



Pak floods: Modi reaches out, talks on to extend aid

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

IN HIS first statement on the floods in Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he was "saddened" to see the devastation and "hoped for an early restoration of normalcy".

The Indian Express has learnt that discussions are underway at the highest levels on the possibility of extending humanitarian assistance to Pakistan. While no decision has been taken yet, top officials in South Block are learnt to be discussing the options on the table.

If cleared, it will be the first time since the BJP government came to power in 2014 that India will be extending aid to Pakistan on account of a natural disaster.

In the past, under the then UPA government, India extended assistance to Pakistan for the floods in 2010, and for the earthquake in 2005.

"Saddened to see the devastation caused by the floods in

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PAK TOLL OVER 1,100

Flood-affected people line up to receive food in Pakistan's Charsadda, Monday. AP REPORT, P12

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

RELIANCE JIO will roll out high-speed mobile internet services on its 5G network by Diwali in metro cities like Delhi, Mumbai,

Chennai and Kolkata, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani said Monday. The company has committed an investment of Rs 2 lakh crore into network deployment, he said.

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5G WILL not only reduce latency and allow much faster downloads, it will make it easy for several devices to connect to each other, unleashing a much more immersive experience.

NCRB RELEASES DATA FOR 2021

First time, daily-wager suicides cross quarter of national total

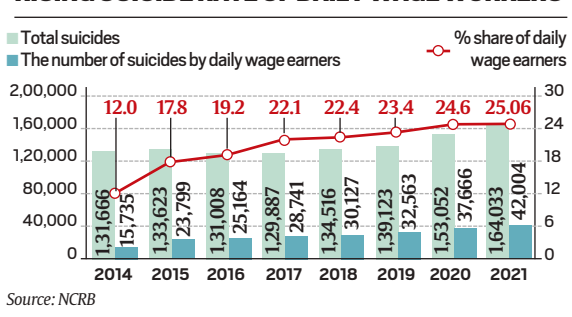
Daily wage earners largest group among suicide victims; 11.52% rise in deaths in 2021 against national avg of 7.17%

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

MARKING A steady increase since 2014, the share of daily wage earners among those who die by suicide in the country has crossed the quarter mark for the first time, according to the latest report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) — one in four of the recorded 1,64,033 suicide victims during 2021 was a daily wage earner.

The report — "Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India" — shows that daily wage earners remained the largest profession-wise group among suicide victims in 2021, accounting for 42,004 suicides (25.6 per cent).

RISING SUICIDE RATE OF DAILY WAGE WORKERS



In 2020, too, daily wage earners accounted for the highest

share, with 37,666 (24.6 per cent) of the 1,53,052 recorded suicides in the country. In 2019, before the Covid outbreak, the share of daily wage earners was

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Crime against kids: a third still under POCSO

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE LATEST report released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) shows that 1,49,404 cases of crime against children were registered in 2021 of which 53,874 — 36.05 per cent — were under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO).

There were 47,221 POCSO cases out of 1,28,531 cases of crime against children in 2020 (36.73 per cent) and 47,335 of 1,48,185 such cases in 2019 (31.94 per cent).

NCRB data on cases registered CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

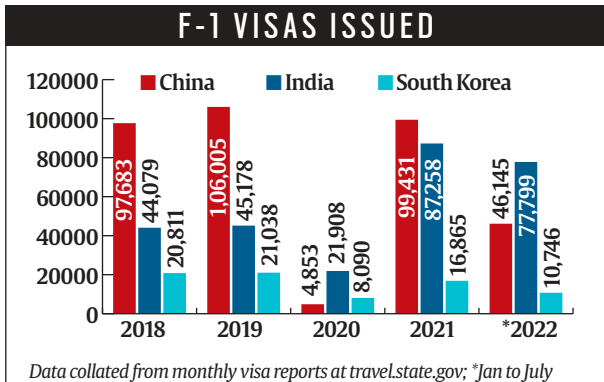
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**ALIFIYA KHAN, TUSHAR VERMA & HARLEEN AGARWAL**
PUNE, NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

CHINA REMAINS the top overall source of international students to America, but Indians have got almost twice the number of student visas as the Chinese in the first seven months of this year, shows an analysis of non-immigrant visas issued by the US State Department up to July.

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Data collated from monthly visa reports at travel.state.gov; *Jan to July

GOVT & POLITICS

**RAHUL DOESN'T HAVE APTITUDE OR INTEREST IN POLITICS: AZAD****THAROOR CALLS FOR 'FREE AND FAIR' CONTEST FOR CONG CHIEF POST** PAGE 5

Latest from wrestling chief: seers bless aspirants at world championship trials

MIHIR VASAVDA
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 29

JUST 54 seconds after it began, the bout to determine the wrestler who would represent India at the World Championship in the 59-kg category had to be abruptly stopped.

Not due to injury or a technical glitch. But because the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), which organised the women's selection trials held at SAI (Sports Authority of India)



At the trials in Lucknow on Monday. Mihir Vasavda

Centre in Lucknow, forgot to invite the chief guests, a group of seers from Ayodhya, on the mat to "bless" the two competitors

before the winner-takes-all bout. And so, former world championship medallist Pooja Dhanda

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CORRIGENDUM

ON 28.08.22, PAGE 4

THE REPORT, 'After woman delivered baby outside, Safdarjung Hospital plans changes', erroneously states that Dr S V Arya, the hospital's former medical superintendent, was transferred after the incident. Dr Arya's full tenure as medical superintendent ended on August 1, 2022, when he attained the age of 62 years. Thereafter, he demitted the office of medical superintendent. He now holds the position of Professor of Surgery and Consultant at the hospital. The error is regretted.

Rain alert: Bengaluru schools, colleges to remain shut today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, AUGUST 29

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER of Bengaluru Urban K Srinivasa ordered closure of all schools and PU colleges on Tuesday following forecast of heavy rainfall across the district.

According to the forecast, cloudy skies and light to moderate rainfall are expected in Bengaluru till September 1.

On Monday, heavy rainfall in Ramanagara region of Karnataka lead to heavy snarls on the

Bengaluru-Mysuru highway, while the underpasses in the district were waterlogged.

Schools in Channappatna, Chamarajanagar, Kanakapura and Ramanagara were also shut following incessant rainfall.

On Monday, some areas of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and Bihar also reported very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall (115mm to over 200mm in 24-hours). Some of the wettest areas were Rasipuram, Tamil Nadu - 200mm, Koraput, Odisha - 170mm, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand - 160mm.

FROM PAGE ONE

NCRB data

23.4 per cent (32,563) of the recorded 1,39,123 suicides.

The latest report shows that not only did the share of daily wage earners among suicide victims go up during 2021, the number increased faster than the national average.

At the national level, the number of suicides increased by 7.17 per cent from the years 2020 to 2021. However, the number of suicides in the daily wage group rose by 11.52 per cent during this period.

The report lists the daily wage numbers separately from those of agricultural labourers, who have been grouped in a sub-category under the category of "Persons engaged in farming sector".

According to the report, 10,881 suicides were recorded in the "Persons engaged in farming sector" group in 2021, including 5,318 under "farmer/cultivator" and 5,563 "agricultural labourers".

Significantly, while the number of suicides committed by "farmer/cultivator" has dipped - 5,579 in 2020 and 5,957 in 2019 -- those by "agriculture labourers" has risen sharply from 5,098 in 2020 and 4,324 in 2019.

The overall share of "Persons engaged in farming sector" among the total recorded suicides stood at 6.6 per cent during 2021, the report shows.

The report defines "farmer/cultivator" as a person whose "profession is farming and includes those who cultivate on their own land as well as those who cultivate on leased land/other's land with or without the assistance of agricultural labourers".

The "agriculture labourer" has been defined as a "person who primarily work in farming sector (agriculture/horticulture) whose main source of income is from agriculture labour activities".

The NCRB categorises suicide data under nine profession-wise groups: students, professional/salaried persons, daily wage earner, retired persons, unemployed persons, self-employed persons, house wife, persons engaged in farming sector and other persons.

Among these groups, the highest increase of 16.73 per cent was recorded by "self-employed persons": 20,231 in 2021, 17,332 in 2020 and 16,098 in 2019. The share of "self-employed persons" among total suicides in the country also increased to 12.3 per cent in 2021 from 11.3 per cent a year ago.

The "unemployed persons" group was the only one that saw a decline in suicides, with the number dipping by 12.38 per cent from 15,652 in 2020 to 13,714 suicides in 2021.

The "House wife" category accounted for 14.1 per cent of the total suicides during 2021 -- their number increased by 3.6 per cent from 22,374 in 2020 to 23,179 in 2021.

The report shows that the number of student suicides stood at 13,089 in 2021, up from 12,526 in 2020. In 2021, the number of suicides by "retired persons" stood at 1,518 while 23,547 suicides were recorded in the "other persons" category.

According to the report, "Family Problems (other than marriage related problems)" with 33.2 per cent, "Marriage Related Problems" (4.8 per cent) and "Illness" (18.6 per cent) together accounted for 56.6 per cent of total suicides in the country in 2021.

"This data depicts only profession of persons who have committed suicide and has no linkage whatsoever regarding cause of suicide," the report said.

"Nearly 68.1 per cent of the male victims were married whereas the ratio was 63.7 per cent for the female victims. 11.0 per cent victims of suicide were illiterate, 15.8 per cent victims of suicide were educated up to primary level, 19.1 per cent of the suicide victims were educated up to middle level and 24.0 per cent of the suicide victims were educated up to matric level. Only 4.6 per cent of total suicides victims were graduate and above," the report said.

The report pegs the overall male-female ratio of suicide victims at 72.5:27.5 during 2021.

As per the report, the rate of suicides (defined as incidence of suicides per one lakh of population) was recorded at 12 -- marginally up from 11.3 in 2020 and 10.4 in 2019.

From the nationwide number in 2021, the maximum of 22,207 suicides were recorded in Maharashtra, followed by Tamil Nadu (18,925), Madhya Pradesh (14,956), West Bengal (13,500) and Karnataka (13,056). Among Union Territories, Delhi recorded the highest number of 2,840 suicides.

"The States and UTs which have reported higher percentage increase in suicides in 2021 over 2020 were Telangana (26.2 per cent), UP (23.5 per cent), Puducherry (23.5 per cent), Andhra Pradesh (14.5 per cent), Kerala (12.3 per cent), Tamil Nadu (12.1 per cent), Maharashtra (11.5 per cent) and Manipur (11.4 per cent) while highest percentage decrease was reported in Lakshadweep (50.0 per cent), Uttarakhand (24.0 per cent), Jharkhand (15.0 per cent), Jammu & Kashmir (13.9 per cent) and A & N Islands (11.7 per cent)," the report said.

POCSO

under POCSO show a steady increase in the rate (incidents per 1 lakh children): 12.1 in 2021 (53,276 girls, 1,083 boys); 10.6 in both 2020 and 2019.

Sikkim has the highest rate of sexual offences against children with 48.6 followed by Kerala (28.1), Meghalaya (27.8), Haryana (24.7) and Mizoram (24.6).

The largest number of cases registered under POCSO in 2021 was in UP (7,129) followed by Maharashtra (6,200), Madhya Pradesh (6,070), Tamil Nadu (4,465) and Karnataka (2,813).

In percentage terms, the top categories under crime against children during 2021 were kidnapping and abduction (45 per cent) followed by POCSO cases.

In all, there was a 16.2 per cent rise in cases of crime against children in 2021 from the previous year, according to the NCRB report. "The crime rate registered per lakh children population is 33.6 in 2021 in comparison with 28.9 in 2020," the report states.

Sikkim had the highest rate of crime against children amongst states at 72.4 followed by Madhya Pradesh at 66.7.

Madhya Pradesh had the highest number of actual cases registered -- 19,173 cases in 2021. The state also had the highest number of cases registered in 2020 with over 17,000 cases, followed by UP and Maharashtra. In 2019, Maharashtra had the highest number of cases at 19,592, followed by Madhya Pradesh and UP.

Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Odisha and Assam were the other states with the high rates of crimes against children in 2021. Nagaland had the lowest rate of crime against children at 6.2 as well as the lowest number of cases registered in 2021 at 51. The state also had the lowest number of cases registered in 2019 with 59, as well as in 2020 with 31.

Among union territories, Delhi had the highest rate of crimes against children in 2021 with 128.5 -- also the highest in the country with over 7,000 cases registered last year.

The NCRB data show that 140 children were raped and murdered in 2021, and another 1,402 murdered. There were 359 cases of abetment to suicide of children. The largest number of rape and murder, as well as murder of children took place in UP.

According to the report, there were 121 cases of foeticide registered last year with the largest number logged in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat (23 each) followed by Chhattisgarh (21) and Rajasthan (13). There were 112 cases of foeticide in 2020, with Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh topping the list in that year, too.

As many as 49,535 children were abducted last year with the highest numbers in Maharashtra

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(9,415), Madhya Pradesh (8,224), Odisha (5,135) and West Bengal (4,026). As many as 5,345 children were abducted in Delhi in 2021. The NCRB report states that 29,364 children were declared missing and since deemed as kidnapped. This number includes 12,347 minor girls for the purpose of "being compelled into marriage", the NCRB report found. It shows that 1,046 children were trafficked last year with Delhi, Bihar and Assam topping the list.

There were 982 cases registered under the Child Labour Act last year with the highest number of cases registered in Telangana (305) followed by Assam. The report states that 1,062 cases were registered under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act last year with the top three states including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Assam.

A total of 31,170 cases were registered against juveniles in 2021, depicting an increase of 4.7 per cent over 2020 (29,768).

Pak floods

Pakistan. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, the injured and all those affected by this natural calamity and hope for an early restoration of normalcy," Modi said in a tweet.

According to the latest data, the floods have claimed over 1,100 lives in Pakistan so far. The cash-strapped government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has made an appeal for aid to deal with the crisis that is said to have displaced 33 million or one-seventh of the country's population.

Earlier in the day, responding to questions at a press conference in Islamabad, Pakistan's Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said the government could "consider importing vegetables and other edible items from India" to facilitate people after the floods destroyed crops across the country, state-owned Radio Pakistan reported.

After Shehbaz Sharif became the Prime Minister in April this year, he had said that Pakistan remains committed to "regional peace and security" and seeks "peaceful and cooperative" ties with India. This was conveyed in a letter to Modi, in response to his letter to the Pakistan PM.

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Jio 5G

"Within the next two months, by Diwali, we will launch Jio 5G across multiple key cities, including the metropolises of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai. Subsequently, we plan to increase the Jio 5G footprint month after month. By December 2023, which is less than 18 months from today, we will deliver Jio 5G to every town, every taluka, and every tehsil of our country," Ambani said addressing RIU's 45th annual general meeting.

Jio, which had emerged as the largest bidder in the 5G spectrum auctions held earlier this month, had purchased airwaves worth more than Rs 88,000 crore. It was the only company

Indian visas

The Indian Express scrutinised the monthly visa reports (available on the official website of the Bureau of Consular Affairs) and found that 77,799 Indian students have got F-1 visas between January and July as opposed to 46,145 Chinese students (see chart). The majority of US student visas, in a calendar year, are usually issued in May, June and July.

The F-1 category is a non-immigrant visa for those who wish to study at a university or college, high school, private elementary school, seminary, conservatory, language training program or other academic institutions in the US. M-1 is another category of student visa meant for foreign nationals who wish to study at vocational or other recognised non-academic institutions, other than language training programmes, in the US. For this analysis, The Indian Express only considered F-1 data as visas issued under this bracket make up over 90 per cent of US student visa issuances every year.

Although the absolute number of Chinese students heading to America for higher education has been on the decline since the pandemic hit, China still accounts for the largest share of international students presently studying in the US. Indian students come in at second position and students from South Korea third.

In 2021, 99,431 Chinese students were given F-1 visas compared to 87,258 Indians and 16,865 South Koreans. In 2020, 21,908 Indian students were given F-1 visas compared to 4,853 Chinese students. US Embassy officials, last year, had described the trends in the 2020 dataset as a "Covid blip". Lockdowns had then hindered international travel while China had imposed severe movement restrictions on its citizens.

International students make a significant contribution to the US economy as most pay much higher tuition rates than American citizens. In 2019, before the pandemic broke out, international students contributed \$44 billion to the US economy. Of this, roughly \$16 billion came from Chinese students and close to \$8 billion from Indian students.

To bring the overall attendance of international students back to pre-pandemic levels, the US government this year took multiple steps to simplify the student visa application process, including opening thousands of appointment slots and expanding interview waiver options. Under the new visa guidelines, students who have previously held any US visa can apply using the drop box service to bypass the in-person interview.

Responding to The Indian Express's email seeking comment on the current year's F-1 visa trend, US Embassy spokesperson in New Delhi Chris Elms wrote: "We don't have anything beyond the data at travel.state.gov."

Another country that attracts a lot of foreign students, the UK, too, has registered a sharp increase in Indians getting student visas compared to their Chinese counterparts. The latest UK Immigration Statistics released this week showed that in the July 2021-June 2022 period, the country issued 4,86,868 sponsored study visas. Indian nationals accounted for 1,17,965 of these -- an 89 per cent increase from the previous year. Chinese nationals, meanwhile, were granted 1,15,056 study visas.

Compared to 2019, the increase in the number of study visas granted to Indians amounts to 215 per cent, while those granted to Chinese students have dipped by 4 per cent. The

report did not go into the reasons behind the rise and fall of the share of Indian and Chinese nationals in this category. A British High Commission spokesperson said: "We wouldn't want to speculate on the reasons."

Wrestling chief

and her young challenger Mansi had to apply a sudden brake to their high-intensity start on Monday as WFI president Brijbhushan Sharan Singh, a BJP MP, ordered the referee to pause so that the seers could "bless" and get pictures taken with them.

Singh was on the sofa next to the mat with a microphone in hand, controlling the proceedings as per his whims. He even had instructions for the seers, who were from the Hanuman Garhi math in Ayodhya. "Don't take much time," Singh told them. "The bout has already started and the wrestlers are warmed up. Toh aashirwad dijiye aur jaldi aa jaiye (Please give your blessings and come back soon)."

Scenes like these, where Singh starts and stops bouts as he deems fit, aren't uncommon at wrestling events in the country. Besides, fights and controversies are never far too away from such selection trials.

On Monday, after a delay of a couple of minutes, when the half-a-dozen seers got their pictures clicked, the wrestlers returned to the mat, with Mansi producing an upset of sorts by defeating her seasoned opponent 2-0 in a tense match.

Mansi will be a part of the Indian team for next month's World Championship in Belgrade that will be headlined by Commonwealth Games champion and former world medalist Vinesh Phogat, who powered past recently-crowned U-20 World Champion Antim Panghal.

Rio Olympics bronze medalist Sakshi Malik, who finished on the top of the podium in Birmingham, did not take part in the trials because of short turnover times between the tournaments.

However, even though the action in each of the bouts held on Monday went off without a single incident, the goings-on around them that caught attention. Once again, it was Singh, a six-term MP and a hands-on sports administrator with the last word on all things wrestling in India, who was the focal point.

Before stopping the bout so that the seers could bless the wrestlers, Singh -- never shy of throwing the rule book at referees -- had earlier halted another match because he felt the official got a decision wrong. After forcing a video review, the referee stood his ground and Singh relented.

After all the bouts were completed and the women's team finalised, the 65-year-old Singh made all the wrestlers sit on the mat in three rows in front of him and pointed out technical flaws in some of them while giving tips to coaches.

That wasn't all.

"We expect that all of you will praise the government, SAI and the federation for everything they are doing for you," Singh told the wrestlers. "We are supporting you in all ways, so it's not asking for a lot. And if there are any hurdles, let me know and I'll ensure it's taken care of."

Phogat death: Goa beach shack sealed after drug recovery

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, AUGUST 29

THE GOA Police on Monday sealed the Curlies Beach Shack in Anjuna, two days after its owner Edwin Nunes was arrested following alleged recovery of drugs from the bathroom of the shack.

According to police, Methamphetamine was given to Haryana BJP leader and actor Sonali Phogat the night before

she died on August 23.

Hours before she died, Goa Police said, Phogat had parted at Curlies with her personal assistant Sudhir Sangvan and his aide Sukhwinder Singh, who have been arrested for her murder.

Goa chief minister Pramod Sawant on Monday said, "I have already told the Director General of Police (DGP) that, at the moment, Curlies should be seized and a complete investigation be carried out. The next steps will follow."

The CM said the state police has so far done a "very good" work with the investigation and added that, if Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar feels that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) should be investigating the matter, he would consider it.

"The chief minister of Haryana spoke to me two days ago and has taken all the information. Nobody will be spared in the Phogat case" Sawant said.

A team of Goa Police is likely to leave for Haryana on Tuesday.

So far, Sangvan and Singh have been arrested for allegedly killing Phogat. A separate offence under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act has been registered against three others, including the owner of the Curlies beach shack Edwin Nunes, an alleged drug peddler Dattaprasad Gaonkar and Rama Mandrekar, who was arrested on Sunday.

"There will be a strict crackdown on drugs. This will not be allowed in Goa. The anti-narcotics

cell will act vigilantly and the DGP will monitor this and keep me informed," Sawant added.

Phogat, who arrived in Goa on August 22 with the two men now charged with her murder, had visited the Curlies beach shack. The CCTV footage showed the accused making Phogat sip a drink out of a bottle. It also showed her being held and escorted towards the bathroom by one of the accused.

According to police, Sangvan and Sukhwinder had allegedly

"forcefully" given Phogat methamphetamine. Phogat was declared dead on the morning of August 23 at St Anthony's Hospital in Anjuna.

On Sunday, a magistrate court remanded Nunes, Gaonkar and Mandrekar to five days in police custody. A day earlier, Sangvan and Singh were sent to 10 days in police custody. Nunes and Mandrekar moved a bail plea before Special NDPS court on Monday. It is likely to be heard on September 2.

FOREST DEPT DATA SHOWS

Many trees transplanted for Central Vista didn't survive

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

OF 404 trees transplanted for the 'Proposed Expansion and Restoration of the existing Parliament Building at Plot No. 118', which is part of the Central Vista project, only 121 or 30% survived. This is a part of the overall data on tree transplantation submitted before the Delhi High Court in an affidavit by the forest department in May this year.

The forest department's estimate of the survival rate did not match the figure submitted by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) to it. As per the affidavit, the CPWD estimated that 266 transplanted trees have survived.

A CPWD official told *The Indian Express*, "As per the last report submitted by us in May 2022, a total of 267 trees were surviving out of 402 trees transplanted — 102 out of 130 at the new Parliament building site and 165 out of 272 at NTPC Eco Park, Badarpur." A senior forest department official confirmed the transplantation sites.

Transplanted trees haven't fared

What tree policy states

AS PER the Delhi government's Tree Transplantation Policy, notified in 2020, "The benchmark tree survival rate at end of one year of tree transplantation shall be 80% or as notified by the department, from time to time.

too well in the rest of the city either: Of about 16,461 trees transplanted in the past three years, only around 5,487 or 33.33% have survived so far, as per data.

Overall, the survival rate that the forest department found was below the rate of about 41.17% estimated by user agencies that carried out transplantation for infrastructure projects in the city. As per data submitted by user agencies, 6,777 trees have survived so far.

The department said in the affidavit that "reconciliation of data will take at least two months as there has been a

difference in survival rate submitted by user agency and forest department".

On why the data differs, a senior official of the forest department said, "In some cases, transplantation sites may have changed. User agency takes records from the agency that carried out the transplantation, and transplantation agency gives them maintenance records for only one year. After that year, they might not have been maintained and trees may have died. Lack of maintenance after the first year, and possible change of site, are possible reasons for difference in data."

Ecologist C R Babu said the survival rate of 33% was very low: "Survival of transplants depends on the type of species. Transplanted trees are also more susceptible to abiotic and biotic stress, they're more susceptible to termite infestation."

Navneet Srivastava, Deputy Conservator of Forests (West), said: "... Monitoring was difficult, but it has now been intensified with this report being the starting point. Transplantation has many phases, and the tree needs care to survive the shock..."

Trying to immerse idol, five drown in Yamuna

New Delhi: Five youths drowned in the Yamuna on Sunday afternoon in Southeast Delhi while trying to immerse an idol. Police identified the deceased as siblings Ankit (20) and Arpit Singh (16), Lalit (17), Beeru (19), Ritu Raj (20).

On receiving a call around 1.30 pm, Delhi Fire Services dispatched two vehicles, while police also rushed to the spot.

According to police, around 17-18 youths had come to the Yamuna bank under the DND flyway near Mathura road to

immerse an idol. However, the idol had gotten stuck. Six youths then went into the river to immerse it properly. Five of them drowned.


After the DM East Boat Club and DFS staff helped to recover bodies, they were sent for a post-mortem.

Police said only one of the boys managed to escape on account of heavy flow of Yamuna. They noted that victims might have gotten stuck in mud in the river. Police said appropriate legal action would be taken. ENS

Jamia cancels Safoora's MPhil registration

New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia has cancelled activist Safoora Zargar's registration as an MPhil student in its Department of Sociology. Zargar, 29, is an accused in the main conspiracy case in the Northeast Delhi riots and was booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. Zargar has been enrolled with the de-

partment of sociology in their integrated MPhil and PhD programme since 2019. On August 26, the Dean Faculty of Social Sciences issued a notice stating that her registration from the programme stands cancelled with effect from August 22, 2022 "in anticipation of the approval of the same of the Faculty Committee". ENS



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OXYGEN SUPPORT 69
VENTILATOR SUPPORT 18

**DELHI TOTAL
CASES**
19,98,858
Aug 28 397
Aug 29 214
Total 2,259*

	Total	Vacant
HOSPITAL BEDS	9,405	9,144
ICU BEDS	2,145	2,043
	Recoveries	Deaths
Aug 28	693	5
Aug 29	556	4
Total	19,70,137	26,462
	Tests	
Aug 28	13,004	
Aug 29	5,683	
Total	3,99,19,361	

*Total active cases in Delhi

NOIDA		
	Aug 28	Aug 28
Cases	N/A	46
Deaths	N/A	0
GURGAON		
Cases	N/A	115
Deaths	N/A	0

BRIEFLY

Couple out on walk hit by car; man killed

New Delhi: A senior citizen was killed and his wife injured after they were struck by a car as they were taking a morning walk in Shahdara district Sunday, said police on Monday. According to Delhi Police officials, Hira Lal (70) lost his life and his wife Munni Devi (64), survived with an injured leg. R Sathiyasundaram, DCP (Shahdara), said "A case has been filed under IPC sections 279 (rash driving), 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life), and 304A (death by negligence)."

Transport dept to open road safety clubs in schools

New Delhi: The Delhi transport department is planning to set up road safety clubs in all schools in the city to create awareness about traffic rules, road safety, public health issues, and road etiquette, officials said. Following the directions of the transport department, the land and estate branch of the Directorate of Education has asked schools to establish "road safety clubs" for spreading road safety awareness among children.

Gurgaon: 20 water boosting stations to be upgraded

New Delhi: After water supply in several parts of Gurgaon was hit last week, Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority said directions had been given to Municipal Corporation of Gurugram to upgrade and renovate infrastructure at 20 boosting stations and augment the water supply from 45 MLD to 62 MLD to overcome a crisis-like situation. Sudhir Rajpal, CEO GMDA, directed officials to cohesively work on developing a robust water supply mechanism. **ENS**

205 dengue cases recorded so far this yr

New Delhi: As many as 205 dengue cases have been recorded in Delhi so far this year, according to a civic body report released Monday. According to Municipal Corporation of Delhi report, the city recorded 23 dengue cases in January, 16 in February, 22 in March, 20 in April, 30 in May, 32 in June and 26 in July. Till August 27, Delhi has logged 205 dengue cases, the report said. **PTI**

BJP CHIEF FIRES FRESH SALVO

Nadda hits out at CM Kejriwal: 'Do not deviate from excise policy scam'

ABHINAV RAJPUT
 NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

BJP NATIONAL president J P Nadda Monday sought answers from Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on the alleged excise policy 'scam', telling him not to "deviate" from the issue.

"Kejriwal ji, corruption of such a massive scale has taken place in your government, Delhi has suffered huge financial loss. Instead of talking about nonsensical things... why don't you place all facts and figures before the media and the people of Delhi," said Nadda while speaking at a press conference during his two-day visit to Tripura.

He added, "Kejriwal is yet to answer our questions on the excise policy. If you are honest, say this in court. At times, he says we want to arrest him, then he says that we are troubling him. There was such a big scam and Delhi suffered a loss. We put out the numbers. *Tu idhar udhar ki baat na kar tuye bata karwan luta kaha* (Don't deviate and come to the point)."

On August 19, the CBI conducted raids at various places,



Nadda was speaking in Tripura; BJP MLAs on a dharna at the Delhi Assembly. Abhinav Saha



including Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia's residence, in connection with the alleged excise scam. The AAP has denied the allegations.

"Every culprit cries foul when he is caught and says he is being framed, calls himself clean, innocent and honest. If you are so honest and if you have not committed any crime, why don't you go to the court and give your statement? Why is your minister in jail," Nadda said.

Kejriwal has not spoken a word on the excise policy scam, he said. "Sometimes, he

(Kejriwal) says the Union government wants to put his leaders in jail, sometimes he says he and his government are being harassed, but he never talks about the massive corruption in the excise (policy)," he said.

"Why doesn't Kejriwal function as per Constitution? It is absolutely absurd to say everything works as per wishes of the BJP, this is highly irresponsible behaviour by Kejriwal."

BJP alleges 'classroom scam'

Soon after Kejriwal placed

the 'confidence motion' in the assembly to prove that all AAP MLAs are with him and BJP's 'operation lotus' had failed, BJP leaders called it a ploy to distract people's attention from "excise and education scams".

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia alleged that the city government had increased the budget for construction of classrooms in its existing schools, ignoring guidelines of Central Public Works Department. He cited a Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) report sent to the Delhi government's vigilance

department in 2020 to allege that construction cost was increased by Rs 326 crore. "The AAP government promised to construct 500 new schools in Delhi. That never happened. They then said they'll build more classrooms in existing schools. The number of rooms was increased from 2,400 to 7,180. The construction cost was increased by up to 90 per cent," Bhatia alleged at a press conference.

