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# Govt withdraws data protection Bill to bring revamped, refreshed regulation

## Centre hopes to introduce new legislation in winter session of Parliament

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

THE GOVERNMENT has withdrawn the Personal Data Protection Bill from Parliament as it looks to come up with a "comprehensive legal framework" for regulating online space including separate legislation on data privacy, the overall internet ecosystem, cybersecurity, telecom regulations, and harnessing non-personal data for boosting innovation in the country.

This comes after nearly four years of the Bill being in the works, where it went through multiple iterations including a review by a Joint Committee of Parliament (JCP), and faced pushback from a range of stakeholders including tech companies and privacy activists.

According to IT Ministry sources, the government is targeting the winter session of Parliament to introduce the new legislation.

A senior official said the new Bill will incorporate the broader ideas of data protection as recommended by the JCP and will be in line with the Supreme Court's landmark judgment of 2017 in which it held privacy as a fundamental right.

Given the significant number of amendments suggested by the JCP, the need to comprehensively redraw the contours of the legislation was necessitated, the official said.

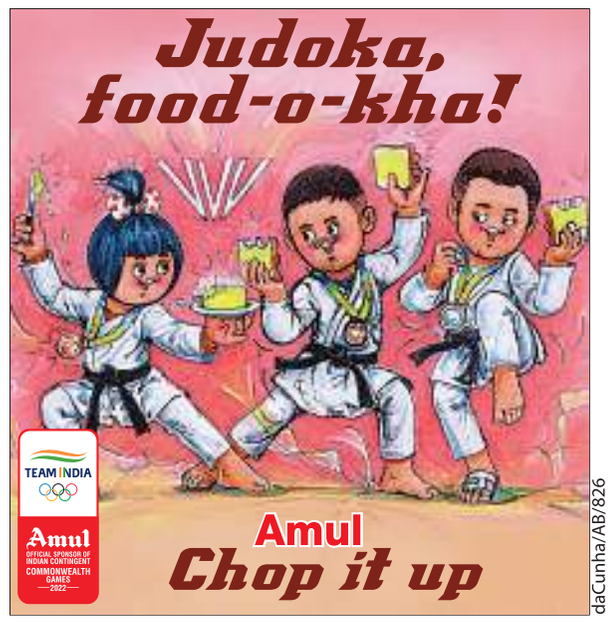
The data protection Bill has been in the works since 2018 when a panel, led by retired Supreme Court judge Justice B N Srikrishna, had prepared a draft version of the Bill. After that, it was reviewed by a JCP which

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**Many pushed back**

BIG TECH firms had questioned the data localisation provision, under which they needed to store a copy of sensitive personal data within India and export of undefined "critical" personal data was prohibited.




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# Need committee to look at freebies issue, suggest measures: SC

## CJI bench seeks suggestions in a week from all stakeholders — Govt to Opp

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

WITH THE Centre in favour of an end to freebies by political parties using public money to lure voters, the Supreme Court Wednesday sought suggestions from petitioners and respondents, in a plea seeking directions against freebies, on the composition of a committee which can go into the issue "dispassionately" and make recommendations.

The bench of Chief Justice of India N V Ramana and Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli said, "After hearing the counsel, the considered opinion of the court is that... all the stakeholders, the beneficiaries and the people who are opposing these freebies, and in addition to that the government as well as organisations like Niti Aayog, Finance Commission, RBI and Opposition parties... have to be involved in the process of making some

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The ED notice outside the office of Young Indian in New Delhi on Wednesday. *Express*

# National Herald case: ED seals Young Indian office; Cong says 'under siege'

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A DAY after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) initiated a search operation at Herald House in Delhi in connection with a money laundering probe, the agency on Wednesday sealed an office in the building of Young Indian — a firm linked to the Gandhi family, which had acquired Associated Journals Limited, the publisher of *National Herald* newspaper.

Sources in the ED said the office was sealed temporarily because the search could not take place on Tuesday in the absence of a representative of the firm.

"The principal officer Mallikarjun Kharge (Congress leader) came yesterday but left the premises without getting the searches conducted. Summons have been sent to the principal officer (Kharge) to get the search concluded. As and when the authorised person presents himself for concluding the search, the seal will be lifted," an ED officer told *The Indian Express*.

The Delhi Police, meanwhile, increased deployment of

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ON SC ORDER

# PMLA ruling dangerous, hope it will be short-lived: 16 Opp parties

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

THE SUPREME Court's judgment upholding the constitutional validity of provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act relating to the Enforcement Directorate's power of arrest, attachment, search and seizure has united the Opposition, with 16 parties issuing a joint statement Wednesday, calling it a "dangerous verdict" which they hoped will be "short-lived".

Signatories to the statement include the TMC and AAP, two parties which had been maintaining distance from the Congress-led Opposition bloc, and independent MP Kapil Sibal.

Sources said considerable effort by many leaders went into getting several Opposition parties to sign the joint letter. A senior Opposition leader called it one of the "rare instances" when most Opposition parties have shown unity of purpose. While the TMC reached out to the AAP,

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11-NATION GROUPING

# Concern in Delhi over not being part of US-led critical minerals alliance

## Given India's EV and electronics push, rare earth minerals vital to growth

MIHIR MISHRA & AANCHAL MAGAZINE
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THERE IS growing concern in the Government over India not finding a place in the Minerals Security Partnership, an ambitious new US-led partnership to secure supply chains of critical minerals, aimed at reducing dependency on China.

The Union Finance Ministry is learnt to have communicated with the Ministry of External Affairs to explore the possibility of how New Delhi can join the 11-member group, a senior official told *The Indian Express*.

This assumes significance given that one of the key elements of India's growth strategy is powered by an ambitious shift in the mobility space through the conversion of a large part of public and private transport to electric vehicles. This, alongside a concerted electronics manufacturing push, underlines the need to secure the supply of critical minerals.

Besides the US, the MSP includes Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the European Commission.

The new grouping, industry insiders say, could focus on the supply chains of minerals such as Cobalt, Nickel, Lithium and also the 17 "rare earth" minerals.

While Cobalt, Nickel and Lithium are required for batteries used in electric vehicles, rare earth minerals are critical, in trace amounts, in the semiconductors and high-end electronics manufacturing.

This new alliance is seen as being primarily focused on evolving an alternative to China, which has created processing infrastructure in rare earth minerals and has acquired mines in Africa for elements such as cobalt.

India's exclusion from the MSP comes when there is renewed cooperation with Washington DC on multiple other fronts, including the 'Quad' informal grouping that brings

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POLITICS OF ECONOMICS

# Who will bell *revadi* cat? EC to Niti, Finance to RBI, why hands tied

P VAIDYANATHAN IYER
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

WHO WILL bell the cat? This is the question and the refrain in the highest echelons of the bureaucracy as it looks at dire state economic data and plans on how to respond to the Supreme Court's prod for suggestions in the wake of the Prime Minister's flagging the politics of freebies (*revadi*).

*The Indian Express* spoke to key officials in the Union Ministry of Finance; state Finance Ministers; Election Commission of India, Fifteenth Finance Commission, Niti Aayog, the Reserve Bank of India, and the Comptroller and Auditor General and found a consensus on three key issues.

One, both the Centre and the states have been liberal with handouts — support to poor by a state is called a freebie by Centre, and vice versa. Two, existing laws and mandates do not allow ECI, CAG, Niti Aayog, and the Finance Commission to step in.

And, three, the Centre is wary that any unilateral curbs on states will allow political leaders there to blame Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not letting them "do good" for the people.

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GOVT NOTE ON SUCCESSOR REACHES CJI

# SC collegium decides: Freeze on new postings until next CJI takes over

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

THE SUPREME Court collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, met Wednesday and decided to not make any recommendation for the appointment of judges until the next CJI, Justice U U Lalit, takes over later this month.

Hours after the meeting, the Secretariat of the CJI said that it has received a communication at 9.30 pm, dated August 3, from the Union Law Minister requesting the CJI to "recommend the name of his successor".

At the collegium meeting, it is learnt that some members expressed their opinion that it would be more prudent to wait until the next CJI takes over for the appointments to be recommended for high courts and the Supreme Court. CJI Ramana is set to retire on August 26.

According to established convention, the collegium does not make any fresh recommendation for such appointments once the incumbent CJI

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Chief Justice of India N V Ramana; and Justice U U Lalit

# Uttarakhand plans 'Modi Circuit' in Corbett, map is Man vs Wild episode

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, AUGUST 3

THE UTTARAKHAND government is working on tourist circuits for Maa Bhagwati, Shiva, Vishnu, Nav-grah, Golju Maharaj, Nagdevta, Hanuman, and Vivekanand. Next up is a 'Modi Circuit'.

The state Tourism Department is working out a trail that will cover the places visited and activities done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a special episode of the survival reality show 'Man vs Wild', with Bear Grylls, shot inside the Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand.

Senior officials said they have

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PM Narendra Modi with Bear Grylls in *Man vs Wild*

# This I-Day, to secure skies over Red Fort, Delhi Police enlist local help: Keep kite-flying on hold

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MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

THIS INDEPENDENCE Day, the skyline over Red Fort will be free of kites.

At least, that's what the Delhi Police is aiming for on August 15, which is also the national capital's unofficial kite-flying day.

In a first-of-its-kind security outreach to prevent stray kites from falling inside Red Fort during the Prime Minister's address to the nation and the flag-hoisting ceremony, the police have sought the cooperation of 231 regular kite-flyers from the walled city area to ensure a clear sky for about three hours that morning.

That's not all.

The police in Delhi's north district, where Red Fort is located, have also identified around 350 rooftop locations where their personnel will carry long bamboo sticks to snag stray kites. At one point, they had even planned to rope in skilled kite-flyers to snap the strings of others' kites but that move was later shelved.

According to a senior police officer, the new Delhi Police Commissioner, Sanjay Arora, was briefed about the initiative when he sought a presentation about the force's preparations for Independence Day hours after taking charge on Monday.

"Immediately, the north and central district DCPs, and DCP (security division), were asked to come with their presentations. They informed the police chief that they have identified all skilled kite-flyers of their area, and that they will keep them engaged from 6 am to 9 am on August 15," the officer said.

"They also informed him that some skilled kite-flyers offered to stop other flyers also till 9 am," the officer said.

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Kite-flying in Old Delhi on Independence Day. *Express Archive*



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## Mineral alliance

together the US, Japan, Australia and India. As part of this grouping, a Quad Vaccine Partnership was announced last year.

Subsequent to the Quad, India was included as a member of a new economic grouping alongside Israel, the UAE and the US -- the I2U2 -- that focuses on six key areas of cooperation: health, water, transportation, food security, space and energy. The new MSP grouping is aimed at catalysing investment from governments and the private sector for strategic opportunities.

"Demand for critical minerals, which are essential for clean energy and other technologies, is projected to expand significantly in the coming decades. The MSP will help catalyse investment from governments and the private sector for strategic opportunities — across the full value chain — that adhere to the highest environmental, social, and governance standards," the US State department said in a June 14 statement.

India is seen as a late mover in attempts to enter the lithium value chain, coming at a time when EVs are predicted to be a sector ripe for disruption. The year 2022 is likely to be an inflection point for battery technology – with several potential improvements to the Li-ion technology, and alternatives to this tried-and-tested formulation in advanced stages of commercialisation.

In mid-2020, India, through a newly floated state-owned company, had signed an agreement with an Argentinian firm to jointly prospect lithium in the South American country that has the third largest reserves of the metal in the world. The company, Khanij Bidesh India Ltd, was incorporated in August 2019 by three state-owned companies, NALCO, Hindustan Copper, and Mineral Exploration Ltd, with the specific mandate to acquire strategic mineral assets such as lithium and cobalt abroad. The company is also exploring options in Chile and Bolivia, and in Australia.

Rare earth comprises seventeen elements and are classified as light RE elements (LREE) and heavy RE elements (HREE). Some RE are available in India such as Lanthanum, Cerium, Neodymium, Praseodymium and Samarium, while others such as Dysprosium, Terbium, Europium that are classified as HREE are not available in Indian deposits in extractable quantity.

Hence, there is a dependence on countries such as China for HREE, which is one of the leading producers of RE with an estimated 70 per cent of the global production. Industry watchers say that one reason India would not have found a place in the grouping is because the country does not bring much expertise to the table. In the group, countries like Australia and Canada have reserves and also technology to extract them and countries like Japan have the technology to process.

## PMLA ruling

TRS and Sibal, the Congress spoke to the other parties including the Left, DMK, NCP and RJD.

Several Opposition parties including the Congress, TMC, NCP, Shiv Sena and CPM are facing ED heat and sources said the judgment has become a matter of common concern.

"We place on record our deep apprehension on the long-term implications of the recent Supreme Court judgment upholding, in entirety, the amendments to the PMLA without examining whether some of these amendments could have been enacted by way of the Finance Act. If tomorrow the Supreme Court upholds that the challenged amendments through the Finance Act is bad in law, then the entire exercise would become futile and a loss of judicial time," the statement said. Asserting that they hold the SC in highest respect, the parties said "yet, we are compelled to point out that the judgment should have awaited the verdict of a larger Bench for examining the Constitutionality of the Finance Act route to carry out amendments."

"These far-reaching amendments strengthened the hands of a government, indulging in political vendetta of the worst kind, by using these very amended laws relating to money laundering and investigation agencies, to target its political opponents in a mischievous and malicious manner," the statement said.

The parties said they were "very disappointed that the highest judicial authority, invited to give an independent verdict on the lack of checks and balances in the Act, has virtually reproduced arguments given by the executive in support of draconian amendments. We hope that the dangerous verdict will be short-lived and constitutional provisions will prevail soon," the parties said.

Among signatories to the statement are leaders of the Congress, TMC, DMK, CPM, CPI, RJD, Shiv Sena, NCP, RLD, SP, JMM, AAP, IUML, RSP, Kerala Congress (M) and the MDMK.

## SC on freebies

brainstorming and come to some conclusions on these issues. So, we direct all the parties to make their suggestions about the composition of such a body and make recommendations."

It asked the two sides to submit their suggestions in a week.

During the hearing, the CJI said the reality is that "no political party will allow to take out these freebies. All want this. That's the reality". Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the bench that such "populist announcements... distort the informed decision-making of the voter. They don't know what's going to fall on them. This is the way we are heading towards economic disaster".

At the outset, the CJI said it is not only the rich who should get benefits but the poor too and said the question is to what extent can it be checked. Senior Advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for Advocate Ashwini Upadhyay who is the petitioner, responded "from whose pocket it will come to go to whose pocket" will have to be considered so that the voter will know. "(Given to) my left pocket, and after a few years, taken from my right pocket. That's the long and short... I am a poor person. I am the beneficiary. I would be happy that I am getting something in my left pocket, not knowing that it will be taken out from my right pocket after a few years," Mehta weighed in.

The CJI said various aspects will have to be looked into before taking any final decision on the matter. Singh said the Election Commission could look at having a model election manifesto which says "there is no harm in what you are offering, but where you are getting it from... If it declares this is the debt of the state, this debt I will take care. And this is the money I am getting from this source and I will pay to these people".

CJI Ramana, however, expressed doubts on the effectiveness of such a model manifesto and said there were such proposals in the past for model manifestoes against criminal antecedents of candidates etc. "These are all empty formalities," he said. Mehta said there can be a model code and the ECI can definitely apply its mind. But the CJI did not seem to agree and said the model code will only come into effect during elections: "Mr Mehta, when will the model code come into play? It will come into play just before elections. All the four years you do certain things and (in the) last year, model code of conduct!"

