HOLTON LONDON, AUGUST 26

BRITISH ENERGY bills will jump 80% to an average of \$4,188 (INR 3.34 lakh) a year from October, the regulator said on Friday, plunging millions of households into fuel poverty and businesses into jeopardy unless government steps in. Ofgem CEO Jonathan Brearley said the rise would have a massive impact on households across Britain, and another increase was likely in January as Russia's move to throttle European supplies drives wholesale gas prices to record levels. "This is a catastrophe," Britain's leading consumer rights champion Martin Lewis said, warning people would die this winter if they refused to cook

POWER SUPPLY RESUMES

IAEA mission to visit Zaporizhzhia nuclear station

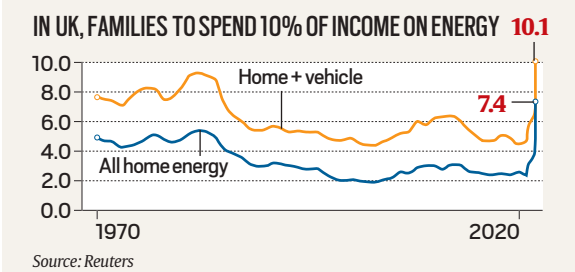
AP & REUTERS KYIV, AUGUST 26

A MISSION from the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency is expected to visit the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant soon after it was temporarily knocked offline and more shelling was reported in the area overnight, Ukrainian officials said on Friday. Fire damage to a transmission line at Europe's largest nuclear plant caused a blackout across the region on Thursday and heightened fears of a catastrophe in a country still haunted by the Chernobyl disaster in 1986. The plant resumed electricity supplies to Ukraine on Friday after one of its six reactors was reconnected to the Ukrainian grid, state nuclear company Energoatom said, according to Reuters. Lana Zerkal, an adviser to Ukraine's energy minister, told Ukrainian media on Thursday evening that logistical issues are being worked out for the IAEA team to come to the Zaporizhzhia plant, occupied by Russian forces and run by Ukrainian workers since the early days of the war. Zerkal accused Russia of trying to sabotage the visit. Ukraine has alleged that Russia is essentially holding the plant hostage, storing weapons there and launching attacks from around it, while Moscow accuses Ukraine

SOARING COSTS: HOW EUROPE IS TRYING TO SOFTEN THE BLOW

With Europe facing massive increase in energy bills, forcing many to choose between heating and eating, countries are taking steps to shield consumers. A look at a few:

- FRANCE** ■ Capping an increase in regulated electricity costs at 4%
- GERMANY** ■ Income tax payers to receive one-off energy price allowance of 300 euros. Families to get one-time bonus of 100 euros per child
- DENMARK** ■ Cash handout to the elderly and other measures totalling \$439 million



- EUROPEAN COMMISSION** ■ Has asked countries to reduce gas demand by 15% this winter, with possible mandatory cuts
- The bloc also aims to refill gas storage facilities to 80% of capacity by November 1

Flood toll 937, Pak declares emergency, seeks world help

Climate change minister says almost 30 million residents are now without shelter

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 26

PAKISTAN HAS declared a national emergency as rain-induced floods have so far killed 937 people, including 343 children, and left at least 30 million without shelter. Sindh Province reported the highest number of deaths as 306 people lost their lives due to floods and rain-related incidents from June 14 to Thursday, according to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). Balochistan reported 234 deaths whereas Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab Province recorded 185 and 165 deaths, respectively. The country's southern part remains inundated at the moment, with 23 districts of Sindh being declared "calamity-hit", the newspaper reported. Minister for Climate Change Sherry Rehman said on Thursday that a "war room" has been set up by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at NDMA, which would spearhead relief operations across the country. She said that the incessant "monstrous" rainfall had "made it hard to carry out relief operations, especially helicopter sorties". "Pakistan is going through its



A family leaves flood-hit Jamshoro in Sindh on Friday. Reuters

8th cycle of monsoon; normally the country has only three to four cycles of [monsoon] rain," the minister said during a press conference in Islamabad. "Pakistan is under an unprecedented monsoon spell and data suggests the possibility of re-emergence of another cycle in September," she was quoted as saying by the daily. Senator Rehman, who compared the current situation with the devastating 2010 floods earlier this week, said the current situation was worse than that. "The water is not only flowing from the north as in 2010, but it is equally or more devastating in its sweep and destructive power," she added.

According to the senator, flash floods caused by heavy rains had swept away bridges and communication infrastructure in various areas of the country. "Almost 30 million people are without shelter, thousands of them displaced and have no food," she said. Stressing the need for relief from international donors, the minister said that the need for shelter and relief was dire as per what the provinces had conveyed. Sindh has asked for one million tents and Balochistan has demanded 100,000 tents, she said, adding that all tent manufacturers had been mobilised and external donors also approached. **PTI**

'INFRINGEMENT'

Moderna sues Pfizer, BioNTech over Covid jab technology

Lawsuit filed in the US and Germany

DANIEL TROTTA AUGUST 26

MODERNA IS suing Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech for patent infringement in the development of the first Covid-19 vaccine approved in the United States, alleging they copied technology that Moderna developed years before the pandemic. The lawsuit, which seeks undetermined monetary damages, was being filed in US District Court in Massachusetts and the Regional Court of Dusseldorf in Germany, Moderna said in a news release on Friday. "We are filing these lawsuits to protect the innovative mRNA technology platform that we pioneered, invested billions of dollars in creating, and patented during the decade preceding the COVID-19 pandemic," Moderna Chief Executive Stephane Bancel said. Moderna, on its own, and the partnership of Pfizer and BioNTech SE were two of the first groups to develop a vaccine for the novel coronavirus. Just a decade old, Moderna, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, had been an innovator in the messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccine technology that enabled the unprecedented speed in developing the Covid vaccine. An approval process that previously took years was completed in months, thanks largely to the breakthrough in mRNA vaccines, which teach human cells how to make a protein that will trigger an immune response. **REUTERS**

**EXPLAINED**

**E** Allegations on two counts

MODERNA HAS accused Pfizer-BioNTech of appropriating two types of intellectual property. One involved an mRNA structure that Moderna says its scientists began developing in 2010 and were the first to validate in human trials in 2015. The second alleged infringement involves coding of a protein that Moderna says it developed while creating a vaccine for the coronavirus that causes MERS.

Germany-based BioNTech had also been working in this field when it partnered with the US pharma giant Pfizer. The US FDA granted emergency use authorisation for the Covid-19 vaccine first to Pfizer/BioNTech in December 2020, then one week later to Moderna. Early in the pandemic, Moderna said it would not enforce its Covid-19 patents to help others develop their own vaccines, particularly for low- and middle-income countries. But in March 2022 Moderna said it expected companies such as Pfizer and BioNTech to respect its intellectual property rights. It said it would not seek damages for any activity before March 8, 2022. **REUTERS**

US law agency recovers \$286 mn in stolen pandemic loans

FATIMA HUSSEIN WASHINGTON, AUGUST 26

THE US Secret Service said on Friday that it has recovered \$286 million in fraudulently obtained pandemic loans and is returning the money to the Small Business Administration. It said an investigation initiated by its Orlando office found that alleged conspirators submitted Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications by using fake or stolen information and used an online bank, Green Dot, to conceal and move their criminal proceeds. The agency worked with Green Dot to identify roughly 15,000 accounts and seize \$286 million. "This forfeiture effort and those to come are a direct and necessary response to the unprecedented size and scope of pandemic relief fraud," said Kevin Chambers, director for COVID-19 fraud enforcement at the Justice Department. **AP**

'You Indians...': Texas woman held for racial abuse, assault

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON, AUGUST 26

FOUR INDIAN-AMERICAN women have been racially abused and smacked by a Mexican-American woman in the US State of Texas who hurled racist slurs at them that they are "ruining" America and should "go back to India". The incident took place on Wednesday, August 24, night in a parking lot in Dallas, Texas. The woman, who has now been arrested, is seen in the video identifying herself as a Mexican-American and assaulting a group of Indian-Americans. "I hate you Indian. All these Indians come to America because they want a better life," Esmeralda Upton is seen saying in the video. The video shows her telling the group of women to "Go back to India. You... people are ruining this country," the CBS News reported. The video has now gone viral and sent shock waves among the Indian-American community across the US.

The video shows Upton using racial slurs, and at one point physically smacking at least two of the women. The person who posted this video wrote, "this incident occurred in Dallas, Texas after my mom and her three friends went to dinner". The mom is seen contesting the arguments made by the Mexican-American woman and requesting her not to make racial slurs. At one point in time, the Mexican-American woman, who says she was born in the United States, is seen assaulting the mom and her other friends as well. "If life was so great in India, why are you here," she shouted while inserting the f-word and suddenly started assaulting the four Indian women. Plano Police Detectives arrested Esmeralda Upton of Plano on Thursday afternoon. She has been charged with assault, bodily injury and terroristic threats and held on a bond of \$10,000.

Pop star Gulsen arrested over joke on religious schools

ASSOCIATED PRESS ANKARA, AUGUST 26

TURKISH POP star Gulsen has been arrested on charges of "inciting hatred and enmity" with a joke she made about Turkey's religious schools, the country's state-run news agency reported. The 46-year-old singer and songwriter, whose full name is Gulsen Colakoglu, was taken away from her home in Istanbul for questioning and formally arrested

late Thursday. She was then taken to a prison pending trial. The arrest sparked outrage on social media. Government critics said the move was an effort by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to consolidate support from the conservatives ahead of elections in 10 months. The charges were based on a joke Gulsen made during an April concert in Istanbul, where she quipped that one of her musicians' "perversion" stemmed from attending a religious



The singer-songwriter is a household name in Turkey

school. A video of the singer's comment began circulating on social media recently, with a hashtag calling for her arrest. Gulsen — who previously became a target in Islamic circles due to her revealing stage outfits and for unfurling an LGBTQ flag at a concert — apologised for the offence the joke caused but said her comments were seized on by those wanting to deepen polarisation in the country. Kemal Kilicdaroglu, leader of Turkey's main opposition party,

called on Turkey's judges and prosecutors to release Gulsen. "Don't betray the law and justice; release the artist now!" he wrote on Twitter. The spokesman for Erdogan's Justice and Development party, known by its Turkish acronym AKP, appeared however, to defend the decision to arrest the singer, saying "inciting hatred is not an art form." "Targeting a segment of society with the allegation of 'perversion'... is a hate crime," AKP spokesman Omer Celik tweeted.

YASSIN'S AMBIVALENT POSITION ON ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT IS DENTING HIS IMAGE

A social media star of a changed region: An Arab from Israel in Dubai

PATRICK KINGSLEY DUBAI, AUGUST 26

ALL ALONG the Dubai waterfront, Nuseir Yassin kept bumping into fans. An Egyptian tourist asked for a photograph. A yacht club manager from Zimbabwe stopped for a chat. A group of Filipinos gasped and called after him. "That's him!" one shouted as Yassin hurtled home on a scooter. "See you tomorrow!" said another, quoting Yassin's catchphrase. In Dubai, everyone seemed happy to see Yassin, 30, a social media star who moved here in 2020. Everyone except for some

of his fellow Palestinians. When the UAE forged diplomatic relations with Israel in 2020, it redrew the geopolitical contours of a region in which Israel had previously been shunned. On a practical level, it allowed Israeli citizens to live and work in Dubai. A Palestinian born and raised in Israel, Yassin was one of the first Israeli passport holders — and perhaps the most prominent — to take advantage. Yassin's move helped attract new funding for his tech and production companies, allowing him to quadruple the number of his employees to 120 — and helping lift his social media following to nearly 60 million.



Fans stop for a selfie with Yassin in Dubai. NYT


He built that vast global fan base by posting thousands of short, lively videos on Facebook. But Yassin's move to Dubai, as well as his videos that deal with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, have dented his popularity among the people he knows

best: his fellow Palestinians. He is among the roughly 20 percent of Israelis who descend from the Palestinian Arabs who didn't flee or weren't expelled in the war surrounding Israel's formation in 1948. That has given Palestinian citizens of Israel, as many refer to themselves, a complicated identity. Some have thrived in the Jewish state, becoming judges, lawmakers and government ministers. But many complain of widespread discrimination and feel a solidarity with the Palestinians living under occupation in the West Bank, under blockade in Gaza and as refugees elsewhere in the Middle East.

Yassin deals with this complexity by embracing the idea of a mixed identity, acknowledging both his Palestinian background and his Israeli citizenship — a stance that can anger both sides. "Right now, I actually call myself Israeli-Palestinian," he said in a recent interview in Dubai. "Saying I'm both Israeli and Palestinian is an amazing middle finger to anybody that doesn't like the other country." It's Yassin's stance on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, though, that has attracted the most controversy, particularly from Palestinians. His posts have criticised Israeli police violence and the segregated

nature of Israeli society — and captured on camera a racist outburst he received from two Jewish Israelis. But he has also praised Israel as a place of religious tolerance, called out Arab racism, and refused to pick sides between Israelis and Palestinians because both are "doing something wrong," he said in one video. His ambivalent position has led some Palestinians and Arabs to boycott his shows and projects. And while the criticism sometimes stings Yassin, he says it's ultimately more important to him to build empathy between Israelis and Palestinians. "This is my opportunity, and I don't want to squander it." **NYT**





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**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Tendering**  
**Identification No. 23 / 2022-23 Dt. 26.08.2022**

The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balasore on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites bids from bidders of eligible class registered with the Odisha State Government and bidders of equivalent Grade / Class registered with Central Government / MES / Railways for the works detailed in the table below to be eventually drawn up to P1 contract with design and execution of the following Piped Water Supply Projects.