BJP MLAs also started an overnight dharna at the Assembly premises demanding sacking of Sisodia and Satyendar Jain over alleged corruption.

The AAP hit back, with Kejriwal saying in the assembly: "When they couldn't find anything in the liquor policy, they are going after schools... They are saying the AAP government has constructed more classrooms and toilets... They are saying why did you construct a large number of toilets. Why shouldn't we; we want to provide better infrastructure and education facilities to our children, safe hygienic facilities to our girl children... What is wrong in it? We will make."

Man slaps guard at Gurgaon society after being briefly stuck in lift, arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 GURGAON, AUGUST 29

A RESIDENT of a condominium in Gurgaon was arrested by the police for allegedly beating up a security guard after he was allegedly stuck in the society's lift for a few minutes, officers said Monday.

Police said the incident took place around 7.30 am Monday in a society in sector 50. In the police complaint, the security guard, Ashok Kumar, said, "I reported for duty at 7.50 pm on Sunday and at the time of the incident... At 7.20 am, a resident, who was coming down was stuck in lift number 1 due to a technical glitch. The lift was stuck on ground floor for 3-4 minutes. After alighting from the lift, the resident started hurling abuses at me and threatened to kill me... He started beating me near the gate. I am scared for my life. I am not at fault, I had informed my senior and the incident has been recorded on CCTV."

DCP (East) Virender Vij said, "With reference to the video... we have registered an FIR. The accused was asked to join investigation. He was arrested and released on bail."

Kumar told media persons, "A resident was stuck in the lift... its door was not opening. He (the accused) pressed the emergency button and contacted me from the intercom. I was on duty at tower 12. He told me that he had been stuck. I told him that I will contact the lift operator and get help. I immediately informed



Screen grab from the visuals of the incident

the lift operator, who reached within 3-4 minutes, and opened the lift with a key. After coming out of the lift, the accused man started slapping me. I told him 'Sir, ye galat hai (This is wrong)'. Why are you beating me? When the lift operator intervened, the accused man slapped him as well."

In a purported video of the incident, the lift operator can be seen opening the lift. As a man comes out of the lift, within seconds, he is seen slapping the security guard four times as the guard appears to be pleading with him. The man is then seen confronting the lift operator before slapping the operator once. The man then continues to argue with the security guard.

An FIR was registered against the accused, Varun Nath, under sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of Indian Penal Code at sector 50 police station, said police.



AAP MLAs, during an overnight protest at the Delhi Assembly, sing under the Gandhi statue. They are seeking the L-G's resignation over allegations of corruption. Abhinav Saha

CM: BJP found nothing in liquor policy, so they're after schools

GAYATHRI MANI
 NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS of 'corruption' in construction of classrooms levelled by the BJP and L-G VK Saxena against the AAP-led Delhi government, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Monday said they are going after schools as they couldn't find anything against the liquor policy.

Tabling a confidence motion in the Delhi Assembly, he said: "For the last 10-15 days, we have been seeing *nautanki* (drama)... AAP has eaten money in liquor policy... but they found nothing... Now, they have received an order from above to not speak about the liquor policy anymore... They are now after our schools... asking why did you construct more classrooms and increase the number of toilets..."

The session saw BJP MLAs be-

ing marshalled out after they demanded a short discussion on the excise policy and school classrooms allegations. Kejriwal said: "This is an important day and we are going to table the confidence motion. But on such a day, the opposition did not want to be involved in a good discussion. They only want to do cheap politics and *nautanki* (drama)..."

On the need for this motion, Kejriwal said: "Through this, we want to show that every single AAP MLA and leader is *kattar imandar* (honest) and to show that their (BJP's) 'Operation Lotus' may have succeeded in other states but (not) in Delhi."

Leader of opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said, "You have 62 MLAs out of 70 and what is the need for this motion... It is a publicity stunt to hide the truth."

"We wanted to discuss the excise policy and CVC's report on classrooms, but they don't want

to discuss it... Every time, we raise a matter, they marshal us all out..."

AAP targets L-G with graft claims

AAP leaders, during a special assembly session, levelled allegations of "corruption" and "money laundering" against L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena. The L-G's office did not respond to calls and messages seeking a comment.

AAP MLAs announced they will hold an "overnight protest" at the Gandhi statue inside the Vidhan Sabha — from 7 pm on Monday until Tuesday morning — to demand a CBI probe against the L-G. Speaking at the session, AAP leader and Rajinder Nagar MLA Durgesh Pathak alleged: "Saxena committed a scam to the tune Rs 1,400 crore in the name of 'Mahatma Gandhi' when he was serving as chairman of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)."

80k tonnes of debris, 500 workers: Clean up begins day after Supertech demolition



The debris management will take around 90 days as the rubble is heavy and will be segregated into concrete, steel and iron before transportation to other plants. Praveen Khanna

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NOIDA, AUGUST 29

A DAY after demolition of the Supertech twin towers, more than 500 workers were deployed to clean dust and remove 80,000 tonnes of debris from the spot. The debris management will take around 90 days, as the rubble is heavy, and will be segregated into concrete, steel and iron before transportation to other plants.

The rains on Monday also brought a respite from the heavy work that was being done by workers, anti-smog machines, water tankers, excavators and other equipment. Officials said a huge amount of dust will be cleared by the rains.

Sources said that the Emerald Court will take up to one day to clean while the ATS Village might take up to a week. "We have a lot of dust to brush off the streets, buildings, parks and residential areas. While Emerald Court area was saved because of the wind movement, major dust and rubble fell at ATS Village, making the job a bit difficult," said the officer.

Praveen Kumar, regional officer, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, said, "The rainfall did the job of water sprinklers, tankers and anti-smog machines today. This will help bring down the AQI. We are happy as roads

L-G flags dip in enrolment, attendance in govt schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

L-G VINAI Kumar Saxena has written to Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar asking him to examine why enrolment and attendance in Delhi government schools have been dipping over the past few years despite an increase in per student expenditure. "Despite substantial increase in investment in the Education Sector by the State government both in absolute terms and as part of the total budget, it is seen that during the same period, the enrolment in Delhi government schools de-

will be cleaned."

Over 50-70 per cent of residents of ATS Village and Emerald Court returned to their homes by Monday afternoon.

"Over 100 water tankers, 22 anti-smog guns, six sweeping machines, 20 tractor-trolleys and about 500 employees of the health and horticulture department were deployed in the affected roads and surrounding societies. Tankers were used by the authority to clear the dust accumulated on the roads. The roads were also cleared using sweeping machines. The work of cleaning the road has been completed by the water tanker, sweeping machine and the cleaning staff," said the Noida Authority on Monday, adding that the damaged ATS compound wall will also be fixed in a week.

Meanwhile, workers at the demolition site started cleaning the parks and residential areas amid the high security. The Noida Police had barricaded the area and streets outside Supertech for the debris cleaning work to go smooth.

A sanitation worker, who refused to be named, said, "We have been working since early morning. We are only cleaning the Noida City Park which is filled with dust. It will at least take a week to clean the parks as it is divided by a road. There's a lot of dust here..."

clined from 15.42 lakh in 2014-15 to 15.19 lakh 2019-20," the letter, written on August 26, states.

"The percentage of students attending classes in Delhi government schools has been declining and... was in the range of 55% and 61% between 2016-17 to 2019-20... Hon'ble Lt Governor has accordingly desired that the reasons for the above anomaly may be examined in larger public interest..." it added.

The Delhi government has set aside a fourth of its budget for education each year since coming to power and improving infrastructure and learning levels has been its flagship project for the past seven years.

111% UPTICK IN CYBERCRIME

Sharp rise in crimes against women; chargesheet rate low: NCRB data

JIGNASA SINHA
 NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

AN OVER 40% uptick in crimes against women and children; just 31% of IPC cases being chargesheeted; a 111% jump in cases of cybercrimes — these are some of the key takeaways from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for 2021 specific to the national capital.

Data also shows that most of the IPC cases are of theft, kidnapping and robbery, reflecting an increase in heinous and street crimes. Many of the victims are children — crimes against them have increased by 33% from previous years.

The Delhi Police meanwhile reasoned that they are "ac-

tively" registering more cases online and at police stations/booths.

Crimes against women

As per the data, Delhi saw 14,277 cases of crimes against women last year. This is in contrast to other cities like Bengaluru and Mumbai, which saw 3,127 and 5,543 cases.

Most women from the age of 18 to 30 are 'vulnerable' and are targeted by husbands, relatives or friends.

Though 71% of these cases have been chargesheeted, more than 16,000 cases are still pending from previous years. Further as many as 1,374 POCSO cases and 1,125 rape cases have been registered in 2021 — a 41% increase from the previous year.

A Delhi Police spokesperson said, "This is because of higher registration and sensitivity of police personnel in Delhi. We also make arrests in 80-90% of cases within the first week. The chargesheeting can sometimes be low because of pending court cases. Arrests are always made in time."

Cybercrime

Delhi has seen a steep rise in cybercrime cases from the previous years. According to data, with 356 cases in 2021, there has been a 111% rise in cases of online fraud, online harassment, publication of explicit content, etc as compared to 2020, which saw 168 cases. Most offenders were booked for publication and transmission of

CASES IN CAPITAL				
Crimes	2019	2020	2021	Chargesheeting rate in %
Total IPC cases	2,99,475	2,49,192	2,91,904	31.0
Violent crimes	11,613	9,997	11,793	52.0
-Murder	521	472	459	95.0
-Kidnapping & abduction	5,901	4,062	5,527	8.20
Crimes against women	13,395	10,093	14,277	71.20
Crimes against children	7,783	5,362	7,118	32.50
Economic Offences	4,889	4,524	5,143	57.40
Cyber crimes	115	168	356	90.80

■ Among major metro cities, Delhi has one of the lowest chargesheeting rates — only 31% of 2,91,904 cases were chargesheeted in 2021

■ Delhi tops the list in terms of violent crimes, most being abduction and robbery cases. As per data, over 9,507 kidnapping victims are still 'unrecovered' in Delhi

■ Delhi has seen a jump of 111% cases of cyber crime from last year. Most cases are of people publishing explicit content online.

Source: NCRB data

sexually explicit content where the victims/complainants are women or minors aged 12-17.

DCP (Cyber Crime) KPS Malhotra said, "We have been registering more cases online after Covid. We have seen financial fraud and sextortion cases increase. We not only take cases from complaints but also take cognizance of social media posts."

Violent crimes — Murder, kidnapping

In 2021, Delhi recorded 11,793 cases of violent crimes and only half of the cases have been chargesheeted, data shows. Most cases are of kidnapping, rape, robbery, attempted murder, causing grievous hurt, etc.

Delhi has the highest number of murder cases (454) among the 19 metropolitan cities in the country. Most of the victims in such cases are aged 18-35. Police said many cases are of personal enmity and money disputes, which can't be averted. However, they said they have been able to chargesheet 95% of murder cases registered and arrest the accused in less than 48 hours.

Cases of kidnapping have also increased by 36% in the city in 2021 as compared to the previous year. Data shows only 8% of cases have been chargesheeted and there are more than 9,507 unrecovered victims from previous years. Last year, over 5,888 persons were kidnapped/abducted.

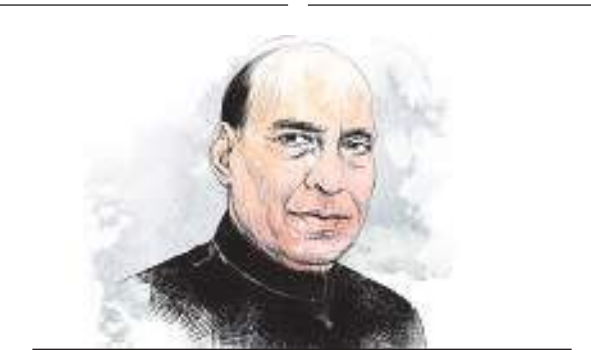


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DIFFERENT TAKE

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh shared stage with President of the Board of Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts Ram Bahadur Rai at the launch of Ajay Singh's book — 'The Architect of the New BJP: How Narendra Modi Transformed the Party' — on Monday. In his speech, Rai said: "BJP was never a cadre party, it is not a cadre party and it will never be. It's a mass-based party and democratic. Had it been a cadre party, it would not have a spokesperson like Nupur Sharma. Had it been a cadre party, its president would have resigned taking responsibility for what Sharma said." On the dais with Singh was J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha. Both Singh and Sinha just looked away.

MEGA SERIAL

A 75-EPIISODE mega serial on India's freedom struggle right from 15th Century — Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha — is another addition in the government's events to commemorate 75 years of Independence. The Prasar Bharati has written to the Indian Railways, asking it to screen the serial at railway stations across the country to "enhance the participation of every Indian in this national movement". In the letter, the Prasar Bharati has described the serial as educative, inspiring and a "must watch, particularly the new generation".

ADDITIONAL CHARGE

UGC CHAIRPERSON Prof M Jagadesh Kumar will hold additional charge of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) till it gets a new head. The tenure of Prof Anil Sahasrabudhe, who was appointed to the post in 2015, was extended in July last year. He will be relieved of his charge on September 1 upon attaining the age of 65. The development comes at a time when the Centre is working on a proposed legislation to create the Higher Education Council of India, an overarching body in which the UGC and the AICTE are likely to be merged.

IDENTIFICATION OF MINORITIES

Centre urges SC to defer hearing, says states need time for consultations

ANANTHAKRISHNANG
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

AHEAD OF Tuesday's crucial hearing on a petition seeking guidelines to identify religious minorities, including Hindus, at the state level, the BJP-led Central government on Monday urged the Supreme Court to defer the hearing saying it had held discussions with eight states and two Union Territories and that they had sought more time for wider consultations with the stakeholders. In an affidavit filed in the top court, the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs said the "Central government has already held meetings with the state governments of Nagaland, Punjab, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, and UT's of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh...they requested for some more time for wider consultations...considering the far-reaching implications of the issue involved".

The court is hearing a plea by Advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay who has bas his petition on the SC decision in the landmark 2002 TMA Pai case in which it was laid down that for the purposes of Article 30 that

deals with the rights of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions, religious and linguistic minorities will have to be identified at the state level.

The Centre had to suffer much embarrassment in the matter, initially with a bench presided by Justice SK Kaul hauling it up for not taking a stand and imposing a cost of Rs 7,500 for the delay in responding, and later, having to do a somersault regarding its stand on the issue.

In a counter-affidavit filed on March 25, after repeated prodding from the court, the BJP-led government sought to put the onus of granting minority status to Hindus upon states saying "they too have concurrent powers to do so". With the stand drawing criticism, it filed a new affidavit on May 9 "in supersession of the earlier affidavit" saying "the power is vested with the Centre to notify minorities".

In the fresh affidavit filed on Monday, the ministry said it had asked the state governments to "expeditiously undertake this exercise with stakeholders so as to ensure that the views of the state governments are finalised and conveyed to the ministry...at the earliest" in view of the pendency of the matter in the court.

Tharoor tests waters, seeks 'free and fair' contest to elect new Cong chief

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

WHILE THE Congress has not seen a contest for the post of party president in the last two decades, all indications are that there could be one this time. Sources said Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor is considering throwing his hat in the ring as he believes that it is time to put forward a fresh set of ideas and an alternate vision for the party, which is facing its worst electoral and organisational crisis ever.

Sources said Tharoor — a signatory to the letter that 23 senior leaders had written to Congress president Sonia Gandhi in August 2020 seeking changes in the party's functioning — has discussed the idea with some of his colleagues and well-wishers, but is yet to take a final call.

While Tharoor declined to comment, he signalled that he was testing the waters in an article he wrote for a Kerala daily after the Congress Working Committee (CWC) approved and announced the schedule for the election of party president on Sunday.

"Ideally it should have announced elections also for the dozen seats on the CWC itself which are supposed to be elected. Allowing members of the party drawn from the AICC and PCC delegates to determine who will lead the party from these key positions, would have helped legitimise the incoming set of leaders and give them a credible mandate... Still, electing a fresh president is a start towards revitalisation," he wrote in *Mathrubhumi* English Monday.

"...I hope several candidates come forward to present them-



Congress leader Shashi Tharoor

EXPLAINED
G-23 handicap, but hopeful

THE HANDICAP for Lok Sabha MP Tharoor is the G-23 tag, but he believes the Congress gives the democratic space for a contest. Unlike Jitendra Prasad, who lost to Sonia Gandhi the last time a contest took place for party chief's post in 2001, or Sharad Pawar and Rajesh Pilot, who contested against Sitaram Kesri in 1997, Tharoor carries little baggage.

selves for consideration. Putting forward their visions for the party and the nation will surely stir public interest," he wrote.

Arguing that many Congress supporters have been dismayed by Rahul Gandhi's refusal to contest and his statement that no member from the Gandhi family should replace him, Tharoor said: "It is really for the Gandhi family to decide where they collectively stand on this issue, but in a democracy, no party should put itself in the position of believing that only one family can lead it."

"Either way, a free and fair election process would be a healthy way to go about settling the issue. It would legitimise the mandate..." he wrote.

New norms for listing urgent cases soon: CJI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

CHIEF JUSTICE of India U U Lalit said on Monday that the Supreme Court will soon put in place a new mechanism for listing of urgent cases. "Give us one or two days... we will come out with norms. From Thursday, it will be implemented," the CJI, heading a two-judge bench, said.

The bench, which included Justice S Ravindra Bhat, was responding to Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who sought to know whether the court was permitting mentioning of matters — where lawyers bring urgent matters to the notice of the court, which can then decide whether it needs to be listed out of turn.

"What we are doing is... for listing, we will go back to the original... which is that every matter which is registered shall be listed on some day or the other and be part of any advance list... It may be listed within 10 days, or at least in the advance list, it will find a place so that one gets to know what exactly is the date of listing, so therefore the future and the fate of that matter, you are well aware," said CJI Lalit, who was sworn in on Saturday.

"But till that process actually... is put and made some kind of functional, we may have to do some ad hoc basis... as I said... the procedure will be on. Till then, if there is any urgency, I will look



CJI U U Lalit was sworn in on Saturday

into that matter," he said.

In the past, lawyers have complained that their matters aren't listed for mentioning despite the urgency, and sometimes don't get listed for hearing even after being mentioned.

In an interview to *The Indian Express* on August 14, then CJI-designate Lalit, while responding to a query concerning matters not getting listed, had said: "That is something which, at the institutional level, we will have to find a solution to (in a way that) there won't be any room for such criticism".

Subsequently, speaking at the farewell organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for former CJI NV Ramana on August 26, he reiterated his priorities and said he would "strive hard to make the process of listing cases simple and transparent" and ensure that there is at least one Constitution bench functioning round the year.

Soon after taking oath on Saturday, CJI Lalit called a full-court meeting to work out the details of his plan, and decided to put in place six three-judge benches and "one or two" Constitution benches on priority. The Constitution benches will initially deal with case management.

After Mahatma, it is Modi who understands Indians: Rajnath at launch of book on PM

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

AFTER MAHATMA Gandhi, if there is anyone who understands the hearts of the Indian people, it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi, according to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

"It is Modiji who made the BJP accepted by all sects of people breaking the boundaries of caste and community. He has created a model to which there is no counter. People are looking for a counter, but there isn't one yet... You do not have any other leader in Independent India who has delivered on all the responsibilities



Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at the book launch in New Delhi, Monday. Amit Mehra

given to him... There is no doubt that whatever glory the BJP has achieved after 2014, it's because of Modiji," he said Sunday.

The Defence Minister was speaking at the launch of the book *The Architect of the New BJP: How Narendra Modi Transformed the*

Party by Ajay Singh, a senior journalist and currently press secretary to the President.

Rajnath said: "If there is one leader after Mahatma Gandhi who understands the hearts of the people in India, it is Modiji. He understands the sentiments of the people and their problems."

Deputy Rajya Sabha Chairman Harivansh, who was at the event, said Modi is one of the most popular leaders in the world and "whether you agree with him or not, one has to know him."

Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of J&K was of the view that Modi has "reinstated the personal and political morality" in the country.



Former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad at his residence in New Delhi on Monday Anil Sharma

Rahul does not have aptitude, interest in politics, says Azad

Says assumed Modi to be crude, but PM displayed humanity

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DAYS AFTER he quit the Congress, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday launched a fresh broadside against Rahul Gandhi and said the former party president does not have the "aptitude" for or "interest" in politics.

Hitting back at the Congress, which had accused him of being in cahoots with BJP, Azad said party leaders should not forget that it was Rahul who had hugged PM Modi in Parliament.

Referring to Modi's praise during his farewell speech for Azad in Rajya Sabha, Azad said he had assumed Modi to be a "crude man" but he displayed humanity while

recalling a terror-related incident. He said "illiterate" Congress leaders had been spreading a canard against him since then but were silent on Rahul's hug of the PM.

"What did Narendra Modi say? Congress-mukt Bharat. Those who have helped fulfill Modi's dreams of a Congress-mukt Bharat, they are the ones who are in cahoots with him," Azad told reporters. "And those who, after making a speech in Lok Sabha, went and hugged him and said I have nothing against you... *woh mile hai ki main mila hoon* (is he or am I colluding with BJP)?"

Rahul had hugged Modi in Parliament in 2018.

"I assumed that Modi-sahab was a crude man, as he did not

have children or his own family... and would not care. But at least he has shown humanity," Azad said and narrated the aftermath of the blast targeted at a Gujarat tourist bus in Kashmir in 2007.

Azad said he and Modi had both become emotional and broke down in Rajya Sabha recalling that terror incident, and not for other.

Asked whether he would ally with the BJP in J&K, Azad said, "I cannot get BJP one extra vote in their constituencies... BJP cannot get me half a vote extra. Our constituencies are different." On possibility of a post-poll tie up with BJP, he said, "Who has seen post-poll (situation)? Mine is not the only party; there are other parties as well..."

PILs have a bad run as CJI-led bench says no to more than half

ANANTHAKRISHNANG
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

PUBLIC INTEREST Litigation (PIL) hearings had a bad run in Supreme Court on Monday, with a bench headed by CJI U U Lalit saying no to more than half-a-dozen of them.

The first to get the axe was a PIL that said "India can increase its saving rate and growth rate by converting its huge deposits of gold into fixed deposits in banks" and sought a direction to the government to "spread awareness" to convince Indian women "to convert gold into fixed deposits in banks".

The bench, also comprising Justice S Ravindra Bhat, dismissed the plea, terming it "completely misconceived".

Next in line was a PIL that said many states "are witnessing an acute shortage of supply of

coal due to which power generation process is running at its lowest levels". The plea sought directions to address "coal shortage".

The bench asked the two lawyers who had filed the PIL if they can file affidavits stating that they are not associated with any power sector firms. Subsequently it allowed petitioners to withdraw their plea.

Another PIL requested the court to declare as invalid certain provisions of NDPS Act, 1985, to the extent that it criminalises personal consumption of drugs. The objective of NDPS Act was to crack down on drug traffickers but has been defeated, and users have become the soft target, it said.

The court said in such instances, the court does not impose harsh punishments and added that if the Sections are held invalid, drug peddlers will

peddle in that particular quantity. "What will you do then," the bench asked and allowed the petitioner to withdraw the plea.

Then came a plea seeking action against allegedly illegal constructions in Delhi's Sainik Farms. The court noted that the petitioner was also a litigant before Delhi HC on the same subject and asked him to approach the HC if he was aggrieved by its orders. With the dismissal imminent, the petitioner prayed for permission to withdraw. The court allowed it.

Next was a PIL that sought action on the Truecaller app, which, it contended, uses personal information of mobile phone users without their authorisation. The bench said that "there are many intrusive apps" and asked, "is it the job of this court to go and shutting all those". The petitioner then withdrew his plea.

India 'world's pharmacy': UNGA president

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

PRESIDENT OF the United Nations General Assembly and Maldives foreign minister Abdulla Shahid on Monday stressed on the role played by India at the UN. External Affairs minister S Jaishankar, after meeting Shahid, said India's

"Neighbourhood First" and the Maldives "India First" policies complement each other.

On a visit to India, Shahid held talks with Jaishankar which covered a range of key issues, including cooperation at the UN.

Acknowledging the pivotal role India played during the Covid recovery phase, the Maldivian leader underscored that the country had proven to

be the "pharmacy of the world" that assisted several countries in the remotest parts of the globe.

Separately, Jaishankar also met Maldivian Speaker and former president Mohammad Nasheed, who is also visiting India. "We discussed Maldives and issues facing Indian Ocean island nations. Of course, Sri Lanka's crisis worries us both," Nasheed said.

Video of retired top court judge: Kerala govt says Rs 229 crore assistance given to temples

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 29

A DAY after a purported video clip of former Supreme Court judge, Justice Indu Malhotra, emerged in which she is heard saying that Communist governments "have taken over" Hindu temples "because of the revenue", the CPM-led LDF government in Kerala said in the Assembly that it had released a total of Rs 229 crore in aid to the state's devaswom (temple) boards to tide over the Covid period.

Responding to a written question from four CPM legislators, Temple Affairs Minister K

Radhakrishnan said the state government had given Rs 165 crore to just the four major devaswom boards — Travancore, Cochin, Malabar and Koodalmanikyam — to tide over the crisis caused by the pandemic and floods of 2018.

Of this, the Minister said, the Travancore Devaswom Board, which runs the Sabarimala shrine among other temples, alone got aid of Rs 120 crore.

The purported clip shows Justice (retired) Malhotra speaking to people in front of the Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple in Thiruvananthapuram Sunday. She was in the city for a Government Medical College event.

"That is what happens with these Communist governments. They want to just take over because of the revenue. Their problem is the revenue. All over they have taken over, all over, only Hindu temples. So Justice Lalit and I said, no, we will not allow it," Justice (retired) Malhotra is heard saying in the purported video.

In 2020, Justice Malhotra was part of a bench that reversed a verdict of the Kerala High Court and upheld the rights of the Travancore royal family to administer the Padmanabhaswamy temple. The Kerala High Court had ruled that the shebait rights of the Travancore royal family to manage the affairs of the temple

Yogi govt on party agenda, says BJP's new UP unit chief

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 29

PLEDGING TO win all the 80 seats of UP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the newly appointed state BJP chief Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary on Monday asserted that the Yogi Adityanath government was working on the agenda of the BJP and there was no "dispute over the coordination" between the government and the party.

Addressing party workers at the state BJP headquarters before taking charge, Chaudhary said that mediapersons ask him how he would maintain coordination between the government and organisation. "The government is working on our agenda. We have formed the government... Ending anarchy, hooliganism, and corruption are on our agenda, and the government is working on that only. Where is the dispute?" he said.

Stating that the party and the government would continue to work in tandem, Chaudhary, who is also a Cabinet minister in the state government, said: "I assure you that I will work collectively with all. Will take everyone along. Everything will be done as per the agenda of the party worker... In Yogi-ji's leadership, we will meet the expectations of the central leadership in the coming days. Will strengthen the BJP".

Chaudhary, who reached Lucknow from Delhi after the BJP central leadership appointed him the new state unit president last week, was welcomed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and ministers of his Cabinet.

The CM in his welcome speech also asserted that the government and the party would work collectively to implement the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and to make UP completely 'BJP-mayee'.

SC refuses plea for fresh probe into Rafale deal

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE SUPREME COURT on Monday refused to entertain a PIL seeking inquiry into the Rafale fighter jet purchase deal on the basis of news reports that French investigators had found that 1 million Euros were paid to a middleman to secure the Indian order.

A bench of Justices U U Lalit and S Ravindra Bhat said after going through the facts and circumstances of the case on record, no case is made out to exercise jurisdiction of the court.

Advocate M L Sharma told the bench that he was confining his plea to the request to summon the documents of the French investigator. "I don't have that document... So rule of the law should be applied to the cancellation of the entire contract. It's a serious matter... If that document comes, evidence comes before this court," said Sharma.

The bench initially said it was dismissing the plea. Subsequently, Sharma urged the top court to allow him to withdraw it. The counsel added that he had lodged a complaint with the CBI too. The bench said it was a separate matter and the court does not want to get into it.

had ceased to exist after the last ruler died in 1991.

The Supreme Court held that shebait rights are hereditary and will continue to vest with the family, according to Hindu customs.

Incidentally, Justice Malhotra was the lone dissenter in the landmark September 2018 ruling by a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court allowing women of all ages to enter the Sabarimala temple. Her dissent paved the way for a review of the five-judge bench decision, which is now pending before a seven-judge bench. Justice Malhotra could not be reached for comment despite repeated attempts by *The Indian Express*.

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BRIEFLY

UTTAR PRADESH

Farmer suicide:
2 cops booked

Lucknow: Two years after a 31-year-old farmer was found dead with his body hanging from a tree in Durganpura village of Lalitpur, police have booked Inspector Nigvendra Pratap and Head Constable Narendra Singh for abetment to suicide. The farmer's wife, Hirendra Raja, had approached the NHRC, alleging her husband was murdered by policemen who picked him from his house at Bastgua village on April 27, 2020, and then hanged his body at Durganpura village to fake suicide. **ENS**

PUNJAB

Farmer ends life
outside DC office

Ludhiana: A 65-year-old farmer allegedly died by suicide at an ongoing protest outside the Deputy Commissioner's office in Muktsar on Monday. Balwinder Singh from Raikie Kalan village in Bathinda died after allegedly consuming a tablet commonly used as an agricultural fumigant. He had been attending the protest in support of farmers who had been sitting on dharna since August 24, demanding compensation for their cotton crop that was damaged in pink bollworm attack last year. **ENS**

RAJASTHAN

Firm robbed of
23 kg gold, cash

Jaipur: Five bike-borne men robbed around 23 kg gold and Rs 10 lakh cash at gunpoint from a finance company's branch in Udaipur on Monday. The incident happened at Manappuram Finance, which provides gold loan services. A CCTV footage shows two robbers thrashing bank officials at gunpoint. SP Vikas Sharma said barricading had been done on city borders to nab the accused. **PTI**

KARNATAKA

Row over text
on Savarkar

Bengaluru: Fresh controversy has erupted over a passage in a class 8 Kannada textbook that states V D Savarkar flew out of jail on a bulbul. The chapter, authored by K T Gatti, reads: "In the room where Savarkar was jailed, there was not even a small keyhole. However, bulbul birds would fly into the room from somewhere, on whose wings Savarkar would sit and fly out to visit the motherland every day." Director of the Karnataka Textbook Society, Madegowda, defended the passage, calling it "nothing but poetic imagination". "The author could have used it as a metaphor," he said. **ENS**

TELANGANA

Two dead after
surgery at camp

Hyderabad: At least two women who underwent surgery at a tubectomy camp held on August 25 at the Ibrahimpatnam Civil Hospital in Ranga Reddy district have died of post-surgery complications. Director of Public Health G Srinivas Rao said 34 people were operated upon, of whom 30 were discharged and are in stable condition. "Four patients complained of acute gastroenteritis and approached private hospitals. Two of them, M Mamata and M Sushma, have succumbed," he said, adding that the state government has ordered an inquiry into the matter and sought a detailed report within a week. **ENS**

NCRB RELEASES DATA FOR 2021

Crime against women up 15.3%: NCRB

ESHA ROY

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

CRIME AGAINST women rose by 15.3 per cent in 2021 from the previous year, according to latest data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), with 4,28,278 cases registered last year following 3,71,503 cases in 2020.

