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## DEMOLITION DAY

SUSPENSE OVER JHARKHAND CM'S DISQUALIFICATION

After day-trip with MLAs, Soren,

43 of ruling coalition's 49 MLAs went to Khunti: Legislator

Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, state Congress chief Rajesh

Thakur and MLAs at a resort in Khunti district on Saturday. PTI

allies discuss 'all eventualities'

The Supertech towers in Noida on Saturday, The towers, Apex (32 floors) and Ceyane (29 floors), will be demolished at 2.30 pm on Sunday as per the Supreme Court's orders after they were found to be in violation of regulations. Residents of nearby apartment complexes have been told to temporarily evacuate, and only members of the demolition team will be allowed in a 500-metre-radius area around the towers. Gajendra Yadav

# Azad shadow over CWC today on polls to elect new president

Tewari: Not tenants in this organisation, we're shareholders

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

THE CONGRESS, rocked by the resignation of its veteran leader Ghulam Nabi Azad who openly blamed senior leader Rahul Gandhi for the decline of the party, will meet on Sunday to finalise and announce the dates for the election of its next president.

Sonia Gandhi will preside over the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting, which will be held virtually as the Congress president, along with her children Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, is abroad for a medical checkup. With



J&K politicians with Ghulam Nabi Azad at his residence in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

some of the G23 leaders questioning the fairness of the electoral rolls prepared by the AICC

for holding the elections, it is to be seen whether the issue will CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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#### **YUAN WANG DOCKED AUG 17-22**

# **Sharp exchange** between Delhi, **Beijing over** ship in Sri Lanka

China envoy calls it 'aggression', India says violation of diplomatic etiquette



The Chinese ship Yuan Wang 5 at Hambantota port in Sri Lanka last week. PTI

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

THE DOCKING of the Chinese military vessel in Sri Lanka has touched off a fresh war of words between New Delhi and Beijing this time over Colombo.

A day after the Chinese Ambassador to Sri Lanka, in a thinly veiled reference to India, alleged "thorough interference" into Sri Lanka's sovereignty and invoked what he called the history of aggression by "the northern neighbour", New Delhi hit back sharply Saturday.

It said that the Chinese envoy's "violation of basic diplomatic etiquette may be a personal trait" or "reflecting a larger national attitude" and his view of Sri Lanka's "northern neighbour may be coloured by how his own country behaves".

This strongly worded statement by India was a response to a signed article by Qi Zhenhong, China's envoy in Colombo.

The article, published on the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## **INDUSTRY FLAGS COST, SALES SLUMP**

## 6-airbag rule may be deferred as small-car segment pushes back

MIHIR MISHRA & ANIL SASI

**ABHISHEK ANGAD** 

AS THE suspense continued over

whether Hemant Soren would

be disqualified on the basis of the

Election Commission of India's

recommendation to the Governor, the Jharkhand Chief

Minister and legislators of the

ruling coalition on Saturday

boarded three buses and left for

turned to Ranchi, where a meet-

ing of members of the JMM-

Congress-RJD coalition went on

till late Saturday night at the

By evening, the MLAs re-

RANCHI, AUGUST 27

a day-trip to Khunti.

NEW DELHI. AUGUST 27

THE CENTRE'S plan to mandate six airbags across all cars from October 1 is likely to be deferred amid discussions within the government on its fallout in the small-car market and a pushback from industry The issue is being discussed

at the highest level and a call will be taken (on the implementation)," a top government source told The Indian Express. Earlier this year, the Ministry

of Road Transport and Highways had announced the minimum six-airbag rule for vehicles that CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



CM's residence.

**Volumes** will lower

On Saturday, the MLAs

shared photographs of them-

**EXPERTS SAY twin** airbags, anti-lock braking systems, and rear wipers only add Rs 25.000 to the car's cost. Because these are not mandatory, they come only in top-end versions bundled with other features. Making airbags mandatory, experts say, will spur local production and bring down cost on account of higher volumes.





selves with CM Soren, enjoying

boat rides in Khunti's Latratu

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**EXPRESS IN UAE** 

**SANDIP G** DUBAI, AUGUST 27

THE FIRST question to Pakistan captain Babar Azam at the press conference ahead of the India-Pakistan encounter on Sunday was seemingly harmless: "Dubai mein garmi zyada hain kya (Is it very hot in Dubai)?'

Babar promptly replied: "Garmi toh hain (İt is hot)". He then paused, seeming to realise the loaded undertone of the question, and said with a grin: "Hum zyada garmi nahin lete hain (We don't feel the heat too



Team India arrives for training, in Dubai on Friday. PTI

**SPORT** 

**MENTALLY DOWN:** KOHLI SAYS DIDN'T **TOUCH BAT FOR A MONTH PAGE 18** 

much)". He was referring to the inevitable "more-than-just-agame" narrative drummed up whenever India and Pakistan duel, limited to multi-team tournaments these days.

Often in the past, the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 **PMAY: CENTRE SAYS** NO TO U.P. BID FOR **MORE HOUSES PAGE 6** 

## SUNDAY STORY



President Droupadi Murmu with CJI UU Lalit, Saturday. Later, he called a full court meeting. PTI REPORTS, PAGE 6

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As Justice Uday Umesh Lalit takes over as CJI, he has 74 days to work on the goals he set for himself. PAGE 9

### STATE OKS FOREST CLEARANCE

## Bullet train: New govt in Maharashtra clears path for acquisition of land

**AVISHEK G DASTIDAR** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

WITH the change of political guard in Maharashtra, decks are being cleared to get the Railways out of the logjam over the land acquisition process for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail corridor for the bullet train project.

Top officials told *The Indian* 

Maharashtra government officials, coupled with reviews by the Prime Minister's Office, now indicate the marquee project is likely to get the "land issue" in the state 'sorted out" by October-November, clearing the most significant hurdle the bullet train project has faced since inception.

The new Maharashtra government, under Eknath Shinde in partnership with the BJP, has

also given the crucial forest clearance for land acquisition, a mandatory step, which was stuck at the state government's level for the last two years. The Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change has subsequently given its approval for us-

The new Maharashtra government has also signed the shareholder agreement with CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

ing forest land for the project.

# Manipur teen wins India's 1st world judo title, Georgia town celebrates

## **ANCHOR**

### **NITIN SHARMA**

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

WHEN LINTHOI Chanambam, 16. became the first Indian to win a world title in judo on Friday, two families were united in celebrations - one in her hometown in Manipur, and the other in a town in Georgia.

When the world was battling the Covid-19 pandemic and the first lockdown was imposed, Chanambam was stuck in Akhmeta, a town of about 8,000

people in Georgia, for nine months. The hometown of her coach Mamuka Kizilashvii, Akhmeta, a judo hub which has produced two Olympic champions, became Chanambam's second home, as she formed a close bond with her coach's extended family of 30.

On Friday, Chanambam defeated Brazil's Reis Bianca (57 kg) 1-0 by Waza-ari — a throw — to win the gold at the World Cadet Championships in Sarajevo. Kizilashvii's family was the first to receive a picture of Chanambam posing with the gold medal and they were soon

on a video call. "It was a difficult time for the





Linthoi Chanambam at the home of her Georgian coach Mamuka Kizilashvii. (Right) Chanambam with Kizilashvii after winning the gold medal. Courtesy: Mamuka Kizilashvii

whole world, as it was for us too. But coach Kizilashvii's family made sure that I was always happy, although I was far away from my parents and family,' Chanambam said from Sarajevo.

The ice was broken over meals at Kizilashvii's home. His wife Salome, son Levan and daughter Elene took to the teenage Indian judoka and made her feel at home.

Kizilashvii Chanambam's side when she won the historic gold. "I sent Linthoi's picture with the gold medal to my family, they too celebrated," he said.

The restrictions on international flights proved to be a

blessing in disguise for Chanambam, as it enabled her to train against some of the top judokas in the town from where 2004 Athens Olympic winner Zurab Zviadauri and 2008 Beijing Olympics champion Irakali Tsirekidze hail.

"We were training in Georgia when the lockdown was imposed, so we could not return to India as planned. Most of the national judo players come to train there. Chanambam would train against the likes of world junior champion Eteri Liparteliani," Kizilashvii said.

Chanambam took her first steps in judo in Mayang, Manipur, where her father is a

fish farmer who also works as a mason, and her mother is a parttime tailor and homemaker. "My father owns half an acre

of land on which there is a fish pond. We are not rich, but my parents are very determined people. They never let me stop dreaming about winning a big medal in judo," Chanambam said. The family earns about Rs 80,000 a year by selling fish.

Chanambam started off by playing football, and tried her hand in boxing before focussing on judo. "I trained in judo like my life depended on it," she said.

are her biggest strengths, said CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Her strength and willpower

**FROM PAGE ONE** 

#### THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, AUGUST 28, 2022

### **CWC**

come up at the CWC meeting. While Azad has quit, G23 leaders Anand Sharma and Mukul Wasnik are members of the CWC. Sharma met Azad on Saturday and was closeted with him for nearly an hour.

Sources in the party indicated that the election process could be delayed by a week or two. The party was to elect, between August 21 and September 20, a new president to replace Sonia Gandhi, But all indications are that the process would spill over into October.

In his resignation letter on Friday, Azad had claimed that attempts were underway to prop up "proxies" to take over the leadership of the party. With Rahul Gandhi not keen to return as Congress president, many party leaders believe the Gandhis would throw their weight behind Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for the

"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. This experiment is doomed to fail because the Party has been so comprehensively destroyed that the situation has become irretrievable. Moreover, the 'chosen one' would be nothing more than a puppet on a string," Azad had said.

Earlier in the day, another G23 leader, Manish Tewari, called the situation "serious" and "avoidable".

Speaking to ANI, he said, "I don't want to go into the merits of Azad's letter. He would be in the best position to explain why or what the context of that letter is. The letter is in the public domain, it speaks for itself... suffice to say that at times, it is strange, if not quixotic, that people who do not have the capacity to even fight a ward election... people who till yesterday were chaprasis of Congress leaders, when they give gyaan about Congress party, it is laughable for the lack of a better word. We are in a serious situation...what happened is unfortunate and... perhaps it was avoidable.'

"I have given 42 years to the party and the others who have written the letter [to Sonia Gandhi, in August 2020, suggesting sweeping change in the have given more time...Nobody needs a certificate. We are not tenants in this organisation, we are shareholders. It is another matter if you want to force us out, then we will see." he added.

Meanwhile, Congress leads from Azad's home state of Jammu and Kashmir, including his close confidant and former state minister G M Saroori, met him on Saturday amid clear indications that he is set to launch a political party with its first unit coming up in J&K. Several Congress leaders from J&K, who owe allegiance to Azad, had quit the party on

Azad is expected to travel to Iammu in the first week of September to prepare for the launch of the party.

Some of the senior leaders in the party, meanwhile, continued to urge Rahul to take over. "We will ask him, we will force him and request him (to return as Congress president). We stand behind him. We will try to persuade him," said Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge.

### Soren

reservoir. The CM also shared selfies that he took in the bus

**PUBLIC NOTICE** IN THE COURT OF FAMILY COURT

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Pune

By Order. Dy. Registrar, Family Court, Pune An MLA said, "Barring three

MLAs who were arrested in Kolkata and are out on bail. most of the others were here. (Congress) MLA Pradeep Yadav could not come as he had a health issue. Two more MLAs did not come, one of whom, Mamta Devi, the legislator from Ramgarh, recently delivered a child. So out of 49, at least 43 MLAs came to Khunti."

On August 25, holding Soren guilty of misusing his position by allotting a stone mining lease to himself last year, the EC, in its opinion shared with Governor Ramesh Bais, recommended his disqualification as MLA under the Representation of the People Act, 1951. However, the Governor is yet to officially communicate his order on the

Since Thursday's recommendation by the EC, there has been intense speculation that the ruling coalition's 49 MLAs may be moved to Chhattisgarh or West Bengal, states ruled by non-BJP parties, in an attempt to check any 'poaching' attempt by the Opposition BJP.

Sources said the day-trip to Khunti was an exercise in "bonding" and a signal to the BJP that the coalition is intact.

An MLA, who was part of the trip, said, "We assembled in the bus and left for Khunti. We kept our luggage in a resort in the Latratu Dam area and spent the day outside. Unlike the tense situation that was building up in the city, we are here just to relax."

the 81-member Jharkhand Assembly, the JMM has 30 MLAs while ally Congress has 18 members and the RJD has one. The BJP, the main Opposition party, has 26 MLAs in the House.

Sources close to the government said that the late-evening meeting of coalition members discussed all eventualities, including the possibility of Soren being disqualified. In such a situation, they said, the leaders discussed if Soren should remain the Chief Minister and fight a by-poll from Barhait, the constituency from where he won the 2019 election. In any case, the leaders agreed, that any adverse decision will have to be immediately challenged

A top-level source said, "The leaders are looking at all permutations and combinations, including if Soren's wife Kalpana Soren should be made the chief minister. But she may fight from a general seat, not a tribal one. The thinking behind this is that the people from Barhait may not accept Kalpana Soren as their leader since she is not from Jharkhand [Kalpana is from Odisha]. There was some discussion on Shibu Soren leading the mantle too. We will cross the bridge when

we come to it. Sources said that letters of support for prospective CM candidates have been taken from all MLAs.

After the meeting, Health Minister Banna Gupta said, "As of now, we are focussing on strengthening the secular forces in the country. The way the country is being run now, the way elected governments and the constitutional bodies are being diminished... our coalition government is strong enough to fight this." When asked if the MLAs will be taken to another state, he said, "We are sons of soil. We will be in

Iharkhand." Congress Jharkhand incharge Avinash Pandey told the media, "All party MLAs and leaders are here to discuss the matter. We are continuously deliberating on the matter.

Since Friday, Chief

Minister Soren has convened three marathon meetings to decide the future course of ac-

"The strategy is to wait for the Governor to release the EC's order. We are prepared to deal with it. However, we still have to keep an eve on all the MLAs and we wanted the situation to calm down. We had a nice lunch and did a boat ride," said a JMM MLA, speaking of the Khunti trip.

The EC had issued a notice to Soren in May this year, seeking his response to the complaint that the Chief Minister had, prima facie, violated 9A of the Representation of People's Act, which prohibits elected representatives from entering into any contract with the government for "supply of goods" or "execution of any works undertaken" by it.

Earlier in the day, BJP Legislative Party leader Babulal Marandi took to social media to say, "Till yesterday the one who was talking about being fearless has packed all his belongings and moved out of Ranchi. They have started fearing the palace of lies that they have built for themselves."

#### 6-airbag rule

can carry up to eight passengers for enhanced safety of occupants: four for the driver and passenger in front (one side and one in front for each); and two "curtain airbags" that cover the passengers in the

Dual airbags (driver and passenger) became mandatory on all vehicles this January. A driver airbag has been compulsory for all passenger vehicles since July 1, 2019.

Airbags soften the impact of collisions by keeping occupants from coming into contact with the steering wheel, dashboard, front glass, and other parts of the automobile.

Maruti Suzuki India, which makes nearly one in every two cars sold in the India, and is the biggest player in the small-car segment, is learnt to have petitioned the government to reconsider the proposal. It has cited its impact on the pricesensitive entry-level car segment already facing a sales slump over the last four years.

This comes after the country's second largest carmaker, Hyundai Motor, decided to pull the plug on its new Santro in the wake of declining sales and the new safety norms. It saw the changes required to reconfigure the hatchback for six airbags as an unviable proposi-

"It will be a setback to the ales of small cars. Putting four extra airbags will entail substantial costs and could further impact the small-car market and could have a fallout on the employment potential of this Maruti Suzuki sector," Chairman R C Bhargava told

The Indian Express. The Ministry, however, maintains that the industry has to ensure that cars get safer in tune with global safety benchmarks.

Additional airbags have been proposed in the 'M1' category of vehicles, with the aim of minimising the impact of "frontal and lateral collisions" to the occupants of both front and rear compartments.

'Category M' covers motor vehicles with at least four wheels, used for carrying passengers. Sub-category 'M1' defines "a motor vehicle used for the carriage of passengers. comprising not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat". This category effectively subsumes the bulk of the passenger vehicles on India's roads — from entry-

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level hatchbacks such as the Suzuki Alto or Hyundai Santro to multi-utility vehicles such as the Toyota Innova or Kia Carnival.

These vehicles are employed mostly for private use, alongside some commercial use by fleet operators.

India's record on road security is among the poorest in the world, and Indian cars are famously behind the curve when it comes to offering safety features. This is especially glaring when comparisons are made with models offered by manufacturers in other global markets, including those made by carmakers operating in India. Companies that sell the same car model in global markets choose to cut down on some key safety features when they launch in India's price-sensitive

The problem for small carmakers is pricing: more airbags as standard equipment will inevitably drive up the cost. A frontal airbag in an entry-level car typically costs between Rs 5.000 and Rs 10,000, and side and curtain airbags could cost more than double that -- a big percentage of incremental costs for cars costing between Rs 3-7 lakh.

Most carmakers in India that offer six airbags only do so in top-end models, and in variants that cost upward of Rs 10

Manufacturers have also flagged that a number of entrylevel models are specifically designed for markets such as India, and that installing additional airbags will involve considerable re-engineering, including making modifications to the body shell and the inside compartment.

Then there is the timing. India's auto industry is currently transitioning to stricter BS-6 emission norms, and implementing the new Corporate Average Fuel Economy or CAFE norms, both of which have cost implications. Manufacturers basically want to be able to offer cars at the lower end of the segment with two airbags, and let customers choose if they want to pay a premium for a model with six airbags.

Experts say safety features such as twin airbags, anti-lock braking systems and rear wipers would only add Rs 25,000 to the cost of the car. It is only because they are not mandatory that manufacturers provide these features exclusively in top-end versions of cars, and bundle them with other features, thereby making the vehicle costlier by about Rs 1.20 lakh or more.

In effect, this deprives Indian car buyers of variants that have these essential safety features. Making airbags mandatory, these experts argue, would lead to local production, bring down cost on account of higher volumes.

In the United States, front airbags are required by law in all cars. But most carmakers offer between six and 10 airbags, depending on the model. Almost every new car sold in Europe is equipped with front and side airbags. In the EU and in the United Kingdom, there is no direct legal requirement for new cars to feature airbags. But again, most variants are equipped with at least four to six airbags.

According to the latest government data, a total of 1.16 lakh road accidents occurred on national highways, including expressways, in 2020, causing 47,984 deaths.

Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari, in a recent interview to the Indian Express, flagged safety concerns: "We lose about 150,000 people due to road accidents and about 60% of those deaths are in the 18-24 age group, which is a big loss. If we leave aside other things, just the loss to India's GDP due to these deaths would be in the range of 3 percentage points."

### India-Pak match pre-match press conference would be intense, and some-

times, tense affairs. Captains would stride in with a sense of urgency, weighing each question and measuring each answer. But Babar was as relaxed as when he bats in the middle.

As was his Indian counterpart Rohit Sharma, who too was probed about the familiar narrative. "It's the question that every India captain has been asked before every match against Pakistan for years. What can I say? Bahar se hype, andar se sab normal (Hype from outside, all normal in-

side)," Sharma said. These are less fractious days

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# **EXPRESS** AUDIO

## **Eye on the World Cup** as India faces Pakistan in Asia Cup

**NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY** 

In this episode, we discuss India's chances against Pakistan in the Asia Cup match, and what the team will need to consider if it hopes to win.

# Sharp exchange between Delhi, Beijing over China ship in Sri Lanka

Chinese embassy's website and local news website Sri Lanka Guardian, had a telling "From One-China Principle to 'Yuan Wang 5':Let's Join Hands and Resolutely Safeguard Our Sovereignty, Independence and Territorial Integrity."

This spat comes days after Sri Lanka's U-turn to allow Yuan Wang 5, the Chinese military research and survey vessel, to dock at its Hambantota port from August 16 to 22 - despite India's concerns. Earlier, the vessel was expected to dock from August 11 to 17, and was deferred due to protests by India.

Sri Lanka said its decision to allow the ship factored in the interests of all parties concerned in line with the "principle of sovereign equality of states".

In his piece, envoy Qi wrote: "Looking back at the great history of the island, Sri Lanka overcame aggression from its northern neighbour 17 times, colonization by the West for 450 years, and an anti-terrorism war for nearly 3 decades...is now still standing in the world bravely and proudly. Any infringement on the national sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka shall not

be tolerated.'

He then went on to link this to the military vessel. "Approving a foreign vessel's port call at Hambantota or any other port for replenishment is a decision made by the Sri Lankan government completely within its sovereignty, not to mention all the scientific research activities of 'Yuan Wang 5' comply with the international law and common international practice. External obstruction based on so-called 'security concerns' but without any evidence from certain forces is de facto a thorough interference into Sri Lanka's sovereignty and independence. Fortunately, with China and Sri Lanka's joint efforts, the incident was resolved properly, which not only safeguards Sri Lanka's sovereignty and independence but also defends international fairness and justice once again," the Chinese envoy

Seeking to draw a parallel between Sri Lanka and China in the wake of US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, the envoy wrote: "Just like Sri Lanka, China suffered a hundred years of humiliation from 1840 to 1949. Because of a similar dark ex-

perience, China has always been supporting Sri Lanka in the international fora for protecting its sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity. We will continue to do that. In contrast, some countries, far or near, always make various groundless excuses to bully Sri Lanka and trample

on Sri Lanka's sovereignty and

independence repeatedly."

On Saturday night, over a day after the article, the Indian High Commission in Colombo hit back.

"We have noted the remarks of the Chinese Ambassador. His violation of basic diplomatic etiquette may be a personal trait or reflecting a larger national attitude. His view of Sri Lanka's northern neighbour may be coloured by how his own country behaves. India, we assure him, is very different," the Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka said.

"His imputing a geopolitical context to the visit of a purported scientific research vessel is a giveaway. Opaqueness and debt driven agendas are now a major challenge, especially for smaller nations. Recent developments are a caution. Sri Lanka needs support, not unwanted pressure or unnecessary controversies to serve another country's agenda,' the Indian High Commission

The Yuan Wang 5 docked in Hambantota, a strategically important deep-sea port developed mostly using loans from Beijing.

'Yuan Wang'-class ships are used to track satellite, rocket and intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launches. China has around seven of these tracking ships that are capable of operating throughout the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian oceans. The ships supplement Beijing's land-based tracking stations.

New Delhi was concerned about the possibility of the ship's tracking systems attempting to snoop on Indian installations while being on its way to the Sri Lankan port. Before Sri Lanka's U-turn, India had rejected China's "insinuations" that New Delhi pressured Colombo against the planned visit by the Chinese vessel but asserted it will take decisions based on its security concerns.

As Sri Lanka battles a severe economic crisis, India has provided humanitarian and economic assistance to the tune of \$4 billion.

between the two teams. The build-up to the India-Pakistan game, the first after their World T20 fixture at the same venue. was one of bonhomie and camaraderie. Babar and Virat Kohli were spotted exchanging handshakes and pleasantries the other day. A few months ago. Babar had tweeted support for Kohli who is going through a particularly lengthy lean patch.

Fast bowler Shaheen Afridi, who missed the tournament due an injury, had greeted Kolhi and told him: "Aapke live dua kar rahe hai wapas form mein aaye. Dekhna chahte hai aapko. (I am praying that you regain your form. I want to see you play well)."

Kohli's struggle to make big runs has been a talking point before this clash. Kohli also spoke to the official broadcaster Star Sports about how the extended lack of form affected his mental health. "For the first time in 10 years, I didn't touch my bat for a month (before the Asia Cup). I came to the realisation that I was trying to fake my intensity a bit recently," he said.

At the nets, several Indian and Pakistan players were seen and video-graphed chatting and greeting.

Most players from most countries share a bond these days, after the global cricket village that the IPL is - but these are not bonds forged in the IPL, as Pakistani players are prohibited from playing in the league, a reminder that geopolitical tensions are still simmering between the two countries and any hopes of them featuring in a full-fledged series seems dis-

"We are cricketers, and we greet and talk to each other, be it players from Pakistan or some other country. It is all normal," said Sharma.

Babar said the same: "As a sportsman, you try to meet different players. We have met everyone, it is normal. You try and talk to players about cricket and other things."

Though the "badla (revenge)" for the World Cup defeat cropped up, Sharma played it down: "Of course, that loss hurts, but it's not like we are thinking about it all the time."

Even the build-up to this game was quiet. Just a handful of supporters turned up for the nets at the ICC Academy under the scorching afternoon sun. though it was a holiday – and the players unhurriedly granted their wishes for selfies. Sharma was even asked what he felt when a Pakistani child sought a photograph with him, and he replied: "Unusual for you, usual for us."

There were no banners or placards or frenzied flag-waying or shouting names, no stampede at the turnstile to catch a glimpse of the cricketers, no swarming of the team buses, or competition between the fans of both countries to show who is louder. The few who had assembled were merrily chatting, not even cricket.

The scene will change on Sunday – the tickets have been long sold out, and for those who did not get one, several restaurants and shopping malls have arranged live-streaming in their premises. The atmosphere will be as electrifying as any India-Pakistan match has been and perhaps will be. The rivalry has not lost its edge, though some of the heat may have been doused.

It could be because the match-ups between the countries come so few and far between – in the last five years, they have met just thrice – that every occasion is something of a chance of a lifetime, and not spoiled by scuffles or troubled history between the countries.

This is a different generation of players too, few who want to trade punches in the middle of a game. You would not expect someone monkeyiumping like laved Miandad in the 1992 World Cup tie, or someone like Kiran More giving back in kind. Or the Aamir Sohail-Venkatesh Prasad episode. Not just that the modern-day players want to avoid hefty fines, but they are hardwired differently, trained to think of the game as just a game.

So is the crowd. You would not expect players to be pelted with stones, as they were in Karachi in 1997, or one lakh fans evicted from the stands at the Eden Gardens in 1999 over an umpiring decision, or fans staging political protests outside the Edgbaston. Such incidents have only added more heat and fire in the most heated rivalry in world cricket, more hues into a colourful rivalry, spun myths and folklore. sunk and risen careers. But perhaps not this Sunday in Dubai.

### **Bullet train**

implementing agency, the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited recently. Acquisition of around 200

hectares in Maharashtra, part of the total 1396 hectares, including in Gujarat and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, was stalled under the previous Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena government in alliance with the NCP and the Congress. The Shiv Sena had also been politically opposed to the land acquisi-

Land acquisition of approximately 1000 hectares in Guiarat, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, is complete. The government has said that of total land requirement of approximately 1396 hectares, 1264 hectares have been acquired. However, land across the

alignment is divided into 7,000 plots, in 195 villages in Gujarat and 104 villages in Maharashtra. So for the construction to begin in Maharashtra, getting physical possession of all the required land is crucial to progress.

Key civil works have begun-Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw tweeted the picture of first kilometre of viaduct of the project constructed in

The project also recently floated its civil tender in Maharashtra which includes design and construction of Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex High Speed Rail Station. Bids are scheduled to open on Oct 20. 2022.

Officials said that the state government's land acquisition work has picked up pace on the ground as well, especially in areas like Palghar and Dahanu in coastal Maharashtra, considered traditional Shiv Sena bas-

The delay in the land acquisition in Maharashtra coupled with the pandemic pushed the overall commissioning date of the entire project by at least five years and resulted in cost overrun. As per the original estimate based on 2015 valuation, the total project cost around Rs 1.10 lakh crore. The cost, sources said, might have escalated to around 1.65 lakh

Parallelly, Railways has also started working on the feasibility of the proposed Mumbai-Nagpur bullet train. The cost of the 753-km alignment is turning out to be around Rs 300 crore per km.

Efforts are on to align the route along the upcoming Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg, a greenfield, sixlane expressway between Mumbai and Nagpur. This is one of the seven proposed bullet train projects of the future.

### Manipur teen

Angom Surjit Meitei, coach at the Mayai Lambi Sports Academy, where she first trained. "She would never miss a training session and would also help her family in managing the fish pond," he said.

When she was just 11 years old, Chanambam had to leave her home to move to Bellary in Karnataka, after being selected by the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS).

"I am very attached to my father. We cooked meals together and ate together. When I won the sub-junior national title and IIS coaches told me about my selection, we both cried a lot as I had to leave home," she recalled.

While she has returned with a medal from four of her five international competitions so far, the gold on Friday was her biggest achievement. "After the final, I felt like I had done something incredible," she said, adding that she was now looking forward to some "me time".

"Dancing to hip hop music and gardening is what I want to do during a short break. After that, it will be back to judo. I have many more goals to achieve. This is just the start,"



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### STRUCTURES TO BE TORN DOWN TODAY

# Meet the key men tackling the Supertech twin tower demolition

**MALAVIKA PRASAD** NOIDA AUGUST 27

VETERANS IN the demolition field have joined hands to bring down the Supertech twin towers Sunday. The task is being carried out by Edifice Engineering, a Mumbai-based firm, which has partnered with South Africabased Jet Demolition. The Central Building Research Institute, headquartered at Roorkee, has also played a key role by approving the demolition preparations. A look at the key members at the helm of the mega project:

**JOE BRINKMANN:** A trained mining engi-

neer from the University of Missouri-Rolla. IISA (Masters Mining Engineering), he specialised



been working with explosives since the 1980s. He established let Demolition in 1994. In India. the company completed three projects at Kochi about two and a half years ago. It was in charge of demolishing three buildings falling under the Maradu Municipality in January 2020.

On the scale of this demolition, Brinkmann said it is probably one of the tallest buildings being imploded in the world — the 100-metre club as he likes to call it, On Sunday, around six people will be on the site, he said. "I have been... been doing demolition work since 1991... so I can't tell you the number of buildings I have demolished... We've ironed out and perfected our measures many years ago. All preparations have been completed; checks have been carried out... All is well and we will see a good show tomorrow at 2.30 pm," he said.

UTKARSH MEHTA: He is a partner at Edifice Engineering, which been in the business of

building and concrete demolition since his Bachelor of Engineering (mechanical) and

went on to pursue a post-graduation in Foreign Trade & Diploma in Marketing Management. He brings an experience of over 11 years in the demolition industry. On the kind of explosives used in the charging process, he

said, "The explosives used... are known as shock tube explosives, which resemble a plastic tube containing a powder of sorts. Roughly 3,700 kg of explosives is what we expect will be used for the whole exercise, which will be placed in 9,640 holes drilled in the towers." According to Mehta, beginning Thursday, a final round of checks was carried out, which included checking column to column and floor to floor connections of explosives.

MAYUR MEHTA: He is a B.Com graduate from Mumbai

been working with Edifice since the last 10-11 years. He is project manager for the Supertech

project. According to him, this is different from the demolition of three buildings in Maradu executed by the firm.

"The quantum of drilling, dismantling of internal and external brickworks, wrapping of buildings, the process of charging everything is more than what we undertook in Kerala. The work we did there was about 20% of this. In Maradu, we had to take care that no debris falls into nearby water bodies. But this area is residentheavy, which was not the case there. The Aster-2 tower of neighbouring Emerald Court is only 9 m away. The height of the towers is also a factor — in Kerala, the tallest building was 65 metres; here it's 100 metres," he said.

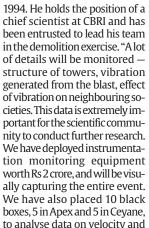
**CHETAN DUTTA:** He has been in

the blasting field for 20 years. A commerce graduate, Dutta began studying to become a chartered account-



**DR D P KANUNGO:** With an

M.Tech and (engineeringgeologist) from IIT-Roorkee, Kanungo has been serving on the council of CSIR-CBRI since



as it will create history...," he said.

a very prestigious project for me

1994. He holds the position of a chief scientist at CBRI and has been entrusted to lead his team structure of towers, vibration of vibration on neighbouring soportant for the scientific community to conduct further research. We have deployed instrumentation monitoring equipment ally capturing the entire event. boxes, 5 in Apex and 5 in Ceyane, to analyse data on velocity and acceleration, rotation and fall of the blast."



demolition of Supertech twin towers, Emerald Court, the residential society neighbouring the site, saw a flurry of activity early Saturday, with visits by Noida Authority officials, BJP MLA from Noida Pankaj Singh, as well as with deployment of fire tenders, ambulances and water tankers near the society. The society premises in front

of the clubhouse was covered with plastic sheets to ward off dust and debris and residents were making plans to leave the premises before the demolition Aggarwal, residents of Aspire tower, said, "There's been a lot of activity around the towers since the past 10-12 years. We have emptied our balconies, covered our ACs, sofas. We will leave tomorrow morning and stay at Parsvnath Prestige. We are con-

fident about the exercise.' The area saw deployment of three-four ambulances, two fire tenders and several personnel from the fire department. The Chief Fire Officer briefed personnel about the precautions to be undertaken.

BJP MLA Singh, meanwhile, had a meeting with residents and RWAs alongside Noida Authority officials. He said: "Residents have been assured that all safety precautions have been taken and equipment has been placed in the vicinity to check the AQI, along with antismoke guns and sprinklers."

Around mid-afternoon, a 'task force' comprising seven residents from Emerald Court ing residents. Gaurav Mehrotra, a resident and safety in-charge at the society, said, "We will also ensure residents enter the premises only when it is considered safe. We will check for any flying debris, loose columns before residents are asked to enter. We will return at 3.15 pm tomorrow, 45 minutes after the demolition, and start our checks. As of now we are trying to evacuate women with children as well as residents who have difficulty in moving themselves."

Dust-control measures at Emerald Court; trenches being

dug up around the towers. Gajendra Yadav/Malavika Prasad

In society next to towers,

flurry of last-min activity

Pradeep Singh, who works in the service department of a German company located in Sector 63 and lives in tower Bluestone-1 with his wife Amrita, who works with TCS. and two kids, said they will leave for their relatives' place in Noida and will not be back for two days. "We have been a little anxious since May," he said.

Joe Brinkmann, MD of Jet Demolition, said after completing a round of checks at the towis well. Lots of agencies are involved and everyone has participated and contributed, and we will be following the plans tomorrow. The only thing that may delay the demolition is if people are found in the exclusion zone; otherwise, there should be no delay. The dust emanating from the demolition will settle on the ground. The main constituent of the dust is calcium which is a nutrient for plants; therefore, there won't be any hazardous effect of the dust. The time taken for the dust to settle down will depend on the intensity of the wind."