1. <b>Nos. of Work</b>	: 12 Nos RPWS Schemes in Balasore district.
2. <b>Estimated cost</b>	: Rs. 349.77 lakhs to Rs. 383.06 lakhs
3. <b>Period of completion</b>	: 330 days
4. <b>Availability of bid document in Portal</b>	: Dt. 02.09.2022 at 16.00 hours to 16.09.2022 up to 17.00 hours through online.
5. <b>Seeking of Clarification</b>	: Dt. 05.09.2022 at 11.00 hours to Dt. 12.09.2022 up to 15.00 hours
6. <b>Date of opening of Bid</b>	: Dt. 17.09.2022 at 11.00 hours in the O/O EE, RWSS Division, Balasore.
7. <b>Name and address of the Officer Inviting Tender</b>	: Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balasore

Bid Cost will be receipt through electronic payment by NEFT / RTGS.  
Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,  
RWS&S DIVISION, BALASORE.

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY  
NOTICE**

Sh. Jaideep Shandhu, Assistant Track machine, of Northern Railway working at Track Machine Maintenance Depot Kurukshetra has been absconding from duty unauthorized w.e.f. 21.10.2021.

To,  
Jaideep Shandhu  
Asst. TM/TMMD/KKDE  
H.No 67, Gail No.-6, Vikas Colony  
Sanwar Road, Distt.-Karnal  
Haryana-132001.

Major Penalty charge-sheet (SF-5) for unauthorized absence from duty since 21.10.2021 has been issued on dated 21.02.2022. Subsequently the date of hearing was fixed on 12.04.2022, 02.05.2022 & 23.05.2022 and information for the same was sent through official letter to your address via speed post. But none of the letter has been received to your address & all are returned to our office. Moreover you did not attend any inquiry till now.

In this connection you are once again informed to attend this office of SSE/TMC/TMMD/TKD/Shop floor situated at Tughlakabad within 15 days publication of this notice. In case you fail to attend the same ex-parte decision will be taken without any further notice.

No.1-E/TMC/AXEN/TKD/D&AR/J.S Date: 24.08.2022

SSE/TMC/TMMD/TKD  
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**E-AUCTION OF LEASING OF SLR COMPARTMENT**

E-Auctions for leasing contract of SLR of following trains originating from Kathihar division on single trip basis for the period of 02 years. **Auction Catalogue No. KIR-SLR-RD Seq No. AA/1, Lot No./Category: 15722-SLR-F1-NUP-DGHA-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 104. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 10:30:00. Seq No. AA/2, Lot No./Category: 05707-SLR-F2-RDP-KR-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 10:50:00. Seq No. AA/3, Lot No./Category: 15720-SLR-F1-SGLU-KR-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 10:50:00. Seq No. AA/4, Lot No./Category: 05749-SLR-F2-NUP-HDB-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 11:00:00. Seq No. AA/5, Lot No./Category: 05707-SLR-F1-RDP-KR-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 11:00:00. Seq No. AA/6, Lot No./Category: 13064-SLR-F1-BLGT-HWH-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 523. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 11:20:00. Seq No. AA/7, Lot No./Category: 13064-SLR-F2-BLGT-HWH-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 523. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 11:30:00. Seq No. AA/8, Lot No./Category: 13162-SLR-F1-BLGT-KOAA-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 627. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 11:40:00. Seq No. AA/9, Lot No./Category: 05708-SLR-F2-KIR-RDP-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 11:50:00. Seq No. AA/10, Lot No./Category: 15707-SLR-F1-KIR-ASR-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 12:00:00. Seq No. AA/11, Lot No./Category: 15722-SLR-F1-NUP-DGHA-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 104. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 12:10:00. 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Seq No. AA/16, Lot No./Category: 12364-SLR-F1-HDB-KOAA-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 313. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 13:00:00. Seq No. AA/17, Lot No./Category: 15787-SLR-F2-SGLU-APDJ-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 13:10:00. Seq No. AA/18, Lot No./Category: 15720-SLR-F2-SGLU-KIR-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 13:20:00. Seq No. AA/19, Lot No./Category: 05708-SLR-F1-KIR-RDP-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 13:30:00. Seq No. AA/20, Lot No./Category: 13064-SLR-F1-BLGT-HWH-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 523. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 13:40:00. Seq No. AA/21, Lot No./Category: 13162-SLR-F1-BLGT-KOAA-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 627. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 13:50:00. Seq No. AA/22, Lot No./Category: 12042-SLR-F1-NUP-HWH-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 627. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 14:00:00. Seq No. AA/23, Lot No./Category: 15787-SLR-F1-SGLU-APDJ-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 14:10:00. Seq No. AA/24, Lot No./Category: 05707-SLR-F1-RDP-KR-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 14:20:00. Seq No. AA/25, Lot No./Category: 05749-SLR-F1-NUP-HDB-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 14:30:00. Seq No. AA/26, Lot No./Category: 15712-SLR-F1-KIR-HWH-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 104. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 14:40:00. Seq No. AA/27, Lot No./Category: 13245-SLR-F1-NUP-RJPB-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 105. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 14:50:00. Seq No. AA/28, Lot No./Category: 05708-SLR-F2-KIR-RDP-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 15:00:00. Seq No. AA/29, Lot No./Category: 12364-SLR-F1-NUP-DGHA-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 104. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 15:10:00. Seq No. AA/30, Lot No./Category: 15722-SLR-F2-NUP-DGHA-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 104. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 15:20:00. Seq No. AA/31, Lot No./Category: 15712-SLR-F1-KIR-HWH-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 104. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 15:30:00. Seq No. AA/32, Lot No./Category: 12364-SLR-F1-HDB-KOAA-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 313. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 15:40:00. Seq No. AA/33, Lot No./Category: 15787-SLR-F2-BLGT-KOAA-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 627. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 15:50:00. Seq No. AA/34, Lot No./Category: 15787-SLR-F1-SGLU-BLGT-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 16:00:00. Seq No. AA/35, Lot No./Category: 15720-SLR-F1-SGLU-KIR-22-1 (Parcel-SLR); Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment), Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee. Trips/Days: 731. Close Date/Time: 09-09-2022, 16:10:00. Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction module on IREPS website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)**

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**TENDER NOTICE**

E-tender is invited for the supply of following item.

(1) Selection of consultant for Monitoring, Verification, Issuance and Trading of Carbon Credits for BEST Undertaking

**Note :** For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.

**PRO/AAM(M)/85/2022** **GENERAL MANAGER**

**INDIAN RAILWAYS**

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)**  
No.2022/RS(WTA)-149/Tender/530 New Delhi, dated 26.08.2022  
**CORRIGENDUM No.-2**

Sub:- Global e-tender No. WTA-530 for Procurement of Wheels of BOXN wagon and 840 dia wheels of BLC wagon (either Forged Wheels or Cast Wheels).

1. The due date of opening of the subject tender has been postponed from 06.09.2022 to 30.09.2022 (Friday).

2. Therefore, the subject tender will now open on 30.09.2022 (Friday) instead of 06.09.2022.

3. All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain the same.

Director, Railway Stores (M)  
Railway Board

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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
ROAD DIVISION, DUMKA, JHARKHAND**

**Very Very Short Time e-Procurement Notice  
For National Competitive Bidding**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Call (PR 261690/RCD)21-22\*D)**  
**Re Tender Reference No. RCD/DUMKA/ 1749**  
**Date- 25.08.2022**

1.	Name of the work	Strengthening Work of Dalahi to Ramibahal Road (MDR-199) 0.00 Km to 26.750 Km for the year 2022-23.
2(a)	Approximate value of Work (Rs. In Lacs )	Rs. 20,77,44,951.00 (Rupees Twenty Crore Seventy Seven Lac Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Only.)
(b)	Bid Security ( Rs In Lacs )	Rs 20.78 Lacs
3.	Time of Completion	Eleven months
4.	Last date/Time for receipt of bids	19.09.2022 Up to 12.00 Noon.
5	Date of Publication of Tender on website	09.09.2022 AT 10.30 A.M
6.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer Road Division, Dumka 7070190875
7.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	7070190875
8.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer  
Road Construction Department  
Road Division, Dumka  
Pin-814101

PR276477 (Road)22-23#D

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE**

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HARYANA MASS RAPID TRANSPORT CORPORATION LTD.	TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR EMANUEMENT OF THE LAW FIRM	26.08.2022 07.09.2022	AS PER NIT	<a href="https://hmrc.org.in">https://hmrc.org.in</a>	9417133439 cgmlegal.hmrc@gmail.com

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(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking), Corporate Identity No. UA40109UP20015SGC025667/1358  
Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Ujja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001  
Telephone No.- 0135-2763872-76, Fax- 0135-2760289, Website: [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in)

**E-TENDER NOTICE (INTI)**  
**TENDER SPECIFICATION NO. CCP-15/2022-2023**  
Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd, Dehradun invites e-tender for following item:


Sl No	Name of Item	Quantity (Nos.)	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Average Yearly Turn Over of Preceding Three Financial Year (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of tender document including GST (Rs.)	Last date & time of online request for Tender and submission of tender in online & offline mode	Date of opening of Part-I tender in offline & online mode
1	Common Meter Reading Instrument (CMRI)	250 Nos.	0.778 CRORE	1.558 CRORE	1.558 LAKH	5900	08.09.2022 upto 17.00 Hrs.	09.09.2022 at 15.30 Hrs.

For further details, please visit our website [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in)

No.: 335/EE(CM)/UPCLIA-2, Dt. 25.08.2022

Superintending Engineer  
Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)

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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER:  
RWSS DIVISION: BERHAMPUR**  
Near Jarada Bunglow, Pin – 760004, Ph. 0680-2296344  
eerwss\_bam@nic.in [rwssbam@gmail.com](mailto:rwssbam@gmail.com)  
Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice  
**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**  
**Bid Identification No. SERWSSBAM-11/2022-23**

The Superintending Engineer, RWSS Division, Berhampur, Ganjam on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites bids in Single cover & Double cover system according to the norm of "e" Procurement system in online mode for Supply, drawing, design, construction, testing and commissioning and maintenance of different PW Schemes and electrification works in Ganjam District from the eligible contractors as per DTN.

1	Name of the work	Execution of different works of different P.W.S. Scheme in Ganjam District.
2	No of Work (Tender)	03 Nos.
3	Estimated cost (Approximate)	From Rs. 5.42 Lakhs to Rs. 415.43 Lakhs
4	Period of completion	From 60 days to 360 days
5	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the Portal.	From 03-09-2022 at 11.00 hrs to 22-09-2022 up to 17.00 hrs
6	Last date & time for seeking clarification	17-09-2022 up to 17.00 hrs
7	Dt. of opening of Bid	23-09-2022 at 11.00 hrs
8	Late date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal	22-09-2022 up to 17.00 hrs
9	Name & address of the Officer inviting tender.	Superintending Engineer, RWSS Division, Near Jarada Bunglow, Berhampur-760004, Dist. Ganjam, Odisha.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <https://tendersorissa.gov.in>

Sd/-

Executive Engineer  
RWSS&S Division, Berhampur  
OIPR-25035/11/0007/2223

**राजस्थान सरकार**  
**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग- वृत्त सीकर**  
( डाक बगला केम्पस सीकर 332001; email : [piu\\_sikar1@rediffmail.com](mailto:piu_sikar1@rediffmail.com), [seskr.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in](mailto:seskr.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in))  
क्रमांक- एस.ई. / सीकर / 2022 / डी-2134 दिनांक- 17.08.2022

**ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या : 16/2022-2023**

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय जी ओर से निम्न विवरण के अनुसार कार्यो के लिए संपुर्क श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान मे उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदको एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संसाधनो/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एगम दूर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदको, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के 'ए' 'ए' एवं बी श्रेणी के संवेदको के समकक्ष हो, से कार्यो हेतु ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से निविदा प्रपत्र मे निविदाएं प्राल को जारीगी।


क्र.	खण्ड का नाम	कार्य / पैकेज का नाम	टेंडर लागत (लाखों में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	ई ग्राम पर चालान बनाने हेतु निविदा खोलने का स्थान	ऑनलाइन
1	FATEHPUR	Rehabilitation of Various Road (Non Patchable) Under Package No. RJ-29-01/5054/RIDF-28/FR/2022-23	227.00	03 Month	FATEHPUR	Circle Sikar
2	FATEHPUR	Rehabilitation of Various Roads (Non Patchable) Under Package No. RJ-29-02/5054/RIDF-28/LXG/2022-23	119.00	03 Month	FATEHPUR	Circle Sikar
3	I-SIKAR	Rehabilitation of Various Road (Non Patchable) Under Package No. RJ-29-03/5054/RIDF-28/PIRAL/1/2022-23	177.00	03 Month	I-SIKAR	Circle Sikar

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेब साईट [www.dipronline.Org](http://www.dipronline.Org) <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> एवं [sppp.raj.nic.in](http://sppp.raj.nic.in) पर देखा जा सकता है।

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हस्ता- (सावर मल मीणा)  
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सा.नि.वि. वृत्त सीकर

DIPR/C/10951/2022



**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project South, South Zone Office  
(Complex), 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru -11

**No.EEP(S)/E-Procru/12/22-23** **Date: 25.08.2022**

**INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)**  
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System) (2nd Call)

The Executive Engineer, Project-South Division, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

S.I. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs.)
1	Construction and Installation of Dialysis Centre at Pobbatti Maternity Home in Ward No. 143, V.V. Puram (2nd Call).	400.00	6,00,000/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website. 2) Pre bid meeting : 02.09.2022 at 03.00 p.m. 3) Last date and time for receipt of tenders: 07.09.2022, upto 04.00 p.m. 4) Date of opening of technical bid: 09.09.2022 at 04.30 p.m. 5) Date of opening of financial bid: 14.09.2022 at 04.00 p.m. or after Technical bid approval. Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project-South Division.