Mehta said it can be a time-bound thing and can come into force immediately. To Singh's contention that all such promises are election related, the CJI said the court is not viewing it only from that angle, but "other issues" will also have to be looked into. He said the court was looking at it from the perspective of the country's economy. "We are heading towards a disaster," Mehta said.

The CJI said, "I am a little concerned about these issues... The ECI and government can't say we don't want to do. Let some people who are concerned with these matters, who can look into the pros and cons dispassionately, make a suggestion and then we can take a call... We can ask them to give a report within a time-bound manner. The ECI can call all stakeholders and take a call."

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, however, opposed leaving it to the ECI, saying it had become the "Most Favoured Institution" in the country. "Please keep the ECI away from this. This is an economic issue... These are also issues of mid-day meal schemes. These are also freebies. There is free electricity for the poor. All kinds of very important schemes will pass muster. But there are some schemes which cannot pass muster. So it is a political issue and an economic issue. Don't make it an election issue, because then you politicise the whole thing," he said. Mehta countered Sibal's contention and said "I would not like to undermine the sanctity of ECI."

Sibal said, "First there should be a debate in Parliament and Parliament should evolve something... And the Finance Commission should make suggestions which have to be accepted by the government."

The CJI, however, said, "Do you think Parliament will debate this issue at all?... Which political party will agree?... No political party... will allow to take out these freebies. The reason is everybody wants these freebies... I am not commenting (on) the political parties' wisdom. But ultimately, what the taxpayer or common man thinks is important." He said these are all policy matters and there are limits to the extent courts can go to. "That's why we say... let everyone participate in the debate." He said various authorities can interact with different stakeholders, make recommendations to the government and ECI which can be implemented and a compliance report given to the court.

Mehta said the "suggestion given" by Sibal "is a recipe for not solving the problem".

The CJI said "we are not going to have a lengthy debate in this court to put guidelines... It is a matter of importance where different stakeholders have to be involved and their opinions have to be considered before taking any decision. Ultimately, it is the ECI and the government which have to implement these suggestions." He asked the parties to come up with the proposal on the composition of a committee that can go into the issue.

## Why hands tied

ECI officials said it would be an "overreach" of laws governing the poll body to regulate decisions of winning political parties. For the Finance Commission whose main responsibility is to decide on sharing of resources between the Centre and states, its terms of reference will need a substantive expansion. This will be seen as impinging on the federal structure of the polity. RBI's dominant focus as well as its mandate is controlling inflation, and Niti Aayog is more of a think tank now.

"Under Article 293 of the Constitution, states need to take the Centre's consent for fresh loans if they are indebted to the Centre. This is a powerful tool in the hands of the Centre or the Union Finance Ministry. But using it will expose the ruling party in the Centre to the risk of being branded anti-poor by state leaders," said a former Union Finance Secretary, explaining the Centre's dilemma.

"The biggest of all freebies is electricity – free power to huge sections of the society is crippling the states," said a senior Central official. As on May 31, 2022, at a consolidated level, dues of state distribution companies to generating companies is Rs 1.01 lakh crore; that of the state government to distribution companies is Rs 62,931 crore; and the subsidy receivable by the distribution company from the state is Rs 76,337 crore.

A few freebies by states here and there is never a problem – but too many handouts on top of electricity subsidies preclude or displace other productive spending.

"This is problematic because certain states are left with little to spend… For example, 86 per cent of Punjab's expenditure is committed, accounting for payments towards salaries, pensions and interest on past borrowings. Its capital outlay (spending for creating productive assets like roads, schools, hospitals, etc) is just 7.5 per cent," said an official.

Some states, however, view the Prime Minister's views on freebies as more political rather than economic. Acknowledging that reckless handouts could lead to problems, Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan told The Indian Express: "It was Prime Minister Modi himself who in February 2018 launched the scheme giving Rs 25,000 to working women, covering 50 per cent of a two-wheeler cost. Is this not a revadi? Does it not reek of hypocrisy?" The scheme launched by the ADMK government in Tamil Nadu was, incidentally, scrapped by MK Stalin-led DMK government in August 2021.

The Centre's concerns over state finances are not unfounded. In a meeting with Chief Secretaries of various states in June this year, Union Finance Secretary TV Somanathan is understood to have raised a red flag over huge borrowing by some states by mortgaging assets – even Collectors' offices and district court premises, and escrowing future revenues (giving the first charge on revenue receipts towards debt raised).

Similarly, very high off-budget borrowings, excessive guarantees and contingent liabilities of some states towards funding populist schemes have deepened concern at the Centre.

Some economists push back. "When the rich really rip off the banking system, with huge NPAs and write-offs, and a rent-seeking bureaucratic culture, can we say the poor are too pampered with these freebies?" said Maitreesh Ghatak of the London School of Economics. "In behavioural economics, we call it the 'endowment effect'. It is impossible to do away with benefits once given, it always results in loss aversion. Hence, the concern is a real one. Nothing is free, someone pays for it – taxpayers," he said.

According to data shared with states by the Union Finance Ministry, between 2019-20 and 2021-22, Andhra Pradesh borrowed Rs 23,899 crore, Uttar Pradesh Rs 17,750 crore, Punjab Rs 2,879 crore and Madhya Pradesh Rs 2,698 crore, by mortgaging assets and escrowing future revenues.

With limits placed on market borrowing (3.5 per cent on GSDP), states have resorted to off-budget borrowings. State PSUs or other agencies raise debt, and this does not reflect in the books of the state. In the period 2019-20 to 2021-22, the top five states in terms of off-budget borrowings were: Telangana Rs 56,767 crore, Andhra Pradesh Rs 28,837 crore, Uttar Pradesh Rs 24,891 crore, Kerala Rs 10,130 crore and Karnataka Rs 9,981 crore.

Similarly, guarantees and contingent liabilities of states have also jumped. For Telangana, it stands at about Rs 1.35 lakh crore (11 per cent of GSDP), Andhra Pradesh Rs 1.24 lakh crore (10 per cent of GSDP), Uttar Pradesh Rs 1.73 lakh crore (8 per cent of GSDP) and Rajasthan Rs 90,000 crore (7 per cent of GSDP). The Centre's guarantees, in contrast, are less than 0.5 per cent of GDP.

"Some states are in a perilous position," said Fifteenth Finance Commission Chairman NK Singh. "They are entering a fiscal trap, and will find it difficult to meet their debt obligations. Macroeconomic stability is a hard-won battle of this government. But unbridled populism – a new phenomenon – puts such stability at risk."

While fiscal conservatives, including those in the government, do not distinguish between Aam Aadmi Party's electricity subsidy to the poor and PM Kisan (Rs 6,000 a year to every farmer), Singh said there is a need to distinguish merit subsidies from freebies. "Support to education and farms are meritorious subsidies and have larger externalities. Free electricity is environmentally unfriendly, and distorts cropping patterns," he said.

Even Ghatak admits the need for a rethink. "(The PM) won 2019 despite economic headwinds, and then there are the recent UP election results. So, when the PM talks about freebies/ 'revadi' culture, there is some truth to it but he can afford to say that, like the need for sportsmanship coming from the winning team's captain. But there is a chance of shifting equilibrium on this and from that point of view, his argument should be taken seriously."

## Young Indian

personnel outside the Congress headquarters at 24, Akbar Road. The Congress, however, claimed that police had surrounded the residence of Congress president Sonia Gandhi at 10, Janpath, and that of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi at 12, Tughlaq Lane -- both in central Delhi.

The Congress hit out at the Government and linked the sealing of Young Indian's office and the increased deployment of police outside the AICC headquarters to protests planned by the party on Friday on price rise, unemployment and hike in GST rates on essential commodities.

"The Congress is under siege. Delhi Police have surrounded our headquarters and homes of Congress president and ex-president. This is the worst form of vendetta politics. We will not be silenced. We will continue to raise our voice against injustices and failures of the Modi Sarkar," AICC general secretary in charge of communication, Jairam Ramesh, said.

Addressing a press conference, along with Ramesh and Abhishek Singhvi at the AICC headquarters, Congress general secretary Ajay Maken said the party has received a letter from the Delhi Police denying permission for a demonstration and march to the Prime Minister's residence and Rashtrapati Bhavan on Friday. "The AICC had issued a circular last week announcing our plan to hold a nationwide demonstration on August 5 on the issue of price rise, unemployment and hike in GST rates on food items. According to the plan...MPs were to march to Rashtrapati Bhavan and Congress leaders were to stage a demonstration outside the residence of the Prime Minister... Today, we received a letter from the DCP saying we cannot stage any demonstration on August 5," Maken said.

## 'Modi Circuit'

started identifying the places and figuring out arrangements for tourists to visit and stay.

In the episode aired in August 2019, Grylls had met Modi at a rendezvous point and proceeded on a series of adventures, including fashioning an improvised spear from a stick in an area of the park said to be dominated by tigers, with the help of a knife and rope. The two had walked alongside the Kosi River and crossed it using a makeshift raft amid rain. The PM had also consumed a drink made of neem leaves.

Uttarakhand Minister of Tourism Satpal Maharaj said the idea for a 'Modi Circuit' came to him when he heard about the *Game of Thrones* tour during a visit to Croatia, as part of which tourists are taken to the locations where the famous TV series was shot. "We have already created several circuits, for Maa Bhagwati, Shiva, Vishnu, Nav-grah, Golju Maharaj, Nagdevta, Hanuman, and Vivekanand. There is another major idea we are working on. PM Modi went to Jim Corbett Park with Bear Grylls. We are making a Modi trail for that. We will take tourists to places visited by PM Modi," he told *The Indian Express*.

The Additional CEO of the Adventure Sports Division of the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, Colonel Ashwini Pundir, said he had watched the episode of *Man vs Wild* featuring Modi, and a team from the Tourism Department was already working on the project, particularly on where to make arrangements for tourists to stay along a 30-40 km distance.

"I have asked our people to make a list of places where Grylls took the PM. We are brainstorming on where to make the staying arrangements, how to popularise the circuit, and what could be our social media plan. We want the tourists to have the experience the PM had. We will also put up write-ups at important points to inform you that this is the place where PM Modi did a particular activity," said Pundir.

Calling Modi "the biggest influencer in the country", Pundir gave the example of the Rudra cave where he was photographed while in meditation. Since then, Pundir said, caves like it are pre-booked, often several years in advance. "Soon as the plan (for the Modi Circuit) is complete, we will work on developing the area with the help of the District Magistrate and district tourism development committees. We will take the help of locals," he said.

Officials said that because covering the entire circuit will not take a lot of time, the plan is to attract tourists from neighbouring states like Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, who can visit over the weekend.

BJP spokesperson Shadab Shams welcomed the move, calling Modi "the biggest brand in the state". The Congress noted that the *Man vs Wild* episode was shot on the day an attack left 40 CRPF personnel dead in Pulwama, Kashmir, and asked if the BJP government planned to celebrate this. "We do not have problem with tourism circuits, but I do not understand what is the major achievement in that episode we are celebrating. When PM Modi was shooting that episode, the Pulwama attack took place... If we are creating a trail of something that happened on a black day, it is not right," Congress state president Karan Mahara said.

## Collegium

recommends his successor and the most senior judge is named the CJI-designate.

As per the Memorandum of Procedure (MoP), which is the document governing the process of appointment of judges and appointment of the next CJI, the Law Minister asks the outgoing Chief Justice of India to recommend the next CJI. The MoP states that the Chief Justice of India should be "the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court considered fit to hold the office".

The MoP states that the CJI's views must be sought "at the appropriate time" but does not specify a timeline for the process -- conventionally, the process takes place a month before the retirement of the incumbent CJI.

When Justice Ramana took over as CJI on April 24, 2021, the Law Minister had written to then CJI S A Bobde on March 20, 2021. Justice Bobde is learnt to have written back recommending Justice Ramana on March 24, 2021. If appointed, Justice U U Lalit, who is the most senior judge of the Supreme Court, will have a tenure of three months before retiring on November 8, 2022.

## Kite flying

Another officer said prohibitory orders under IPC section 144 have been imposed on flying kites near Red Fort during the Independence Day function, with violators facing action under section 188 (disobedience of official orders). In 2018, a stray kite fell near PM Narendra Modi during his speech and last year, another kite fell on a tree inside Red Fort during the ceremony -- both were considered security lapses.

When contacted, DCP (north district) Sagar Singh Kalsi said they are engaging with kite-flyers, and taking the help of resident welfare associations and market welfare groups to prevent such instances. "We have met with these kite-flyers and they have assured their support. Along with them, we will also raise awareness about not flying kites on August 15 from 6 am to 9 am," Kalsi said.

According to police data, 231 skilled kite-flyers have been identified in the north district. The central district police, meanwhile, are wrapping up surveys in their jurisdiction.

Mohammad Sharique (37), who stays in the Sadar Bazar area, told *The Indian Express*: "My younger brother is a regular kite-flyer but both of us have decided to help the police. We attended meetings at the Sadar Bazar police station... We discussed several strategies to stop others in our area from flying kites till 11 am on August 15. Initially, we were planning to use our kites to cut down other kites, but the idea was dropped by senior officers," he said.

Another regular, Mohammmad Salauddin (45), who works as electrician in the walled city area, said, "We have started making announcements in our localities to not engage in kite-flying on August 15. I have attended an all-India kite-flying in Bhopal... but we are now supporting the police."

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## Data protection bill

submitted its recommendations and a draft Bill in November 2021.

The JCP proposed 81 amendments to the Bill finalised by the Srikrishna panel and 12 recommendations including expanding its mandate to include discussions on non-personal data, thereby changing the mandate of the Bill from personal data protection to broader data protection, alongside changes on issues such as the regulation of social media companies and using only "trusted hardware" in smartphones, among other things.

In a note circulated to all members of Parliament explaining the reason behind withdrawal of the Bill, Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 was deliberated in great detail by the Joint Committee of Parliament. 81 amendments were proposed and 12 recommendations were made towards a comprehensive legal framework on the digital ecosystem. Considering the report of the JCP, a comprehensive legal framework is being worked upon. Hence, in the circumstances, it is proposed to withdraw 'The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019' and present a new Bill that fits into the comprehensive legal framework."

Minister of State for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said the government will table the new legislation in Parliament "very soon". "The government has today withdrawn the Personal Data Protection Bill that was formulated in 2018 and re-written by the JCP in 2021. After considerable deliberation and examination of the JCP's report, it was found that there is a need for a comprehensive redrawing of laws and rules taking into account some of the JCP's comments and the emerging challenges and opportunities that arise from there. A comprehensive approach to the laws will be undertaken by the government and we will come back to Parliament very quickly after following the process of consultation," Chandrasekhar said.

According to senior government officials, the data protection Bill will do away with some recommendations by the JCP such as including "trusted hardware" and local storage of some kinds of personal data within the boundaries of India. Instead, it will add these ideas in the larger framework for the internet ecosystem which will replace the Information Technology Act, 2000. These separate legislation, it is learnt, will be presented at the same time. "The Ministry tried several permutations and combinations to somehow try and present the data protection Bill as an amendment to the Bill proposed by the JCP. But there were several ideas in their report that were better suited elsewhere than in privacy legislation, and the new Bill will take that into consideration," an official said.