Brinkmann added that Ceyane will be detonated first around .15 seconds before Apex, which will be a barely noticeable gap. He said that these are probably one of the tallest buildings imploded in the world. On the day of the demolition, six people will be on the site, he said.

# 'Gawaar logon ki party': Sisodia's fresh attack on BJP

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

THE BHARATIYA Janata Party is "a party of illiterates (gawaar logon ki party)" and they want to keep the entire country illiterate, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said at a press conference on Saturday. This comes a day after L-G V K Saxena sought a report from the Chief Secretary over a delay by the Vigilance Department in acting on an inquiry report by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on construction of additional classrooms in Delhi government schools.

"I have heard that the BJP has dropped the matter of alcohol and turned to the matter of schools. They got the CBI to raid the CM's office, four years ago they got the CBI to raid my house. Then they filed bogus FIRs against 40 MLAs. Nothing came of all this. Then they did the drama over liquor. They have realised that nothing is going to come out of that. So, from yesterday onwards, they have



Sisodia at a press conference Saturday. Prem Nath Pandey

that there was a scam involved in the making of schools," he said.

The country knows that excellent schools were made in Delhi, Sisodia said. "Delhi's government schools are more excellent than even some private schools. Now, it is their conspiracv that they want to shut down Delhi's schools. They are not able to digest the fact that Delhi's schools are excellent," he added.

"Yeh anpadh aur gawaar logon ki party hai aur yeh poore desh ko anpadh aur gawaar rakhna chahti hai (This is a party of illiterates and they want to keep the entire country illiterate)," Sisodia said.

"You want to check about corruption in schools? Check. Also check why government schools are shutting in the country ever since your party came to power? From 2014 onwards, government schools have been shutting down in the country. From 2015 to 2021, 72,747 government schools have been shut down in the country. They want the country to depend on private schools... private schools that only 20% of children can afford. Wherever government schools are shutting, private schools are opening up and these private schools are being opened by their own netas. This is their school model," Sisodia said.

"I am very proud that after 2015, 700 new school buildings were made in Delhi. These are better than private school buildings. They have a problem with this... that we spent money on this. Yes, we spent money on this. This is the country's children, and it is the government's responsibility to spend money on the education of children,

## Kejriwal signature missing, L-G sends 47 files back to CM office

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

DAYS AFTER Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena wrote to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over the absence of his signature on important files, the L-G secretariat has returned 47 files that were not personally signed by the CM.

According to officials, files that were sent back were related to the education department and Waqf Board, among others, and were signed by the staff of the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

In a letter to Kejriwal earlier this week, Saxena wrote: "It has been observed that in recent months, a significant number of proposals, as a matter of routine, have been submitted by your office for my approval or for my opinion... by your Jt Secretary or Additional Secretary, with the remarks, 'Hon'ble CM has seen and approved the proposal', without gency warranting such a communication." Saxena also said it should be ensured that the proposals are duly signed by the CM in the interest of smooth and effective governance.

Officials in the L-G office maintain that all files sent to the L-G vs CM

IN A letter earlier this week to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, L-GVK Saxena said he had observed that a "significant" number of proposals from the CM's office for approval or opinion come to him, which are not signed by him and instead say, "Hon'ble CM has seen and approved the proposal". He said it should be ensured that proposals are duly signed by the CM. Delhi government officials, however, hit back and said the L-G was

L-G through the CMO have to be duly signed by the CM as these files, apart from being related to of the city, also include extremely "sensitive matters". "However, even after this letter, the CM/CMO has continued to send files not signed by the CM," they said.

"acting like a headmaster of

a primary school, unfit for

the post he is holding".

Delhi government officials said the L-G was "acting like a headmaster of a primary school, unfit for the post he is holding". Another senior government

official explained: "In every government, there is a hierarchy which has to be followed, and no file from a department can go directly to the L-G. In Delhi, the CM is the Cabinet head, so any decision or project by departments or the government goes to the Cabinet for final approval and then the file is sent to L-G as he is the top official."

In other states, the CM is the head of government, so files don't have to go through the L-G. said officials

Further, officials said that it is a laid-down procedure being followed for years. "In the past, from 1993 to 2013, all such files sent to the L-G were duly signed by CMs," said L-G House officials.

Saxena, in his letter, also pointed out: "The Manual of Office Procedure, 2022, which provides that in rare and urgent tour, is sick and his/her approval has to be taken on telephone, the decision of the minister shall be conveved by his/her Private Secretary in writing. In such cases, confirmation shall be obtained on file when the Minister returns to headquarters/rejoins.'

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# Part of Noida-Gr Noida e-way caves in during underpass work

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NOIDA, AUGUST 27

A PORTION of the road on an under-construction underpass at Noida-Greater Noida expressway near Sector 96 caved in Friday evening while construction work was on. Repairs have been completed, said Noida authority officials present at the spot, adding the traffic movement is underway.

"We had already barricaded the portion of the road (one lane) and there was no movement of traffic," said a senior official of Noida Authority.

"The traffic had been diverted already from that lane. Construction and repair work was undergoing through boxpushing method during which some portion of the road which was already barricaded caved in. However, as of Friday evening,



Concrete boxes being pushed under the road

The incident happened when the concrete box, which comprises the underway, reached that part of the road. On-site workers said the process of pushing these boxes underground naturally causes undula-

tions in the road, which are con-

stantly under maintenance. Workers at the site said one

lane on the expressway is usually kept closed for work. The lane where the crack appeared was closed for eight days as undulations are expected, they said, adding that construction work has been paused till the demolition of Supertech twin towers Sunday to allow traffic through.

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### After spike in first half of August, Covid cases decline

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

AFTER A sudden spike in the number of fresh Covid-19 cases in Delhi in the first half of August, cases have declined now. Doctors said the number of hospitalisations has reduced to 50%

in the last five days. As per the health bulletin issued on Friday, Delhi recorded 620 Covid-19 cases with a reduced positivity rate of 3.74%, while two people succumbed to the disease in the last 24 hours.

According to Dr Suresh Kumar, director of Lok Nayak Hospital, the nodal hospital for Covid cases, the number of patients hospitalised has reduced by 50% in the last five days. "Earlier we were having 20 plus admissions daily, now we have only 7-8 admissions per Dr Kumar said the numbers

are expected to decline and since people have started taking precautions and vaccines, it will re-

### **ADDITION OF RADIOLOGIST, MORE REGISTRATION CENTRES**

# After woman delivered baby outside, Safdarjung hospital plans changes

**ANKITA UPADHYAY** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

AFTER A woman delivered a child outside the Emergency ward of Safdarjung Hospital - a few feet from a garbage bin - in July, the administration has proposed some changes to make life easier for patients — including the addition of a separate radiol-

ogist in the gynaecology depart-

ment to 40 more registration

centres on campus. Medical Superintendent Dr B LSherwal told *The Indian Express* that considering the patient flow and to manage the crowd, more registration centres are required: "Currently, we have 24 registration centres and 40 more will be added. The number of patients

more registration centres." He added that they are trying

is increasing for which we need

department and security of the area has been increased to manage patients coming for deliveries and treatment.

On July 19, a woman had delivered her baby on the floor outside the emergency department of the hospital, almost 15 hours after she reached the hospital to get herself admitted. The family had alleged she was forced to deliver outside as the hospital kept postponing her admission and did not act in time.

Post the incident, the Centre transferred Dr S V Arya and appointed Dr Sherwal as the new medical superintendent.

"Whatever happened was unfortunate but it can happen anywhere with such a major patient inflow and our hospital's no refusal policy. However, we are learning from the incident," said

Safdarjung Hospital's obstet-



**Medical Superintendent** Dr B L Sherwal

rics and gynaecology departments is one of the busiest in the city and sees around 100 deliveries per day. It accounts for nearly 10% of the total births in the national capital. Of the total deliveries, around 20-30 are done surgically through a caesarean section. The hospital has nearly 300 beds, including ICU and high dependence unit beds, under the obstetrics and gynaecology de-

Protest at Jantar Mantar against release of

Bilkis convicts; ex-bureaucrats write to SC

partment. The beds are utilised not only by pregnant women, but women with other gynaecological issues such as cancer or anaemia. It is a common sight to see three-four women sharing beds at Safdarjung hospital.

On the reconstruction and redevelopment of the gynaecology department, the medical superintendent said it's a long-term project and he wants to focus on what can be done immediately with limited resources.

#### Other projects

Dr Sherwal said the hospital will soon have private wards like other central government-run hospitals, with nominal Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) rates. "We are planning to launch the wards in October and it will be a 20-bed one. We will increase the capacity as and when required," he added.

CT scan machines in the hos-

pital stop working on a regular basis due to an excessive patient load, and to tackle this, the administration has placed the request for three more machines, which will be acquired in the next six months. More than 150 CT scans are done on one machine in the hospital per day.

Dr Sherwal added that two more laparoscopic machines have been acquired.

There will also be a facility of screening OPDs where patients will arrive before being sent to the respective departments for treatment and check-ups. "This service has been started at the paediatrics and medicine department for now," he added.

Dr Sherwal said the hospital intends to reduce the wait list for operation theatres, which is more than six months. "We've prepared a team, which is working to start with facilities of extra OTs to re-

Union Secretaries, DGPs, ambas-

sadors, Chief Secretaries, and

judges. Among them are former

Home Secretary G K Pillai, former

Foreign Secretary and NSA

Shivshankar Menon, former

Chief Information Commissioner

Wajahat Habibullah, former

Cabinet Secretary K M

Chandrasekhar, former External

Affairs Secretary and former High

Commissioner to the UK

"While the Supreme Court has

since taken cognizance of the is-

sue, we are concerned at this

Habibullah said: "For this

have happened on

Independence Day. You release

those who have been convicted

of rape and murder — not ac-

cused, but convicted... is that a

way to celebrate India's free-

Pillai told The Sunday Express:

Nareshwar Dayal.

travesty of justice.'

## Kejriwal inaugurates **Armed Forces prep** school, welcomes 1st batch of students



Keiriwal inaugurates the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Armed Forces Preparatory School. Deputy CM Sisodia and Transport minster Gahlot attended the event as well.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal Saturday inaugurated the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Armed Forces Preparatory School at Jharoda Kalan in Najafgarh.

The admission to the first batch witnessed around 18,000 applicants out of which 100 students have been selected. Notably, this is the first fully residential school of the state gov-

ernment. Addressing the cadets. Keiriwal said that the school has been built within a year. "We did not have a formal system through which children would prepare for Armed forces and that is when we decided that Delhi should have one such school.'

"Psychometric tests, mock drills, and personality development workshops will be conducted in the school to prepare children for the Armed forces including the NDA and the Naval Academy," the chief minister said, adding that retired service officers from the forces will be invited to coach students.

The event was attended by Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish

Sisodia and Transport Minister

Kailash Gahlot, among others.

Addressing children selected for the school and their parents, Sisodia said: "The Deshbhakti curriculum will help us prepare students for our Armed forces." Kejriwal added education

will be free in the school. which will remove the disparity between the rich and the poor. The announcement for an

Armed forces preparatory school was made by Sisodia in his 2021 Budget speech, under the government's 'Deshbhakti Budget' head. The school will be affiliated to Delhi Board of School Education.

The school has a three-stage admission process — an aptitude test, physical endurance tests, psychometric tests and a medical fitness test in the third stage. It is open to all Delhi residents and students can take admission in Class 9 and Class 11, officials

## Work on Ashram flyover extension to be finished by Nov

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

WORK ON the 1.42-km-long extension of the Ashram flyover to the Delhi-Noida-Direct (DND) Flyway will be completed by November. The six-lane-flyover will ease the commute between Delhi and Noida and decongest the Ashram intersection which faces major traffic jams.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who conducted an inspection of the site Saturday, instructed engineers to install additional cranes at the site to increase the speed of work, according to a communication from the Deputy CM's office.

The flyover has a three-lane ramp from South Delhi to Sarai

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Kale Khan, and a three-lane ramp from ITO and Sarai Kale Khan to South Delhi. Once ready, it will allow commuters a signal-free route from Ashram Chowk-DND.

While pillars for the flyover have been erected, cranes are being used to install a total of 146 girders, of which 56 have been placed so far. Engineers at the site told the Deputy CM that installing the girders had turned into a challenge since the large cranes required to place them need a lot of space and can function only when the road is closed. Traffic during the day means that construction can proceed only from midnight to 5 am.

Work on the Rs 128.25 crore extension faced delays due to the Covid-induced lockdown and has missed deadlines

where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 29.09.2022. Details are as unde

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PROTESTING AGAINST the release of the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gangrape case, student and women's groups gathered at Jantar Mantar Saturday in a gesture of solidarity.

were

ex-MP and actor Shabana Azmi, All India Progressive Women's Association secretary Kavita Krishnan and scientist-filmmaker Gauhar Raza. The All India Students'

At the protest

Association, also part of the protest, called the release of the convicts a "slap on the constitutional and secular fabric of the country". Protesters raised slogans and

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Shabana Azmi at Saturday's protest. PTI Raza in a rendition of 'Chand Roz

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Aur' by poet Faiz Ahmed Faiz. Krishnan said the accused

"have been given a reward, not a remission". "For doing this, they were garlanded and sweets were Azmi said, "How has this hap-

pened? How did the Gujarat government give this order? We

and as Indians, we have to show that this cannot be tolerated." Delhi AISA secretary Neha said, "Normally we don't give no-

want to know this... as women

tice for protests in Jantar Mantar. This time, we did a day before and were denied permission. So we delayed the event by a week and gave six days' notice to police about the event." Meanwhile, in an open letter

to the Chief Justice of India, 134 retired bureaucrats have urged the Supreme Court to "rectify" this "horrendously wrong decision".

"The case was a rare one because not only were the rapists and murderers punished, but so, too, were the policemen and doctors who tried to tamper with and erase evidence to protect the accused and cover up the crime,

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# Safdarjung hospital's long history: Treating US soldiers to producing medical greats

**ANONNA DUTT** 

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

STRATEGICALLY LOCATED next to the Willingdon Airfield on the outskirts of Lutyens' Delhi, a 150bed single-storey barrack hospital was set up in 1942 to treat American soldiers fighting in the Burma campaign of World War II. Formally named the '100th Station Hospital', it was colloquially referred to as the American hospital at the time.

Now, the hospital, along with the airfield that remained Delhi's main airport till the early 60s, is known as Safdarjung.

The 47-acre campus of Safdarjung hospital has managed to preserve the layers of history, with the barracks from 1942, a set of thick brick-walled buildings from the 1960s, and the modern emergency and super-speciality block still co-existing, all while offering healthcare to nearly 8,000 patients each day.

"When I joined the hospital in the early 80s, the World War II barracks made up half of the patient-care areas. Now, much of it has been demolished and new buildings have come up in its place, but you can still see the arched corridors here and there. In fact, there is a corridor off of the gynaecology department that is still from that era. Some of the admin department is also housed in the old barracks. But, most of it is gone," said Dr Rupali Diwan, head of the department of gynaecology at the hospital.

She says that with the increasing patient load, the restructuring is perhaps necessary at the hospital that was once on the outskirts of the city, which has now expanded beyond it. "There is no room for horizontal expansion left, so making taller buildings... is the answer," said

Not only does the hospital building have a World War connection, it has had a profound impact on Delhi's medical education. Situated right off the Ring Road, the 2,400-bed Safdarjung



The hospital was set up in 1942. Photo shared by Dr Yatish Agarwal



hospital was the capital's first tertiary-care centre, existing much before the All India **Institute of Medical Sciences** came up in 1956.

"In fact, the first four batches of medical students from AIIMS were trained at Safdarjung, while the hospital across the street was being made. What was the need for setting up another tertiary-care hospital in same neighbourhood is another question," said Dr Yatish Agarwal, a senior faculty member and dean of the university school of medical and paramedical health sciences of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University that the hospital is associated with.

Interestingly, the Vardhman Mahavir Medical College (VMMC) that is now associated with the hospital is the third medical college whose students have received training at Safdarjung hospital. Other than AIIMS, the University College of Medical Sciences was also associated with the hospital for 17 years before moving to Dilshad Garden in the Guru Teg Bahadur

Jain, who recently retired as the principal of UCMS, said that he did his residency at the Safdarjung hospital. Dr Diwan said she has, in fact,

taught students from UCMS. "When the medical college was shifting to Shahdara, many faculty members left along with it as Safdarjung no longer remained an MBBS college, although PG training in association with the Delhi University continued. I never thought of moving because I lived near Safdarjung and the hospital would have been too far for me," she said. Twelve years later, MBBS courses were restarted at the hospital under VMMC that is affiliated with Indraprastha University. Much before AIIMS was con-

sidered to be a "premiere institute", Safdarjung had been producing the greats. "There was a time when being a head of the department in this hospital was a guarantee for a national award. We had physicians like Dr Shanti Ghosh who pioneered neonatal medicine in India or Prof Ramji Das whose work is credited in Gray's Anatomy (the most authoritative book on human anatomy. First published in 1858, revised versions still continue to be a part of medical curriculum)," said Dr Agarwal, adding that competition with AIIMS has been a Cinderella story for Safdarjung with the prince charming still awaited.

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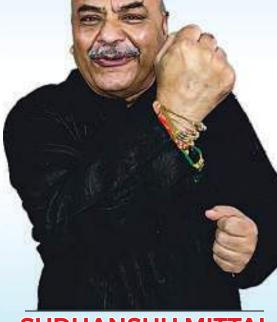
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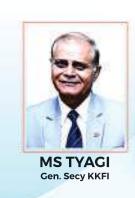








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# GOVT & POLITICS

## Khadi treated as inferior after Independence: PM completely destroyed," he said.

'4-fold growth in sales in last 8 yrs, revenue crossed Rs 1 lakh crore'

**AVINASH NAIR** 

AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 27

CRITICISING POLITICAL rivals for not doing enough to popularise khadi in the years after Independence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the material, "which made us realise the importance of Swadeshi" during the freedom struggle, was "seen with humiliation after Independence".

Addressing Khadi Utsav on Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad, Modi also said rev-

STUDENTS' UNION ELECTIONS



PM Narendra Modi spins a charkha along with 7,500 weavers in Ahmedabad on Saturday. Nirmal Harindrar

enue from its sales has multiplied four times in the last eight vears under the NDA-2

"Khadi, which stood for self-

respect during the freedom struggle, was considered lowly (after Independence. Due to this, cottage industries related to khadi were

Recalling the Gujarat government's — then led by him — efforts to popularise khadi from Porbandar in 2003, Modi said, "We took an oath of 'khadi for nation,

khadi for fashion'. Many fashion shows were also held for promotion of khadi in Gujarat. People laughed, even humiliate us (then)." "Today, top fashion brands in India are coming to join with

Khadi — there is record production and it is clocking record sales. In the last eight years, there has been a four-fold growth in khadi sales. For the first time. (revenue of) Khadi and Gram Udyog Board...has exceeded Rs 1 lakh crore," the PM said, addressing a gathering of 7,500 Khadi workers from women Surendranagar, Amreli and

Rajkot districts on the riverfront.

fitting the most due to increased sales, and money from sales have percolated to rural areas and helped create employment there. "In the last eight years, 1.75 crore new jobs have been created in the khadi sector," he pointed out.

Stating that khadi stands for sustainable and eco-friendly clothing and has potential to make a mark globally, Modi said Gujarat is leading a revival of the fabric by producing "green khadi".

"To mark the completion of 75 years of Independence, 7,500 daughters and sisters came together to spin the charkha and created history (today). It is my honour," he said.

Modi also digitally inaugurated the new office building of Gujarat State Khadi Gram Udyog Board and a foot-overbridge over Sabarmati river that has been named "Atal Bridge"

### Modi to lay Maruti Suzuki plant foundation

Chandigarh: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually lay the foundation stone of Maruti Suzuki's third plant, after Gurugram and Manesar, at Industrial Model Township, Kharkhoda in Sonipat on Sunday.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and deputy CM Dushyant Chautala along with various central ministers and MPs will attend. Around 800 acres were purchased for Rs 2.400 crore. The total project cost is estimated to be around Rs 20,000 crore and will generate 11,000 skilled, unskilled and semi-skilled jobs.

Khattar said that the third plant will be a new milestone in the industrial progress of

# **PMAY: UP** seeks 13 lakh more houses, Govt says no

**HARIKISHAN SHARMA** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

THE CENTRE has turned down the Uttar Pradesh (UP) government's request for approval of houses for 13 lakh additional "eligible beneficiaries" under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).

In a letter to Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh in April this year, UP Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya had urged the Centre to approve 13 lakh houses under the PMAY-G in 2022-23, in addition to the 11.66 lakh houses approved as per the "Awaas+" list in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

However, in his response sent in May, Singh told Maurya that UP has already been given the "full and final" allocation of 11.66 lakh houses as per the recommendations of the expert committee.

The Centre had launched the PMAY-G in 2016 with the aim to provide houses to all in rural areas by 2022 (the scheme was later extended till 2024), and set a target of construction of 2.95 crore houses. While 2.15 crore beneficiaries were identified using specified parameters, from the database of the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011, the remaining 80 lakh beneficiaries were identified by the Union Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), through the states and Union territories, via a survey using 'Awaas+' - a mobile application designed for conducting surveys of households who were not covered in the SECC 2011.

According to MoRD sources, 14.49 lakh households in UP were found eligible as per the SECC parameters after verification. The UP government found another 32.86 lakh beneficiaries eligible after verifying their details uploaded in the 'Awaas+' survey. But the Centre has said that the expert committee constituted for analysing the 'Awaas+' data found only 11.66 lakh eligible.

While the difference between the number of households found eligible by the state government on the basis of the 'Awaas+' data and the houses approved by the Centre is higher, the state is pushing for 13 lakh additional houses.

According to the ministry's data, as on August 17 this year, the Centre had set a target of 26.15 lakh houses (14.49 lakh from SECC data; 11.66 lakh from 'Awaas+' survey) in UP under PMAY-G, of which 25.79 lakh houses have been completed.

But, Maurya, in his letter to Singh on April 7, sought additional houses under the scheme. . houses have been provided to 14.49 lakh beneficiaries who were found eligible as per the list of SECC 2011. Besides, out of 11.66 lakh houses approved as per the 'Awaas+' list, 10.78 lakh beneficiaries' houses have been completed and the remaining houses would be completed till April 2022. There are still 13 lakh eligible beneficiaries as per the Awaas+ list, for which houses

have to be approved." In his reply dated May 27, Rural Development Giriraj Singh wrote: "In this matter, I would like to inform you that to achieve the 'housing for all' goal, a total target of construction of 2.95 crore houses has been set under the PMAY-G... As per the SECC 2011, there are (about) 2.15 crore eligible beneficiaries and to fill the remaining gap of 80 lakh, the 'Awaas+' list is being used. It is also noteworthy that as per the recommendations of the expert committee constituted for analysing the 'Awaas+' data, a target of 63.68 lakh houses has been allocated to states and UTs, which includes full and final allo-

"Therefore, as per the recommendations of the expert committee, the full permissible target has been allocated to Uttar Pradesh," Singh wrote.

cation of 11,66,127 houses to UP."

# Justice Lalit takes oath as 49th CJI

# Rajasthan: NSUI fails

# to win top post at any govt university

**HAMZAKHAN** JAIPUR. AUGUST 27

THE NATIONAL Students' Union of India (NSUI), the student wing of the Congress party, failed to win the president's post at any of the government universities in Rajasthan, according to the students' union election results declared till Saturday evening. Students' union elections in the Congress-ruled state were held after a gap of two years.

The BJP's student wing, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), won the president's post in five universities, while the CPI(M)-affiliated Student Federation of India (SFI)

In Rajasthan University, an independent won the presi-

Chief spokesperson of the BJP in the state, Ramlal Sharma, said the results "indicate change". A Congress spokesperson refused to comment.

Independent Nirmal Choudhary defeated his nearest rival Niharika Jorwal, an NSUI rebel, to become the Rajasthan University Students' Union (RUSU) president. Choudhary bagged 4,043 votes while Jorwal polled 2,576 votes. NSUI's official candidate, Ritu Barala, came in third with 2,010 votes and Narendra Yadav of the ABVP was fourth with 988 votes.

Jorwal, daughter of state Tourism Minister Murari Lal Meena, had been denied a ticket

It is the fifth time in a row that the top post in RUSU has gone to someone not from the student wings of established political parties. In the last students' union elections in 2019, and in the year before that, NSUI rebels Pooja Verma and Vinod Jhakhar, respectively, had been elected RUSU president, In 2017 and 2016, ABVP rebels Pawan Yadav and Ankit Dhayal had won the post.



Congress leader Anand Sharma leaves after a meeting with Ghulam Nabi Azad in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

## Will convince Rahul to lead Cong, says Kharge

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BENGALURU, AUGUST 27

RAHUL GANDHI will be pursued to return as Congress chief since there is no one in the party other than him who has a pan-India appeal, senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge has said. Kharge, the Leader of

Opposition in Rajya Sabha, said that anyone aspiring to lead the party should be known throughout the country and enjoy support from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, and West Bengal to Gujarat.

"He should be a well-recognised, accepted man to the entire Congress party," Kharge told PTI here on Friday. "So, nobody is there (in the party with such a stature)".

He recalled that all senior leaders had "forced" Sonia Gandhi to join and work for the party, and had requested Rahul Gandhi to "come and fight". "You tell me the alternative. Who is there? (in the party other than Rahul Gandhi)," Kharge asked.

"We will ask him, we will force him and request him (to return as Congress president). We will try to pursue him," Kharge said.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

JUSTICE UDAY Umesh Lalit Saturday took oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India, succeeding Justice N V Ramana who retired the previous day.

CJI Lalit has a short tenure. He will demit office on November 8. President Droupadi Murmu administered him the oath of office at a swearing-in ceremony in the Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati

Bhavan. "Congratulations,"

President Murmu said after the

new CJI signed the register of oath. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former president Ram Nath Kovind, former vice president M Venkaiah Naidu and Union ministers including Kiren Rijiju, who holds the Law and Justice portfolio,

were present at the ceremony. Justice Ramana, too, attended the programme.

After he was sworn in, CJI Lalit sought the blessings of his 90-year-old father, Umesh Ranganath Lalit, a former judge, and other family elders by touching their feet.

On Friday, at a farewell event organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association for Justice Ramana, Justice Lalit had laid out three key priorities: making the process of listing cases simple and transparent; making mentioning(where lawyers bring urgent matters to the notice of the least one Constitution bench functions through the year.

He was elevated directly to the Supreme Court from the Bar in August 2014 — only the sixth lawyer to be so honoured.

**ESHAROY** 

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

BUOYED BY the results in the

Manipur Assembly elections

held earlier this year where it

outperformed the Congress to

emerge as the second largest

party, Meghalaya Chief Minister

Conrad Sangma-led National

People's Party (NPP) is now

preparing to extend its footprint

in the Northeast. The party has,

however, ruled out a pre-poll al-

liance with any political party,

elections in Nagaland, Tripura and

Meghalaya slated for early next

year, Sangma said this in New

The party will fight Assembly

including the BIF



President Droupadi Murmu administers oath of the CJI office to Justice Uday Umesh Lalit at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Saturday. PTI

## Soon after taking over, holds meet to discuss backlog, listing of pleas

**ANANTHAKRISHNANG** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

SOON AFTER swearing in, new Chief Justice of India U U Lalit called a full court meeting in the Supreme Court Saturday afternoon to discuss ways to deal with backlog of cases and decide on the listing of petitions.

Sources said the meeting and finally decided to set up "one or two" constitution benches and "six three-judge benches" on priority basis.

"The constitution benches will initially deal with case man-

NPP will expand presence but no

pre-poll alliance with BJP: Sangma

Delhi on Saturday after the party's

field candidates in the upcom-

NDA and a BJP ally, but has not

fought elections with pre-poll al-

liances. In Manipur, despite be-

ing a BJP ally and a part of N Biren

Singh-led BIP government, with

its four winning MLAs all mem-

bers of his cabinet, including NPP

MLA Y Joykumar as Deputy CM,

He also said the party may

Even as the NPP is part of the

national executive meeting.

ing Gujarat Assembly polls.

Meghalaya

Sangma

getting the records, the paper book, of the case ready to prepare for the hearing," sources said. The three-judge benches will

agement and issue directions for

sit in the first half of the day on Tuesday, Wednesday and

On the listing of cases, it was decided that Mondays will be dedicated to fresh matters, while those miscellaneous matters in issued will be taken up postlunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Fridays, too, will be devoted to after-notice mis-

cellaneous matters. In an interview to The Indian

NPP fought polls independently.

we will not have pre-poll al-

liances, with the BJP or any other

political party. We have always

supported the NDA and will con-

tinue to do so. But elections are

about the identity of a political

party, and it is important for us to

fight them independently,"said

ences with the BIP on some issues.

"There will always be some prob-

lem in an alliance. That does not

mean we are not in coalition or will

not work with them. But we have

to look out for the interests of our

people and therefore have not

shied away from raising specific is-

sues which affect our people."

Sangma played down differ-

the Meghalaya CM.

"We have been very clear that

Express on August 14, CJI Lalit (he was CJI-designate then) spoke about the need to ensure that crucial cases are listed on priority.

The SC on August 24 notified that 25 pending matters will be listed before the constitution benches starting August 29. This includes a challenge to demonetisation, EWS reservation and petitions challenging updation of the NRC for Assam.

Saturday is learnt to have worked on the nitty gritty of the plan. The meeting, which started at 2 pm, reportedly lasted for almost three hours. Sources said it was a "free-flowing dialogue".

### **UP: BSP ex-MLC** among 5 booked for 'gangrape'

Lucknow: Police have registered a gangrape case against five people including former BSP MLC Mohammad Haji Iqbal and three of his sons.

Police said a 37-year-old woman has alleged that the accused were sexually harassing her and putting pressure on her to vacate a plot of land that she purchased.

The case was filed against five persons, including Haji Iqbal and his three sons - Afzal, Javed and Alishan — on Thursday. Haji Iqbal's brother Mehmood has also been named in the FIR.

On Friday, the police arrested an aide of Igbal, identified only as Zeeshan, after his name cropped

#### before '24 LS polls **GARGI VERMA** RAIPUR, AUGUST 27 UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Raipur branch office of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday where he said that the government wanted it to become

Shah: NIA to have

offices in all states

At the event in Nava Raipur, Shah shared the stage with Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, ex-CM Raman Singh, Union minister Renuka Singh, among others. "The NIA is now recognised in-

a federal crime investigation

agency with offices in all states

before the 2024 General Election.

ternationally as a prime investigation agency. After a short downfall, the agency has managed to achieve all of its goals," he said. Claiming that Modi govern-

ment has zero-tolerance policy for terrorism and related crimes, Shah said the NIA is working towards building ties with its foreign counterparts for better coordination in terror investigations.

Later, addressing a seminar organised by the BJP, Shah said that if the BJP is re-elected in the upcoming elections, naxalism will end in the state. He was addressing a seminar on the book -Modi@20: Dreams meet delivery

– which encompasses PM Modi's tenure as Gujarat CM and then as the Prime Minister. "Fighting nepotism, Modi became the PM. He comes from a poor family and has focused on the welfare of the downtrodden," Shah said.

Earlier at the office inauguration, thanking the Union government, CM Baghel appreciated the investigation agency for its work. "We got Naxalism in heritage, lost many people... I commend all officials. Naxalism is shrinking at a fast pace," he said.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with BJP's Raman Singh in Raipur, Saturday. PTI

#### KERALA: WHY IS SHAH CHIEF GUEST AT BOAT RACE, ASKS CONG Thiruvananthapuram: The

Congress in Kerala Saturday

objected to the CPI(M)-led government inviting Home Minister Amit Shah as the chief guest for the annual Nehru Trophy Boat Race to be held in Alappuzha on September 4. Shah will be in Thiruvananthapuram to take part in the South Zone Council meet on September 3 Congress MLA and Opposition leader V D Satheesan said: "CM Pinarayi Vijayan should make it clear if it is the gold smuggling case or the SNC Lavalin case (which the Supreme Court is considering on September 13) that prompted him to invite Shah for the event. There is a nexus between CPM and BJP." ENS

## Uddhav tries Maratha card, regional pride to counter BJP, Shinde be resolved, Thackeray said: "We

**SHUBHANGI KHAPRE** MUMBAI, AUGUST 27

SHIV SENA president and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray seems to have adopted a new strategy to shore up his tottering party: alliance politics and regional pride. Close on the heels of declaring that the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) will fight the 2024 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in together, Thackeray has now forged an alliance with the Sambhaji Brigade, a prominent Maratha outfit.

Thackeray reckons he cannot afford a solo approach in state politics at this stage, when revolt by the CM Eknath Shinde-led Sena faction has reduced his party to a minor player in both the Assembly and Parliament. Joining hands with the

Sambhaji Brigade, Thackeray asserted that their tie-up was ideological and forged to uphold regional pride. Whether their alliance will boost the Thackerayled Sena's flagging prospects is to be seen, but its partnership with the Maratha outfit marks an interesting development in Maharashtra politics. Known for its aggressive pol-

itics, the Sambhaji Brigade has sought to champion the cause of Maratha youth. Their militant style has struck a chord with certain sections in the community. The outfit, which derives its



Thackeray has forged an alliance with the Sambhaji Brigade, a Maratha outfit

from Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, son of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, was founded three decades ago.

brella organisation of state Maratha bodies, said: "The Theckaray-led Sena's alliance with the Sambhaji Brigade is a bid to target the BJP-Shinde alliance." Focusing their attack on the BJP, the Thackeray Sena-Sambhaji Brigade could play the regional pride card and pitch Marathas-OBC unity, the leader said.

Kranti Morcha (MKM), an um-

An MKM chief coordinator said, "Marathas' loyalty towards the NCP is difficult to shake." Many in state political circles becould be behind Sambhaji Brigade's alliance with Sena.

lieve the Sharad Pawar-led NCP Saying his party's differences with the Sambhaji Brigade can will fight against those out to destroy the Constitution and our regional culture," adding that "it also shows our Hindutva is acceptable to Sambhaji Brigade." Manoj Akhare described

their tie-up as a "progressive alliance", sending a message that it would work in the interest of Marathas as well as OBCs. The new state BJP chief,

Chandrashekhar Bawankule, an OBC leader, said: "In 2019 Assembly polls, Sambhaji Brigade had contested 40 seats. It polled only 0.68 per cent." But the sense within the BJP remains that getting Sambhaji Brigade on board is an astute move by the Sena to enthuse its supporters.