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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
ROAD DIVISION, DUMKA, JHARKHAND**

**Very Very Short Time e-Procurement Notice  
For National Competitive Bidding**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Call (PR 262494 Road (21-22)#D**

Re Tender Reference No. RCD/DUMKA/1743 Date- 25.08.2022

1.	Name of the work	Widening and Strengthening of Road from Korgha More (NH-133) Champagarh –Saraiyath (NH-133) Road (Total Length - 13.695 Km) for the year 2022-23.
2(a)	Approximate value of Work (Rs. In Lacs )	Rs 34,54,71,770.00 (Rupees Thirty Four Crore Fifty Four Lacs Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Only )
(b)	Bid Security ( Rs In Lacs )	Rs 34.55 Lacs
3.	Time of Completion	Twelve Months
4.	Last date/Time for receipt of bids	19.09.2022 Up to 12.00 Noon.
5	Date of Publication of Tender on website	09.09.2022 AT 10.30 A.M
6.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer Road Division, Dumka 7070190875
7.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	7070190875
8.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer  
Road Construction Department  
Road Division, Dumka  
Pin-814101

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E-AUCTION NOTICE**

E auction for the contract to lease out parcel SLR in trains originating from Mumbai Division has been invited. The catalogue has already been published on IREPS website, the details are furnished as under:-

AUCTION CATALOGUE NO	TYPE OF CONTRACT	CATEGORY	CONTRACT PERIOD	DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION
MMCT-PLS-22-30	Parcel	PARCEL SLR	2 Years	E-auction for lot will start at 12:00 hrs on 06.09.2022.
MMCT-PLS-22-31	Parcel	PARCEL SLR	2 Years	E-auction for lot will start at 12:00 hrs on 12.09.2022.
MMCT-PLS-22-32	Parcel	PARCEL SLR	2 Years	E-auction for lot will start at 12:00 hrs on 13.09.2022.
MMCT-PLS-22-33	Parcel	PARCEL SLR	2 Years	E-auction for lot will start at 12:00 hrs on 14.09.2022.

**Note:** Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction leasing module on IREPS website ([www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)). The lot wise details are available there in under the mentioned catalogue. **Initial cooling off period is 30 minutes.** Successive Lot closing interval is 10 Minutes. Lot wise closing times can be viewed in e-auction module of IREPS. 0383 A

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**Request for Expression of Interest**

**EOI Notice No.: AIWTDSS/316/2022/ 84**  
**Name of Project:** Assam Inland Water Transport Project (AIWTP)  
**Assignment Title:** "Expression of Interest (EOI) for Greening the Passenger Ferry sector in Assam"

The Government of India has obtained financing from the World Bank towards cost of the Assam IWT Project. Under the project, State Project Director, Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society (AIWTDSS) invites Request for Expression of Interest from Nationally/Internationally reputed individual/firm/organization for the aforesaid assignment. Complete documents of the EOI shall be available on website <http://iwtddirectorate.assam.gov.in> & [www.aiwtdsociety.in](http://www.aiwtdsociety.in). Intending bidders are required to download the detail Eoi from the above websites or may contact Assam IWT Society by email [dir.iwtds-as@gov.in](mailto:dir.iwtds-as@gov.in). The last date and time of submission of proposal through email is on 16/09/2022 at 14:00 HRS(IST).

In this connection a Stakeholder meeting is scheduled on 2nd September'2022 at 9-30 am at office of the Assam Skill Development Mission, Opposite ISBT, Garchuk, Guwahati, Assam. Interested persons are may attend the meeting physically or may seek for virtual meeting link by sending an email to [dir.iwtds-as@gov.in](mailto:dir.iwtds-as@gov.in).

Sd/-  
State Project Director  
Assam IWT Development Society

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**Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Jal Shakti Department  
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

Online bids on Items rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, JSV Division Rohru Distt Shimla (H.P) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh JSV Department. Which shall be opened on 03.09.2022

Sl. No	Description Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest money	Time	Cost of form
1	Providing functional tap connection (FHTC) to village Badiyara and its surrounding area in G.P. Kulgaon Tehsil Chirgaon Distt Shimla (HP). (SH:- C/O RCC intake chamber, site development for various civil structure, sanitary protection, Riwall, wire grate embankment, RCC anchor blocks 25 Nos, Delivery Tank 65000 ltr, Sump well 65000 ltr, RCC filter, Bed, sector Tank 30000 ltr, sector tank 100000 ltr, Sector Tank 27000 ltr, C/O pump house cum attendant quarter, C/O septic tank, Laying & Joining GI. pipe line distribution system of various dia 20 mm to 65 mm dia =21300 rmt, Supply & erection of pumping machinery & providing laying jointing of APIX-42 pipe 80 mm dia =1200 and GI pipe line = 600 rmt. Of Rising main).	1,43,59,304/-	176093/-	1 Year	1500/-
2	Providing LWSS to various Villages Jaunli, Redhi, Kateli,Dungsa abble and its Surrounding area in G.P. Bhaloon and Summerket Tehsil Rohru Distt Shimla (H.P) (SH:- Development of site for various structures , C/O RCC intake chamber =5No , C/O RCC S/T =5No, of 10,000 ltr capacity each , C/O RCC S/T Tank =2Nos. of 17,000 liters capacity each and S / Tank 2No 31,000, liters capacity , Sanitary protection around the all civil structures and laying and jointing of (Light) class G.I. pipes for distribution network ) under SCSP	1,30,53,825/-	163038/-		



## FOLLOWS ACQUISITION OF ESSAR STEEL IN 2019 BY AM/NS INDIA

## Essar, ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel in \$2.4-bn pact for infrastructure assets

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

ESSAR GROUP on Friday announced the signing of a \$2.4-billion (Rs 19,000 crore) pact to sell certain ports and power infrastructure assets to ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AM/NS). These assets are captive to the operations of the Hazira steel plant in Gujarat. The steel unit, which belonged to Essar, was taken over in 2019 by AM/NS via the IBC (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code) route.

The Ruia-led firm said the deal also envisages a 50:50 joint venture between Essar and AM/NS for building a 4 million

tonne a year LNG import terminal at Hazira.

Separately, AM/NS India said in a statement that the deal covers port assets in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, as well as two power plants at Hazira and an electricity transmission line.

After acquiring Essar Steel for around Rs 42,785 crore in 2019, AM/NS India had claimed that the acquisition had given it the right to the licence of port operations. But Essar Bulk Terminal, part of the Essar group, had opposed it, saying that the Hazira port was not part of the bankruptcy process. The matter went to the courts where it was being argued. The signing of the agree-

**EXPLAINED**  
**Port & power assets**

THE TRANSACTION, one of the largest M&A deals in the country post pandemic, covers port assets in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, as well as two power plants at Hazira and an electricity transmission line.

ment on Friday brings closure to the fight between the two. AM/NS said the deal covers a

25-million tonne per annum capacity jetty at the all-weather, deep draft bulk port terminal at Hazira, captive and adjacent to the steel plant. It also includes a 16 million tonne all-weather, deep draft terminal at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, along with an integrated conveyor connected to AM/NS India's 8 million tonne a year iron ore pellet plant in the port city.

A 12 million tonne deep-water jetty at Paradip, Odisha, along with a dedicated conveyor that handles 100 per cent of pellet shipments from AM/NS India's Paradip pellet plant, is also part of the deal.

The deal also includes a 270

MW multi-fuel power plant at Hazira, which has a long-term power purchase agreement with the adjacent steelmaking facility. A 515 MW gas-based power plant, along with allied land, is also part of the transaction.

A 100-km Gandhar to Hazira transmission line, connecting AM/NS India's steelmaking complex with the central electricity grid, is also part of the deal.

"The transaction is expected to be funded only by AM/NS India," the statement added.

With this deal, Essar will conclude its planned asset monetisation programme and complete the debt repayment plan of \$25 billion. **FE**

## Fed's Powell sees inflation fight lasting 'some time', warns of economic pain

HOWARD SCHNEIDER & ANNSAPHIR  
JACKSON HOLE, AUGUST 26

AMERICANS ARE headed for a painful period of slow economic growth and possibly rising joblessness as the Federal Reserve raises interest rates to beat 40-year high inflation, Fed Chair Jerome Powell warned Friday about what is in store for the world's biggest economy.

In a speech kicking off the Jackson Hole central banking conference in Wyoming on Friday, Powell said the Fed will raise borrowing costs as high as needed to restrict growth, and would keep them there "for some time" to bring down inflation that's running at more than three times the Fed's 2 per cent goal.

"Reducing inflation is likely to require a sustained period of below-trend growth. Moreover, there will very likely be some softening of labor market conditions," he said. "While higher interest rates, slower growth, and softer labor market conditions will bring down inflation, they will also bring some pain to households and businesses. These are the unfortunate costs of reducing inflation. But a failure to restore price stability would mean far greater pain."

As that pain increases, Powell said, people should not expect the Fed to dial back its monetary policy quickly until the inflation problem is fixed. **REUTERS**



(Right to left) Jerome Powell, chair of the US Federal Reserve, Lael Brainard, vice chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, and John C Williams, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, at Teton National Park where financial leaders are gathered for the Jackson Hole Economic Symposium outside Jackson, Wyoming, US. *Reuters*

## At 6.3%, rise in US consumer prices moderates in July

Washington: US inflation eased last month as energy prices tumbled, raising hopes that a surge in prices increases may have peaked.

According to Commerce Department report on Friday that is closely watched by the Fed, consumer prices rose 6.3 per cent in July from a year earlier after posting an annual

increase of 6.8 per cent in June, biggest jump since 1982. Energy prices made the difference in July; They dropped last month after surging in June. So-called core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, rose 4.6 per cent last month from a year earlier after rising 4.8 per cent in June. **AP**

## Adani's ₹31K-cr open offer for ACC, Ambuja Cements till Sept 9

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

ADANI GROUP on Friday launched its Rs 31,000-crore open offer to buy 26 per cent more stake from public shareholders of Swiss firm Holcim's two Indian listed firms ACC and Ambuja Cements.

In May, the Adani Group had announced that it had clinched a deal to acquire a controlling stake in Holcim Ltd's businesses in India for \$10.5 billion. Markets regulator Sebi granted approval for the open offer last week. The open offer is estimated at over Rs 31,000 crore if fully subscribed.

In two separate regulatory filings, Ambuja Cements and ACC have submitted their letter of offers for the open offer, launched by the Adani family group's Mauritius-based firm Endeavour Trade and Investment. As per the revised schedule submitted by ICICI Securities and Deutsche Equities India, managers to the open offer, the tendering of shares opens from August 26 and will end on September 9, 2022.

In May, the Adani Group had made an open offer at Rs 385 per share for Ambuja Cements and Rs 2,300 per share for ACC. For Ambuja Cements, it had made an open offer to public shareholders to acquire up to 51.63 crore equity shares, representing 26 per cent of the expanded share capital, aggregating to Rs 11,259.97 crore.

## Adani group rejects NDTV's assertion

New Delhi: Adani group on Friday rejected NDTV's assertion that Sebi's nod is necessary to acquire interests in RRPR, saying the promoter entity is not a part of Sebi's order that restrained Pranoy and Radhika Roy from accessing securities market.