After 78 sittings spread over 184 hours and 20 minutes, and half a dozen extensions, the JCP had tabled its report in Parliament in December 2021. Apart from recommendations related to data privacy, the JCP's report also proposed that social media companies that do not act as intermediaries are to be treated as content publishers, meaning they become liable for the content they host. The JCP had also recommended including non-personal data in the Bill. In its most basic form, non-personal data is any set of data which does not contain personally identifiable information.

A senior official said that specific to data localisation, the government is mulling adding it to the new Information Technology Act and whether to allow cross border data flows only to "trusted geographies".

"The thinking is that the data should be stored in a region that is trusted by the Indian government, and that data should be accessible in the event of a crime," the official said.

The new Bill could also do away with classification of personal data from the perspective of data localisation and only use classification for awarding damages to people whose personal data may have been compromised by an entity.

The Indian Express had earlier reported that the government was looking to dilute data localisation requirements as startups had complained about the norms for being "compliance intensive". Regarding non-personal data, the Ministry of Electronics and IT has already floated a draft that looks at harnessing such data for aiding the country's startups.

BJP MP PP Chaudhary, who was chairperson of the JCP when it submitted its report to Parliament, told *The Indian Express* that it was "necessary" for the government to withdraw the Bill.

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# Capital records five deaths as Covid cases cross 2,000-mark

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**The number of active cases Tuesday crossed the 5,000-mark to stand at 5,006.** *Archive*

THE CAPITAL reported 2,073 fresh cases of Covid-19 Wednesday, with the incidence crossing the 2,000-mark for the first time in 71 days since February 4 when there were 2,272 cases recorded as the omicron variant-driven wave was receding in the capital. The positivity rate — the proportion of samples tested that return positive — stood at 11.64% on Wednesday, according to the daily health bulletin released by the Delhi government.

The average positivity rate over the last three days is 11.23%, which is also the highest since the third wave waned in the city.

Five deaths in Covid patients were also recorded on Wednesday, taking this month's toll to 10 in three days. There were 50 deaths recorded in July, 50 in June, and 35 in May. This is the highest single-day toll reported in the city since July 3 when five deaths were reported. "Most of the deaths reported are in elderly people and those suffering from comorbid conditions," said Dr Suranjit Chatterjee, senior consultant of internal medicine at Indraprastha Apollo hospital.

With the increase in cases, the number of active cases, or those with current infection, as well as hospitalisations have gone up. The number of active cases Tuesday crossed the 5,000-mark to stand at 5,006. Similar levels were also seen at the end of June when there was a slight uptick in the number of cases. The number of people hospitalised also crossed the 300-mark on Tuesday, with 341 people admitted to city hospitals with the viral infection.

"There has been a sharp increase in Covid-19 cases in the city. We used to see, say two to three admissions a day, the numbers have more than doubled in the last few days to six to seven admissions a day," said Dr Atul Gogia, senior consultant of internal medicine at Sir Ganga Ram hospital.

He said the government's report no longer reflected the true burden of cases in the city, with many either not getting tested at all or using home kits for testing. The total number of tests in the city went down after the third wave as home kits became readily available.

"It cannot capture all cases because many people are not getting tested at all or using home kits. These are not reflected in the report. Some patients come to us with symptoms and their family member or friend has tested positive then we can assume that they also have the infection," Dr Gogia said, adding that it was important for those at high risk for severe diseases, such as the elderly and those with comorbidities, must get tested if they develop symptoms.

# Delhi reports country's first monkeypox case in a woman, city's tally now at 4

**ANONNA DUTT**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

A NIGERIAN woman in her 30s, living in Delhi for over a month, tested positive for monkeypox Wednesday, taking the capital's tally to four. This is the country's ninth case, and the first case in a woman, with most cases being detected in young men so far.

Globally too, the cases of monkeypox have been disproportionately reported among men. "We're seeing cases that are largely focused on men... There have been some cases reported in women and children, but these have been very limited," said Andy Seale, an advisor on sexually transmitted infections at World Health Organisation, in a video from the organisation.

The woman had no history of international travel in the last 21 days. None of the four persons who tested positive for the infection in Delhi had any history of international travel. In contrast, so far, all five cases reported from Kerala have a history of travel from UAE.

This is the third Nigerian national to test positive for the infection in Delhi, with one more suspected to have the infection admitted to Delhi's nodal Lok Nayak hospital.

There is no history of contact between the four Nigerians, according to people in the know of the matter. All four persons have been living in different areas in Delhi for a month to a year. The three confirmed and the fourth suspected case appears to have similar symptoms. "All four persons have fever, typical rashes (similar to the ones seen in the first case from the city), ulcers in the mouth and thighs," according to a doctor from Lok Nayak hospital, which was the only hospital designated for isolating confirmed and suspected cases of the infection till Tuesday.

Delhi's first case of the infection was discharged Tuesday after testing negative on two subsequent tests one day apart and all lesions healing. Another person from Ghaziabad suspected to have the infection was discharged from the hospital last week after he tested negative and was diagnosed with chickenpox.

With four cases of monkeypox reported in Delhi, surveillance teams and doctors have reported an increase in people checking in about their lesions. "We are getting calls from healthcare facilities about people with lesions, in almost 90% of the cases it is chickenpox," said a surveillance officer. A city doctor also said that they were getting queries from patients.

As part of the government's preparedness measures, isolation rooms were also readied in two other Delhi government hospitals and three private hospitals.

Monkeypox is a self-limiting viral infection that is transmitted by close skin-to-skin, mouth-to-mouth or sexual contact with a person having pox-like lesions. It can be transmitted through infected materials like linens. Big respiratory droplets are also known to affect if a person has prolonged close contact with an infected person.

The most common symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, back pain, low energy and swollen lymph nodes, along with pox-like rashes that last for two to three weeks. It is a self-limiting disease but can lead to death, especially among children and those with weak immune systems. Complications include pneumonia, secondary skin infections, confusion and eye problems.

# Govt to roll out premium bus service

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**The CM held a meeting regarding the same on Wednesday**

IN A bid to encourage the use of public transport system, the Aam Aadmi Party government has planned to introduce app-based premium inter-city bus services for people travelling to and from neighbouring cities like Gurgaon, Ghaziabad and Noida for work. It is also working on a scheme called the Delhi motor vehicle aggregator licencing (premium bus) scheme.

"We wish to provide this premium bus service so that people leave their private vehicles behind and use public transport. The Delhi government will collaborate with aggregators to operate premium buses in the city. All citizens who make inter-city trips every day should opt for a cleaner, comfortable and equally efficient mode of public transport," Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said, adding that all buses under this scheme will be fully electric.

Holding a meeting Wednesday, the CM directed the transport department to draft a policy on the scheme. Aimed to cut down private cars from the roads, the scheme will likely reduce vehicular pollution. Kejriwal added that all these buses will be BS-VI compliant AC CNG or electric buses in the beginning, but all buses inducted after January 1, 2024, will only be electric. It will be a seating-only bus facility, equipped with app support, CCTVs and panic buttons, and it will be integrated with the One Delhi App for booking rides and making digital payments.

The buses will pick up and drop passengers from the notified bus queue shelters and payment will be made through e-mode, displayed on the app. Stage carriage permits will be issued for individual buses through licences. Each aggregator licensed under the scheme will operate and maintain a fleet of a minimum of 50 premium buses to be operationalised within 90 days.

Officials added that once the policy is chalked out, the government will invite public feedback and it will be notified for implementation. The scheme was announced last year but it could not take off due to the pandemic, said an official, adding that now the transport department has sped up the work and the policy will soon be out in the public domain to seek feedback.

"The aggregator will determine routes on which the vehicles will ply. Such routes shall be notified on the mobile or web-based app. The transport department will be informed before starting or modifying/terminating any new route. A prior notice of seven days shall be provided to the transport department and to the general public before any changes are made to the existing routes," said the officials.

Officials said CNG buses operated by aggregators will not be older than three years. All buses will follow a uniform colour scheme with the GNCTD and aggregator's logo.

Kejriwal also reviewed the transport department's route rationalisation project that aims to enhance the bus and last-mile connectivity, and improve the frequency of bus services.

"How to use the existing fleet of buses in Delhi most efficiently? How many more buses do we need? How to integrate all modes of transport? Today, I had a discussion with senior officials of the transport department on the "route rationalisation" proposal. We will soon seek public feedback on the same," said Kejriwal in a tweet after the meeting.

According to officials, the department has completed the study and prepared a roadmap under which different locations of the city will be provided bus connectivity and passengers can avail of buses within a radius of 500 metres. It has also proposed new routes and the same will be put out to get feedback from the public.

Currently, the coverage of buses in Delhi is 49%, according to the standard of 15 minutes and 500 metres accessible, it will be increased to 90-95%, said officials.

Officials said that presently around 7,200 buses are operating on 625 routes in Delhi. "The number of standard buses will rise from 7,200 to 8,494 in the near future. Mini-midi buses will also be operated on 120 routes, totalling roughly 2,000, providing last-mile connectivity. Similar to that, 480 buses will operate on 44 routes as part of the Metro feeder service." said officials. Following the study, buses will now run every 5 to 10 minutes on 274 of the 625 regular routes. The buses will continue to run on the remaining 351 routes in the same manner as they do now.

Officials said that under this proposal, bus routes have been divided into several groups. "The trunk network, which consists of 27 super trunk routes and three central business district circulator routes, will have bus services every 5-10 minutes. There will be a primary network with buses running every 10-15 minutes, and feeder network where buses will run every 15 to 20 minutes, will be the secondary network," said an official.

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of Section 110 read with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") read with Rules 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, (including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), and other applicable provisions, if any, including General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, General Circular No. 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, General Circular No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, General Circular No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, General Circular No.10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, General Circular No. 20/2021 dated December 08, 2021 and General Circular No. 3/2022 dated May 05, 2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India (hereinafter collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (SEBI LODR Regulations), Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (SS-2) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, to the extent applicable and pursuant to other applicable laws and regulations that the **Ordinary Resolution** set out in the Postal Ballot Notice with respect to the business for appointment of Shri Hira Nand (DIN: 09476034) as Director (Finance) of the Company is proposed to be passed by Members through Postal Ballot by voting through electronic means only **(remote e-voting system)**

In accordance with the aforesaid Circulars, Notice along with explanatory statement has been sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Registrar and transfer Agent / Depositories as on Friday, 29th July, 2022. The Company has completed the electronic dispatch of Postal Ballot Notice on Wednesday 03rd August, 2022. Notice of Postal Ballot is also available on the Company's website viz. www.nationalfertilizers.com, on the website of the Stock Exchange(s) i.e. National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) www.nseindia.com and BSE Limited (BSE) www.bseindia.com and on the website of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) viz. www.evoting.nsdl.com.

In compliance with the aforesaid provisions, the Company has provided the facility to the Members to exercise their votes electronically through remote e-voting only on the e-voting platform provided by NSDL. The login credentials for casting votes through remote e-voting have been sent to the members along with the Notice. The detailed procedure for casting of votes through remote e-voting has been provided in the Notice. The instruction for remote e-voting given in notes to Postal Ballot Notice is its integral part.

In terms of provisions of MCA Circulars, Members may please note that the physical copy of the Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot form and pre-paid business reply envelope are not being sent to the members for this Postal Ballot.

The 'Cut-off' date for the purpose of ascertaining the eligibility of members to avail remote e-voting facility is Friday, 29th July 2022. The members whose name is recorded in the register of members of the Company or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date shall only be entitled to avail the remote e-voting facility.

The remote e-voting period will commence on Friday, 5th August, 2022 at 9.00 a.m. (IST) and shall end on Saturday, 3rd September, 2022 at 5.00 p.m. (IST). The remote e-voting module shall be disabled thereafter by NSDL. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by a member, no change will be allowed subsequently.

Members who have not registered their email ID are requested to register the same in the following manner:

(a) In case shares are held in physical mode please provide Form ISR-1 with Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of any one share certificate (front and back), PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), Mobile number and email id (should be mentioned in form ISR-1) AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to investor@masserv.com or investor@nfl.co.in. Please also send original copy of ISR-1 with copy of PAN/AADHAR to RTA (i.e. MAS Services Limited, T-34, 2nd Floor Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-II New Delhi-110020).

(b) Members holding shares in dematerialised mode and have not registered/updated their e-mail address, register/update it with the Depository Participant(s) with whom their demat account is maintained.

The Company has appointed Shri Sachin Agarwal, Partner of M/s Agarwal S. & Associates, Company Secretaries, as Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot, through the e-voting process, in a fair and transparent manner. The Scrutinizer's decision on the validity of the Postal Ballot shall be final.

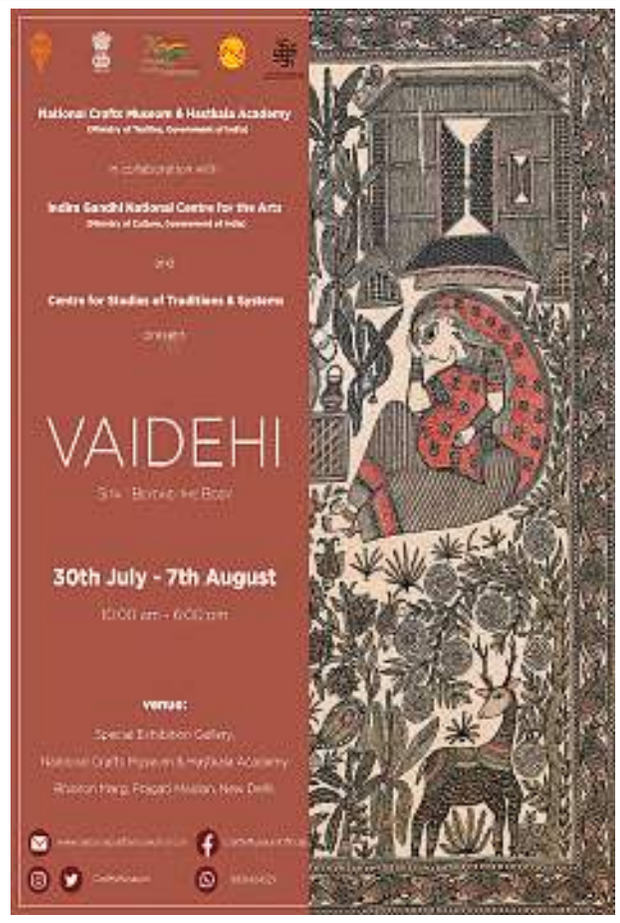
The result of voting will be announced on or before Tuesday, 6th September, 2022. These results will also be displayed along with the Scrutinizer's Report on the website of the Company www.nationalfertilizers.com and on the website of NSDL www.evoting.nsdl.com. The results shall also be communicated to the Stock Exchanges i.e. NSE & BSE simultaneously.