Community's political heft

outreach to Marathas has remained a major challenge for the BJP. It handed the CM's chair to Shinde, a Maratha leader. despite being the senior partner for two reasons: To woo the Maratha community and to signal that it was accommodative towards smaller allies

#### MARATHAS ACCOUNT for 33 per cent of voters in Maharashtra. An effective

**Abbas** 

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#### **BRIEFLY**

#### JAMMU & KASHMIR Lost Hungarian trekker rescued by Army, IAF

Jammu: The Indian Army and the Indian Air Force on Saturday rescued a Hungarian national in a 30-hour joint search operation near Omacila pass at a height of 17,000 ft be-Union tween the Territories of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh. Identified as Akos Vermyes, 38, from Budapest, Hungary, he had lost his way in Umasila Pass in Himalayan Ranges while trekking.

#### **NEW DELHI**

#### Nomination for Padma awards open till Sept 15

New Delhi: While announcing September 15 as the last date for filing nominations/recommendations for the Padma Awards 2023, the government said the nominations will only be received online mode through https://awards.gov.in. In fact, the common portal has been developed to bring together all the awards of various government ministries, departments and agencies on one platform. Besides the Padma Awards, the nominations for 14 other award categories are open on the portal.

#### **NEW DELHI**

#### Dr Sara George Muthoot gets top award

New Delhi: Dr Sara George Muthoot, Director on the governing boards of educational institutions like St. George's School, Paul George Global School, Alaknanda, Delhi, was recently awarded the Excellence Award instituted in the memory of His Grace Thomas Mar Athanasios, who was the Metropolitan Chengannur Diocese of the Malankara Orthodox Church. The award was given in recognition of her commitment and service in giving shape to the nation's educational policies

and reforms.

#### No entry in bank in Meerut if wearing shorts

Meerut: The manager of a nationalised bank's branch in Meerut's Baghpat village has put up a notice 'banning' entry of customers into the premises in half pants. Reason: It distracts women employees. A number of the clients who reached the bank on Friday wearing half pants were sent back by the guard. "A majority of our customers are young people who walk in wearing half pants to which our woman emplovees here have complained. They say that the attire distracts them which may harm their functioning," said Canara Bank manager Archana Kumari.

#### **MADHYA PRADESH** Gotmar festival: 150 injured,

three critical

Chhindwara: More than 150 persons were injured.  $three\ of\ them\ critically, on$ Saturday during the 'Gotmar' festival in Pandhurna in Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh. Famous for people on either sides of a river raining stones on each other as a tradition passed down from an abduction incident of the past. The stonepelting ritual started some 300 years ago when a boy from Pandhurna abducted a girl from Sawargaon and faced a volley of stones while crossing the river

with her, before his native villagers came to his

## Jaya death probe panel submits report, Cabinet to discuss it tomorrow

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** CHENNAI, AUGUST 27

THE MUCH-AWAITED report of Justice A Arumughaswamy commission that looked into the circumstances surrounding the death of former chief minister J Javalalithaa was submitted to the Tamil Nadu government on Saturday. The state Cabinet will discuss it on August 29 for appropriate action, said the state government after receiving the report.

Headed **Iustice** by Arumughaswamy, a former Madras HC judge, it was the former AIADMK administration that constituted the commission in November 2017. While the proceedings that heard over 150 witnesses were caught up in legal fights and several controversies, the mystery surrounding the death of Jayalalithaa was kept alive all along, including in elections. A thorough investigation into the death was one of the promises made by the ruling DMK during the last Assembly polls in April 2021. Speaking to reporters after submitting the report, Justice Arumughaswamy said the government will take a decision on releasing the 500page report. He said that the



Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin receives the report from exjustice Arumugasamy in Chennai, Saturday. PTI

commission had thought about everything that was important about Jayalalithaa's death, and that this was "satisfying" for him.

The report includes two parts, including Jayalalithaa's admission to the Apollo Hospital on September 22, 2016, for treatment, and factors such as her illness, habits and other personal details relevant to her health and illness.

When questioned about whether there were "doubts about anyone", Justice Arumughaswamy said the report speaks the truth, refusing to comment on the findings.

"I have written less. It has lengthy depositions of witnesses... I have stated everything, answered everything," he said.

## PHOGAT DEATH: FAMILY SEEKS CBI PROBE

# Given party drug; peddler, club owner held: police

**MAYURA JANWALKAR** PANAJI, AUGUST 27

THE GOA Police on Saturday arrested an alleged drug peddler and the owner of the restaurant and beach shack that Haryana BJP leader and actor Sonali Phogat had visited hours before she died.

Phogat's personal assistant Sudhir Sangvan and his aide Sukhwinder Singh have been charged with the 42-year-old actor's murder and the police had said that they had given her an "obnoxious chemical substance" mixed in a drink.

Police officials said the drug given to Phogat had been identified as methamphetamine and was allegedly supplied by Dattaprasad Gaonkar, who worked at Hotel Grand Leony in Anjuna where Phogat was putting up with the two men now charged with her murder. Along with Gaonkar, the police also arrested Edwin Nunes, the owner of Curlies restaurant, since the drugs were allegedly found in the washroom of the restaurant. Phogat had visited the restaurant with Sangvan and Singh the



night before she died on August 23. Curlies is a popular tourist draw at the Anjuna beach.

CCTV footage from the restaurant had shown Phogat being escorted to the bathroom of the restaurant by one of the men accused of committing her

The investigation team consisting of Superintendent of Police Shekhar Prabhudesai, Deputy Superintendent of Police Jivba Ďalvi and Police Inspector Prashal Dessai of the Anjuna Police Station was led to the drugs based on the interrogation of Sangvan. According to the police, based on Sangvan's disclosure, "the drugs given to the deceased were seized from the washroom of the Curlies restaurant.'

Police officials said Gaonkar and Nunes had been booked under Section 22 (b) that pertains to sale, purchase, possession or

stance less than commercial but greater than small quantity, Section 29 that pertains to abetment of criminal conspiracy and Section 25 that pertains to allowing the use of premises for commission of offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. On Saturday morning, the duo was detained for questioning and later arrested.

Meanwhile, Sangvan and Singh, who were placed under arrest on Friday, were produced before a magistrate in Mapusa on Saturday afternoon and remanded in 10-day police custody.

Meanwhile, Sonali Phogat's family met Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar at his residence in Chandigarh. The family is demanding a CBI probe into the case.

According to government officials, the Chief Minister assured the bereaved family that he had already spoken with his Goa counterpart and shall also be writing a letter to the Goa Government, urging a CBI probe into the case

> WITH INPUTS FROM ENS, CHANDIGARH

**ARMS LICENCE CASE** 

## **MLA Ansari declared** proclaimed offender

**MANISH SAHU** 

LUCKNOW, AUGUST 27

THE LUCKNOW police on Saturday pasted a court notice declaring MLA Abbas Ansari a proclaimed offender (PO) at his parental home in Yusufpur area of Ghazipur district. The police also made public announcements about the court order against Abbas, who is evading arrest.

Abbas Ansari, son of jailed gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari, is wanted in connection with a case of alleged violation of arms licence registered at the Mahanagar police station, Lucknow, in 2019. After Abbas re-

mained untraceable, a court is-

sued a non-bailable warrant against him. After raiding his hideouts across the state to no avail, the police again moved court.

"The court has declared Abbas Ansari a PO. Police pasted the court order at Abbas's parental house in Ghazipur and also made announcements in the area about it," said Lucknow DCP S M Qasim Abidi, adding that August 26 is the next date of hearing now.

### **CPM Kerala office attacked**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. AUGUST 27

SIX BIKE-BORNE men pelted stones at the CPI(M) district office in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram in the early hours of Saturday, with the ruling party alleging the hand of the RSS.

CM Pinarayi Vijayan, too, visited office and deplored the incirection to nab the culprits. Public opinion should be raised against the attack on the office," he said.

BJP and RSS have not reacted.

انزيرويش اردوا كاوي بلهصنؤ

## Subsidised fertiliser under 'Bharat' brand woman, stalker kills from Oct: Mandaviya Thane trader: police

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

ALL SUBSIDISED fertilisers, including Urea and DAP (Diammonium phosphate) will be sold from October under a single brand name — "Bharat" — as part of the Centre's 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' initiative, Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister Mansukh Mandaviva said on Saturdav.

Mandaviya said the initiative is aimed at ensuring timely supply of fertiliser to farmers, bringng uniformity in supply, and reducing subsidy burden in terms of higher freight charges.

As of now, there is a crisscross movement of fertiliser due to brand preference in different parts of the country, he said. For example, Mandaviya said, fertiliser manufactured by IFFCO and KRIB-HCO in UP are sent to Rajasthan, while nutrients made by Chambal Fertilisers are sold in UP. IFFCO/

sold in MP, and those manufactured by National Fertilizers Ltd in MP are sold in UP, he said.

This, Mandaviya said, leads to an increase in freight subsidy. "One Nation, One Fertiliser will stop crisscross movement of fertiliser for longer distance. It will reduce logistics cost and also ensure availability throughout the year," he said. This will save freight subsidy, which is between Rs 6,000 crore and Rs 9,000 crore, he said. He said the average subsidy for movement of 1 lakh metric tonnes of fertiliser has come down from Rs 19.03 crore in 2019-20 to Rs 11.59 crore in 2020-21.

Under the initiative, the subsidy being given, and price payable by farmers, will be mentioned on each bag of subsidised fertiliser. According to ministry officials, one-third of the bag's front side space is earmarked for companies to write their name and place their logo, the remaining two-third space will be used to give details of the subsidy scheme.

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"Shahjahan kept refusing him,

In bid to marry

MUMBAI, AUGUST 27 A 41-YEAR-OLD businessman

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

from Thane was allegedly stabbed to death by his acquaintance at Khar subway on Friday evening. The accused was arrested on Saturday. The police said the deceased,

Parvez Bashir Sheikh, was killed after he allegedly confronted Akeel Sayyed, the accused, for harassing his wife. The police said the incident took place between 9 pm and 10 pm on Friday. Sayved, a resident of Golibar Nagar in Santacruz, was friends with Sheikh's wife Shahiahan. Senior Inspector Pradeep

More of Vakola police station said, "Shahjahan and Sayyed were in college together. Since then, Sayyed has been harassing her... While Shahjahan married Sheikh and Sayyed also got married, he continued to harass her. He was after her to marry him."

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as she was married to Sheikh... In the past, Sayyed had threatened Shahjahan that he would kill her husband if she did not marry him. But she ignored his threats." However, owing to the harassment. Sheikh, who dealt in imitation jewellery, decided to confront Sayyed. The police said that on Friday, Sheikh asked Sayyed to meet him at Khar subway.

"We have learnt that the two had confronted each other in the past and there was a huge fight. However, Sheikh wanted to bring this to an end and thus, he called him again, During the meeting, there was a verbal argument, following which, Sayyed stabbed him three times and escaped," said an officer. Locals rushed Sheikh to hospital, where he died. The Vakola police was informed, following which, a case of murder was registered early Saturday based on a complaint filed by Shahjahan. Sayyed was later traced to Bandra and arrested.

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CCTV footage showed six peo-

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amount and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act. in respect o

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SI. No.	Name of the Account & Branch	Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor (Owner of the property)	Description of the charged/ mortgaged property (all the part & parcel of the property consisting of)	Date of Possession Notice	Amount outstanding
	(Prop Mr. Ankit Kumar Sharma), B/o: P P Colony, Patna	Guarantor & Owner of the property:- 1. Smt. Rekha Sharma W/o Mr. Vijay Kumar Sharma. 2. Mr. Vijay Kumar Sharma S/o Late Narayan Prasad Sharma. All are at Sharan House, OppPandui Kothi, Tarkeshwar Path, Boring Road, Patna-800001	All that part and parcel of Property situated at Mauza- Nathulpur, Kharijaman, P.S. Parsa Bazar, Tauzi No5267, Than No 109, Present Thana -Parsa Bazar, Khata No97, Survey Plot No708, <b>Sale Deed No16029</b> dated 07.06.2011, Area-3.125 Decimals (01 Katha) in the name of Smt. Rekha Sharma. Boundary: North-Vijay Kumar Sharma, SouthBal Mukund Singh, East-Niz Vendor, West-9ft wide Road and <b>Sale Deed No16033</b> dated 07.06.2011, Area-3.125 Decimals (01 Katha) in the name Shri Vijay Kumar Sharma registered with Sub & Sadar Registry Office-Patna. Boundary: North-Smt. Kalawati Devi, South-Smt. Rekha Sharma, East-Niz Vendor, West-9ft wide Road.	24.08.2022	₹ 40,60,650/- (Rs. Forty Lakh Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty only) as on 24.08.2022 + interest & other banking and legal expenses thereon.
Date: 24.08.2022 Authorised Officer Place: Patna Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bar					

New Delhi

(Property Id for e-auction:SBIN85476139799) 722,91,460.00 Sale Deed No. 118 dated 07.01.2011` stands in the name of Smt ₹ 23,05,000/-Smt. Bhagwano Devi, W/o Shri. Jagnarayan Choudhary, property Bhagwano ₹ 2,30,500/situated at Mauza – Makhdumpur Unta, Mohalla-Gandhi Nagar, F Devi, W/o ₹ 10,000/-S-Jehanabad, Thana no-392, Ward No. 01, Khata No. 1089 (N) 44(O), Plot No. 1857(N) 727(O), Area - 2.776 decimal. lagnarayar 05.08.2016 plus Boundary: North: 3 feet Rasta, South: Plot no. 726, East: Seema (Property Id for e-auction:SBIN86265534714) e-Auction Terms And Condition 1. Date & Time of e-auction: 29.09.2022, Time: From 12:00 Noon to 14:00 PM. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each. 2. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction". The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. 3. MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help):033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253 4. The Detailed Terms and Conditions of e-auction sale is available on the website: https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/ This publication is also a 30 days notice to all the Borrower/ Legal Heirs of Borrowers/ Guarantors. NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Legal Heirs of Borrowers/ Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice, this E-auction Sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service. **AUTHORISED OFFICER** STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA

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of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Name of Borrower(s)

Mr Ashok Kumar (Deceased), S/o Late

Legal Heirs

2.Shri Gautam Kumar.

4.Shri Brájesh Kumar

2. M/s Chourasia Designer

Smt Priyanka Kumari.

& Printer

(Proprietor - Mr Ajay Kumar Chourasia,

S/o Late Rajendra Pd.

Chourasia)

M/s SAHU BHANDAR (Proprietor – Dwarika Prasad (Deceased)

S/o- Late Kashi Lal Sao

Shri Vikash Kumar

M/s Maa Bhagwati

Vastra Vatika

(Proprietor - Rajeev

Choudhary

Jagranarayn Choudhary)

Date : 24.08.2022

Place: Patna

auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others.

Legal Heirs
Smt Pramila Devi,

Vibha Prakash, Priti Rai

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#### **PERSONAL**

Neelma Residing At H.No. 187, Gali No 12, Block- G, Sangam Vihar, Hamdard Nagar, South Delhi 110062 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Shaziya Siddiqui

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 $\textbf{It} \, \text{is for general information} \,$ that I.Poonam Devi.D/o Dharam Singh, R/o H.No. 193, Gali. No-4, Shahid-Bhagat Singh Colony, Karawal-Nagar, Delhi-110094, declare that name of my-father has been wrongly-written as Ram Singh in my PAN-Card No.(CIKPP0833J).The actualname of my is father Dharam Singh, which may be amended 0040629255-4 accordingly.

It is for general information that I, Hemlata, W/o-Mukesh Chauhan,R/o-77-E/2,Kale-Chakki Wali-Gali, Mukesh Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, declare that name of mine has been wronglywritten as Hema in my-minor children Naman Chauhan (14Years) and Divisha Chauhan(12Years)School-Record.The actual-name of mine is Hemlata, which may be amended-accordingly. 0040629255-7

I,hitherto known as Pawan Kumar Singhal alias Pawan Kumar, S/o Sh. Ram Bilas Singhal, R/o A-2/21, Sector-03, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Pawan Kumar Singhal. 0040629249-1

I,ZUBER HASSAN,S/O Arif Hasan, R/o 1503, 2nd-Floor, David-Street, Patoudi House, Dariya Ganj, Delhi-110002, have changed my name to ZUBAIR HASAN.for all 0040629255-1 purposes.

I,YAQUB ALI,S/O ABDUL REHMAN, R/OHNO.799, BLOCK-IJAHANGIRPURI.DELHI-110033. HAVECHANGEDMYNAMETO 0040629247-3

I,TAJINDERPAL SINGH BAWEJA/ TAJINDER PAL SINGH, S/O MOHINDER SINGH BAWEJA, R/O D-278, ASHOK, VIHAR PHASE-1.DELHI-110052. CHANGED MY NAME TO TEJINDER PAL SINGH BAWEJA.

0040629247-6 I, Lalit Bhardwaj, S/o Mir Singh.

R/o Hno.31, Pana-Kalyan, Tikri Kalan, Delhi-41, have changed my name to Lalit Kumar

0040629182-1 I,Mannat Kaur,W/O Jaskaran

Singh Batra, R/O B-11, Upper Ground Floor, Shakti Nagar Extension, Ashok Vihar, Phase 3, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Mannat Kaur 0040629254-2

I,Mohd Akeel,S/O Mohd Manjur, R/O-125, H-Block Shakurpur, Anandvas, Delhi Changed My Minor Daughter Name, From Firdos to Firdaus. 0040629255-2

I,Ms.Kshyana Prava Parida R/O-Plot.Do:GA 62.Shallashree-Vihar Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751021, here by changed the name of my-minor son from Shritesh Baral to Shritesh P.

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LNII AM DUA W/o-SUNII DUA R/o-686 GF SHAKTI-KHAND-3 NEAR-PETROLPUMP,INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD.U.P-201014. CHANGED MY NAME TO NEELAM DUA, FOR ALL PURPOSE. 0040629249-3

I,PREETI SHANDIL,spouse of,VIRENDER SHANDIL, resident of, Vill-Dhamechi, PO Beolia, Tehsil & Distt-Shimla (HP), PIN-171009, have PREETI SHANDIL to PREETI THAKUR vide-Affidavit dated 26/08/2022, before Notary-Delhi. 0040629255-8

**I,Pradeep** Chakerverty,S/o Krishan Lal Chakerverty, R/o Lotus-Boulevard, Tower-16, Flat No.304,Sector-10,Noida-Gautam Buddha-Nagar, U.P-201304, have changed my name to Pradeep Kumar, permanently.

I.Premnath Zarkhander Singh. s/o Jharkhandey Singh, R/o-34, 1st-Floor, Jagdamba-Colony, Sarita Vihar. Delhi-110076. have changed my name to Premnath Singh, permanently 40629247-2

I,RADHEY SHYAM,S/O BANARSI DASS NAGPAL R/O C-1/140. FLATNO.5, FIRST-FLOOR, DEEP-VIHAR PHASE 1, PANSALI DELHI-110042.CHANGED MY NAME TO RADHEY SHYAM

I,Raman Kumar Bhardwaj,S/o-Baldev Krishan Bhardwaj, R/o-22,Radheypuri Extn.1,Krishna Nagar, East-Delhi-110051, Have Changed My Name To Raman Bhardwaj, For All Purposes.

I,Rishi Pal Bhatia R/o A-28, Second Floor Naraina-Vihar Delhi-110028, Have Changed My Daughters Name,From Prabhjia Bhatia To Prabhjia Kaur Bhatia. 0040629257-1

I,UNESH CHITTAURIA, spouse of, SHRI BHAGWAN CHITTAURIA resident of.Vill & PO-Kharainti Distt-Rohtak (Haryana), PIN-124533, have changed my name, from UNESH CHITTAURIA to UNESH vide-Affidavit dated-26-08-22,before-Notary Delhi.

0040629255-9 I Shallini Goyal W/o Rajnish Charandas Mittal R/o House No. 181-P, First Floor, Sector-9, Gurgaon (HR) have changed my name to Shalini Mittal

0070801380-1

I,SANGEETA SHARMA,W/O MUKESH SHARMA,R/o RZD1/295 Gali.No.5 Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to GEETA SHARMA. 0040629249-2

I,SASMITA BISWAL is legally wedded spouse of, Service. No. 15707157F,Rank:-Nk,Name:-Tapan Kumar Biswal, Presently, residing at, Village/Post Garhsanput, Tehsil/PS. Kanas, D ist-Puri, Odisha, Pin:752060, have changed my name, from SASMITA BISWAL to SASMITA PAIKARAY, for all Purposes. 0040629255-3

I,SHIANA KHARBANDA,W/O MOHIT LAMBA R/O-C-48.FIRST FLOOR BACK SIDE RAJOURI CHANGED MY NAME TO SHINA LAMBA 0040629247-7

I,SHISHIR SRIVASTAV,S/o NEERAJ KUMAR SRIVASTAVA R/o H. N0.105/3, IIT, DELHI GATE N0-3, ADHCHINI SOUTH DELHI,PIN-110017,have changed my name to SHISHIR SRIVASTAVA for all future purposes. 0040629254-

I,SHRI BHAGWAN CHITTAURIA, son of late SHRI RISHILAL, resident of. Vill & PO-Kharainti. Distt-Rohtak(Haryana),PIN-124533, have changed my name.from SHRI BHAGWAN CHITTAURIA to SHRI BHAGWAN, vide-Affidavit, dated-26-08-22, before Notary 0040629255-10

I,Mohd uwais s/o.Mohd akram R/o.J4, DDA-flats, turkmangate, Delhi-110006, have changed my name, from MOHD UWAIS TO MOHD OWAIS PERMANENTLY. 0040629249-6

I.Mahima Chowdhary D/o Krishan Kumar R/o-155 Kirari, Suleman-Nagar Sultanpuri C Block Delhi-110086, changed my name to Mahima 0040629247-9 Chaudhary.

**I,MOHD** IMRAN,S/O MOHD ZUBAIR, RESIDING AT, 7305/B-10 VASANT-KUNJ,NEW DELHI-110070, HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF MY MINOR SON MOHD ARHAAM 3-MONTHS OLD AND HE SHALL HEREAFTER BE KNOWN AS MOHD SHAHZAIN. 004 0040629257-4

I,Khushboo Kohli,D/o Sh.Sanjay Kohli R/o-H.No.K-27C,DDA Flats,Saket,South Delhi,New Delhi-110017,inform that in my,passport No.G1292001,my name KHUSHBU KOHLI wrongly-written.My correct name is KHUSHBOO KOHLI.Pls change my, correct name in my passport. 0040629249-5

I.Jai Jain.s/o Sunil Jain.R/o Flat. No-292, Vikas Kunj, Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Ramit Jain, permanently. 0040629247-1

I,Inderjit Singh S/o-Balwant Singh R/o E-79 Gali.No-4 Vishnu Garden Delhi have changed my name to Inderjeet 0040629247-10

LGauray Chowdhary S/o Krishan Kumar R/o-155 Kirari, Suleman Nagar Sultanpuri C-Block Delhi-110086, changed my name to Gaurav 0040629247-8 Chaudhary.

**I,Ganeshnandan** Tiwari alias Ganesh Nandan Tiwari alias Ganesh Tiwari alias Ganesh Nandan Phool Chand Tiwari S/o phool Chand Tiwari resident of 306 B, Saipalkhi. Saibaba Nagar, Navghar Road Bhayandar (E),Thane-401 105 Maharashtra.have changed my name to Ganesh Nandan Phool Chand Tiwari for all purposes.That Ganeshnandan Tiwari, Ganesh Nandan Tiwari, Ganesh Tiwari & Ganesh Nandan Phool Chand Tiwari are the name of same person.(M-19179284)

0040629254-3 I.Charaniit/Charan Jeet Basra S/O Amar Nath R/O-3253 Ranjit

Nagar New Delhi -110008,have changed my name to Charanjit Basra, permanently.

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I,Bharat Devsar,S/o-Om Prakash Sharma R/o-459/10-A.Shalimar-Park, Bhola-Nath Nagar, Delhi-110032, Have Changed The Name Of My-Minor Daughter Nishka Deveshwar (11Years) And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Nishkka Devvsar

I, Sunita Devi W/o Pramod

Mishra R/o Flat No.S-3, Plot No 305, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P., have changed my name to RITA MISHRA for all future purposes. 0070801431-1

I, Simmi Yadav W/o Navin Yadav R/o-RC-235, Archana Enclave, Khora Ghaziabad U.P.-201309, have changed my name Suman Yadav for all future purposes. 0070801414-1

I, Shamma Rani D/o Intjar Ahmad R/o 12-A/209, Street No.15, Vijay Mohalla, Maujpur, Delhi-110053 have changed my name from Shamma Rani to Shammo Rani for all future 0040629038-Purpose.

I Khushboo Pawar R/o 163-B, Block 41. Sector-73. Noida inform that my name has been wrongly written as Khushboo in my daughter's school documents. The actual name of mine is Khushboo Pawar.

0040629209-1 I Himanshu S/o Sh. Jaswant R/o H.No.C-8, J.J.Camp, Anand Vihar, Shakar Pur Baramad East Delhi, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Himanshu Diwakar for all

0040629129-3 purposes. I.HARGUN SINGH BAWEJA.S/O TEJINDER PAL SINGH BAWEJA, R/O D-278, ASHOK VIHAR PHASE 1,DELHI-110052.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HARGUN SINGH.

I. Sarawati Devi W/o Subbash Chandra Mishra R/o Flat No.S-3, Plot No-305, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P., have changed my name to SARASWATI MISHRA for all future purposes. 0070801433-1

I. Ravinder alias Ravinder Sharma, S/o Mir Singh R/o Hno.31, Pana-Kalayan, Tikri Kalan, Delhi-41, have changed my name to Ravinder Kumar

0040629185-1

l Pawan Kumar alias Pawan Kumar Singhal S/o Sh. Babu Ram R/o H.No.442, Block-H-4-5, Sangam Apptt., Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Singhal for all purposes. 0040629129-1 I, Amin Ahmed R/o A-28 EAST

BALDEV PARK KRISHNA NAGAR DFI HI - 110051 my wife's name in my passport is NOORJHAN it should be NOORJAHAN

0070801399-1 Apoorya Santra W/O. Shanu Santra R/O. J-1002, Antriksh Forest, Sector-77, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh have changed my name from Apoorva Santra to Apoorva Bhatnagar Santra for 0040629196-1 all purposes.

I, Chitra Lekha Bhakuni W/o Shri Dinesh Singh Bhakuni R/o SPS RESIDENCY INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD, declare that in my daughter's (Prisha Bhakuni), school record my name is wrongly mentioned as Chitra Bhakuni instead, of my correct name Chitra Lekha Bhakuni. 0070801416-1

I, Dharmender Mavi S/o Lt. Bishamber Mavi R/o-B-1, Mavi-Mohalla, Village-Tekhand, Okhla Industrial Area, Delhi 20, have changed my name to Dharmender for all purposes.

0070801404-1 I, Faraz Khan S/o Irshan Ali R/o Flat.No.F-301, Krishna Apra

Residency, Sector-61, Plot.No. F-8. Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Faraz Ali for all 0040629133-2 I, Jitender S/o Jagat Singh R/o-112, Village-Jatkhore, Delhi-

110039 have changed my name

to Jitender Kumar for all

purposes.

purposes 0070801421-1 L Kumar Ashutosh Brindavan s/o Brindavan Prasad R/o 520Q/14, in Satram Gali, Kulesara, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh - 201306 have changed my name to Ashutosh Kumar for all future

0070801378-1

I, Lakhi Devi Wife Late Santosh Kumar Address-C-16, Extension New Ashok Nagar, Vasundhra Enclave, East Delhi-110096, My husband's name is wrongly mentioned in my daughter Suruchi Kumari school record-as Santosh Shah instead, of Santosh Kumar. My husband's true and, correct name is Santosh 0070801424-1 Kumar.

**I,** Mohd Junaid Mansuri S/o Zakir Hussain R/o H.No.A-6. Balbir Nagar, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086,my Fathers Name mentioned as Mohd Zakir Hussain Mansuri in my Xth Certificate but actual and correct name is Zakir Hussain for all purposes.

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0070801413-1

**I,** Mona Bhardwaj W/o Lalit Kumar, R/o H.no. 31, Pana-Kalyan, Tikri Kalan, Delhi-41, have changed my name to Mona. 0040629183-1

I. Naveen Yaday S/o Sukhvir Singh Yadav R/o-RC-235, Archana Enclave, Khora Ghaziabad U.P.-201309, have changed my name Navin Yadav for all future purposes.

I. Nutan Sah wife Suman Kumar Sah Resident Quarter. No.20 ESIC, Colony, Sector-56, Noida My name is wrongly registered-as Nutan in my daughter Saloni's school. But Correct name is Nutan Sah. Both, are the same person

**I,** Poonam & Poonam Devi W/o Jitender Kumar R/o-112, Village-Jatkhore, Delhi-110039 have changed my name to

Poonam Nain for all purposes 0070801423-1

I. Pramod Kumar Mishra S/o Subhash Chandra Mishra R/o Flat No.S-3, Plot No-305, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P., have changed my name to PRAMOD MISHRA for all future purposes. 0070801428-1

I. Ram Gopal S/o Net Ram Tanwar R/o-2, Gwal Pahari, Sec-45, Gurgaon-122002 have changed my name to Ram Gopal Tanwar 0070801422-1

I, Noorjahan Ali W/o Irshan Ali R/o Flat-No.F-301, Krishna Apra Residency, Sector-61, Plot-No.E-8, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Noor Jahan Khatoon for all 0040629133-1 purposes.

Baby Chawla D/o Rajiv Chawla R/o Flat No-G-1, Shalimar Grand, 10 Jopling Road, Hazratgani, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226001, have changed my name to Tisha

Chawla

Anal Jain alias Stuti Jain D/o Sh. Sandeep Jain W/o Sh. Sajal Jain R/o H.No.86, Veer Nagar, Jain Colony, Malka Ganj S.O., North Delhi, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Stuti Jain for all purposes. 0040629129-2

0070801426-1

I, TANNU D/O MOHAN LAL, R/O H.NOA-4/209 SECTOR-20 ROHINI. DELHI-110086. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO

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 0040628671-2



#### **HINDU**

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#### LOST & FOUND

I Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Anant Ram R/o B-37/6, D.S. Ramesh Nagar, N.D.-15 have lost my 8th, 10th, 12th, B.D.S. degree certificate LIC Policy if Found please contact 9810555475 FIR with Delhi Police Vide L.R. No.635681/2015 already registered. 0040629219-1

**I,** Leela Devi W/o Late Bimal Kumar R/o 56A, Rana Ji Enclave, Najafgarh, Delhi has lost Property Documents Ref. F11/(110) 1988/LB(R) DDA/4018, Sub.218, Pocket-1, Block-A, Sector-32, Rohini, 0040629131-1

Lost Original Documents i.e.DDA Possession-Letter. Possession Slip, and NOC for Electricity, and water of flat-No.83A, DDA Red MIG-Flats, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi 110027, favouring Mrs. Saroj Sawhney, W/o Dr.D.R.Sawhney FIR-Lodge Vide-LR.NO 724404/2022. Founder inform at-above address Phone-9910890154 0040629258-1

Lost Original-GPA of Property. No.518/10-B/1, Karkari Road, Vishwas-Nagar, Shahdara. delhi-110032,Executed By Sona Devi,W/o Balbir Singh Kashvap in Favour of Surender Kumar Malhotra, S/o-Tirath Ram Malhotra Duly Attested By Notary Public-Delhi. Founder-please Contact, Surender Kumar Malhotra, S/o Tirath Ram Malhotra, R/o-128/130 Karkari-Road, Vishwas-Nagar,Shahdara Delhi-110032#7838417856.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

My client, Sh. Tarun Kalra, S/o Dharam P. Kalra, R/o E-221, Naraina Vihar, New Dell 110028, have entered into an Agreement bourchase the industrial property bearin address as A-2/2/7, Site B, UPSIDC, Surajpi industrial Area, Greater Noida, Distt Gaular Buddh Nagar, UP, with its respective owne irm, M/s Prasar Metal Engineering Pvt Lt. who have declared this property to be fre from all encumbrances, lien, charge etc. An to lodge their claim in writing per speed pos with requisite documentary proof, within 1 days of publishing of this notice, after whic the same shall not be binding on my clier and my client shall proceed to accomplish th

PUBLIC NOTICE

Since Mrs. SONIA RAWAT seeking a term loan from of Mrs INDIA SHELTER FINANCE LTD., and the owner of the such property i.e. Freehold Residential Plot no. 67 area measuring 148 Sq Yds., situated at Village Hidayatpur Chawani Gurgaon Colony Patel, Nagar Gurgaon within Municipal Committee, Gurgaon, Haryana.; and Mrs. Sonia Rawat has made us to inderstand that he had lost or misplaced arriler Sale Deed Having Document 4o. 120, Dated 03/04/4/98 reported. . 120, Dated 03/04/1987 execute Ir. Devender Singh Kadiyan having FI Io 132270232200360 Date 0/06/2022 somewhere, which are no aceable or cannot be found. Now traceable or cannot be found. Now, would like to announce to general publ that any person who is having any rightitle or interest against that propert share or documents may come to or Delhi Office within seven days ar render their claim with documental valid wides. M/S PASS & ASSOCIATES A-233, F.F., Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Larha Owner of Flat No A 2 ALANKRIT CGHS LTD VISHWAS NAGAR HAS LOST ORIGINAL SHARE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE SOCIETY against flat No A 21 and the flat is not Motgaged any where FOUNDER CAN INFORM AT +91 98181 81889

PUBLIC NOTICE he General Public is informed at large nat Mr. Munesh Kumar, S/O Mr. Or arkash & Mrs. Sunita Sharma, W/o M lunesh Kumar, both R/o146, Kotl lubarakpur, Lodhi Road, New Delh ave entered into an Agreement with M akesh Agarwal & Mrs. Aruna Agarwa p purchase Freehold DDA Flat No.99 st Floor, Ekta Apartment, Pocket 1 & 2 ector 3, Dwarka, New Delhi. That the Original Allotment Cum Demand Lette ated 28.10.1996 in name of Mr. \ tharma Rao is lost. If any person ha ny information about such los ocument or objection with respect to e said transaction or has any interes hatsoever in the said property, ma ubmit their objections before Advoca r. Shalabh Gupta vide E-Ma lv.shalabh.gupta@gmail.com or vid lephone No.+91-9717215434, with pporting documents within 15 day

**Public Notice** 

HALABH GUPTA. ADVOCAT

ENRL. NO. D/600/2013

Public Notice
"It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Sankar Santra & Mr. Ghanashyam Santra acquired Property No. 50, measuring 38 st, vriss. Arbase No. 644, structured to the state of the santra sand of the santra sand. Mohan Garden, New Delhi vide Regd. GPA ct. 04.05.2009 executed by Mr. Laxmi Prasad Khanduri along with ATS & Will and Now Mr. Sankar Santra & Mr. Ghanashyam Santra are the undisputed owners of above said property. Any person firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Alay Kumar Giri, Advocate "H.N. 26/161, Bassement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024"

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# 'There is a need to enable teachers, not disable them'

CEO of HCLVINEET NAYAR, who runs the NGO Sampark Foundation, believes learning outcomes in primary classes will not improve unless the focus shifts to teachers, who remain burdened with administrative work. Nayar tells SOURAV ROY **BARMAN** that findings of the National Achievement Survey, which has shown a dip in learning levels across grades compared to 2017, should alarm authorities more, as it shows that "classrooms seem to add very little to learning outcomes". Excerpts:

What is your take on the NAS-2021 findings that show that between 2017 and 2021, the literacy and numeracy skills of students worsened across subjects and grades?

that perspective, we are missing something fairly big.