Terming the contentions raised by RRPR as "baseless, legally untenable and devoid of merit", Vishvapradhan Commercial Private Ltd (VCPL) said the holding firm is "bound to immediately perform its obligation and allot the equity shares" as specified in the Warrant Exercise Notice. In a regulatory update, Adani Enterprises Ltd said VCPL has received a reply on behalf of NDTV and RRPR over the Warrant Exercise Notice dated August 23, 2022. **PTI**

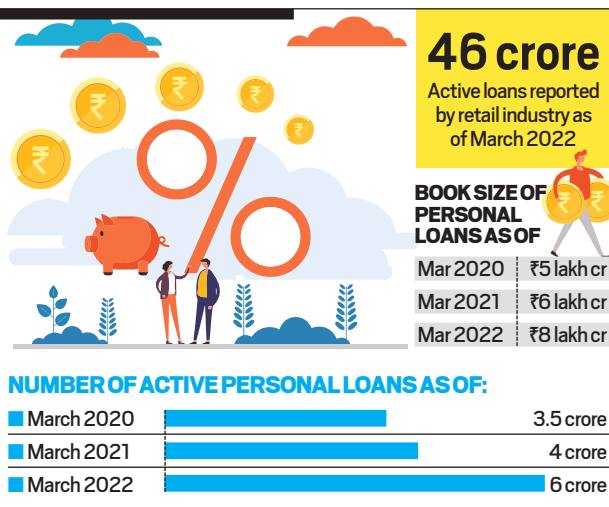
gregating to Rs 19,879.57 crore. For ACC Ltd, it had offered to buy up to 4.89 crore shares held by public shareholders, representing 26 per cent of the expanded share capital, aggregating to Rs 11,259.97 crore.

## 'Disbursement of personal retail loans up 42% as of end-March'

Disbursement of personal retail loans grew 42% in March 2021-March 2022, as per Equifax and Andromeda

Total portfolio outstanding of retail industry as of:

	₹71 lakh crore	₹80 lakh crore	₹89 lakh crore
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March 2022			



## Twitter stonewalls Parliamentary panel queries, gets a week to respond

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK & LIZ MATTHEW  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

TWITTER STONEWALLED queries Friday from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on the company's data security practices, *The Indian Express* has learnt. In its deposition before the panel, Twitter was said to have been questioned on the allegations of its former senior executive. It is learnt to have said it did not have information on hiring of government agents.

The company was said to have been questioned by the panel — headed by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor — on the number of its employees with direct access to

user data, and whether it had employed people who were previously associated with the Indian government. The panel had summoned Twitter for a hearing on the subject of "Citizens' Data Security and Privacy" after Pieter 'Mudge' Zatkoff, former head of safety at the company who is said to have been personally hired by former CEO Jack Dorsey, alleged that the government forced the social media company to hire one or more individuals who were government agents and had unsupervised access to vast amounts of the platform's user data.

Twitter, which was represented by its senior India policy officials Samiran Gupta and Shagufa Kamran, was said to have sought additional time to respond

to questions from the panel. At the end of the hearing, the committee is learnt to have given the company a week's time to send written submissions.

In a whistleblower complaint filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission earlier this week, Zatkoff accused Twitter of not disclosing to users that "it was believed by the executive team that the Indian government had succeeded in placing agents on the company payroll". He also alleged that the company "knowingly" permitted an "Indian government agent direct unsupervised access to the company's systems and user data".

In February last year, the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) notified the Information

Technology Rules, 2021. These rules mandated social media companies to hire key personnel 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 Zatkoff's claims about Twitter staffing a "government agent" and the employees the company was mandated to hire under the IT Rules, 2021. Zatkoff has said that evidence to support this claim has been shared with US intelligence. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

## IRCTC withdraws tender on data monetisation

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

INDIAN RAILWAYS' catering and ticketing arm Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has withdrawn a controversial tender — which proposed hiring a consultant to monetise a bulk of its passengers' data — since the government has withdrawn the data protection Bill.

The tender had alarmed activists who said it could lead to a violation of privacy of people who have used IRCTC's services since it sought to analyse data points like their names, contact numbers, addresses and even "login/password" credentials. In a notification to the stock exchanges on Friday, IRCTC said it was withdrawing the tender since the Centre has withdrawn the "Personal Data Protection Bill, 2018". *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

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Mumbai: Forex reserves fell \$6.687 billion to \$564.053 billion in the week ended August 19, as per RBI data. FCA fell \$5.779 billion to \$501.216 billion and gold reserves by \$704 million to \$39.914 billion. Special Drawing Rights fell \$146 million to \$17.987 billion and India's reserve position with the IMF by \$58 million to \$4.936 billion.

## Labour meet

New Delhi: The Labour and Employment Ministry said it will come out with roadmaps on 4 themes discussed in a two-day conference of labour ministers and officials of states and UTs concluded at Tirupati on Friday.

## Air India pay

New Delhi: Air India said it will restore salaries that were cut in the wake of Covid from September 1. **PTI**

## US, China deal

Hong Kong: The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board said it inked a pact with Chinese regulators, taking a first step toward inspecting and investigating registered accounting firms in China and Hong Kong. The US audit regulator said it was the most detailed and prescriptive agreement the regulator has ever reached with China. **REUTERS**

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## US wants India to join coalition on Russia fuel price cap

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

AIMED AT squeezing revenue streams of Moscow, as part of sanctions post Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the US on Friday urged India to join a coalition seeking to impose a price cap on Russian oil.

"Indian policy makers are interested in learning more about joining the global price cap coalition to keep Russian fuel prices in check as it is aligned with India's objective of lowering energy

prices for consumers," US Deputy Secretary of Treasury Wally Adeyemo, who is on a three day visit to India, told reporters. Adeyemo met finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and discussed issues related to economic relations between the two nations and measures to limit the earning of Russia post its invasion of Ukraine. They also discussed Indo-Pacific Economic Framework and India's G20 Presidency. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

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# It's Three Thousand Years Too Long

SHALINI LANGER

DJINN MEETS George Miller meets Arabian Nights, *Three Thousand Years of Longing* is not so much about longing as just being long. Admittedly not 3,000 years long, but really overstaying its welcome somewhere between its beginning as a promising exchange of science vs myth, reality vs fantasy, and its limp end as yet another love story where it's a universal truth well-acknowledged that a woman in possession of a serious degree and solemn glasses must be in want of a man.

Here, the woman is a professor of narratology, Dr Alithea Binny (Swinton), who isn't just an authority on a field such as that, but also who gets called for seminars to places such as Istanbul to talk about the same. On one of her many lonely but content mornings, as she is waiting for her breakfast at an Istanbul hotel, out pops a djinn from a trinket she has picked from the Grand Bazaar.

Miller (Mad Max) is at his best here, imagining the creature as something distinctly other-worldly, made of wispy smokes and shiny gold dust. As that djinn eventually takes the shape of a more modest, though jarringly pointy-eared, Elba, Alithea commendably holds her own.

True to all that she has learned from her readings about the past and her knowledge of the present, she repeatedly tells the djinn that she can't be tempted into asking for the fabled three wishes. All wishing stories turn out to be cautionary tales about being

### THREE THOUSAND YEARS OF LONGING

★★★

**Director:** George Miller  
**Cast:** Tilda Swinton, Idris Elba



careful what one asks for, she tells him. And so, the djinn proceeds to tell her stories, starting with the *Queen of Sheeba* and *Solomon* 2,500 years ago, to a dissolute prince some hundreds of years ago, to a girl who could, in our times, have been Einstein (a 'wizard' in his own right, as the film tells you).

Miller is adept at whipping up these fantastical worlds and keeping us entranced there. This saves the film when some of its enchantments veer towards bizarre caricatures of the mystical Orient.

They also seem a diversion from where the film should actually be, in the interplay between the world of realism as exemplified by Alithea and the world of chance as shown by the djinn. Miller and daughter Augusta Gore, who have adapted a short book for the screenplay of the film, clearly don't trust their own storytelling enough to not constantly pull away.

The point, such as it is, of everyone needing love and company – be it a djinn trapped for centuries in a bottle, or a woman wrapping herself in the loneliness of her own choosing (of course, not of her own choosing) – is obvious from the start.

The transfer of the setting in the latter half from a Turkish hotel room to Alithea's very English, very serious home back in London, sadly underlines the metaphorical even more as the literal. One mystery is solved though: can you have a serious conversation while in a bathrobe? Well, now you know you can, almost for the entirety of a film's length. Guess, when in Turkey, make the best of bathrobes.



### LIGER ★

**Director:** Puri Jagannadh . **Cast:** Vijay Deverakonda, Ananya Panday, Ramya Krishnan, Ronit Roy, Chunkey Panday

# A Punch to the Brain

SHUBHRA GUPTA

SO, FIRST off, in case you were wondering, 'Liger' is what you get when a lion and a tiger mate. Got it? Not really? Never mind, here's a ready reckoner of what to expect from the new Vijay Deverakonda flick, directed by Puri Jagannadh, made in Hindi and Telugu.

Ready? Here you go. A kickboxer adorned by a series of boxer shorts and a bronzed, muscled chest, has a couple of markers – a mother (Krishnan, still in her shouty *Bahubali* mode), and a stutter. The mom is a latter-day *Mother India*-type, full of fire and brimstone; the speech impairment may make *Liger* a slow speaker, but there's nothing wrong with his cross-breed stripes. He jabs and kicks, feints and lunges, as he readies himself for his big break, which will allow him and his mentor (Roy) to make India proud in the global arena.

That was the nutshell. Breaking it open, the age-old themes of fierce-mother-loving-son twinning with macho chest-thumping sporty patriotism is used to roll out a cringe-fest of mammoth proportions. What do you

want first: character upon character dissing the stutterer for, wait, stuttering (yes, that's right), or the romantic interest who is all set to compete for the most vapid, vacuous female character (Panday) in recent times, or a mother who roars louder than her son? It boggles the mind that filmmakers still think today's audiences are willing to swallow utter rubbish in the name of entertainment. Where do they live?

Don't get me wrong. There's nothing more pleasurable than a masala movie done right. But there's nothing new or fresh about the ingredients that go into the making of this film: mixed martial arts, snarling boxers, tough-as-nail trainers, and the hero who will pulp everyone single-handedly, have been around for years. This excuse-for-a-plot is filled with all kinds of outlandish situations; the treatment is beyond pathetic.

The insensitive poking-fun-at-the-guy-who-stutters is downright distasteful (at one time, he's called a 'stammering buffoon', in the English subtitles), and the creation of the leading lady is not just a sexist misfire, it is positively Neanderthal. Who in their right minds will have a female character say, 'guys look at girls from bottom-up', AND have the

heroine simper at this line? Anyone heard of misogyny?

You feel bad for Roy, who can, given a chance, be a treat. Last seen, he was comprehensively wasted in the terrible *Shamshera*. Here, he is stuck in the clichéd mode of the flint-eyed teacher who has the best interests of his student at heart. Ditto for Chunky Panday, who used to be the best thing in his bad '90s movies. What is he even doing here? Can someone give these guys roles worthy of their talent?

The action, in the ring, is about the only thing that seems to have been shot with focus, but it is creakingly unoriginal. Other bouts are shoved in at random intervals to show off our hero's moves: one includes a bevy of female Krav Maga experts (don't ask), and another takes us to a ranch (told you, don't ask), where Liger gets to face off with his idol, MMA artist Mark Anderson (Tyson hamming it up happily).

Deverakonda, never straying too far from his Arjun Reddy character, is all hot-eyed and limber and loose-limbed, and makes us watch. But to have a character praise his performance as 'full *paisa-vasool*'? Basically, that's *Liger* high-fiving *Liger*. Seriously?

# All the Drama Behind the Politics

ARUSHI JAIN

THE POLITICS in Bihar has inspired the scripts of many filmmakers. However, writers Subhash Kapoor, Nandan Singh and Umashankar Singh are among those few who have got the tone and the mood of Bihar politics right. No matter how much those involved in the making of the show deny, Maharani draws heavily from significant events in the history of Bihar.

In the first season, Rani Bharti (Huma Qureshi), who was forced to become Bihar's chief minister after her husband Bheema Bharti (Sohum Shah) was bedridden, got her husband arrested in the fodder scam.

Now, in her attempt to be righteous and free Bihar from 'jungle *raaj*', she has made many foes, including her husband Bheema and political rival Naveen Singh (Amit Sial). But she is not bogged down by hatred or

competition. She has become a lot more confident, commanding deference from everyone, whether they are eager to dole it out or not. She has no trouble expressing anger when incompetent ministers do not do their job or are involved in criminal activities.

Meanwhile, she has also not lost touch with her human and emotional side as she showcases

affection towards her kids and sorrow and shame when a model is raped, and a mother loses her son.

Though the focus of this 10-episode series remains *gawaaran* Rani Bharti and how she grows from a homemaker to a sensible, poised and whip-smart politician, the creators also tackle topics like reservation, caste and religion. It takes a couple of episodes to warm up to Rani's world, but once you are in it, it's difficult to look away.

### MAHARANI SEASON 2

**Director:** Ravindra Gautam  
**Cast:** Huma Qureshi, Sohumi Shah  
**Streaming on:** SonyLIV



# Crime, Punishment and Home-grown Wisdom

CANNY LAWYER Madhav Mishra, played by Pankaj Tripathi, is back again. It's fitting that he headlines *Criminal Justice*, now in its third season, because he lifts it. From the occasional clunkiness and staginess, and from the inevitable stretches a series can fall into when it is trying to fill in 40-odd running time of an episode.