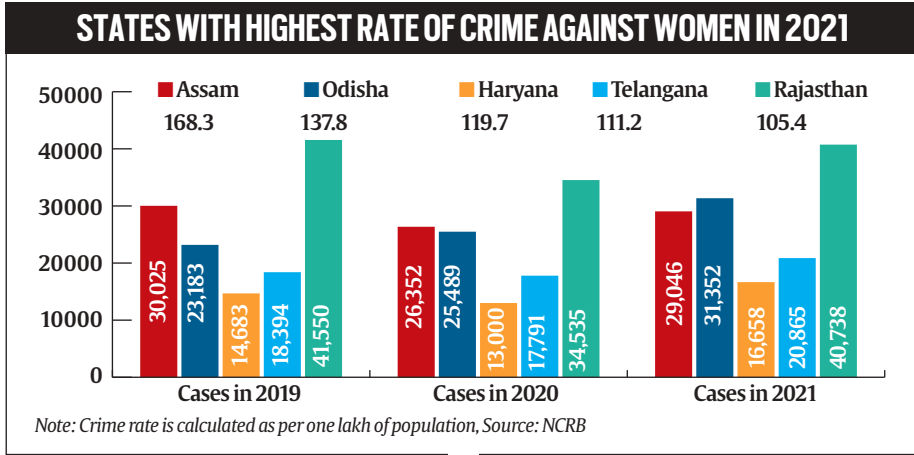
The NCRB report also shows that the rate of total crime against women (number of incidents per 1 lakh population) increased from 56.5 in 2020 to 64.5 in 2021.

A majority of these cases (31.8 per cent) fall in the category of "Cruelty by husband or his relatives", followed by "Assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty" (20.8 per cent), kidnapping and abduction (17.6 per cent), and rape (7.4 per cent).

According to the report, the highest rate of crime against women in 2021 was registered in Assam (168.3), despite a marginal dip over the last three years. The state recorded over 29,000 such cases last year.

The other top states in this category include Odisha, Haryana, Telangana and Rajasthan. Rajasthan, like Assam, showed a marginal decrease in the actual number of cases while the three other states (Odisha, Haryana and Telangana) marked an increase.

The report places UP on top (56,083) in terms of actual number of cases registered in 2021, although the rate of total crime



against women is lesser at 50.5. The other states that recorded the highest number of crimes against women include Rajasthan, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Odisha. Nagaland stood out with the lowest number of crimes against women registered in the past three years — 43 in 2019, 39 in 2020 and 54 in 2021. It also had the lowest crime rate against women for 2021 at 5.5.

Among Union Territories, Delhi had the highest rate of crime against women in 2021 at 147.6. It also topped in absolute numbers of cases registered, recording an increase over the past three years from 13,395 in 2019 to 14,277 in 2021. The NCRB also collates data for crime against women in 19 cities across the country with a population of over 2 million. Among these cities, the 2021

data shows that Jaipur had the highest rate of total crime against women at over 194, followed by Delhi, Indore and Lucknow. Chennai and Coimbatore — both in Tamil Nadu — had the lowest rate. In actual numbers among these cities, Delhi topped in 2021 (13,982) followed by Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Delhi also marked the highest number of actual cases in the past three years amongst these cities, with 12,902 in 2019 and 9,782 in 2020.

Rajasthan had the highest rate of rape for 2021 at 16.4 and topped in actual numbers with 6,337 cases registered last year. UP, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra followed with over 2,000 cases registered last year in these states. Rajasthan also had the highest number of minor girls raped in 2021 with 1,453 cases

registered. Overall, there were 31,677 cases of rape registered in the country last year, marking a marginal decline over the past five years from 33,977 cases in 2018.

Cases of "murder with gangrape/rape", for which the NCRB has maintained records since 2017, have remained steady — 284 cases in 2021, the same as in 2019. In 2020, there were 218 such incidents. The highest number of cases under the category were registered in 2018 with 291.

The highest number of such cases took place last year in UP with 48, followed closely by Assam with 46, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Uttarakhand did not register any cases under this category last year.

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Punjab tops list of crime rate under NDPS Act

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

PUNJAB YET again topped the list of crime rate (per lakh population) in cases lodged last year under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, data released by the NCRB showed.

As per details, Punjab recorded 32.8 per cent crime rate (per lakh population) in 2021, highest in the country. As per the NCRB report, the projected population of Punjab was 304.04 lakh in 2021 and there were 9,972 cases of NDPS Act reported during the year.

The report further showed that Himachal — with a population of 74.06 lakh people as per NCRB — ended second on the list in the same category, notching a crime rate of 20.8 per cent. As per the report, 1,537 NDPS Act cases were reported from Himachal, followed by Arunachal Pradesh (17.2 per cent), Kerala (16 per cent) and Uttarakhand (15.4 per cent).

Deaths in road accidents up by 17%

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

DEATHS BY accidents on roads increased by almost 17 per cent in 2021 compared to 2020, indicating an increase in the rate of deaths per 1,000 vehicles in India, according to the latest NCRB report.

In 2021, 1.55 lakh people died in accidents on Indian roads, up from 1.33 lakh in 2020, when much of the year saw a nationwide lockdown.

Total road accidents reported was 4.03 lakh in 2021, up from 3.54 lakh the year before. But the 2021 accident numbers were significantly lower than those in 2019, when 4.37 lakh mishaps had been recorded, killing 1.54 lakh people.

As in previous years, two-wheelers accounted for most deaths (44.5%). Buses accounted for 3% of deaths in accidents.

Speeding caused 87,000 deaths, accounting for over half

Most suicides reported from Maharashtra

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MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

FOR THE third consecutive year, Maharashtra topped the country in terms of the number of suicides reported in 2021, as per data revealed by the NCRB. Maharashtra recorded 22,207 suicides, followed by Tamil Nadu's 18,925 and Madhya Pradesh's 14,965.

However, the state does not find a place among the top 10 with high suicide rates (suicide per lakh population) in India. In terms of the four mega metropolitan cities, Mumbai was fourth in terms of number of suicides in the past year.

As per the NCRB data, Maharashtra contributed 13.5 per cent to the total number of suicides registered across the country last year. Even in 2019 and 2020, the state had topped the list and had contributed 13.6 per cent and 13 per cent respectively. Tamil Nadu has been at the second number behind Maharashtra in terms of suicides since 2019.

In terms of the reasons that drove people to die by suicide, drug abuse and alcohol addiction were among the top reasons that claimed the lives of 2,818 persons across the state.

SC seeks reply of UP govt on Kappan bail plea

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE SUPREME Court on Monday issued notice to the Uttar Pradesh government on a plea filed by journalist Siddique Kappan seeking bail in a case in which he was arrested by the state police and charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

A bench of Chief Justice of India U U Lalit and Justice S Ravindra Bhat said it was fixing the matter for final disposal on September 9 and asked the state to file its reply by September 5.

Kappan and three others, including the driver of the vehicle in which they were travelling, were arrested in Mathura on October 5, 2020, while they were on their way to Hathras, where a Dalit woman had died after she was allegedly gangraped. They were booked under UAPA and on charges of sedition.

While Kappan said he was going to Hathras to report on the incident, the UP Police had alleged links with the Popular Front of India (PFI) and claimed the group wanted to create unrest in the area.

Appearing for Kappan, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal said he has been in jail since October 6, 2020. "The allegation is that the PFI put Rs 45,000 in my (Kappan's) account for terrorist activities. That's the heart of the allegation. There is no evidence, but only allegation," he said.

The senior counsel said Kappan had nothing to do with the outfit and that he had gone to Hathras to report on the incident. Sibal said that Kappan "was at one time working with a paper, Thejas Daily — which had association with PFI" but was not with it anymore. "And PFI is not a terrorist organisation. It is not even a banned organisation," he said.



Police hand over the baby to his mother in Mathura, Monday. PTI

BJP corporator, her husband among 8 held for 'child theft'

MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW, AUGUST 29

A SEVEN-MONTH-OLD boy, who was allegedly kidnapped from Mathura railway station on August 24, was recovered from the house of a BJP corporator in Firozabad on Sunday, police said.

Vineeta Agarwal (44) and her husband Krishna Murari Agarwal (51) had allegedly paid Rs 1.80 lakh to a gang involved in child trafficking. Six others, including a doctor couple, have been arrested by the GRP, Agra.

Police said the doctor couple — Dr Prem Bihari (38) and his wife Dr Dayawati (38) — were running a child trafficking racket.

SC pulls up Jharkhand govt over journalist's midnight arrest

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE SUPREME Court Monday slammed the Jharkhand government for arresting a journalist working with a Hindi TV channel from his house in the middle of the night earlier this year and told its counsel in no uncertain terms, "you are not dealing with a terrorist, but a journalist".

"This is not the way to treat the media or a journalist. This is thorough lawlessness in the state," a bench presided by Justice DY Chandrachud said, refusing to entertain the government's appeal challenging the HC's July 19 order granting bail to journalist Arup Chatterjee.

SIDHU MOOSEWALA MURDER: PUNJAB POLICE FILE 1,850-PAGE CHARGESHEET

'Kingpin told shooters to hurry after security pruned'

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR

AMRITSAR, AUGUST 29

CANADA-BASED GANGSTER Goldy Brar, the alleged mastermind behind the murder of Sidhu Moosewala, on May 28 had informed his gang's sharpshooters that the Punjab government has trimmed the security cover provided to the singer-politician and asked them to hurry up and execute the killing, the Punjab Police has said in an 1,850-page

chargesheet filed in the case. Moosewala, whose real name was Shubdeep Singh Sindhu, was killed in a hail of bullets the day after when he was travelling in a jeep with his cousin and a friend. Immediately after the killing Goldy Brar had claimed responsibility for the murder.

"Goldy Brar gave the news of withdrawal of security of Sidhu Moosewala to shooters on May 28 and asked shooters to hurry up on May 29, after which Priyavart Fauji, Keshav Kumar, Ankit Sersa,



Sidhu Moosewala

Deepak Mundi and Kashish alias Kuldeep came with a (Mahindra) Bolero car from Faridabad side and Manpreet Singh Manna and Jagroop Singh alias Roopa came

with with their (Toyota) Corolla car and weapons from Mansa," reads the chargesheet filed in a Mansa court on August 26.

The security cover of Moosewala, who was shot dead on Sunday, was halved from four personnel to two by the Punjab government on May 26, in a pruning exercise carried out by the Punjab Police. He was among 424 VIPs who were stripped of their security partially or fully. The Bhagwant Mann-led Aam Adami Party government had

claimed credit for withdrawing security by tweeting that it "was an attack on the VIP culture".

In a tweet that it had shared from its official handle, the Punjab AAP had singled out the names of Moosewala along with that of Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh. Many office bearers of AAP had shared the tweet on social media inviting sharp reactions from the Opposition. Later, following a Punjab and Haryana HC order, the state government had to withdraw the decision.

Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations at Idgah: Karnataka Waqf moves SC

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE SUPREME Court will hear on Tuesday a plea by the Karnataka Waqf Board challenging a High Court order allowing Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations at the Idgah maidan in Bengaluru. Waqf counsel and senior advocate Kapil Sibal sought an urgent hearing into the matter, informing a bench headed by Chief Justice of India U U Lalit that “unnecessary tensions will be created” if the matter is not taken up immediately. The land, Sibal said, has been in use by Muslims for decades. The Waqf plea came days after a division bench of the Karnataka HC allowed the state government to approve applications seeking use of the Idgah maidan in Chamarajpet locality to hold cultural and religious celebrations, including Ganesh Chaturthi, for a limited period from August 31. The HC division bench order, issued last Friday, came just a day after a single-judge bench had said the land could be used only as a playground, for celebrating Independence and Republic Day, and as a prayer ground by Muslism twice a year on Eid.

Shifted after controversial remark, Kerala judge moves HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 29

THE KOZHIKODE District Sessions Judge who was transferred in the wake of his controversial observation that a “sexual harassment offence would not stand if the woman was wearing a sexually provocative dress”, on Monday petitioned the High Court against his transfer. Judicial officer S Krishna Kumar, who was transferred as the presiding officer at Kollam labour court, in his petition said the punitive action will hit the morale of judicial officers. Fear of punitive action will deter the judicial officers from taking free-and-fair decisions in cases, he said. Kerala High Court Registrar-General P Krishna Kumar had issued the transfer list of four district-level judicial officers on August 23.



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38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SML ISUZU LIMITED TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERRING (VC) / OTHER AUDIO VISUAL MEANS (OAVM)

1. Notice is hereby given that the 38th Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, 21st September, 2022 at 11:30 A.M.** through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 & Circulars issued thereunder by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM.

2. In compliance with the above Circulars, electronic copies of the Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2021-22 being sent to all the Members whose e-mail addresses are registered / available with the Company / Depository Participants. Members holding shares in physical mode and have not updated their e-mail addresses with the Company are requested to update their email addresses by sending copy of the following documents by e-mail to company.rta-mis@mcsharetransfer.com or to the Company at investors@smlisuzu.com.
a) A request letter in the prescribed format ISR-1 (prescribed vide SEBI circular dated 03.11.2021) mentioned the relevant details such as name, folio number and complete address;
b) scanned copy of Share Certificate (front and back);
c) Self-attested scanned copy of PAN card.
Members holding shares in dematerialized mode, are requested to register their e-mail addresses with their Depository.

3. Notice of AGM and the Annual Report will be available on the Company's website www.smlisuzu.com, on the website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, on the website of National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) at www.nseindia.com and also on the website of NSDL at www.evotingnsdl.com.

4. Members will have an opportunity to cast their vote remotely on the business terms as set out in the Notice of AGM through remote e-voting / e-voting at AGM. The manner of casting vote through remote e-voting / e-voting at AGM for members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for Members who have not registered their email addresses will be provided in the Notice of AGM.

5. The Board has not recommended any dividend for the Financial Year 2021-22.

For SML ISUZU LIMITED
(PARVESH MADAN)
Company Secretary
ACS-31266

Place: Chandigarh
Dated: 28.08.2022

SC fixes Hijab hearing for Sept 5, declines more time to petitioners

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE SUPREME Court Monday issued notice to the Karnataka government on a batch of petitions challenging the High Court order that had upheld the state's ban on wearing hijab in educational institutions. The court also took exception to some of the petitioner parties seeking more time in the matter and scheduled the hearing for September 5. A bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia told some of these parties, which have challenged the March 15 ruling of the Karnataka High Court, that it will not allow “forum shopping”. “This is not acceptable. You

asked for early hearing time and again... Now it is listed, you ask for (more time). We will not permit forum shopping. That's all,” Justice Gupta, heading a two-judge bench, said on being told that a letter seeking more time had been circulated. A counsel appearing for those who have challenged the high court judgment said the matter had been suddenly listed for hearing on Sunday and that other counsel have to travel to Delhi from places like Karnataka. But the bench, also comprising Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, said Karnataka is only two-and-a-half hours away by flight. Appearing for the state, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted that Karnataka's

Advocate General had already arrived and also requested that a notice be issued so that one stage will be over. The petitioners' counsel then requested the court to grant them two weeks' time. Mehta then said the petitioners had mentioned the matter six times seeking an urgent hearing. The counsel for the challenging parties said that was because it was exam time for the students and that they will now have to prepare the brief. Mehta asked if they were planning to argue earlier without preparing. The court turned down the request for more time and fixed the matter for hearing on September 5, reiterating: “This kind of forum shopping we will not permit”.

A full bench of the Karnataka High Court had on March 15 dismissed a batch of petitions filed by Muslim girls studying in pre-university colleges in Udupi seeking the right to wear the hijab in classrooms. The high court had stated that wearing the hijab is not an essential religious practice in Islam and that the Freedom of Religion under Article 25 of the Constitution is subject to reasonable restriction. The high court also upheld an order issued on February 5 by the state, which suggested that wearing hijabs can be restricted in government colleges where uniforms are prescribed, and ruled that such curbs under norms for college uniforms are “constitutionally permissible”.


ALLEGED VICTIMS GIVE STATEMENTS TO POLICE

Sexual abuse charge a plot, says mutt pontiff

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, AUGUST 29

THE CHIEF pontiff of the Murugha mutt on Monday called the allegations against him of sexually assaulting minors a “conspiracy” against the seminary. In his first public address since he was booked for the alleged sexual abuse of high-school girls at the mutt hostel, Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru assured his followers he will “come out clean” of the charges. “This is not the first time there has been a conspiracy against the mutt but it has been there for the last 15 years,” the pontiff told devotees who had gathered at the mutt in Chitradurga district which is among the most influential Lingayat seminaries in the state. “These conspiracies stayed within the mutt but now have

come out. I am not going to run away but will respect the law of the land. I will come out clean...let the case reach its logical end,” the pontiff added. The devotees had gathered at the mutt after rumours that the pontiff was being taken into police custody. The pontiff, who was on a visit to Haveri town, then returned to the mutt and addressed the followers. On Monday, the alleged victims gave their statements before the Child Welfare Committee and the police in Chitradurga. Accompanied by members of the Child Welfare Committee, the girls were also taken to the hostel and mutt premises by the police as part of investigations. The pontiff is among five people who were booked Friday under the POCSO Act and other sections of the IPC after two girls approached a Mysuru-based NGO and narrated the alleged abuse at the mutt hostel.



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MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF CUSTOMS, INDIRECT TAXES & NARCOTICS, FARIDABAD

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NOTICE FOR CUSTOMS BROKERS EXAMINATION, 2023

1. Applications are invited from Indian citizens to appear in the online written examination for issuance of license to act as a Customs Broker under Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations (CBLR), 2018, as amended. A copy of the regulations is available at www.cbic.gov.in and www.nacin.gov.in.

2. Complete application is to be submitted in person or by Registered/ Speed Post in Form-A (available in the CBLR, 2018) along with two passport size photos and self attested documents on citizenship (Aadhaar/ Passport/ Voter Card), educational qualification, financial viability, mobile number, e-mail id and other requirements along with the prescribed fee of Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred only) to the Principal Commissioner/ Commissioner of Customs/ Commissioner of Customs (Prev), having jurisdiction over the area where the applicant intends to carry on his business from **18.10.2022 to 18.11.2022** up to **06:00 PM**. Applications sent by post, in case received after the last date shall not be entertained.

3. Before submitting the application, applicant should ensure the completeness of the application. Incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected.

4. Syllabus of written examination will be as per regulation 6(7) of CBLR, 2018.

5. Names of applicants found eligible to appear in examination will be displayed on the notice board and/or website of the respective Commissionerate **latest by 08.12.2022**.

6. Information regarding roll number, admit card and examination venue will be made available on the website of CBIC and NACIN under the icon/tab <GSP/CBLR Exam>. A link to download the admit card will also be provided therein. Admit cards shall also be sent by email to eligible applicants 12 days in advance before the date of examination. The written examination shall be held in the **Month of March-2023**.

7. The candidates have the option to answer either in Hindi or in English.


8. Successful candidates will be called for an oral examination for which separate communication will be sent.

9. In case declarations and information submitted by the applicant are found to be incorrect, the application shall be rejected or license, (if issued) shall be cancelled.

10. For any query regarding eligibility and process of application, please refer to the regulations available at the websites (www.cbic.gov.in and www.nacin.gov.in) or contact the nearest Customs Commissionerate. A helpline will be made operational by this office at e-mail id. cbilre.helpline@gmail.com from the (date of start of submission of application) till the date of exam.

Principal Director General
NACIN, Faridabad

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RAILWAY RECRUITMENT CELL

Parcel Depot, Alibhai Premji Road, Grant Road (East), Mumbai – 400 007.
Website : <https://www.rrc-wr.com>

INDICATIVE NOTIFICATION FOR RECRUITMENT AGAINST SPORTS QUOTA FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023 IN WESTERN RAILWAY

Notification No. RRC/WR/02/2022 (Sports quota) Dated 30/08/2022

Opening Date and Time	05/09/2022 @ 10.00 HRS.
Closing Date and Time	04/10/2022 @ 23.59 hrs.

1. **Western Railway invites ONLINE** applications from eligible Sportspersons for recruitment against Sports Quota for filling up 21 Group C posts in the following Disciplines/Pay Level through Open Advertisement under the jurisdiction of Western Railway for the year 2022-2023.

(i) **05 Posts in Level 4/5, Pay Matrix Rs.25500-81100 / 29200- 92300 [as per VII th CPC, GP Rs. 2400/2800 (VI PC)]**

Discipline	EVENT/ PROFICIENCY/ WEIGHT CATEGORY	Posts
Wrestling (Men) Free Style	61 Kg/65 kg/70 Kg/86 kg/92 kg	01
Shooting (Men/Women)	Air Pistol/sports Pistol/Rifle Shooting 3 position /Rifle Shooting Prone	01
Kabaddi (Men), Noida	All Rounder	01
Hockey (Men)	Forward/Midfielder/Defender/Goal Keeper	02
TOTAL		05

(ii) **16 Posts in Level 2/3, Pay Matrix Rs.19900-63200 /21700-69100 [as per VII th CPC, GP Rs.1900/2000 (VI PC)]**



Discipline	EVENT/POSITION / WEIGHT CATEGORY/PROFICIENCY	Posts
Weightlifting (Men)	81 Kg/89 Kg/96 Kg/102 Kg	02
Powerlifting (Men)	66 Kg/105 Kg	01
Powerlifting (Women)	63 Kg/84 Kg	01
Wrestling (Men) (Free Style)	61 Kg/65 Kg/70 Kg/86 Kg/92 Kg	01
Shooting (Men)/Women)	Air Pistol/Sports Pistol/Rifle Shooting 3 position /Rifle Shooting Prone	01
Kabaddi (Men)	All Rounder	01
Kabaddi (Women)	All Rounder	02
Hockey (Men)	Forward/Midfielder/Defender/Goal Keeper	01
Gymnastic (Men)	All Rounder	02
Cricket (Men)	Wicketkeeper / Fast Bowler/ All Rounder (Spin)	02
Cricket (Women)	Wicketkeeper / Batswoman / All Rounder (Spin)	01
Ball Badminton (Men)	Back/Front Cum centre	01
TOTAL		16

2. Sports Achievements

Only those sportspersons who have acquired the sports achievement eligibility norms (as indicated in the detailed notification) in the championship **from 01/04/2020 to 30/08/2022** and are active, will be eligible to apply for appointment against above posts under Sports Quota.

3. Applications complete in all respect should be submitted online **by 23.59 hrs. on 04/10/2022**.

4. For Detailed Notification, log on to RRC-WR's website <https://www.rrc-wr.com>
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237, द्वितीय तल, नेहरू सहकार भवन, भवानी सिंह रोड, जयपुर-302001
Phone : Gen. 0141-2740098, 2740235, F-mail: confedmd@gmail.com

No. F/J/SANGHIEmpanelment4952

NOTICE INVITING BID

Date: 29.08.2022

Technical Bids are invited to make Empanelment of Bidders (i.e. Manufacturers/Wholesalers/Distributors/Suppliers) for supply of Medicines, Vaccines, Surgical Items/Consumables, Medical Equipments, Nutritional Supplements etc. related to Livestock, by Door Step Delivery in all Districts of Rajasthan up to 6.00 PM date 08.09.2022. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in>) of the State and CONFED website www.confedphar.com **UBN:CCF2223GLOB00008** **Managing Director**

U.P. RAJKIYA NIRMAN NIGAM LTD.
(ISO 9001:2008 Certified Company)
Vishweshwaraiya Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226110

Notice No. 321/APM/LMU/RNN/2022

Dated: 26.08.2022

NOTICE FOR INVITING E-TENDER
For and on behalf of Managing Director, U.P. Rajkiya Nirman Nigam Ltd., Project Manager, LMU, invites online offers in two bid system from Hiring of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for the 81st IRC Annual Session 2022. Interested eligible firms may furnish their Bid online, on or before Dated 12.09.2022 by 12:00 Noon, other details are available on web portal <https://tenderup.nic.in>. For any changes/corrigendum please follow website. **PROJECT MANAGER**

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MUMBAI

EXTENSION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PROVIDE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION SERVICES AT THE AIRPORT

Further to the EOI Document dated 14th June 2022, Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), the concessionaire of CSMA, Mumbai hereby extends its invitation to interested parties to submit their expression of interest in providing Digital Transformation Services at CSMA.

Interested parties are requested to visit the website, www.csma.adaniairports.com and obtain the EOI documents.

EOI shall be available for download till 5:00 pm IST on 06th September 2022.

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:

1	Name of Work with Its Location	Raising of OHE structure muffs and base painting & writing of OHE structure i.e. Rail level, Implantation over DLI Division
2	Approx Cost of work	Rs 6358543.36/-
3	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs127200/-
4	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period	12.09.2022
5	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	26.09.2022 (15.00 hrs.)
6	Fund Allocation	29366203
7	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

E-Tender No.: 18-TRD-NDLS-2022-23 Dated 29.08.2022

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2022/Track-4(P)/E-260 Tender

Date: 29.08.2022

CORRIGENDUM NO.1

Attention is drawn to E-Tender Notice No.TKP-2-2022 for "Manufacture and supply of 60E1 R260 Grade Prime, Class-A Rails of 260m lengths" due for opening on 30.08.2022.

Following Corrigendum to "SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS" under the Head, **Time Schedule- Item Nos. 3 & 4** is hereby authorized:

ITEM NO.	FOR	READ AS
3.	Submission of e-bids- Date 30.08.2022 and time 1430 Hrs.	Submission of e-bids- Date 14.09.2022 and time 1430 Hrs.
4.	Opening of Technical bids- Date- 30.08.2022 and time 1500 Hrs.	Opening of Technical bids- Date 14.09.2022 and time 1500 Hrs.

All other terms and conditions of Tender Notice shall remain unchanged.

(Alok Kumar)
2nd Floor, Room No. 256-D-2, Rail Bhawan, Raisina Road, New Delhi-110001
Phone: 011-23304852
E-mail: alokkumar@gov.in
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E-Tender No.- PRYJ-Sig-018-2022-23

E-Tender Notice

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Coordination/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite **E-TENDER** on prescribed form for the following works up to 12:00 hrs. on the opening date of E-tender mentioned therein. **The details of Tender are as under:-**

S No.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost of work	Bid Security
1	018	Comprehensive AMC of Electronic Interlocking System of "KYOSAN" make installed at UND and MJA stations of Prayagraj division for a period of Three Years.	13537316/-	217700/-

Cost of Tender form: 0.00

Completion period: 36 Months

Date of Opening of tender: 22.09.2022

2. **Availability of tender form:** Tender forms are available on www.ireps.gov.in.

3. **Bid Security to be deposited:** The prescribed amount of Bid Security as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form Online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Bid Security in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without Bid Security shall be summarily rejected.

4. **Time & place of opening of tender:** Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj at or after 12:30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day.

5. **Validity of offer:** 60 days from the date of opening.

6. **Right of Railway to deal with tender:** Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons.

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HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Bays No. 33-36, Sector-4, Panchkula-134109

Telephone No. 0172-2582531 ; Fax No. 0172-2572359

Website: <http://hrec.gov.in>, Email ID: dr@hrec.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Petition under section 42 of the Electricity Act 2003 read with Regulations 22 of Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and conditions for grant of connectivity and open access for intra-State transmission and distribution system) Regulations, 2012 for approval of Additional Surcharge to the Discoms- UHBVN and DHBVN in the 1st half of FY 2022-23 and onwards (HERC/Petition No. 31 of 2022 and 35 of 2022).

The petition (s) can also be downloaded, free of cost, from the websites of UHBVN (<https://uhbvnl.org.in/harc-petition>) and (<https://www.dhbvn.org.in/webportal/consumer-services>) as well as that of the Commission (www.hrec.gov.in).

Interested parties / stakeholders may submit ten copies of their comments / objections along with supporting documents, if any, to the Secretary, HERC, Bays No. 33-36, Sector-4, Panchkula-134112 along with an affidavit and soft copy of the same at email id secretary@hrec.co.in and dr@hrec.co.in, on or before 13.10.2022. The objections should carry full name, complete postal address and phone number / email address, if any, of the person sending the objection. A copy of the comments/objections may be directly mailed to the respective Managing Director (md@uhbvnl.org.in in md@uhbvnl.org.in).

The Commission will hold public hearing on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 PM in the court room of the Commission.

Director/Tariff, HERC, Panchkula

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office.: PSEB H.O. Building, The Mall, Patiala

CIN: U40109PB2010SGCC033813; (Website: www.pspcl.in)

(Contact No. 96461-17659)

Tender Enquiry No. 1435/O&M/PC-2344

Dated: 26.08.2022

Chief Engineer/O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the Procurement of APH Baskets (Heating Elements) for 2x210 MW Stage-I & 2x250 MW Stage-II Units, Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & Tender Specifications please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 26.08.2022, from 17.00 hrs. onwards.