#### Where are we going wrong?

It is a fact that education happens in the classroom. It happens between the teacher and the child The learning levels are improved by the teacher. Therefore, we need to enable the teacher, not disable them... Our current system is dis-

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VINEET

**N**AYAR

FORMER VICE-CHAIRMAN

AND CEO OF HCL

Although we do not have a very sophisticated tool of measurement, you would see that the learning outcome has only dropped over the last five decades despite manifold increase in investment in education. Unlike 2017, when classrooms were fully functional, the 2021 data represents learning at home, when the Covid-19 pandemic forced children out of schools for almost two years. Thus, if we take the 2021 data as learning without classroom and look at 2017 data as learning within classroom, we can start to understand the incremental value add or the lack of it of going to school. It seems that classrooms added only 3-9% to home learning, which is quite surprising. If we don't see that data from

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TWO BORDER Security Force

(BSF) personnel have been ar-

rested over the alleged rape of a

23-year-old woman who was al-

legedly trying to illegally enter

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officer of the paramilitary organ-

The duo – a BSF assistant sub-

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isation said on Saturday.

KOLKATA, AUGUST 27

abling the teacher. Whether it is record keeping, election duties. something today, something else So you are saying teachers are missing from the debate on foundational learning and learning outcomes?

Can you improve learning outcome without the teacher? The only person who can improve is the teacher. It is also a fact that the teacher is not the most educated person in the country today. All educated people have turned away from the villages. And the only person available is someone who does not have a job outside. So, there are limitations to the capacity building of a teacher. I think the NIPUN Bharat (Centres's scheme to improve foundational learning) mission is a great statement of intent, but the execution bit is where we are faltering...you need disruptive innovations

What are you doing to push the government in the right

inspector and a constable – were

arrested on Friday night in North

24 Parganas district and handed

over to the West Bengal Police

for further legal action, he said.

The accused have been sus-

pended and a court of inquiry

has been ordered against them,

the officer said. They were pro-

duced in a court on Saturday that

sent them to police custody for

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2 BSF men held over 'rape'

I am part of some of the bodies like the National Technology Mission. We are pushing for the adoption of low cost technological tools. That is the reason we are converting old TVs into smart TVs using low-cost android devices in 1 lakh schools as a pilot project. Before smart TVs, we started with specially designed kits on maths and then we pushed audio devices. The possibilities that such technologies offer are truly end-

#### Which states have adopted the technology so far?

We have signed up with eight states — Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh in a limited way, and in Maharashtra and Rajasthan we have just started. But this is less to do with Sampark Foundation. We have reached 1 crore children. By the end of two years, we would be touching 2 crore. But this is a small percentage. The reason I quit HCL and committed \$100 million to try and do this was to be a catalyst of change.

Being part of the national focus group (of National **Curriculum Framework** revision) on technology in education, what suggestions did you share?

There are many ideas. It's very easy to put computers in all schools but is that the right thing to do? My suggestion to the group has been the fact that we have to be innovative. That we should leverage audio technology. We should leverage the ability to convert dumb TVs into smart classes. We should leverage artificial intelligence. We should leverage completely new form of teacher capacity building. These are programmes that are very innovative, takes less effort and creates high impact. FULL INTERVIEW ON www.indianexpress.com

20 Cardinals inducted by Pope

2 Indians among

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PANAJI, AUGUST 27 ARCHRISHOP OF Goa and Daman Filipe Neri Ferrão was among the

20 new Cardinals inducted into the College of Cardinals by Pope Francis in Rome on Saturday. Sixty-nine-year old Ferrao and Archbishop Anthony Poola of Hyderbad were

> ive continents. With their induction, India now has six Cardinals. With Ferrao conferred his red hat by the Pope on Saturday, the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman got its first Cardinal in over 400 years. Archbishop Ferrao was born in Corjuem in

> Aldona, north Goa. He

was ordained Priest on

October 28, 1979 and

Bishop on April 10, 1994.

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taking oath as the 49th Chief

Justice of India, Justice Uday

Umesh Lalit, speaking at the

farewell hosted for his pred-

ecessor, announced his goals for his 74-day

stint at the top office – from setting up at

least one Constitution Bench that would sit through the year to ensuring smoother

methods for listing cases and allowing

lawyers to effectively 'mention' their cases

first as an advocate-on-record before the

Supreme Court and later as a designated

senior advocate, it is this work ethic that de-

understands this court and the bottlenecks in

the registry better than Lalit. As an AOR (ad-

vocate-on-record) for over a decade, he has dealt with this every day. As a senior advo-

cate, he has a vision of what the court ought

Justice Lalit shifted his nascent two-year

practice from Mumbai to Delhi in 1986. This

was when his father, a former additional

judge of the Nagpur bench of the Bombay

High Court, lost his office during the

Emergency and also set up new practice in

Delhi. Justice Umesh Ranganath Lalit had in

1975 granted bail to three minors in a sedi-

tion case, which did not go down well with

the Indira Gandhi-led Congress government.

The judge's links with the RSS and its lawyers'

wing, Adhivakta Parishad, did not help his

case to get appointed as a permanent judge.

lawyer P H Parekh and former Attorney

General for India Soli Sorabjee, Justice U U

Lalit set up his independent practice. As ad-

vocate-on-record, his practice took shape in

a modest flat in east Delhi's Mayur Vihar.

From there, he rose to be one of the top

lawyers in the Supreme Court, arguing 15-

20 cases on Mondays and Fridays, when the

Supreme Court admits fresh cases. For over

a decade, he was the amicus curiae (friend

of the court) for the 'forest bench' that was

expert, who defended celebrity and high-pro-

file clients — he represented Salman Khan in

the blackbuck poaching case and Andhra

Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan

Reddy in the disproportionate assets case –

precedes him, many say it is a misconception.

been independent of that. As a senior advo-

cate, he had a mixed bag of cases, with per-

haps more civil than criminal," says a lawyer

who has been Justice Lalit's contemporary.

clientele – from former Punjab CM

Amarinder Singh to former Uttar Pradesh

CM Mayawati, Congress leader Navjot

Singh Sidhu (then with the BJP) and super-

Despite his rich, famous and powerful

"His father had an exclusive criminal practice but Justice Lalit's practice has always

Although his reputation as a criminal law

hearing environmental cases.

After working in the chambers of ace

Born in 1957 in Maharashtra's Solapur,

to be," a senior advocate said.

"There has not been a CJI who perhaps

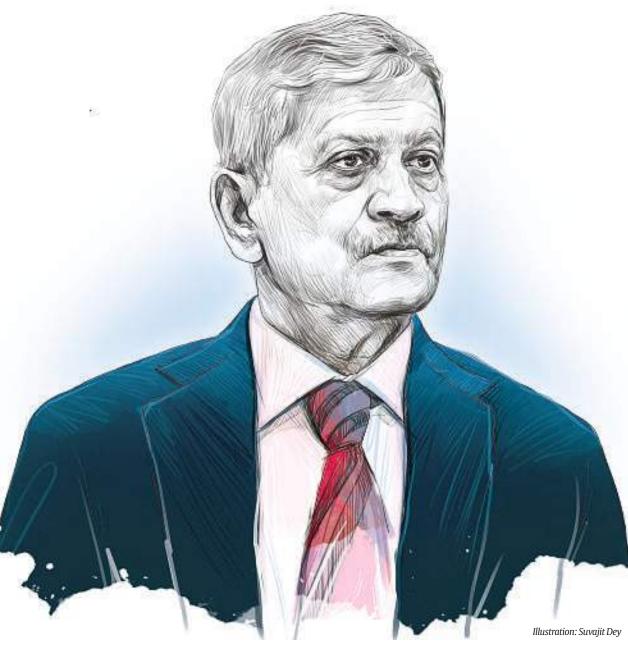
For those who have known Justice Lalit,

# SUNDAY STORY

### THE SUNDAY PROFILE

# Justice Fast-Forward

As Justice Uday Umesh Lalit takes over as the 49th Chief Justice of India, he has 74 days to work on the goals he set for himself. To start with, the Court will have Constitution Benches sitting all year to tackle pending cases. APURVA VISHWANATH on the judge who rose from the Bar to the top-most office in the Supreme Court



star Salman Khan — as a lawyer, the shy and reticent Lalit has perhaps never spoken to

In 2014, he became a judge of the

Supreme Court — only the second CJI to be directly elevated from the Bar to the apex court bench. The first, Justice S M Sikri, had made history when he presided over the 13-judge

Kesavananda Bharati Bench in 1973 that gave the landmark verdict outlining the doctrine of basic structure of the Constitution.

A deeply spiritual man, Justice Lalit is

known to participate in Ganesh pujas and visit shrines of Sufi saints. Few know that for over 30 years, he has been making an annual pilgrimage to a 'Baba ki Dargah', a shrine in Nagpur's Civil Lines where he offers his service. Moments after Justice Lalit took oath, he sought the blessings of the custodian of the dargah, who was seated next to him at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

"He is a Delhi lawyer but not the quintessential one who networks and throws names. His day always started very early chambers to court, then back to chambers. No media, no spotlight on him and definitely no political associations," says a former colleague.

In court, Justice Lalit insists on recording in his orders the names of the advocates and refers to almost everyone appearing before him — from Ram Jethmalani and Fali Nariman to young lawyers - as 'sir' and 'ma'am'.

Another reform that Justice Lalit has talked about, much to the chagrin of some lawyers, is that court proceedings would start at 9 am instead of the usual 10.30 am. Justice Lalit himself comes to the court early to use the gymnasium before the day's work begins.

As the most senior judge of the Supreme Court, he is known for his work with the National Legal Services Authority, especially during the pandemic, on access to legal aid for undertrials. During his tenure as an Supreme Court judge, Justice Lalit has been part of some crucial interventions, including on reforming the sentencing procedure on death penalty. On criminal matters such as bail and procedural safeguards, his record has been mixed.

In 2017, he was part of two Benches, along with Justice Adarsh Goel (since retired), that cited misuse of special laws that prohibit atrocities against SC/STs and unlawful demands for dowry. In both cases, the Bench went on to put in place "procedural safeguards" against misuse, which were criticised for diluting the special laws without any empirical assessment of the misuse. Both verdicts were reviewed subsequently, with an amendment passed to undo the effect on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Now, as Justice Lalit works on his goals, including that starting tomorrow, five-judge Constitution Benches will hear some of the long-pending cases, he will have his eyes on the clock — he is scheduled to retire on

"It's true that it's a short tenure. But I don't consider that, because perceptionwise, according to me, it's as good and as big a tenure as the opportunity can (offer) actually... It is an opportunity which has been given to me. I will make the most of it, in terms of laying down certain things which I consider to be healthy practices," Justice Lalit told The Indian Express in an interview on

- of being approached by strangers and of

narrowly escaping fast-approaching trains. "Around 11 one night, I went to the

tracks to relieve myself. My husband was

standing a short distance away. Suddenly,

five-six men approached me. I got scared and ran away. The same week, I decided to

build a toilet in the house, borrowing

Rs 12,000 from a relative. I have a 14-year-

old daughter and a teenage son. I fear for

their safety," says a 42-year-old woman,

tracks, a 36-year-old woman says that many

years ago, while she was defecating in the

bushes, a part of a passing train hit her on

the arm, leaving her bedridden for months.

near the tracks die or get injured when

they are swept away. A train passes this

way every 3-4 minutes. Sometimes, goods

trains stop for long stretches, and people

who are stuck on the other side have to

wait till the train moves, or go around the

train, which is risky, especially if another

train is approaching from the opposite

ily of the 12-year-old victim says they would

never let her or her siblings go alone to the

tracks. The girl lived in the slum with her

mother, who works as a helper at a steel com-

pany for Rs 7,000 a month, and two siblings.

as part of a group. I don't know why she

went alone that day. If only we had a toi-

let, this would not have happened," says

Outside the room, a three-foot-high

"My daughter always went to the tracks

Her father died of hepatitis in February.

At their small one-room house, the fam-

track," she says

the mother.

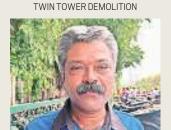
"Every year, several people squatting

Over 300 metres away, pointing to the

who works at a steel factory.

## =TAKE5= **NOIDA DEMOLITION**

**MAYUR MEHTA** PROJECT MANAGER.



'After everything is done, we will party with our colleagues'

### **'Everything** about the demolition is challenging... (but) we are good to go'

As Noida gears up for the demolition of Supertech's twin towers, which are being razed on the orders of the Supreme Court, Edifice Engineering, the Mumbaibased firm tasked with the implosion, is carrying out final checks. The firm has not only placed the explosives inside the two towers, Apex and Ceyane, but has readied a comprehensive blast plan in collaboration with the South Africa-based Jet demolition. Mayur Mehta, Edifice's project manager for the twin tower demolition project, says the demolition is very different from the one that was carried out in Maradu, Kerala, in 2020

#### MALAVIKA PRASAD

### Have you been part of

anything like this before? Our company, Edifice Engineering, was part of the team that carried out the demolition of three high-rise residential buildings in Kochi's Maradu Municipal Corporation, based on a Supreme Court order that held that there was violation of coastal reserve zone norms. That demolition took

#### 2 How is this demolition different from the one you carried out in Maradu?

In Maradu, we had to take care that no debris fell into the nearby water bodies. But this area is resident-heavy, which was not the case in Maradu. Aster-2 tower of the neighbouring Emerald Court is only 9 metres away from the twin towers. The height of the towers is also a factor — in Kerala, the tallest building was 65 metres; here it's 103 metres. Therefore, there are several differences, and this project is unique.

#### What is the most challenging part of the Noida demolition?

Almost everything about this is challenging. For the taller of the two buildings, the 32-storeyed Apex, we will blast almost 18 floors. The quantum of drilling (for explosives to be filled), the dismantling of internal and external brickworks, wrapping of the buildings, process of charging the buildings with almost 3,700 kg explosives, everything is more than what we undertook in Maradu, Kerala. The work we did in Maradu was about 20% of what we have undertaken with the twin towers.

### Do you have any apprehensions about D-Day?

I am confident that we are good to go. I must salute the residents of the two neighbouring societies (Emerald Court and ATS village) for cooperating with us.

## What do you plan to do after the demolition?

around the site and in the vicinity of the demolition to check for any damage and take into account the impact of the demolition. We will check if any of the residents in the neighbouring two societies, Emerald Court and ATS village, need help to get them back to their homes. After all of that is done, we will party with all our colleagues.

First, we will carry out a check

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### **NUMBER PLATE**



### **2** million tonnes

THE TOTAL TUAR (arhar) production in India during 1950-51, which had risen to

#### 4.28 million tonnes tonnes during 2020-21.

In 2020-21, Maharashtra was the top tur producer in the country with a total production of 1.28 million tonnes, followed by Karnataka at 1.24 million tonnes and Uttar Pradesh at 0.33 million tonnes.

2.18 million hectares

> Total area under tur during 1950-51

4.80 million hectares in 2020-21

Increased to

## 489 kg/hectare

The yield of tur per hectare during 1950-51, which increased to 892 kg per hectare in 2020-21

# 'If only we had a toilet...'

Recently, a 12-year-old from a slum along the tracks in Faridabad was raped and murdered when she left home to relieve herself. Days later, there's fear, but in the absence of toilets, residents continue to risk shame, speeding trains

### **PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA**

4.30 AM. The 28-year-old and her husband, slow-moving silhouettes in the dark, a water bottle dangling from her hand, walk up from their house, jump across a two-footwide drain and cross the railway tracks. They stop at a distance of over 100 metres from their house — he keeps guard while she relieves herself in a corner. Soon, others, in small groups of twos and threes, head for the tracks.

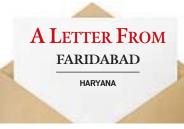
In the absence of toilets, for the 2,000odd people who live in slums built along a 3-km-long stretch of the tracks in Faridabad, going to the toilet is a daily ritual that's fraught with risks. On August 12, their worst fears came true — a 12-year-old girl from the slum was found raped and murdered in the bushes along the tracks.

Her family said that around 8 pm that day, she had gone across the tracks to relieve herself, before she went missing. Her body was found an hour later.

"Har samay darr lagta hai... sharm aati hai. Par majboori mein linon par jana padta hai (I feel scared, ashamed every time I go... But what choice do I have except to go to the railway lines)," says the 28-year-old, adding, "We do not have money to build a toilet."

The couple have been living in the slum colony for eight years, paying Rs 1,300 a month for their one-room house. Since her husband, who worked at a ceiling-fan factory, fell ill, the family barely earns enough.

The colonies along the tracks are home to migrants from eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, many of whom work in the nearby steel and auto-spares factories. Most of the homes here do not have a toilet and many others have no access to regular water supply. The situation turned worse two months ago, when a community toilet run by an NGO — the only one in the vicinity — shut down, allegedly due to non-payment of electricity bills.





"The women and children usually go out to the tracks either early in the morning or after sunset, when it's safe and no one is lurking. The men go after the sun comes out. We women usually go in a group or are accompanied by a family member. During the day, people are mostly at work, so they use the toilet at their workplace, unless it is an emergency... Phir toh track pe hi jana padta hai, chahe jaan jokham mein ho (then one has to go to the tracks, even if it is at the cost of risking our lives)," says a homemaker.

Even in the few homes with toilets, the landlords often keep them under lock and key due to the lack of sewer connections, say residents. "Those who do not have toilets at home have no option but to go to the bushes near the tracks. But even in homes that have toilets, regular water supply is an issue. We get water twice a week," says a resident, who works as a cab driver.

He says some of them had dug 20-footdeep toilet pits, but they soon filled up. Besides, there was no way the machines



For residents of the slum, going to the toilet is fraught with risks. Pavneet Singh Chadha

the cramped lanes.

washrooms are being arranged.'

It has only been two weeks since the rape and murder of the 12-year-old. Police have put up posters on the walls of houses, announcing a reward of Rs 2 lakh for information on the accused.

Women in the colonies narrate stories

needed to clear the pits could have entered

Yashpal Yadav, who was transferred from the charge of Commissioner, Faridabad Municipal Corporation, in a state-wide administrative shuffle on Friday evening, told The Indian Express, "We built toilets and individual latrines after conducting a survey... For this particular area, work was allotted to a contractor to build toilets but the contractor backed out and was blacklisted. A fresh tender has been floated and toilets will be built to address the shortage. Meanwhile, mobile and portable

"But these portable toilets have no water. During election time, politicians promise they will construct latrines for all, but those are empty promises," says the cab driver.

brick wall, covered by tarpaulin, works as a

makeshift bathroom. "I had told the landlord to build a toilet. He had agreed but asked for more rent," says the girl's mother. Says the girl's sister, "We will now leave

this place... move to some place far from the railway tracks."

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I wish there was someone

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NONE COULD have poured out the anguish of a human better than an abused, violated and bereaved mother by name Bilkis Bano. In a few simple but heartrending words she summed up the situation of millions of poor, discriminated and oppressed citizens: "Give me back my right to live without fear."

#### Killers' <u>Sanskar</u>

The tragic story of Ms Bilkis Bano is well documented. In 2002, following the burning of a train, violence erupted in Gujarat. Ms Bilkis Bano, 21, was a young mother and also pregnant. A mob of men attacked her; gang-raped her; and killed seven members of her family, including her 3-year old daughter. She was lucky to survive and tell her story. Her assailants were tried, 11 were found guilty, and sentenced to imprisonment for life. Without any forewarning, on August 15, 2022, hours after the Prime Minister asked people to take pride in Nari Shakti, the state government remitted the remainder of the sentence of life imprisonment and the 11 prisoners walked free. They were welcomed and feted with garlands and sweets. Some in the welcoming party touched the feet of the released prisoners. One said, "they were Brahmins with good sanskar".

A 10-member committee had allowed the application for remission. Of the seven private members (the other three were officials of the state government), five are active members of the BJP,

including two who are sittings MLAs. No one from the BJP apologised in 2002. No one from the BJP has apologised in 2022. Ms Bilkis Bano, along with her family, is reported to have fled her home. No one from the BJP has expressed any concern

#### ABSENT EQUALITY

for their safety.

The moral of the story is clear. Not all Indians are equal before the law or entitled to the equal protection of the laws. Not all Indians can live their lives without fear. In fact, more and more Indians

are living in fear. ■ Journalists live in fear. A journalist was summoned at about 10 pm on a cold December night to rush to an OB van to read a script on routine 'breaking' news. I asked him why he did not politely decline. He said his aged parents lived with him, he had EMIs to pay on his flat and, if he had refused, he may lose his job. Several journalists have told me that they have to "go along" with the biases of their newspapers and channels because they feared losing their job and, under current circumstances, will not be able to find another. They have the examples of several distinguished journalists, anchors and editors before them.

■ Media owners live in fear because government advertisements will mysteriously stop. Private sector advertisers will suddenly 'economise' on their advertisement budgets. The new fear is of being 'taken over'.

■ Bankers live in fear. I asked a banker if his bank got many big-ticket loan requests and if he was sanctioning them. He looked around to make sure no one was within earshot and whispered his answer: "Why would I Sir, I will retire in six months.

My right to live without fear

Officers live in fear. In the first year of the Modi government, believing the yarn that the government appreciated candour, a senior officer explained at a meeting why the proposal that was being discussed was a bad idea and bad economics. He was abruptly transferred. IAS and IPS officers have found a way to avoid the ignominy: few opt for Central deputation, stumping the Central government!

#### FEAR AMONG CITIZENS

■ MPs live in fear. BJP MPs have opposed, privately, a Bill or some provisions of a Bill or the suspension of Opposition MPs. Recent examples are the farm Bills, The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill and the suspension of some MPs for a whole week or for the remainder of the session.

■ Ministers live in fear. Ministers have reconciled themselves to their Secretaries taking instructions daily from the PMO or Cabinet Secretariat and putting up files to the ministers according to those instructions. Ministers sign on Cabinet Notes drafted in the Cabinet Secretariat and submit them to the Cabinet Secretariat for submission

to the Cabinet!

■ Businesspersons and traders live in fear. It is no longer fear of only the CBI, ED and Income Tax. Other agencies such as the GST administration, DRI, SFIO, SEBI, CCI, NIA and NCB have been weaponised and unleashed. With little support from the government, MSMEs live in fear of being forced by economic circumstances to shut down forever.

■ Citizens live in fear of crime, mob violence, police excesses and false cases. Especially scared are women, Muslims, Christians, Dalits, tribals, migrant workers, social activists, authors, comedians, cartoonists, film producers and publishers. Not a day passes when the talons of the state do not reach a prominent member of these sections of the people.

■ Students live in fear of NEET, CUET and other centrally-mandated examinations and the multiple glitches that plague them. No one knows who will be selected, what will be the criteria or when the academic year will start.

■ The poor live in fear of unabated inflation, losing their jobs and soaring unemployment. Many have stopped looking for non-existent jobs. The CMIE reported that 21 million women have dropped out of the labour force between 2017 and 2022.

I wish there was someone with authority who would reassure citizens that they can live without fear. Alas, today, there is none in India.

## inside TRACK **COOMIKAPOOR**

#### EXPANDING EMPIRE

A SUGGESTION by N V Ramana, the justretired Chief Justice of India, this April that an independent umbrella institution overseeing all investigative agencies, such as the CBI, SFIO, ED, etc. should be created by a statute — sent ripples through the top echelons of security and investigative agencies. Since there is already a Chief Vigilance Commissioner to clear appointments, the proposed new body would presumably have overarching control over all investigations. The buzz is that ED Director S K Mishra would be the most likely candidate to head the proposed agency. Mishra took charge as ED Director on November 20, 2018, for two years and is now on his second extension. Under his watch, the powers of the ED were enhanced through amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in 2019. The ED is now empowered to search premises, make arrests and seizures and attach property without an FIR based on a predicate offence. Earlier, the ED could not act without another investigative agency having first registered an FIR and undertaken due diligence of an investigation to confirm proceeds of crime.Even in terms of space, the ED has expanded exponentially. From a grimy office on the fourth floor of Lok Nayak building, it now operates from the spacious new Pravartan Bhavan, on Abdul Kalam Road.

### New/old alliance?

A fortnight ago, the TDP's Chandrababu Naidu met PM Narendra Modi at the same time as his son, Nara Lokesh, met Amit Shah. The BIP is keen to join forces with the TDP since it has fallen out with Andhra Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy. The TDP has undertaken sample surveys which put the BJP's vote share in the state at a mere 3 to 4 per cent, But the BJP argument is that a TDP tie-up with the ruling party at the Centre would be a tremendous force multiplier. Poll surveys suggest that while a BJP alliance would be of little consequence to the TDP in an Assembly election, it would considerably boost the TDP's vote share in a parliamentary election. An announcement, during the coming festival season, of the TDP joining the fast disintegrating NDA is possible.

THEIR WAY OR HIGHWAY Nitin Gadkari may have been formally

removed from the BJP's parliamentary board this month, but he has been out of the party decision-making process from much earlier. During the pandemic, parliamentary board meetings were virtual and Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and J P Nadda took the calls. Gadkari's irreverent humour that is seen as targeting the powers-that-be, and the fact that he spends most of his time outside Delhi, indicated that he was well aware of his diminished status. The RSS's powerful No. 2, Dattatreya Hosabale, a Modi man, is not as well disposed towards the Nagpur boy as RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. The real question is, will Gadkari be able to retain his ministership till the next election? His spectacular performance in expanding the network of highways and roads cannot be easily brushed aside.

#### GUJARAT CONCERN

The Congress is concerned about its declining fortunes in Gujarat, especially with the rise of AAP. According to a recent survey, in Saurashtra, the contest is between the BJP and AAP, with the Congress in third place. If Gujarat sends a signal that the Assembly election is no longer bi-polar, the Congress fears that the trend would spread to Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. At a meeting in Delhi, a Gujarat Congress leader from a prominent dynasty protested that unlike the last Assembly election, when Rahul Gandhi pulled out all the stops to convert the contest into a cliffhanger, this time, the Gandhi scion has not visited the state though elections are due in December. He reminded Rahul that during the 2017 polls, he had promised Gujarat voters that he would return every two months. Organising secretary K C Venugopal criticised the dissenter for speaking out of turn, but the latter held his ground, adding that the real problem was that people shied away from telling Rahul the truth. An MP supported him.

## Caste conundrum

Nitish Kumar's decision to not make Upendra Kushwaha a minister could prove a costly mistake. Nitish believes that Kushwaha has been compensated enough he is president of the party's parliamentary board and a member of the Bihar Legislative Council, Besides, Nitish does not want to upset his new/old Yadav allies. Kushwaha denies that he is sulking and claims his mission is simply to "save the socialist ideology". Kushwaha, a seasoned party-hopper, believes his advantage is that his community forms some 7 to 8 per cent of the state's population, while Nitish's Kurmi caste comprises a mere 3 per cent. But Nitish has been assiduously wooing OBCs and EBCs for years and believes that Upendra is no longer the unchallenged leader among Kushwahas.

## history **EADLINE CHAKSHUROY**

STATE GOVERNMENTS and governors have been at loggerheads for half a century. The disagreement is about whether a governor appointed by the Union government has an active role in the state's administration when the people have

given the governance mandate to a pop-

ularly elected government.

This contentious issue raises its head in different ways. For example, what should be the involvement of the governor in the working of universities where they are chancellors? Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan has locked horns with the CPM-led state government regarding "nepotism" in employment in state universities. He recently referred to the Vice-Chancellor of Kannur University. Gopinath Ravindran, as a "criminal" and a cadre of the ruling party.

Our colonial past connects governors and universities. Before 1845, there were multiple colleges where students received higher education in the British-administered areas. These colleges were independent of each other, and their curriculum differed. That year, the Bengal Council of Education championed the setting up of a university that had the power to grant degrees in arts, science, law, medicine and civil engineering. The council suggested that the government model the university along the lines of the University of London, an examination and degreeawarding institution. Nine years later, the government in India accepted this proposal with some modifications.

The 'Despatch of 1854 on the General Education in India' suggested the creation of universities in India. It recommended that the universities consist of a chancellor, vice-chancellor and fellows, who would constitute a senate. It stated further that the 'offices of chancellor and vice-chancellor will naturally be filled by persons of high station, who have shown an interest in the cause of education...'. Acting on this suggestion, the Governor General decided that he would be the chancellor of the university at Calcutta, and the governors for Bombay and Madras would be the chancellors for the universities in the two presidency towns. These three universities were set up in 1857 by separate laws passed by the Legislative Council of India.

After Independence, a committee headed by Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan observed that the practice of the gover-

## Governors as chancellors: The points of conflict



Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan has locked horns with the Pinarayi Vijayan-led government over the running of state universities File

nor being a chancellor had worked well in states with only one university. The commission left it to the states to decide whether they wanted the governor to be the chancellor, especially if the state had multiple universities. States opted to stick to the status quo, and while enacting legislation for universities in their states, they made the governor their chancellor.

In the initial years of our Republic, there were hardly any conflicts between governors as chancellors and state governments. The Congress was in power at the national and state level. The President, bound by the Prime Minister's advice, appointed individuals closely linked to the party as governors. As a result, the Congress could internally resolve any disagreements between governors and their governments. But by the 1960s, cracks had started developing. For example, Dr Zakir Hussain was the Governor of Bihar before being elected Vice-President. He reappointed the Vice-Chancellor of Patna University for a second term against the advice of the Chief Minister. Academics point out that after this, the Bihar government contemplated amending the state law to require the governor chancellor to appoint a vice-chancellor on the advice of the chief minister.

After the fourth general election in 1967, the Congress lost power in multiple states. The conflicts between governors and state governments started coming

out in the open. The state governments believed that the governor had a constitutional duty to act on the advice of the other hand, thought that since their appointment as chancellor of a university was through legislative enactment, they had the right to intervene in the university's functioning and their position as chancellor was distinct from their role as a governor. A stance supported by the Supreme Court.

Two commissions on Centre-state relations appointed by the Government of India have suggested that state legislatures should not appoint governors as chancellors. In 2010, the Punchi commission stated that when governors act as chancellors, it opens their office to con-

troversies and public criticism. The conflict between governors in their role as chancellors has now reached a stage where state governments have started bringing laws curbing the gubernatorial powers regarding state universities. For example, earlier this year, the West Bengal Legislature passed a law making the Chief Minister the chancellor of 31 state universities. Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have also passed laws limiting the governor's role in university affairs, and the Kerala Legislature is also mulling such a measure.

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# Fifth **TAVLEEN SINGH**

## Enough of religious hatred

THE SIGHT of Muslim mobs in Hyderabad last week threatening publicly to behead the BJP politician who they believe insulted the Prophet of Islam was horrifying and disturbing. Whatever the wretched man said he was immediately arrested for it and suspended by his party. That should have been the end of it. Cries of 'sar tan se juda' have no place in India. This is not an Islamic country and we do not have blasphemy laws, so in more ways than one, the fanatics in that mob are as guilty of a crime as the politician they want to behead. Disrespecting the rule of law is as bad as disrespecting someone's faith. More importantly, the Islamists who believe that their Prophet demands the beheading of those who cast aspersions on Him, must be reminded that they cannot impose barbaric Islamic punishments in a country populated with 'infidels' and idolators. Most of us are proud to be unbelievers.

The problem is that in the 'new India' there is not a single political leader who has the moral authority to control Islamist fanatics. This is because of too much indulgence of Hindutva fanatics and because of allowing an atmosphere of hatred founded on grievances from medieval times. This atmosphere has been created not by Hindutva lowlifes who vomit out their bile daily on social media against Muslims, liberals, leftists and (mysteriously) George Soros.

The real problem has been created by BJP 'intellectuals' who appear not to notice how they demean India and the Indian idea of faith with their hysterical diatribes against Islam. The other culprits are rabid, Hindutva-minded TV anchors  $who \, use \, their \, primetime \, shows \, to \, openly \,$ exhibit their hatred of Islam and Muslims. In doing this they add fuel to a fire that is already showing signs of burning deep holes in the social fabric of India.

It is not about the 'Ganga-Jamuni sanskriti' they so revile but about trying to save this country from being torn apart by ancient hatreds. Why is it so hard for them to see that the Muslims who live in India today are not responsible for the horrors wreaked upon this land by barbarous Muslim invaders? Why is to so hard for them to see that Muslims in India are not a small minority that can be cowed into submission by lynchings, campaigns against 'love jihad' or the erasure of Muslim names of cities and streets. Turning mosques back into temples and insulting the Prophet Mohammad has not intimidated Muslim communities across India. It has emboldened them to fight harder for equal rights.

The more that they are kept out of playing their rightful role in the political and cultural life of a country that belongs as much to them as to Hindus, the more they are likely to turn to insane jihadism. In the 20 years since 9/11, when Islamist violence spread across the world, Indian Muslims have kept away from joining the armies of al-Qaeda and ISIS. This indicates that they have felt safe in India. Some of the extreme positions that we see today, like the demand for girls to wear 'hijab' in schools and colleges are because of the hostility that has been directed at them simply because they are Muslims.