In case of any queries, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for shareholders and e-voting user manual for shareholders available in the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on the toll-free number : **1800 1020 990** and **1800 22 44 30** or send a request to Amit Vishal at **evoting@nsdl.co.in** or to our RTA at **investor@masserv.com.**

For **National Fertilizers Limited,**
Sd/-
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**Company Secretary**

**Place: New Delhi**
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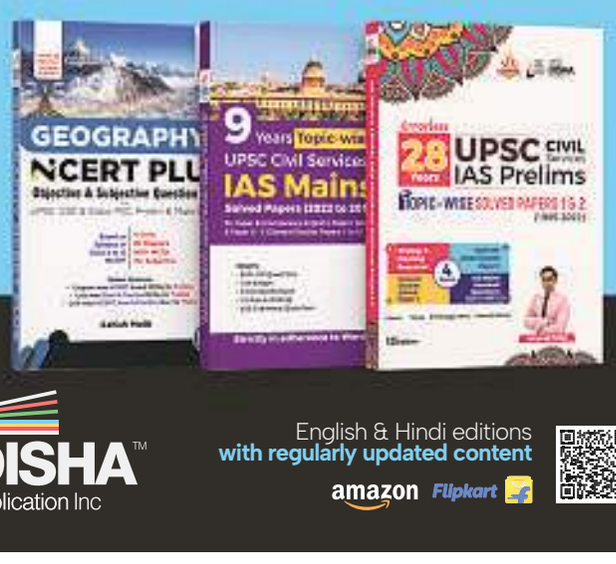



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| NOIDA | Aug 2 | Aug 3 |
|---|---|---|
| Cases | N/A | 165 |
| Deaths | N/A | 0 |

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| Cases | 213 | 361 |
| Deaths | 1 | 0 |

MORE THAN 60 EXPERTS TO BE INVOLVED

# Noida prepares for twin tower demolition

**MALAVIKA PRASAD**
NOIDA, AUGUST 3

AS THE deadline for demolition of the Supertech twin towers nears, police in Noida Tuesday granted a no-objection certificate (NOC) to Edifice Engineering, the firm responsible for carrying out the demolition.

DCP (headquarters) Rambadan Singh said, "Edifice Engineering, which has been given the responsibility for the demolition of Supertech twin towers, had filed a letter before the Noida Police for granting an NOC. It has been issued under the Explosives Rules along with requisite terms and conditions."

The twin towers — Apex and Ceyane — are scheduled to be demolished on August 21 with a cushion period of one week till August 28, as per the directions of the Supreme Court on May 17, for violating regulations on the distance between buildings. Sources said the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) has sent a list of requirements, which has been forwarded to Supertech and Edifice Engineering, who will submit the required details to CBRI officials by Thursday. A meeting shall be held between the stakeholders on August 6 to discuss comments filed by CBRI.

Once CBRI submits its comments, the Authority shall file a status report, they added. These steps are being taken in light of the July 29 order of the Supreme Court in a miscellaneous application filed by Supertech, wherein the CBRI submitted that it had sought relevant information regarding the blast design, ground vibration, post-demolition debris assessment, test blast, vibration monitoring report, dust cloud along with the structural audit report in respect to the nearby buildings.

Sources said Edifice Engineering has to ensure certain steps for demolishing the 32-floor twin towers, located in Noida Sector 93A — such as no column of the buildings shall have more than five holes and none of the holes will be filled with explosives weighing more than 1.375kg. Additionally, no two columns shall be exploded together and Edifice Engineering will have to remove all explosives safely after the blast whether it is successful or unsuccessful. An area of around 40 metres from the boundary of the twin towers will remain vacated. The vehicle carrying the explosives shall bring the required quantity immediately prior to the charging of the building, and once explosives are unloaded it will leave the demolition site leaving no explosives there, sources said.

Sources have said the material required for the demolition will be carried in two vehicles, which will include the explosives and detonators. The materials used are specifically made for carrying out demolitions of buildings, sources said. The explosives will be brought from Palwal, Haryana, covering a distance of 100 km, sources said, adding that the wrapping of buildings had already been done in the last week of July using a geotextile wrapping material.

Sources further said that more than 60 people will be involved in the demolition process, which includes seven engineers from South Africa-based Jet Demolition, the company that Edifice Engineering has partnered with. There will be six engineers from Edifice Engineering, and 10 local Indian blasters and the rest will be helpers, sources said. No one will be allowed within the boundary of the building. According to sources, Edifice Engineering and Supertech have submitted most of the documents sought by the CBRI.

Meanwhile, DCP (Traffic) Ganesh Prasad said, "The road opposite Supertech Twin Towers-93 ATS Road will be shut down within the next two days and will be shut until the day of the demolition. Additionally, on the demolition date, the two ends of Noida-Greater Noida expressway will be shut for 15 minutes before the demolition and 15 minutes after until the dust and debris settle down."

"This precaution has been taken to avoid any untoward accident in the area and to avoid any crowd which may gather on the demolition day," he added.

A local traffic inspector has been appointed who will look after traffic issues that may arise from Wednesday onwards. The inspector, Dushyant Rana, has been positioned on the road right outside Supertech twin towers, the police said.

"We do not want to create panic among the public at this point or cause any inconvenience. The advisories regarding road diversions will be issued two days before the blast," Prasad said.

Additionally, a 250-metre area within the demolition site will be completely cordoned off for entry of people on the day of the demolition.

## Mega project: The preparation

**IN THE VICINITY:** Supertech Emerald Court and ATS Village Apartments

**BEING CARRIED OUT BY:** Mumbai-based firm Edifice Engineering partnering with South Africa-based Jet Demolition

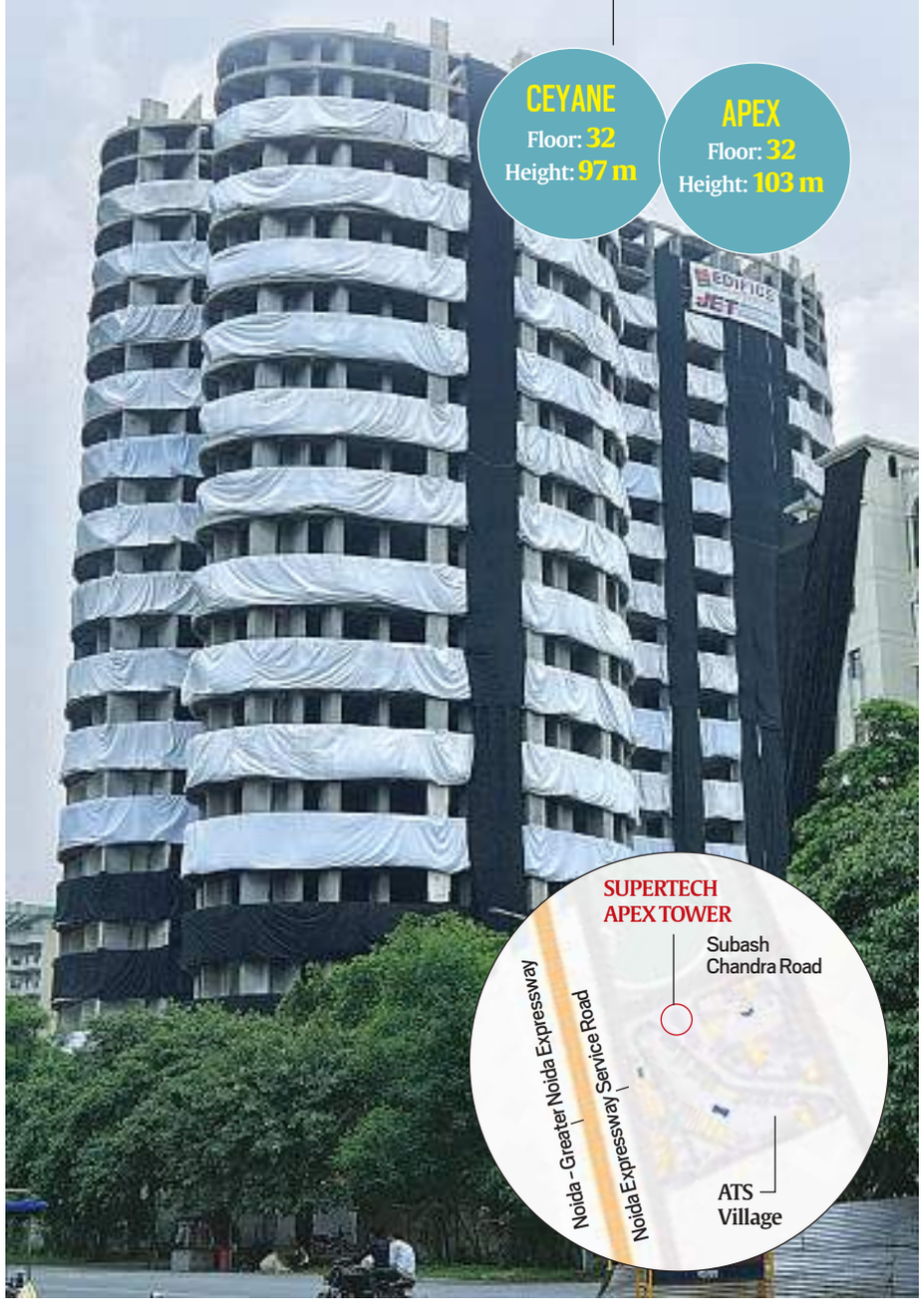
**MAXIMUM VIBRATION EXPECTED:** 34 mm/second

**BLAST SCHEDULED FOR:** 2.30 pm on August 21, with one-week cushion period ending August 28 as directed by Supreme Court

**EXPERTS INVOLVED:** Over 60, including 7 engineers from Jet, 6 from Edifice

**PREPARATION:** Routes near demolition site to be diverted; Noida police to issue traffic advisory two days before blast; Expressway to be shut for around 30 minutes – 15 minutes prior, 15 minutes after

**TOTAL AREA** 7.5 lakh sq ft




# Last-minute rush for RWAs

**MOHANA SARKAR & SARA SIDDIQUI**
NOIDA, AUGUST 3

AHEAD OF the demolition of Supertech twin towers, resident welfare associations of nearby buildings have been working with authorities to speak to residents and formulate guidelines.

"Residents have been told for the past six months to evacuate the premises on the day of the demolition," said Poonam Mukhreja from ATS Village, adding that her house is around 35 metres away.

"We wish to return to our homes as soon as possible but since the post-demolition scenario is uncertain, there is concern. If there will be a lot of dust and particulate matter, which may be harmful to inhale, we will wait and see if it is safe to go back in the evening," she added.

RWAs have spoken to residents and given them guidelines to follow on that day. They have recommended "leaving the premises in the morning, securing windows in case the dust or other particles are spread, and switching off the gas pipeline and electricity mains", said a resident of the adjacent building, Emerald Court. "It is being done in a fairly organised way. We are grateful to RWAs for planning it well."

The Emerald Court RWA had brought in an engineer to carry out a structural audit of the building, who recommended certain repairs in the building. The report was submitted to the Noida Authority.

Residents of nearby colonies are also a worried lot. Swati Agrawal, a resident of Grand Omaxe, which is more than a kilometre away from the demolition site, said, "We are apprehensive about the consequences of the demolition, particularly air pollution".

On July 19, Edifice Engineering submitted a vibration prediction report to the Noida Authority, which said the maximum vibration caused due to the demolition is expected to be 34 mm per second, while the structures in zone-5 are designed according to the norms of 300 mm per second, and there was no need for a structural audit.

# DU admissions via common seat allocation system

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

DELHI UNIVERSITY aspirants will need to indicate their preferences for colleges and courses, based on priority, on a Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) for admission this year.

Delhi University's Academic Council Wednesday approved the admission process, which was formulated by a Standing Committee for admissions this year. Admissions will be based on results of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET).

The admission process will be done in three phases. In the first phase, aspirants will have to fill application form in CSAS. In the second phase, they will select course and colleges and indicate their preferences, and third phase will include seat allocation and final admission based on a merit list.

If two students are tied for a seat with the same score, class XII board exam results will be considered a tie-breaker. If students are still tied, the older candidate will be given preference. This is the first time that CUET is being held for admission in Central universities. Earlier, admission was based only on class XII marks. DU had been contemplating admission based on entrance tests for a long time, as many colleges end up admitting more students than the number of seats since the university is obligated to admit all who meet the cut-off.

## The Process

The entire admission process will be done online. DU will start a Common Seat Allocation System, a centralised portal for undergraduate admissions to all DU colleges

### How to

- Login to the dashboard and access the Program section
- Aspirants will be asked to select a course and college combination, multiple options can be selected
- Addition of programmes cannot be done after the deadline for application
- The order of selection of the Program + College combination will also determine the preference order for allocation of seats




### How course and college will be allotted:



**A.** Order of preference of Program + College combination selected by the candidate in the application form

**B.** Position of the candidate in the Program-Specific merit list

**C.** The category (unreserved/reserved) of the candidate

**D.** Availability of seats in different categories for which the candidate is eligible

- Once a seat has been allocated in a particular round, the candidate will have to "Accept" the seat offered before the last date/time specified for the given round
- After verification, the college will "Approve" or "Reject" the provisionally allocated seat of the candidate, after which fee has to be paid within stipulated time

### Freezing or upgrading seats



- After the completion of a seat allocation round, candidates will have to opt for either "Freeze" or "Upgrade"
- A 2-day window will be given for the admitted candidate to opt for either "Freeze" or "Upgrade"
- Upgrade option will not be available for the candidate who has been offered his/her first preferences

# 4 dead while cleaning waste tank in Jhajjar

*Gurgaon:* Four workers died and two were injured after allegedly inhaling toxic fumes while cleaning sludge from a wastage tank at a factory in Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar Wednesday.

According to police, the incident took place around 1.30 pm in Rohad industrial area in Bahadurgarh. Police identified the victims as Rajbir, Ajay Kumar, Jagatpal and Prakash, all hailing from Uttar Pradesh.

Mayank Patel and Vikas were rushed to a private hospital and are currently admitted to an intensive care unit, where their condition is critical, said police.

Sohanpal, an associate of Vikas, said, "The workers were not given any safety equipment. The tank had not been cleaned for over a year and it had waste and residue. No gloves or mask was given and workers were asked to go inside the tank with a shovel despite protestations. Vikas entered the tank using a ladder. Some water was pumped from the tank. Suddenly gas spread and he fell unconscious. When he did not respond to calls, another worker went in to rescue him, but he also did not return. All six who went inside suffocated."

A police officer said, "The workers were asked to clean sludge and waste material from a five-foot deep tank at the factory. Some sludge had accumulated at the bottom." Waseem Akram, SP Jhajjar, said, "Legal action will be taken against the factory owner and those found culpable for violations of safety norms." **ENS**

# Day after four died at Gurgaon condo, kin rue: 'Safety gear could have saved their lives'

**PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA**
GURGAON, AUGUST 3

A DAY after four construction workers died and another was injured after falling off the 17th floor of Palm Hills society in Gurgaon's Sector 77 while dismantling a tower crane, the family of the victims said the tragedy could have been averted had safety equipment been in place.

Mohammad Tahmid (27), Kumod Kumar (32), Nabin Tiwari (27), and Parmeshwar (35) were migrant workers from Bihar, who had been working at construction sites in Gurgaon as welders, scaffolders and crane fitters.

Nabin Tiwari, a native of Sonauli, Chhapra district in Bihar, came to Gurgaon five years ago after completing an ITI course and had been working as a welder, earning Rs 24,000 a month, said relatives. At the mortuary on Wednesday, they said he was planning to get married. "His younger sister got married two months ago. He would send money home. A fortnight ago, he visited our village to attend a function and we were looking for a match for him. He would often complain about the risks involved in the job," said his uncle.

Pramod Kumar, Kumod's elder brother, who also works in construction, said that Kumod worked as a crane operator and fitter. "We are all aware of the risks involved in the job, but contractors and builders need to ensure safety of the staff. Their negligence caused this incident. Whenever my brother complained about safety, he was told *'kaam karna hai toh karo, nahi toh chale jao'* (quit if you don't want to work)," said Pramod. Kumod got married in November 2020 and used to send money each month for their sister's nursing course.