NOTE: Corrigendum and amendments, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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Tender Notice No. 82220000B Date: 29.08.2022

Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following Items:-

S.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	82220000B	Hydrophobic Foldable IOL	1300	20.09.2022

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

2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

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Public Notice

Shri Hitender S/o Shri Baljeet Singh, Senior Ticket Examiner/New Delhi, whose last known address is VPO-Malikpur District-Jhajjar, Haryana 124106, is unauthorized absent from his duty w.e.f. 20.07.2019. He was issued a major penalty charge sheet on 17.10.2019 which was served at his above mentioned address. Since Shri Hitender did not attend the enquiry, inquiry officer conducted O&AR inquiry ex-parte on the basis of evidence available on record. Copy of inquiry report was sent to him by speed post on 28.06.2022 for comments on inquiry report but no response was received from him till date. Therefore, Shri Hitender is hereby informed through this notice that if he desires to say anything about the D&AR proceeding against him, he may do so within 15 days. If he requires any documents for this purpose, he may contact Chief Office Superintendent/Commercial/Divisional Railway Manager Office, New Delhi for the same. If no response is received from him within 15 days, ex-parte decision will be taken by D.A. against him on the basis of evidence on record.

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BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993. In the matter of **O.A. No. 620/2021**

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK	Vs	POONAM MIGLANI NEE SUKHJIA
Applicant		Defendants
D-1 POONAM MIGLANI NEE SUKHJIA W/O SH. HITESH MIGLANI R/O C-4, KALKAJI, NEW DELHI-110019		
D-2 SH. HARISH MIGLANI S/O RAMJI DAS MIGLANI R/O C-4, KALKAJI, NEW DELHI-110019		
D-3 SH. HITESH MIGLANI S/O SH. HARISH MIGLANI R/O C-4, KALKAJI, NEW DELHI-110019		
D-4 SH. SAMEER KUMAR S/O LATE SAHDEO PRASAD B-4, RASHMI APARTMENT, HARSH VIHAR, PITAMPURA, NEW DELHI		

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal **13.10.2022 at 10.30 A.M.**

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the **Cisco Webex** application/Software;

(ii) **Meeting ID and Password** for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head.

(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litiga79/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 23748469.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 24th day of August, 2022.

By Order of the Tribunal

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TENDER NOTICE

The Chief Administrative Officer/Const/Northern Railway, Kashmir Gate, Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender (EPC Single Stage) under Two Packet System for the under noted work:-

1. Full Name of work	Major Upgradation/Development/Redevelopment of Ludhiana Junction Railway Station at Firozpur Division of Northern Railway.
2. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 4,78,10,92 Lakhs
3. Completion period of the work	30 Months
4. Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 2,00,00,000.00
5. Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 27.08.2022 to 07.10.2022 upto 15:00 hrs.
6. Pre Bid Conference	08.09.2022 at 11:00 hrs at CAO's office, N. Rly. K. Gate Delhi
7. Last date/Time of upload of tenders	07.10.2022 upto 15:00 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site w.e.f. 23.09.2022 to 07.10.2022.
8. Date and time of opening of tender	07.10.2022 at 15:00 hours. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No.74-W-1-1-460-WA-JUC Dated:-27.08.2022

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Tender No: AGC-EL-C-T-05-2022-23

Date:- 26.08.2022

TENDER NOTICE

Ch. Chief Electrical Engineer (Const.), North Central Railway, Agra for and behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

S.N.	Tender No.	AGC-EL-C-T-05-2022-23
1.	Name of work with its location	Electrification of Mansingh ka Pura in BAH-JUDI More section by converting D class station into B class station and Achnera-Bypass line connecting Parkham (Mathura-Achnera route) to Chiksana (Agra Fort-Bandikui route) of Agra Division of NC Railway.
2.	Approx. Cost of the work	Rs. 43,22,289.45
3.	Completion Period	12 Months from the date of issue of acceptance letter including monsoon period.
4.	Bid Security	86,500/-
5.	Tender closing date & time	16.09.2022 upto 15.00 hrs.
6.	Validity of offer	60 days from the date of tender opening

Notes:- Tenderers can only submit their offer through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to 15.00 hrs. on 16.09.2022. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in. 1140/22 (P)

www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)

(RAILWAY BOARD)

RAIL BHAWAN, RAISINA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110001

CORRIGENDUM NO. 1 to the Tender No. WTA-529

No. 2022/RS(WTA)-149/TENDER/529 New Delhi, dated 26.08.2022

Subj:- E-Tender No. WTA-529 due on 10.11.2022 for Manufacturing cum Maintenance of New Generation Energy Efficient Vande Bharat Trainsets with distributing Power System including upgradation of the Government Manufacturing Units & Trainset Depots.

The due date of opening of subject tender has been postponed from 10.11.2022 to 25.11.2022 (Friday) and the Second Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on 09.09.2022 (Friday) at 11:00 hrs in Committee Room, Railway Board.

Some other terms and conditions of the tender have also been modified. The prospective Bidders are requested to visit website- <https://ireps.gov.in> for more details.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RAILWAY STORES (RS)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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KALLAKURICHI JULY 13 STUDENT DEATH

It's suicide, not rape-murder, rules Madras HC, grants bail to five school officials

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CHENNAI, AUGUST 29

THE MADRAS High Court on Monday granted bail to five officials of a residential school in Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi who were arrested in connection with the death of a Class 12 girl student, three days after it observed that "it was a clear case of suicide and not rape-murder".

The news of the death of the 17-year-old student on July 13 had triggered violence, including stone-pelting at the school building and arson.

NSE money laundering case: Ramkrishna's bail plea rejected

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A DELHI court on Monday dismissed the bail plea of Chitra Ramkrishna, former CEO and MD of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), who was arrested in a money laundering case in connection with the co-location scam that also involved tapping the phones of NSE employees.

Special Judge Sunena Sharma denied bail to Ramkrishna, noting that she was the major role player in the entire conspiracy. "...material on record is sufficient to prima-facie show that the applicant was the major role player in the entire conspiracy as well as in projection of proceeds of crime as untainted money," the bail order read.

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per's team. "...it is confirmed that there is no evidence to attract the offence under rape and murder," the court said, while granting bail to five school officials, including teachers and administrators.

The court stated that it is an unfortunate and sorry state of affairs that teachers face threats from students and their parents. "It is very unfortunate that the petitioners were arrested and are under imprisonment for advising the students to study well. Even as per the suicide note, there is no evidence to show that the petitioners instigated the de-

To add more seats, NEET-PG counselling delayed further

ANONNA DUTT
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THE COUNSELLING for NEET-PG 2022, which was scheduled to begin September 1 onwards, has been further delayed in order to add more seats. The examination for the current session of post-graduation medical courses was held on May 21, with the results being announced within 10 days.

"National Medical Commission (NMC) is in the process of issuing new LoPs for the current academic year and the same will be concluded till September 15. Hence, in order to include more seats in the counselling for the benefit of the candidates, it has been decided by the Competent Authority to re-schedule the NEET-PG Counselling, 2022," said a notice from the Medical Counselling Committee, which conducts the counselling.

LoPs are letters of permission issued by the apex medical education regulator NMC to colleges for adding new PG seats. The notice added: "The tentative schedule of NEET-PG Counselling, 2022, is being rescheduled."

The PG students have been waiting since June 1, with them not being able to take up jobs because of the uncertainty of counselling dates. On the other hand, medical college hospitals are short-staffed because the PG students work in the hospitals as junior residents as part of training.

Ironically, the delay comes even as demands by a section of the students to delay the examination were not accepted, with health ministry officials stating that this was an attempt to ensure that the schedule for the tests and counselling that was disturbed due to the pandemic may be normalised.

The NEET-PG examinations usually take place in January, with results coming in, counselling process completed, and students joining centres by May. The examination for 2021 was postponed several times due to the pandemic and finally took place in September. The counselling process was further delayed because a series of litigations related to the newly announced quota for the economically weaker sections (EWS). This was the reason MBBS students were seeking a delay in the next round of tests as many appear for it multiple times.

Rlys tops CVC list for ignoring advice to punish corrupt officers

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THE RAILWAYS Ministry has topped the list of government departments that did not adhere to Central Vigilance Commission's (CVC) advice against corrupt officials and concluded cases as per its own disciplinary procedures, according to the CVC's latest annual report.

The annual report for 2021, released on Monday, found 55 such instances across government departments, 11 of them in Railways.

Besides Railways, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Bank of India and Delhi Jal Board have four cases each, and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited shielded its employees in three such cases, CVC reported.

Two such cases were from Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, Madras Fertilizers Limited, Indira Gandhi National Open University, and North Delhi Municipal Corporation (which is now part of the unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi), the report stated.

BASTI DALIT BOY MURDER CASE

Three family members of girl arrested in UP

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BASTI POLICE on Monday arrested two brothers and a cousin of an 18-year-old Muslim girl for the murder of a Dalit youth who was allegedly in a relationship with her.

The girl had died on Friday night. Police exhumed her body on Sunday after they recovered the body of the 19-year-old Dalit youth, who used to live in the same village and had gone missing Friday night. Police suspected that the two deaths were the fall-out of "honour" killing.

The arrests were made after police got the Dalit youth's autopsy report, which confirmed that he died of strangulation.



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Jio's 'standalone' 5G architecture, and how it will work

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INDIA'S LARGEST telecom company Reliance Jio on Monday announced the launch of its 5G services in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai by Diwali, with an aim to expand and cover the entire country by December 2023.

The company said it would use a "standalone" 5G architecture against the "non-standalone" approach that other operators are betting on. The disagreement between service providers on the network modes they are taking to roll out the next generation of mobile telephony also spotlights questions over the readiness of Indian consumers to move to 5G.

What are these two different modes of 5G networks?

5G networks are deployed mainly in two modes: standalone and non-standalone. Each architecture has its advantages and disadvantages, and the path chosen by operators reflects their view of the market for the

new technology and, consequently, their roll-out strategy.

In the standalone mode, which Jio has chosen, the 5G network operates with dedicated equipment and runs parallel to the existing 4G network. In the non-standalone mode, the 5G network is supported by the 4G core infrastructure.

Given that non-standalone networks are built on existing infrastructure, the initial cost and time taken to roll out services is significantly less than standalone networks. Jio has committed an investment of Rs 2 lakh crore for its standalone 5G network.

What are the key differences between the two kinds of 5G networks?

The standalone mode provides access to full 5G capabilities and new network functionalities such as slicing, which allows greater flexibility to operators to efficiently use their spectrum holdings.

Non-standalone networks are generally considered to be a stepping stone — and the global experience suggests operators that have launched non-standalone 5G networks

eventually transition to standalone networks. The non-standalone mode, however, lets operators maximise the utilisation of their existing network infrastructure with relatively lower investment.

The biggest difference between the two architectures is in the aspect of their compatibility with existing device ecosystems. Most smartphones today have the capability to connect to non-standalone 5G networks — which are essentially 5G airwaves transmitted through 4G networks — and will require software updates by their original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to be able to connect to standalone networks.

How is the 5G smartphone ecosystem in India shaped?

The share of 5G smartphones in India has been rising steadily over the last two years. According to data sourced from analytics firm Counterpoint Research, 5G-enabled smartphones are expected to go from 3 per cent of overall smartphone shipments in India currently to 35 per cent by the end of this year. As of now, smartphones in the mid-tier seg-

ment — costing between Rs 20,000 and Rs 30,000 — have the highest share of 5G smartphones at 39 per cent, followed by the budget segment where 34 per cent of all smartphones are 5G-enabled.

Until June 2022, Samsung had the biggest share of 5G smartphones sold in the country with a market share of 24 per cent, followed by Vivo (13 per cent) and OnePlus (13 per cent). Reliance Jio also said on Monday that it was working with Google, which makes the Android operating system, to launch a budget 5G phone. "We are working with Google to develop ultra-affordable 5G smartphones for India," Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani said.

Broadly, how will 5G benefit consumers?

5G could have benefits for consumers owing to the superior Internet speed and low latency it promises over 4G. Peak Internet speeds on 5G could touch 10 Gbps, compared to the 100 Mbps peak of 4G. Latency in 4G is between 10-100 millisecond (ms); on 5G it is expected to be under 1 ms. Latency is the time it takes for a device to send packets of data and

to get a response. The shorter the latency, the quicker the response.

A May 2019 report by Ericsson, a key player in the 5G equipment market, said that contrary to the common belief that 5G may not deliver any near-term benefits to consumers, they expected 5G to offer a step change in network performance, relief from urban network congestion, and more home broadband choices as near-term benefits.

The report pointed out that there was some scepticism about the actual benefits for consumers when 4G came in 2010. But today, a number of online activities that are possible on 4G would have been near impossible on 3G speeds — from streaming ultra high definition content to making video calls, which became especially popular during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Consumers expect to be able to stream videos seamlessly wherever they are, regardless of how many others are trying to do the same. Upgrading to 5G could bring rapid relief to consumers suffering from capacity constraints in their networks," Ericsson's report said.

Does the nature of the 5G network determine use cases?

For most industrial use cases such as manufacturing, Internet of Things, and artificial intelligence, the speeds and latency levels offered by 5G telephony are the key selling propositions. These low latencies and high Internet speeds can only be made available through the standalone architecture.

Also, given the high investments that would have typically gone into standalone modes, operators would look at designing high-margin offerings for business customers on these networks. Comparatively, the early rollout timelines and low infrastructure costs would make non-standalone networks more attractive for smartphone users.

"It (non-standalone) is the most widely available ecosystem in the world, and as you know telecom is a game of ecosystems. In the US and South Korea, where both SA and NSA have been launched, the traffic on SA is less than 10 per cent of the total 5G traffic," Gopal Vittal, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Bharti Airtel, said earlier this month at the company's quarterly earnings call.

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UNITED NATIONS HIGH SEAS TREATY

Stalled ocean treaty aims to protect and manage the high seas — parts of the ocean beyond national jurisdictions



Unrestricted fishing and trawling operations are one of the risks to the health of oceans.
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NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING 168 countries, including the European Union, to agree on a UN treaty for protecting oceans failed on Saturday. When the latest round of talks began two weeks ago in New York, it was hoped that an agreement would be reached for conserving marine life on the "high seas", which lie outside the exclusive jurisdiction of individual countries.

The proposed treaty

Also referred to sometimes as the "Paris Agreement for the Ocean", the treaty to deal with Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction has been under discussion for several years.

The proposed treaty concerns the ocean existing beyond the Exclusive Economic Zones which extend from the coastlines of nations up to around 200 nautical miles or 370 km into the sea. Waters beyond that are known as open seas or high seas.

The treaty was to be negotiated under the United Nations Convention on Laws of the Sea (UNCLOS) of 1982 which governs the rights of countries regarding marine resources. A UN resolution in 2017 had decided to rectify the treaty by 2022.

The pandemic resulted in delays, and later, a High Ambition Coalition, which now has over 100 countries including India, the US, and the UK, came about and put the focus on "30x30" goals — protecting 30% of the ocean by 2030. But after the latest deadlock, talks will only resume next year, unless a special session is called.

Some aspects of negotiations included

establishing marine protected areas to put limits on certain activities, environmental impact assessments or clearances for sustainability of works, financial support to countries, and sharing of scientific knowledge. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has said binding agreements are needed for this treaty to be effective.

Rules for the oceans now

Some treaties, along with the UNCLOS, regulate the conduct of actors on the high seas. The UNCLOS led to the establishment of territorial sea boundaries 22 km off-shore, deciding the region up to which countries could claim full sovereign territorial rights, as well as the 200 nautical miles EEZ limit. It also created the International Seabed Authority and other conflict-resolution mechanisms.

But a treaty dedicated to protecting ocean health does not exist as of now. Every country has the right to access the open seas, resulting in large-scale drilling and trawling operations.

Perils of not finalising a deal

Ocean warming remains a major threat. "The effects of ocean warming include sea level rise due to thermal expansion, coral bleaching, accelerated melting of Earth's major ice sheets, intensified hurricanes, and changes in ocean health and biochemistry," NASA says on its website. Excessive fishing has increased manifold over the years, and a third of species such as sharks and rays are at the risk of extinction, according to the World Wildlife Fund.

Despite acknowledging these threats, members failed to agree on how to deal with them.

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE LAUNCH of a keenly awaited space mission that is being seen as the start of a new age in space exploration had to be put off on Monday evening after engineers were unable to resolve a problem involving inadequate flow of liquid hydrogen to one of the rocket's four engines. NASA's Artemis 1 mission is aimed at exploring the Moon with the specific objective of getting human beings back on the lunar surface and possibly beyond — to Mars and elsewhere.

NASA did not say when it would attempt to launch the mission again. There are at least two windows of opportunity in the next one week, and more after a few weeks. But it will all depend on how soon the problem is fixed.

Back to the Moon

It has been 50 years since the six Apollo human moon landings between 1969 and 1972. There has been huge progress in space exploration since then. Spacecraft have now gone beyond the solar system, exploratory missions have probed Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, more than 500 astronauts have travelled to space and back, and permanent space laboratories like the International Space Station (ISS) have been set up.

However, the promise of transporting human beings to new worlds, the possibility of landing, and living, on other planets, or travelling deep into space, probably even encountering aliens, has remained stagnant since the last of the 12 astronauts to set foot on the Moon returned in 1972.

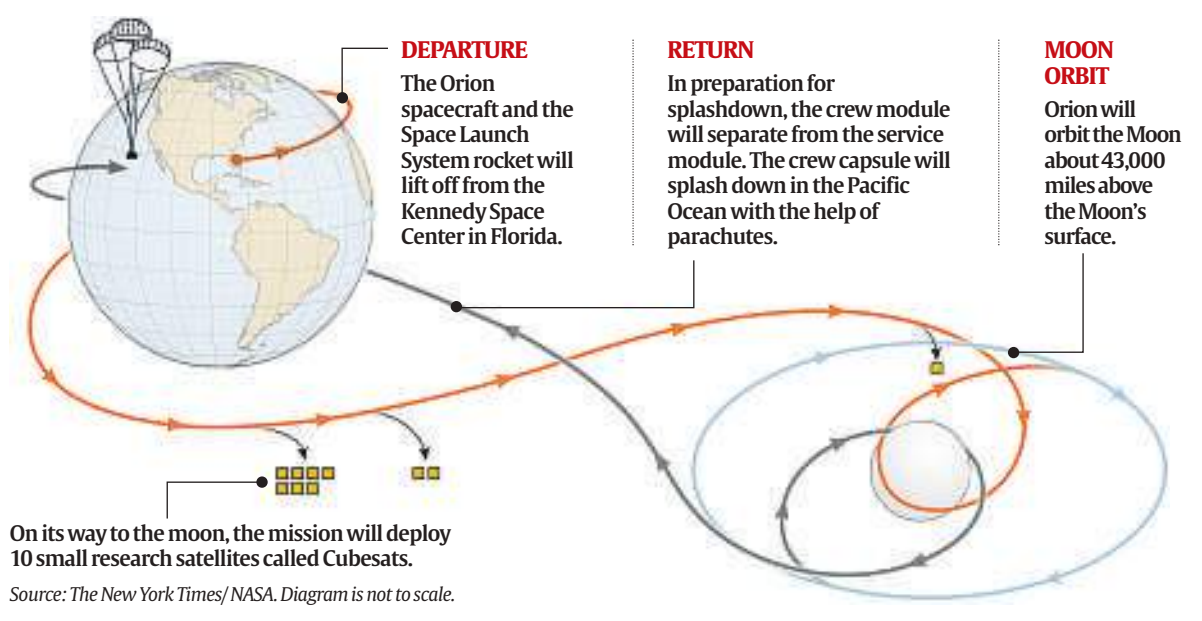
This is why Artemis 1 is being seen as ushering in a new space age. It is the first in a series of ambitious missions that are planned to take human beings back to the Moon, explore possibilities of extended stay there, and investigate the potential to use it as a launch pad for deep space explorations.

On the face of it, Artemis 1 has extremely humble mission objectives. It is technically only a lunar Orbiter mission. It is not carrying any astronauts. It does not even have a lander or rover component. The mission's spacecraft, called Orion, will get into a lunar orbit that would be about 97 km from the Moon's surface at its closest. But unlike most other Orbiter missions, Orion has a return-to-Earth target after it has orbited the Moon for about a month.

Not reinventing the wheel

Although the objective is to ensure the return of human beings to the Moon, the Artemis missions are going to be qualitatively very different from the Apollo missions. In many ways,

The Flight of Spacecraft Orion



the Moon landings of the 1960s and 1970s came a little too early in the space age. Man had reached the Moon just 12 years after the first-ever satellite, Sputnik, had been launched.

The Apollo missions were guided by geopolitical considerations, and the desire of the United States to go one up on the Soviet Union which had taken a considerable lead in space technology, having sent the first satellite in space, the first spacecraft to crash on to the lunar surface, and the first astronaut in space.

President John F Kennedy had made a public announcement in 1961 that the US would put a man on the Moon before the decade was out. That deadline was met, thanks to a massive mobilisation of resources towards that end. But the technology ecosystem that could have maximised the benefits of such a major scientific breakthrough was still to be built. Therefore, astronauts landing on the moon could do little than bring back samples back to Earth for investigations.

The Artemis missions are in a position to exploit the major advancements in space technologies over the years. These technologies now make it possible to start extracting the resources found on the Moon, build from the materials available there, harness hydrogen or helium as energy source. Not all of that would happen with the first mission itself, but these things are distinctly possible now, making human landings on the Moon much

more meaningful than earlier.

Setting the stage

Artemis 1 is all about laying the foundations for more complex and ambitious missions. It is carrying several payloads in the form of small satellites called Cubesats, each of which is equipped with instruments meant for specific investigations and experiments. The focus of these investigations is clearly to explore long-term stays of human beings in space, and on the Moon. One CubeSat will search for water in all its forms, another will map the availability of hydrogen that can be utilised as a source of energy. Then there are biology experiments, investigating the behaviour of small organisms like fungi and algae in outer space, and the effect of radiation, especially the reaction on their genes.

The Orion spacecraft, which is specifically designed to carry astronauts into deep space on future missions, will have three dummy 'passengers' — mannequins made of material that mimic human bones, skin, and soft tissue. These would be equipped with a host of sensors to record the various impacts of deep space atmosphere on the human body.

The rocket that is being used for the Artemis missions, called Space Launch System, or SLS, is the most powerful ever built, more powerful than the Saturn V rock-

ets that had taken the Apollo missions to the Moon. The giant, 98-metre-tall rocket, weighing 2,500 tonnes, can help the Orion spacecraft achieve speeds of over 36,000 km per hour, and take it directly to the Moon, which is 1,000 times farther than the International Space Station that sees a regular traffic of astronauts.

The aborted launch

The excitement around the mission will, however, have to be held back for the time being. There was a two-hour window on Monday to launch the mission, between 8.33 am and 10:33 am Eastern Daylight Time (about 6 pm to 8 pm in India). The launch was called off shortly after 8.33 am (6 pm India time) since the engineers who had been working on the problem for over two hours had been unable to resolve the issue.

The problem had been detected a few hours ahead of the launch. The flow of liquid hydrogen to one of the four engines of the rocket was not found to be optimal, which could have resulted in over-heating.

"We don't launch until it's right," NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said on NASA TV after the launch was aborted.

"It's just illustrative that this is a very complicated machine... They're going to work it. They're going to get to the bottom of it... We'll get it fixed and then we'll fly," he said.

Why California's decision to phase out petroleum-powered vehicles matters

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

CALIFORNIA HAS approved a ban on the sale of new petroleum-powered vehicles by 2035, a landmark policy intervention that could have an impact across several American states, as well as in countries outside of the United States.

The California Air Resources Board on August 25 issued the new rules that were first announced by California Governor Gavin Newsom in 2020. Moving ahead in a phased manner, the new rules require 100% of all new cars sold in the state to be free of carbon emissions by 2035.

"This is a historic moment for California, for our partner states, and for the world as we set forth this path toward a zero-emis-

sion future," said Liane Randolph, chair of the California Air Resources Board that voted on the plan on Thursday.

The new rules

The rules will kick in with a 35% limit on new passenger vehicle sales to be "zero emission" (or Battery Electric Vehicles) by 2026, which then goes up to 68% by 2030, and 100% by 2035. The 35% target set for 2026 is up from over 16% of new car sales being "zero-emission" in 2022, and earlier ones of 12.5% in 2021 and 7.8% in 2020.

Why this matters

California, besides being the biggest US state, is one of the largest markets for car sales in the world. So, California's position on new car sales is extremely important given the state's status as a torch bearer for clean air



All new cars sold in the state need to be 'zero-emission' by 2035. AP

regulations. So far, 14 other US states have adopted California's zero-emission vehicle programme for passenger vehicles, which was launched in the early 1990s.

The state is prepared to make the necessary investments to spur the shift to EVs, including \$10 billion in vehicle incentives, charging infrastructure, and public outreach

over the next six years. Also, it is paying low-income residents up to \$9,500 to trade an internal combustion engine-powered car for an EV, as well as \$7,000 for any resident who wants to buy or lease an electric car.

Challenges ahead

One potential obstacle has been the rising cost of most EVs in the market. Experts, however, predict that prices will come down as more models are available to customers.

There are also concerns about whether the state can scale up the charging infrastructure to power the EV transition.

California's rules are seen as taking off from the Joe Biden administration's Inflation Reduction Act climate provisions, especially new tax credits that are aimed at incentivising EV sales and the domestic

supply chain.

The EV roadmap in India

India has a target of making at least 65% of all new vehicle sales to be electric by 2030. Progress has been patchy though, with 6.38 lakh EVs registered in India since 2012 — less than 1% of the total vehicle count. What is encouraging though, is that over 15 states have issued or adopted EV policies so far.

A CEO-led panel of more than 25 companies, including automakers Mahindra & Mahindra and Volvo, oil major Shell, and clean mobility startups, however, maintain that India should set firm targets and frame policies to support the transition to EVs, according to the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. California's move could catalyse this push.

THE IDEAS PAGE

The return of nuclear weapons

After 1998, India premised its strategy on building 'credible minimum deterrence'. The time has come to reflect on what is 'credible' and redefine what 'minimum' might be



AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE to review the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty concluded at the United Nations in New York last week without a consensus document. Given the growing great power conflict today, that was not unexpected. Surprisingly, though, the NPT review elicited little interest in Delhi. India, one of the world's nuclear weapon powers, ought to be paying a lot more attention to the international nuclear discourse that is acquiring new dimensions and taking a fresh look at its own civilian and military nuclear programmes.

There was a time when Delhi used to be hypersensitive to what was said at NPT conferences. The parties to the NPT, which came into force in 1970, undertake a review of the treaty's implementation every five years. The Tenth Review Conference, scheduled for 2020, was delayed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In the immediate aftermath of the Cold War, the US attempt to roll back India's nuclear and missile programmes generated serious concerns in Delhi. India responded with a diplomatic strategy that sought to deflect external pressures. At the same time, Delhi also debated whether India should test nuclear weapons and declare itself a nuclear weapon power. After the nuclear tests in May 1998, India's focus shifted to managing the consequences of that decision — including global economic sanctions. The historic India-US civil nuclear initiative of July 2005 finally produced a framework that brought to an end Delhi's extended conflict with the NPT system.

At the heart of the deal was the separation of India's civil and military nuclear programmes. The consummation of the India-US nuclear deal a few years later gave Delhi the freedom to develop its nuclear arsenal and resume civilian nuclear cooperation with the rest of the world which was blocked since India's first nuclear test in May 1974. There was a fierce political debate — often slipping into the "headless chicken" mode — in Delhi on the terms of the nuclear engagement with the US. Many in Delhi argued that India was sacrificing the autonomy of its nuclear programme and its foreign policy.

A decade-and-a-half later, it is easy to ask what the political fuss was all about. India has not bought a single reactor from the US. Nor has it become a much feared "junior partner" to the US. India's independent foreign policy appears to be thriving. Ironically, as India's atomic isolation eased after 2008, India's nuclear debate lost much of its urgency.

The failure of the Tenth Review Conference, however, does reveal many of the new challenges facing the global nuclear order today and their implications for India.

First, the deepening divide between the main sponsors of the NPT back in 1970 — America and Russia. Even at the height of the Cold War, there was always one major area of cooperation between the US and the Soviet Union — strong support for the NPT. Most review conferences were jointly managed by close diplomatic coordination between Washington and Moscow.

More often than not, the nuclear problems



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of the Middle East involving Israel and Iran prevented successful outcomes at the quinquennial NPT review conferences. The Ninth Review conference in 2015, for example, ended without an agreement because of major differences over establishing a Middle East zone free of weapons of mass destruction. Russia objected to critical references in the statement to Moscow's military control over the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in the south-east of Ukraine. The war in Ukraine has begun to envelop Zaporizhzhia, where the two armies are locked in combat and are raising the prospect of a horrible nuclear emergency.

Second, the non-nuclear state parties usually complained about the lack of progress in implementing the disarmament provisions of the NPT. The situation today is worsened by the absence of any dialogue between the nuclear powers on arms control. Rather than reduce the salience of nuclear weapons, the major powers now put greater emphasis on their strategic utility.

Third, the invasion of a non-nuclear weapon state, Ukraine, by a nuclear weapon power, Russia, has generated a whole series of new questions. Russian President Vladimir Putin's decision to put his nuclear forces on alert and threaten the use of nuclear weapons has sent a shiver down the spine of those who are on the periphery of nuclear weapon states. To be sure, Russia has since walked back on the nuclear threat. Putin has reaffirmed that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought," senior Russian officials reiterated this message on the opening day of the NPT conference in early August. Russia may have put its nuclear sword away, but the impact of Moscow flashing it early in the Ukraine war has been significant. For those in Asia, who worry about China's growing assertiveness, "Ukraine could well be the future of Asia". There are real fears that China might decide to flex its nuclear muscle while seizing the territory of its neighbours. America's Asian allies worry about the US's ability to reinforce the "nuclear umbrella". East Asian policymakers are debating various options. These include building one's own atomic weapons, sharing the use of US nuclear assets, developing nuclear-powered submarines, building powerful long-range conventional counterstrike capabilities, and strengthening missile defences.

Fourth, China's political campaign against the AUKUS arrangement has found some resonance in South East Asia. When the US and UK announced their plans to help Australia acquire nuclear-powered attack submarines in

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September 2021, China argued that the agreement violates the provisions of the NPT. Although the NPT permits non-nuclear states to develop nuclear naval propulsion, Beijing persisted with the campaign. In New York, this month Indonesia and Malaysia raised concerns about the implications of the AUKUS deal for the NPT.