In recent weeks, after bulldozers came to be the weapon that the Indian state has started using to crush dissent. Muslims would be right to feel more insecure than they ever have before. It is no secret that the bulldozers seem to find mostly Muslim houses to demolish whenever there has been violence or rioting. It does not help that every time there is violence. senior ministers and BJP spokesmen openly declare that Muslim jihadists are traitors who want to destroy India. They find links between the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and the public rage that has been caused by perceived insults to the Prophet.

If there is a consistent link, it is in the systematic way Muslims have been made to feel like lesser citizens in the past eight years. In Narendra Modi's first tenure there were the lynchings and the attacks on cattle farmers and meat traders by cow vigilantes. Only once did the Prime Minister speak out against these attacks and that was after Dalit youths were tied to a car in Gujarat and beaten publicly by upper caste Hindus for the 'crime' of skinning a dead cow.

After winning his second term, the Prime Minister remained silent until Nupur Sharma's reckless comment caused the whole Islamic world to erupt in collective rage. Indian officials then went out of their way to assuage the hurt sentiments of the leaders of Islamic countries, but so far there has been no attempt by the Prime Minister to assure Indian Muslims that they will always be equal citizens in India. It is time that he did speak up so that his Hindutva followers start calming down. He must know that his dream of making India into a developed country will not come true if this communal cauldron boils over.

In this column, I have repeated ad nauseum, that it is time for a Truth Commission. at which Hindus and Muslims can come together to settle their differences. Is it because the BJP benefits more at election time from dividing Hindus and Muslims than bringing them together that this has not happened? It certainly seems that way.

# What can one say to a three-year-old who died?

# DEAR SALEHA,

What can one say to a three-year-old

She

That, when I think of her, I think of the three-year-old girl I knew best, my daughter. And how at that age, she would never leave my side, following me around with those big, round eyes. I would get irritated at times, but that need for reassurance was too heartbreaking to turn away from.

Did you cling to your mother too, when the men came for you, I wonder? And flinch away from the thought.

What can one say to a three-yearold who died?

That, for a long time after we heard about her, many of us believed that wrongs could be righted if enough of us fought long enough and hard enough,

How could that not be, we thought, as we held self-consciously to every horrific detail of your story.

even cared enough.

#### What can one say to a three-year-old who died?

That, if I met you today, I am not sure I could tell you the same. I am afraid I would not be able to meet your eyes, the child named after the Urdu word for 'virtuous', who became one of the 14 victims of a spree of gangrape and murders,

killed by bashing her head against a rock. No, not enough of us fought long enough and hard enough, nor cared enough.

What can one say to a three-year-old

That, you must know that there is one person who never stopped fighting: your mother, Bilkis Bano, You would perhaps spot her easily still from amidst a crowd, as she tells her story endlessly to the world, a little older, a lot sadder perhaps,

but as determined. And still very much a mother; you have several siblings you know, the eldest in college.

#### What can one say to a three-year-old who died?

That, all these years, your mother has refused to be cloaked behind "honour", that false shield which the world puts around victims of assault like her, erasing them completely of every iota of an identity, making it just that much easier to forget and move on. That, blocked every step of the way by a hostile government and a reluctant police, Bilkis has kept going, forcing another door open when one closed.

Many fellow travellers have fallen by the wayside, but she has kept the faith: doing so, not surprisingly, along with and backed by other women.

#### What can one say to a three-year-old who died?

That, they might tell you the world has come a long way from 2002, point to you another train, the bullet one, for example. Give you data, to show more girls now survive birth, finish school, enter college, find jobs, and get married of their choice, even if they are blind to the struggle each one of that step is.

But is that any comfort for a threeyear-old, to know what could have been? I am not sure.

What can one say to a three-year-old

That, despite her own struggle, which many fear has come full circle with the release of the 11 convicts, Bilkis is carrying on. For your sake, for her own mother, her aunts, uncles, others, your siblings.

And yes, for you, me, all of us, for whom this case remains a lightning rod as to whether justice has meaning.

#### So, what can one say to a three-year-old who died?

That, she is not forgotten. And that as long as that is the case, as long as Bilkis stands there asking questions, it can all change in the bat of an eyelid — for you, me, all of us. That's what scares them.

As love goes, there are few to parallel Bilkis's, and you Saleha, will always have that.

> National Editor Shalini Langer curates the 'She Said' column

 $\it New \it York:$  Oil prices ended higher on Friday, boosted by signals from Saudi Arabia that OPEC could cut output. Brent gained 4.4% for the week ending at \$100.99 a barrel, while WTI rose as much as 2.5% to settle at \$93.06 a barrel. **REUTERS** 

AMID DELAYS IN RELEASE OF EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS POST COVID

# Need for more frequent labour data by govt flagged, with focus on rural

**AANCHAL MAGAZINE** NEW DELHI AUGUST 27

THE CENTRE is learnt to have held discussions at the highest level to look into the delay in frequency of the release of government employment-unemployment data, with one of the main concerns pertaining to the time lag in the release of the official Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) as against privately-conducted surveys such as the one brought out by Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).

In recent meetings held at the Cabinet Secretariat attended by statistical department and Union Labour Ministry representatives, discussions converged on the need to improve the frequency of the labour market data, especially in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, a senior government official said.

"There was a meeting held in the Cabinet Secretariat. PLFS is taken out by the statistical department and they have to follow international norms. There is also more scrutiny: whether random sampling is happening or not, urban-rural population parameters, agriculture-industry proportion, and so there are limitations. We have asked to increase the frequency (of the official data release)," this official told The Sunday

The person further said that the discussions have been held in the context that any delay in the release of the government data on employment-unemployment tends to raise questions about its credibility, even as PLFS data is

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A worker at a furniture factory in Sopore. File

more robust than the privatelyconducted surveys.

"PLFS is a much more robust survey. In the private surveys, there is a greater skew towards urban areas and the methodology is also different, you have to keep changing the set otherwise biases creep in. But they haven't done it. There are gaps in these surveys. Why should we find fault ... if our data doesn't go public, they think we are hiding or there's something wrong. But that's not true. Look at EPFO payroll data: whether increase or decrease, it comes out at 20th of every month. Data release should not be delayed," the official said, asserting that these points were flagged at the Cabinet Secretariat meeting.

The National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics of Programme and Implementation (MoSPI) conducts the PLFS for rural and urban areas. Labour data for rural areas is published annually, while that for urban areas is released every quarter. There is a gap of at least a year in the release of the annual PLFS report, In recent times, PLFS for 2020-21 (July-June) was released in June 2022, while the

PLFS for 2019-20 was released in

July 2021 and that for 2018-19 was

released in June 2020. On the

other hand, Mumbai-based CMIE

comes out with more frequent

data for unemployment on a daily.

weekly or even monthly basis. In its latest report presented to Parliament in August, the Standing Committee on Finance too flagged the time lag in the release of the PLFS, citing that the quarterly PLFS for July-September 2020 was released in August 2021, for October-December 2020 in September 2021 and for Ianuary-

The Committee pointed out that the employment data provided by PLFS, being one of the "most important social-indicators, vital to policymakers", should be

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March 2021 in November 2021.

Software, database

THE PLFS data, considered to be among the most vital social indicators that policymakers depend on, faced delays in release in recent times due to glitches in a software application developed by the World Bank as well as database-related issues. These delays got even longer after Covid.

produced periodically without time lag. The MoSPI, in its reply, said the PLFS has increased the frequency to annual data as against once in five years earlier. It cited the glitches in the software application developed by the World Bank (WB) and databaserelated issues for the delay. PLFS was initially conducted using the Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) application developed by the World Bank with high expectations to improve the time lag to a great extent. While a number of problems encountered  $in the \, \hbox{WB application} \, \hbox{were sorted} \,$ out, a database-related major problem could not be. Multiple revised versions of the CAPI application provided by the WB for addressing this problem failed to clear the security audit, which is a mandatory requirement for any software application for use by the

ing the MoSPI's response. The ministry then discontin-

government, the report said quot-

in late 2018 had to resort to the conventional paper-assisted personal interview mode for PLFS. The manual mode of data collection and data processing resulted in considerable lag in PLFS reports. "The deterioration in the working conditions in the field and otherwise due to the Covid-19 pandemic only aggravated the issue," the report said. It, however, added that the NSO has released recent PLFS bulletins such as the one for January-March 2022 with a time lag of only two-and-half months which was earlier 8-10 months.

The discussions within the government now have also focused on the need for more frequent data for rural areas as well. We are insisting that the gestation period should be reduced for the PLFS survey. We had data for 2019-20, now we have for 2020-21. We should improve the frequency. Rural data should come quarterly like urban data but it is still coming annually. They (CMIE) take out weekly, monthly, daily," the official said.

Experts said that the CMIE being a panel survey has limitations in providing detailed analysis beyond the headline numbers. "Theirs is a panel survey, CMIE survey asks very limited questions so it doesn't have the richness and analytical richness that the PLFS has. PLFS is much more complex. If you are looking at finer characteristics rather than broad numbers like unemployment-employment rate, CMIE can't give it, but PLFS can," Pronab Sen, former Chief Statistician of India, said.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

#### INTERVIEW WITH NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN. MARUTI SUZUKI

# 'Maruti Suzuki goes beyond auto, it's the story of India's manufacturing potential'

tion's largest carmaker, completes 40 years of its operations this year. When Maruti was set up, the life expectancy given to the nascent public sector-run unit that partnered with a Japanese company was rather short, its non-executive Chairman RC BHARGAVA told this newspaper. "People called it a political project. Today, everyone takes the automobile industry in India and the success story of the last four decades as a given," he pointed out. In a chat with PRANAV MUKUL and ANIL SASI, he recounted the early days of Maruti and detailed some of the key milestones in the company's initial strategies that charted its course to becoming a case-study for the Indian manufacturing sector. Edited excerpts:

#### What are some elements of the Maruti story that can be emulated by India's manufacturing sector today?

The first thing that applies to us is the whole question of trust: how important is trust. Unfortunately, largely thanks to our colonial past, our whole system is built on distrust. The British rules and regulations, which we have largely continued, are all based on system of checks and balances. Checks and balances lead to enormous delays everywhere.

With Suzuki, one of the reasons why this whole thing went so smoothly is because of Osamu Suzuki, and therefore Suzuki Motor Company had no distrust with their Indian partners right from the beginning. Once I asked Mr Suzuki, why did you take this decision to partner with the government at a time when no company was willing to put money into India. He said, "the first time when I met Mr V Krishnamurthy (founder chairman of Maruti Udvog Ltd) and vou, I judged that these are two guys I can work with."That's it. Normally, Japanese do a very big survey of the country they're going to enter. Nissan was doing that looking at the component industry. He did nothing.

The second factor that worked in our favour - we had made a decision that we have to learn from the Japanese and see if we could do in India what the Japanese were doing in Japan. I think that learners. The important factor that led to our success (was) that we were willing to learn from Japan.

We had enough experience to realise that we can't just transplant practices from a different country to India. So our role became to learn from Japan and to adapt those practices in a manner that while the result would remain what we wanted, some tweaks in the method would make it implementable in the

What are some of these lessons that Maruti took from the Japanese culture in its early days? And how easy or difficult was it for a company in the government setup to

When we talk that we adapt-



RC Bhargava File

the workers that they and the company were linked in terms of understanding what each would be at the end of one's career span of 35 years. In Japan, it's much simpler because everybody is educated and disciplined. Our situation is very different. That's why we had to adapt. We wanted workers to be in a certain frame of mind. It took time, several years.

For example, attendance in a factory. In India, the usual practice is that 85 per cent of the working days, the worker comes to work, the remaining is all kinds of leaves. The Japanese told us right in the beginning – Mr Suzuki said that you have to have at least 95 per cent attendance. He cut out the leave reserve, he said you can't have a leave reserve. After few years, we were getting more than 95 per cent attendance. Second was punctuality. In most factories, the actual working time is maybe 5-6 hours. A shift of 8 hours had to mean workers worked for 8 hours. So they had to come 15-20 minutes before the shift started. This was a new culture but with various ways we got that going.

Just not having leave reserves meant higher productivity by 15 per cent. Starting work on time is another 15-20 per cent productivity increase. Then we started this system of annual maintenance shutdown. It served two purposes. It's an eight-day block Sunday to Sunday. It gives employees a chance to go off on a small break. So vou have the workers going off at the same time, so in a way this compensates people. Second benefit is that it prevents machines breaking down in the course of production. Preventive maintenance meant every item of machanged. These things led to much higher productivity.

#### What was among the most important strategies when it came to human resources?

We had to win the trust of our workers. They didn't have to do that in Japan and that required some work. Every month, I would personally have a meeting with the union executives. Before the meeting, we would circulate a note on some aspect of industrial working to educate the workers. This process carried on and on. During the meeting, we would try to educate them on other aspects why management and workers together can actually be a winwin for both sides, whereas if you fight with each other neither wins.

Unfortunately, we don't recognise that, our labour laws don't recognise that. Most managements also don't realise that their interests are aligned with those of the workers. And the results showed for us: within 10 years of starting our operations in the early 1990s, more than 2,000 of our workers had their own houses. People who were 25 or 26 or 27 years old were house owners. A large number of our workers today own cars. Children of our workers today are working as doctors, lawyers, consultancy companies, MNCs, etc. Our commitment to workers was that when the company prospers, you will share that prosperity.

The fact is that majority of customers are small car users and will remain small car users for a long time to come. No country in the world has 200 million plus scooter owners... So what will they upgrade to? Has to be low-cost cars"

#### How crucial was the decision to start exporting cars?

The decision to export cars was essentially to expose ourselves to competition. At that time, Maruti was getting all the praise in the Indian market. But the fact is that there was no benchmark to see whether we were producing quality cars. Hindustan Motors and Premier were not benchmarks. The only thing which we could've learned from was from outside. Expose vourself to European standards and learn from there.

Suzuki didn't back the initial export plan. Mr Krishnamurthy was also opposed to it. He said we're not going to make any money out of this and we will get a bad name. But somebody has to pay the cost of learning, and we

I was the managing director,

so I had the last word. Cars had to be homologated to European standards and Suzuki said we can't help you, we don't have the manpower. But our engineers said they will get it done. They got cars homologated in France and Italy. And Suzuki started helping when we were selling. There were a lot of quality issues in the beginning -things that we never thought of. They looked at the gap between the door and the fender and said the gap is not uniform. I never looked at it before. Little things like this, it was quite a learning experience. We didn't make money but we learned.

#### There are a lot of other players from Japan, Europe and America that have come in subsequently but have not tasted the success in India that China. Why is that?

One, the market here has not grown as fast as the Chinese car market. India is a small car market despite all this hype about SUVs and customers moving towards bigger cars and all that. The fact is that majority of customers are small car users and will remain small car users for a long time to come. No country in the world has 200 million plus scooter owner strength. A scooter owner doesn't user a scooter out of choice. He uses it out of compulsion because he can't afford, but his aspiration is to buy a four-wheeler. So what will these 200 million people upgrade to? Has to be low-cost cars.

This feeling that India will become a large car market doesn't recognise the reality of our situation. Lot of people are making this mistake. All these people who came to India, what did they come to India with? Mostly big cars. Who succeeded in India first? Daewoo got success because they had a small car, Hyundai was successful because they had a small car. Tata got successful because they had the Indica. Having a reliable low-cost car enables millions of Indians to start economic activities. Today, the percentage of women in the job market as employees or entrepreneurs is much higher than it used to be. One of the things that has made this possible is the availability of low-cost

## CoinSwitch CEO says cooperating with ED

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** BENGALURU, AUGUST 27

45 cr OTT subscribers today in the COINSWITCH, THE unicorn crypto app, on Saturday said it is country, as per various industry cooperating Enforcement Directorate (ED) reports, which is expected to reach while the central agency searches

> Taking to Twitter to dismiss allegations of money laundering, co-founder & CEO Ashish Singhal said it was a mere attempt by the FD to understand his company's business model, functioning and other processes. However, Reuters reported that a source with direct knowledge of the case told the news agency that the case relates to suspected violations of India's foreign exchange laws.

ED agents further inquired about CoinSwitch's foreign investments, income and outflows to check on compliance and seized financial documents, the source told the news agency.

Singhal, revealing details about the searches which began on Thursday, said the last few davs' events have nothing to do with money laundering or the

#### Bitcoin dips below \$20,000

Bengaluru: Bitcoin dipped below \$20,000 on Saturday, continuing a drop that has taken it down nearly 60 per cent from its year high. and best-known cryptocurrency, was last down 1.5 per cent at \$19,946 on Saturday, down \$298 from its previous close. It is down 58.7 per cent from the year's high of \$48,234 hit on March 28. **REUTERS** 

Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). "Enforcement Directorate - Bengaluru has been engaged with us with respect to functioning of our crypto platforms / exchanges. We are fully cooperating with them," Singhal tweeted. "Our engagement with the Enforcement Directorate -Bengaluru was NOT related to any money laundering enquiry under PMLA, as reported in some news articles," he further said. FE

subscribers in the first quarter

this year against the backdrop of

rising inflation squeezing con-

Netflix know that I've been

against the complexity of adver-

tising, and a big fan of the sim-

plicity of subscription. But as

much as I'm a fan of that, I'm a

bigger fan of consumer choice.'

chief executive Reed Hastings

"Those who have followed

sumer spending.

had said in April

absorb these changes?

ed Japanese management culture, it doesn't mean we adapted in cut and paste. What are these major changes? The most important one was to change the relationship between the management and workers. Those were the days of frequent strikes and labour unrests. The biggest contributor to the success was the contribution of workers. The traditional thinking that labour and capital are always in conflict is actually a fallacy. It was valid when there was no competition, when quality and cost didn't matter too much. This is what the Japanese did and we had to do in India — to convince

# Meta head of virtual reality platform Horizon leaving company

#### IMF Deputy MD Jackson Hole: The tradeoffs

facing global central bankers between jobs, inflation and growth — are likely to get worse in coming years as the world struggles to right job markets and supply chains, and price pressures continue, Gita Gopinath. the International Monetary Fund's first deputy manag-

ing director, said. REUTERS

**REUTERS** 

BENGALURU, AUGUST 27

NETFLIX INC is looking to charge about \$7 to \$9 per month for its new advertising-supported subscription plan, Bloomberg News reported late on Friday.

Over-the-top platforms, or OTTs, may lead to a repeat of the sudden death of VCR/VCP/DVD

The company plans to introduce its budget-friendly option in the final three months of the year across at least half a dozen

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**STEPHEN NELLIS** 

SAN FRANCISCO, AUGUST 27

META PLATFORMS Inc's chief of

its virtual reality social platform

Horizon, the main gateway for ac-

cessing the metaverse that the

company is pouring billions of

dollars into building, is leaving for

a new opportunity, he told *Reuters* 

on Friday. A spokesman for

Facebook-owner Meta confirmed

the departure of Vice President

geographies. However, the full rollout may have to wait until early next year, the report said.

Source: SBI Research/PTI

It plans to sell around four minutes of commercials per hour for the ad-supported service, showing ads before and during the shows, the report said, citing people familiar with the matter. The streaming giant declined to comment on the report

and its pricing plan. Rival Walt Disney Co had in

Vivek Sharma and said his team

would report directly to Vishal

Shah, vice president of Metaverse.

oping the persistent, immersive

virtual environment that users ex-

perience when inside Meta's

metaverse, primarily accessible

via the company's virtual reality

devices such as its Oculus head-

sets. Although the business asso-

Sharma declined to elaborate.

He was responsible for devel-

March announced it will offer a cheaper, ad-supported version of its Disney+ streaming service later this year.

Netflix's goal is to attract subscribers who are ready to watch shows with advertisements, at almost half of its current price plan that costs \$15.49 per month.

The plan for ad-supported subscription comes after it reported a loss of about 200,000

> place where brands and thirdparty developers can reach Meta's user base if the metaverse takes

Platforms created by Sharma's team include Horizon Worlds, an expansive VR world-building platform, and Horizon Venues, which is focused on virtual events.

Horizon Workrooms, a virtual conferencing technology aimed at business customers, is run by Meta's enterprise-focused "home

Sharma's departure comes on

the heels of an embarrassing episode for Meta involving Horizon Worlds, in which critics mocked the graphics quality of chief executive officer Mark Zuckerberg's avatar after he posted a screenshot of it on

Zuckerberg posted a second image days later showing a more sophisticated avatar. He acknowledged that the earlier image was "pretty basic" and promised "major updates to Horizon and avatar graphics coming soon." REUTERS

New Delhi

## FB to settle data privacy lawsuit

Bengaluru: Meta Platforms Inc's Facebook has in-principle agreed to settle a lawsuit in the San Francisco federal court seeking damages for letting third parties including Cambridge Analytica access the private data of users, a court filing showed.

The financial terms were not disclosed in the filing on Friday that asked the judge to put the class action on hold for 60 days until the lawyers for both plaintiffs and Facebook finalize a written settlement. The fouryear-old lawsuit alleged that Facebook violated consumer privacy laws by sharing personal data of users with third parties. **REUTERS** 

#### ciated with the company's virtual Meta headquarters at Menlo worlds is still nascent, the aim is to make those worlds the main

**Meta** 

Diplomats from around the world have failed to reach agreement on a UN treaty designed to protect marine life on the high seas, after a fifth round of talks ended in impasse. A proposed treaty would set rules for protecting biodiversity in two-thirds of the world's ocean areas that are outside of national jurisdictions.

# WORLD



Dugong is the first large vertebrate to go functionally extinct

**CHINA** 

#### 'Sea cow' that evoked mermaids extinct: Study

THE DUGONG, a species of so-called sea cow that roams the ocean floor in Asia and Africa and is said to have inspired ancient legends of mermaids, has been spotted off China's southern coast for centuries. Not lately, though. A new study suggests that the dugong has become the first large vertebrate to go functionally extinct in China's coastal waters, the result of a rapid population collapse there that began in the mid-1970s. "Functional extinction" means that even if some dugongs are alive off China's coast, their numbers are too small to maintain a viable population. Dugongs are occasionally entangled in fishing nets, and the seagrass that they eat has degraded over

**MEXICO** 

#### 6 of 43 missing students given to Army: Official

Mexico City: Six of the 43 college students "disappeared" in 2014 were allegedly kept alive in a warehouse for days then turned over to the local Army commander who ordered them killed, the Mexican government official leading a Truth Commission said Friday. Interior Undersecretary Alejandro Encinas made the revelation directly tying the military to one of Mexico's worst human rights scandals.

**TURKEY** 

#### 7 PKK members killed in north Iraq

Istanbul: Turkey's military "neutralised" seven members of the banned Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in an operation in northern Iraq, the Defence Ministry said on Saturday. "Our operations will continue until the last terrorist is neutralised," the ministry said on Twitter. It typically uses the word "neutralised" to mean killed. REUTERS

LIBYA

#### Shootouts, blasts shake capital

Tripoli: Rival factions battled across Libya's capital on Saturday in the worst fighting there for two years as an eyewitness said forces aligned with a parliament-backed administration moved on the city to try to take power. The Tripoli government's health ministry gave a preliminary toll of 12 people, with 87 injured, but did not say how many were civilians REUTERS or fighters.

**SERBIA** 

### No EuroPride due to threats

Belgrade: Serbia won't allow a pan-European LGBTQ Pride event to take place in Belgrade next month, the president said Saturday, citing threats from right-wing extremists and fears of clashes. President Aleksandar Vucic announced the decision and also proposed extending the term of Serbia's PM. who identifies as a lesbian.

UKRAINE, RUSSIA TRADE BLAME ON ZAPORIZHZHIA PLANT

# Risk of radioactive leak high at shelled nuclear plant: Operator

**Iodine tablets** given to people around the site

**AGENCIES** KYIV, AUGUST 27

CONCERN ABOUT the potential for a radiation leak at Europe's largest nuclear power plant persisted as Ukrainian authorities said on Saturday that Russian forces fired on areas just across the river and Russia claimed Ukrainian shelling hit a building where nuclear fuel is stored.

Authorities were distributing iodine tablets to residents who live near the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in case of radiation exposure, which can cause health problems. The UN's nuclear watchdog has assembled a team of experts to visit the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in southeastern Ukraine as early as next week.

Much of the concern centres on the cooling systems for the plant's nuclear reactors. The Ukrainian and Russian governments have accused the other of shelling the complex, raising fears of a possible catastrophe.

Periodic shelling has damaged the power station's infrastructure, Ukraine's nuclear power operator, Energoatom, said Saturday. "There are risks of hydrogen leakage and sputtering of radioactive substances, and the fire hazard is high," it said.

In the latest conflicting attack reports, the governor of Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region, Valentyn Reznichenko, said Saturday that Grad missiles and artillery shells hit the cities of Nikopol and Marhanets, each located about

**TOLL NEARS 1,000** 

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** 

THE PAKISTAN government has

decided to call in the Army to

help in the rescue and relief op-

erations after many parts of the

country were ravaged by the

worst floods in over a decade

that has affected more than 33

million people Interior Minister

Rana Sanaullah said on Saturday.

killed due to floods across

Pakistan. As many as 45 people

died in the past 24 hours, accord-

ing to the National Disaster

Management Authority (NDMA).

hurt, with 113 injuries reported

said the armed forces were being

deployed to help in the rescue

work. He said the troops have

been called in under Article 245

of the Constitution, which em-

powers the government to sum-

mon the Army to deal with an

emergency. A formal notification

issued on Friday read that the ex-

in the last 24 hours, it said.

Another 1,456 people were

Interior Minister Sanaullah

So far 982 people have been

ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 27

Flood-ravaged Pak

to deploy Army

to assist in rescue

Country's economy may face \$4 bn loss



A factory destroyed by a Russian strike in the city of Slovyansk, in Donetsk region. Reuters

10 km (6 miles) from the plant. But Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said Ukrainian forces had fired on the plant from Marhanets.

President Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelenskyy said it was essential for IAEA representatives to get to the plant soon." "The situation remains precarious and dangerous," Zelenskyv said

#### 'Russia can't stop war'

Former President Dmitry Medvedev, now deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council, said on Friday that Moscow would not stop its military campaign in Ukraine even if Kyiv formally renounced its aspirations to join NATO. "Renouncing its participation in NATO is vital, but it is already insufficient to establish peace," Medvedev said.

Putin on Saturday signed a decree introducing financial benefits for people who left Ukrainian

MOSCOW, AUGUST 27

territory to come to Russia, in-

cluding pensioners, pregnant

The decree, published on a

government portal, establishes

monthly pension payments of

10,000 roubles (\$170) for people

who have been forced to leave

the territory of Ukraine since

Feb. 18. Disabled people will also

women and disabled people.

A volunteer evacuates a

flood victim in Charsadda,

Pakistan on Saturday. Reuters

act number of troops and area of

deployment would be worked

out by respective provincial governments in consultation with

the military operations direc-

torate and General Headquarters.

have estimated to cost the

Pakistan's economy over \$4 bil-

according to a research report.

actual impact, Pakistan can re-

termath of the floods.

The devastating flash floods

Ukrainians to live in Russia Putin signed introducing financial RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir

Putin makes it easier for

be eligible for the same monthly support, while pregnant women are entitled to a one-off benefit.

The decree says the payments will be made to citizens of Ukraine and the self-styled Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics. On Feb. 18, Putin ordered every person who arrived in Russia from Donetsk and Luhansk to be given a payment of 10,000 roubles

## Deal to export Ukraine grain passes milestone

MORE THAN one million metric tons of grain have been exported from Ukraine under a deal to end Russia's blockade of Black Sea ports, UN officials said on Saturday, hailing what they called a "remarkable" achievement, but acknowledging that there was still a long way to go.

The grain deal got cargo vessels moving again after the monthslong blockade had aggravated a global food crisis, helped stoke famine in Africa and contributed to soaring prices. On Saturday, the United Nations credited the deal with helping drive down prices and restore confidence as the world grapples with food insecurity.

# FBI: Trump mixed top secret documents with magazines

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 27

FOURTEEN OF the 15 boxes recovered from former President Donald Trump's Florida estate early this year contained classified documents, many of them top secret, mixed in with miscellaneous newspapers, magazines and personal correspondence, according to an FBI affidavit released Friday.

No space at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate was authorised for the storage of classified material, according to the court papers, which laid out the FBI's rationale for searching the property this month, including "probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction will be found."

The 32-page affidavit redacted to protect the safety of witnesses and law enforcement officials and "the integrity of the ongoing probe" - offers the most detailed description to date of the government records being stored at Mar-a-Lago long after Trump argued?

TRUMP, IRATE over the

records investigation, issued a statement Friday saying that he and his team have cooperated with the Justice Department and that his representatives "GAVE THEM MUCH." That's at odds with the portrayal of the Trump team in the affidavit and the fact that FBI search occurred despite warnings months earlier.

left the White House. It also reveals the gravity of the government's concerns that the documents were there illegally.

The document makes clear how the haphazard retention of top secret records, and the apparent failure to safeguard them despite months of entreaties from

US officials, has exposed Trump to legal peril just as he lavs groundwork for 2024 presidential run.

"The government is conducting a criminal investigation concerning the improper removal and storage of classified information in unauthorised spaces, as well as the unlawful concealment or removal of government records," an FBI agent wrote on the first page of the affidavit.

Documents previously made public show that federal agents are investigating potential violations of multiple federal laws, including one that governs gathering, transmitting or losing defence information under the Espionage Act.

Trump has long insisted that he cooperated with government officials. His attorneys late Friday repeated their request for appointment of an independent special master to review the documents taken from the home. saying redacted affidavit doesn't give Trump sufficient information about why the search took place or what materials were removed.

## Pope expands ranks of cardinals who will likely pick his successor

**REUTERS & AP** 

VATICAN CITY, AUGUST 27

POPE FRANCIS on Saturday inducted 20 cardinals from around the world, including India, choosing men who mostly agree with his vision of a more progressive and inclusive Church and influencing their choice of his eventual successor.

Francis, 85, presided at a ceremony known as a consistory, telling the new cardinals to show concern for ordinary people despite the high rank that will bring them into contact with the pow-



Pope Francis during a consistory ceremony at Saint Peter's Basilica. Reuters

erful of the earth.

Those under 80 - 16 among the 20 newcomers — can enter a conclave to elect a new pope from among themselves after he dies or resigns. They come from Britain, South Korea, Spain, France, Nigeria, Brazil, India, the US, East Timor, Italy, Ghana, Singapore, Paraguay, and Colombia.

Francis has now named 83 of the 132 cardinals currently young enough to join a conclave. Underlining Francis' attention to those on society's margins, among the new cardinals is Archbishop Anthony Poola of Hyderabad, India. The prelate, 60, is the first member of the Dalit community, considered the lowest rung of India's caste system, to become a cardinal.

## Country must manage existing resources: Lanka **Central Bank Governor**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA COLOMBO, AUGUST 27

SRI LANKA should learn to manforeign exchange reserves, Governor of the country's Bank Weerasinghe has said.

importation of over 300 non-essential goods in view of the country's current economic situation

Wednesday slapped a ban on the

Nandalal Weerasinghe also com-

mented on the finance ministry's recently imposed temporary suspension on the

Sri Lankan government on

import of 300 consumer items like chocolates, perfumes and shampoos as part of the cashstrapped island nation's bid to

The decision is between whether the people want to purchase gas and fuel required for basic essentials, or whether one wants to purchase a television, a refrigerator or a car, he said on Friday. Weerasinghe said what was important was to use the existing limited resources in a way that benefits all, and the temporary import suspension would be lifted once the situation returns to normal, a news report said.

## Spain passes law requiring 'freely expressed' consent for sex

**EMMA BUBOLA** & JOSÉ BAUTISTA

AUGUST 27

SIX YEARS ago, an 18-year-old lion in the current fiscal year as the calamity has badly hurt agriwoman was raped in a building cultural in Sindh and Balochistan, lobby by five men during the bull-running festival in While it is early to assess the Pamplona, Spain. The men filmed it on a cellphone video, main highly vulnerable in the afwhich showed her still and with her eyes shut during the assault.

Her case galvanised Spain, and on Thursday it helped inspire Parliament to pass a law on consent that observers say could transform sexual behavior in the country. "It is not my law, but a law for all the women, so let's move on," the victim told the Spanish newspaper El País.

85 RESCUED FROM PHILIPPINES FERRY FIRE

All 85 passengers and crew of an inter-island ferry that caught fire near its port destination

than a kilometer away from the Batangas port when smoke emerged from the second deck

south of Manila have been rescued, Philippine officials said Saturday. The ferry was more

followed by flames, forcing many passengers to jump into the water in panic. AP

Under the measure, any sex that takes place without clear consent can now be prosecuted as rape. Before passage of the law,

for an act to be considered rape, it needed to involve some sort of violence or coercion. Otherwise it fell into the category of sexual abuse — a lesser crime.

Advocates of the new law have welcomed it as a strong statement about the rights of women, with Spain joining countries, including Canada, Sweden and Denmark that have adopted a similar approach to rape and consent.

"The feminist call of 'only yes means yes" has "finally become law in our country," Irene Montero, Spain's minister of equality, said Thursday.

The law does not require that a "yes" to a sexual act be expressed verbally. But it does say that "there is consent when it has been freely expressed through acts that, in view of the circumstances of the case, clearly express the will of the person."

It remains to be seen how courts will interpret what that means as prosecutions are brought under the new law. But some experts hailed the measure as a big step forward. The law "is a very significant

shift" since it moves away from "consent being what usually a man imagines a woman is thinking," said Lise Gotell, a professor of women's and gender studies at University of Alberta, Canada. NYT

## YAMAGAMI TOLD POLICE HE KILLED ABE BECAUSE OF HIS TIES WITH A RELIGIOUS GROUP

# Life destroyed by mother's religion, says Abe murder suspect

**MARIYAMAGUCHI** TOKYO, AUGUST 27

THE BRAZEN assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with a handmade gun shocked a nation unused to high-profile political violence.

But there has been another surprise in the weeks since the murder as details have emerged about an alleged assassin who was well-off until his mother's huge donations to controversial I Inification Church left him poor, neglected and filled with rage.

Some Japanese have expressed understanding, even sympathy, for the 41-year-old similar age who may feel pangs of recognition linked to their own suffering during three decades of economic malaise and social turmoil.

There have been suggestions on social media that care packages should be sent to suspect Tetsuva Yamagami's detention centre to cheer him up. And more than 7,000 people have signed a petition requesting prosecutorial leniency for Yamagami, who told police that he killed Abe, one of Japan's most powerful and divisive politicians, because of his ties to an unnamed religious group widely believed to be the Unification Church.