They fell off the 17th floor of Palm Hills society

Mohammad Tahmid, who is from Araria district in Bihar, worked in scaffolding and is survived by his wife and three children aged 2, 4 and 6. "He would earn about Rs 700 a day. Who will provide for his family now? He wanted to leave this line of work. If there was a harness and a safety net, he could have been saved. We want justice," said his brother, Mohammad Sanowar Alam.

One of the workers, Gufran Ahmed, alleged that the incident took place due to the alleged haste in dismantling the tower crane. "All safety precautions were ignored. When workers were on the platform, as a net was removed, the girder broke and one end of scaffolding gave way, due to inadequate safety measures," he alleged.

Police said an FIR was registered against the project manager, tower in-charge, mechanic foreman, safety engineer, site engineer and the main contractor. The FIR was registered on the complaint of an injured worker who alleged that "he and his colleagues complained about ensuring adequate safety measures at the site several times, but no action was taken". The FIR stated the contractor and developer put pressure on them to do job or quit, and the incident took place due to negligence.

Meanwhile, Gurgaon deputy commissioner Nishant Yadav formed a four-member committee to probe the mishap and submit a report. He said that compensation would be given to the families of the deceased and injured as per the laws in two days.

# Elderly couple targeted at Gurgaon home, 4 masked men gag woman, flee with bangles and phone

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
GURGAON, AUGUST 3

FOUR MASKED men barged into a house in the upscale Florence Elite society in sector 57, Sushant Lok-3, and allegedly robbed a 64-year-old woman after holding her hostage and gagging her mouth. Police said the accused, who stole two gold bangles and a mobile phone, are yet to be arrested.

Police said the incident took place around 3.30 am on Tuesday when the woman and her 67-year-old husband were asleep.

In the police complaint, the complainant, Rama Sharma, said that between 3.30 am and 4.30 am, four men entered the house from the rear door, which was open due to renovation work.

"They had covered their faces with cloth. Two of them pounced on me and started asking me where the money was. They threatened to kill me. They suffocated me with their hands. They told me that they had tied my husband upstairs. I tried to make noise but they tied my face, hands and mouth using clothes. They forcibly took my gold bangles and my phone and pushed me to the bathroom. After a few minutes, they took me upstairs forcefully and searched the upper room. In the meantime, they heard some noise and ran away," she stated in the FIR.

The couple's son and daughter-in-law live in Canada. The woman's husband, Ashok Sharma, 67, the managing director of a shipping firm, told *The Indian Express*, "The entire ordeal lasted over 90 minutes. My wife suffered injuries and was in trauma and had to be taken to a hospital. She has been discharged today. I was asleep on the first floor at the time of the incident and I am fortunate that my life has been saved. The intention of the accused was to loot the money from the safe and murder me. They left behind an iron rod. My wife was on the ground floor. The accused held her hostage and gagged her and locked her in the bathroom. They told her, *'humne buddhe ko baand diya hai* (We have tied up the old man)'."

He added, "My wife told them to take whatever they wanted. They dragged her to the bedrooms upstairs looking for me. Intelligently, my wife showed them to two other rooms which were empty and she pretended not to know where I was. The robbers got spooked and assumed that I may have gone outside and would raise an alarm and they fled. After they left, my wife woke me up and we locked ourselves in and called the police. We were scared. Initially we were unable to connect to the police, so we called a friend, who called a PCR. The police then arrived and offered help."

Police said an FIR has been registered against the accused under IPC sections 458, 392, 34.

# Cannot land at someone's doorstep with bulldozer: HC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

DIRECTING THE Delhi Development Authority to go ahead with the demolition of unauthorised jhuggis on the Yamuna floodplains only in consultation with the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), the Delhi High Court has said people cannot be evicted "with a bulldozer at their doorstep early in the morning or late in the evening, without any notice, rendering them completely shelterless".

Justice Subramonium Prasad said the action of the DDA in removing a person, whom they claim to be an encroacher, overnight from his residence, cannot be accepted. "A reasonable period has to be given to such persons and temporary location has to be provided to them before embarking on any demolition activities," said the court, while directing the DDA to give sufficient time to dwellers to make alternate arrangements.

The court said that alternatively, steps should be taken to accommodate the dwellers in shelters provided by the DUSIB for three months so that persons, whose jhuggis are being demolished, are able to find alternate accommodations. The order has been passed in a petition filed by Shakarpur Slum Union alleging that DDA officials, on June 25, without any notice arrived and demolished about 300 jhuggis.

In the petition filed through advocate Kawalpreet Kaur, it was argued that JJ Basti in Shakarpur has been in existence since 1980, and most of its residents are migrants from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Bengal who are labourers, ragpickers, rickshaw-pullers, auto drivers and domestic workers.

The DDA told the court that demolition was carried out at a distance from those mentioned in the list of clusters published by the DUSIB for rehabilitation, and in compliance with the orders of the National Green Tribunal.

The court said encroachment on government land cannot be said to be a fundamental right of any person and people encroaching cannot claim to be entitled to rehabilitation as a matter of right in absence of any policy.

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**Till now, more than**

**1.29 Lakh**

**appointed on various posts**

**Recruitment for approximately**

**1 Lakh**

**posts under process**

**Announcement for Recruitment on additional**

**1 Lakh**

**posts in Budget 2022-23**

**Recruitment on Major posts under process are as follows:-**

| 25 Sept. 2022 | Oct. 2022 | Oct. 2022 | 17-24 Dec. 2022 | Sept. 2022 | 10 Sept. 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Posts - 5546<br>Post Name - Physical Training Instructor Grade III | Total Posts - 6000<br>Post Name - Lecturer | Total Posts - 2399<br>Post Name - Forester & Forest Guard | Total Posts - 9760<br>Post Name - Senior Lecturer Grade II | Total Posts - 460<br>Post Name - Librarian Grade III | Total Posts - 189<br>Post Name - Junior Engineer (Agriculture) |

**Recruitment is also under process for the following posts:**

**Teacher (46000), Village Development Officer (5396), Police Constable (4588), Laboratory Assistant (1019), Junior Engineer (1092), Livestock Assistant (1436), Basic Computer Instructor (9862), Senior Computer Instructor (295), Assistant Statistical Officer (218), Lecturer (Sanskrit Education Department) (102), Senior Teacher Grade II (Sanskrit Education Department) (417), Assistant Director (Forensic Science), Senior Scientist, Senior Scientist Assistant, Junior Geophysicist, Hydrogeologist, Technical Assistant (Chemicals & Ground Water), Agricultural Officer, Agricultural Research Officer, Assistant Agricultural Research Officer, Occupational Therapist, Hospital Care Taker, Assistant Public Relations Officer and Housekeeper.**

## Employment Opportunities available through Other Schemes

**Out of Turn appointment to 229 Sportspersons by Department of Sports**

- 100 days of employment per year under Indira Gandhi Shahari Rojgar Guarantee Yojana
- Additional 25 days of employment in Rajasthan under MNREGA
- Training imparted to about 2 lakh youth through skill development
- Assistance of Rs. 5 lakh per Start-Up on just Project Appraisal basis to promote Start-Ups under self employment

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## FROM THE GALLERY

**5 QUESTIONS**



THE CPI'S RAJYA SABHA MP, **P SANDOSH KUMAR**, TELLS **ESHA ROY** ABOUT THE DEMAND FOR THE REPEAL OF THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) ACT IN THE 75TH YEAR OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE

**Why did you raise the issue of repealing the UAPA?**
From the very beginning, the CPI has opposed, first the introduction and then the enforcement of the UAPA. This has been the political conviction not only of the CPI, but of the Left.

**What is the most problematic part of the UAPA?**
Under Section 43(d) of the Act, authorities are allowed to imprison an individual without trial for up to 180 days. So, without police filing a chargesheet, an individual can be kept in jail for a period of six months with the reason that they are involved in terrorism activities. Also, UAPA cases are often flimsy.

**You also raised the issue of the definition of terrorism...**
The government has not defined what terrorism is. Presently it is very vague. So, anything can be terrorism. From actual terrorist events like the attack on the Taj Hotel (the 2008 Mumbai terror attack) to even keeping certain literature or reading certain booklets, such as Maoist pamphlets, can be deemed terrorism. This is problematic. Recently, while dismissing a case under UAPA filed by the NIA, the Supreme Court observed that even a person reading a newspaper can be a problem.

**What kind of law do you think the government needs to bring in to deal with terrorism?**
Civil society, political parties and the government need to collectively re-think laws as far as terrorism in concerned. Most of the cases that are now filed can be dealt with using the strong IPC sections that we have currently. Some states also have their own laws to deal with such activities.

**What about preventive measures?**
Right now, most people being picked up under UAPA are in the age range of 18-30 years, and then the second highest are the 30-45 year category. The conviction rates under UAPA have not been very high. Moreover, even without conviction you are sitting in jail for long periods of time. This affects the lives of those accused under the Act and their families too.

# TRICOLOUR RALLY

Several MPs, including a number of ministers, took part in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' bike rally from Red Fort as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav



Union minister Jitendra Singh and other MPs during the bike rally in New Delhi, Wednesday. *PTI*



Ministers Anurag Thakur and G Kishan Reddy. *Anil Sharma*



Smriti Irani at the rally. *Anil Sharma*



BJP MP Manoj Tiwari. *Anil Sharma*

# Education Minister: Let go of idea that universities must only be funded by govt

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EDUCATION MINISTER Dharmendra Pradhan said on Wednesday that India would become self-reliant in the field of technology by the end of 2022. Replying to a debate in Lok Sabha, he also said that people should let go of the idea that universities must only be funded by the government.

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a Bill that seeks to convert the National Rail and Transport University in Gujarat into an autonomous central university. While the debate over the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was carried out amid sloganeering from Opposition members over the issue of misuse of central agencies, all parties that participated in the debate supported the Bill. The new university will be rechristened Gati Shakti University after the government's programme for integrated infrastructure development in the country.

"By the end of 2022, this country will be self-reliant in the field of technology. Not just infrastructure, but big industries, social schemes… Where will farming happen? Where will a school be built? … All of these need a master plan. It is the need of the hour that there is a knowledge repository of all these industrial initiatives and infrastructure vision. In this background, the Gati Shakti University has been imagined," Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said in reply to the debate over the Bill.



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in Lok Sabha on Wednesday. *PTI*

Elaborating on what the university will teach, Pradhan said, "Today, aviation has reached remote locations in the country. We are talking about driverless train engines. All these are based on technology and need specific skill sets. And they will be taught in Gati Shakti University. There is a need for capacity building of all employees of the transport sector. By 2025, there will be as many things done by machines as are being done by hands today. Those machines will need people behind their operation. This is a futuristic university. This will be the first research, entrepreneurship and multi-disciplinary university in the country. This university will also teach issues related to displaced people and how they should be rehabilitated."

Regarding the financial implications of the new university, the minister said, "We have to let go of the idea that central universities must be run only with government funds. Our society is becoming prosperous and the NEP (National Education Policy) says that we need to also use public donations."

Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, who participated in the debate, said, "This university will have five main objectives. The first objective will be transport-focused courses. Then there will be skill-development courses under the framework of the Skill India campaign. The third objective is applied research such as those needed for bridge, tunnel and port construction. The fourth will be technological development. The fifth will be transport economics and infrastructure finance." **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

# Gadkari 'guarantees' US-like roads in India by 2024

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THE GOVERNMENT will construct 26 green express highways by 2024 and bring down travel time between key cities across the country, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari told Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

Once the highways are completed, travel time from Delhi to Dehradun, Haridwar and Jaipur will be reduced to two hours, Gadkari said. Citing more examples, he told the members, "Delhi to Chandigarh will take two-and-a-half hours, Delhi to Amritsar four hours, and you will be able to do Delhi-Mumbai in 12 hours. By 2024, I guarantee that roads in India will be like those in the United States."



Union minister Minister Nitin Gadkari at Parliament on Wednesday. *Praveen Khanna*

He said the Transport Ministry is also looking at several new technologies to replace toll plazas in order to reduce traffic snarls at these points.

Starting that the government is looking at two new options for toll collection, Gadkari said the first is a satellite-based system, through which GPS in a vehicle will help toll to be directly deducted from the vehicle owner's bank account. "The other option is the numberplate," he said. "From 2019, we started the new numberplate with a new technology.… There will be a computerised system by which we can use the software, and we will collect toll."

He said the system will register the point where a vehicle enters a toll highway, and thereafter register the point where it exits it; toll will be deducted from the owner's account for the kilometres the car is driven on the highway. He said the ministry is yet to zero in on the technology to be used but it will be selected "as early as possible — within a month".

Specifying that FASTag — an electronic toll collection system — has contributed "immensely" to toll collection, Gadkari said 5.56 crore FASTags have been issued till date, and average daily toll collection through FASTag is Rs 120 crore.

# RS unanimously passes anti-doping Bill

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PARLIAMENT ON Wednesday passed a Bill that seeks to create a statutory framework for the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) and National Dope testing laboratory.

After a detailed discussion, Rajya Sabha on Wednesday unanimously passed the National Anti-doping Bill. The legislation was cleared last week in Lok Sabha.

Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur said the law will regulate anti-doping activities in sports, specifically highlighting that it will "accomplish building institutional capabilities in anti-doping and enabling the hosting of major sporting events".

"(It will enable)... protecting rights of all sportspersons, ensuring time-bound justice to athletes, enhancing co-operation among agencies in fighting doping in sports, reinforcing India's commitment to international obligation for clean sports, independent mechanism for anti-doping adjudication," Thakur said.

He said that the law will result in the establishment of more dope testing labs. This will help create job opportunities, both directly and indirectly, and create opportunities for academic research, science, and manufacturing relating to anti-doping, the minister said.

During the debate, nominated member and legendary athlete P T Usha, delivering her maiden speech, expressed her concern over doping-related activities being reported at grassroots levels.

"We are yet to open our eyes to the abuse of doping in our country which was earlier confined only to the senior national levels but it has now reached the juniors, college and school levels, which is a serious concern that needs to be addressed. When talented sport individuals are abusing performance-enhancing drugs, they are not only sacrificing their career and life for short-term benefits but they are also spoiling the talents of upcoming sports individuals who work very hard to improve their performance levels," Usha said.

She said the new law can control doping activities to a certain extent. However, more "effective measures" need to be undertaken to curb these practices, she said.

"To control this alarming situation, with the special interest of our Sports Minister, the Lok Sabha passed the Anti-Doping Bill last week. While this phenomenon can be controlled to some extent through legislation, yet still more effective measures are imperative and need to be taken," Usha said.

**UPROAR IN LOK SABHA**

# Noisy protests over National Herald raid, 'misuse' of agencies

**LIZ MATHEW**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

LOK SABHA witnessed noisy scenes and abrupt adjournments amid protests by opposition members over the raid at National Herald newspaper premises in connection with a money laundering probe. In a rare gesture of protest, Congress president Sonia Gandhi also came to the well of the House briefly to join her party MPs who were protesting against the "misuse of central investigative agencies" against opposition leaders.

While members belonging to the Congress and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) stood in the well of the House, raising slogans like "ED, Modi down down" and "Narendra Modi jawab do", Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) members and a few from Trinamool Congress (TMC) stood near their seats in solidarity.