Fifth, nuclear power is coming back into reckoning around the world amidst the growing challenge of climate change. The draft final statement noted that "nuclear technologies can contribute to addressing climate change, mitigating and adapting to its consequences, and monitoring its impact". Separately, a group of 12 countries led by the US, UK, Japan, and South Korea emphasised the importance of nuclear power in meeting the Sustainable Development Goals set by the UN.

What kind of implications does the unfolding global nuclear discourse present for India? A couple of them stand out.

One, India must find ways to end the current stasis in its civilian nuclear power generation, especially at a time when Delhi has outlined an ambitious programme to reduce the share of fossil fuels in its energy consumption. India, which commissioned Asia's first nuclear power station more than 50 years ago, is stuck today with a total generating capacity of barely 7,000 MW.

India's historic civil nuclear initiative was meant to open up international collaboration to boost the production of atomic electric power. But the enormous political and diplomatic energy that went into ending India's nuclear isolation was squandered by the disastrous 2010 Civil Nuclear Liability Act which has made it impossible for private players — internal and external — to contribute to the programme. Revisiting that law is now an urgent imperative for any Indian strategy to rapidly raise the contribution of nuclear power to India's energy mix.

India must also recognise and adapt to the return of nuclear weapons as major instruments of great power military strategy. Delhi must ask itself if its nuclear weapons can deter China's expanding atomic arsenal. After 1998, India premised its strategy on building "credible minimum deterrence". The time has come to reflect on the "credible" side of that strategy and redefine what the 'minimum' might be.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Prosecuting Donald Trump will not fix the structural problems that led to the greatest crisis in American democracy since the Civil War. But it's a necessary first step towards doing so." — THE NEW YORK TIMES

In power, out of office

Pakistan government appears to be trying to corner Imran Khan by threatening disqualification from holding public office. This could backfire



SHARAT SABHARWAL

PAKISTAN IS on the edge again. Its economy is broken and Imran Khan is threatening to set the house on fire if the army leadership does not pave his way back to power. Three factors underlying its dysfunctional state have brought about this situation.

First, the Pakistani economy, prone to periodic crises because of its structural problems — notably the burdens imposed by its adversarial posture against India — has been hit hard by the pandemic and the Ukraine war. Inflation is high, the Pakistan rupee has nosedived, foreign exchange reserves are worth about six weeks' imports and nearly \$40 billion borrowing is required to meet the external financing needs in the current financial year. The Shehbaz Sharif government has had to take unpopular steps to secure the much-needed revival of the IMF Extended Fund Facility (EFF). The disbursement of these funds has been suspended because the Imran Khan government did not fulfil the stipulated conditions. A nod from the IMF Executive Board is awaited later this month.

Chances are that Pakistan will scrape through again, with the Board giving its approval, thereby de-blocking funding from other sources as well — the anxieties of the international community over an economic meltdown in an already highly troubled state make this likely. There are also signs of another transactional equation between Pakistan and the US. They include General Qamar Bajwa's talks with the Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman to seek help in expediting the IMF approval. It's also likely that Bajwa may have given assurances on Afghanistan — there are reports of Pakistan's help in Ayman al-Zawahiri's killing. The visit of the CENTCOM commander to Islamabad after an 18-month gap and the reported supply of military stores by Pakistan for Ukraine also signals the possibility of a Pak-US equation.

Second, gross interference of the military leadership in the country's political processes has led to a serious political crisis, which threatens the path to economic recovery. Army chief Bajwa got Nawaz Sharif ousted from power through a dubious accountability process in 2017, heavily aided by Imran Khan's victory in the 2018 election and sustained him in power for close to four years. Finally, disenchanted with Imran, Bajwa got him voted out by getting the smaller parties supporting him — they are beholden to the army — to abandon the former PM, and brought in the Shehbaz Sharif coalition. Things have not panned out as expected by Bajwa or Shehbaz. Imran's popularity has grown and his party, the PTI, has won hands down in the by-elections in the Punjabi heartland in July. Khan's narrative — he was ousted by the army at the behest of a foreign power (US) because of his independent foreign policy — and description of his opponents as a bunch of corrupt politicians seems to go down well with the middle classes and

youth, among whom he already enjoyed considerable traction. The recent findings of illegal foreign funding of the PTI have not impacted his support base. Worse still for Bajwa, Imran is reported to enjoy support in sections of the army's rank and file and amongst some serving and retired generals. Shehbaz's PML(N) finds itself carrying the burden of unpopular economic decisions. Its charismatic vote-getter, Nawaz Sharif, continues to be in exile.

Third, Pakistan's politics of revenge has added fuel to the political firestorm. Imran, when in office, hounded his opponents through accountability cases, most of which made no headway. The Shehbaz government seems intent on paying him back in his own coin by pursuing the foreign funding case. One of his senior aides was arrested recently for remarks, allegedly aimed at dividing the army, in a TV appearance — the TV channel concerned was taken off the air. A ban has been imposed on the live telecast of Imran's speeches. A case of terrorism has been registered against him for his remarks during a public address threatening senior police officers and a judge. Therefore, he could be arrested. He has responded by building a wall of his supporters around his residence on the outskirts of Islamabad.

Where do things go from here? The solution could lie in an election. However, the aspirations of the key actors are at odds with each other. Riding a wave of popularity, Imran Khan is demanding an immediate election, backed by the threat of mass agitation. It is not clear if General Bajwa harbours ambitions after completing his tenure in November. But if he does, he may have to manage his army family. He would like to ensure at the very least the appointment of a successor, who would protect him after retirement, even if Imran Khan returns to power. The PML(N) and its principal coalition partners wish to stay in power till the second half of 2023, when the election is normally due. The PML(N)'s hope would be to see the return of Nawaz Sharif and the hard-ship imposed by the government's tough economic measures ease substantially by then so that it is in a position to give some sops to people.

The strategy of the government, backed by Bajwa, appears to be to coerce Imran Khan to adopt a more reasonable posture with the threat of disqualification from holding public office — much like Nawaz Sharif — on the charges of foreign funding of his party and terrorism. But this could backfire, making him more popular. Much would also depend upon the stance of the next army chief who would be free of the burden of long years of incumbency. Notwithstanding the resentment of political players, including Imran Khan, against the army's interference in political affairs, the army continues to have a central place in their calculations. Greater political uncertainty and turmoil seem almost certain in Pakistan in the coming weeks and months. Pakistan has been here before but has carried on. The current crisis might also end sometime soon. However, Pakistan will continue to face such situations again and again till it resolves its dysfunctionality.

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SHAMIKA RAVI AND MUDIT KAPOOR

Visible benefits, hidden costs

Freebies' distortionary effects on economy must also be accounted for

A RECENT PIL against "irrational freebies" in the Supreme Court of India (SC) has reignited a national debate on political posturing to win elections by offering freebies and a responsible government. In light of this, the SC is considering setting up an expert panel to examine the issue of freebies announced by the political parties during elections. The debate has several layers that merit attention:

First, what constitutes freebies: Are free electricity, free water, free transport, free education, etc. freebies? Friedrich Hayek, a conservative thinker who, while being deeply suspicious of the power of the state, argued in The Road to Serfdom that the state must guarantee a basic social minimum "of food, shelter, and clothing, sufficient to preserve health and the capacity to work" to everyone. This argument has two critical aspects: One, it is an individual rights-based approach to welfare and development. Two, equally important from the perspective of debate on freebies, it limits the state's power to provide only a bare minimum to the individual needed to preserve their health and work capacity. The only technical issue (admittedly a challenging one) that needs to be determined is the minimum quantity of food, clothing, and shelter to be guaranteed to everyone, and perhaps to expand this list to include education, water, sanitation, and clean air, since Hayek made this argument in the 1940s.

In India, we have made significant strides in this direction through the right to food, edu-

cation, and work. Perhaps one could argue that during the Covid-19 lockdown, the government's ability, capacity, commitment, and constitutional responsibility to deliver minimum food rations to the lowest strata of society prevented a mass-scale catastrophe. Similarly, the government's commitment and resolve to freely vaccinate more than a billion people with at least one dose in a short period averted a major health disaster. In both cases, the state had to step up because the survival of the individual was at stake.

The second layer of the argument concerns state's responsibility to finance freebies. After all, there is no free lunch. The PIL petitioners on "irrational freebies" have argued that during the elections, when politicians woo voters by offering freebies, they must also provide a comprehensive financing plan for the freebies to the voters and taxpayers. This line of argument is an important and responsible one but remains myopic as it misses a crucial point regarding the true costs of freebies. We have to make a distinction between accounting and economic costs. For example, consider the case of free electricity to a particular sector of the economy where the political party presents a credible and feasible financial plan from an accounting perspective. However, from an economic perspective, a subsidy to one sector of the economy creates distortions and an implicit tax on the other sectors. As a result, resources move from the non-subsidised sector

to subsidised sectors. Individuals in the subsidised sectors benefit at the expense of individuals in the non-subsidised sector. The overall economic loss due to distortions could be higher than the benefits to the subsidised sector. Therefore, the real cost over and above freebies' accounting costs are economic distortions, leading to reduced growth and lower productivity.

Unfortunately, the distortionary costs of freebies, in terms of forgone opportunities, are challenging to quantify upfront but their effects are significant and will definitely be felt over time.

Take the case of Punjab. Till the early 2000s, Punjab's per capita GDP was one of the highest among the large states in India; it exceeded that of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala. Punjab heavily subsidised the agricultural sector — besides severe ecological implications, the subsidy left little fiscal room to provide incentives to other sectors like industries and services. In contrast, neighbouring and other states mentioned above were not burdened so extensively by the agricultural subsidies and hence could incentivise high-growth and job-creating sectors like manufacturing and services. This triggered a major relocation of firms (and jobs) from Punjab to other states that offered a more conducive growth environment. Punjab saw rapid deindustrialisation as a consequence of its myopic and distortionary

policies. Manufacturing clusters of Gurdaspur, Mandi, Jalandhar, Gobindgarh and Ludhiana struggled for years with a lack of growth and eventually reported rampant closures.

As a result, post-2001, Punjab's per capita GDP began to lag behind that of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala and the gap was widened over time. As a result of the distortions, the unemployment rate in Punjab was also higher than the national average. Punjab illustrates that while examining the issue of freebies, one has to look not only at the fiscal feasibility in the short run but also at the distortions created by these freebies, which will make them unsustainable over time.

In summary, one could argue that there are universal freebies that the state must guarantee, which include security, justice, and bare minimum amenities (for example, food, shelter, education, water, sanitation, and clean air) that preserve individuals' health and capacity to work. For every other freebie, whether in the form of subsidies or exemptions, in addition to the immediate financial burden, the state must consider the hidden distortionary effects of these freebies on the overall economy that would lower growth and productivity and jobs — and hence reduce individual capacity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WAKE-UP CALL

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A Priyanka-Sachin ticket' (IE, August 27). Ghulam Nabi Azad is neither the first nor the last Congress leader to desert the party ship. His comments on Rahul Gandhi echo Himanta Biswa Sarma's words. Priyanka Gandhi is indeed a charismatic leader but being a good spokesperson and being a good politician or elected official are different things. There is a direct fight between the BJP and Congress in many states, but to make themselves an actual electoral threat, the Gandhis and the Congress will have to wake up from their slumber.

Bal Govind, Noida

SOREN'S IMPROPRIETY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'On shaky ground' (IE, August 29). Hemant Soren's actions reflect political impropriety, which is disappointing given that his presence infused vigour into Jharkhand politics. The Opposition's transgressions reinforce common people's disenchantment. This could result in an unexpected gain for the BJP in Jharkhand.

Devendra Awasthi, Lucknow

PROTECTING BUYERS

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Supertech twin towers turn to rubble in 12-sec op-

eration' (IE, August 29). The well-engineered demolition of Supertech Twin Towers in Nodia was a media spectacle. But the demolition doesn't bring much cheer for India's homebuyers. House purchases are the largest single investment made by most Indian families. Any purposeful reform — a matter of urgency to address the buyer's vulnerabilities in the market — has to address the risks of stakeholders. The RERA Act presents the most promising possibility. It standardises contracts, reduces the information gaps between buyers and other stakeholders by making relevant information public and minimises the misuse of down payments by buyers.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

XI'S BLINKERS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Rocking the ship' (IE, August 29). As it rises politically, China needs to get off its lone-wolf approach to diplomacy and display greater patience while dealing with its smaller neighbours. This arrogance was evident in China's reaction to US House of Representative Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan. While such crude diplomatic posturing may assist President Xi Jinping in getting his third term, at a strategic level, it shows immaturity and limits Beijing's options.

HN Bhagwat, Chiplun

TOPOF THE WORLD



CANADA
Markham city names street after AR Rahman

New York: After Markham, a city in Canada, honoured AR Rahman by naming a street in his honour, the celebrated music composer said he now feels more responsible to keep working hard and inspiring people. Rahman penned a note of gratitude for the authorities of Markham in Ontario on Twitter. "I never imagined this ever in my life. I am very grateful to all of you, the Mayor of Markham, Canada (Frank Scarpitt) and counsellors, Indian Consulate General (Apoorva Srivastava) and the people of Canada..." "Even if I get tired, I'll remember that I have more things to do, more people to connect, more bridges to cross," said the musician said, who is currently in Canada for a music tour. **PTI**

PAKISTAN
Govt rejects claim on use of its airspace

Islamabad: Pakistan has rejected allegations by the Taliban's acting defence minister about the use of its airspace by the US for drone attacks in Afghanistan, saying his remarks were "highly regrettable" and defied the "norms of responsible diplomatic conduct." Foreign Office official Asim Iftikhar Ahmed said "In the absence of any evidence, such conjectural allegations defy norms of responsible diplomatic conduct". **PTI**

UK
180 yrs later, Gibraltar now a British city

London: Gibraltar finally joined the official list of British cities on Monday, after 180 years in which its status, granted by Queen Victoria, had been overlooked due to an administrative error. "It is excellent to see official recognition given to the City of Gibraltar," PM Boris Johnson said. **REUTERS**

CHINA
World's largest electronic market shuts

Shenzhen: Authorities in China's southern city of Shenzhen shut the world's largest electronics market of Huaqiangbei and suspended service at 24 subways on Monday to curb a Covid outbreak. Three key buildings in the area, and other components, will stay closed until Sept 2. **REUTERS**

BANGLADESH
Myanmar envoy get notice over mortar shelling

Dhaka: Bangladesh has summoned Myanmar's ambassador to Dhaka Aung Kyaw Moe to lodge a protest against shelling of two mortars that landed in its territory on Sunday, the foreign office said. The Border Guard Bangladesh said shells did not detonate and they later diffused the unexploded shells. **PTI**

Iraq's Sadr quits politics; 5 die in protests



Iraqi populist leader Muqtada al-Sadr

AP & REUTERS
BAGHDAD, AUGUST 29

AN INFLUENTIAL Shia cleric announced Monday he would resign from Iraqi politics, prompting hundreds of his angry followers to storm the government palace and sparking clashes with security forces in which at least five protesters were killed.

Protesters loyal to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr pulled down the cement barriers outside the government palace with ropes and breached the palace gates. Many rushed into the lavish salons and marbled halls of the palace, a key meeting place for Iraqi heads of state and foreign dignitaries.

"I hereby announce my final withdrawal," Sadr earlier said on Twitter, criticising fellow Shia political leaders for failing to heed his calls for reform.

Iraq's military announced a nation-wide curfew and the caretaker premier suspended Cabinet sessions in response to the violence. Medical officials said at least 15 protesters were wounded by gunfire and a dozen more were injured by tear gas and physical altercations with riot police.

Iraq's government has been deadlocked since al-Sadr's party won the largest share of seats in October parliamentary elections but not enough to secure a majority government. His refusal to negotiate with his Iran-backed Shia rivals and subsequent exit from the talks has catapulted the country into political uncertainty and volatility amid intensifying intra-Shia wrangling.

Meloni, former right activist, heads for Italian PM office

CRISPIAN BALMER
ROME, AUGUST 29

IN HER teens, Giorgia Meloni used to sneak out at the dead of night and help plaster her Rome neighbourhood with far-right posters, playing a game of cat and mouse with leftist foes that could easily turn violent.

Fast forward 30 years and Meloni no longer needs clandestine sorties to get her message out. Instead, her image adorns billboards across the country ahead of elections on Sept. 25 that could crown her as Italy's first woman prime minister.

"It has been an incredible journey, but if I win the election, then that is not the end, it is really only the beginning," Meloni told *Reuters* last week from her parliamentary office that overlooks Rome's historic city centre.

Friends and critics alike say the surge in support is largely due to the steady determination of 45-year-old Meloni, who won her first local election at 21 and became Italy's youngest ever minister when, at the age of 31, she was given the youth portfolio in Berlusconi's 2008 government. She was brought up by a single



The flood in Pakistan has displaced 33 million or one-seventh of the country's population. *Reuters*

Toll from Pak floods over 1,100 as international help trickles in

Govt considers importing vegetables, other edible items from India

AGENCIES
ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 29

THE TOLL from the devastating floods in Pakistan reached 1,136 Monday, as international aid began trickling in following Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-led government's desperate appeal for aid to deal with the crisis that has displaced 33 million or one-seventh of the country's population.

Pakistan's Climate Change Minister Sherry Rehman called it the "monster monsoon of the decade," while Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said the floods have impacted Pakistan's economy by \$10 billion.



Aid meant for distribution among displaced in Sadu Sharif, Swat Valley. *AP*

Ismail added that the government can consider importing vegetables and other edible items from India following the destruction of standing crops. Planning Minister Ahsan

Iqbal said the country has suffered economic losses of over \$10 billion due to rain and floods that inundated vast areas, affecting millions of people.

The minister told the media that more than five years would be needed to rebuild the country. At least 1,136 have been killed due to floods and another 1,634 injured, according to the latest data issued by the National Disaster Management Authority, the chief national body. Cargo planes from Turkey and the UAE began the flow of international aid, landing in Islamabad on Sunday. The UN will launch an international appeal for Pakistani flood victims on Tuesday in Islamabad.

IMF approves \$1.17bn bailout fund

Islamabad: The IMF's executive board on Monday approved the revival of Pakistan's Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme after which the cash-strapped country will receive the 7th and 8th tranche of \$1.17 billion.

Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said the IMF's Board has approved the revival of Pakistan's EFF programme. "We should now be getting the 7th & 8th tranche of \$1.17 billion. I want to thank the PM @CMShehbaz for taking so many tough decisions and saving Pakistan from default. I congratulate the nation," he tweeted. **PTI**

'Zombie ice' from Greenland to up sea level 10 inches

ASSOCIATED PRESS
AUGUST 29

ZOMBIE ICE from the massive Greenland ice sheet will eventually raise global sea level by at least 10 inches (27 centimeters) on its own, according to a study released Monday.

Zombie or doomed ice is ice that is still attached to thicker areas of ice, but is no longer getting fed by those larger glaciers. That's because the parent gla-

ciers are getting less replenishing snow. Meanwhile the doomed ice is melting from climate change, said study co-author William Colgan, a glaciologist at the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland.

"It's dead ice. It's just going to melt and disappear from the ice sheet," Colgan said. "This ice has been consigned to the ocean, regardless of what climate (emissions) scenario we take now." Study lead author Jason Box, a glaciologist at the Greenland sur-



Icebergs in eastern Greenland. *AP File*

2 PILOTS SUSPENDED AFTER COCKPIT FIGHT
Air France under scrutiny over safety incidents

THE NEW YORK TIMES
PARIS, AUGUST 29

AIR FRANCE pilots are under scrutiny after a series of incidents that have raised concerns over safety protocols on flights operated by the French flagship airline, prompting aviation investigators to reprimand the airline last week.

The latest incident to come to light involved two pilots who were suspended after a physical fight in the cockpit of an A320 plane in flight from Geneva to Paris in June, a spokesman for Air France said Monday, adding that the flight landed safely.

UN experts will head to nuclear plant this week

Ukraine announces offensive operations across the south

THE NEW YORK TIMES
KYIV, AUGUST 29

THE UKRAINIAN military announced on Monday that it had launched offensive operations in multiple areas along the front line in the Kherson region in southern Ukraine, perhaps signaling the start of a long planned counter-offensive aimed at retaking territory seized by Russia.

Fighting along a swath of the front line escalated sharply on Monday, according to Ukrainian military and civilian officials, and the Ukrainian government said that its military had "breached the occupiers' first line of defense near Kherson." It was not immediately possible to verify the claim.

A US defence official lent support to the idea that Ukraine was escalating its offensive in the south, saying: "The announced offensive shows the Ukrainians' appetite for progress on the battlefield." The officials added that the Pentagon remained cautious about whether Ukraine's current military capabilities were sufficient to make significant gains.

Meanwhile, the International Atomic Energy Agency said on Monday that it was dispatching a team of experts to inspect a nuclear complex in southern Ukraine that has been imperiled by shelling, launching a crucial but highly risky mission to ease global fears of a nuclear catastrophe.

After weeks of contentious negotiations involving Russia, whose forces occupy the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, and Ukraine, the head of the UN nuclear watchdog agency



Volodymyr Zelenskyy addresses the Bled Strategic Forum in Bled, Slovenia, Monday. *AP*

announced that the inspectors were "on their way" and would reach the site later this week.

Both Russia and Ukraine welcomed the announcement by the IAEA director general, Rafael M Grossi, even as they repeated accusations that the other side was responsible for the shelling. Grossi did not specify how the mission would reach Zaporizhzhia, which is Europe's largest nuclear facility, a sprawling complex of six light-water reactors, cooling towers, machine rooms and radioactive waste storage sites.

The agency did not immediately disclose the timing of the visit or security arrangements.

Russia's envoy to the IAEA, Mikhail Ulyanov, said Moscow would facilitate the visit, and that the agency has signaled that it intends to station some experts at the Zaporizhzhia complex "on a permanent basis," the state news agency RIA Novosti reported.

Lanka to privatise national carrier as it runs out of cash

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COLOMBO, AUGUST 29

SRI LANKA on Monday said it will privatise the country's loss-making national carrier as the cash-strapped government "can no longer afford to inject money" into running the airline.

The government is looking to sell a 49 per cent stake each of the Sri Lankan Airlines' catering and ground-handling units in efforts to restructure the state-run carrier, while 51 per cent will be retained under state hold, Aviation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said.

"This restructuring is essential as the government can no longer afford to inject money into running the airline," he said. "Annually the government has been providing the airline between \$80 billion and \$200 billion to run its operations," de Silva said.

The minister added that the revenue from the sale of the catering operation can be used to pay off debt amounting to \$80 million that was obtained by mortgaging its shares, as well as some other loans. The airline's debt currently amounts to \$1.226 billion, he said.

The airline was rebranded Sri Lankan Airlines under the management control of Emirates in 1998.

UAE LEADING EFFORT TO SQUEEZE MORE RAIN OUT OF THE CLOUDS

Cloud wars: Mideast rivalries rise along a new front — rainfall

ALISSA J RUBIN
ABU DHABI, AUGUST 29

IRANIAN OFFICIALS have worried for years that other nations have been depriving them of one of their vital water sources. But it was not an upstream dam that they were worrying about or an aquifer being bled dry.

In 2018, amid a searing drought and rising temperatures, some senior officials concluded that someone was stealing their water from the clouds.

"Both Israel and another country are working to make Iranian clouds not rain," Brig Gen Gholam Reza Jalali, a senior offi-

cial in the country's powerful Revolutionary Guard, said in a 2018 speech.

The unnamed country was the UAE, which had begun an ambitious cloud-seeding programme, injecting chemicals into clouds to try to force precipitation. Iran's suspicions are not surprising, given its tense relations with most Persian Gulf nations, but the real purpose of these efforts is not to steal water but simply to make it rain on parched lands.

As the Middle East and North Africa dry up, countries in the region have embarked on a race to develop the chemicals and techniques that they hope will en-



An artificial lake in Dubai, in the UAE, March 5, 2022. *NYT*

able them to squeeze rain drops out of clouds that would otherwise float fruitlessly overhead. With 12 of the 19 regional

countries averaging less than 10 inches of rainfall a year, a decline of 20% over the past 30 years, their governments are desperate for

any increment of fresh water, and cloud seeding is seen by many as a quick way to tackle the problem.

And as wealthy countries like the UAE pump hundreds of millions of dollars into the effort, other nations are joining the race, trying to ensure they do not miss out on their fair share of rainfall before others drain the heavens dry — despite serious questions about whether the technique generates enough rainfall to be worth the effort and expense.

Morocco and Ethiopia have cloud-seeding programmes, as does Iran. Saudi Arabia just started a large-scale program, and a half-dozen other Middle Eastern and North African coun-

tries are considering it.

China has the most ambitious programme worldwide, with the aim of either stimulating rain or halting hail across half the country. It is trying to force clouds to rain over the Yangtze River, which is running dry in some spots.

While cloud seeding has been around for 75 years, experts say the science has yet to be proven. And they are especially dismissive of worries about one country draining clouds dry at the expense of others downwind.

The life span of a cloud, in particular the type of cumulus clouds most likely to produce rain, is rarely more than a couple of hours, atmospheric scientists say.

Occasionally, clouds can last longer but rarely long enough to reach another country, even in the Persian Gulf, where seven countries are jammed close together.

But several Middle Eastern countries have brushed aside the experts' doubts and are pushing ahead with plans to wring any moisture they can from otherwise stingy clouds. Today, the unquestioned regional leader is the UAE. As early as the 1990s, the country's ruling family recognised that maintaining a plentiful supply of water would be as important as the nation's huge oil and gas reserves in sustaining its status as the financial and business capital of the Persian Gulf. **NYT**

13 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 57,972.62 ▼ 861.25 (-1.46%) NIFTY: 17,312.90 ▼ 246 (-1.40%) NIKKEI: 27,878.96 ▼ 762.42 HANG SENG: 20,023.22 ▼ 146.82 FTSE: 7,427.31 ▼ 52.43 DAX: 12,830.18 ▼ 78.48

International market data till 1900 IST

TUMBLES OVER 1,460 POINTS IN EARLY TRADE; CLOSES 821 POINTS DOWN

Sensex sinks 1.46% as hawkish US Federal Reserve sparks global sell-off

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

BENCHMARK INDICES shed nearly 1.5 per cent on Monday, mirroring global cues, as the hawkish commentary from the US Federal Reserve and other central bankers spooked investors.

Global stocks fell, treasury yields climbed and global currencies lost ground against the dollar on Monday as the import of Friday's speech by Fed chair Jerome Powell sunk in. Japan's Nikkei 225, South Korea's Kospi and Taiwan Weighted indices ended up to 2 per cent lower. European Central Bank board member Isabel Schnabel joined the chorus of hawkish central bankers over the weekend emphasising the need to combat inflation even at the risk of tipping economies into recession.

The BSE Sensex fell 861 points or 1.46 per cent to end at 57,972.



The BSE building in Mumbai. A depreciating rupee and spurt in the international crude oil prices also dampened equity market sentiment *File*

while the Nifty closed 246 points or 1.4 per cent lower at 17,312.

"The market has adjusted its rate expectations post the hawkish comments of the US Fed chair; it now expects US Fed Fund rate to climb to 4 per cent by early

2023 and stay there in H1CY23," said strategists at Kotak Institutional Equities. "The US Fed is signalling that it may be willing to induce a deeper slowdown in the US economy in order to bring down inflation under control

EXPLAINED

Fear of stronger US rate hikes

US FEDERAL Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's comments during the Jackson Hole symposium fuelled expectations of more aggressive US rate hikes to fight runaway inflation, while investors were expecting a milder policy action post the softer July US inflation reading. This raised slowdown concerns and hit global markets.

while markets had assumed a shallow and short slowdown. In fact, equity markets had started factoring in rate cuts by the US Fed in Q2CY23," the note said.

A sharp decline in global growth, quantitative tightening by

central banks and increasing geopolitical tensions are the key risks to Indian equities, according to foreign brokerage BofA Securities. "We believe a mild recession in the US/muted global growth is now priced in. However, a sharp impact on global growth would lead to risk-off trade, impacting EMs. Similarly, while \$3.1 trillion of quantitative tightening by central banks of major economies by December 2023 is now priced in, its potential acceleration is a risk," said Amish Shah, research analyst at BofA Securities.

Market watchers are monitoring the pace at which central banks are tapering their balance sheets. The Fed is tapering its assets at a much less pace than planned. The plan was to reduce the balance sheet by \$47 billion per month from June to August and \$95 billion every month thereon. From June 1 to August 24, however, the balance sheet has shrunk by \$63.6 billion. **FE**

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

WITH THE intent of improving consumer protection amid cases of digital frauds, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is in discussions to set up a fraud registry to create a database of fraudulent websites, phones and various methods used by fraudsters.

The RBI is in discussions with different stakeholders including the central bank's department of payments and settlement and supervision, RBI Executive Director Anil Kumar Sharma said in an interaction, adding that such a database will help prevent these fraudsters from repeating the fraud as the websites or phone numbers would be blacklisted.

Sharma, however, said that there is "no definite timeline" for setting up of the fraud registry. "At present, we are talking to different stakeholders including different departments like payments and settlement and supervision of RBI," he said.

Payment system partici-

DISCUSSIONS ON WITH STAKEHOLDERS



■ RBI Executive Director Anil Kumar Sharma said that there is no definite timeline for setting up of the fraud registry. Talks are on with various stakeholders

■ Payment system participants will be provided access to this registry for near-real time fraud monitoring

pants will be provided access to this registry for near-real time fraud monitoring. The aggregated fraud data will be published to educate customers on emerging risks.

Sharing complaints filed under the Ombudsman Scheme, he said, 4.18 lakh complaints were received during 2021-22 as against 3.82 lakh in the previous year. As many as 97.9 per cent cases were cleared last financial year as compared to 96.5 per cent in the preceding year. About 39 per cent of

the complaints received by the RBI during last financial year related to digital transactions.

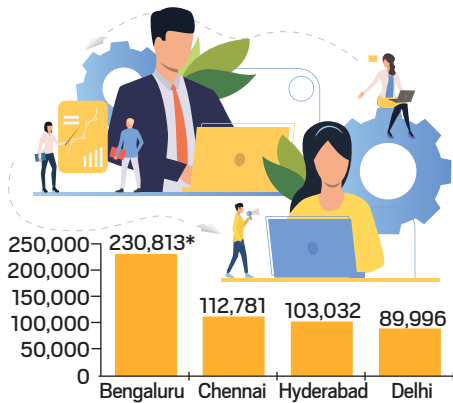
Last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched an integrated consumer grievance redressal mechanism for addressing service deficiencies in banking, NBFCs and digital payment systems. To make the alternate dispute redressal mechanism simpler and more responsive to the customers of regulated entities, the Prime Minister had launched 'One Nation One Ombudsman'.