Tetsuya Yamagami (centre) was detained near the site of gunshots in Nara, western Japan. AP file

"If he hadn't allegedly committed the crime, Yamagami would deserve much sympathy.

There are many others who also suffer" because of their parents' faith, said Kimiaki Nishida, a

Rissho University psychology professor and expert in cult studies.

Yamagami, who is being detained for mental evaluation un-

til late November, in a letter seen by AP and tweets believed to be his, said his family and life were destroyed by the church because of his mother's huge donations. Police confirmed that a draft of Yamagami's letter was found in a computer confiscated from his one-room apartment.

"After my mother joined the church (in the 1990s), my entire teenage years were gone, with some 100 million yen (\$735,000) wasted," he wrote. "It's not an exaggeration to say my experience during that time has kept distorting my entire life." Yamagami was 4 when his

father, an executive of a company founded by the suspect's grandfather, killed himself, After his mother joined the Unification Church, she began making big donations that bankrupted the family and shattered Yamagami's hope of going to college. His brother later committed suicide. After a three-year stint in the navy, Yamagami was most recently a factory worker.

Part of the reason Yamagami's case has struck a chord is because he's a member of what the Japanese media have called a "lost generation" that's been stuck with low-paying contract jobs.

Despite being the world's third-largest economy, Japan has faced three decades of economic turmoil and social disparity, and many of those who grew up in these years are unmarried and are stuck with unstable jobs and feelings of isolation and unease. Yamagami's case also has shed

light on the children of Unification Church adherents. Many are neglected, experts say, and there's been little help because government and schools tend to resist interference on religious freedom grounds. "If our society had paid more attention to the problems over the past few decades, the attack could have been prevented," said an expert.

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POINT OF VIEW Standing up to Patriarchy

Mental-health struggles in women conceal social concerns, where measuring up to social standards of worthiness robs them of agency



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# NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Watching some shows are as comforting as relishing chai-pakoda on rain-soaked evenings. Cutting the clutter of sinister crime dramas, these slice-of-life web-series bring in lived experiences and relatable characters. They are set in parts of India that rarely feature in mainstream narrative now. In conversation with the creators of some of the recent hits on OTT platforms, they speak of their decision to be firmly rooted in the milieu and how that proved to be rewarding

BY ALAKA SAHANI

# Life in the Slow Lane





Creators of Ghar Waapsi home in on the small town

THE Ghar Waapsi team wondered how many people were going to watch it when it dropped on Disney+ Hotstar last month. "After all, no one was threatening to nuke a city nor was the planet at stake. However, we knew those who would watch it, would like it," says director Ruchir Arun. The team was overwhelmed when the show, about a 28year-old professional, who returns home to Indore for an indefinite period after losing his job in Bengaluru, became one of the most-watched new shows.

Popular television actor Vishal Vashishtha essays the role of Shekhar Dwivedi. As he tries to find a new routine and purpose in his old city, friends and memories that he had left behind make a comeback in his life. "It's not about just telling a story. The audience today has keen eyes. When something is truthful, they relate to it," says Arun.

Conceptualised by Dice Media, it reflects the impact of the pandemic and how it precipitated the return of many profeslying dormant at Dice Media for some years. It found its relevance now. Though the pandemic was the trigger, we consciously don't mention it," says Bharat Mishra, who wrote the show with Tatsat Pandey. Instead, the writers chose to focus on the protagonist's struggle to fit in even though he is in familiar territory. Soon, his parents' troubles and the distance between siblings become a bigger concern than his unemployment.

Once the idea was greenlit in mid-2021, the two writers spent hours talking to each other to develop the story. But Mishra was in Pune while Pandey was in Indore. It was Indore

that proved to be the common link between the two. While Pandey had lived and studied there until he completed his MBA from Indian Institute of Management, Indore, Mishra used to visit his grandparents there during his school vacations. As the show's creative director Kartik Krishnan insisted on making a tier-II city the show's setting, Dice Media teamed them up to ensure authenticity in the narrative. Arun, who has directed shows like *Little Things* (2019-21) and *What* the Folks (2017-18), came



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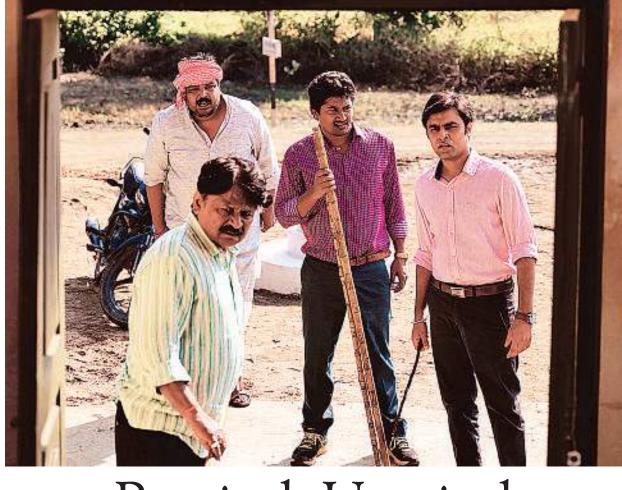
(Top) A still from Ghar Waapsi; (left to right) Tatsat Pandey, Ruchir Arun and Bharat Mishra

on board. As visualised by the creators, Indore's languid life and culture have seeped into the story. "In Indore, everything starts and ends with food. If you ask someone for directions, that person might reply something like: 'If you go straight, then you will find a pohe ki dukaan... then turn right towards a person selling chhole bature," says Pandey. That explains the profuse mention of food on the show. The city's "lovers' point", open playgrounds and popular joints such as Red Bucket kachori shop, too, are part of the narrative.

What kept their writing realistic, believes Pandey, is what they had observed around them. "For the heart-to-heart chat that Shekhar has with his sister on their terrace, I imagined talking to my elder brother after living away from home." he says. Similarly, Mishra revisited his relationship with his wife and their courtship days. "On the show, Shekhar and his love interest Riddhima arrived at the same decision at the time. That's possible when a couple is into each other," he says.

Arun and the writers read the script together to fine-tune the core idea. "The nok-ihok (banter) between Shekhar and his siblings reminded me of the dynamics my father shared with his brothers," recalls Arun. Once the actors were on the sets, they elevated the script with their interpretation. Vashishtha stood out as the stoic protagonist while Atul Srivastava and Vibha Chhibber seem effortless as his foodie father and shorttempered mother, respectively. Ajitesh Gupta, who was the

last to join the cast, is superb as Shekhar's loyal friend Darshan. In this age of edgy shows, Ghar Waapsi adopts an "unhurried pace". Arun was keen on the "gentle rhythm" of the place. Pandey quips, "While telling the story of a slow-paced life, you can't possibly have fast-cut edit."



# Rewind, Unwind

How Panchayat found its audience in the city

LIDE THE puris lower into the oil to get them puffy and full, Neena Gupta advises co-actor Sanvikaa. It was Gupta channelling her improv strengths for the birthday sequence of her on-screen daughter.

This seemingly trivial tweaking by the seasoned actor adds immense value to the storytelling and the world of Panchayat which is based on sharp observations, welldefined characters and riveting perform-

ances. "Such an insight could have only come from an actor like Neena ji," says Panchayat's director Deepak Kumar Mishra. It's a worthy reminder of the show's ethos that says, "Realise your truth", even as the second episode of Panchayat Season 2, Bol Chaal Band, rolls out. Gupta plays the role of Phulera panchayat's head Manju Devi, while Sanvikaa is her daughter Rinki.

In this season, too, Mishra underlines their ambition to tell "a good story that connects with people", a thought that is endorsed by writer Chandan Kumar.

From the start, Mishra and Kumar – who were flatmates in Mumbai between 2015 and 2000 were on the same page regarding the world they wanted to showcase. Coming from the heartland, Mishra

hails from Varanasi and Kumar from Patna, they wanted to tell stories which were different from the run-of-the-mill gangster and crime sagas set in these areas. "When Chandan first shared his idea of a city-bred youth living in a rural area in 2017, I liked it instantly," says Mishra.

Once they established the show's premise — an engineering graduate working as a secretary of a panchayat office as a stopgap measure — it became easier to build on it. Since Kumar was familiar with instances of a female panchayat head's husband (informally known as pradhanpati) running the show while the elected representative is caught up with domestic chores, the characters of Manju Devi and her husband Brij Bhusan Dubey (essayed by Raghubir Yadav) became part of the narrative.

When Panchayat Season 1 released in April 3, 2020, it captured the audiences' attention with its compelling depiction of rural life with all its idiosyncrasies. The new season, released on May 18, 2022, has become even more popular and an endless source of memes. The Panchayat creators still find it incredulous that "a simple story" has

received so much love. Mishra believes that being "rooted", while keeping the craft in mind, has contributed to its success. Kumar agrees and says, "There is a commonality in the way people in rural India live." The show banks on



TRUTH ABOUT LIFE A still from Panchayat; Deepak Mishra (left) with Chandan Kumar

with lightness and warmth. After CCTVs are installed in the village, a man locates his stray goat with the help of its footages; a snake finds its way into a bucketful of chilled beer bottles on a warm day; and a villager's act of dissent is the threat to defecate in the open.

Interestingly, Panchayat, which is produced by The Viral Fever, was rejected by a number of streaming video platforms, including Hotstar and Netflix, before it was sold as a package deal to Amazon Prime Video along with a big show.

Though Panchayat is set in Phulera, a fictional village in Uttar Pradesh, it is shot in Madhya Pradesh. The team reached the sets with bound scripts, but there was always room for improvisation. "Several factors came together during the making of it. Both Raghubirji and Neenaji are spontaneous actors. They come up with significant inputs. When you have actors who are intelligent, they know how to lift a scene," says Mishra. That's why the creators try to make sure the casting is perfect. The show's cast consists of known names from Mumbai as well as actors from Bhopal and Bengaluru.

What makes the characters convincing is that both Mishra and Kumar have experienced rural life. "Though I grew up in Varanasi, I used to live in my grandparents' village for two months in the summers. I hated it then but today I'm thankful to my parents for making me do it," says Mishra.

Though Kumar studied in Patna, he frequently visited his village Siyarampur. A fan of Steven Spielberg, Mishra says, "Going by his philosophy, I believe that nothing should seem unreal. We have left high-paying jobs to become show creators. So, why should we do beimani (cheating)?'

Finalising the story is a rigorous process involving a series of narration and feedback sessions. "In the episode Tension in Season 2, the drunk driver in the initial drafts was supposed to be beaten up and chased away. That ending was not satisfying. After a few rounds of back and forth, we arrived at the point when he says 'bhool-chook maaf kar dena (pardon my mistakes)' before driving away," says Kumar.

During the conversation, it is ap-

parent that they deeply love the world they have created. Both choose Computer Nahi Monitor in Season 1, in which a monitor is stolen from the panchayat office, as their favourite. Mishra feels "proud" of the Jaise Ko Taisa episode in Season 2 where high drama unfolds over the mistaken switching of chappals while Kumar's picks the finale, Parivaar. "There is a sudden shift in tone in the finale as a tragedy strikes. We were wary of it but not scared. We knew this

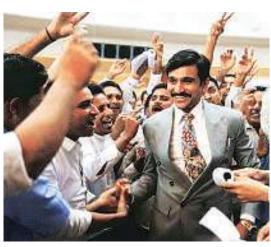
sequence would work if the previous episodes worked," says Kumar, adding that this sequence paves the way for Season 3. They are hopeful of making 10 seasons of the show. "We want Panchayat to be India's Friends," says Mishra. They nurse the ambition of making a feature film. "I keep prodding Chandan to write

says Mishra.

a sci-fi. Once we find a convincing story, we will make an honest effort to tell it,"

New Delhi

# 'Streamers have allowed for highquality drama'



Sameer Nair, head of Applause Entertainment, on the OTT scene, and his kind of shows

You've been part of the entertainment industry for three decades. How have the streaming video

During the early days of Doordarshan, there were shows such as Tamas (1988) and Khandaan (1985). They are more like the modern dramas. On satellite TV, we made some good shows and Kaun Banega Crorepati (2000-). With the streamers, we have the opportunity to produce high-quality drama with multiple seasons. This is what HBO and American television has been doing since the '90s, with shows such as *The* Sopranos (1999-2007) and The Wire (2002-08). That's the change that streamers have brought in India especially since internet has reached everywhere.

#### What are the essentials to create good OTT content? When you create a daily soap, you create characters. They



are big on that while the plot remains slow. We treat drama series for streaming video platforms as extended movies. They are much richer and have more compelling characters. We started making such shows six years ago and we are getting better at it. We have learnt the art of writing long-form, multi-layered and multiseasoned series very fast.

**RULES OF THE GAME** (Top) A still from The Scam; Sameer Nair

In five years, Applause Entertainment have made several successful shows. What's your selection process?

This is a very diverse

and large market. The streaming business allows you to tell distinctive stories without adhering to a one-size-fits-all format. We started with the thought to commission original writings, doing Indian adaptations of international shows and literary adaptations for screen. In August 2017, we discussed making a series on Sucheta Dalal's book The Scam. We also got the rights to adapt Criminal Justice (2019), a British series, and Hostages (2018-19), an Israeli series. At the same time, we developed Hasmukh (2020) and Rasbhari (2020). We follow the hub-and-spoke model; we make the shows,

### How is this model working out for you?

This is how movie studios traditionally operated. Right now, we are the only ones doing it. This means we think of ideas, get talents to work on them, raise the finances and produce them. The difference is that these are released on streaming platforms instead of theatres. We are like a traditional 20th-century content studio reimagined for the 21st century. The basic rules of the business still apply.

### What's the plan for the next five years?

The market is at an exciting space. We have 20-30 million streaming subscribers. The next five years is going to witness a huge explosion in the number of consumers. The bar on quality will be raised. Since streaming allows you to be agnostic - you can watch any show, any time, anywhere we are also going to make more projects based in south India. The next five-10 years, if we stay focussed and disciplined, it would be a wonderful time for the industry.

# POINT OF VIEW

# **DOWN IN**JUNGLELAND



Ranjit Lal is an author, environmentalist and bird watcher

# I Had a Dream

Mr Spidey's brief love story

HE IS so, so utterly humongous — and hairy! So yogic, in the middle of that magnificent edifice that she's built: in the early dawn, it looks like an immense chandelier as the dewdrops are fired by the sunlight, or appear as ropes of pearls. She has everything. What can I give her? True Amazon delivered the size XXX cockroach I had ordered, and I've gift-wrapped it in silk. But will it be enough? It looked magnificent, like it was made of polished mahogany; or dates from the richest Arabian oasis. But what if she prefers oak or hates dates? Besides, her larder is pretty well-stocked with packaged fast-food. Wickedly, I have helped myself to a small snack — a cricket — without asking her... Should I confess? Will she kill me if I do, or kill me if I don't?

Girls! Speaking of which, there is a little girl sitting right down below me. I believe they call her Miss, or rather, Ms Muffet (you can't be politically incorrect these days) and she's sitting on a tuffet (whatever that is), eating her curds and whey. Why? Really, she ought to try a chocolate-chip sundae sometime. Should I parasail down to the back of her neck and scare her away? That might impress my gorgeous giantess. But the little girl might spill her curds and whey all over me and you can't arrive for a first date with that all over you. I might even be drowned; the first spider dude to be martyred by curds and whey! Should I? Shouldn't I? Decisions, decisions!

Sometimes, I wish I had been born a bird-eating spider, stalking around the jungle, stabbing little chicks and sucking delicious eggs. An egg, now that would be a proper gift for such a great lady: A baby lark, even better.

Ah, I see several other ruffians have also arrived, seeking her favours; puny little wimps. I'd better make my move now. Oh, this roach is really heavy... Ah, she has sensed my first steps and stiffened. Those lovely beady little eyes — all eight of them are shining. But she looks a bit tense. Maybe, I should twang a soft melody on her web to clam (sic) her down. Put her more in the mood for a bit of canoodling. Maybe strum the Blue Danube, even though I've never heard it being played on the harp. Wish I could straddle like the cicadas and crickets do. Anyway, here goes.

Yes, yes, yes! It seems to be working. Her hairs are no longer fizzing. Her eyes have that glazed woozy look



RANJITLA

WEBCASTING

In the early dawn, a spider's cobwebs looks like a chandelier with dewdrops fired by sunlight, or appear as ropes of pearls

of a girl in love — smitten. I think she loves me! Here I come, my love! Am I a Casanova or Don Juan or Heathcliff or Romeo or what! Take that, you scounded! I'm on my way!

scoundrels! I'm on my way!

That little twerp has been ogling at me from the edge of my web like forever. He wouldn't even make a halfway-decent snack. But Dr Arachnid has said I need to watch my weight. And why the hell has the idiot not scared away that silly little girl down below screeching in that falsetto? She is irritating the heck out of me and she's eating something that looks completely disgusting. Now, if she were chomping down a lizard, that would be something. Ah, at last, he's decided to come over. I'm trembling, all aquiver. But what's that he's plucking on my web-strings? Surely not the Blue Danube? What a melody; makes me want to clamp the little bugger to my bosom and waltz him around the web. And look — he's bringing a gift too! Sweetheart, you really shouldn't have! Come closer, now come closer. Mmm...

I can't believe it. I did it. She was in such a trance I could do anything with her. No, don't get me wrong — this is not what you think. She loved the music: And the gift. She spent so much time unboxing it — I made a YouTube video that went viral — and, please to "like". I did what I had to do and then, like a gentleman, withdrew. Hmm... but she did murmur about that little girl down below giving her a migraine. Let me do something about that!

Bloody hell! The little twerp! He had his way with me as I was unboxing that hideous cockroach and had come under the influence of Blue Danube! Guys, I tell you! Ah, but don't worry big mama, he'll be back for sure...

I did it! I parasailed down on to the back of Ms Muffet's neck and landed on the top of her ear (the breeze is a bit erratic this morning), and the effect was spectacular. She leapt up with a scream, sending her curds and whey flying and ran off as fast as she could. While I scuttled back up my safety line, just in case. And now I'm going back for a second date. Now she'll be mine, forever!

Here he comes! I've got my industrial-strength earplugs on. Come to mama, little daddy! Let me give you a little kiss... Wow! She's real feisty this time, moves like greased

Wow! She's real feisty this time, moves like greased lightning. She's murmuring about daddy providing good protein for mama's babies. And talks about love bites — hey babe, that hurt! Oh God, she's liquefying me alive! Ah, but then, "It's a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it's a far better rest that I go to than I have ever known..."

# Weathering the Patriarchy Storm

Mental health struggles among women conceal issues of social injustice



IMAGINE

BY SHELJA SEN

umaare samaaj mein ladki hona hi gunaah hai (being a girl is a crime in our society)" these words by a girl echoed the sentiments of countless young women growing up in a society where there are widespread, daily accounts of gender-based violence. Where girls are killed even before they are born because they bring bad-dua (curse), the mother of a child with disability is blamed for bringing bad-qismat (bad luck) into the family, a girl who doesn't fit the social norms of beauty is dismissed as bad-surat (ugly), and girls who challenge patriarchy are seen as bad-chalan (immoral). Where every step away from society's warped idea of morality is shamed, stigmatised, and, at times, even banished.

We are trained into self-surveillance from an early age so as to jump through the culturally sanctioned hoops. This indoctrination is dangerous because it's invisible to us. It's like the air we breathe day in and day out, in our homes, schools, in the movies, literature, advertisements, news, and not to forget, on social media.

Therefore, it isn't a surprise that mentalhealth struggles in girls have skyrocketed, propelled by the pandemic. It's convenient to blame them with the refrain "girls these days!" rather than look at the cultural context that breeds this dangerous self-surveillance. Convenient labels like depression, anxiety, eating disorders, self-harm, and addictions are a reflection of harm being done to women. In my decades of work as a therapist, I have never seen this intensity of selfdoubt, self-hatred, and sense of failure among women as I'm seeing now. Where the internalised judgements of not measuring up to the society's standards of beauty, worthiness and goodness, robs them of a sense of agency, purpose and connection. A perfect recipe for a long-and-winding mental-health spiral.

It shows how significant it becomes for us to be accountable as a collective rather than seeing it as an individual responsibility. I was in awe of 14-year-old Rhea who stood up to her school's male principal when he asked her to take her male classmate's comments on her body as a compliment. He instructed her not to put *kajal* to "attract boys' attention" because "usse apna hi mooh kaala hota hai (you only bring shame upon yourself by doing that)". The best part was

the next day all the girls (and some boys) in the class turned up at school with *kajal!* A big salute to a quietly subversive act of reclaiming justice and solidarity.

It would also be absurd to assume that women are passive recipients of hardships. Resistance has taken shape as social movements led by women on a larger scale such as Justice for Nirbhaya, Narmada Bachao Andolan, Shaheen Bagh protest, Chipko movement, Mothers of Manipur and the resistance of Irom Sharmila against the AFSPA (Armed Forces [Special Powers] Act) have shaken the cobwebs of our male-dominated society. Girls are challenging patriarchy at homes, schools, colleges, and critiquing society's idea of being sanskaari (cultured), sarvagunn sampanna (possessing all virtues and merits), samajhdaar (understanding).

Mental-health struggles in women conceal issues of social injustice. Mental-health professionals cannot be complicit in reproducing the misogynistic culture. Rhea was referred to me for behavioural problems. As a therapist, it would have been so easy for me to collude with the school's agenda in promoting injustices against girls.

A typical social response is to dismiss girls as "just girls". As if they don't matter, their voices can be silenced. Thus, through a play of words and a little punning, in our organisation, we call this initiative "Just Girls", a solidarity of women, who come together for justice — to externalise what has been inter-



solidarity of women, who come together for justice, to externalise what's internalised, politicise the personalised, and make visible the invisibilised nalised, politicise the personalised and make visible the invisibilised.

We spell out **Courage** (the acronym) and use the metaphor of journey to explain and keep track of our work. It's helped us navigate our challenges and "just steps" that support young women in flipping the gaze on patriarchy and have a sense of agency, reclaim their preferred identity and foster solidarity.

JUST STEPS

Maybe you would like to try it out (irrespective of your gender, class, age, religion, etc.)? Charting our territory: What are the recent

Charting our territory: What are the recent challenges/storms (big or small) you had to face in life? What name would you give them?

On the stepping stones: Tiny, little or big things you do every day, despite the presence of these storms, that sustain you and keep you going?

Using the compass: What are the values and beliefs that make you stand strong and carry on? What do they reflect that is precious to you?

Resistance Torch: What names would you give to the big storms that young women face in our culture, in terms of societal pressure? How do we end up internalising these storms and questioning our worth? How does it push us into isolating ourselves, comparing ourselves with others, and telling ourselves that we are less? What are the small ways in which you have lit your Resistance Torch to stand up to the "patriarchal storm" and not

let them define your worth?

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Along with the tribe: Which person/s has introduced you to these skills of survival or is aware that these things are important to you? If someone gets to know you over months and years, what would they learn to appreciate about you?

Gifts to fellow travellers: What hopes do you have of contributing to your community or tribe? What small or big steps are you taking to support others in their journey of life? What advice would you give other young women your age?

Enduring adversity and finding our North Star: What stopped you from seeing yourself as a victim but more as a survivor/ fighter/courage traveller? What would you call this skill that is able to endure and withstand all the storms?

As a young woman once remarked, "We are trees with deep roots, storms may try to destroy us but if we stand together as a forest and have strong roots, nothing can bring us down."

Acknowledgement to all the young women who are on this **Courage** journey

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# Rolling in the Deep

Why do we keep loving those who don't love us back?



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UNREQUITED LOVE is one of the most gutwrenching experiences of the human journey. Sometime or the other, humans fall in love with those who are least able to give any love back. Love that doesn't return love is far more prevalent than love that does. Way more intense than a fleeting crush, this love can last a lifetime, and can make or break the one in love.

The rejection one must live with, make peace with, and accept when one's love is not reciprocated, is a rejection most unbearable. The rejection-induced agony many experience can be as debilitating as physical pain. Even knowing the baggage of emotional distress and trauma that unrequited love carries doesn't ease the suffering.

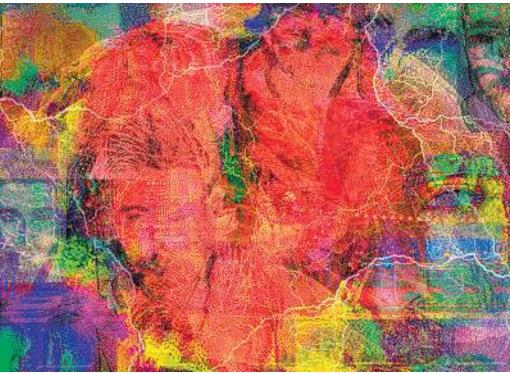
Everyone wants and deserves to be loved. Many a time, it takes letting go of the objects of our affection who don't echo the feeling. Kicking away unrequited love isn't easy, to be able to do that one first needs to awaken to the possibilities of love that's mutual and fulfilling.

The feelings aren't always unreciprocated because of the absence of love from one party. Many a time, both people are consumed by love and/or are bound by obligations making it impossible for them to act upon their feelings, which can't be acknowledged lest another bond is broken.

I see many signals of unrequited love on social media. It is easy to be crushing on someone who doesn't feel the same way about us or is unaware of our feelings towards them, or worse, is in a committed relationship. It could be someone we work with or report to, share a professional relationship with that makes falling in love inappropriate. Or, sometimes, we choose to remain in love with an ex long after the relationship is over. Of course, there are those instances when people take our love for granted because they do understand how we feel about them. One is often caught in that dangerous place where we are heartbroken and deep in despair. Anguished by thoughts of a relationship with someone who doesn't even acknowledge our presence, let alone our love, we dream about them night and day, unable to move away from them, on to living and loving in a healthier fashion.

I remember my anxiety as a young 21-year-old in Manhattan when I was deeply in love with a person in Paris. Separated by seven seas, united by a huge dose of unhealthy attachment, suffocating each other. My lover lived to love, but lived more happily still avoiding being in love. What sheer madness love can throw us into, vexing conundrums we appreciate and are torn apart by. Between my youthful hunger for love with the first person I felt such a feeling for and their reluctance to accept it, I found myself in a vicious cycle of mutually hurtful avoidance. A non-existent relationship that was deeply detrimental at the same time.

Does the need for constant connection to another human makes us chase a loveless lover? Does any real sense of fulfillment come from finding the one claiming they fear not your love but being suffocated by a smothering feeling? Are they really rejecting you or pretending lest they be dumped, stuck with rejection pangs? In avoiding the affection and adoration showered on them, they are trying to stave off the rejection they fear might come their way. These are people who convince themselves that they are beyond another human's ability to fulfill their



SUVIR SAI

LOVE ME DO

To be loved by another, we must first start loving ourselves and believing that we are genuinely worthy of being cherished romantically carnal and emotional needs, and, so, any close relationship is best not sought.

One would think we'd learn not to love those who can't love us back. But think again! Being human, it isn't stability and fulfillment, closure, and connection that we always chase. There are people who chase the feeling of thrill and joy, albeit short-lived. Ironical and as self-hating as this behaviour is, these people who claim to be anxious to find love, desperate to settle with a loved one, don't want to be loved back. It is the unrequited love they desire; it is rejection they seek as a high for living life.

It took me to ask myself why I was chasing a lover who was rejecting me again and again to finally hear myself out. That got me to a place where I learnt I was sabotaging my love life, my emotional grounding, and my overall happiness as a human being. It was the moment when I finally realised I was owned by the chase of unhappy outcomes that I stopped chasing those who broke me apart emotionally.

Getting to that point when I wasn't chasing the wrong lover was nothing easy, and a long tedious journey. I found social media giving me cues better suited at playing and winning a zero-sum game many play over the course of their lives. I saw friends block-

ing those they felt were rejecting their love. It wasn't a behaviour I could accept, as I feel it better to have an earnest dialogue instead of muting the badly behaved or who think or act differently than me. In cutting off all contact with these strange lovers, my friends had rid themselves of a daily roller-coaster ride of emotional trauma. In removing them from their social media profiles, they literally and figuratively detached themselves from these heart-breaking players.

We all deserve to be celebrated and loved. We all ought to understand that healthy relationships and significant others are waiting for us to find them and pick them as our lovers. To be loved by another, we must first start loving ourselves and believing that we are genuinely worthy of being cherished romantically. It may take us a lifetime to find a partner who can give us the love and pleasure we seek and deserve, but once we get to that point, life becomes a blissful journey of heartwarming discoveries and deep, guttural pleasures. In choosing ourselves and our happiness over our misery and a miserable date, we start choosing those who want us as much as we want them. When our love for another is returned with wholesome and unfettered love, it is then that we find security in loving and living with another.

# Clear Light of Experience

Two of India's most seasoned policymakers draw upon their expertise to present an authoritative account of India's economic and policy history

Surjit S Bhalla

GOOD BOOK has three important components: idea, execution, and inference. Recalibrate Changing Paradigms, by NK Singh (hereafter NK), and PK Mishra (hereafter PK) has all three in abundance. The idea (remember that one definition of genius is something that is obvious ex-post) is to present Indian economic and policy history over the 75 years from the vantage point of two very knowledgeable and experienced practitioners of policy. The two authors have been senior policymakers practising their craft for the better part of the last

We are in our 75th year of Independence, and there is likely to be (there already is!) a steady outpouring of reviews, books, and articles about our journey. Why not have an authoritative book on economic policies right at the beginning of the 75th year? Policies have two essential collaborative elements - the micro and the macro. With NK emphasising the macro and PK the micro, the book is the synthesis of the two. Recalibrate provides many insights into what happened in these 75 years — why it happened, and what the future might (and, in some instances, must!) hold. I will not hesitate to say that books on economic policy will have to be judged with reference to the execution benchmark set by Recalibrate.

In a highly engaging and informative chapter, "People, Politicians and Bureaucrats", PK narrates his initial experiences as an assistant collector. What PK correctly stresses is that his job provided for a two-way joint relationship of people and power. We all have been critics of the Indian Administrative Services (IAS), as of every institution in India – all being part of a healthy democracy. In his low-key impeccable style, PK provides, in 30 pages, an informed (even nostalgic) sense of India in those early days of development. The lack of electricity, the non-availability of clean water, the fair allotment of contracts for potato farming. The chapter also contains a gem of a definition of corruption: "managing the system with networking and connections"! There are many more insights, including a revealing one about single-women teachers demanding equal rights in pay, promotion, and transfers – equal to married teachers. One single woman was bold enough to say that if there were single men in the audience (PK was one!) then they should come forward and marry the single women! Idea, sirji, circa

the mid-70s, Gujarat. As PK himself confesses about his early experience: "I realise that today, I have more insight and a better understanding of the dynamics of development administration at district and subdistrict levels: the interplay of people, politicians and bureaucrats in reallife situations". As does the reader. Let me



confess - I wanted to take the IAS exam circa 1971, looked at the sample tests, and decided I would never make it. But PK brings alive as to why several of the best and brightest in India took the IAS path.

While PK mentions the testing of the hypothesis of the determinants of development for Gujarat, his experience (and knowledge) is of universal applicability. He correctly notes that it is not easy to conclude on the basis of quantitative or empirical data more long-lasting conclusions are reached through personal experiences and anecdotes. As a lifelong practitioner of hard data, I have to confess, and applaud, that many times (often?) it is the type of experience and interpretation that PK recounts that goes to-

#### **BALANCING** THE BOOKS

A file photograph of then finance minister Pranab Mukherjee going to present the budget in Parliament in February 1983

wards constructive policymaking.

NK, who started his career as an IFS offi-

cer but then moved to IAS, has been at the cutting edge of economic policymaking in India for the last 40-odd years, most recently as the chairperson of the 15th Finance Commission. His several chapters on fiscal issues are must read-and-learn for all practitioners of policy — and economists. What "should" be the level of public debt, or the fiscal deficit? Constructive data are presented, with inference. Thankfully, no firm conclusions are drawn on the appropriate level of the fiscal deficit or public debt - prudent ranges are presented, and the ambiguity emphasised – all hallmarks of a mature thinker and excellent policymaker. When the

India has come a long way. A developed country by 2047 beckons, but it is important to recount how we got to where we are. The worth of this book is in an intelligent recounting of history, the early debates, and inferences about future debates as we go towards 100 and the target of being a developed nation. I don't know if the authors planned it that way - most likely it must have been the decision to recount economic history as best they knew. But they have succeeded in presenting thoughts, ideas and evidence for policy thinkers to think about, plan for, and analyse developments over the next 25 years.

RECALIBRATE: CHANGING PARADIGMS

BY NK SINGH,

WITH SELECT

PK MISHRA

evidence is ambiguous, let the ambiguity

stand. (Not that NK is averse to making firm

decisions and acting against odds — he was

the bureaucrat responsible, as revenue sec-

retary, for cutting tax rates in the Dream

cussion of fiscal federalism, including a de-

tailed benchmarking of the decisions, and

changes, made in the 15 Finance Commissions to date. Inferences are drawn

about how India has constructively at-

tempted to solve the "puzzle" about demo-

cratic federal development. Considerations

of efficiency and equity and federalism are

ever present in the many decisions about

spending, taxation, and devolution of re-

sponsibilities to the Centre and states. What

is a fair allocation of revenues to poor states, large-population states, and states which

show marked improvement in outcomes?

The goodness of decisions on these questions

influences and determines our democracy.

states is a must-read for every present and

future practitioner. Especially the latter as

India confronts the more challenging ques-

tions of future allocation of centrally-admin-

istered taxes - how good performance

should be rewarded, and how should states

"perfecting" freebies ("irresponsible populist action") be penalised. Increased tax revenues

(India tax/GDP ratio now close to 19 per cent,

close to, if not higher than the US or Japan)

leads NK to conclude that "rewarding tax ef-

fort in terms of improved compliance norms

deserves recognition".

This discussion of allocation to Centre and

Recalibrate contains a most learned dis-

M.K. SINGH

PK, MISHRA

Budget of 1997.)

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# Parable of the Future

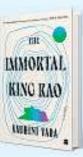
A promising debut that gets distracted by its own narrative

Anuradha Vellat

AUHINI VARA'S debut novel The Immortal King Rao could have easily been episodes from the dystopian British television series Black Mirror, or a storyline from Margaret Atwood's Gileaddominated world. It could also be a leaflet from Raja Rao's Kanthapura (1938). But The Immortal... is all of these and more. In one of this year's highly anticipated literary releases, Vara uses three premises and timelines to string together a series of visions that are both fantastic and prophetic. On the one hand, it builds on the Dalit pride of being landowning-Raos, and, on the other, it is a layered narrative about techno-capitalism and its repercussions. All of these are overshadowed by the premise of climatechange and global warming.