Two Congress MPs, Kodikkunnil Suresh and Manickam Tagore, gave notices of adjournment motion to discuss the issue. Tagore's notice said the party wanted the House to discuss immediately the "attitude of the Central government misusing the Enforcement Directorate to suppress the Opposition party and its leaders, especially the activities of the ED to defame the values of the National Herald newspaper, and to direct the government to refrain from such activities". Suresh said he wanted to discuss the "raids at the National Herald office in Delhi by the Enforcement Directorate" as it is "yet another instance of the vengeful politicisation of Central agencies by the BJP-led NDA government in its attempt to throttle dissent and opposition voices by acting upon fake and trumped-up charges".

When the House met, the Opposition wanted that its leaders be allowed to raise this issue. When Speaker Om Birla started the Question Hour, MPs from the Congress stormed the well shouting slogans against the government. "ED, Modi down down" and "Narendra Modi jawab do" were their main slogans.

The Lok Sabha was adjourned first at 11.10am till noon, and then again at 12.15pm till 2pm.

When the House met at noon, Congress MPs insisted that their leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury be allowed to raise the issue in the House. With Rajendra Agrawal (BJP), who was in the Chair, not granting permission to speak, the MPs began sloganeering. Sonia Gandhi was seen asking party leader Chowdhury to speak on certain issues. Congress members, and DMK leader T R Baalu also urged Speaker Om Birla to allow Chowdhury to speak but the permission was not granted.

Amid the ruckus, DMK MP Dayanidhi Maran was seen persuading senior Congress leaders, including Shashi Tharoor and Karti P Chidambaram, to come to the well of the House. At this, Sonia Gandhi stood up and joined the protesters in the well and also asked Chidambaram to move to the front.



Sonia Gandhi joined protesting MPs at the Well of the House. *File*

Rajendra Agrawal, who was in the Chair, allowed the laying of parliamentary papers on the table of the House and the introduction of the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill by Power Minister R K Singh. Trinamool Congress MP Sougata Ray opposed the introduction of the Bill, contending that the provisions were not sufficient to find alternative sources of energy and the Bill seeks to make the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) a top-heavy structure. "This Bill has nothing to improve the introduction of green hydrogen, green ammonia and other non-fossil fuels," Ray said and urged the government to bring a more comprehensive draft legislation.

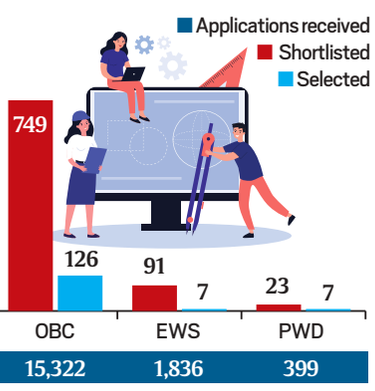
Singh, however, introduced the Bill that also has provisions to establish carbon markets and empower state electricity regulatory commissions to make regulations for a smooth discharge of its functions. Singh tried to address the concerns raised by Ray, saying the Bill did not seek to turn BEE into a large body, but only increase the members in the governing council to ensure participation of other departments in its functioning. "We are also introducing carbon markets. A person embracing renewable energy will earn credits which can be purchased by others. This will make financing the renewable energy projects easier," Singh said.

According to the minister, the big residential buildings consume 24 per cent of electricity and the Bill has provisions to make such buildings more energy efficient and sustainable. The Bill has provisions to slap penalties for non-compliance of the rules by industrial units or vessels, and on manufacturers if a vehicle fails to comply with the fuel consumption norms.

"With the passage of time, and in the context of the energy transition with special focus on the promotion of new and renewable energy and National Green Hydrogen Mission, a need has arisen to further amend the said Act to facilitate the achievement of 'Panchamrit' – as five nectar elements presented by India in Conference of Parties-26 in Glasgow last year," Singh said in the Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill.

## TEACHER RECRUITMENT IN IITs

- There are 4,596 vacancies in IITs, the govt told the Rajya Sabha in response to a question by BJP MP CM Ramesh
- Responding to CPM MP A A Rahim, the govt said since Sept 2021, 18 IITs recruited 286 teachers.




### IITs With The Most Vacancies

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kharagpur | 798 | Kanpur | 382 | Hyderabad | 113 |
| Bombay | 517 | Guwahati | 307 | Patna | 97 |
| Madras | 482 | IIT BHU | 271 | Indore | 77 |
| IIT (ISM) Dhanbad | 446 | Jodhpur | 138 | Mandi | 71 |
| Roorkee | 419 | Bhubaneswar | 114 | Ropar | 66 |

In Bhubaneswar, Bhilai and Roorkee IITs, recruitment is in 'abeyance', while on Mandi, Patna and Tirupati campuses, it is 'under process', the govt told Rajya Sabha

# House panel criticises govt for absence of 'clear-cut' policy on Indian diaspora

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A PARLIAMENTARY panel on Wednesday criticised the government over the absence of a "clear-cut" policy on engaging with the Indian diaspora and recommended bringing out a document to serve as a guiding principle for a deeper and wider connection with the community.

The committee on Ministry of External Affairs also expressed its displeasure over the government not yet having an authentic database of the Indian diaspora, and said Indian missions abroad should play a more proactive role in developing closer contact with the community.

In its 15th report that was tabled in Parliament on Wednesday, the panel noted that the Indian diaspora comprising over 18 million PIOs (persons of Indian origin) and 13 million NRIs is one of the largest overseas communities globally and the government must engage with it effectively.

The panel headed by P P Chaudhary said it is surprised that a "clear-cut policy" on India's diaspora is yet to be drafted by the government despite having a huge diaspora playing a very important role in the socio-economic development of their home country.

"The committee desires that the (External Affairs) Ministry should bring out a policy document on its diaspora to serve as a guiding principle for deeper and wider engagement with the diaspora community," it said.

The committee also noted that it is "deeply concerned" about the plight of thousands of Indian students pursuing medical and other courses in Ukraine and China as they are not being able to return to these countries.

"These students have been left in a quandary as they could not re-join their courses physically or complete their internship or training in India," the report said.

"The committee has been told that MEA had recommended to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to consider allowing Indian private medical institutions to enrol returnee students from Ukraine in their institutions on a one-time exemption basis," it said.



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### PAST & PRESENT

IN HER maiden speech in the Rajya Sabha, nominated member P T Usha, while recounting her dream to pursue athletics, mentioned two Prime Ministers — Indira Gandhi and Narendra Modi. "...myself being a girl from remote Payyoli in Kerala, a village without any facilities to pursue my sporting dreams, met and spoke for the first time to the then Prime Minister late Indira Priyadarshiniji, which was one of the most precious moments of my life," Usha said. "...Running up to the year 2000 and training my younger generation till yesterday, this devotee [referring to herself] has dedicated herself to the betterment of Indian sports and, once again, had the rare privilege to meet Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modiji, the most admired Prime Minister...," Usha said.

### POET'S POPULARITY

AFTER A tiring day in the House, some of the Opposition MPs got a chance to spend the evening in a refreshing ambiance. The occasion was a discussion on the English translation of DMK MP T Sumathy Thamizhachi Thangapandian's Tamil short stories at the Constitution Club. Being a leading Tamil poet, Sumathy certainly has hordes of fans in her home state but the crowd at the venue was a clear evidence to her popularity in Parliament, too. More than a dozen MPs from various parties attended the event. M Kanimozhi (DMK), Supriya Sule (NCP), Shashi Tharoor (Congress), and Sougata Ray (TMC) spoke about how Sumathy's is a pleasant presence during the "boring" sessions in Parliament. Ray went on to say that even if Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla calls for a meeting, so many MPs wouldn't be present.

### PROTEST SINGING

WITH LOK Sabha Speaker Om Birla giving a stringent warning that no MP should exhibit placards inside the House, the Opposition had to innovate to protest in the House. On Wednesday, when the House met in the second half, Congress MPs stormed the well of the House and started singing *Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram* and *Saare Jahan Se Achha* to register their protest. Congress MP from Kerala Ramya Haridas was leading the band and others repeated the lines she recited. Many BJP members were amused to see that the MPs sang both the songs almost to the last line.

# India set for Agnipath, worry in Nepal over Gorkha recruits

**NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN & YUBARAJ GHIMIRE**
NEW DELHI, KATHMANDU, AUGUST 3

ON HIS first visit to Nepal as Prime Minister in 2014, Narendra Modi told Nepal Parliament that there was no war India had fought in which Nepali blood had not been sacrificed. Praising the contribution and bravery of Gorkha soldiers in Indian Army, Modi said, "I salute the bravehearts who laid their lives for India."

Seven years later, as the Army prepares to unroll the Agnipath recruitment scheme, there are questions about its social and economic impact on Nepal, from where India has so far recruited approximately 1,400 soldiers into the Gorkha regiment annually (pre-Covid), and how it might affect India's relations with the government and people of Nepal, where its strategic interests are pitted against China.

The first recruitments in Nepal under Agnipath scheme are scheduled to begin late August, and some websites are already showing dates for recruitment rallies, but the Nepal government's confirmation to hold the rallies, which is part of the recruitment procedure, is still awaited. It is also unclear whether the annual recruitment numbers will hold good under Agnipath.

In India, the Army will recruit only 25,000 Agniveers this year.



**Addressing the Nepal Parliament in 2014, PM Modi had saluted Gorkhas who laid lives for Indian Army**

The Army's intake of Nepal soldiers takes place under a tripartite treaty signed in 1947 between Nepal, India and Britain. Some 32,000-35,000 Nepal soldiers serve in the Indian Army at any given time. The Indian Army ex-servicemen community in Nepal is about 1.32 lakh-strong.

While the numbers to be recruited from Nepal this year are unclear, what added to the concern is that only 25 per cent will be re-employed by Indian Army; the rest will have to go home.

According to information available in public domain, annual pensions for Nepal-domiciled Gorkhas (Indian Army also hires India-domiciled Gorkhas) total about Rs 4,000 crore. Serving soldiers also send remittances home to the tune of Rs 1,000 crore every year.

"That is a huge injection of money into Nepal's economy," said Ranjit Rae, India's former ambassador to Nepal, who has written extensively about India's Gorkha connect with Nepal in his book *Kathmandu Dilemma: Resetting India-Nepal Ties*. "There is massive unemployment in Nepal, and most young people leave to work in other countries.... It would be very difficult to assess the impact [of the new recruitment scheme] immediately. But as we saw in India, the first reaction in Nepal, too, was dismay."

Major-General Gopal Gurung (retd) of 5 Gorkha said that as in India, salaries, pensions and other benefits are a huge draw in Nepal for recruitment into the Indian Army. The socioeconomic impact of Agnipath may take 10 or 15 years to become apparent, he said, but what was at stake was also the historic Gorkha connection.

Gurung also flagged concerns articulated in Nepal media that Kathmandu was not consulted about the Agnipath scheme. "It is not binding on India to consult Nepal as long as it is applied uniformly and without discrimination. At the same time, considering good relations between the two countries, and to augment our ties, the Nepal government could have been consulted," he told *The Indian Express*.

Nepal's own stand on the recruitment of its citizens into the Indian Army has been a bit of a mixed bag. Over the last two decades, sections of the polity have questioned recruitment of Nepal citizens into another country's army where they might be deployed against countries friendly to Nepal. Gorkhas in Indian Army are deployed at both the Line of Control with Pakistan and at the Line of Actual Control with China.

Nepal has friendly ties with Pakistan, and China is hugely influential in Nepal.

In 2020, then Nepal foreign minister Pradeep Gyawali shocked many by calling Gorkha recruitment into foreign armies a "legacy of the past" and the 1947 tripartite agreement as "redundant".

Despite the rhetoric, Nepal understands that the economic aspect is too important for Kathmandu to dismiss altogether, but wants to be involved in the recruitment process. The sudden announcement of the scheme caught Nepal by surprise.

Officials in Kathmandu told *The Indian Express* that they had no information from Delhi about Agnipath. Even chairman of Nepal ex-servicemen's association, Major General Keshar Bahadur Bhandari, was in the dark. He seemed to believe that the Agnipath scheme was separate from Gorkha recruitment and expressed hope that recruitment of Gorkhas would continue.

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

# Govt gives nod to stronger climate targets for 2030

**ESHA ROY**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

INCORPORATING TWO of the promises made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Glasgow conference last year, India on Wednesday enhanced its climate change targets for 2030. India has said it was now committing itself to at least 45 per cent reduction in emissions intensity of GDP (emissions per unit of GDP) from 2005 levels. The existing target was a 33 to 35 per cent reduction.

At the same time, India is also promising to ensure that at least 50 per cent of installed electricity generation capacity in 2030 would be based on non-fossil fuel-based sources. This is an increase from the existing 40 per cent target.

Both these enhanced targets have been included in India's updated NDC, or nationally determined contributions, that every country has to periodically finalise and submit to the UN climate body. The updated NDC was approved by the union cabinet on Wednesday. India's first NDC was submitted in October 2015, just ahead of the finalisation of the Paris Agreement, which formalised this process.

"The updated NDCs seek to enhance India's contributions towards the achievement of the strengthening of global response to the threat of climate change, as agreed under the Paris Agreement. Such action will also help India usher in low emissions growth pathways," said a statement from the Environment Ministry.

India's first NDC had eight goals, but only three had quantified targets. Apart from the two mentioned above -- those relating to emissions intensity, and proportion of non-fossil sources in electricity generation – India had set a forestry target, promising to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent by 2030.

In Glasgow last year, Prime Minister Modi had made a series of new promises to strengthen climate action from India. Only two of them, mentioned above, have been converted to official targets, but the others are also inter-linked, and progress on one would lead to corresponding progress on others.

Government sources said India was already on the path of achieving its two existing non-forestry targets, and, therefore, an enhancement was expected. Officials said the achievement of the new NDC targets was "contingent upon the receipt of climate finance and technology" from developed countries.

"While these are achievable targets, they will be difficult to meet without resources," said sources.

Pointing out that the new NDC demonstrated India's commitment at the highest level for decoupling of economic growth from greenhouse gas emissions, the Environment Ministry said the enhanced target was also step toward achieving net zero status by 2070. Net zero is a situation in which a country's emissions are balanced by absorption or removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

"As a result of the aforesaid measures, the Net Zero target by 2030 by Indian Railways alone will lead to a reduction of emissions by 60 million tonnes annually. Similarly, India's massive LED bulb campaign is reducing emissions by 40 million tonnes annually," the ministry statement said.

**EXPLAINED**

**Concessions & incentives**

THE UPDATED framework for India's transition to cleaner energy between 2021-2030 will include tax concessions and incentives such as production linked incentive scheme for promotion of manufacturing and adoption of renewable energy. It will provide an opportunity for enhancing India's manufacturing capabilities and exports, and will lead to an increase in green jobs in renewable energy, clean energy industries.

# Govt to give groundnut oil at discounted rate of Rs 100/litre in Gujarat

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
GANDHINAGAR, AUGUST 3

AHEAD OF the Janmashtami and Diwali festivals, the Gujarat government Wednesday decided to provide double-filtered groundnut oil to those holding cards under National Food Security Act (NFSA) at discounted rate of Rs 100 per litre which is likely to cover nearly half the Gujarat population. A decision in this regard was taken by the state Cabinet in its weekly meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.

Spokesperson of the government and senior minister Jitu Vaghani announced the decision while adding that the state government will bear the financial burden of Rs 124 crore because of the subsidy. He added that the decision will benefit 70 lakh NFSA card holders in the state, and thus cover 3.5 crore of the population. Gujarat has a population of nearly 6.6 crore.