‘Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Delhi top tech hubs in Asia Pacific after Beijing’

Bengaluru ranks second after Beijing on the list of top technology hubs in the Asia Pacific region, according to property consultant Cushman & Wakefield report 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate'

THE TECH SECTOR has accounted for an average 38-40% share in annual leasing activity in the Bengaluru office market, which is higher than national average of 35%. Strong market

fundamentals coupled with policy changes have not only made India a favourable investment hub for global IT, but a sought-after destination to find global tech talents, the consultant said



*Tech job creation last fiscal; Source: Cushman & Wakefield/PTI

‘Input cost hike pushes India Inc Q1 revenue up, shrinks margin’

Mumbai: India Inc saw a 39 per cent jump in top lines during April-June quarter but their operating margins declined 213 basis points to 17.7 per cent due to input cost inflation, a report said on Monday. While companies passed on higher input costs in the form of commodity and energy cost, leading to revenue growth, the same led to margin compression, rating agency Icmr said in a note based on the analysis of 620 listed companies, excluding financial sector entities.

Margin compression was attributed to the supply chain disruptions triggered by the war in Ukraine. The report expects margins to recover from the second half. The sample 620 companies reported an aggregate revenue growth of 39.1 per cent on-year in the June quarter. **PTI**

Parekh: PM Modi has done a remarkable job

Democracy needs a strong Opposition: ‘We do not have one right now’

Mumbai: HDFC chairman Deepak Parekh on Monday lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for doing a "remarkable job" in the last eight years.

Parekh said Modi needs to be at the helm for two more terms to "change the face of the country". "Honourable PM has done a remarkable job. His only interest in life is to see India grow, progress and he spends all his time seeing that it happens," Parekh said. Speaking at an event organised by the magazine "Abhyudaya Vatsalyam", he said democracy needs a strong Opposition and rued that "we do not have one right now".

"Sochneka sawal hee nahin hai

"Honourable PM has done a remarkable job. His only interest in life is to see India grow, progress ..."

DEEPAK PAREKH,
HDFC CHAIRMAN

(There is no reason to think at all between Rahul Gandhi and Modi). It is very obvious," he said in a response to a question.

Parekh said there is fear in speaking out but it does not affect one till one's conscience is clear. He said present-day India makes him very optimistic and the next 25 years will be much better for the country. **PTI**

Musk subpoenas Twitter whistleblower, seeks info on spam, security

REUTERS
WILMINGTON, AUGUST 29

ELON MUSK has subpoenaed a Twitter Inc whistleblower, seeking documents and communications on the company's spam and alleged security vulnerabilities as the billionaire battles to end his agreement to buy Twitter for \$44 billion, according to a court filing on Monday.

Musk sought information from whistleblower Peiter Zatkos mostly about the way Twitter measures spam accounts. Musk has said he is walking away from his deal for the company because Twitter misled him and regulators about the true number of spam or bot accounts on the microblogging platform. Musk also sought documents and communications about alleged attempts to hide security weaknesses and "Twitter's engagement in any unlawful activ-



Tesla founder Elon Musk. *File*

ity." A spokesman for Twitter did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In another development, Tesla founder Musk said he aimed to get self-driving Teslas ready by year-end and hopes they could be in wide release in the US and possibly in Europe, depending on regulatory approval.

ONE DISTRICT ONE PRODUCT

‘Looking for duty-free access for ODOP goods in trade pacts’

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

COMMERCE AND Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday said India is trying to get duty-free access for a broad range of products, which are identified under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative, under trade agreements.

He also called for the integration of the ODOP initiative with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform. This will help expand the ODOP frontiers by "bringing buyers and sellers together on a democratic platform".

Delivering a speech after launching the ODOP Gift Catalog and ODOP Storefront on the government e-marketplace (GeM) here, the minister said these products — including gold jewellery, handicrafts, handlooms and toys — present huge opportunities for exporters.

Through the ODOP initiative, the government intends to convert each district into an export hub by identifying at least one product of that district that has huge export potential. **FE**

SBI
Human Resources Department
State Bank Bhavan, 16th Floor, Madame Cama Road, Mumbai - 400021

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

State Bank of India has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) No: SBI/CDO/CMD/RFP/2022-23/02, dated: 30.08.2022, for shortlisting of Consultant/s as specified in the RFP. For details please visit 'Procurement News' at Bank's Website <https://bank.sbi>

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager (CMD)
HR Dept., Corporate Centre Mumbai

Date: 30.08.2022

राजस्थान सरकार
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग वृत्त, अलवर
स.नि.वि. परिसर, अलवर टाक्रीज के पास, कचहरी रोड, अलवर
फोन:- 0144-2737038, E-mail:- sealw.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in

क्रमांक 2180 दिनांक 17.08.2022

NIT No. 06/2022-23

Bids for 7 no package works for **Construction of Various Road by RIDF Scheme at Alwar distt** are invited from interested bidder from 18.08.2022 11.00 AM upto 07.09.2022 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> and <http://sppp.raj.nic.in> of the and <http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in> department website. The approximate value of the procurements is Rs.1998.61 Lacs. (7 Package).

UNB No.: 1 PWD2223WSOB06111, PWD2223WSOB06094, PWD2223WSOB06093, PWD2223WSOB06109, PWD2223WSOB06062, PWD2223WSOB06097, PWD2223WSOB06061

Sd/-
(Sangeet Kumar)
Superintending Engineer
PWD Div NCRPB Alwar

DIPRC/11038/2022

MAHARASHTRA FILM, STAGE & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Maharashtra Undertaking)
Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari, Goregaon (E), Mumbai - 400 065.

CORRIGENDUM
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

This is for information of all the prospective bidders submitting bids as per the RFP issued on 10th August 2022 by the Corporation for "Mumbai Film Expo 2023", that due to several requests received, it has been decided to extend the last date for submission of RFP by 15th September 2022. The same has been uploaded at www.filmcitymumbai.org/News & Events, and <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

By Order
Managing Director, MFSCDCL

KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Transport Bhavan , Fort P.O., Thiruvananthapuram-695023
Expression of Interest (Eoi)

KSRTC, one of the largest fleet owners of the country, intends to invite Expression of Interest for the development, deployment and maintenance of Electric Vehicle Charging Software for KSRTC-SWIFT Buses. The documents may be downloaded from the e-tender portal: www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Pre-bid meeting of registered bidders - 12.00 pm on 05.09.2022 (Online)

For the detailed visit: www.keralartc.com
e-mail : edpc.krtc@kerala.gov.in

Sd/-
Chairman & Managing Director
29.08.2022

DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-10/EE(T)
ENGINEERS BHAWAN, 2nd FLOOR, ANDREWS GANJ,
NEAR MOOL CHAND CROSSING, NEW DELHI-110049

NIT NO. 61/ACE(M-10/EE(T)/ 2022-23

S. No.	Description	Amount Put to Tender, EMD, Tender Fee	Date of release of tender in E-Procurement Solution	Last date of receipt of Tender Through E-Procurement Solution
1	Supply, Erection, Construction, Testing and commissioning of 20 KLD waste/Sewerage treatment plant for achieving effluent parameters of BOD < 10 & TSS < 10 at OTEA St. Sec. School, Lodi Estate, Laxmi Bai Nagar and sec-4, K. Puram including test and trial run of the STP for the period of six months after successful commissioning based on Phytolirid proven technology mentioned in CPHEEO having footprints equal to or less than phytolirid technology, by Supplying locally available macrophytes aquatic plants (ceping height 1-1.5 ft), including labour for cultivating and watering to ensure appropriate plant growth, with plant density 4-5 plants/square. (Re-invited)	Item Rate Rs. 64,600/- Rs. 500/-	26.08.2022 Tender I.D. No., 2022_DJB_222684_1	12.09.2022 At 2.00 P.M.

Further details in this regard can be seen at (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

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Advt. No. J.S.V. 310 (2022-23)

Sd/- (V. K. Gupta)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T) M-10

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Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene.

BRIEFLY

REITs, InvITs

New Delhi: Sebi has overhauled pricing norms for preferential allotment of units by Real Estate Investment Trusts and Infrastructure Investment Trusts.

Sebi blue bonds

New Delhi: Capital markets regulator Sebi has extended till the end of September the deadline for public consultations on the consultation paper on blue bonds as a sustainable mode of finance.

Merc India MD

New Delhi: Mercedes-Benz has named Santosh Iyer as the managing director & CEO of the Indian operations with effect from January 1, 2023. **PTI**

Classifieds

PERSONAL

It is for general information that I Sh. Charan Jeet Singh,S/o-Bhupindra Singh,residing at,47/2, IIIRD,Floor,Tilwara-North-East Delhi-110032,declare that name of mine and my-father has been wrongly-written as Charanjit Singh and Bhupinder Singh in my educational-documents and Bhupindar Singh in his Death-Certificate.The actual-name of mine and my-father are Charan Jeet Singh and Bhupindra Singh respectively, which may be amended-accordingly. 040629421-10

It is for general information that I Sh. Bachitar Pal SINGH S/O Late Shri Santokh Singh R/o-88 D-AGI,VIKASPURI, NEW DELHI-110018.declare that My Name has been wrongly written as BACHITRA PAL SINGH in my Educational Documents. My actual name is Bachitar Pal Singh respectively which may be amended accordingly. That is my true statement. 040629339-1

It is for general information that I SMT GURMEET KAUR W/O Shri BACHITAR PAL SINGH R/o-88 D-AG-1, VIKASPURI, NEW DELHI-110018. declare that my Name has been wrongly written as GURMIT KAUR in my Educational Documents. My actual name is GURMEET KAUR respectively which may be amended accordingly. That is my true statement. 040629339-2

I,prerna d/o-devender sharma,r/o plot.No-247,flat.no-302,rd block,dharampura extension,najafgarh,Delhi-43,have changed my name to prerna sharma,for all purpose. 040629405-9

I,Virji Lal Khandlwal,S/O Matadin R/O, H.No-218/4,Gali.No-10,Than Singh-Nagar Anand-Parbat,Delhi-110005,have changed my name to Virji Lal 040629405-3

I,Usha Rani W/O-Sompal Singh R/O,416, E-3,Paradise Apartment Sector-18,Rohini Delhi-110089,have changed my-minor son's name Siddharth To Siddharth Tomar,for all purpose. 040629405-8

I,Suraj S/oSatyagun Prasad R/O-A-75, Agar Nagar, Prem Nagar-3, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Akshit Shah forever. 040629309-1

I,Rakesh S/O Veer Ram Pal R/O House no -846 Sector 10 Faridabad, Haryana have changed my name to **Rakesh Raj Rajput**. 0050203326-1

I,Sukant Devi W/o, No.14912843M Ex HAV Rakesh Kumar Yadav R/O-A-57,Nangloi Extension-2A,Nangloi Jat,Delhi-41,have changed my name to Sunita Yadav vide affidavit,dt.29.8.22 before.Delhi. 040629411-11

I,Soniya/Sonia Kaur D/o Chanan Singh R/O.No.114, Block-No.13,Dakshin Puri Extn.Ambedkar Nagar,Pushpa-Bhawan, Delhi-110062,have changed my name to Sonia. 040629425-2

I,Shauryya Tyagi S/o Sandeep Tyagi,R/o N-Block, House.No.10-D, DDA Flats, Saket,Delhi-110017,have changed my name to Shaurea Tyagi. 040629425-4

I,Seema spouse of No JC282366L Rank Sub (GD) Rakesh Kumar resident of Village – Boja wala, PO-Paehmewalla, Tehsil-Vikas Nagar, Distt -Dehrudun (UK) PIN -248198 have changed my date of birth from 10-08-1984 to 10-04-1984 vide affidavit no. AW530879 dated 24-08-2022 beforeNotary Public Suratgarh. 0110031801-1

I,Seema Devi spouse of No JC282366L Rank Sub (GD) Rakesh Kumar resident of Village– Bojawala, PO - Paehmewalla, Tehsil-Vikas Nagar, Distt -Dehrudun (UK) PIN -248198 have changed my name from Seema Devi to Seema vide affidavit no. AW530878 dated 24-08-2022 before NotaryPublic Suratgarh. 0110031800-1

I,Savita Mandal D/o Ranjeet Mandal R/o 17-E-3,Chhuriya Mohalla, Tughlakabad Village, Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Taniya Mandal. 040629410-2

I,Sameena w/o Allaundin,R/o B-75, Pappu-Colony, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad-201001,have changed my name to Samina,Permanently. 040629411-2

I,SHIFA D/O MOHAMMAD SAJID,R/o 1899, IIND-FLOOR LAL KUAN NEAR LAL MASJID,DELHI-6,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHIFA-SAJID. 040629405-1

I,SHAGUN D/O-PRADEEP BURMAN,R/O RZ-58/J,GALI NO-8,TUGLAKABAD EXTENSION, KALKAJI,DELHI-110019.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHAGUN BURMAN. 040462941-6

I,SAKSHI W/O-RAHUL R/O-E-88/89,NEHRU VIHAR, DELHI-110054,have changed my name from before marriage BHARTI BAJAJ D/O-NARENDER KUMAR BAJAJ to after marriage SAKSHI W/O-RAHUL for all future purpose. 040629425-10

I Manroop Singh Nanda S/o Harpreet Singh R/o WZ-36B, Sant Garh, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Manroop Singh for all purposes. 040629275-9

I,Ritesh Lal,S/O Anil Lal,R/O-17,Boulevard Road,Butler-School,Opp.St-Stephens Hospital,Delhi-110054,that in my Son Asher Lal School-Records,my and my wife name wrongly-mentioned as Ritesh M Lal & Lillian Neeti Lal instead of Ritesh Lal & Liliyan Neeti Lal,which may be amended-accordingly. 040629421-6

I,Ramesh Kumar,S/o Makhan Lal,R/O-298, 3rd Floor, Pocket-2, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Ramesh Lama 040629425-6

I,Rajesh Kumar Tiwari,S/o Shivji Tiwari,R/O-277, 3rd Floor, Pocket-18, Sector-24,Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Rajesh Tiwari 040629425-9

I,Raj Kumar Dua S/o Lal Chand R/o,B-17/2, First-Floor, Double-Storey, Ramesh Nagar,New Delhi-110015,have changed my-name to Raj Singh Dua. 040629410-1

I,RAKESH MALHOTRA S/o-Sh.Prem Nath Malhotra R/o-L-1,Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052, inform that my, Daughter's Name RADHIKA & RADHIKA MALHOTRA both names are same persons. 040629425-11

I,Simranjeet S/o Gurcharan Singh R/o-H.No.4, IInd.floor, Raj Block,Naveen Shahdara, Delhi-110032,Have Changed My Name To Simranjeet Singh For All Purposes. 040629421-8

I,R K Khanna S/o R P Khanna R/O,Flat-No.211, Mahalaxmi-Apartment, Plot-No.4, Sector-2,Dwarka, Delhi-75,have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Khanna. 040629410-5

I,Pushpa,W/o Satyender Singh,R/O-325, Village Majri,Post Karala, Delhi-110081, have changed my name to Pushpa Rani 040629425-8

I,Premnath Zarkhandey Singh,S/o Jharkhandey Singh,R/O-3/4,1st-Floor, Jagdmaba-Colony,Sarita-Vihar,Delhi-110076,have changed my name to Premnath Singh,permanently. 040629405-2

I,Parveen S/o-Ramesh Kumar R/O,Flat.No.18052,Dhanwapur Road,Zara Awas Sector-104, Gurgaon (Haryana),have changed my name to Parveen Sachdeva. 040629421-4

I,Nisha W/o-Naresh kumar Address-65,(3rd-floor),east end enclave, near-lovely public-school,Laxmi-nagar East-Delhi -110092,have changed my name,from Lalita Rani Chopra to Nisha,for all the,future purposes. 040629405-10

I,Narayan Datt Pandey S/o Ram Kishor Pandey R/o-A-54,Pocket-C Rajapur,Gaon Rohini Delhi-110085,changed my minor son name Sanu to Shanu Pandey. 040629411-4

I,Nafis Ahmed Khan,S/o Rafi Ahmed Khan,R/O.3476 Gali-Thele Wali Bara Hindu Rao,Delhi-110006,have changed my name to Nafees Ahmed Khan. 040629425-3

I,Mohd Fahim s.o.Mohd Fareed,R/O. 2394, kothi Nawab Loharu,Ballimaran, Delhi-110006,have changed my name,from MOHD FAHIM TO MOHD FAHEEM PERMANENTLY. 040629421-3

I,Mayank Kumar Garg,S/o Gyan Prakash Garg,R/O H.No.573/8,Street No.3, Vijay Park,Mauijpur, Delhi-110053,have changed my name to Mayank Garg for all future purposes. 040629417-1

I,Manmohan Kumar S/o Late Thakur Das Nagpal R/o WZ-251/O, First-Floor, Gali-No.1, Virender Nagar, M.Delhi-110058,have changed my name to Manmohan Kumar Nagpal. 040629425-5

I,Mahesh S/o Bhagwat Prasad,R/O 12/F, Amrit Kaur Puri,Tank-Road, Karol-Bagh, New-Delhi-110005,have changed my name to Mahesh Kumar. 040629425-1

I,Mahavir Prashad Singhal/Mahavir Singhal S/o-Prem Chand Singhal,R/O H.No-182-183,Third-Floor,Pocket-5,Sec.22, Rohini, Delhi-110086,have changed my name to Mahabir Prashad Singhal. 040629405-7

I,Madhu Mathur,D/o Shodal Singh R/O-A-12,Gali.No.1, Block-A Indira Niketan,North Chhajipuur,Gokulpuri North-East Delhi-110094,Have changed My Name To Madhu Devi,For All Purposes. 040629421-9

I,MESAR ALI S/O AHMEDULLA KHAN R/O-C-236,WELCUMA SEELAMPUR,JAFRABAD,DELHI-110053,have changed my name to MESHAH ALI permanently. 040629417-2

I,MAKHANJEET SINGH,S/O MOHINDER PAL ARORA, R/O,WZ.14/1,PLOT.12 TF VISHNU-GARDEN DELHI-18,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAKHANJEET SINGH ARORA. 040629411-8

I,Kirti spouse of No 15144089Y Rank Hav (GNR) Ravinder Singh resident of Village – Hushiana,P O- Hourli Devi, Tehsil-Fatehpur, Distt - Kangra (HP) PIN -176022 have changed my date of birthfrom 20-11-1986 to 18-11-1986 vide affidavit no.AW530904 dated 29-08-2022 beforeNotaryPublic Suratgarh 0110031802-1

IManohar Balatchandirane S/O, Shri Balatchandirane Govindasamy R/o B-2/20-d, Lawrence Road, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Dhananjaneyan Balatchandirane for all purposes. 040629347-1

I,Parlad Singh katal,S/O-Nasib Singh, R/O-11C,Hig-flats,tower-3,pocket-A, sector-105, Noida,Uttar Pradesh changed my name,from Parlad Singh to Parlad Singh katal.From now I shall be known by this name. 040629415-6

I,Keswari Devi,W/o, No.4048562 Ex RFN, Lt Bhagwan Singh,R/o,RZH-15/A,Gali.no.-11,Mahavir Enclave-I,ND-45,have changed my name,to Kishori Devi Rawat,vide-affdavit.Dt.29.822,before.Delhi. 040629411-9

I,Karuna Garg,W/o Arindem Singla,R/O-29, Road No.77,West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-110026,have changed my name to Karuna Singla 040629425-7

I,Kartikay Madan,S/o Dr.Rajiv Madan,R/O R-57,New Colony,Gurugram Tehsil and District-Gurugram, Haryana,have changed my name,from Kartikaya Madan to Kartikay Madan,for all purposes in future. 040629415-7

I,Jamshed,S/o-Mumtiaz R/O-A-72,Near sainik vihar Mohan Garden,Uttam Nagar,Delhi-110059 have Changed my name Jamsar to Jamshed, both are one and the same person. 040629417-6

I,Hemaank Matta,S/o,Sunil Kumar Matta R/O-26-8,Pocket-B,Vikas-Puri Extn.,New Delhi-18,that name of my-father has been wrongly-written as Sunil Matta in my 10th-Class Certificate.The actual-name of my-father is Sunil Kumar Matta. 040629410-8

I,Harmeet Singh S/o,Kulwinder Singh R/O-M-12, Guru Harkrishan-Nagar, Paschim-Vihar, N.Delhi-110087, have changed my-minor daughter's name Kahan Kaur to Kahaan Narula. D.O.B-16/11/2007. 040629410-6

I,Dheeraaj Kumar Gupta S/o Anurodh Kumar R/O-A-251,Shyam,Colony Budh, Vihar Phase-2,Delhi-110086,changed my name to Dheeraj Gupta. 040629411-5

I,Darshan Kaushik W/o,No.JC731292F Ex SUB Prem Chand Sharma R/o H/No.15,Pocket-P,Gurudwara Road, Vikas Nagar EXTN, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59,have changed my name to Darshan Sharma vide affidavit dt.29.8.22,before Delhi Gurudwara Road, Vikas Nagar. 040629411-10

I,DAYA SHANKER SHARMA S/O GIRJA SHANKAR R/O 320,KALKAJI-DEPO.BAL MUKUND KHAND GIRI-NAGAR,KALKAJI,DELHI-110019.CHANGED MY NAME TO DAYA SHANKAR SHARMA. 040629411-7

I,Bably W/o,Sita Ram Gupta R/o,Gali.No-2,Near Surendra Colony,Part-2, Jharoda Manzara, Burari,Delhi-84,have changed my name to Babli for all Purposes. 040629421-1

I,Ashish Singhal S/o Narayan Das Singhal R/o 92, 2nd Floor Jaipuria Enclave Kaushambhi, Sahibabad Ghaziabad (U.P) have changed my name to Ashish Kumar Singhal for all purposes. 040629302-1

I,Ashish Jinagal S/o Shri Rajesh Jinagal R/o Quarter No.292, Sector-3, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110022, have changed my name to Ashish Singh for all purposes. 040629289-2

I,Arnav S/O Shitij Bali R/O-1A,white House, Apartment-10, Bhagwandass Road,New Delhi-110001, have Changed My Name To Arnnav Bali Permanently. 040629425-5

I,Anooj S/O Zile Singh R/O-H-3/80,2nd Floor,Sector-11,Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Anooj Vats,for All Futura Purpose. 040629405-4

I,Ankit Kumar S/o Arvind Kumar,H.No.283/72, Gali.No-6G, Gandhi Nagar,, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122001, I, declare my name Ankit as given name & Kumar as Surname. 040629421-5

I,Anjali Patel,W/o,Vikram Patel,R/O-JU-75-C,Pitampura,North-West,Delhi-110088,that my name is wrongly-written as Priya Patel in my minor-son Mudit Patel aged-14-years in his school leaving-certificate. But my correct name is Anjali Patel. 040629410-7

I,Alaudeen s/o Haji Hakimulla R/O B-75, Pappu Colony, Sahibabad-201001,have changed my name to Allaundin permanently 040629411-1

I,ARISHA ARIF HABIB,D/o-MOHAMMAD ARIF HABIB,R/o-233/234,2nd-FLOOR, MUSTAFA LODGE APARTMENTS, GAFFAR MANZIL,JAMIA-NAGAR, DELHI-110025,have changed my name,from ARISHA ARIF HABIB to ARISHA HABIB,for all,future purposes. 040629411-3

IManoj Kumar Pandey F/o Yatharth Pandey declared that Aryan Pandey and Yatharth Pandey (Both the names are belonging to my son) and R/o Flat No 903, Tower EM Amrapali Village Nyay Khand 2 Indirapuram Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201014 have changed my son's name Aryan Pandey to Yatharth Pandey S/o Manoj Kumar Pandey for all future purposes. 040629294-1

I,AMIT KUMAR,S/O SH.BHUSHAN KUMAR,R/O-A-90,STREET.NO.9, BHAIJANPURA,SEELAMPUR,NO RTH EAST-DELHI-110053,DECLARE THAT OF MY-DAUGHTER DIVYANSHI HAS CHANGED NAME DIVYANSHI TO NIDHI AGGARWAL,FOR ALL,PURPOSES IN FUTURE. 040629405-5

I,hitherto known as ARCHANA ROY, W/o NEERAJ UPADHAYA, employed as Lt Col, Posted at 155 BH, Tezpur, Assam, residing at A-155, Sector-92, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P.-201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ARCHANA UPADHAYA. 0070801571-1

I,Tejja Singh, S/o Jeevan Singh, R/o Graam Shahpur, Post Raamraj, Shahpur, Muzaffarnagar, UP, have changed my name to Teja Singh. 0070801567-1

I,Tanuj Kushgawkar, S/o Sh Brajesh Kumar, R/o Qtr No.E-9, Type-5B, (Ansal Plaza), Hudco Phase Extension, Andrewsganj, South Delhi, New Delhi-110049, have changed my name to Tanay Gautam for all futurepurposes. 040629292-1

I,Suprava Nayak W/o Mr Sashibhusan Nayak R/O- 80-C, Pocket-A, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095 that Suprabha and Suprava Nayak is one and the same person. That my name as Suprava Nayak may be read and recorded for all purposes. 040629273-1

I, Sourav Suthar, S/o Jai Krishan, R/o Goriwala, Sirsa, Haryana-125103. Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Jai Kishan Suthar in my 10th Class Certificate. The actual name of My Father is Jai Krishan, which may be amended accordingly. 0070801530-1

I, Shah Arvindbhai Bhagvansa Kalisa, S/o Shah Bhagvan, R/o Rohinia, Post- Rahimpur, Tehsil- Bhatpar Rai, Distt- Deoria, Uttar Pradesh-274703, have changed my name to Arvind Bhagvan Jaiswal. 0070801554-1

I, Service No JC-284026F Rank Sub (GNR) Vikram Singh unit of 60 Medium Regiment C/o 56APO have changed my son's name from Harishjot Manhas to Harshjot Manhas vide affidavit no. AW530999 dated 26-08-2022 Before Notary Public Suratgarh 0110031803-1

I, Sashibhusan Nayak S/o Late Shri Bansl Dhar Nayak R/O- 80-C, Pocket-A, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095 that Shashi Bhushan Nayak and Sashibhusan Nayak is one and the same person. That my name as Sashibhusan Nayak may be read and recorded for all purposes. 040629287-1

I,AMEER FAIYAZ M/O SHAZIA AFTAB (SINGLE MOTHER),R-5,HAJI COLONY,GHAFFAR MANZIL PHASE-II,JAMIA NAGAR, NEW DELHI -110025,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AMEER MEZZAN,FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 040629417-5

I,Sanjay Kumar Mohanty S/o Shri Madhusudan Mohanty R/o House No. B-71C, Rajat Vihar, Sector-62, Noida Dstt., Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 ho hereby solemnly inform that in my son's Suryakanta Mohanty school documents my name is written as SanjayKumar Mohanty & Sanjay Mohanty both are one and same person. 040629421-2

I,Rajiv Sehgal S/o Chander Sain Sehgal R/O-D-8/72, Sector-6 Rohini,Delhi,has changed my name from Rajeev Sehgal to Rajiv Sehgal. 040629333-1

I, RAJESH KUMAR THITHA, S/O PARSOOT LAL THITHA, R/O H.No-172, Vivekanand, Sector-16, Kheri Kalan (113), Faridabad, Haryana-121002, have changed my name to RAJESH THITHA for all purposes. 0070801527-1

I, RAJEEV GUPTA, S/O RAJ KUMAR GUPTA, R/O H.NO-1023, HUDA SECTOR-6, BAHADURGARG, DISTT HJAJAJR, HARYANA-124507, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJIV GUPTA. 0070801549-1

I,Pratik Kumar Gupta, S/o Krishna Kumar Gupta, R/o 126-y, Krishna Kunj, Azad Nagar Sector 04, Mirzapur Pachedwaa, Gorakhanath, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh-273015. Declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as Pratik Kumar and Krishna Kumar in my University Certificate. The actual name of Mine and My Father are Krishna Kumar Gupta And Pratik Kumar Gupta, which may be amended accordingly. 0070801534-1

I,PRADEEP KUMAR GOLA, S/O PREM NARAYAN, R/O E-128, GALI NO-6, KHAJOORI KHAS, DELHI-110094. DECLARE THAT MY DAUGHTER'S NAME HAS BEEN WRONGLY WRITTEN AS KHUSHBU BEBY IN HER DELHI LADLI SCHEME (MEMBER ID-361722) THE ACTUAL NAME IS VANSHIKA GOLA. 0070801562-1

I,NARESH PAL SWAMI S/O-CHIHOTA RAMR/O,H.NO.-0-47,GALI NO-5,PHASE-4,SHIV VIHAR,KARAWAL NAGAR,DELHI-94,have changed my name to NARESH PAL permanently. 040629417-4

I,No-14918153Y Rank-Hav/ACP Ram Prasad Singh, S/o Late Prathivi Pal, Vill- Baswankhera Post- Kalyanpur, Teh- Binki, Distt- Fatehpur, My Army Record my daughter name written wrongly as Preeti Davi and Jyoti Davi but his correct name is Preity Yadav and Jyoti Yadav. Please correct his name is my army record. 0070801576-1

I,Neha Gulati W/o Mr. Anat Chadha R/o Y-1, 207, D-6, Yamuna Appt., Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, have changed my name to Neha Chadha. 040629289-1

I,NEETU MAHAJAN, W/O DINESH MAHAJAN, R/O RA-42, UPPER GROUND FLOOR, INDERPURI, DELHI-110012, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NITU MAHAJAN. 0070801569-1

I, Meena Devi, W/o Late Sh. Shambhu Thakur, R/o Jhuggi No-224, G. H. Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi-110033, have changed my minor Daughter's name from Baby Vineeta, aged 17 years to Nancy forever. 0070801547-1

I,Malvika Shreyans Shah, D/o Shreyans Shashikant Shah, W/o Vipul Jain, R/o 14/38, First Floor, Shakti Nagar, Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Malvika Jain. 0070801544-1

I,Kumari Kalpna Tomar, D/o Prem Singh, R/o B 370, First Floor, Khasra No-1040, Vasant Kunj, Vasant Vihar, South West Delhi-110070, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kalpna Tomar. 0070801529-1

I,Kawal Jit Singh Taneja S/o Shri.Kripal Singh, R/O-H.No.77 Sector-11A, Faridabad,have change my name Kawal Jit Singh to Kawal Jit Singh Taneja,for all future purposes. 04062929333-2

I, SHAHIH PARVEEN, D/O SHAHID KHAN, R/O 191/A, GALI NO 8, RAMESH PARK, LAXMI NAGAR, DELHI, have changed my name to SHAHIN KHAN. 0070801560-1

I,Kanwaljeet Singh, S/o Gurnam Singh Anand, R/o 81-B, Vallabh Nagar, Kota, Rajasthan-324007, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kanwaljeet Singh Anand. 0070801535-1

I,Jitender Kumar R/o S-62, Second Floor, Humayunpur,safdurjung Enclave, Delhi -110029 have changed my minor daughter's name from Priyanshi to Priyanshi Patarwal for all purposes. 040629348-1

I,Jang Bahadur Singh S/o (Late) HEERA SINGH NEGI, R/o D-15, Airport Lane, Opposite Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi-110003 do hereby declare that my father's name inadvertently mentioned as HEERA SINGH NEGI or H.S. NEGI or HIRA SINGH NEGI or HIRA SINGH in different documents/records, are the names of one and the same person i.e. HEERA SINGH NEGI and he shall be known as HEERA SINGH NEGI for all future purposes. 040629341-1

I,Gaurav Kumar Sharma R/O 599/29 Street No 87 Laxman Vihar Phase 2 Gurgaon 122001 have changed my minor son's name from Vihaan Pathak to Kabier Sharma for all purposes. 040629349-1

I,Divya Suman, W/o Gaurav Singh, R/O-183, Railway Colony, Sector-12, Near Vijay Nagar Thana, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Divya Shmgi. 0070801532-1

I,Dhanalekshmi Gopinathan W/o Mr. M C Pugazhanthi, resident of Flat No. B-802, Exotica Elegance, Ahinsa Khand-2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014 have changed the name of my minor son SHREYASH MANAV aged 14 years and he shall hereafter be known as P. SHREYASH MANAV. 040629356-1

I,Bhupendra Chauhan, S/o Bhopal Singh Chauhan, R/o C/32, Modipon Colony, Modinagar Distt., Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201204, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bhupender Singh. 0070801526-1

I,Aparna Gupta R/o. G-122, Ashok Vihar Phase-I, North West Delhi, Delhi-110052, have changed my minor child's name from Zayn Ali to Aryan Gupta. 040629345-1

I,Antarpal Singh Sawhney, R/o 17, Birbal Road, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014, have changed my minor Son's name Yashvir Singh Sawhney to Yashveer Singh Sawhney for all future purposes. 0070801545-1

I,Aditya, S/o Shyam Sunder Sharma, R/O A4/302, Tulip Violet, Sector 69, Badshahpur, Gurgaon, Haryana-122101, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aditya Sharma. 0070801528-1

I Sonia Kalra D/o Sh. Krishan Dev Sahni R/O Safdarjung Enclave New Delhi- 29, have changed my name to Sonia Sahni vide affidavit dated 04-Aug-22 sworn before notary subhash chand sharma, Delhi 0050203381-1

I,Ranjeet Kaur W/o-Balvinder Singh R/o-WZ-H-22,2nd-Floor, Sant Nagar Extn, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Ranjit Kaur. 040629405-6

I Sandeep Rai S/o Ram Prakash Rai R/o sadhak vihar deendayal puri Near Ashram Nandgram ghaziabad UP 201001 declared that I have change my Father name in my documents from Ram prakash to Ram Prakash Rai and its valid for all purposes 040629284-1

SALUTE THE SOLDIER



Capt Suneel Kumar Yadav (Posthumous)

14 Oct 1976 - 30 Aug 1999
This historic day fills our hearts with pride and sorrow alike when in the highest traditions of the Indian Army, you laid down your life in the line of duty. World is a lesser place without you but we know that you are with the gods above and even heavens have improved by your gracious presence.