The novel alternates between a '50s Andhra Pradesh village and an AI-led America of the future. When King Rao is born, he kills his mother on his way out. However, despite the upheavals he creates within the large Dalit family living in Kothapalli, he also represents change. The ambitions pinned to him are revealed the moment he is named King Rao, because he is neither a King nor a Rao. The Raos, who have taken on the surname despite being Burras to gather socio-economic and cultural capital, are not a poor clan. In fact, they take offence at being called poor. Once Rao leaves for the US to channel his brilliant mind as a computer programmer overseeing a digital revolution, the novel begins to forewarn his downfall.

The narrator of the novel is Rao's daughter, Athena, currently lodged in a detention centre on a murder charge. Athena both narrates and addresses the novel. She uses the characters' names in tandem with the time and the perspective she is referring to. She mediates between



THE IMMORTAL KING RAO BY VAUHINI VARA Fourth Estate 384 pages

the reader and the characters, and, at the same time, represents the outcome of a catastrophe in her own being. Athena's life, especially her childhood, is in contrast to her father's. She is shielded from the world, living on a secluded island with no contact with humans until she is 17. As teens, both Athena and Rao, her father, have epiphanies. Rao's epiphany — that "a Rao can just get up and leave" - occurs when his cousin Gun leaves, rather escapes the family to live on his own and Athena's comes through the struggles of an isolated American teen, who has only seen the world through the Internet. The present time is ordered by

the Algorithm or Algo, a system of Rao's own making that is eerily similar to how we use technology, or vice versa, in the 21st century. The digital is no longer a thing in isolation, rather, it is an extension of one's own body. It dictates the characters of the future with an Atwoodian kind of order. In fact, Athena herself awaits a judgement from the Algo, supposedly impervious to mistakes that passionate humans tend to make in dispensing justice. Yet, the Algo falters precisely because it is made by passionate humans.

Vara builds on the first-world struggle for what is understood as social capital — culture, wealth and technical supremacy. Her symbolisms, however, are often euphemistic: Shareholder for citizen, the Harmonica, and the Clarinet for things related to the Internet, et al. She is also acutely aware of the diasporic turns her novel might take and spends time breaking down the nuances of both timelines for her audience: Indian and American, Dalit and upper-caste, tyrannical and free, tech-savvy and traditional. To her credit, despite her poetic language, she doesn't romanticise the disparities.

The book is potent enough to pull readers into a spiral of prophecies one may have imagined as a 21st century individual. But just when one invests in a timeline, Vara severs the ties, taking us back and forth into other dizzying timelines. Her approach is likely not to isolate but to shock them and she uses her experience as a tech-reporter to harness the complexities of the digital, especially in its interactions with humans. The result is an ambitious and complicated novel that intertwines caste, class and social struggle with issues such as climate change and an AI-led future. While the scenes in India are described in exquisite detail, even using the Dalit premise to subvert caste, Vara gets caught up in the dystopian premise. As many may have felt, the novel's shortcoming lies in trying to bite more than it can chew.

### SHELF LIFE—

## The Cradle Will Fall

THE HALO around motherhood is so deeply entrenched in societies that there are some things that no one tells new mothers about — that that cherub everyone coos over during strolls in the park can wear anyone down with her obstinate refusal to sleep; that the self-contained little toddler busy with his toy truck in the playpen can suddenly transform into a tyrant if his tantrum is not soothed. Most of all, the truth that is tucked furthest away from reach is the fact that the price of motherhood can often be an erasure of self. After all, can one possibly be a good mother if one still craves for some time of one's own? Is she "enough" if she is not racked by constant self-doubt about her

worth as a parent?

The School for Good Mothers, Jessamine Chan's disruptive debut novel holds up modern-day motherhood to scrutiny in a narrative that is dark and terrifying in its proximity to an apocalyptic truth. Thirtynine-year-old Chinese American Frida Liu has been on a downward spiral since the birth of her baby Harriet. Her husband has left her for a young woman, a former dancer-turned-nutritionist-and-Pilates instructor; Liu's part-time job in academia pits her against arrogant male academics who refuse to cut her any slack; her insomnia is unvielding and she's exhausted most of the time just trying to get through her days. It's only Harriet, 18



THE SCHOOL FOR **GOOD MOTHERS** BY JESSAMINE CHAN Hutchinson Heinemann 336 pages; ₹699

otherwise fraught life. But that's only until Liu has a momen-

tary lapse of judgement that throws her life off-kilter. One morning, after yet another night of no sleep and tending to a fussing infant, Liu steps out to pick up a coffee and some papers from her office, leaving Harriet on her own briefly. The state swoops in, taking Harriet into custody, eventually sending her off to live with her father and his girlfriend while Liu finds herself first under surveillance, and later, incarcerated for a year in an abandoned college campus to undergo a government reformation programme to assess her apparently deficient maternal instinct. There, along with other "errant" mothers separated from their children, she is taught to neglect her own needs and

months old now, who is a solace in her

practise her mothering skills on life-like robotic dolls. "I am a bad mother, but I am learning to be good," the women are made to intone over and over again, as if trying to beat the obduracy out of them and mould them into archetypal nurturers.

Disquieting, dystopic and reminiscent of Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale, The School for Good Mothers, is a sharp, triggering parable for the incredible loneliness of women in patriarchal societies. One of the novels that made it to former US President Barack Obama's summer reading list this year, Chan's book is a deep dive into the tricky motherhood matrix that leaches women of their personalities and judges them solely on their maternal instinct and perceived lack thereof, while offering them no support or reprieve.

PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI

# Ties That Bind

A timely and expansive account of the growing economic and developmental partnership between India and African nations

Hardeep Singh Puri

THE HARAMBEE Factor: India-Africa Economic and Development Partnership is part of a refreshing trend of diplomats documenting their experiences and insights for wider public consumption, thereby also demonstrating the demand among readers to understand the inherent complexities of esoteric disciplines such as diplomacy. In this book, Gurjit Singh has distilled his decades-long experience of dealing with Africa to produce an objective and authoritative account of India-Africa relations.

The growing scholarship on Africa is reflective of the continent's increasing influence in global affairs. As the author notes, Africa is the second-fastest growing region in the world after Asia, with its GDP having tripled in the past 15 years. The UN estimates that Africa's population will double to 2.5 billion by 2050. Driven by its demographic dividend, a rising middle class, abundance of natural resources, growing investments, and greater continental unity, Africa will be an important global anchor for 21st-century developments, foremost among them, economic growth and poverty reduction; urbanisation; achievement of SDGs; and climate-change mitigation. Many scholars have studied the political

and historical similarities between India and Africa, alluding to the common themes of cultural plurality and anti-colonial struggle. However, the economic and development axes of the partnership — central to India-Africa relations, particularly in the last 20 years — have not been studied in much depth. Utilising his unique vantage point of having engaged with Africa in various capacities, including as India's ambassador to Ethiopia and Djibouti; head of the Africa division at the Ministry of External Affairs; and as representative to the African Union, UNECA, and IGAD, the author has filled a significant gap in the literature by analysing India's Africa policy from the lens of develop-

ment and economic cooperation. The book lays an overarching emphasis on the "spirit of cooperation" between India and Africa, with the evolution from bilateral alliances to continental partnership comprehensively explained. Even the decision to use the word "Harambee" for the title of the book which means cooperation in Swahili and is considered by some to be of Indian origin is a warm and conspicuous reference to the relationship. Details such as each chapter starting with an African proverb that pithily encapsulates certain facets of the partnership paradigm are flourishes that add to the underlying message of mutual respect for each other's customs, traditions and diversity. At the crux of India's engagement with

Africa in the 21st century has been the India Africa Forum Summit (IAFS), first organised in India in 2008, then in Ethiopia (2011), and later in India again (2015). Established against the backdrop of instituting greater and regular high-level engagement, the IAFS represented a significant buttressing of the India-Africa relationship. It also reflected the evolution of the relationship into a more structured form, anchored in capacity enhancement and technical cooperation. Across the three tiers of pan-African, regional and bilateral levels; various institutions, sectoral partnerships and engagement mecha-

nisms that were formalised have been discussed, including in areas of agriculture, textiles, education, rural development and civil aviation.

The reader will appreciate the author's in-depth analysis of the summits where he was personally involved in the conceptualisation and development of many of the initiatives covered. In particular, his fascinating recounting of the reasons behind the many successes and failures of IAFS-II (when he was the summit's "Sherpa") provide a rare view inside the diplomatic processes of partnership-building. While the summits have paved a new direction for India-Africa relations, the author also cautions against certain shortcomings by suggesting that future summits need a more

focused and institution-driven approach. The leading components of the development cooperation axis, i.e., the 200 Line of Credit (LoC) agreements amounting to 12 billion dollars, have also been explored in detail. Indian LoCs were a vital step in the economic engagement strategy with Africa. The author's conclusion on strengthening the FDI segment of the economic relationship — and its positive implications on trade and investment — is especially worth considering as Africa moves towards absorbing



FACTOR: INDIA—AFRICA ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BY GURJIT SINGH Macmillan Education 456 pages; ₹2,950

> Other collaborative projects through nonstate / civil actors such as SEWA and Barefoot College have also been well received. India is among the top five study destinations for African students. Scholarship and work opportunities mean that 27 per cent of the total foreign students in India come from Africa today. The Pan African E-Network Project (PANEP) project, despite being marred by implementation delays, has been important in knowledge sharing and dissemination of India's technologies for public good in Africa.

> > New Delhi

greater investments even as the

private sector is seen to be play-

ing a more meaningful role in

development. India's efforts in

development cooperation also

include grants, technical consul-

tancy, and disaster and human-

development cooperation that

the author highlights is the suc-

cess of the capacity-building ef-

forts in Africa, and the leading

role of the India Technical and

Economic Cooperation (ITEC)

programme in that regard. Since

its launch in 1964, ITEC has

evolved to offer specialised

courses and training pro-

grammes at the behest of part-

ner nations. India has also offered

courses to international and re-

gional organisations in Africa.

One particular aspect of the

A chapter has been devoted to the efforts made by the Modi government to strengthen India-Africa relations. The increased number of visits by Indian heads of state as well as 18 new Indian missions in the continent are just two among many examples that the author has cited to show the attention that the present Indian government has given to Africa. One memorable connection that draws attention is Prime Minister Modi's address to the Ugandan Parliament in 2018 where he laid down the 10 guiding principles of India-Africa relations.

Unlike many other countries, India has constantly viewed Africa as an equal partner. India's diplomatic and economic investment in Africa have proven to be mutually beneficial for both parties, and are underpinned by the shared belief that economic and territorial sovereignty are inviolable. Through personal accounts and surveys, the author has made the case that this approach has been appreciated by Africa.

Singh has penned an expansive and  $timely\,account\,of\,the\,growing\,economic\,and$ development partnership between India and Africa. It has the potential to become a reference point for practitioners and students of international relations, especially those who would like to study the recent evolution of India-Africa relations.

> The writer is Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India



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38.22.5002A	Twin pipe Air Brake system			
77.22.1252B	Petroleum Hydrocarbon Solvent (Thinner)			
77.22.1234D	Paint Black Japan			
38.22.1006A	22.22 MM DIA LOCK BOLT WITH COLLAR			
30.22.1385	Screw COUPLING Assembly			
30.22.1397	Foot step Arrangement			
38.22.2063B	Bogie Centre pivot Bottom			
16.22.1002	Filter fuel oil to EMD Pt. No. 8423132			
77.22.1168B	Paint anti corrosive Bituminous Block			
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29.22.1041	Elastic ring (Aclathan ring) as per RDSO			

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Director of Instruction

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DAL	UP DAL	LPNR-DSJ	2/32-3/12	400x6=2400		
			2/22-2/28	150x20=3000	]	
			3/21-4/0	500x15=7500	Total area =	
			4/1-4/15	400x10=4000	29,500 sqm	
		DSJ-BRSQ	11/3-12/9	1200x6=7200		
		BRSQ-PTNR	14/3-14/37	400x6=2400		
			15/17-15/29	300x10=3000		
HNZM	UP M/L	OKA-HNZM	1529/21-1528/27	850x14=11900		
	UP M/L	OKA-HNZM	1528/23-1528/11	400x10=4000		
	DN M/L	HNZM-TKJ	1531/26-1531/10	500x12=6000		
	DN M/L	HNZM Stn.	1530/30-1530/40	300x12=3600		
	DN M/L	OKA-HNZM	1529/22-1529/10	5000x10=5000	Total area =	
OKA	UP M/L	OKA-HNZM	1528/7-1527/7	1000x9=9000	86,500 sqm	
	UP M/L	TKD-OKA	1526/5-1525/9	900x10=9000	1	
	DN M/L OKA-HNZM DN GAL OKA-HNZM		1528/2-1527/14	700x6=4200		
			1527/10-1526/40	300x6=1800		
TKD	UP M/L	TKD-OKA	1523/3-1521/3	2000x12=24000		
	UP M/L	JNC-TKD	1518/23-1517/27	800x10=8000		
			·		Total area = 1,16,000 sqm	

Station	Approx. length of Track approach	Details of Work
Garhi Harsaru	1. Km 39/9 to km 40/13 on DLI end 850m on UP & DN side 2. km 0/6 to km 1/2 600m on FN side	Beautification of Railway
Gurgaon	Km 29/5 to km 30/21 1450 mts on UP & DN side on DLI end.     km 31/23 to km 33/21 2000 mts on UP & DN SIDE on RE end	area/premises at station approaches along the track for development of green cover/patches
Bijwasan	Km 24/33 to km 25/05 on RE end UP side length 400 mts	by planting low height plants at its own costs
Palam	Km 17/0-1 to km 19/0-1 1000 mtson RE end 500 mts on DE end On UP & DN side	

Station Location		n Location KM Chainage		Breadth (In Mtrs.)	Area (In Sqm)
Palwal	i. AGC End UP line side	1479.400 - 1479.600	200.00	10.00	2000.00
Paiwai	iii. AGC End 4th line side	1479.795 - 1480.095	300.00	25.00	7500.00
Ballabhgarh	iii. DLI End 4th line side	1502.050 - 1502.200	150.00	20.00	3000.00
Faridabad	i. AGC End UP line side	1504.600 - 1504.790	190.00	10.00	1900.00
New Town	ii. AGC End 4th line side	1504.830 - 1504.980	150.00	10.00	1500.00
Faridabad	i. AGC End UP line side	1508.525 - 1508.875	350.00	10.00	3500.00
randabad	ii. AGC End 4th line side	1508.525 - 1509.425		10.00	5500.00

The interested sponsoring Organizations/parties are advised to submit their applications by email to landsrden5dli@gmail.com or by Post.

The interested Individuals/parties/Organizations may visit the Website and the line

https://nr.indianrailways.gov.in/view\_section.jsp?lang=0&id=0,5,315,573,1099

i) The Guidelines with regard to execution of the work.
ii) Details of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be executed.
iii) The requisite sketches/plans for the above work at each station.
Interested Organizations/Parties/Individuals may please contact for the followin

Officials for further clarification.

S.No.	Station	Designation	Cell Number	
1	Palwal			
2	Faridabad	ADEN TKD	9717631222	
3	Ballabhgarh	ADENTRO	9/1/03/222	
4	Faridabad New Town			
5	HNZM			
6	OKA	ADEN HNZM	9717631223	
7	TKD			
8	Garhi Harsaru			
9	Gurgaon			
10	Bijwasan	ADEN DEE	9717631224	
11	Palam			

The allotted Organization/Party may display its name with relevant details as pe good industry practice on a maximum 10 Sq. ft. area (Temporary) no extra space facility for advertising Publicity shall be given to them.

Lottery system will be followed in case of more participant Serving Customers With A Smile

### कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग

ई–अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई— अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या — RDD/SD/HZB/02/2022-23

1.4/19	.काव का विरुद्धा विवरणाः						
क्र०	आईडेन्टीफिकेशन	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की	परिमाण विपत्र	कार्य पूर्ण करने	
सं०	संख्या / ग्रुप संख्या	काय का नान	प्राप्यमालात सारा	राशि	का मूल्य	की अवधि	
1	RDD/SD/HZ B/02/2022-23	हजारीबाग जिला के बड़कागांव प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत ग्राम अंबाटोला एवं चेलंगदाग (पंचायत आंगो) के बीच हहारो नदी पर पुल निर्माण	40417900.00	808400.00	10000.00	15 (पन्द्रह) माह	

वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि — 07.09.2022

ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय -दिनांक 13.09.2022 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक

ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग / मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफ० एफ० पी० भवन, धुर्वा, राँची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि एवं Affidavit जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय 14.09.2022 अपराहन 05:00 बजे तक

निविदा खोलने का स्थान – मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफ० एफ० पी० भवन, धुर्वा, राँची

निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय —15.09.2022 अपराहृन 2:00 बजे निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :-- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग

ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० - 8986648686 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर) निविदा शुल्क राष्ट्रीयकृते बैंक द्वारा निर्गत ड्राफ्ट या बैकर्स चेक जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग के

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता PR 276597 Rural Development(22-23).D

ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,हजारीबाग

(n) IDBI BANK

IDRI RANK ITD CHANDMARI MAIN ROAD, MOTIHARI - 845401, Bihar (CIN: L65190MH2004G0I148838)

**POSSESSION NOTICE** 

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of IDBI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices on the dates mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/co-borrower(s) to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers/co-borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby issued to the borrowers/co-borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on his/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account. The

in the table given below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned against the respective property.

The aforesaid borrowers/co-borrower(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to dea with the properties and dealings withe the properties will be subject to the charge of the IDBI BANK LTD., CHANDMARI MAIN ROAD, MOTIHARI - 845401 Bihar for the amount mentioned below plus applicable interest & cost/charges

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	Name of the Borrower/Co-borrower     Name of the Mortgagor/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice     Date of Possession     Claim amount as per     Demand Notice	Description of the Property				
	M/s P. K Motors (Proprietor:- Prabhash Kumar), Mr. Ram Babu Singh (Mortgagor cum Guarantor)	1. 31.05.2022 2. 22.08.2022 3. Rs. 17,25,721/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty One only) as on 01.03.2022 and further interest thereon.					
	Place : Motihari Authorized Officer Date : 22.08.2022 IDBI Bank Ltd.						

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग ई-अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई- अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या - RDD/SD/HZB/02/2022-23

1.काय का विस्तृत विवरणाः						
क्र०	आईडेन्टीफिकेशन	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की	परिमाण विपत्र	कार्य पूर्ण करने
सं०	संख्या / ग्रुप संख्या	काय का नान	भावकालत सारा	राशि	का मूल्य	की अवधि
1	RDD/SD/HZ B/02/2022-23	हजारीबाग जिला के बड़कागांव प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत ग्राम अंबाटोला एवं चेलंगदाग (पंचायत आंगो) के बीच हहारो नदी पर पुल निर्माण	40417900.00	808400.00	10000.00	15 (पन्द्रह) माह

वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि — 07.09.2022 ई—निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय —दिनांक 13.09.2022 अपराहन 5:00 बजे तक ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग / मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफ0 एफ0 पी0 भवन, धुर्वा, राँची में

निविदा खोलने का स्थान – मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफ0 एफ0 पी0 भवन, धुर्वा, राँची निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय —15.09.2022 अपराहृन 2:00 बजे

निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :— कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग

निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि एवं Affidavit जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय 14.09.2022 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक

ई—निविदा प्रकोष्ट का दूरमाष संo – 8986648866 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरमाष नम्बर) निविदा शुक्क राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निर्गत ड्राफ्ट या बैकर्स चेक जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग के

वेस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in) एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

PR 276597 Rural Development(22-23).D

कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,हजारीबाग

Dated: 26.08.2022



Letter No. 5622/962 C-03/2022 E-Tender Notice

The Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle, Public Works Department Pithoragarh invites tender through E-Tendering **(Two Bid System)** on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from date 05-09-2022 at 5:00 PM onward on website http://www.uktenders.gov.in

S. N.	Name of Work	Money	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Validity of Tender (Day)	Period of Completion (months)	Contractor's category of registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Improvement of Ganai-Bankot Motor Road in Gangolihat consituency, District Pithoragarh under State Sector in year 2021-22 & 3 years Maintenance (Km. 1 to 5)	4.92	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	18	Category 'B' and Above for Road works in any State Govt./Govt. of India/Govt. undertaking

## **CANTONMENT BOARD, AGRA**

114. Fatehpur Sikri Road. Near Sadar Bazar, Agra Cantt

#### **Invitation of E-Tenders** -Auction are invited on behalf of Cantonment Board, Agra from the eligible

Individuals/Agencies/Organization/Firms etc. for e-auction for utilisation of space for revenue generation with respect to GLR SY. No. 131/400, Motor Road, Namnair, Agra Cantt. Manual bids/offers will not be accepted. The interested contractors/firms may look up the website (https:/eauction/gov.in/eacution). No conditional bid shall be accepted. The Board/CEO reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the bid without any notice and the decision of Board/CEO in this regard will be final. Terms/conditions, eligibility criteria and connected details can be seen in the auction document published in the website - (https://eauction.gov.in/eauction). Clarification needed, if any may be enquired/clarified from the office on any working day from the office of CB Agra telephonically (0562-2227379). Critical dates are as under;

- 1				
	1	Date of Publication	27.08.2022	-
	2	Start Date and Time for downloading of auction documents	27.08.2022	At 14:00 HRS
	3	Submission Start date and time	27.08.2022	At 16:00 HRS
	4	Submission End date and time	19.09.2022	At 13:00 HRS
	5	Payment/Approval Start Date and time	19.09.2022	At 14:00 HRS
	6	Payment/Approval End Date and time	21.09.2022	At 17:00 HRS
	7	Auction Start Date	22.09.2022	At 10:00 HRS
	8	Auction End Date	22.09.2022	At 17:00 HRS
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Chief Executive Officer Cantonment Board (Vineet Kumar, I.D.E.S)

#### THE H.P. STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LIMITED TOTU, SHIMLA-171011

"Short Term Tender Notice"

H.P. Milkfed invites the online bids in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the Annual rate Contract for the Conversion of Whole Milk/Skim Milk into Whole Milk Powder/Skim Milk Powder. The Bids document is available/published online on dt. 01.09.2022 up to 04:00 PM Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which free of cost. Fo submission on bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signatur Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorised certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders should visit websites in https://hptenders.gov.in https://hpmilkfed.org for complete details. Bidders should visit the ebsite from time to time to note the Corrigendum, if any.

Sd/-Managing Director

कार्यालय वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक सिविल, निर्माण खण्ड-चतुः उ०प्र० राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण, अलीगढ़ website: www.upsidc.com

<mark>अल्पकातीन ई-निविदा सूचना</mark> एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि विमिन्न जनपदों में स्थित औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में सिविल विकास / अनुरक्षण कार्यों हे युपोसीडा एवं अन्य सरकारी विमागों / सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/ निगमों/ प्राधिकरणों / परिषदों/ नगर निकायों में अर्ध एं अणी के पंजीकृत फर्मों / ठेकेदारों से अल्पकालीन ई-निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती है।

Supply and fixing of Concertina Coil fencing on outer peripheral boundary of Pocket A & B Signage direction board and Golden stainless steel letters on Entrance Gates at SEZ Moradabad. अल्पकालीन 81.25

on Entrance Gates at SEZ Moradabad.
| 1 निवारा दिनांक 31.08.2022 को अपरान्ट 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जास करती है, प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं को दिनांक 08.09.2022 को अपरान्ट 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जास करती है, प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं को दिनांक 08.09.2022 को पूर्वोन्ह 11.00 बजे या इसके परचात् खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा अपलोड किये गये समस्त श्राप्य प्रप्तां की मूल प्रतियों को पजीकृत डाक अथवा व्यवित्तात्त कर में दिनांक 08.09.2022 की प्राप्त 11:00 बजे तक कार्यात्वा में प्राप्त कराना अनिवार्थ है। अपना प्रतियों को पजीकृत अपलाय निविदा को Consider नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी website:www.upsidc.com पर स्थापित ई-लिंक यूपीएलसी की website:http://etender.up.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है। नोट: निविदा दाता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर एवं जीठएएछटीठ सहित ही दरें अंकित करें। अलग से कोई कर देय नहीं होगा।

#### Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy, **Heavy Water Plant (Kota)**

e-Tender invitation notice no. - HWPK/CIVIL/2022/413

be opened on 09.09.2022 at 15:00 hrs.

Online item rate tenders are invited through e-Tendering mode for "Housekeeping of residential and public buildings in HWPK housing colony for two years." by General Manager, Heavy Water Plant (Kota) Post: Anushakti 323303, Via - Kota(Rajasthan) for and On behalf of th President of India, from approved, eligible and experienced contractors Estimated cost of work: Rs. 46,32,467/-, EMD. Rs. 92,649/-, World Completion Time 24 Months. Tender document can be viewed/downloaded from 30.08.2022 (10:00 hrs) to 08.09.2022 (14:30 hrs). The last date fo online submission of tender is 08.09.2022 (14:30 hrs). The technical bids wi

The detailed NIT and Tender Documents are available on the websi https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app for free to view/download. The detailed NIT can be seen at website <a href="https://exww.hwb.gov.in">www.hwb.gov.in</a> For further information please contact Telephone no. 01475- 242201/242231/242225 fax -01475-242203 on all working days.

General Manage For & on behalf of President of India



## 808 & Fax- 0135- 276350

<u>Tender Notice</u>

Office of the Executive Engineer (Maintenance) Tiloth Power House Ittarkashi invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of ender is given below

Tender No.:-(i) 05/EE(M)/2022-23 (ii) 06/EE(M)/2022-23 Name of Work :- (i) Different type of structural steel works (ii) Refilling o fire extinguishers

Estimated Cost:- (i) Rs. 5,34,060.00 (Taxes Extra) (ii) 2,64,280.00 Taxes Extra) Date of availability of bid document on website: - 29.08.2022

Last date of submission of tender: - 19.09.2022 at 16:00 hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender document can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com" **Executive Engineer (Maintenance** 





THE HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD Regd. Office:-New Himrus Building, Circular Road, Shimla-171001(HP)
CIN: - U70109HP1966SGC 002683, Tel No.0177-

2621426/2624751/2625339 Fax: 0177-2624278 e-mail: <a href="mailto:hpsidc@rediffmail.com">hpsidc@rediffmail.com</a> web site:hpsidc.in

#### **CORRIGENDUM-II**

Name of work:- Tenders for Transportation of packed bitumen from Panipat and Mathura to Parwanoo, Distt. Solan (HP) and Tender for the ransportation of Iron & Steel form Chandigarh to . Parwanoo, Mehatpur & Shimla.

The tender notices of the above said works were published on dated 17.08.2022 in the "Indian Express" in (Chandigarh & Jallandhar Edition having circulation Himachal Pradesh, Puniab, Harvana, Delh & Chandigarh) stand withdrawn/cancelled due to some administrative

Sr. Manager (Genl.) HPSIDC Ltd. Shimla (HP.)

#### ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण प्लॉट संख्या–01, सैक्टर–नॉलेज पार्क–4, ग्रेटर नौएडा सिटी, जिला—गौतमबुद्व नगर (उ**०प्र**0) सार्वजनिक सूचना

ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अन्तर्गत M/s Starcity Real Estates Pvt Ltd. के. भूखण्ड संख्या—GH-14A सेक्टर—01 ग्रेटर नोएडा को दिनांक 30.04.2019 को मानचित्र स्वीकृति प्रदान की गयी थी। तदोपरान्त विकासकर्ता द्वारा (Group Housing project) का अधिभोग प्रमाण पत्र हेतु दिनांक 20.07.2022 को ऑनलाइन के माध्यम र आवेदन किया गया है। जिसका आवेदन संख्या–CC-4699 है, जिसमे टावर संख्य 6,7,8,9,10 एवं 11 हेतु कार्यपूर्ति आवेदन किया गया है। तत्कम में U-P-Apartment Act 2010, Amendment 2016 in Section-4 Sub section-B के अन्तर्गत परियोजना के आवंटियों से आपत्ति / सुझाव आमंत्रित किये जाने का प्रावधान है। इस संबंध मे विकासकर्ता द्वारा प्रस्तुत कार्यपूर्ति मानचित्र एवं Declarations as per UP Apartment Act 2010 परीक्षण किसी भी कार्यदिवस में सुबह 9:30 से साथ 600 बजे के मध्य नियोजन विभाग में तथा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाईट पर किया जा सकता है।

अतः उपरोक्त परियोजना के आवंटियों द्वारा Completion Map एवं Declarations as pe UP Apartment Act 2010 के संबंध में सूचना प्रकाशित करने के 30 दिनों के अन्दर आपत्तिया / सुझाव आमंत्रित की जाती है उपरोक्त के निहितार्थ अपनी आपत्तिया लिखित रूप में अपने आवंटन पत्र, नाम, पता एवं दूरभाष नम्बर के साथ कार्यालय समय व कार्यदिवस में ग्रेटर नोएडा प्राधिकरण के मुख्य प्रशासनिक कार्यालय, भूखण्ड संख्या–1, नॉलेज पार्क, ग्रेटर नोएडा में स्थित प्रभारी महाप्रबन्धक नियोजन को सम्बोधित करते हुए सूचना प्रकाशित होने के 30 दिवसों के अन्दर जमा करायी जा

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उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम, कार्यानय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण शाखा, घनशानी, (टिहरी गढ़वान) दुरमाष : 01379—258450 (का.), फैक्स : 01379—258484, E-mail: eepeyjalghansall1@gmail.com ई–निविदा सूचना

निर्माण शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, घनसाली के अन्तर्गत जनपद टिहरी के विकास क्षेत्र भेलंगना एवं प्रतापनगर में जल जीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम में दो बोली प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत निम्नेलिखित ायजल योजनओं के अन्तर्गत श्रोत, फीडर मेन, जलाशय, वितरण प्रणाली एवं तत्सम्बन्धी समस्त निर्माण कार्य हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।।

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उ०प्र० पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि०, **ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना** अनुभवी कार्यदायी संस्थाओं / फर्मी से इस कार्यालय निम्नलिखित नियन्त्रणाधीन कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदा ई-पोर्टल etender.up.nic.in पर आंमत्रित की जाती है। ई–निविदा खुलनें की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की स्थिति में ई-निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस मे खोली जायेगी। ई–निविदाओं को कोई कारण अस्वीकार/विभाजित करने का अधिकार अद्योहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउन लोड, अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई–निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपया etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग आन करें। विवरण निम्न प्रकार है– ई–निविदा संख्या, कार्य का विवरण, कार्य की अनुमानित लागत, ई–पोर्टल पर निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि एव समय, ई-पोर्टल पर निविदा का प्रथम भाग खोलने की तिथि एवं समय, धरोहर राशि एवं निविदा का मूल्य (जी०एस०टी० सहित) के क्रम में पढ़ा जाये। 1. ETC/MU/T-**65/2022-23 :-** विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, शामली के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न मेक के 33 के0वी0 ब्रेकरों के पोल की मरम्मत सम्बन्धित कार्य। रू० 1.82 लाख। दिनांक 24.09.2022 सायः 17:00 बजे तक, दिनांक 26.09.2022 12:00 बजे, रू0 1800/-, रू. 590/-, **2**. ETC/MU/T-66/2022-23 :- विद्युत 400 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र खण्ड मुजफ्फरनगर के अन्तर्गत ४०० के०वी० उपकेन्द्र मुजफ्फरनगर

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आपूर्ति। रू० ०.९८ लाख। दिनांक २४.०९ 2022 साय: 17:00 बजे तक, दिनांक 26.09 2022 12:00 बजे, रू0 1000/-, रू 295/-, **3- ETC/MU/T-67/2022-23** रू. विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, शामली के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 के०वी० उपकेन्द्रो पर स्थापित परिवर्तको के ऑयल की सेन्ट्रीफ्यूजिंग कराने सम्बन्धित कार्य रू० 1.87 लाख। दिनांक 24.09.2022 साय 17:00 बजे तक, दिनांक 26.09.2022 12:00 बजे, रू० 1900/-, रू. 590/-, 4-ETC/MU/T-68/2022-23 :- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, मुजफ्फरनगर के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 220 एवं 132 के०वी० उपकेन्द्रो पर स्थापित परिवर्तको के ऑयल की सेन्ट्रीफ्यूजिंग कराने सम्बन्धित कार्य रू० 1.67 लाख। दिनांक 24.09.2022 साय 17:00 बजे तक, दिनांक 26.09.2022 12:00 बजे, रू० 1700/-, रू. 590/-, 5-ETC/MU/T-69/2022-23 :- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड सहारनपुर के अन्तर्गत 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र बेहट पर 100 एम0वी0ए0 बी0एच0ई0एल0 मेक परिवर्तक में तेल रिसाव रोकने का कार्य । रू० 2.00 लाख दिनांक 24.09.2022 सायः 17:00 बजे तक दिनांक 26.09.2022 12:00 बजे, रू0 2000 / —, रू. 590 / —, **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता**, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, उ०प्र०पा०ट्राव कार्वलिव, भोपा रोड, मुजफ्फरनगर, फोन नं0:- 0131-2608038, पत्रांक/No. 1945/ वि0पा0म0(ETC) / मु0नगर(MZN) / दिनांक / DATED: 26.08.2022

## Stokes's England fightback to level Test series against Proteas

AUGUST 27

IN THE first Test, they got rolled over in little over two days, triggering taunts about Bazball. In the second, England got up, dusted themselves, and rolled over South Africa for a stunning win by an innings to leave the three-Test series tantalisingly poised. Their captain Ben Stokes showed immense mental and physical strength to lead from the front; he hit a matchturning hundred in the first innings, bowled his second-longest spell in first-class cricket in

the second, and inspired his team to dig deep.

Not that he was alone. Not that he only had the usual suspects for support. There was Ben Foakes, who has tattooed the date of his inspirational father on his arm, silencing critics about his batting with a fine hundred to turn the game in the company for Stokes in the first innings. There was Ollie Robinson, who marked his return to Test cricket, with a fourfor in the second innings. There was even Zak Crawley, who is still yet to convince many of his batting ability, but he did manage to hang around for a long while for his 38 that allowed Stokes and Foakes to avoid the ball when it was newish and doing a lot more.