Every card holder will get one litre of oil, an official release quoted Vaghani as saying. According to Vaghani, the state government gets one litre of groundnut oil at the cost of Rs 197. The release added that last year, the government had distributed cotton seed oil to NFSA card holders at the rate of Rs 93 per litre.

In another announcement, Vaghani said that the National Medical Council (NMC) has issued a letter of intent to Gujarat government to establish medical colleges in Godhra and Porbandar. Vaghani said that as per the existing policy of the state government, the existing district hospital in these two districts will be converted into medical colleges.

An official release stated that the NMC had virtually held an inspection of the two hospitals last month after which letter of intent has been provided to them.

Subsequently, after getting letter of permission, the two medical colleges with 100 seats each will be functional from the next academic year. The two colleges will be developed at the cost of Rs 660 crore, in which 60 per ent will be borne by the central government and the remaining by the state government.

The release said there are 31 medical colleges in the state with 5,700 seats. With these two colleges, it added, total medical seats in Gujarat will go up to 5,900.

**V-P ELECTION**

## AAP, JMM say will support Alva

*New Delhi:* The Opposition camp on Wednesday got a boost with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) announcing support to their joint vice presidential candidate Margaret Alva, but number are still firmly in favour of NDA nominee Jagdeep Dhankhar.

The vice-presidential poll to elect the successor to M Venkaiah Naidu will be held on August 6. The results will out the same day.

As per the electoral college arithmetic, Dhankhar has two-thirds of votes in his favour as the BJP by itself has 303 members in the Lok Sabha and 91 in the Rajya Sabha.

With the support of some regional parties like the Janta Dal (United), YSRCP, BSP, AIADMK and Shiv Sena, the NDA nominee is likely to get over 515 votes, enough for a comfortable win for him.

Alva is likely to get around 190-200 votes, going by the support announced by parties for her candidature so far. **PTI**

## BSP set to back NDA nominee

*Lucknow:* After backing the NDA candidate in the Presidential election, the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) will once again lend support to the NDA nominee, Jagdeep Dhankhar, in the August 6 vice-presidential election. The BSP has 10 members in Lok Sabha and one member in Rajya Sabha. Announcing it on Twitter on Wednesday, BSP chief Mayawati said the decision to back the ruling NDA nominee was made "in view of larger public interest and party's own movement". **ENS**



**West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and Governor La Ganesan with the new ministers.** *Partha Paul*

# Mamata rejigs Cabinet; Babul among 8 new faces, 4 dropped

**ATRI MITRA**
KOLKATA, AUGUST 3

IN HER first Cabinet reshuffle since coming to power for the third term, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday inducted eight new faces, including former BJP MP and Union minister Babul Supriyo, and dropped four from her Council of Ministers. Those dropped from the Council of Ministers included Paresh Adhikari, Soumen Mahapatra, Ratna De Nag and Humayun Kabir.

The reshuffle came days after Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief sacked senior minister Partha Chatterjee and suspended him from the party following his arrest by the ED over the school jobs scam.

At a simple ceremony in Raj Bhavan, Governor La Ganesan administered the oath to five Cabinet-rank ministers, two Ministers of State with Independent Charge and two Ministers of State.

While Babul Supriyo, Udayan Guha, Partha Bhowmick, Snehasis Chakraborty and Pradip Mazumdar were sworn in as Cabinet ministers, Tajmul Hossain and Satyajit Barman were sworn in as Ministers of State (MoS). TMC MLA Biplab Ray Chowdhury was sworn in as MoS (Independent Charge) along with Birbhaha Hansda, who has been elevated from the Minister of State rank.

After attending the oath-taking ceremony, CM Banerjee announced the portfolios.

Babul Supriyo, 51, who had quit the BJP to join the TMC after being dropped from the Union Cabinet last year, has got the IT and Tourism Department.

## ED gets custody of Partha, Arpita till tomorrow

*Kolkata:* A Special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court on Wednesday extended the Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody of former state minister Partha Chatterjee and his aide Arpita Mukherjee till August 5, in connection with the School Service Commission recruitment (SSC) scam.

The ED had sought four days of custody for Chatterjee and three days for Mukherjee from whose apartments crores of rupees in cash and other valuables were recovered last month. They are facing charges under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). **ENS & PTI**

# Govt hikes sugarcane FRP by Rs 15/quintal

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

THE GOVERNMENT announced on Wednesday the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane for sugar season 2022-23 (October-September). The FRP of sugarcane has been fixed at Rs 305/quintal for a basic recovery rate of 10.25%.

The decision of fixing the sugarcane FRP was taken in the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Detailing the CCEA decision, an official statement said that FRP of sugarcane for sugar season 2022-23 (October-September) has been fixed at Rs 305/quintal for a basic recovery rate of 10.25%.

Besides, a premium of Rs 3.05/quintal will be provided for each 0.1% increase in recovery over and above 10.25%. However, for every 0.1% decrease in recovery, the FRP will be reduced by Rs 3.05 per quintal.

"However, the government with a view to protect interest of sugarcane farmers has also decided that there shall not be any deduction in case of sugar mills where recovery is below 9.5%. Such farmers will get Rs 282.125/qtl for sugarcane in ensuing sugar season 2022-23 in place of Rs 275.50/qtl in current sugar season 2021-22," the statement said. The FRP for sugar season 2022-23 is 5.1% higher than Rs 290 per quintal fixed for the sugar season 2021-22. For the sugar season 2021-22, the government had fixed the FRP at Rs 290 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 10% subject to a premium of Rs 2.90 per quintal for each 0.1% increase of recovery over and above 10% and reduction in FRP at the same rate for each 0.1% decrease in the recovery rate till 9.5%.

# Rahul watching, rival Karnataka Cong leaders display bonhomie

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
BENGALURU, AUGUST 3

IN A significant moment for the Congress and its efforts to come to power again in Karnataka, two senior leaders of the party — former chief minister Siddaramaiah and state party president D K Shivakumar — put up a display of bonhomie in the presence of Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi. The occasion was the 75th birthday celebrations of Siddaramaiah in Davangere on Wednesday.

With Rahul watching, the two Congress leaders — who are seen to be in the race for the CM post should the Congress win the polls in 2023 — hugged each other and dismissed talk of differences between them. The power tussle in the party is expected to be a decisive factor for the Congress's prospects in the Assembly elections.

Speaking at Siddaramaiah's birthday rally in Davangere in central Karnataka that saw over five lakh people in attendance, Rahul said, "I am very happy to see Siddaramaiahji and D K Shivakumar hugging each other. After he became party president, Shivakumar has worked hard to build the organisation."

"The Congress has united to defeat the BJP and RSS. They take wealth away from the people and give it to a few wealthy people. We give the wealth of the nation to the people," he said.

During Rahul's visit to Karnataka in April, he had called for unity among leaders and workers following reports of severe differences between party chief Shivakumar and Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah.



**Rahul Gandhi with state Congress chief D K Shivakumar and ex-CM Siddaramaiah in Davangere, Karnataka, on the occasion of Siddaramaiah's 75th birthday celebrations.** *PTI*

The relationship between the two sparring leaders had worsened following the announcement of Siddaramaiah's birthday being celebrated in a grand manner by his supporters. Shivakumar had said the party does not believe in worshiping individuals but changed his position after central leaders, such as Rahul and general secretary K C Venugopal backed the birthday celebrations .

Speaking at the event on Wednesday, Shivakumar said Siddaramaiah was not just a leader of the backward classes but for all communities. "I wish him the strength to serve the state for many more years. In 2013, when the Congress came to power, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi appointed Siddaramaiah as the CM. He took oath on the day of Basava Jayanthi. The philosophy of Basavanna is the philosophy of the Congress," Shivakumar said.

The state Congress chief also said he was moved when the idea of celebrating Siddaramaiah's birthday was proposed. "Siddaramaiah and I, and the leaders present here cannot bring the Congress to power on our own. We need the support of all the people to remove this corrupt (BJP) government and install a Congress government," he said.

When it was his turn to speak, Siddaramaiah rubbished reports of differences between him and Shivakumar. "For a long time, the Opposition and the media have been saying that Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar are opposed to each other. This is false information. We are together. There are no differences," Siddaramaiah said while thanking Rahul and Sonia Gandhi for their support.

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

# Rahul targets RSS over hoisting of Tricolour

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

A DAY after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP leaders changed their profile picture on social media platforms to the Tricolour, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday targeted the RSS, saying it had not hoisted the national flag at its headquarters for 52 years after Independence.

Rahul's attack came on a day BJP leaders and ministers questioned the absence of opposition MPs at a Tiranga bike rally from Red Fort to Parliament organised by the Ministry of Culture.

Rahul and senior Congress leaders too changed their social media display pictures to an image of India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru holding the national flag.

In a Facebook post later, he said: "Lakhs of people laid down their lives to keep the Tricolour flying high. But one organisation always refused to adopt the Tricolour... it did not hoist the Tricolour at its headquarters for 52 years... insulted the Tricolour and today those who emerged from that organisation are talking about the history of Tricolour, organising a 'har ghar tiranga' campaign."

"I want to ask...why did the RSS not the hoist the Tricolour at its headquarters for 52 years, why the livelihoods of those who make national flag being destroyed," he said.

## BRIEFLY

**GUJARAT**

### Surat records first swine flu death of the year

*Surat*: Surat reported first Swine flu death this year Wednesday. According to the Surat Municipal Corporation, a 49-year-old woman who had been admitted in a private hospital, died during treatment. SMC Deputy Health Commissioner Dr. Ashish Naik said,"As of today, there are eight active Swine flu patients in hospitals out of which one patient is on a high oxygen support and another is on ventilator support." **ENS**

**UTTARAKHAND**

### Soldier killed in landslide

*Uttarkashi:* An Army jawan was killed and another was injured after being hit by a boulder which fell from a hill following a landslide near the India-China border in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district, an official said on Wednesday. Soldier Sukhjinder Singh (23) was killed as he fell into a deep gorge, and the injured jawan has been hospitalised, said district disaster management officer Devendra Patwal. **PTI**

**UTTAR PRADESH**

### Man arrested for rape after 28 yrs

*Shahjahanpur*: A man was arrested 28 years after he allegedly raped a minor girl, when his DNA matched with the boy born as a result of the crime, police said on Wednesday. SP (City) Sanjay Kumar said that a 12-year-old girl was allegedly raped by two brothers in 1994. After the girl's complaint, the accused brothers were asked to undergo a DNA test, which confirmed that the boy had the same DNA as the accused, following which one brother was arrested, while the other one is absconding. **PTI**

**WEST BENGAL**

### TMC leaders' home raided

*Kolkata:* The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday conducted raids at residences of local Trinamool Congress leaders, including Kerim Khan and his close associate Ziaul Haque, at Illambazar and Nanoor,in connection with its probe into an alleged cattle smuggling scam officials said. CBI also conducted raids at the house of Tudu Mondal, an aide of TMC's Birbhum president Anubrata Mondal. **PTI**

# Voluntarily quitting vs hanging on to power: Sena camps face off in SC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3




**Eknath Shinde (left) ; Uddhav Thackeray**

THE EKNATH Shinde faction of Shiv Sena Wednesday told Supreme Court that the anti-defection law is "not a weapon for a leader who has lost confidence of his own party, to lock his members in, and somehow hang on to power".

Appearing for the Shinde faction, senior advocate Harish Salve said this while responding to arguments by senior advocates Kapil Sibal and A M Singhvi, who appeared for the Uddhav Thackeray faction and argued that actions of the rebels amounted to voluntarily giving up membership of the party. The only defence available to the rebels to escape the anti-defection law is to claim merger with another party, or float a new party, Sibal said.

Sibal told the bench, presided by CJI N V Ramana, that in the Karnataka Assembly matter, the SC had held that giving up party membership can be inferred from conduct. In this case, the rebel MLAs were called for a party meeting but they went to Surat and then Guwahati, he said. "They wrote to the Deputy Speaker, appointed their whip. They have given up their membership of the party by their conduct. They can't claim to be the original political party as defined in Tenth Schedule of the Constitution.... Every act of theirs...amounts to voluntary giving up party membership."

Sibal said the rebels are arguing they are the original Sena. But, he submitted, "That is not permissible. They admit before the Election Commission of India (ECI) that there is a split.... Even today they recognised Uddhav Thackeray as president of the official party.... They are linked to the party and that link is not severed merely because they say they are the majority in the legislature." He argued that "what is being done is to use the Tenth schedule to encourage defection" and, "if this is permitted, the majority can be used to topple any government".

Singhvi argued that the anti-defection law is being turned on its head. The law says it is a constitutional sin even if a majority defects, he said, "so they can't claim legitimacy on majority alone".

Salve disputed the argument that the rebels' conduct amounted to voluntarily giving up Sena membership and said someone will have to decide that. He said that in the original draft of the anti-defection law, there was a provision which said if a member is expelled from a party, he is disqualified. "There was concern that this would give absolute power to the party bosses, and give control on intra-party dissent, which was not what the anti-defection law was supposed for," Salve said.

He said the "basic premise of the anti-defection law is when you leave your political party" and that it has not been found until now that "anybody (in the Sena) has been disqualified".

The bench asked if he was trying to say that members, once elected, can forget about the party. Salve said he is only saying that there is "no relevance for dissent as long as I do not leave my party". He said "in India, we tend to confuse some political parties with individuals... Original political party is defined as the party to which a member belongs...Now I belong to Shiv Sena...My Chief Minister refuses to meet me...There are a lot of MLAs who say we want a change in the political party. That is not anti-party, but intra-party [act]". **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

## Maharashtra Cabinet expansion likely before Sunday: Shinde camp

*Mumbai:* The expansion of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra cabinet is likely to happen before Sunday, said Deepak Kesarkar, chief spokesperson of the Shinde-led faction of Shiv Sena, on Wednesday.

With expansion awaited, CM Shinde and deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis have been the only two members in the cabinet since the formation of the new government on June 30.

Over the last couple of weeks, Opposition leaders in Maharashtra, including Nationalist Congress Party leader Ajit Pawar and Shiv Sena MLA Aaditya Thackeray, have been questioning the delay in cabinet expansion and the alleged lapses as a result in the governance.

A coalition party leader said, "The Supreme Court verdict (on plea on disqualification of MLAs) is expected Thursday. The decision on expansion will follow the court order." **ENS**

# MP: Truck ferrying cattle attacked, one killed, two injured

**IRAM SIDDIQUE**
BHOPAL, AUGUST 3

ONE PERSON died and two others were injured after they were attacked by villagers for ferrying cattle in a truck at Barakhadi village of Madhya Pradesh's Narmadapuram district around 12:30am on Wednesday.

The deceased person was identified as Nazeer Ahmed, and injured as Shaikh Hassu Ajmeri and Sayyed Mushtak, all residents of Maharashtra's Amravati district.

The truck was carrying 28 cattle of which two were found dead, police said.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Narmadapuram Superintendent of Police Gurkaran Singh said, "A truck with three residents of Maharashtra's Amravati district on board was transporting bovines illegally. They were stopped by 10-12 people and beaten up. After the police reached the spot, the three were rushed to a hospital where one person died during treatment."

Singh added that a murder case (IPC, Section 302) has been registered and investigations are on. Those on-board the truck have been booked under the MP Govansh Vadh Pratishedh Adhiniyam Act.