**Fondly remembered by
CO and All Ranks of 3 RAJPUT**

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 4th August, 2022

S.O. 3693(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening) maintenance, management and operation of the 2 Lane Twin Tube Highway Tunnel including approaches across the Mussoorie Hills from design Km. 155.100 to Km. 164.700 on NH-707A in the district of DEHRADUN in the state of UTTARAKHAND, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO) Dehradun in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH-707A in the stretch of land from Km. 155.100 to Km. 164.700 on NH707A in the district of DEHRADUN in the State of UTTARAKHAND.

State: UTTARAKHAND		District: DEHRADUN			
Sl. No	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (In Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Dehradun					
Village: Kyarkuli Bhatta					
1	1	Private	Non Z.A (Non-Agriculture)	2.6200000 (Hectare)	2.6200000
2	31	Private	Non Z.A (Non-Agriculture)	0.5450000 (Hectare)	0.5450000
3	370	Common	Non-Agriculture/Road	0.3400000 (Hectare)	0.3400000
4	381	Private	Non Z.A (Non-Agriculture)	0.0340000 (Hectare)	0.0340000
5	386	Government	Road	0.0540000 (Hectare)	0.0540000
6	388	Private	Non Z.A (Non-Agriculture)	0.0410000 (Hectare)	0.0410000
7	390	Private	Non Z.A (Non-Agriculture)	0.2430000 (Hectare)	0.2430000
8	485	Common (Private/Govt.)	Daang/Barren	0.2000000 (Hectare)	0.2000000
9	52	Private	Non-Agriculture	1.0500000 (Hectare)	1.0500000
10	560	Private	Non Z.A (Non-Agriculture)	0.1100000 (Hectare)	0.1100000
11	561	Private	Non-Agriculture	0.1100000 (Hectare)	0.1100000
12	562	Private	Non-Agriculture	0.1100000 (Hectare)	0.1100000
13	563	Private	Non-Agriculture	0.1100000 (Hectare)	0.1100000
14	564	Private	Non-Agriculture	0.1100000 (Hectare)	0.1100000
15	565	Private	Non-Agriculture	0.1130000 (Hectare)	0.1130000
16	566	Private	Non Z.A (Non-Agriculture)	0.1100000 (Hectare)	0.1100000
17	567	Private	Non Z.A (Non-Agriculture)	0.1100000 (Hectare)	0.1100000
18	570	Government	Barren/Population	0.0500000 (Hectare)	0.0500000
19	573	Government	I.T.B.P Training Center	0.0850000 (Hectare)	0.0850000
20	574	Private	Non Z.A (Non-Agriculture)	0.4270000 (Hectare)	0.4270000
21	580	Government	I.T.B.P Training Center	0.0760000 (Hectare)	0.0760000
22	581	Government	I.T.B.P Training Center	0.0930000 (Hectare)	0.0930000
23	586	Government	I.T.B.P Training Center	0.0540000 (Hectare)	0.0540000
24	588	Private	Non Z.A (Non-Agriculture)	0.1740000 (Hectare)	0.1740000
25	704	Private	Non-Agriculture	2.2880000 (Hectare)	2.2880000
Village: Mussoorie (Nagarpalika Area)					
1	0	Private	Non-Agriculture	5.5000000 (Hectare)	5.5000000
Total				14.7570	14.7570

[F. No. NH-707A-UR-2022-594/3A]
RAJESH GUPTA, Director

Institute of Infrastructure, Technology, Research And Management (IITRAM), Ahmedabad (An Autonomous University established by Government of Gujarat) Website: www.iitram.ac.in

Applications are invited for the post of Director General and Director

The Institute of Infrastructure, Technology, Research and Management (IITRAM) is established by Government of Gujarat Act 5/2013 in Ahmedabad as a University for imparting knowledge and offers courses with specialization in Infrastructure Technology and Management of Infrastructure in particular and to create centres of excellence in the related areas. The Institute is seeking applications and/or nominations for the positions of its Director General and Director.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Director General shall work under the overall direction of the Board of Governors, and shall be the Chief Executive and Academic Officer and shall be responsible for providing Academic and Strategic Leadership, Policy and Planning, Financial Management and Liaison with Government. The Director shall be responsible for managing the academic, administrative and other affairs of the University school and shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed or entrusted to him/her by the Director General. For further details, please refer www.iitram.ac.in

THE PERSON

The candidates should have a proven record of leadership and management outcomes in an education environment; a strong operational mentality to ensure successful delivery of goals and plans; a high level of financial and managerial competence; excellent leadership skills; ability and willingness to work closely with diverse group of University stakeholders and the ability to create good environment for research.

Salary will not be a constraint for the right candidates.

Note: The Search-cum-Selection Committee may consider a candidate for the post of Director even if the application is for the post of Director General and Vice Versa. The Committee may also consider candidates who have not applied for either of the two posts based on nominations.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications and/or nominations should consist of a full curriculum vitae, covering letter of application including both telephone and email contacts, certified copies of academic qualifications and three professional referees with their email and telephone contacts. Applications marked **Personal and Confidential** should be sent to the I/c. Registrar, Institute of Infrastructure, Technology, Research and Management, Maninagar (East), Khokhra, Ahmedabad-380026, Gujarat, India. A soft copy of the application should also be mailed to recruitmentgdgdirector@iitram.ac.in on or before 30 September 2022.

Advt-15/2022 Date 29/9/2022

Gujarat State Aviation Infrastructure Company Limited (GUJSAIL) A Govt. of Gujarat Undertaking GUJSAIL Complex, Nr. Torrent Sub Station SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad-380 004. Phone No.079-22882000/72

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender is invited from the Registered Contractor of R & B Department, Government of Gujarat for Civil Work through e-tendering process.

Tender ID	Name of Work
545483	Construction of Vehicle Ramp and other facilities at Water Aerodrome, Ektanagar, (SOU) Dist. Narmada in Gujarat

Interested bidders may visit www.nprocure.com for more information. The last date of online submission for tender is 20/09/2022 up to 18:00 Hrs.

Institute of Infrastructure, Technology, Research And Management (An Autonomous University established by Government of Gujarat) Nr. Khokhra Circle, Maninagar (E), Ahmedabad-380 026

Advertisement for

Deputy Registrar/ Assistant Registrar

The Institute invites application from the eligible candidates for the post of (1) Deputy Registrar and (2) Assistant Registrar. The detailed advertisement is available on Institute website <http://www.iitram.ac.in>. The last date for submission of online application is 30 September 2022 and last date for submission of duly signed hard copy of application along with supporting documents is 07 October 2022.

Advt-14/2022 Date 29/8/2022 – I/c. Registrar

Institute of Infrastructure, Technology, Research And Management (An Autonomous University established by Government of Gujarat) Nr. Khokhra Circle, Maninagar (E), Ahmedabad-380 026

Re-advertisement for Recruitment of Registrar

The Institute invites application from the eligible candidates for the post of Registrar. The detailed advertisement is available on Institute website <http://www.iitram.ac.in>. The last date for submission of application is 30 September 2022 and last date of submission of duly signed hard copy of application along with supporting documents is 07 October 2022.

Those who have applied earlier against the original Advt. No. 5/2022 need not to apply again. Their previous application will be considered. However, they may update their application, if required.

Advt-13/2022 Date 29/8/2022 – I/c. Registrar

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Rajkumar @ Varun @ Nanhu S/o Dinesh Kumar R/o H.No. C-215, Laxmi Park, Nangloi, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No. 07/2019 u/s 356/379/34 IPC PS. Nangloi, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Rajkumar @ Varun @ Nanhu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rajkumar @ Varun @ Nanhu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rajkumar @ Varun @ Nanhu** accused of FIR No. 07/2019 u/s 356/379/34 IPC PS. Nangloi, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **06.12.2022**.

**By Order: Shagun
Metropolitan Magistrate-04, (West)
Room No. 268, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi**

DP/15/OD/22

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender No. PRYJ-Sig-019-2022-23 Sr. Divt. Sig. & Telecomm. Engineer/Sig.
Dated: 26.08.2022 North Central Railway, Prayagraj

E-Tender Notice

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Coordination / North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite **E-TENDER** on prescribed form for the following works upto **12:00 hrs.** on the opening date of E-Tender mentioned therein. The details of the Tender are as under:-

S. N.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Bid Security	Cost of Tender Form (Rs.)	Completion Period	Date of Opening of Tender
1	019	Comprehensive AMC of Electronic Interlocking system of "Medha" make installed at Bharwari, Rasulabad and Malwan stations of Prayagraj Division for a period of 03 years.	5841000/-	116800/-	0/-	36 Months	22.09.22
2	Availability of tender form: Tender forms are available on www.iimps.gov.in						
3	Bid Security to be deposited : The prescribed amount of Bid Security as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form Online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Bid Security in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without Bid Security shall be summarily rejected.						
4	Time & Place of Opening of Tender: Tender will be opened through E-Tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj at or after 12:30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day.						
5	Validity of offer : 60 days from the date of opening.						
6	Right of Railway to deal with tender: Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons.						
North central railway www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway @CPRONCR							1131/22 (P)

CONSORTIUM FOR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION IUAC CAMPUS, ARUNA ASAF ALI MARG, NEW DELHI – 110067 Phone: 011-24126418-19-20 Website: www.cec.nic.in

NIT No. CEC/Admin/Ad for weed out/2022 25th August, 2022

Notice Inviting Tender for Disposal of E-waste – Unserviceable & Obsolete Technical Equipment / items (Audio Video) etc. on “As is where Basis is”

Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), an Inter University Centre of University Grants Commission (UGC), invites sealed Tenders in two bid systems (Technical Bid and Financial Bid) from the E-Waste recyclers / preprocessors agencies registered with Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India or state pollution control boards for disposal of E-waste – Unserviceable & Obsolete Technical Equipment / items (Audio Video) etc. on “As is where is basis” as per list attached.

Last Date for submission of Tender : 15/09/2022 upto 02.30 PM (Along with Earnest Money Deposit)

Date & Time of opening of Technical bid : 15/09/2022 at 3.00 PM

Earnest Money Deposit / (To be deposited with Tender) : Rs. 25350/- (only DD / FOR in favour of Director, CEC, Payable at New Delhi)

Date & Time of opening of Commercial Bid : Technically qualified bidders shall be informed via email.

Tender Document may be downloaded from the website www.cec.nic.in and from Central Public Procurement Portal (CPP Portal) site. Sealed tender should be addressed to the "Chief Administrative Officer, Consortium for Educational Communication, IUAC Campus, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, New Delhi-110067" and may be sent by Speed Post / Registered Post or may be dropped in the tender box placed at reception of CEC, New Delhi at the above mentioned address on or before the stipulated date and time.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR (E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287)

O-903

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING through e-Procurement

Bid Identification No. Online Tender / 36-2022-23/BPR					
Identification No	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender/ 36-2022-23/BPR	Building Works under Newly Created R.I. Office-Residence for the year 2022-23	01 No	Rs. 153.37 lakhs	"B" Class & "A" Class as applicable	11 (Eleven) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur	Online Tender/ 36-2022-23/BPR	30.08.2022 at 10.00 A.M.	13.09.2022 upto 3.00 P.M.

- (i) No EMD is required as per O.M. No. 8484 Dt. 05.04.2022 of Finance Department, Govt of Odisha. But Bid Security declaration should be furnished by the bidders as mentioned in the DTCN.
- (ii) Non-submission of the information/ documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.

Further details and corrigendum if any can be seen from the website:- www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer

R.W.Circle, Berhampur
OIPR-25071/11/0062/2223

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU DIRECTORATE OF INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES No.1, Dr. M.G.R.Salai, Taramani, Chennai - 600 113.

TENDER NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF STATE LEVEL REGIONAL TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF EGGS (HEN) AS PER AGMARK SPECIFICATION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR
TENDER Roc. No.5676/NMP/2022 Dated 30.08.2022

1) Department Inviting Tender	Integrated Child Development Services
2) a) Name of the work	State Level Regional Tender for procurement of Eggs (Hen) as per AGMARK specification ('A Medium' AGMARK quality eggs each weighing 45 to 52 grams) for a period of one year to the beneficiaries all over Tamilnadu under Panchayat Thalaivar M.G.R. Nutritious Meal Programme and Integrated Child Development Services.
b) Place of supply and value of supply	All Anganwadi centres in Tamilnadu under the Directorate of Integrated Child Development Services and all Noon Meal centres/ NCLP centres under the Directorate of Social Welfare for approximate value to the tune of Rs.640 crore.
3) Place at which Tender document available, cost and last date for sale of tender form	Directorate of Integrated Child Development Services, No-1, Dr.M.G.R.Salai, Taramani, Chennai-600 113, on payment of i) Rs 15,000/- if obtained in person. ii) Rs 15,200/- if requested through Post Courier On all working days up to 30.09.2022, till 10.00 am Alternatively the tender form can be downloaded from www.tenders.in.gov.in .
4) Earnest Money Deposit amount payable	Rs.1,25,00,000 Crore (Rupees One Crore and twenty five lakhs) only by means of Demand Draft/ Bankers Cheque payable at Chennai drawn from any one of the Nationalised Bank/ Scheduled Bank in favour of the Director cum Mission Director, Directorate of Integrated Child Development Services, Chennai-600 113.
5) Due date, time and place for submission of filled tender documents	Up to 30.09.2022 till 11.00 am, Directorate of Integrated Child Development Services, No-1, Dr.M.G.R.Salai, Taramani, Chennai-600 113.
6) Date, time and Place of opening of tender documents	On 30.09.2022 at 11.30 am, Directorate of Integrated Child Development Services, No-1, Dr.M.G.R.Salai, Taramani, Chennai-600 113. If the date fixed for opening the tender happens to be a Government holiday for any reason, the sealed tenders will be received up-to 11.00 am on the next working day and it will be opened at 11.30 am of the same day.
7) Any other important criteria prescribed by the Department Inviting the Tender.	The procurement of Eggs (Hen) will be done as per AGMARK specifications.

*Corrigendum, if any shall be issued in the website only. Director cum Mission Director
DIPR/3940/TENDER/2022



उपरोक्त पावर ट्रांसमिशन कार पोरेशन लिं ई-निविदा आमन्त्रण सूचना अनुभवी कार्यदायी संस्थाओं / फर्मों से विभिन्न कार्यों हेतु निम्नलिखित ई-निविदायें etender.up.nic.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। ई-निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की स्थिति में ई-निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताये अस्वीकार / विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता 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 लागू करें। विवरण निम्न प्रकार है :

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MT T-05/2022-23 132 केवीओ उपकेन्द्र नंगली किटार के स्विचगार्ड की प्रकाश व्यवस्था के सुदृढीकरण से सम्बन्धित कार्य रु 0.60 लाख, दिनांक 01.10.2022 सायं 17:00 बजे तक, दिनांक 03.10.2022 12:00 बजे, रु 600.00, रु 295.00, ETD MT T-06/2022-23, 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र शताब्दीनगर पर मौजूदा विभिन्न उपकरणों एवं सबस्टेशन स्ट्रक्चर की अर्थिंग का कार्य रु 1.82 लाख, दिनांक 01.10.2022 सायं 17:00 बजे तक, दिनांक 03.10.2022 12:00 बजे, रु 1800.00 रु 590.00, ETD MT T-07 2022-23, 132 केवी शताब्दीनगर-परतापुर सर्किट द्वितीय पारोषण लाइन के आरो क्षतिग्रस्त कन्डक्टर (लोकेशन संख्या 7एस से 09टी के मध्य एवं क्षतिग्रस्त पीओए रोड को बदलवाने से सम्बन्धित कार्य रु 1.98 लाख दिनांक 01.10.2022 सायं 17:00 बजे तक, दिनांक 03:10:2022 12:00 बजे रु 2000.00 500.00, हस्ता/-अभिधासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारोषण खण्ड, मेरठ, पत्रांक/1917 No/विओपाख0 (E.T.D)/मेरठ (MRT) दिनांक : 29.08.22

Government of Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Department “Notice Inviting e-tender”

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Vibhag Division Baddi invites online tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work (s) through e-tendering process:-

S/No	Description of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Cost of tender forms	St
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CROSSWORD 4833

ACROSS

1 Odd assortment of biblical characters (3,3)
4 Female guard of honour (8)
9 It means one's refusing in code perhaps (2,4)
10 It breaks the surface before a morning dip (3,5)
12 A jerk from America? (4)
13 English town, Channel port and a lot more (5)
14 Call round? (4)
17 Presumably he can be relied upon for dexterity (5-4,3)
20 Office girl could give a stranger hope (12)
23 It turns on an opponent (4)
24 A shade of caution (5)
25 Broadcast to raise a smile (4)
28 Their acts are well known (8)
29 Bad luck for those classed as sound performers (6)
30 Hard form of conundrum that loses its point (8)
31 Alliance has a complaint against the French (6)

DOWN

1 Scrap area where ships are built in Hong Kong? (8)
2 Jest goes off as they grow old (8)
3 A pained expression (4)
5 What postgraduates work for to a greater extent? (6,6)
6 Approve and circulate (4)
7 A black bird that is a green one to soldiers (6)
8 The minority of lawyers (6)
11 Such figures are letters (5,7)
15 Make a declaration in bad taste (5)
16 Father a friend of the Pope (5)
18 Animal trained to work without worrying (8)
19 A decorous pink and yellow (8)
21 Country girl on the vessel (6)
22 One way to dress for disco lighting (6)
26 Use artistry in eating out (4)
27 Nothing you really like? (4)

Solutions Crossword 4832: Across: 1 Slips, 4 Fainted, 8 Asp, 9 By no means, 10 Neutral, 11 Reply, 13 Deepen, 15 Editor, 18 Bitts, 19 Turmoil, 21 Redundant, 23 Rex, 24 Numbers, 25 Splied. Down: 1 Stained, 2 Imprudent, 3 Sober, 4 Finale, 5 Immured, 6 Tea, 7 Dusty, 12 Potpourri, 14 Essence, 16 Relaxed, 17 Strays, 18 Baron, 20 Rites, 22 Dam

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

JUMBLED WORDS

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

Fortune favors the ____ - Louis Pasteur (8,4)

GLAEE

AEEDDN

OPIRR

MOOMPP

Answer: Fortune favors the **lucky** - Louis Pasteur

SUDOKU 4942

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions

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

Difficulty Level

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4941

DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You're good at picking winners. At least, that's the current indication. I'd say that the two key considerations at the moment are that you tried methods which are tried, tested and reliable, and look at the minutiae of the situation, rather than the big picture.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

You ought soon to be free from a lot of unnecessary pressure, and also from unwanted commitments. You are therefore ready to take the path of universal love, a concept which I know is treated with some scepticism in certain circles. Still, that's no reason for you to be cynical.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

This does not have to be a week of discord, disagreements and conflict, but that's just what it could be if you succumb to frustration and impatience. As you know, it's much better to give people a second chance, especially at home. Why not follow your own advice?

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The main Geminian danger lies in trying to be too clever. The planetary signs strongly advise you to learn the lessons of the past. Look again at advice from people you know and trust. You might not have taken any notice so far, but now could be a good time to make up for that.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Domestic discussions should be pursued with great vigour. Being diplomatic and considerate is quite compatible with standing up for your rights. It's just a question of arranging all your points in order before you open your mouth, and getting partners to listen.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

In many ways it's a favourable day, but it all depends how you handle today's generally loose, laid-back and highly individualistic circumstances. You'll do best to stick to your principles, but there doesn't seem to be any real reason why you can't be infinitely flexible when it comes to the details.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Try not to invite trouble or discord by saying anything in haste or in anger. The plain fact is that the nicer you are to other people, the more pleasant they'll be to you. Simple, isn't it? Plus, you may have forgotten a number of important facts. You might even have lost a vital piece of paper.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Matters intimately related to your prestige and status at work are still looking complex. I don't think anyone would blame you if you sat back and let fate take its course. The end result would probably be the same in any case. Your romantic stars are looking up.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Even those people with whom you have had profitable dealings are now likely to use unorthodox methods in a vain attempt to gain the upper hand. Don't worry: they're suffering from a bad bout of over-confidence, and they'll be brought back down to earth soon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

The overwhelming emphasis is still on travel plans, which today look optimistic, enthusiastic and confident. Such stars always carry with them a warning to consciously check all details, especially regarding legal queries. By the way, you may be embarking on a journey of the spirit or the mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

In many respects it's a Capricornian moment, a time to slow down and make sure your life is resting on firm foundations. There's still a lot of life in the old goat yet and now is also the time to revive long-term dreams with a view to completion next year.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

For someone who is supposed to leap before they look, you have certainly been changing your spots, becoming more cautious by the hour. Perhaps it's because you realise that your choices will only work if you anticipate the practical problems. You may appreciate partners' many little tempting blandishments, but don't let them pull you off course.

CCS HARYANA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, HISAR

(Established by Parliament Act 16 of 1970)

TENDER NOTICE

CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar is inviting Tenders for the purchase of following equipments/items:

1. Purchase of SC/ST training material i.e. (Category-A) Garments/Cutting & Tailoring/Soft Toy making: Table mounted foot and motor operated Sewing machine with accessories like Screw Driver (Small & Big), Seam Ripper, Scissors (Brass Handle 10"), Bobbin, Bobbin case, Needle Clamp, Machine Oil Bottle, Sewing Needles (No. 16), Thread Cutter and Lint Brush for Director Extension Education.

2. Purchase of SC/ST training material i.e. (Category-B) i) Juicer Mixer Grinder; ii) Pressure Cooker S. Steel, 5 Ltr., iii) Patila Heavy Bottom Base 5 Ltr. (Sandwitch Bottom), iv) Kadai Heavy Bottom Base 5 Ltr. (Sandwitch Bottom) for Director Extension Education.

3. Purchase of SC/ST training material i.e. (Category- C) Sprayer Techniques i) Power Knap-Sack Sprayer 15 Ltrs. for Director Extension Education.

4. Purchase of SC/ST training material i.e. (Category-D) i) Balti with Lid S. Steel (10 Ltrs.) 304 Grade ii) Patila Heavy Bottom Base (Sandwitch bottom) 7 Ltr. for Director Extension Education, CCSHAU, Hisar.

5. Purchase of SC/ST training material i.e. (Category-E) Nursery Raising i) Lawn Mover etc. for Director Extension Education.

6. Purchase of SC/ST training material i.e. (Category-F) OTG Oven 15 Ltr. with accessories for Director Extension Education.

For detail information and e-tendering schedule, please visit the website <http://tenders.hrymc.in> and University website <http://hau.ac.in> and Closing on 19.09.2022 upto 17:00 hours. Opening of Technical Bid on 20.09.2022 at 10:00 A.M. Opening of Financial Bid on 29.09.2022 at 10:00 AM.

NOTE:

1. All updates, amendments, Corrigenda etc. (if any) will be posted only on the CCS HAU Website/Tender website. There will not be any publication of the same through Newspapers or any other media.

2. Interested bidders are advised to deposit Bid Security/EMD on or before 48:00 hrs. of expiring date and time of bid online so as to get the payment verified.

Sd/- Director (Store & Purchase)

CCSHAU, Hisar

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD.

(A Government of Jharkhand Undertaking)

JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi – 834001

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CIN:U45200JH2013SGC001752

Corrigendum-01

PR Ref. No: 275787
NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/Septage/ Chas/Correspondence/2628/494
Project title: "Septage Management Scheme of Chas town"

Sl. No.	Clause No./ Reference No.	As per Tender Document	As per Corrigendum-01
1.	NIT & Timeline	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids - 01.09.2022 at 17:00 Hrs.	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids - 08.09.2022 at 17:00 Hrs.
2.		Last Date & Time of submission of bid security, cost of bid document - 02.09.2022 at 17:00 Hrs.	Last Date & Time of submission of bid security, cost of bid document - 09.09.2022 at 17:00 Hrs.
3.		Date & Time of bid opening(online) - 02.09.2022 at 17:30 Hrs.	Date & Time of bid opening - 09.09.2022 at 17:30 Hrs.
4.	EMD Amount in uploaded in e-procurement website	Rs. 4,00,600/-	Rs. 40,06,000/-

Note: Corrigendum-01(including date extension) and all other information can be referred from the e-tender site of Govt. of Jharkhand i.e. (<http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>).

Sd/-

Project Director (Technical)

JUIDCO Limited, Ranchi

PR 276610 Urban Development(22-23).D

Himachal Pradesh Public Work Department

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer Seraj Division HPPWD Janjehli Distt. Mandi on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractor registered with HP PWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor	Starting date for downlaod-ing bid	Deadline for submission of bid
1	Construction of Govt. Pharmacy College Seraj atbagsaid Distt. Mandi (SH:- C/o Auditorium and Guest House i.e. Building portion, WS & St, Septic tank , Soak pit and rainwater harvesting system)	9,19,83,497/-	18,39,700/-	5000/-	Class-A	08.09.2022 at 11.00 AM	15.09.2022 at 09.00 AM

The bidder is advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer

Seraj Division H.P.PWD

Janjehli Distt Mandi H.P

3561/HP

MADHYA PRADESH TOURISM BOARD

6th Floor, Lily Trade Wing, Jehangirabad, Bhopal-462008

Phone : +91 755-2780600, www.tourism.mp.gov.in

Tender No. 5087/199/MPTB/IP/WSA-G/2022

Dated: 26.08.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For Establishment, Operation & Maintenance of Way Side Amenities (Mid Way Treat) on lease in Madhya Pradesh

Online Bids are invited for Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of Way Side Amenities Green Field Model (Mid Way Treat) on lease by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board situated Ramkhiriya, District- Jabalpur and Kalhotiya, District- Narshingpur for 30 years lease.

Activities	Date and Time
Issue of Bid documents	Date : 30.08.2022
Pre-bid meeting	Date : 08.09.2022 Time : 12 O'Clock
Last date of submission of bid	Date : 07.10.2022 Time : 11:05 PM.
Opening of Technical Bids	Date : 10.10.2022 Time : 12 O'Clock
EMD (Bid Security)	Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rs. Two Lakh only)

The detail tender document at the cost of Rs. 5,900/- (Five Thousand Nine Hundred rupees only) (Including GST) only can be downloaded from website : www.mptenders.gov.in from 30.08.2022. The bidders are requested to submit the Tender fees and bid security online through e-payment.