Still, the series, produced by Applause Entertainment in association with BBC Studios, remains engaging. The horrific murder of a young girl, a teenaged lad in the dock for the crime, complex modern-day iterations of nuclear families, and the inter-cutting between legal proceedings and cop procedures, overlaid with Mishraji's good cheer, was enough to keep me with it.

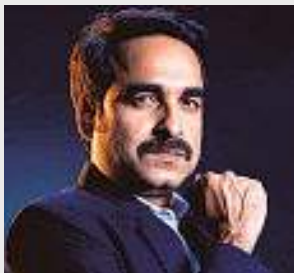
Drugs can kill. So can green-eyed jealousy, and apathy. Over eight episodes, the web series touches upon the rampant use of party drugs among, well, youngsters who party hard; the overarching impact of social media on our lives; and the difficulties of parenting teenagers in today's hyper-connected, Instagram-saturated times. Swastika Mukherjee and Purab Kohli are the upwardly mobile Ahujas, co-parenting teen social media star Zara and her stepbrother Mukul, insecure

by the attention his sister is showered upon, both at home and outside. Mukherjee's former husband (Gaurav Gera) puts in a solid turn as a father who stands by his besieged son. A drug-fuelled party clandestinely attended by both youngsters ends in tragedy: she is dead, and he is accused of her murder.

Enter Madhav Mishra, armed with his *desi* home-grown wisdom and dogged determination to back the cause of justice, and a keen-eyed dogsbody. His light-hearted interactions with his wife, who is busy in her ambition to open a beauty parlour, leave you smiling. And his jousting with the smooth English-speaking, adversary (Shweta Prasad Basu) reminds us how language can be divisive, and how privilege can be countered.

Being 'Hindi medium' doesn't make our Mishraji any less of a *valkeel*: to be a good human being, says he, is as important as to be on the winning side. Some of these dialogues are on the nose, but Tripathi is self-aware, and we move right along on the path of discovery. Yes, the killer is found, and yes, the series manages to keep it a surprise till almost near the end.

When is season 4 coming? **SG**



### CRIMINAL JUSTICE 3

**Director:** Rohan Sippy  
**Cast:** Pankaj Tripathi, Swastika Mukherjee, Purab Kohli and Gaurav Gera  
**Streaming on:** Disney + Hotstar

# Solid and thought-provoking, sharper than the first season

FIRST THINGS first. *Delhi Crime Season 2* is just as effective as season 1. In a couple of respects, it is even better. Because it is sharper. It addresses the problem of being too soft on its own in the first season: in the new season, directed by new entrant Tanuj Chopra, that assessing gaze is much less indulgent. No, not all cops are on the side of the angels. And no, they are not infallible, either. It is also better because it is tighter. There's no time wasted by way of introductions; we know the main characters, and because we were invested in them, we greet them like people we know.

That was one of the big pluses of the first season, this creation of interesting men and women who are in charge of law and order in rough-tough Delhi. It's good to have them back. Shefali Shah, as DCP Vartika Chaturvedi, who leads from the front, Rajesh Tailang as Bhupender Singh, her able wingman, Rasika Dugal as Neeti Singh, fast learn-

ing the ropes of her job, Adil Hussain as the political top cop whose moral fibre has still not frayed completely, and a bunch of others.

I have to say I was sceptical about this season. Very few crimes can be worse than the December 2012 bestial gang-rape and murder of a young woman, known to us as Nirbhaya.

How would the new season top that one?

Choosing to focus on a series of murders of senior citizens (based on the writings of former police commissioner Neeraj Kumar), with the specific MO of the dreaded '*kachcha-baniyan*' gang which used to be active in the '90s, was the right choice. It provides not just blood and gore, of which there is plenty, but also an examination of the underlying reasons why some perfectly ordinary humans turn into pitiless killers.

The domestic diversions of the hard-working cops (no sleep, little money, leave cancelled, no family life) are also better meshed in this



time around. Vartika's pesky young daughter is safely sent away for higher studies, so is not able to create unnecessary diversions. Neeti's armyman husband (Akash Dahiya) doesn't know how to deal with his wife's long hours at work; he isn't a bad guy, but he is helpless in the face of his traditional upbringing. Bhupender is finding it hard to find a good match for his daughter, because of his profes-

sion. That's real, too. All the performances, especially from the trio of Shah, Dugal and Tailang, are top-notch.

Here are some of my niggles. The 'bad' cop is a little exaggerated. The harsh treatment meted out to the tribal community, whose members are rounded off on mere suspicion and dumped in the lock-up, goes on for too long. The point of class and privilege, and that

certain tribes still continue to be seen as criminals is, however, worthy of being raised, and we see one cop at least treating them with empathy, even if it comes a little late. We see a cop driving pillion without a helmet. Ooh. Was that deliberate, or an oversight?

But these are minor things. The degree of authenticity, despite the compulsion of leaving us on a cliffhanger at the end of each episode and a few contrivances, is admirable. The breakthrough comes just at the right time, and the denouement is powerful. Watch out for a striking turn by Tillotama Shome, who throws a manic curveball into the proceedings. One of the most haunting scenes in the series belongs to her, as she walks into an empty flat, and looks out of the window, swinging from the sill. Which part of the Capital is her eye on? The one where she comes from, or the one where she wants to go?

And, keeping real-life firmly in view, both the criminal and the law enforcer have to pay a price. *Delhi Crime 2* stays solid, smart, and thought-provoking. **SG**

## STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



### FATHER STU

NETFLIX  
Based on a true story, *Father Stu* stars Mark Wahlberg as Stuart Long, a boxer-turned-Catholic priest suffering from inclusion body myositis. The honest and funny biographical drama is written and directed by Rosalind Ross. When an injury ends his boxing career, Long moves to LA, dreaming of stardom. Surviving a motorcycle accident leaves him wondering if he can use his second chance to help others find their way, leading to the realisation that he is meant to be a Catholic priest.

### BOB LE FLAMBEUR

MUBI  
Jean-Pierre Melville's 1956 movie *Bob le flambeur* is regarded by many as a precursor to the French New Wave. This heist gangster film features Roger Duchesne as Bob. After Bob loses all the money in gambling, he plots to regain his wealth by breaking into the vault of the Deauville casino.



### HOUSE OF THE DRAGON

DISNEY+HOTSTAR  
Based on George RR Martin's book *Fire and Blood*, the 10-episode series is the turbulent story of the House of Targaryen, set 200 years before the events that unfold in the widely popular *Game of Thrones*. The series promises to take the audience into the world of Westeros and explore the Targaryen family — the all-powerful dragon riders who are the seemingly invincible rulers of the seven kingdoms. The new episode drops every Monday at 6.30 am.

### ANANYA

PRIME VIDEO  
A Marathi language drama directed by Pratap Phad, *Ananya* is based on a popular play. The film revolves around Ananya (Hrta Durgule) whose life falls apart after an accident that leads her to a disability. But she fights against all odds and abandonment to achieve the impossible.



### LOST OLLIE

NETFLIX  
A patchwork rabbit with floppy ears and fuzzy memories embarks on an epic quest to find his best friend — the young boy he desperately loves. *Lost Ollie*, created by Shannon Tindle, is a miniseries based on William Joyce's book *Ollie's Odyssey*.

### BEN STOKES: PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES

PRIME VIDEO  
Academy Award-winning director Sam Mendes has created a documentary series that examines England cricket captain Ben Stokes' World Cup (2019) victory, his Headingley's crease heroics along with the most challenging moments from his personal and professional life. The series captures the all-rounder's career of great highs and lows, including his battle with mental health.





Stokes and Foakes centuries put England in command

REUTERS  
MANCHESTER, AUGUST 26

CENTURIES BY England skipper Ben Stokes and Ben Foakes gave the hosts a commanding first innings lead after they declared at 415 for nine, with South Africa trailing by 241 runs at the close on the second day of the second test on Friday.

The tourists, who lead the three-match series 1-0, reached 23 without loss in their second innings with Sarel Erwee on 12 and Dean Elgar on 11 but they face a tough task as the Old Trafford pitch favours seamers and spinners. Stokes and wicketkeeper-batsman Foakes had put on a 173-run partnership for the sixth wicket after South African quick Anrich Nortje struck twice to remove England's overnight batsmen during an outstanding opening spell in the morning session.

Jonny Bairstow fell one run short of his half century, with Nortje adding reverse swing to his top pace and the Yorkshireman edging to Erwee at first slip.

Another fine delivery ended the solid contribution of 38 from under-scrutiny England opening batsman Zak Crawley, with Nortje's perfect line inducing an edge to keeper Kyle Verreynne.

That meant England were on 147-5, still four runs behind South Africa's first innings total. But Stokes and Foakes then batted positively before lunch to begin building the lead. Stokes showed his intent by hitting spinner Simon Harmer over mid-wicket for six, while Keshav Maharaj had an lbw decision against Foakes go in his favour only for it to be overturned on review. After lunch Stokes brought up his half-century by hitting Simon Harmer over mid-on onto the England dressing room balcony but he kept his aggression in check for most of his innings.

Stokes accelerated to his 12th test ton, reaching the landmark in 158 balls, before he found the leading edge off Kagiso Rabada and was caught by Elgar at cover. There were cameos from Stuart Broad (21), Ollie Robinson (17) and Jack Leach (11) but Foakes ended unbeaten on 113 after his second career test century and his first on home soil.

On Thursday, after being bundled out for 151, South Africa had given themselves a glimmer of hope by taking three England wickets, including that of the prolific Joe Root. England, who had won the first four Tests of their international summer against New Zealand and India, had suffered their first setback of the Ben Stokes-Brendon McCullum dispensation with an innings defeat inside three days at Lord's.

**Brief Score:** SA 151 & 23/0 vs England 415/9 dec1 (Ben Foakes 113 not out, Ben Stokes 103; Anrich Nortje 3/82).



EXPRESS IN UAE

SANDIP G  
DUBAI, AUGUST 26

IT TAKES barely an hour from Dubai, even during peak traffic along the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Road, to reach Sharjah. Thousands commute on this route that connects the offbeat brother next door that's Sharjah to the slick metropolis that is Dubai. Sharjah exists in the past—the state's ruler has meticulously preserved the remnants of the old port city; Dubai throbs in the future, like the skyscrapers that pierces its skies. Sharjah is laid-back: a dry state, with strict sharia laws and vigour for arts and galleries thanks to the state's heiress; Dubai is bustling, its ambition matched only by its ceaseless quest to become the perfect globalised city-state in the world.

Metaphorically, thus, the distance is more than the 39 kilometres that geographically distances them. The cites, two of the venues of the Asia Cup, evoke distinct feelings in the subcontinent's cricket consciousness too. Sharjah is no longer the premium cricket stadium of the Emirates, matches stopping by rarely, more out of a homage to its past magnificence than a reflection of its present insignificance. Abu Dhabi and Dubai, more so the latter, are the shining beacons of Emirates cricket. In reality, both have been revelling in this status for the best part of the last two decades. Sharjah, its cricketing glory long departed, is more like a forgotten venue that suddenly leaps into the calendar during a multi-team tournament or a domestic league, just because there are not enough stadiums to accommodate the games in the country.

The schedule for this Asia Cup aptly portrays the disparity—Dubai hosts all the headline games, from the India-Pakistan league game to the final, besides five of the six super-four games. India are not scheduled to play any game at this venue of multiple heartbreaks and immortal triumphs; Pakistan would encounter a qualifier, and Sri Lanka face-off Bangladesh.

But for most of the audience, cricket in the Emirates means just one place: Sharjah. More so for those who grew up watching



No other cricket venue has hosted as many limited-overs games as Sharjah has; 240 ODIs and 25 T20Is. (R) Suryakumar Yadav during a training session. Sportzpics/BCCI

cricket in the 80s and 90s, when the calendar was not as packed as it is now, when satellite television had not become mainstream, when internet was still an idea than reality, when cricket in Sharjah, be it the Sharjah Cup, Asia Cup, Australasia Cup or those that were named after whimsical sponsors, was like the proverbial oasis in the heart of a blistering summer holiday break. The timing was ideal—just after the exams but before the next academic year begins, a space now encroached by the IPL.

The venue evokes a blizzard of nostalgia like few others in the world, a thread of romance few others could whip up. The sights and sound were unique—blazing sunshine that made bright hues appear brighter, broad smiles that adorned the faces of ten thousands who braved the heat to cheer their teams, those rare spotting of actors and underworld dons, adding to the allure and intrigue, the hyper-excited commentary of Tony Greig, or the sardonic wit of Geoffrey Boycott or the very embodiment of a English uncle in Henry 'earrings' Blofeld.