And of course there was the old hands James Anderson and Stuart Broad. Anderson who starred with a three-for that included the prized wicket of Dean Elgar early on in the third and final day. It shaped in from round the stumps, landing around off and knocking out the off pole out of the hole to kickstart a fabulous day for the hosts. Broad knocked out Aidan Markram first ball but it turned out to be a noball but he would get his man for just 6. And this time, he will swivel around, waiting for the umpire to hear from the third umpire that he hadn't overstepped. Only then did he celebrate.

The best ball probably came from Stokes to get rid of South Africa's best batsman in this innings Keagan Petersen who top-scored with a 159-ball 42. But Stokes produced a cracker - a leg cutter that leapt off a length, squared-up Petersen and kissed the gloves enroute to an ecstatic Foakes

Much before the end, tongues were wagging about Elgar's decision to bat first under overcast skies on the first morning when they were shot out for 151. As ever the dogged fighter refused to admit he was wrong. "We had a plan coming here and it was about the team selection and to bat first. I don't regret any decisions made prior to the game," he would say later. In some ways, the fans too won't have any regrets as the series hurtles towards a climactic finish next week.

BRIEF SCORE: South Africa 151 and 179 (Keegan Petersen 42; Ollie Robinson 4/43) lost to England 415/9d (Ben Foakes 113; Anrich Nortje 3/82) by an innings and 85 runs.

# **Bronzed Indians eye golden future**

Indians went for all-out attack but when their approach was repelled by a Chia defensive masterclass, they didn't have plan B

**SHIVANI NAIK** AUGUST 27

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will always have the World Championship bronze for keepsakes - in a manner of ticking a box in history-making as India's firstever. One suspects though that neither the slice of chronological history, nor the bronze, will leave them immediately happy in Tokyo. And just as well because Satwik-Chirag were given the best seats in the house to witness an Aaron Chia defensive masterclass, when they were worn down 22-20, 18-21, 16-21 in the semifinals that the Malaysians Chia and Soh Wooi-Yiik won tactically.

Chia's defense - he has a low centre of gravity and guards the floor like a big fish in a big pond - retrieving almost everything, ended up annoying the Indians who reckoned their attack will get them past the line. He sent everything back. The annoyance exacerbated into being outplayed in latter stages, as their own defense wilted, and they were leaking points, bombarded by the Malaysian power-attack.

A 0-5 head to head margin couldn't be overturned, but more likely magnified the Indians' shortcomings under the spotlight of the big stage World's. A gold or silver medal at the World Championships also means you are close to being the best, or thereabouts. The bronze, though a mark of how far Satwik-Chirag have come in their careers and single-handedly elevated Indian badminton with them too, also circled each area in which they lacked.

Starting with their defense. The conditions afforded them the luxury to slow it down, tug back the gears, and do what they do best - play softer strokes in carefully constructed rallies, while at the same time give themselves a chance to salvage their defense. Instead, post the narrow first set win, they got baited into relying on going slam-bang, and drawn into faster rallies, flatter exchanges, where their own defense was bound to crumble. Satwik was peppered on his body and is

anyway vulnerable on the 4th or 5th torso charge. Chirag's nerves just didn't settle enough to fortify his usually dependable defense, and he ended up turning into a weak link, after the first set scolding of his serve appeared to linger in his mind. All in all, while



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were witness to an Aaron Chia defensive masterclass, and were worn down in the semi-finals of the Worlds. Badmintonphoto

Chia only grew into a colossus in defense as the match progressed, and later Soh took over at the back to keep shuttle in play, the Indian defense was falling apart.

The key to this Indian pairing's intimidatory attacking style is using that big weapon in short effective bursts. To very choosily punctuate an otherwise nuanced game of angles and positional strokes. A leaping airborne Satwik smash is grand to watch, unreturnable even. But that hitting can't be sustained over the entire duration, and needed small incisive doses rather than the aggression becoming a fall-back for everything else going wrong. Chia, as one of the best defense players on the circuit, was anyway going to counter that, so it made little sense to attempt hitting your way out of other troubles. Hitting harder only meant failing harder, expending more energy on no returns.

It was something that Indians had faltered in, at the Commonwealth Games. Repeating the attacking-line hoping it would work this time, was a folly. Winning the opener sent them a confusing signal of what might work. "They were also a bit nervous and when we started we felt it was our day today but we should have controlled things in the second." Satwik said later.

Though other things in the opening set might well have cornered the Indians into desperation from the second set onwards. Chirag's serve being faulted clouded his confidence. And Satwik not being as sharp on return of serve, meant every rally opened cagily. Satwik would say as much later: "They are quite experienced in those first four strokes. We could've kept more calm, I feel we were a little bit lazy and nervous in those first four strokes. But yes, kudos to them. They played really well and controlled their nerves.

The muddle in their minds despite taking the opener, was something they seemed to have struggled with. "I feel we could've been a bit more calmer. Of course, you can say a lot of things - we could've done this and that, but getting that balance is obviously what every top player wants. Sometimes, when you are extremely calm you can get complacent as well, so you need to find a balance," Shetty said.

"We played 95 per cent, maybe we could have put more pressure on them in the second game, maybe our attitude showed that we were relaxed and they got back their rhythm. We could have grabbed those situations," Satwik mused.

By the time the decider rolled in, the Malaysians were in a good space with compact tactics, and the Indians were fraying. Satwik saw the net chords as rotten luck, which happens. Though at 17-15 when Chirag got a string out a second time and had to hop out and back in changing the racquet, time in which Malaysians gobbled the singly manned court, Indians could be said to be badly unlucky given the juncture. The Indians wanted the bigger medal real bad, and didn't lack in effort. But finding that balance, like Chirag said between overdoing it and not being proactive enough, eluded them in Tokyo.

#### Stunning achievement

The only reason why a bronze doesn't feel

marvellous is because the duo are capable of the gold, and they will feel this pain individually, personally and well beyond tomorrow's many-hued headlines. But in taking India forward in its shuttle journey, Satwik-Chirag will count as absolutely magnificent. India's never had it this good in men's doubles, and the duo were central to Thomas Cup triumph, which was unthinkable without

More than any medal or Cup and abstracts of national glory (though that drives them), Satwik-Chirag are eminently watchable for the exciting matches they play, constantly pushing the top pairings and always on the brink of tipping over reputations. It means, this pairing will always get TV eveballs for they never pause trying hard. Their game is versatile, the men themselves are excellent down to earth individuals, and the potential given this setback and how hungry it'll leave them, is immense

2024 will always be the big goal, and just as well that it was only a bronze for that will push them to work harder, address their shortcomings, and keep them hungry to prove a point. This loss might leave them hurting, but the medal won should get plenty of young pairings inspired while educating them on just how much more they need to work to get even upto here. Indians aren't naturally blessed for the speed and intensity of men's doubles. Satwik-Chirag's biggest achievement is that they got so good at doubles they never let you realise that it was a tough citadel to

## Liverpool score nine goals; City's Haaland scores hat-trick for win

**REUTERS** AUGUST 27

> LIVERPOOL MATCHED the record for the biggest ever Premier League win with a 9-0 thrashing of Bournemouth on Saturday while Erling Haaland got his first Manchester City hat-trick and Manchester United ended a run of seven straight away league defeats.

Liverpool had failed to win in their opening three games, including Monday's 2-1 defeat at United, but talk of a sluggish start to the season was soon forgotten as they took a 2-0 lead within six minutes and added three more before the break.

Six different Liverpool players were on the scoresheet but remarkably Egyptian striker Mohamed Salah was not one of them.

Luis Diaz and Roberto Firmino scored twice as Liverpool became the fourth PL team to win by a 9-0 margin. Trent Alexander-Arnold said the win was cathartic after the poor performance against their rivals at Old Trafford. "That's what we needed to do after Monday. Our aim was to come out of the blocks. We played on the atmosphere here today. We were on the front foot from the first kick," he said.

#### Haaland hat-trick

Champions City were 2-0 down inside 21 minutes at home to Crystal Palace but after some tactical adjustments from Pep Guardiola early in the second half they roared to a 4-2 win with new signing Haaland providing a reminder of his goal threat.

The Norwegian's glancing header from a Phil Foden cross had brought City level at 2-2 after a deflected Bernardo Silva effort pulled them back into the game.

Haaland then turned in a John Stones effort from close range and his third goal showcased his power and strength as he latched on to an Ilkay Gundogan pass, held off Joel Ward and blasted the ball into the bottom corner.

The former Borussia Dortmund forward now has six goals from his opening four league games and Guardiola, whose side are top on 10 points, said he was simply showing his ability. "What he has done today he has done all his career. It is nothing special (for him)," said

#### KEY RESULTS Man Utd Southampton C Palace Man City Chelsea 1 Leicester Liverpool 0 B'mouth 0 Leeds Utd Brighton Liverpool 0 B'mouth 2 1 Fulham Arsenal

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

easier ones. Challenging aspects indicate

shortage of energy lately, you

may have ignored the need to

or not have been in the right

situation to make the most of

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

and, if you take the initiative,

little is beyond your grasp. Your

thought processes are in tip-top

condition, mainly because you

intuitive style is now favoured.

You need to keep some of your

deeper instincts under control

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

individual talents. It's not a

question of ignoring other

the best for yourself. Your

people's interests, just of doing

business prospects boom as long

as you are prepared to spend a

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

little now to earn a bigger profit

It's a time for

selfishness, focusing

on your own very special skills and

them. This should now change.

Excellent social

exert a positive

possibilities should

impact on your life

pursue your personal ambitions,

You stars are on the

difficult positions for

move, altering

#### BRIDGE SOUTH **♠** K1054 **♠** AQJ932 **♥**QJ109 **♦**954 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH pass pass 4D ♦ pass pass pass pass pass South opened 1S and North hid 4D. This is a splinter hid showing gam this lead tell you? The West Hand: S-6H-K532D-QJ1082C-KJ10

The East Hand S-87H-A8764 D-K7763C-73
It tells you that West has the QJIO of diamonds. What else does it tell you?
And, how are you going to play this hand?
If you consider what West did not lead as well as what he did lead, you will come to a revealing conclusion. Think about the heart suit. Should you put everything on the club finesse working or should you try something else ecifically, what is your line of play?

The reason that I asked you to think about the heart suit was this. If West had the ace and king of hearts, would he not lead one? If you agree that West would have led a heart, then it is clear that East has one or both of the heart honours. Which means that you can claim. No need to worry about

 $You win the acc of diamonds and draw trumps, ending in dummy. \ Lead the queen of hearts. On this hand East plays the acc and you ruff. \ Ruff a diamond the plays the account of the plays the pl$ in dummy and lead the jack of hearts. East ducks and you discard a club West wins but you can claim. You have two good he last two small clubs and you can ruff your last diamond. You can see that trusting the club suit would be unsuccessful.

TIP: When an opponent does not lead an ace against a suit contract, he n has the ace and king of that suit.



1NT 1S pass pass 3NT pass pass pass pass

South opens 1C and North responds with 1S. South rebids 1NT and gets to game. West leads the nine of spades, publeton. What are your thoughts?

## SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2388

### **QUICK CLUES**

1. Be fastidiously selective

(4,3,6) 8. Nil(4)

The common interests (10)

10. Capital of Croatia (6) 11. Appeases or spoils by over

indulging?(8) 12. Made cheerful (9) 14. "\_\_\_ the picture!" (1,3)

15. Facile (4)

16. Turbulence (9)

20. Type of sugar (8) 21. Resembling wood?(6)

23. Couturier (10)

24. Baby's bed(4) $25. Tanned \, by \, the \, elements \, (7\text{-}6)$ 

1. Win control over (7)

A group of singers (5)

Friendly (7)

4. Ex-India and Mumbai batsman and skipper? (5,10)

5. Water smoking pipe (6)

6. A fierce attack (9) Obvious (7)

13. Indigestion (9) 15. Facial feature?(7)

17. Not subject to duty (3-4) 18. View (7)

19. Cordiality (6) 22. Legal or valid (5)

#### **CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS**

others (4)

1. Matching letter for letter? (13) 8. Some meagre winnings may

be increased (4) 9. Unit is very unruly in this seat

of learning (10) 10. The book on the ridge features

a male kangaroo (3,3) 11. Interwoven with the figure (8)

12. Travesty of justice is worth sorting out - gangster...(4,5)

14. Sticky situations (4) 15. He was barbarous in handling

16. Supported by a pillow (9) 20. Hurts alien socialites? (5,3) 21. Does away with when Jack is

SUDOKU

found eating scraps of food (6) 23. Door for lab made with a wooden plank (10) 24. Is not curtailed in broken tins

25. She's showing the film script to Joe in production (13)

### **DOWN**

1. English extremists ? (7) 2. Sportsman in rank with royalty (5)

3. The English copper repairing road in the country (7)4. Makes up face with oils?

(6,1,8)5. Oxen it offered no way out

6. At home one day I had some food but was never satisfied (9) 7. Do they disembowel drains?

13. Sport played in strange opal tower(5,4)15. Get away with lim first

reportedly in a tunic (7)

17. Get up to assume battle

positions?(5,2) 18. Clearly out of this world (7) 19. High-class fur fit for purpose

22. Duck bone I ascribed to small antelope (5)

#### Solutions to 2387 QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Pom-pom, 5

Proceeds.9 Broccoli.10 Tetrad.11 Unimaginable, 13 Anti, 14 Thorough, 17 Singular, 18 Errs, 20 Demographics, 23 Falcon, 24 Socrates, 25 Fearless, 26 Seen to. Down: 2 Ogre, 3 Picturing, 4 Myopic, 5 Philanthropists, 6 Orthicon, 7 Extra. 8 Dhaulagiri. 12 Incinerate. 15 Overstate, 16 Florence, 19 Nieces, 21 Occur, 22 West. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 1 Sums up. 5 Last look. 9 Cole slaw,10 Vetoes,11 Receptionist,13 Mane,14 Resigned,17 Brasshat,18 Arno, 20 Girls and boys, 23 Litchi, 24 Effusion, 25 Agedness, 26 Neatly. **Down:** 2 UFOs, 3 Sheerlegs, 4 Police, 5 Low-spiritedness, 6 Savviest, 7 Let in,8 Overseeing,12 Ram-raiding,15 Glassysea,16 Thiamine,19 Boffin,21

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# If it's your Birthday

Sunday August 28

Your financial stars are growing stronger by the day. It could be next week before family members finally figure out exactly what they want. Give them time, there is plenty for you to be getting on with.

**Monday August 29** 

There's a sense that a new dawn is about to break. You know that things can only get better. What you need to do first is consider your options and a strategy.

**Tuesday August 30** Lovers, friends or very close colleagues

have a great deal to teach you, and you in turn have a very great deal to learn.

**Wednesday August 31**Personal, professional and domestic

issues will all be thrown into the melting-pot. Confrontation will benefit from a hard exchange of views.

Thursday September 1

Emotions are running high, but your strongest quality is your romantic idealism. You expect only the best from other people. If they can live up to your expectations or not is another question.

Friday September 2

You'll be encouraged to take on new responsibilities over the next year but there doesn't seem to be too much pressure. Instead, it looks as if you're able to pick and choose, which is good news.

Saturday September 3

There's a sense in which the seeds of offers and invitations have already been sown. Concentrate on initiatives already underway before taking up fresh projects.

7 1 5 3 6 9 2 4 8

# YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The very fact that the Moon is so utterly that you should get

off to a flying start. The only mistakes seems to occur at work, where care should be necessary early on. At home, an older relation will unexpectedly come to your aid.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Your sign is not known for being a



characteristics, just like Scorpio your secretive opposite sign. So if you are pushed into the public eye, it may be with the greatest reluctance. Listen to loved ones' good advice, day-dream to your heart's content, and let your imagination fly away.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Just hold on for a little while longer; your

time will come and, when it does, there'll be no turning back. One useful way to use your current planetary potential, is to turn to your friends for support and enrol other people as allies. You

must get partners on your side at

work as well as at home.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You are full of good ideas, but the question is - good for whom? And, come to that, good for what? Have your

say, but never imagine that you can have the last word, for the facts are now all up in the air. If you are not sure what someone really means, ask them.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Strangely the Moon

is in both friendly and challenging regions even though the tide is flowing in your direction, financial complications are somewhat

inevitable this week. Small precautions will help, mind you. For example, keep spare cash available and please don't bite of more than you can chew. VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

The current extraordinary planetary alignment

brings boundless enthusiasm and limitless optimism. Watch out, for it's at times such as these that you fail to notice the obvious, Above all, never take a close relationship for granted, or good fortune might slip through

A powerful alignment between the Sun and a number of other vital planets makes for a potentially

some way down the line.

remarkable time, although misunderstandings are not impossible. Disagreements may centre on joint responsibilities and travel plans, much depends on your attitude but a little determination will see you through. Remember: the future is what you make it.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Contradictory signals



over old ground, and at least one decision could benefit from being reconsidered. You've other people to think about apart from vourself, and older relations deserve a helping hand.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Events are beginning to move fast, and are carrying your feelings. Over the

past few months your emotions have been complicated to say the least, but your dominant mood should now be one of hope for the future rather than regret for the past. Remember, the future is what you make it.

### JUMBLED WORDS

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

**KLPYCU FRYEO CHILNF VENUS** 

> Answer: If you cannot convince them, confuse them - Harry Truman SOLUTION: FOYER, NEVUS, PLUCKY, FLINCH

#### Difficulty Level 3s Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the

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

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 4939 8 6 4 5 1 2 9 3 7 9 2 3 8 4 7 6 5 1 1 3 2 6 5 8 7 9 4 6 8 9 7 2 4 5 1 3 4 5 7 9 3 1 8 6 2 271496385 3 4 6 2 8 5 1 7 9 5 9 8 1 7 3 4 2 6

#### ON THE TUBE

India versus Pakistan; 7:30 pm, Live on Star Sports network

#### **BRIEFLY**

# AIFF apologises to Gokulam Kerala

New Delhi: Gokulam Kerala owner V C Praveen on Saturday said that the AIFF's "inefficiency" cost the club lakhs of rupees after the national federation apologised to the team for its removal from the AFC Women's Club Championship owing to the 11-day ban by FIFA. Gokulam Kerala, the reigning Indian Women's League champions, were the worst affected by the FIFA ban on the AIFF as the Kozhikode-based team was not allowed to compete in the top-tier AFC club competition in Uzbekistan. "It is like pinching the baby and rocking the cradle. Because of their inefficiency we lost lakhs," Praveen said, hours after the ban on AIFF was lifted. The lifting of the ban on Friday will allow Indian national teams and clubs to play in competitions under the aegis of AFC and FIFA, but it was a huge loss for Gokulam Kerala as they missed out a chance to rub shoulders with the best

# Navjeet Dhillon fails dope test

New Delhi: Indian discus thrower Navjeet Kaur Dhillon has failed an out-of-competition dope test conducted abroad by Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) before the World Championships last month. Dhillon had won a bronze in the 2018 CWG in Gold Coast but finished eighth in the Birmingham CWG which concluded on August 8. "Yes, she (Dhillon) has failed dope test conducted by AIU. If you try to cheat, you will get caught," a source said on the condition of

# Mohammedan SC beat Air Force 2-0

Kolkata: Kolkata giants Mohammedan Sporting became the first team to qualify for the quarterfinals of the Durand Cup after registering a 2-0 win over Indian Air Force 2-0 here on Saturday. Goals from Senegalese defender Ousmane Ndiaye (33rd minute) and young forward Rahul Paswan (87th minute) helped the Black Panthers secure their spot in the last eight stage and also register their third win in the tournament from as many matches. Mohammedan has one final game remaining against ISL giants Bengaluru FC, but the outcome of the match will hardly matter for the Black and Whites.

### Sumariwalla claims he is IOA prez

New Delhi: The factional feud in the Indian Olympic Association resur-Sumariwalla claiming he has been "appointed" its president by the executive council, only for secretary general Rajeev Mehta to term it "untenable" under IOA Constitution. In a letter to International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach and IOA members, Sumariwalla said he has been "co-opted to be the president of IOA by the majority of the members of the Executive Council... vide letters dated July 2022". "The erstwhile IOA president Narinder Dhruv Batra resigned from the post on 18.07.2022 due to personal reasons which led to a vacancy for the post. Thereafter, 18 executive members out of 31 in accordance with clause 11.1.5 of the IOA Constitution co-opted the undersigned to fill the vacancy," he said in the letter.

# Faking intensity ... mentally down, Kohli didn't touch bat for a month

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, AUGUST 27

DAYS AFTER England captain Ben Stokes opened up about his mental health issues, India's former captain Virat Kohli talked about how the long lean patch of runs had taken a toll on his "mental health" and how he was "disturbed" to find he "wasn't excited

to play ... practice".

"I am not shy to admit that I was feeling mentally down," Kohli told Star Sports. "We don't want to be looked at as mentally weak. Trust me, faking to be strong is far worse than admitting to be weak ... I'm looked at as a guy who is mentally very strong and I am. But everyone has a limit and you need to recognise that limit, otherwise things can get unhealthy for you," he said.

Kohli hasn't scored an international hundred for nearly three years, and even as the likes of former India coach Ravi Shastri publicly said he needs a break, and should withdraw from the IPL, Kohli had carried on playing. It appears that he now sees it as a mistake. "I came to realisation that I was trying to fake my intensity a bit recently," Kohli said. "I was convincing myself that no, you

ON NOT TOUCHING A BAT FOR A MONTH

"For the first time in 10 years, I didn't touch my bat for a month. I haven't done that ever in my life. I came to the realisation that I was trying to kind of fake my intensity a bit recently. 'I can do it, you're competitive', you're convincing yourself you have the intensity but your body is telling you to stop, your mind is telling you to just take a break and step back."

had the intensity. But your body was telling you to stop. The mind was telling me to take a break and step back ... We don't want to be looked at as mentally weak."

Kohli finally took a break after the tour of England, sitting out the two limited-over series in West Indies and Zimbabwe.

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ON HOW THE LONG BREAK HELPED HIM

"I was experiencing that I was not excited to play, I was not excited to practice and that really disturbed me. I thought this is not who I am. I felt I just had to step out from that environment... This has been an amazing break, I've never had a break this long. And the first thing I realized was I got up and I was excited to go to the gym, recently."

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what Ravi bhai [Ravi Shastri] has mentioned, he's mentioned about the volume of cricket and of how I've played 40 or 50% more than anyone in the last ten years. So it's very easy to ignore these things (because) you're fit, you're working hard on yourself, Kohli said.

In the last five games, that includes a Test, two T20Is and ODIs, his highest score was 20. His last international hundred came against Bangladesh in 2019. Kohli spoke what he learned from the short break. "This period taught me a lot of things that I wasn't allowing to come to surface. When they eventually came up, I embraced it."

Kohli said it hit him hard when he found that he wasn't getting excited to play and train. "I was experiencing that I was not excited to play, I was not excited to practice and that really disturbed me. I thought this is not who I am. I felt I just had to step out from that environment. And if you get some distance, you can see ... This has been an amazing break, I've never had a break this long. And the first thing I realized was I got up and I was excited to go to the gym, that was the first mark. This is a normal practice and everyone should realize it and give themselves the space to come to the conclusion."

Kohli also urged other players to look

within, give themselves space, and prioritise mental health.

"And not keep running like headless chickens all over the place. Because you can get carried away with so many demands, such schedules being piled up. You've seen the result of what happened with Ben Stokes, Trent Boult and Moeen Ali. These are not abnormalities, it's a very normal practice for people who are in touch with themselves and know what they want."

Another important learning, Kohli said, was that "there is much more to life than just your profession".

"If you're engulfed in an atmosphere where people are judging you only by your professional identity, somewhere you lose perspective as to who you are as a human being. I can't be just this person, yes people love me and get inspired by me but who am I at the core of my being? So these things I understood strongly.

"The mind feeds on negativity. And I've always been a guy who has followed my heart. I was looked at a guy who was a brat, and I was. I was not mature enough but I was true to myself. I never wanted to be or tried to be someone else, which in this recent phase I have."

### **ASIA CUP: INDIA PLAYS PAKISTAN**

# Kohli versus and Babar

Getting caught up in a hyper-nationalism when comparing the two batting greats is not the ideal way to appreciate them



**EXPRESS IN UAE** 

**SANDIP G**DUBAI, AUGUST 27

WHEN VIRAT KOHLI and Babar Azam bat, chores and duties are set aside and people let themselves be enraptured by the two willowed virtuosos practising their craft. The devotion of watching them is matched only by the commitment both these batsmen have for their batting, pure and almost innocent in its essence. When they shake hands or hug or talk about each other, the virtual world goes berserk. From teammates and former players, fans or even those unstained by cricket-fixation, are compelled to comment, tweet, troll or debate, or somehow leave their digital footprint on the lives and careers of two of the greatest batsmen of their times.

Though the cricketing rivalry of India and Pakistan is long and chronicled, arguably the most passionate in the game, the narratives sometimes veering beyond the boundaries of a cricket field, no two cricketers from either country has ever been subjected to such relentless comparisons, or their greatness examined and scrutinised, with as much passion as has been the case of Kohli or Babar.

There were of course greats from both countries who have played in the same era, and encountered each other more frequently than they do now, like Kapil Dev and Imran Khan, or Sunil Gavaskar and Zaheer Abbas, or Sachin Tendulkar and Saeed Anwar, or Anil Kumble and Saqlain Mushtaq, but none of them were pitted eye-to-eye as direct rivals, or equals, or competitors to the greatest of their trades of their times.

The non-prevalence of an aggressive social media world could be one of the reasons. Another could be that historically, there was little premise for direct comparisons. Pakistan's fast bowlers were always a few notches ahead of their Indian counterparts, the latter had better batsmen than spinners. So comparisons were skewed, and the plot-



Virat Kohli in a lighter mood during a training session on Saturday. (Top right) Kohli and Babar greet each other in Dubai. BCCI/PTI

lines always projected the contests between the two countries as India's batsmen versus Pakistan fast bowlers. Sachin versus Akram, Sehwag versus Akhtar.

But now it's Virat versus Babar—who of these two would stamp their greatness would be the central thread of the Asia Cup fixture between India and Pakistan in Dubai on Sunday, though there are a raft of others who could influence the game.

So much so that to discuss Kohli and Babar has become an obsession. To count their runs, calculate their averages and strikerates, to rattle out their feats, to belt out their

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match-winning knocks, to describe the strokes they play and they do not, to pick their flaws and failures, to measure the beauty of their strokes.

Sometimes, these roll onto unhealthy levels too, like when Kohli's fans celebrate when Babar fails, or the other way around, or the vitriol they spew on social-media platforms. Almost like cricketing versions of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal. But unlike in tennis, or any other individual sport, the debate cannot be settled counting head-to-heads. In the case of Federer and Nadal, even those comparisons are inconclusive.

It's the extraordinary paradox of this game—how two individuals transcend the team sport and do so time and time again. It isn't simply a case of counting their runs or success. If that were the attraction, then we must drag Joe Root into the conversation, for he and Babar have been the two most inform batsmen around in the last two years. The trio of Kane Williamson, Steve Smith and Kolhi have fallen off their peaks. Therein lies another contradiction of Babar-Kohli com-

parisons. Babar's career is on the ascent—he is only 27, the conventional peak years ahead of him.

#### Different phases

At 34 years of age, Kohli is now well into the twilight of his career, coincidentally enduring the worst slump of his career. So a comparative study of the pair must deal with Kohli being almost seven years older than Babar. Kohli was scoring hundreds for fun when Babar was still learning the game and it is likely that Babar will keep scoring hundreds for several years after Kohli has hung up his bat.

Far from the world of frantic supporters, Babar has maintained that Kohli is not a competitor but a yardstick, someone he looks up to as inspiration rather than as a rival. "I watch his [Kohli's] batting and the way he bats in various conditions, and try to learn from them," he had once said. On another occasion, he had said: "I do not just copy Virat Kohli, but I really follow him. I dream of becoming like him. Some people compare me with Virat, while there's no comparison as I am just in the beginning. I feel that I cannot be just like him, but it can be closer to his instinct of playing."

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They both illustrate the inevitable combination of an inherent gift with an insatiable drive to excel. There is no single ingredient that creates greatness, just as there is no single definition of greatness.

The best is to enjoy them as they are, undiluted by comparisons or caught up in a meaningless hyper-nationalism.

Like you would enjoy two different genres of music. Babar's qawwali to Kohli's bhangra, but in distinct ways each transports you to a blissful world, as only music can. Batting, at the level Babar and Kohli operate, is indeed music.

And Sunday could be that day when their music could fill the stands of a stadium in the middle of a desert, whirl into the drawing rooms of a million houses and flicker on the smartphones of a few million more spread across the world's time zones.

The cricketing world is waiting to be paused, just as the virtual world is waiting to go wild.

# Farooqi swings it Afghanistan's way in opener

**SANDIP G**DUBAI, AUGUST 27

TWO FEATURES of Afghanistan medium pacer Fazalhaq Farooqi stand out. The first, and the most prominent is the late inswing he purchases against the right-handed batsmen. His action is not classically moulded, not a Trent Boult or Shaheen Afridi who glides into their release. Farooqi's is a clunkier action. But like Boult and Afridi, he bends the ball back in devilishly late. The second is the energy he expends on his appeals.

The exertion, both physical and verbal, takes him on his knees, arms so wide apart that you feel like he would start banging his chest if he is denied a wicket, veins on the neck and arms popping out so prominently that you feel like those would burst any mo-

ment.

Both features rattled Sri Lanka's batsmen.
The swing first, and then the appeal. Just five balls into the game, Kusal Mendis realised this. Farooqi was mostly slanting the ball across him off a short of good length, almost benignly, without much pace or movement. Then from nowhere, he pinged one fuller and faster, swinging and swerving, onto the legs of Mendis past his angled bat looking to flick



Afghanistan fast bowler Fazalhaq Farooqi took 3/11 against Sri Lanka.

the ball. Mendis perhaps read the ball, but did not factor in the pace and movement. His awe-struck response demonstrated that he was not expecting any of the late swing. Not from a little-known Afghanistan bowler from the northern province of Baghlan, just 16 international games old.

The appeal turned on deaf ears. The umpire was unmoved. Farooqi had little hesitation in cajoling his captain Mohammad Nabi to seek a review. Farooqi's convictions stood

vindicated. The review in slow motion enhanced the beauty of the ball—a lovely release, the upright seam, the light awayswerve and finally the late swing back. His celebration, though, was not as wild as his appeal.

There was more devilish in-swing in store, this time to the left-handed Charith Aslanka the very next ball after he nailed Mendis. Aslanka was perhaps expecting the same ball, an away-goer as he was a left-hander. He shuffled across to the ball that was less fuller than the previous one, only to see the ball snake back into his pads. This time, the umpire immediately answered his plea. Sri Lanka teetered to 3/2 in the first over, an abyss from which they could not crawl back.

Sri Lanka probably came with plans in tow for Rashid Khan (not that their plans were exactly prudent or the execution was perfect), but even before the leg-spinner strolled in, they were half-away into an embarrassing defeat, a humbling reality check. By the time Farooqi came back for his second over, Sri Lanka had lost another wicket too, that of Pathum Nissanka to Naveen-ul-Haq. He almost snatched a hat-trick, but for Danushka Gunathilaka's inside edge onto the pads. He almost had him chopped on, but the ball missed the stumps by a whisker.

Suddenly, Sri Lanka were playing him as warily as they would have Shaheen Afridi or Jasprit Bumrah, or Mitchell Starc, Farooqi's favourite bowler.

At this stage of his career, he is close to none of the trio. But Afghanistan had unearthed a genuinely skilful bowler who could ally with their spinners. Hereafter, they would no longer be just about Rashid Khan. Batsmen of far stronger sides than Sri Lanka would be dissecting him threadbare, decoding the yin and yang of his in-swingers.

The Lankans showed brief resistance—Gunathilaka and Bhanuka Rajapaksa stitched 45 runs but Gunathilaka's exit triggered another collapse. Soon, Sri Lanka were reeling at 9/75 before the merry-go-round batting of Matheesha Pathirana and Chamika Karunaratne dragged them to 105. Inevitably, Farooqi broke the last wicket stand. Sri Lanka's embarrassment was not complete—Afghanistan wrapped up the chase in 10.1 overs. And throughout it all shone Farooqi—

his inswing and appeal.

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 105 in 19.4 ovs
Bhanuka Rajapaksa 38, Chamika Karunaratne
31; Fazalhaq Farooqi 3/11, Mohammad Nabi
2/14) lost to **Afghanistan** 106/2 (Hazratullah
Zazai 37 n.o.; Rahmanullah Gurbaz 40;
Wanindu Hasaranga 1/19

# Dravid recovers, to join team before Pakistan game

**DEVENDRA PANDEY**MUMBAI, AUGUST 27

INDIA'S COACH Rahul Dravid has fully recovered from Covid-19 and is expected to join the Indian team in time for the team's opening Asia Cup game against Pakistan in Dubai on Sunday. Dravid had tested positive a few days ago and was under home isolation in Bangalore. The Indian cricket board had decided to appoint VVS Laxman as interim coach until Dravid joined the team. "Rahul test results has come negative and he is fit to fly," a

Dravid's symptoms were mild and it is learnt that his test report came negative on August 27. India begin their Asia Cup campaign on August 28 with a game against arch rivals Pakistan.

BCCI official confirmed to The Indian Express.

rivals Pakistan.
In a statement earlier, Jay Shah, the BCCI secretary, noted, "Team India Head Coach Rahul Dravid has tested positive for COVID-19 in a routine test conducted ahead of the team's departure to the UAE for Asia Cup 2022. Dravid is under the supervision of the BCCI Medical team and has mild symptoms. He will join the team once he returns with a

New Delhi



Rahul Dravid was Covid positive.

negative COVID-19 report. The rest of the team will assemble in the UAE on 23rd August, 2022." Ravi Shastri, former India coach, had said

during a promotional event that India don't have to worry about their coach Rahul Dravid testing Covid positive. "In three-four days, it will be fine, and he

will be back in the park."

The BCCI had already stated that Dravid's case was mild and that he has been asked to undergo another test. Barring the break during the IPL, Dravid has been on the road for nine-and-half months and for five series since he took over last November.

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