Note :- For reference the details of RFP may also be seen on website www.tourism.mp.gov.in. M.P. Madhyam/106108/2022

MANAGING DIRECTOR

PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

TENDER NOTICE No: - CIVIL/EHO/31/01/2022-2023

Offers by way of e-tendering (Percentage) are invited by the City Engineer, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation from contractors in e-tendering system for following works.

1) The contractor shall quote his Percentage offer on the Cost of work excluding Royalty and material testing charges as mentioned below.

2) The offer for work shall be exclusive of GST. The GST at the applicable rate shall be paid separately by PCMC for work

3) Regarding the Royalty, the policy that the corporation determines will be binding on you.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated cost put to the Tender (Rs) (4+5+6)	Cost of Work excluding Royalty & Material testing charges (Rs)	Royalty (Rs)	Testing Charges (Rs)	Earnest money (Rs)	Security Deposit (Rs)	Time limit in calendar Months	Cost of Tender Document With G.S.T. (Non Refu-ndable) (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING AT WARD NO 06, MOSHI, DUDULGAON AT PCMC	19,04,40,212	19,02,72,882	10,98,497	1,67,330	9,52,201	95,22,011	36	37,430

Time table for the Tenders shall be as follows:

Online sale of tenders	:-	Date- 30/08/2022 to Date - 26/09/2022
Last date of submission of tenders	:-	Date - 26/09/2022 up to 3.00 pm
Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time (for above Rs. 1.50 Cr.)	:-	Date - 14/09/2022 at 3.00 pm
Place of Pre Bid Meeting	:-	Office of City Engineer, 1st Floor, PCMC Main Building Pimpri, Pune - 411018
Date of opening of tenders	:-	Date - 14/09/2022 at 3.00 pm (if possible)

The Municipal Commissioner PCMC reserves the right to accept or reject any tender partially or completely without any reason thereof. The details of above works, such as Security Deposit, Earnest Money Deposit, Terms & Conditions of the Tender and Schedule of works, are available on web site www.pcmcindia.gov.in, <http://mahatenders.gov.in>.

In case of any technical problem related to the tender document, the same can be referred to the NIC email support at eproc@nic.in or on telephone numbers 0120-4200462, 0120-4001002, 0120-4001005, 0120-6277787.

Sd/-

City Engineer

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation,

Pimpri – 411 018.

ADVT No. 212

No: ENGG/TEN/EHO/343/2022

Date :- 26/08/2022

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स.क्र.	टेंडर आई.डी.	कार्य का नाम	(1) ठेके की अनु.लगत राशि रु (2) अमानत राशि	टेंडर फार्म की राशि (रु में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की सम्भावधि	पंजीवन श्रेणी
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Borgohain's coach attributed the new national record to a change in his running posture.

Borgohain clocks 10.25s, claims 100m national record

NIHAL KOSHIE
AUGUST 29

ASSAM'S AMLAN Borgohain broke the national record in the men's 100 metres when he clocked 10.25 seconds at the Inter-railway athletics championships in Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. The 24-year-old Amlan is now the country's fastest in both the sprint events.

Earlier this year at the Federation Cup, he had clocked 20.52s to set a new national record in the men's 200 metres.

The previous 100 metre record was held by Amiya Kumar Mallick with a time of 10.26. Amlan's performance on Monday was a big improvement on his previous best time of 10.34 seconds.

Amlan's personal coach James Hillier puts down his improved timing to the work put in over the past three months to improve his running posture, and maintaining it when he gets tired.

"He ran very well in training two weeks ago. His posture looked the best I had ever seen. So last week I tested him over 100m through timing gates and he ran extremely well. So I knew the national record was under threat. But didn't want to say anything and jinx it," coach Hillier, who trains Amlan at the Odisha Reliance Foundation High Performance Centre in Bhubaneswar, said.

Amlan could run faster this year as his main targets are the National Games and the Open Nationals. "Also this part of the season is still early. I have not peaked him for this Railways Nationals so him running this fast is a bonus. I will be aiming to peak him at National Games and Open Nationals. Also wanted to improve his max speed and his 100m time this year. That will also improve his 200m," Hillier added.

The Athletics Federation of India will begin the process of ratifying the record once all the paper work, including photo finish details, are collected from the organisers.

Amlan started off by being a footballer but his mother asked him to quit the sport because he was getting injured too often.

"My mom asked me to either switch to a different sport or quit entirely. Playing football wasn't an option anymore. It was a tough decision to make," Amlan had told this paper last year. Looking back, the fastest man in India picked the right sport.

SWING AND A MISS

Babar Azam waited for the swing and was met with the bounce



Usually known for bowling full-length deliveries, in order to maximise the ball swinging, Bhvaneswar Kumar took a different approach against Babar Azam and got the in-form Pakistan captain with a bouncer.

India vs Pakistan

When India pick Jadeja and Pandya in their Playing XI, it's a virtual Playing 13

India-Pakistan Asia Cup game shows how the two all-rounders will be vital at the two World Cups they play in the next 10 months



EXPRESS IN UAE

SANDIP G
AUGUST 29

WATCHING RAVINDRA Jadeja's shattered stumps in the last over of the chase against Pakistan, Hardik Pandya plunged into the turf, as though mourning a personal loss. A few seconds later, he scrambled back onto his feet and sprinted towards Jadeja, still cussing the stroke that failed him, and wrapped an arm of comfort around him and uttered something in his ears that immediately brought some joy on Jadeja's face. Perhaps, it was an assurance from Pandya that he would nail the chase, or maybe it was a joke.

Later, in a chat between the two, Pandya confessed that the only time he felt emotional during the innings was when Jadeja perished. Throughout the brief interaction, you could sense their comfort and camaraderie, like two friends conversing casually. You could sense that throughout their match-winning stand too. After almost every delivery, they would engage in a quick chat, a chuckle, or an exchange of notes, or an observation about a field change.

When Pandya missed a wild slog early in his innings, Jadeja would gesture to him to calm down and walk across to mutter something in his ear. Every time one of them struck a boundary, the other would rush down the other end and pump their gloved fists. Their running between the wickets was akin to an Usain Bolt-Yohan Blake relay, smooth and supersonic, messages conveyed through nods and glances, as though they have a deep understanding of each other's thoughts and movements, as though they can think like each other. Perhaps, they could, even though they unite only for the national team.

Similar back stories

Both had to overcome harsh life realities in their childhood and teenage years. Their life-stories are well-storied—Jadeja's father was a watchman at a private firm and lived in a one-room apartment allocated to his mother, who was a nurse in a government hospital. Pandya, with his brother Krunal, had to borrow kits from friends, surviving on instant noodles in his journey to cricketing stardom. Undoubtedly, the tough comeuppance years have instilled in them a knack of bouncing back from setbacks, multiple injuries, criticisms and ridicule, as well as perhaps the rawness that has marked their early years.

The pair could debate over who among



Hardik Pandya's (L) tale is still seen from the lens of trapped potential while Ravindra Jadeja's outward flashiness is often misconstrued as arrogance.

them is the most trolled player, whose face is embossed into most memes, or whose failures are most celebrated, or whose blunders are most reviled.

They would not be faulted if they were to think that they are valued and respected more outside their country than inside it. Or perhaps, they would not bother about such trivialities of how people or a nation judges them.

Nonetheless, they are two cricketers lost in perception. Rather, the perceptions about them have not changed in lieu with their transformation.

even though they have upgraded their game to such an elevated level that they could be bracketed among the best contemporary all-rounders. But they are somehow seen through the same lens as they were seen in their younger days.

Pandya's tale is still about trapped potential, immensely talented but a reckless cricketer, a man who seemed to struggle with the

weight of his talent. Jadeja's outward flashiness—the sword-swishing celebrations, the love for horses and the tone of swagger—is often misconstrued as arrogance.

Rarest of rare

The reality is above all such lazy assumptions. Together, they are the most precious cricketers in Indian cricket—even more so if Hardik could reclaim his Test-match bowling fitness. A left-arm spin bowling all-rounder and a seam-bowling all-rounder of this mettle, both electrifying fielders to boot, are a luxury few teams could imagine.

The distribution is inequitable—Australia, South Africa and New Zealand have seam-bowling all-rounders, but no one that can bowl quality spin (that includes Mitchell Santner). West Indies have a bunch of pseudo-allrounders; Pakistan and Sri Lanka have neither entities of striking brilliance. Bangladesh have Shakib-al-Hasan but no seamer who could bat. Only England could boast of a better pair on paper—Ben Stokes and Moen Ali.

Together, Jadeja and Pandya could be the catalyst of changing India's white-balls World title winning dreams into a reality. In

the next 10 months, India would vie for winning two World Cups, T20s this year in Australia and the 50-overs one at home next year. Both would figure preeminently. The signs are getting clearer. Jadeja could be the floater, the left-handed dimension in the mix of right-handers heavy batting order. His batsmanship in T20s has drawn flak, but of late he has regained his old gusto that his focus on mastering Test-match batting seemed to have obliterated.

In liberating roles

But as he has shown multiple times in IPL, especially in the 2020 edition, he could be a remarkable destroyer, capable of wondrous power-hitting down the ground. Jadeja looks unstoppable when he looks to hit straight, rather than swiping across the line, looking to muscle through the leg side, which brought his downfall against Pakistan. When playing straight, he gets into tremendous positions, the bat-

swing is fluent, the head is still, he generates considerable power and finds the perfect placement. Give him freedom and it may not be too long before he harnesses his under-utilised white-ball batting potential.

Just as a destroyer than enforcer role could liberate Pandya's bowling. Pandya's bowling has, of late, downgraded to third-fourth seamer status, able to block up an end and, when the ball swung and seamed, take useful wickets. Perhaps this was because his body could not endure the rigours of bowling at full pelt.

On Sunday he bowled like peak Pandya, a throwback to his 50-over debut in Dharamshala where he bowled with the fire and feistiness of a genuine pacer, when he purchased both bounce and zip, when he hurried batsmen. "He can bowl really quickly, we saw that today with those short balls. It was always about just understanding his game and he's doing that well now," Rohit Sharma would observe.

13-member squad

Against Pakistan, he was the quickest and sharpest of the four bowlers. He purchased more bounce than Avesh Khan and coaxed as much movement as Bhuvneshwar Kumar. Like Jadeja, he would be thrust into various duties with the bat—could be a pinch-hitter up the order, or a finisher down the order. It is often said that a quality all-rounder—one who can bat in the top six and would also be selected separately as a front-line bowler—can make the 11-member team look like a 12-member one. Playing against India with a peak Jadeja and Pandya would be akin to combatting 13 players.

Besides, in common with many champion cricketers, their contributions defy raw numbers, defined instead by the classic unquantifiables of timing, showmanship, athleticism, calmness under pressure and an uncanny ability to pick up key wickets and wickets.

They can make things happen—produce a wicket from nowhere, manage boundaries from nowhere, effect a run-out or pluck a blinder. Nothing frazzles them—they could hit the winning runs in the last over; they could pick the vital wickets in the last over too. The self-assurance is mind-boggling. Just sample this remark from Pandya when asked about scoring six runs off the last three balls: "We only needed 7 off the last over but even if we needed 15, I'd have fancied myself. I know the bowler is under more pressure than me in the 20th over."

That sums up the essence of his cricketing soul—undaunted and uninhibited. In a similar situation, Jadeja's response too would have been the same.

You can't measure this sort of talent or plot it on a graph. But it is talent nonetheless, and one borne of personality as much as persistence, of temperament as much as technique. A combination of virtues that could decide tournaments.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI
AUGUST 29

BHUVNESHWAR KUMAR bowls at 130 kph range. He generally bowls full, so that he can maximise the air-time and get more swing - his primary art. He mostly sticks to a simple game plan - after several full-length away swingers, he bowls the in-cutter that's slightly short of length. It's the delivery that sneaks between the forward moving left stride that hasn't yet been planted and the tentative bat to hit the stumps. But on Sunday, India's new ball bowler struck the most-vital blow of the India-Pak Asia Cup with a very un-Bhuvball. He got Pakistan's in-form captain Babar Azam with a bouncer.

There's a reason banging the ball in his half of the pitch isn't a plan that Bhuvneshwar usually follows. Being from the Meerut gharana - Praveen Kumar being the famous ustaad of that cricketing hub - Bhuvball is programmed to bowl full and let the ball float around like a butterfly. He doesn't have the pace to surprise the batsmen or infuse dread in their minds. With Bhuvneshwar running in, batsmen don't fear getting hit.

So what worked for Bhuvball? Actually, it was still the Indian pacer's reputed swing that had a role to play in him getting the wicket of Babar with a short one. To understand this, see where

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Babar is standing when facing India's very own Sultan of Swing. The Pakistan opener's back leg is on the crease and front one is a stride head. It's an old play batsmen use to cut the swing.

So when the batsman shifts down the pitch, the bowlers tend to pull back the length. This reduces two things - the ball's air-time and as a result the swing. MS Dhoni had a ploy to bring the batsmen back to the crease. He would stand up, just next to the stumps. This would force the batsmen to retreat back to the crease, since they knew that missing the ball would mean getting stumped.

The tactic had one disadvantage. Most swing bowlers - Praveen and Bhuvball - hate when the keeper stands up. This isn't just an

ego thing since that is just a public admonition of lack of pace. No new ball bowler in the world likes this. A famous story goes that once when the captain Sunil Gavaskar found his young spearhead Kapil Dev not bowling at his full pace, he asked the wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani to stand up to the stumps. Kapil stopped in his tracks, got the message, sent Kirmani back and upped his pace.

Besides, there is another factor. Wicket-keeper not sticking to his usual place makes them conscious and this impacts their natural rhythm. At the back of the mind is the fact that an error in line would mean '4 byes'.

On Sunday, Dinesh Karthik didn't stand up since the team had a different bowling plan. Look at the field placement when Bhuvneshwar started the Indian innings. Square leg and third man were the only two fielders out of the 30-yard circle. Arshdeep Singh inside the circle at short fine leg.

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Babar is a safe player of the pull. He plays it down and in front of the square. The Indian bowling group would have discussed that a short ball to Babar with just one man on the leg side would force him

to play the pull. He did.

The Pakistan captain did most things right - he was in position and he was trying to keep the ball down. But a couple of things went against him - he was standing out of the crease and Bhuvball isn't an express pacer. Babar didn't get the space to manoeuvre the pull resulting in him mistiming the ball. Bhuvball's pace wasn't in the 140 kph range so the ball didn't fly over the fence. It landed in the hands of Arshdeep at short fine leg.

One other thing foxed Babar: the bounce. Watch his pull, again. It's a horizontal bat-shot, usually deployed to chest-high balls. But this rose higher, towards the shoulder, and kept climbing, and the way the bat came horizontally across the chest wasn't going to be ideal. Because he was standing outside the crease, he met the ball at its steepest climb up, making things more difficult for him. At the last instant, due to the extra bounce, Babar ends up at an awkward position, the bat-face tilting up towards the skies when he makes contact. Not surprising then, it popped straight up.

It was a game-changing dismissal every-day can't be Sunday. Babar is too fine a batsman to get out pulling a 130 kph bouncer with just one man guarding the square leg fence. And Bhuvball is too versatile to stick to the same plan. Babar vs Bhuvball Round Two will see the clever cricketer coming with fresh tactics.

US colleges, finishing school for elite athletes

NAMIT KUMAR

WHEN TEJASWIN Shankar's first American scholarship offer to play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) arrived, he was in disbelief. "I thought it was some sort of scam. *Aapko koi leke bhi jaa raha hai, padha bhi raha hai, rakhi bhi raha hai, aur sab kuchh free mein*," (Your travel, education and stay are all free), I thought it was a kidnapping racket," he told *The Indian Express* earlier this month.

Later, when he realised it was a system of over 500 schools, each specialising in a different sport, in the top collegiate competition in the world, he became an advocate of it.

"If it's free and we can use it, why are we relying on the government to spend crores of rupees on sports budgets? Trust your athletes to come back home and perform at a high level," he said. Tejaswin's conviction has paid off: The 23-year-old high jumper's bronze at the recent Commonwealth Games was one of a whopping 45 medals won by NCAA athletes worldwide in track and field alone. 21 of those were gold, and medallists came from Africa and the Caribbean, from UK and Australia.

Today, American colleges are full of international student-athletes finding huge success. At the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Eugene this year, 15 champions came from countries outside the United States, including Tunisia, St Lucia, Morocco, and Zimbabwe.

One of those 15 champions was Tejaswin. The high jumper is a six-time All-American athlete and set the Indian national record of 2.29m for Kansas State University in 2018. At the Hayward Field, he became just the second Indian to win two NCAA championships, alongside Somdev Devvarman.

Devvarman himself is one of just 13 players to have ever won consecutive Division 1 tennis titles at that level, the second of which saw him post a win-loss record of 44-1. Less than a year later, he became the first Indian since Leander Paes to reach the final of an ATP event at the Chennai Open, where he had entered the main draw as a wildcard.

Devvarman is another advocate of young Indians taking the American scholarship route. The former Top 70 player told *The Indian Express* that there are things he learnt and unlearned – on and off the court – while going through the system, without which he was not likely to become the player that he became. Though his parameters of success weren't merely winning medals or trophies.

"I joined the University of Virginia back in 2004, which was a top division 1 programme under the NCAA. But I was not very confident that I would be able to go pro. What mattered



Tejaswin Shankar

to me was just having the freedom to play. To do what I knew best. And over there, with the structure and organisation they gave me, everything from strength coaches to taking care of my nutrition, I felt I got that freedom," he said.

On his way to the NCAA title in 2007, Devvarman defeated future two-time Grand Slam finalist Kevin Anderson in the semifinal, and then future top-10 player and US No.1 John Isner in the final. He believes that the exposure he gained, to train and compete with some of the world's best young players, was crucial to his development.

Breeding ground for medallists

Tejaswin and Devvarman are not the only high-profile athletes to go the NCAA way. In the late 1960s, triple jumper Mohinder Singh Gill went through the system before winning Commonwealth and Asian Games medals. Discus thrower Vikas Gowda was the 2004 NCAA champion, and 10 years later, won a Commonwealth Games gold in Glasgow.

But Devvarman believes more Indians eligible for scholarships should be taking advantage of the structure that the NCAA can provide. "For any athlete, the most difficult jump is going from a successful junior career to the pros. That period is usually when they are at university, between 18 and 22. Playing consistently and looking after your body at that time is so crucial," he said.

He stresses promising young Indians like Sumit Nagal and Karman Kaur Thandi, too could have benefited from the support he had at that age. "They (Karman and Sumit) have

struggled with injuries. I remember going through the same in that phase. But in Virginia, I had dedicated training rooms, I could get scans done, get the right rehabilitation process, the right advice, the right training regimen.

"Frankly, in India, this can be quite hard. The whole ecosystem does not exist, and if you want to create it, you have to pay exorbitant costs," the former tennis player said.

An athlete's career is short, he says, and in their developmental years, they are one ill-timed injury away from failing to reach the heights they can. In those years, having a support system can be crucial.

He wishes more people knew about the choices they have.

For all the evident opportunities an NCAA scholarship may provide though, the lack of accessibility is a challenge.

There are various divisions in the system, and getting a top-level Division 1 scholarship involves cut-throat competition, not just on the field, but academically too. Most schools have qualifying criteria for their scholarships, which include competitive test scores as well as minimum cut-off scores at all levels of senior schooling. It requires a certain level of academic inclination and command over the English language which a national junior champion, who does not come from a privileged background, may not have.

There are financial constraints too. Schools at the top of the competitive curve are likely to give 100 percent scholarships only to a high-level recruit, and it is even rarer for international students. So, if financial aid is the primary concern, a student-athlete may have to settle financially for a lesser school, which could be detrimental to their development.

Tejaswin's case also highlights an apprehension of Indian sports bodies. The Delhi-based athlete was snubbed by the Athletics Federation of India for the Asian Championships back in 2019, failing to recognise his results in the US after he missed the Federation Cup. Ahead of the CWG this year, barring a last-minute court intervention, history was about to repeat itself. Devvarman puts these constraints into perspective before advising young athletes to pursue the same route as him. He maintained the focus in the NCAA as on developing well-rounded athletes, which has value beyond sport.

"It depends on what your priorities are. A lot of student-athletes I trained with realised they can't make it to the top, or don't want to. They went on to find success in other things in life, for which a great education opened doors for them. But if winning medals and competing at the top is the priority, and 100 percent scholarships are not on the table, these things must be kept in mind," he said.

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1.	Bank of Baroda, Siwan Branch Borrower :Mr. Jawahar Lal Prasad S/o Bishwanath Prasad, CO-Borrower :MS. Suman Devi W/o- Mr. Jawahar Lal Prasad. Both are at Tarwara, P.O.- Tarwara, P.S.- G.B. Nagar, Tarwara, PIN- 841506.	Immoveable property vide Sale Deed No.-I-3052/2014 being residential building belonging to MS. SUMAN DEVI W/F MR. JAWAHAR LAL PRASAD situated at Mauza-Tarwara appertaining to Tauzi No.-1505, Thana No.-538, Khata No.-242, Plot/Survey No.-3875, Thana- G B NAGAR, TARWARA, Dist.- Siwan, Boundaries :N: NIJ Present Ramdas Mahato, S: Viswanath Prasad and Ambika Prasad , E: Nahar present Bandh & Nahar , W: Charitar Mahto (Dinanath Chaudhan & Dinkar Pd. Ranjan.Total Area being 01 Katha 07 Dhoor and 10 Dhorki.e, 2227.50 sq. ft.	Rs. 21,96,691.55/- as on (07.01.2022) plus Interest & Other Charges	14/09/2022 & 02:00 PM to 6:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 mins till sale is concluded	Rs. 50,08,500/- Rs. 5,00,850/- Rs. 20,000/-	Symbolic	From 01.09.2022 to 10.09.2022 & 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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2.	Bank of Baroda, Siwan Branch Borrower: Mr. Bhagelu Singh, S/o Late Manshi Singh (Prop. of Patel Cement Stores), At Barhani Bazar, Barhariya, PO- Barhani, PS- Siwan, Dist.- Siwan-841227	Immoveable property vide Sale Deed No.-I-18508, Dated- 30.10.2002 belonging to Mr. Bhagelu Singh, S/o Late Manshi Singh situated at Mauza- Barhani at Barhani Bazar appertaining to Tauzi No.-1031, Thana No.-338, Khata No.-89, Plot/Survey No.-1017, Thana-Siwan (M), Near Indian Oil Petrol Pump, in Siwan, Boundaries :N: Ramadaur Mahato, S: Bhajan Mahto, E: Sheogovind Pandey , W: Rasta (40' Wide Govt. Road).Total Area being 04 Katha 06 Dhoor i.e, 16 Decimals (As Per Deed)	Rs. 61,21,225/-as on (03.03.2022) plus Interest & Other Charges	14/09/2022 & 02:00 PM to 6:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 mins till sale is concluded	Rs. 87,31,800/- Rs. 8,73,180/- Rs. 20,000/-	Symbolic	From 01.09.2022 to 10.09.2022 & 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Authorised Officer Mob. No. : 8294635933							
3.	Bank of Baroda, Mohammadpur Branch, Muz Borrower : Mrs. Veena Singh W/o Mr. Subodh Kumar Singh, At Kolhua Paigambarpur, PS- Ahiyapur, Block Kantil, Dist.- Muzaffarpur Bihar	Equitable mortgage of land & building in the name of Mrs. Veena Singh W/o Mr. Subodh Kumar Singh situated at Kolhua Paigambarpur, PS- Ahiyapur, Block Kantil, Dist.- Muzaffarpur, Jamabandi No.-14868, Thana No.- 482, Khata No.-111, Khesra No.-2754 M, Total Area- 2.4 Decimals, Boundaries :N: Vender, S: Other Vendee, E: Other Vandee, W: Road	Rs. 4,40,608.11/- as on (31.07.2019) plus Interest & Other Charges	14/09/2022 & 02:00 PM to 6:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 mins till sale is concluded	Rs. 26,47,800/- Rs. 2,64,780/- Rs. 20,000/-	Symbolic	From 01.09.2022 to 10.09.2022 & 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Authorised Officer Mob. No. : 9324628974							

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm> and <https://ibapi.in>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer.

Place : Muzaffarpur
Date : 29.08.2022

Authorised Officer
Bank Of Baroda

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Dedicated towards a safer & cleaner environment



Harbauer India works to find water treatment solutions with a focus on conserving the environment. Can you talk about what technological advancements and components are used by Harbauer in its products to help conserve the environment?

Harbauer believes in innovative solution in the water treatment segment with their, "dedicated towards a safer and cleaner environment". Most of our water treatment are based on "Zero Liquid Discharge" Technology, which means not one drop of water is wasted while treating the ground water loaded with impurities like iron, arsenic, fluoride, uranium etc in to safe drinking water; unlike other technologies which has a minimum reject water ranging from 30 to 60%. Our technology is adsorption based which means when the water passes through our filter media the chemical bonding of the compounds change and it becomes a new bonding hence it is also anti-leachment; in simpler terms it means that if the spent media if disposed as municipal waste, does not allow the impurities to go back in its natural form and further pollute the environment. Further as a part of our corporate strategy and our vision of cleaner and safer environment we have given our spent media as a raw material component to the clay brick kilns, the minerals the spent media makes the bricks more robust for constructions. Several researches have been done with our patented media "the Granular Ferric Hydroxide" for Arsenic Removal, at the Berlin University of Technology and in India at NEERI& IIT(Kharagpur), and unanimously they have concluded that it is so far the best media available for Arsenic Removal; it also has the maximum surface area for absorption which means that it can allow maximum amount of Arsenic Absorption; therefore; once the filter vessels are loaded with this material you need not change it frequently.

Harbauer India, which is a wholly-owned German Subsidiary of Harbauer GmbH, boasts 16 of research experience. Can you talk about the findings of the research?

Our researches are multi folds; on one side we focus on Zero Liquid Discharge systems to ensure minimum water wastage and on the other hand we make our water treatment models design friendly. In Germany, we pioneer in process water purification which means we take the water from a source; treat it and give it back to the environment by recharging the ground water or to an industry for manufacturing processes. There are still areas in Berlin where due to oil seepages during the World Wars, the ground water is contaminated with oil; we drill this water out, treat it and recharge the water table. The Granular Ferric Hydroxide, air purification through UV rays, compact-multi level water purification systems in the food industry; minimum space usage for purification and desalination systems for the ship industry are some of the research experiences which are shared in our cap.



So far you have worked with the governments of many Indian states — West Bengal, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar and Chattisgarh — Can you talk about the various projects that you worked on for each of them?

Our presence in India is since the year 2003, where the menace of Arsenic was creating a havoc in the Indo Gangetic Planes starting from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chattisgarh, West Bengal and finally to Bangladesh. Since our inception we have done various projects in providing safer drinking water to the residents of these states in association with the Public Health Departments of these states; also we have we are the first to initiate fluoride removal systems in these areas. We also work in the segment of waste water and effluent removal systems.

In addition to the traditional water treatment system networks, Harbauer has also come up with innovative initiatives such as Water on Wheels, a Mobile Water Testing Laboratory and the Water ATM. Can you talk to us about each of those initiatives?

As a mid-sized company, Harbauer is always focused in doing something out of the box and this endeavour is backed by years of research on human behaviour and grassroots data of our rural lifestyles and habitats. In our studies during the late 2006-07 we found out that though there were a number of water treatment plants set up by the government, people were either not eager to collect

water from these community level plants due to the poor hygiene or they did not understand the importance of drinking pure water, needless to say maintenance was a big issue. Therefore, we designed a flat pack modular, eco-friendly, child-friendly system which we named H2.0 – the Water ATM. It looked fascinating and was accepted wholesomely by our diverse rural communities. The inquisitiveness in the masses was extreme. Everyone wanted to walk past the machine just to discover how it function; never had they seen such a small community based water treatment system. Harbauer, bagged a total order of 200 plants all over North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, 15 plants in Bihar and started working in Government Schools. The motto of the government was to spread awareness programmes through these systems through health and hygiene messages and when the kids carry this purified water to their home parents would drink it as they would understand the importance of safe drinking water through a part of the educational reforms . The Water ATM's were later replicated in the city of Kolkata, with a special focus on the Government Hospitals with a Pay-and-Use model to reduce wastage at a mere "Rs 2 "/liter of pure, cold drinking water.



Water ATM in Schools

Harbauer India is a one stop solution providing quality services to solve environmental issues. Working at the core of its relentless, passionate and purposeful pursuit for surpassing expectations in providing cleaner environment, Harbauer India, contributing to the society's welfare and development by offering them the best of drinking water solutions. On the occasion of World Water Week, Urjesha Butt, Head of Strategy, Harbauer India Private Limited, shared her thoughts with us.



Mobile Van Outside view of the mobile van



Water ATM in Hospitals

points of the discharge and purification nodes to also have a fair understanding of leakages and increasing the life of installed WTP's with preventive maintenance thus ensuring proper usage of development funds by the Governments.

As a company that has over a decade of experience in the water treatment business, can you talk about the challenges you face in ensuring top-notch quality? Also, can you point out the inadequacies in the technologies used today that need re-looking and restructuring?

Having our roots in Europe and particularly in the technological hub of Germany, we have always believed at heart that the Field Operations Team of technicians, plumbers, fitters, play the most important role in the technological advancement of the society. We have always believed that Quality is not the subject of the corporate elite and it should flowdown to our Field Operations Team to the last node of plant operators, only then quality reflects in the products and services. Our experience proves that skills are not acquired by studying in Degree colleges, but is gained at the Diploma Colleges, Vocational Schools and the ITIs. We are one of the few corporates who take pride in hiring diploma engineers and promote them to Senior designations. Our educational institutions focus more on theoretical knowledge and hands-on training is a miss, it therefore, takes a long time in skilling these manpower to take up responsibilities. Our markets are price sensitive and in such price competitive markets, quality and long term goals sometimes take a back seat. We have our focus on grassroots innovations which help us design advanced products that are robust and long lasting while achieving our clients price targets and does not compromise on quality.