As was the multitude of varying emotions it has generated, or those that it still generates. It could be that no other venue has hosted as many limited-overs games as Sharjah has—240 ODIs and 25 T20Is that it is automatically bound to produce so many wide-ranging emotions and gifted several unforgettable matches, moments and individual performances. But still, few other venues could match its range or the penchant

for drama and theatre. Be it the sheer rapture of Sachin Tendulkar desert-storming Australia, or the haunting agony of Javed Miandad despatching Chetan Sharma's last into the stands for a last-ball heist, or the anger that Aaqib Javed fuelled when he took a controversial hat-trick, or the brutal splendour of a Sanath Jayasuriya carnage or the marvel of Wasim Akram spell.

The heyday of Asian cricket unfolded in Sharjah—the city has seen the best Asian cricket had to offer in white-ball cricket—back in the day when India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka were all more or less equal forces and Bangladesh was a surging force. The gulf is wider this time in the Gulf—Pakistan and India are evenly matched, at least in personnel, but Sri Lanka are in transition, Bangladesh have flat-lined and Afghanistan are struggling to make the next leap. Sharjah would have to contend with the lower rung of the Asian teams. The disparity is as wide as the cultures of Sharjah and Dubai, or how the cities exist in the consciousness of the cricket audience.

Dubai inhabits the opposite spectrum—the pragmatic other of Sharjah, a city that is perennially hurtling towards the future. There is no time for nostalgia or sentiments, but rather purpose and business. Unlike the Sharjah stadium, which had just a concrete block and a couple of tents with the grass playing area leased from the local football club when it started hosting international games, the Dubai stadium was born ready, an ultra-modern stadium with world-class



amenities, perched at the heart of the four billion dollars Sports City Complex, a shrine to the sporting pilgrimage that has a 60,000-seat main multi-purpose stadium, a 25,000-capacity cricket ground, a 10,000-seat indoor arena and 5,000-seat hockey venue, apart from sporting academies run by Manchester United and golf coach Butch Harmon and a sport-themed shopping mall.

Like a chain of expensive hotel, it's ready all the time. Just book, check in and when the engagement is over, check out. It grants refuge to all, like it has to several migrants across the subcontinent for decades. For 13 years, it was home for Pakistan cricket. Its talisman Babar Azam has played more international games in Dubai than anywhere else. For IPL, it has been the go-to venue in times of distress, come polls or pandemic. For English and Australia teams touring the subcontinent, it has been the acclimatisation chamber. There are all types of surfaces—hundreds of tons of soil have been imported from England, Australia and Pakistan so cricket teams can practise playing on foreign surfaces.

But for Indian cricket fans, Dubai ushers in a certain coldness, an unfamiliarity even (India have played just 6 ODIs and five T20s). There is no Sharjah-like warmth, or memories or moments, or nostalgia and sentiments, that burst forth like a water balloon pricked, but just an endless stretch of concrete wasteland, the emotional distance longer than it takes you to drive from Dubai to Sharjah.

India, Pak could face off three times in Asia Cup

AN INDIA-PAKISTAN encounter is the most-talked-about contest in any big cricket tournament, let alone the Asia Cup which is often a low-profile event otherwise.

And the organisers of the Asia Cup have made every attempt to cash on the eyeballs and the passion this match-up generates. If everything goes according to (their) plan, India and Pakistan can end up playing each other as many as three times over the next fortnight.

Even the International Cricket Council keeps India and Pakistan in the same pool at big events to ensure there's a match between them early in the competition. And that's what will happen on Sunday in Dubai.

With Hong Kong the third team in their pool, there's every likelihood of India and Pakistan making it to the Super Fours where every team plays the other three.

And if the two teams end up being the top two in the Super Fours, they will clash in the final as well, a lucrative scenario for organisers and a mouth-watering one for fans. **ENS**

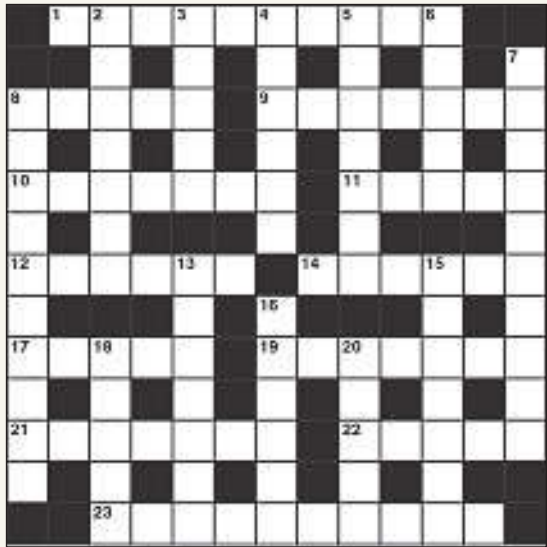
SCHEDULE

- AUG 27:** Afg vs SL, Dubai
  - AUG 28:** Ind vs Pak, Dubai
  - AUG 30:** Afg vs Ban, Sharjah
  - AUG 31:** Ind vs HKG, Dubai
  - SEPT 1:** Ban vs SL, Dubai
  - SEPT 2:** Pak vs HKG, Sharjah
- FOLLOWED BY SUPER 4 GAMES**

Wasim ruled out

*Karachi:* Pakistan suffered another setback on the eve of the Asia Cup when young pace bowler, Mohammad Wasim junior, was also ruled out of the tournament with a left side strain. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) confirmed that Hasan Ali who was dropped for the continental tournament because of indifferent form has been named as replacement for Wasim junior. **PTI**

CROSSWORD 4831



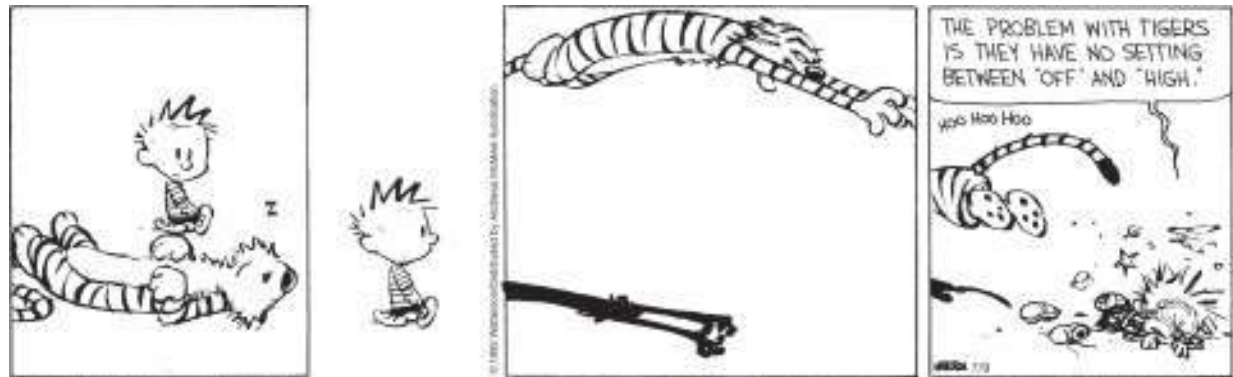
- ACROSS**
- 1 Moon starrer? Perhaps (10)
  - 8 Council saying evil is peculiar? (5)
  - 9 Stop with the Spanish officer (7)
  - 10 Accurately defined new recipes (7)
  - 11 Music for a man to perform (5)
  - 12 Having the edge? (6)
  - 14 Trouble with a colour that's much admired (6)
  - 17 Barbecue might be best (5)
  - 19 They don't travel overland from San Remo (7)
  - 21 Literary characters with a leaning to the right (7)
  - 22 Wage earner who is beneath seeking earthly riches (5)
  - 23 Fresh eggs a change from fruit? (10)
- DOWN**
- 2 A sum Ben worked out for Ray (7)
  - 3 They meet in the centre of the ring (5)
  - 4 A metal machine operator in America perhaps (6)
  - 5 She's no hard leftist (7)
  - 6 Dispute arrest (3,2)
  - 7 He contributes to the liquid assets of a bank (5,5)
  - 8 Not slow to get a new purse with new coins (10)
  - 13 Exciting feeling (7)
  - 15 Language of love (7)
  - 16 Relation puts us in the money (6)
  - 18 Play pluckily (5)
  - 20 Dance, drink and get a bad head (5)

**Solutions Crossword 4830:** Across: 1 Sleigh, 4 Simple, 9 Madonna, 10 Earns, 11 Earth, 12 Ill will, 13 Part company, 18 Proverb, 20 Relic, 22 Layer, 23 Average, 24 Sheath, 25 Stasis. Down: 1 Samuel, 2 Eider, 3 Gunshot, 5 Ideal, 6 Portion, 7 Easily, 8 Haricot bean, 14 Anodyne, 15 Perfect, 16 Spills, 17 Screws, 19 Egret, 21 Loads.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

If \_\_\_\_really works, how come mothers only have two hands? - Milton Berle (9)

NSEOO



EGIOLN



AAGIT



CISSUV



SOLUTION: NOOSE, ELEGION, VISCUS  
Answer: If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?

SUDOKU 4939

**Difficulty Level 2s**  
**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4938



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
The air seems to be thick with volatile feelings, so please understand that personal situations are still subject to sudden changes. Within a few days, events may come to an unexpected halt. When this happens, please don't let your confidence suffer.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
Taureans who are travelling can afford to thank their foresight, mainly because the best possibilities seem to lie far from home. All intimate and romantic plans will be subject to sudden change, unless each and every detail has been worked out.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
Once again it's your financial situation which is at issue. Given that major questions have been answered, today is the ideal moment for an outrageous shopping spree. There's nothing to do but spend, spend, spend. Hopefully you've got sufficient credit.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
The current strident planetary positions will have a considerable impact on your personal affairs over the months to come. You are about to be thrust into the limelight, mainly because other people will be appealing for your help. Go ahead and do what you know to be right.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
There's a cosmic drama taking place involving a whole set of planets, one which reflects an inner dilemma in your own existence. Beneath all the flotsam and jetsam of daily life lies a whole level of hope, certainty and determination to succeed in a major ambition.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
Financial costs are a minor consideration. Much more important is your social life, including relations with lovers, children and completely new friends. Not everyone has been kind to you, but perhaps they were under pressures of their own. Take your pleasures gladly and try something new.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
You have learned to turn the spotlight on to areas of your life which have been ignored for far too long. The best way to achieve the contentment you deserve is to diversify your activities and broaden your interests. You have assets and talents which other people could benefit from as well.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
You have various methods by which you can achieve your personal goals. You are still using finances as a lever, both to push yourself forward and to assist others. Today, though, generous gestures may conflict with the basic feeling that your interests must come first.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  
You need to take a little time to protect yourself and ensure that others are in no position to undermine your self-confidence. If they should try, see that they don't succeed. Aside from such questions, your social stars are certainly promising.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
I'd like to say that all the uncertainty and confusion of the past is at an end, but I can't - not just yet. However, if only you could alter your attitudes you would see just how well off you really are. It's quite possible that change is for the good, and that a small loss now paves the way for a big gain later on.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
The Moon is in a friendly sector of your chart, indicating that yours is one of that group of signs sharing welcome emotional influences. Yet you may have to take second place just for a while, as partners hog the limelight. Why not make the most of it and put your feet up?

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
Even though financial stars are now less significant than before, you must try and look ahead because innovative schemes could well prove to be money-spinners. In finance, as in love, long-term bets are best. You should also take apparently wonderful promises with a pinch of salt.



## ON THE TUBE

Afghanistan versus Sri Lanka;  
7:30 pm, Live on Star Sports network

# Mettle proven, medal guaranteed

India's doubles pair of Rankireddy-Shetty continue its dream run, ensuring a first-ever Men's Doubles World Medal for India

SHIVANI NAIK  
AUGUST 26

MAKING THE reigning World Champions look pretty pedestrian playing at home when defending their title, would count as one of the lesser gloats for Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty after their sensational 24-22, 15-21, 21-14 victory over Japan's Takuro Hoki - Yugo Kobayashi.

Ensuring a first-ever Men's Doubles World Medal for India, and importantly for themselves, is, of course, the bigger boast.

Hoki-Kobayashi also had silver from the 2019 edition at Basel, and had emerged from the pandemic isolation in the 2021 season with four titles from five finals, plus the World's gold. They didn't make Japan's contention for the Olympics, which the home shuttlers spectacularly botched, and had just the Malaysia title in 2022. But seeded second, and with a blitz game with reliable defense to their credit, the duo had started as favourites in the quarterfinal going for their third World's medal.

Yet, in what evokes memories of India's Summer slam of badminton, the Thomas Cup triumph, Satwik-Chirag have raised hopes of going the distance at the Tokyo edition, with this win over the World No 2. Shetty reckoned the Thomas Cup title - where the doubles success was pivotal to wins - still sits a little higher than Friday's win. But should the individual World title come their way, it will count as equal to the dream team triumph.

Satwik-Chirag's success comes from their insatiable appetite to prove they are amongst the world's best after a few seasons of dawdling in the Top 10, when they ran the biggest names close. Then they wanted to be that big name themselves. So, in rolled the ambitious 2022 season where the India Open title didn't mean that the Thomas Cup was a step too far. Where the Thomas Cup miracle marvel didn't imply the Commonwealth Games couldn't be won. And where the CWG triumph was no excuse to not peak for the World's. The 2022 summer came as a package



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- the duo wanted to win everything, polish off the buffet. Hoki-Kobayashi stood no chance in the decider, given how at home the Indians felt in Tokyo, where they had missed out at the Olympics despite playing like the top names, even beating the best.

And so when the Friday sun rose in Tokyo, the Indians couldn't wait to turn up and push out the home hopes. Satwik was eager as ever to scalp the bigger name. But it was in Chirag Shetty's uncharacteristic calm that India found its winning totem, the centred axis. Chirag believed this Japanese pairing was beatable. Such instincts are based not on rankings, but a thorough homework of playing styles and conditions. India's super-smart coach Mathias Boe, who broke down several Asian pairs with his astute analysis as a player, had pinpoint instructions. Keeping the Japanese mobile and

busy and not affording them an inkling of the shuttle trajectory with nice loopy puzzles was the plan. Like a thermostat regulates heat, the Indians kept a check on the pace. Placement got them points and a 11-5 lead in the opener as the poking Hoki was harried and hassled kept occupied in pursuit.

Then, the Indians got drawn into flatter, faster exchanges - never a good omen as with the tables turned, errors came in a heap. Twice, the returns went long and twice the smashes crashed into the net, a sign of being jostled. The Japanese levelled at 14-all.

Then came the moment of magic. Satwik snapped his strings and hopped out to pick a new racquet. Chirag was in the zone by then at 18-17, and sent back two on either flank, allowed the returning Satwik to give those new strings a thwack, and then finished off with a

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flyng sideways cross for 19-17. Still, the Japanese resistance was only just needed into action, so they levelled at 19-all.

Amidst wondering how Chirag was keeping it together so coolly, Satwik erred in the net.19-20. Chirag had his back, troubleshotting with a steep dunk knowing the flat exchange baiting by Japanese was well and truly done. 20-all. Chirag would bring his share of error at 22-all. He would make amends himself with another downer from midcourt before celebrating with an angry yelp as the next winner, gave them the lead.

The roar was premature, and a mistake of blood-rushing proportions. So buzzed were the Indians and so convinced was Chirag that more of the "neechie maar" would tug away the second set for them, they got carried away and dragged into a decider after the Japanese won from the worse side, 21-15. Hoki had more decibels, Kobayashi the more pertinent footfalls - arching defense and sturdy defense on court. It's in the decider that the Indians took anything the Japanese would do, out of the equation. The Indians who are comfortable at the slow shuttle Western express high-way pace of shuttle traffic - it moves, but don't count how long you stare at a passing hoarding ever in Bombay - hit the liberating sea-link, with a minimum speed limit enforced.

Upping their aggression, with Chirag now as proactive as he stayed poised, the Indians had yet another 11-5 lead. Uncluttered through Boe's gameplans that saw them begin to bully the Japanese now, the two kept the shuttle discipline - hands held high to

catch the shuttle early, and the bird sent right down promptly to avoid any parallel game hysterics. The Japanese never led, never recovered, and peacefully seemed to be handing over the crown for keepsakes, hopefully for a Sunday coronation.

## The Chirag leap of faith

The story goes that on a vacation at Mangalore with his family, Shetty got a call from his Mumbai coach Uday Pawar that the then All England champ Mathias Boe was in town, and he could maybe spar with the Danish Olympic medallist. Chirag, then 15, took a late bus out of the seaside city alone and turned up for practice at the Goregaon Sports Club. That was the first time Chirag Shetty took charge of his career.

Over the years, the soft-spoken man has prevailed in convincing administrators that Boe ought to work longer with the Indians. During Covid lockdowns, the local ward office and police station got a request to allow Shetty to train at Goregaon stadium.

Noone opposed it, but Shetty's restlessness to get on with training had impressed the stunned officials. Some of his biggest disappointments, Chirag has nursed himself back to feeling normal by immersing in practice and urged by his father to become more decisive. "How else do you learn?" his dad says recalling that but ride decision.

He's worked on crouching lower at the net to improve his game, and erase predictability of the combine by adding variations with his swivel serve and racquethead angles, even as Satwik's intuitive calm bearing steered them forward in early years. What was a smart, tall, aggressive pairing has taken a year to turn intimidating.

It's come from his implicit belief in Boe who he knows has won at the highest level, and can do the backroom abacus for the pair to execute on the shop floor. With the Thomas Cup came the fearlessness and a self-belief that will be hard to put down by just wearing a badge of world ranking. Satwik-Chirag court Top 3 position. After Friday's result they look like they are playing like one.

## Chopra wins Diamond League, books final berth

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Olympic champion and World Championships silver medallist Neeraj Chopra returned to competition in style by winning the Lausanne Diamond League. He also sealed his spot in the Diamond League final to be held in Zurich in the first week of September.

Friday was the first time Chopra finished first in a Diamond League event and he will now get a chance to be a Diamond League champion in the javelin throw.

Chopra's first attempt of 89.09 metres, his third-best throw ever, earned him 8 points for finishing first. In total, Chopra - who participated in two Diamond Leagues (four events had the javelin throw) - stayed in fourth place with 15 points. The top six athletes qualify for the final.

Chopra's second attempt was 85.18 metres after which he fouled his third, fourth and fifth attempts. In his final throw, Chopra produced 80.04 metres.

But by then, he had sealed his spot in the finals. Chopra has been targeting the 90-metre mark and it could be just a matter of time before he achieves the target. The final in Zurich will provide him one last opportunity this year after which he will likely end his season.

Chopra had skipped the Commonwealth Games after suffering a groin strain in his fourth throw at the World Championships. But his opening throw in Lausanne showed that he was close to his best on return. Chopra's national record stands at 89.94 metres which he registered at the Stockholm Diamond League. The Diamond League events have no medals and athletes are given points based on where they finish. Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch, who was leading the points table with 20 before Lausanne, didn't have a great outing. His best throw on the day was 84.56 metres.



## Despite 0-5 record, Indians upbeat

SHIVANI NAIK  
AUGUST 26

THE REASON why Indian badminton circles are buzzing with a whiff of a World title final this weekend, is how Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have warmed up to Tokyo. The remarkable Indians, only just hitting their prime, have actually lost five times to Malaysian semifinal opponents Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi-Yik, without ever winning any match in return. But a combination of prevailing conditions - slow-ish shuttles and the Malaysians' own demons associated with semifinals have led to the bubbling belief that Saturday could be the much-anticipated reversal. A turnaround where not only do Satwik-Chirag upturn the 0-5 head-to-head score, but also avenge their defeat in the team event at the Commonwealth Games. But also where Indian doubles itself takes off into the stratosphere, which can only happen with a World title final.

Satwik-Chirag are Thomas Cup champions, they've won a bit on the circuit too. But singles triumphs routinely overshadow their pathbreaking achievements, be it CWG gold or India Open title. They are adored by India's badminton faithful for their talent and exciting style of play. At the Worlds, they are craving the sort of magical reverence Leander Paes-Mahesh Bhupathi achieved in 1999 - by winning the biggest summer titles of tennis at the French Open and Wimbledon.

Satwik pioneered a piggyback, instead of Indian tennis' chest bump, when the medal was assured. But now, the shuttle duo needs a date with the Sunday final. And a scythe at the 0-5 unflattering history.

So, here's how it might actually happen. Aaron-Soh have a fast-paced, power game

with a formidable defence. In short, the Malaysians like to rush their opponents, crowd them with speed. The laidback shuttle - though Friday got faster on the middle two courts - aids the Indian game better, based as it is on strokes - angles, length, variations, the works - rather than raining down smashes.

The Indian defence isn't too shabby, but the slower conditions will give them that extra second to get composed and react as the shuttle travels back a little less like a rocket. It opens up the game for the Indians, who dictated play in totality in the decider on Friday against the Japanese defending champions - similarly blitz.

So, while the Malaysians can't help hunting the shuttle, to smother it, Indians will work the bird with this luxury of micro-seconds in defence, and variety in their own attacking options. Chirag would do well to recall the loss against the same Malaysians at the CWG, where he allowed excitable nerves to be seduced into trying to out-hit the hit-happy Aaron-Soh. To his credit, Chirag checked himself immediately, cut down on erratic striking for cheap points and has been a picture of calm at Tokyo. He's trusted Satwik to hold his end of the bargain, not been impatient, and done more than the heavy lifting in defence. "If opponents see that Indians are enjoying themselves, then half their fight will be broken," reckons India's doubles Olympian Sumeeeth Reddy, who senses a chunky medal coming the doubles way, better than the assured bronze. "Their confidence makes them very intimidating to face," he notes.

Cause for optimism  
What's perhaps got Indians rubbing hands in anticipation is how the Indians stack up against Aaron-Soh in big occasion matches. The Malaysian long yearning for a title in singles continues. But Aaron-Soh carry an addi-

tional weakness of having never gone onto seal a big title, despite hitting the high notes in 2018. To be sure, Aaron-Soh are Tokyo Olympics bronze medallists. But they spectacularly faltered in the CWG individual semis, settling for bronze to great rancour back home, and don a millstone of botched five semis in tournaments this year. They are yet to win an Open title, and it's an area where Satwik-Chirag hold the edge - they embrace the big fight, and have a mean smashing game to kill off shuttles and not crumble under the weight of expectations.

The Malaysians had spoken earlier of a poor start to the Worlds and adjustment woes, looking to go back to simpler times of the 2018 Nanjing Worlds when they weren't coming undone under pressure of getting Malaysia its ever-elusive medal. Badminton's like Indian cricket in Malaysia, and the questions on their temperament have hounded them all the way, though they looked calm in their commanding win against the Koreans in the quarters. "That Malaysian mental block makes it interesting," Reddy says. Think South Africa and World Cup semis, that's how dire the burden has become for the Malaysians.

The Indians have been relentless - not content with semis; they have voiced their appetite for gold. The Thomas Cup set high standards where a bronze - even their maiden one - might not satiate them enough. "Satwik and Chirag are great unassuming guys. They'll put their heads down and work towards the bigger medal," Reddy assures.

India's former Malaysian and Indonesian coaches put Satwik-Chirag through some pretty disciplined physical workouts, and the duo factored in the peaking for the Worlds even as they were playing easier matches for the CWG gold. Knowing that the bigger gold was three weeks away was the key.

## FIFA lifts ban on AIFF, decks cleared for hosting women's U-17 World Cup

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY  
KOLKATA, AUGUST 26

THE WORLD football's governing body Fifa has lifted the ban on the All India Football Federation (AIFF), paving the way for India hosting the U-17 Women's World Cup in October. Fifa had earlier suspended the AIFF, citing third-party interference and putting the Women's World Cup on hold.

"The Bureau of the FIFA Council has decided to lift the suspension that was imposed on the All India Football Federation (AIFF) due to undue third-party influence," the game's governing body stated in a press release on Friday.

It added: "As a consequence, the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022™ scheduled to take place on 11-30 October 2022 will be held in India as planned."

The decision to lift the ban came on the heels of the Supreme Court of India disband-

ing the Committee of Administrators (CoA), the appointment of which by the court was construed as a third-party interference by Fifa. The Fifa statute allows only elected administrations to govern the game.

The Supreme Court had appointed a three-member CoA after removing Praful Patel as the AIFF president on May 18, for not holding elections due in December 2020.

On August 15, Fifa suspended AIFF. On August 22, the Supreme Court terminated the CoA, handing over the Federation's day-to-day affairs to its acting secretary general Sunanda Dhar.

"The day-to-day management of the AIFF shall be looked after by the AIFF administration led by the Acting Secretary General exclusively, resulting in the termination of the mandate of the CoA appointed by the Supreme Court," stated the court order.

On Friday, Fifa said: "The decision was taken after FIFA received confirmation that the mandate of the committee of adminis-

trators that was set up to assume the powers of the AIFF Executive Committee had been terminated and that the AIFF administration had regained full control of the AIFF's daily affairs. FIFA and the AFC will continue to monitor the situation and will support the AIFF in organising its elections in a timely manner."

Asked about this, former India captain Bhaskar Ganguly, a member of the erstwhile CoA, told *The Indian Express*: "It's still not clear to me why the ban was imposed and why it has been lifted now. Maybe, you have to read between the lines. We drafted the new AIFF constitution as per the National Sports Development Code and our aim always was to hold the elections at the soonest. By the way, when Fifa had launched the tickets for the Women's U-17 World Cup, the AIFF was under the CoA. Anyway, as a former footballer, I'm only concerned about the development of Indian football."

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Sr. No	Name & Address of Borrower /GUARANTOR, & DUES	Description of Immoveable properties(land and building), along with Name of Mortgagor(s) (owner of property)	1. Reserve Price 2. EMD 3. Last date of deposit of EMD	Date and time of E-Auction	1.Date of Demand Notice 2. Possession Date		
1.	<b>Shri Satendra Rai,</b> Branch: Rai Kashi Nath More, Gaya, <b>Due Amount: Rs. 22,20,385.60/-</b> + Intt & Other Charges	Registered Mortgage deed No- 14441 Dtd-16.09.2017, Mauza -> Khiri, Parayga, Gaya, Thana No.-163, Plot No-670/671, Khata No-11, Area- 47 Decimal (vacant land) in the name of Shri Ram karan Yadav s/o Gaya Yadav , Boundary -> North-Rajendra Yadav, South- Sunny Yadav, East- Pind, West- Nij	1. Rs. 10570000/- 2. Rs. 1057000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1. 16.10.2018 2. 05.01.2019		
2.	<b>Sri Randhir Rao &amp; Sri Sudhir Rao,</b> Branch : Rai Kashi Nath More, Gaya, <b>Due Amount : Rs. 20,46,525/-</b> + Interest & Other Charges	Property Covered Under Reg Sale Deed No-11365 Dtd-11.06.1999 Khata No-707 Plot No-1170/15642 Building No-1191 Ward No-9 Old/27 New, At Gawalbigha, PS-Civil Lines Now Rampur, Distt-Gaya, Area-408 Sq Ft. In The Name Of Sudhir Rao And Randhir Rao , Boundary - N- Sri Tipatshi, S- Sri Syasnarain Srivastawa, E- Gali, W- Late Hira Laal Sao	1.Rs. 14710000/- 2. Rs 1471000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1. 17.05.2018 2. 05.01.2019		
3.	<b>M/s. Mantoo Kirana Store,</b> Prop: Mantoo Kumar S/O Rajkumar Prasad, Branch: Tower chowk, Gaya, <b>Due amount Rs. 15,47,530.50/-</b> + Intt & other Charges	1. Hypothecation Of goods & stocks. 2. Property covered under sale deed no 16474, dt 06.11.2017, bearing khata no-664, plot no-2804, Area-715 sq feet, Ward No-51, Holding No-407/508, Registered Mortgage by Smt Usha Devi, W/o Late Raj Kumar Rout, Mantu Kumar S/o Late Raj Kumar Rout & Chottu Kumar S/o Late Raj Kumar Rout. Situated At Mohalla-kumari Tola Buniad Ganj Thana Mufassil Distt Gaya. Boundry:- N- SuryaDeo Prasad, S- Road, E-Road, W- Deena Raut.	1. Rs. 26000000/- 2. Rs. 2600000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1. 11.06.2021 2. 23.09.2022		
4.	<b>Smt Kumari Nagamani,</b> Branch : Rai Kashi Nath More, Gaya, <b>Due Amount: Rs. 21,57,973/-</b> + Intt & Other Charges	Property coverd under Sale deed No- 8448 Dtd -02.06.2016, Mauza -> Ghuthiya, PS -Magadh Medical College, Plot no- 1190(N) Khata No- 123(N), Area 1360 Sq feet, in the name of Kumari Nagmani w/o Jay Prakash Kumar boundry - North- 10 Feet Road, South-10 Feet Road, East- Nij, West- Plot No- 1191.	1. Rs. 13300000/- 2. Rs. 1330000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1. 14.06.2019 2. 13.02.2020		
5.	<b>Shri Kunal Bharti,</b> Branch: AP Colony, Gaya, <b>Due Amount: Rs. 14,33,934.23/-</b> + Intt & Other Charges	Property (vacant land) covered under <b>sale deed no 7019</b> dt.26.04.2017, Khata No: 7(N), 40(O), Plot No: 875(N), 519(O), Block No: 1, Mouja: Barev, Area: 929 sqft, P.S. Mufassil, Thana No: 268, Distt: Gaya in the name of Sh. Kunal Bharti S/o Jay Prakash Gupta. Boundary -> North-2 Vikash Kumar Aaj Khadair, S-Neel Lekhani, E-10 ft wide Rasta, W-Sunita Singh W/o Rajesh Kumar Singh	1.Rs. 9190000/- 2.Rs. 919000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1. 13.11.2019 2. 18.03.2020		
6.	<b>M/s Om Prakash Rice Mill, Dighi Prop:</b> Om Prakash Kumar, Branch: Guraru, Gaya, <b>Due Amount: Rs. 40,72,049/-</b> + Intt & Other Charges	Land and Building on the Property covered under sale deed no-4867, dt-04.11.2015, bearing Khata No-147 (new), Plot No- 3134 (new), Area- 8.75 dismil, Boundary N-Vijay singh, S- Sadak, E- Ramdhar Singh, W-Paen. Situated at Mauza-Digghi, P.S.-Konch, Thana No.-267, Anchal-Konch, Anumandal- Tikan Distt- Gaya in name of Smt. Sammi Kumari W/O-Sri Rahul Kumar and Sri Shanti Kumar S/O-Late Kamlesh Sharma.	1. Rs. 58500000/- 2. Rs. 5850000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1. 19.06.2020 2. 05.01.2021		
7.	<b>M/S. Vishwakarma Electricals,</b> Prop: Aji Kumar Branch: A P colony Gaya, <b>Due Amount: Rs. 1,07,64,627.28/-</b> + intt & other charges.	1. Property covered under <b>sale deed no. 1960</b> dt. 20.02.2004 further vide mutation number 822 dt. 20.05.2016, khata no. 417, plot no. 907 Municipal, Plot No. 20570, Holding No 232 dtd/290 new, ward no. 8/234/1, Area-1072.5 sq. ft. Property situated at Moh- Mangla Gauri Road, Gaya P.S.- Civil Lines, Distt- Gaya in the name of Umeshchandra Vishwakarma, S/o Late Punit Lal Vishwakarma but after his death mutation has done in favour of his son Sri Aji Kumar, Shri Chandrasekhar & Shri Dhiraj S/o Late Umeshchandra Vishwakarma vide mutation no. 822 dt. 20.05.2016 Boundry- N- Munaka Kuwar & Purni Devi w/o Bal Govind sao S- Vacant & trees of Pipal & Temple of Mahaveer Jee, E- Govt. road, W- Munaka kuwar & Gopi sao.	1.Rs. 11000000/- 2. Rs 1100000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1.16.06.2021 2.18.09.2021 (Physical Possession)		
8.	<b>Sumit Gupta</b> S/O Krishna Murari Prasad, Branch: A P colony, Gaya, <b>Due Amount: Rs. 15,84,944.16/-</b> + intt & other charges.	Residential Land and building (vacant land) covered under <b>sale deed no-7013</b> dt.26.04.2017, khata No.40(o)/07(n) Thana no. 268, Plot no. 519(o)d/875(new), Area 1000 sqft, Property Situated At Mauza- Barev, ps-mufassil, Distt-Gaya in the name of Sumit Gupta S/o- Krishna murari pd. Boundry:- N- Block no.9 Sadhna devi aaj khadair, S.- Block no.7 Neel lekhar, E.- 10 ft wide rasta, W.- Block no.5 Sangita Sinha aaj khadair.	1.Rs. 10000000/- 2. Rs 1000000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1.04.09.2021 2.04.12.2021		
9.	<b>Sabita Devi W/O Mithlesh Kumar,</b> Branch: Rai Kashi Nath More, Gaya, <b>Due Amount: Rs. 39,19,339.00/-</b> + Intt & other charges.	Land and Building on the Property covered under <b>sale deed no-14736</b> , dtd- 16.07.2013, bearing Khata No.-32, Plot No.-98, Holding No-221, Area-681 sq.ft. Boundary N- Meera Devi, S-Sumitra Devi, E-Prayag Mahlo, W-Private Road 10 ft wide Situated at Moh-Jheelganj, Ward No-8, P.S.-Kolwall, Distt- Gaya in name of SABITA DEVI w/o-MITHLESH KUMAR.	1.Rs. 31000000/- 2.Rs 3100000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1.15.06.2021 2.18.01.2022		
10.	<b>M/s. Prakash Agrotech Engineering Works,</b> Prop.- Amit Prakash S/O Ramanand Sharma, Branch: Chandauti, Gaya, <b>Due Amount: Rs. 15,88,448.80/-</b> +intt & other charges.	Property (vacant land) covered under <b>sale deed no. 1181</b> DL.31.01.2017 Thana no 328 Khata No- 212 (old) 17 (new), Plot No 983 (old) 1494 (New), Area-4.69 dismil located at Mauja Dubhal PS-Chandauti, Distt-Gaya in the name of Amit Prakash. Boundary-N-Tilochna Devi, S-Dinesh Sharma E-12 feet private rasta, W-Chhior.	1.Rs. 14500000/- 2. Rs 1450000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1.01.08.2018 2.21.06.2019		
11.	<b>M/s. Aman Enterprises,</b> Prop.- Anind Kumar S/O Anirudh Saw, Branch: Fatehpur, Gaya, <b>Due Amount: Rs. 20,72,706.89/-</b> +intt & other charges.	Property covered under mortgage deed no 3423 dt.02.03.2016, Khata No: 11, Plot No: 1419, 1421 Area: 16.00 decimal/PS - Fatehpur, Vill Raiser Tola Bagahi PO Bagahi Distt: Gaya in the name of Anirudh Saw S/O Li Karu Saw, Anind Kumar S/O Anirudh Saw, Akhilesh Kumar S/O Anirudh Saw, Chandrasekhar Kumar S/O Anirudh Saw, Boundry-N- Gali & Ram Chandra Saw, S- Suresh Saw E- Road then Naresh Saw, W-Neel field	1.Rs. 23180000/- 2.Rs 2318000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1.20.11.2019 2.23.06.2020		
12.	<b>M/S Raj Galla Shop,</b> Prop.- Raj Kumar Sao S/O Banshi Saw, Branch: Tower Chowk, Gaya, <b>Due Amount: Rs. 12,76,215/-</b> + intt & other charges	Land & building (Shop) covered under registered mortgage <b>Deed No.774</b> , in favour of Punjab National Bank Dt.- 25.01.2017, Khata No.70(oid)1043(new), plot No.70(oid)3052/3062(New), Area-622.79 SQ Ft. Vide Mutation case no.2561 of 2015-2016 in the name of Raj Kumar Saw s/o Banshi saw, Manpur, Bhusunda More, Nauranga, PS- Mufassil, Distt-Gaya, Boundary By:- N-Raj Deo Saw, S-Sonpari Devi, E-12ft Rasta, W-Gali.	1.Rs. 16000000/- 2.Rs 1600000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1. 04.12.2021 2. 10.03.2022		
13.	<b>SULTAN ALAM, JAHANARA BANO &amp; MD GULJAR ALAM,</b> Branch- Kashi Nath More, <b>Due Amount:Rs. 64,21,840.03/-</b> +intt & other charges	Land and Building on the Property covered under sale deed no-18729, dtd- 20.11.2000, bearing Khata No.-06(oid) 79(new), Plot No.-7341(oid) 1654 (new), Area- 1360square feet (2.373 dec.), Boundary N- Neel, S- Shaukat Shehzadaadi, E-Neel, W-Municipal Road, Situated at Moh- Panchayati Akhara, Lal Bahadur Shastri Path, Ward no.- 1A(oid) 10 (new) At present-13, Holding No-200(oid) 1030(new), P.S.- Kotwall, Distt- Gaya in name of Jahan Ara.	1.Rs. 86,00,000/- 2. Rs. 8,60,000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1. 09.06.2021 2. 01.07.2022 (Physical Possession)		
14.	<b>MR RAJESH GALLA BHANDAAR,</b> PROP.-RAJESH KUMAR, Branch: Parayga, Gaya, <b>Due Amount:Rs. Rs. 16,94,086.43/-</b> +intt & other charges	Property covered under <b>Registered Mortgage Deed No-13073</b> , dt-18.08.2017 bearing khata no-100/68, Plot no-343, Area-1.5 dismil, mortgage executed by Rajendra Sao S/O-Li. Rameshwar Sao, Property situated at Moh-Ajamatganj, Parayga, Thana No-132, Distt-Gaya. BOUNDRY :- NORTH- Indradeo, SOUTH-Prabhu Dayal Singh, EAST-Dakbanglow, WEST-Road.	1.Rs. 20,00,000/- 2.Rs. 2,00,000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1. 03.05.2019 2. 23.05.2022		
15.	<b>M/s. Maa Tara Taractor,</b> Prop.- Veerita Sharma, Branch: Chandauti, Gaya, <b>Due Amount:Rs. 23,43,333.00/-</b> + intt & other charges.	Land & building covered under <b>sale deed no. 17535</b> Dt.11.09.2013 Thana no 180 ward no 29, Khata No-102 (oid) 19 new, Plot No 470(oid), 671 (New), Area-1350 sq feet, located at Anchal Chandauti PS-Chandauti, Distt-Gaya in the name of Vinita Sharma Alias Vinita kumar, Boundry-N-Urmila Devi w/o Virendra Mistry, S-Ramika kunwar E-projected road, W-Kalam Haidri	1.Rs. 33000000/- 2. Rs 3300000/- 3. 23.09.2022	27.09.2022 11 am to 4 pm	1. 01.08.2019 2. 21.09.2019		
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Date: 26.08.2022, PLACE: GAYA Punjab National Bank, Circle Office, Gaya							