Truck driver Shaikh Hassu Ajmeri while talking to the media said "the villagers at Narmadapuram's Nandanwar filled the truck with cattle and they were ferrying them to Amravati when stopped by villagers and beaten up".

The SP said as per the preliminary investigation, the three onboard the truck had arrived in MP's Seoni Malwa a day or two before the incident. "We are trying to figure out if they had provided the vehicle for transportation purpose or were they smuggling the cattle," he said.

On the identity of the people who attacked the truck, Singh said: "Most of them are locals from nearby Barakhadi village and Gotiyapuri area. It has come to light that one person got the information about the truck and he informed his accomplices. We are trying to gather details on how they received this information," added Singh.

The SP, however, denied the involvement of any vigilante group, saying all were local villagers with no affiliation to any group.

**YES BANK-DHFL CASE**

# ED attaches Rs 400 cr assets of two builders

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth more than Rs 400 crore of two builders in connection with the Yes Bank-DHFL case.

While assets worth Rs 251 crore belonging to Sanjay Chhabria have been attached provisionally, similar orders have been issued for properties to the tune of Rs 164 crore belonging to Avinash Bhosale.

According to ED, the attached assets of Chhabria are in the form of a land parcel in Santacruz, Mumbai, worth Rs 116.5 crore; 25% equity shares of Chhabria's company held in a land parcel in Bengaluru, worth Rs 115 crore; a flat at Mumbai's Santacruz worth Rs 3 crore; profit receivable from a hotel belonging to Chhabria at Delhi airport worth Rs 13.67 crore; and three luxury cars belonging to him and worth Rs 3.10 crore.

Bhosale's attached assets include a duplex flat in Mumbai worth Rs 102.8 crore; two land parcels in Pune worth Rs 14.65 crore and Rs 29.24 crore; and two land parcels in Nagpur worth Rs 15.52 crore and Rs 1.45 crore.

The agency is probing Rana Kapoor of Yes Bank and Kapil Wadhawan and Dheeraj Wadhawan of DHFL on the basis of a CBI FIR. It is alleged that Kapoor entered into a criminal conspiracy with Kapil Wadhawan and others for allegedly extending financial assistance to DHFL by Yes Bank Ltd in lieu of substantial undue benefit to himself and his family members through companies held by them. "Rana Kapoor through Yes Bank Ltd got invested Rs 3,700 crore in short-term non-convertible debentures of DHFL and Rs 283 crore in Masala Bonds of DHFL," the ED said in a statement. "Simultaneous to this investment made by Yes Bank in DHFL, Kapil Wadhawan through DHFL paid a kickback of Rs 600 crore, in the garb of loan, to one of Rana Kapoor's beneficially owned companies — M/s DOIT Urban Ventures (India) Pvt Ltd."

According to the agency, investigation revealed that immediately after alleged transfer of funds amounting to Rs 3,983 crore by Yes Bank to DHFL, the latter appraised and sanctioned loans to Radius Group of Sanjay Chhabria, which received Rs 2,317 crore as loan from DHFL in the name of development of his project "Avenue 54" at Santacruz, Mumbai. Chhabria subsequently diverted the money without using it for the declared purpose, the ED alleged.

## Free entry to ASI monuments for 10 days from August 6

New Delhi: Entry to all monuments and sites protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will be free for the next 10 days from Saturday. The government announced this on Wednesday as part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 75th Independence Day celebrations. Officials said free entry has been facilitated for all Indian nationals as well as foreigner visitors to the monuments under the aegis of the ASI. "As part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 75th I-Day celebrations, @ASIGoI has made entry free for visitors/ tourists to all its protected monuments/sites across the country, from 5th-15th August, 2022," Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy said in a tweet. There are over 3,600 ASI-protected monuments in the country. **ENS**



## NEW CVC TAKES CHARGE

**Newly sworn-in Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) Suresh N. Patel with President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Wednesday** *PTI*

**NSE PHONE-TAPPING CASE**

# I am a whistleblower, pointed out criminal acts: Mumbai ex-top cop

**ANAND MOHAN J**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3



**Sanjay Pandey**

FORMER MUMBAI Police commissioner Sanjay Pandey, in judicial custody for his alleged role in tapping of phones of NSE employees, told a Delhi court on Wednesday that he is a whistleblower who had, in fact, pointed out criminal activities such as "betting in IPL" that were purportedly taking place in the stock exchange.

Pandey's lawyers made the submissions before Special Judge Sunena Sharma, who will pronounce the order on his bail plea on Thursday.

Appearing for Pandey, advocate Tanvir Ahmed Mir told the court that Pandey was a whistleblower who flagged suspicious activities in the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

The court asked Mir whether his client was engaged as a spy. Mir replied, "Spy would not be a good word coming from the court. My job is to flag suspicious calls."

Mir told the court that NSE gave Pandey a record, and he flagged calls that indicated illegal activities. "NSE employees are betting in IPL and I am flagging those activities.... What wrong did I commit," he asked. "Was I running (away) from India? Proceeds of crime in total amount to Rs 4.54 crore. It is not camouflaged or layered. Who is dissipating evidence? The ED arrested for ulterior reasons [motive]. I told them (NSE) about system operation breach, access control breach, IPL betting."

Mir submitted that the NSE engaged his client's services to ensure that "trade secrets do not go out (and) insider trading does not happen", and for that the NSE recorded calls and gave his company transcripts.

The NSE, the court was told, has been "recording calls since 1997 to save itself. To ensure there is no illegal activity...it is being done all over, including government companies and banks. If it is not an offence there, how is it an offence here? Call it snooping or whatever, this is being done everywhere. The West Bengal State Distribution company has this. Why is no one being arrested? SEBI says record all calls..."

Mir argued that his client was arrested first and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) began the investigation later, in violation of safeguards stipulated by law. Thus, he submitted, the court is empowered to grant him bail.

Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, who appeared for ED, began his arguments by addressing Mir's contention that no predicate offence was made out. "He has not challenged this FIR, nor gone for quashing. He cannot now argue no predicate offence is made out," Raju contended. "Whether predicate offence is made out or not is in the exclusive domain of CBI."

On SEBI's directives regarding recording phone calls, which Mir cited, Raju said, "SEBI doesn't say you record private conversations. They have no business tampering with MTNL lines."

Mir rebutted this by stating that even though the ASG submitted that split-second decisions were taken, "iSec was getting data two weeks later".

## NIA arrests two more for Amravati chemist's murder

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency has arrested two more people in connection with the murder of Umesh Kolhe in Amravati, Maharashtra, in June. The accused, who were arrested on Tuesday, were identified as Abdul Arbaz and Maulavi Mushfique Ahmed. Earlier, the NIA had arrested seven people.

"The arrested accused viz. Abdul Arbaz and Maulavi Mushfique Ahmed are criminal associates of earlier arrested accused persons, namely Irfan Shaikh, Shoaib Khan, Mudassir Ahmed, Aatif Rashid, Yusuf Khan, Abdul Toufiq and Shahrukh Pathan and one wanted accused namely Shamim Ahmed Firoj Ahmed," the NIA said .

The Ministry of Home Affairs had last month handed over the chemist's murder case to the NIA after it was found it had similarities with the June 28 murder of a tailor in Udaipur.

Exactly a week before tailor Kanhaiyalal Teli was killed in Udaipur, 54-year-old Kolhe was killed on June 21. Investigators believe Kolhe was killed allegedly in retaliation for a social media post supporting BJP's Nupur Sharma who had made controversial comments on the Prophet.

## In Lok Sabha, MPs bat to promote sports

*New Delhi:* Sports in India is stymied by federations that do not come under government control, BJP member Nishikant Dubey said in Lok Sabha on Wednesday during a discussion on promotion of sports in India. "The problem with the sports ecosystem in India is that federations are outside government's control. Rich states can spend money and do that, but what do poor states such as Jharkhand do?" Dubey said.

BSP's Danish Ali also raised the issue of federations controlling sports. "If nepotism in federations is neutralised and youths from villages get the same opportunity and facilities as others, India's tally will rise exponentially," he said.

BJP's Satypal Singh said although many shooters have over the years come from his constituency, Baghpat, it has no facilities for sportspersons. "They have to go to Haryana to train and practice. I have been demanding that Baghpat be given a National Sports Institute," he said. **ENS**

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Complete set of bidding documents are available on the tender portal:**www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in.**

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# 'Don't know what will happen, but I feel safer': More Afghan Sikhs arrive in India

**JIGNASA SINHA**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3



**Afghan Sikhs after landing at IGI airport, New Delhi, from Kabul, on Wednesday.** *Prem Nath Pandey*

HUGGING HIS elder brother, Jagjeet, who had just arrived at the Delhi airport from Afghanistan, an emotional Amarjeet said, "I have been waiting for him for a year now. We have always been together and I won't leave my brother again. He has suffered a lot there. I will help him and his children get jobs here." Jagjeet, who owned a department store in Afghanistan's Jalalabad, and his sons were among at least 28 Afghan Sikhs who were evacuated to India on Wednesday.

The evacuation was facilitated by the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandak Committee (SGPC) in coordination with India World Forum and the Government. Concerns about the security of Sikhs in Afghanistan have risen since the attack on a gurdwara in Kabul in June, which killed two people. SGPC officials said around 65-70 people have been evacuated recently, and that more would be brought to India as soon as their visa applications are cleared and planes are arranged.

A tearful Amarjeet said, "Jagjeet was severely injured two years ago during the grenade attack in Afghanistan. He can't hear or speak now. I was also in Afghanistan, but I managed to escape while he was stuck. I have been feeling helpless since then. It aggravated after the Taliban took over. I tried a lot but could not bring my brother back. He is here now, and I am very happy." The brothers left the airport holding each other's hands.

Newly married Manjeet and Gurmeet said they had to leave everything overnight to save their lives.

Kamaljeet, who ran a herbal medicine shop in Afghanistan, said, "Everything seems blurry now. It has been difficult staying in Afghanistan. My family would stop me from going to our shop because they were afraid that someone would attack me. We left our shop. The past few days have been hectic."

Many of the families were welcomed by their relatives who either left Afghanistan a few years earlier, or came all the way from Punjab.

Taranjeet Singh, a medical store owner, said he only had time to pack clothes and essential documents for his wife and two sons. "My shop was damaged during the Gurudwara attack. I have lost all my money and don't know what will happen, but I do feel safer now. We were hoping to get on a plane and leave as soon as possible. It is scary to think about what happened," he said.

TRANSGENDER'S REMOVAL

# Delhi HC pulls up UP Police for whisking away 22-year-old from shelter

**SOFI AHSAN**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

SLAMMING THE Uttar Pradesh Police for "unlawfully" taking away a 22-year-old transgender from a Delhi shelter home last month, and Delhi Police for assisting them, the Delhi High Court on Wednesday asked whether it was a "procedure" that the UP Police decides to visit anybody in the middle of the night. The court also asked whether the Delhi Police was applying itself at all when "there are so many strictures" passed by it against the law enforcement agency.

Issuing notice to the Delhi Police, Uttar Pradesh government, UP Police and Centre on a plea that also sought compensation for violation of the fundamental rights, and directions for appropriate protocol for safety and security of the residents of shelter homes, the court particularly asked the Delhi Police to inform it about its actions on an affidavit within four weeks.

Hearing the petition filed by Mitr Trust, which runs the shelter, for probing the role of police officers in the matter, the division bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Amit Sharma asked whether an adult, who is reported to have been missing, can be taken against their will.

"There is a judgment. Nobody seems to be reading them. Even the parents cannot do it. This court has already held they cannot take away an adult child against their will. We cannot permit this," said the court, when it was told that the police were acting on a missing-persons complaint filed by the parents of the 22-year-old in UP.

The court added that the law draws a distinction between minors and adults in such cases. "Somebody is missing and you go and pick him up in the middle of the night? You say a person is missing and you locate him [but] he says I am fine, you have to take him to the police station because somebody has reported him missing? Is he wanted in relation to commission of any cognisable offence? So, why have you whisked him away?" asked the court.

When the police said that the person in question willingly accompanied the police, the court observed that it was "rich" for police to say that "he accompanied" willingly from Delhi to UP.

"Do you think it happens especially when he is not missing and he is not being held at the institution against his will. Why would he go in the middle of night? 'Tonight I will go to Uttar Pradesh with the UP Police. Let's have some fun'...is it possible? is it tenable…this argument?" asked Justice Mridul.

When the court asked where was the statement that 22-year-old went with police willingly, the counsel representing the Delhi Police submitted that it was with the UP Police and they can be issued notice for producing it before the court.

Taking exception to the submission, the court said, "Will bring it? When it comes to Delhi Police, you are responsible. [The person] was taken away from your jurisdiction...You cannot just keep on passing the buck."



## IN THE WORKS

**Members of a self-help group prepare flags for 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' to celebrate the 75th year of Independence, in Dhanbad on Wednesday.** *PTI*

# Cong's Kuldeep Bishnoi resigns as legislator, set to join BJP today

**VARINDER BHATIA**
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 3

CONGRESS REBEL Kuldeep Bishnoi finally resigned from the membership of Haryana Assembly and is all set to join BJP on Thursday ending his six years bonhomie with the party that he had earlier quit in 2007 and joined back in 2016.

During the last six years, Kuldeep tried his best to get out of the shadow of veteran Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda, but miserably failed to secure any substantial rank within the party's state unit.

After being dumped by the party high command, Kuldeep decided to get into BJP and took four months to eventually resign on Wednesday and announcing that he would join BJP, Thursday.

Bishnoi, 53, is the younger son of former Haryana CM Bhajan Lal.

MORADABAD

# Removed over 'bulldozer threat' to businessman, Bilari SDM suspended

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 3

MORE THAN a fortnight after the Bilari Sub-divisional Magistrate (SDM) was removed from his post following a complaint of a local businessman for allegedly threatening him by getting a portion of his building demolished when asked to clear dues, the state government has suspended the officer.

The action was taken after the Moradabad district administration found the then SDM Ghanshyam Verma guilty in its initial inquiry report.

"The administration submitted an inquiry report that indicted the officer. No one guilty of misdeed would be spared. The move is in accordance with the state government's zero tolerance policy against corruption," said Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Kumar Awasthi.

Last month, the administration had ordered a probe into the allegations of Zahid Ahmed, the businessman, who claimed that the SDM threatened to send a bulldozer and get demolished a portion of a building on his plot when he asked Verma to clear dues for the furniture bought from his shop. Verma, on the other hand, had claimed that Zahid levelled false allegations against him after a notice of encroachment was served on him.

After the incident surfaced on social media and an inquiry was ordered, Ghanshyam Verma was attached to the district collectorate office.

Moradabad Additional District Magistrate (Executive) Surendra Singh, who also conducted the inquiry, said the district administration has received the government's suspension orders.

KHWAJA YUNUS CUSTODIAL DEATH

# CID tells court it wants to withdraw plea to make four cops stand trial

**SADAF MODAK**
MUMBAI, AUGUST 3

THE CID has told a sessions court that it wants to withdraw a plea filed by its former prosecutor to make four policemen stand trial for the alleged custodial death of Khwaja Yunus. Dhiraj Mirajkar, the former special public prosecutor of the case, was sacked in 2018 after he had moved an application to make four policemen accused in the case based on the testimony of a prime witness, who had claimed that the four had brutally assaulted Yunus in 2003.

Special public prosecutor Pradip Gharat, who replaced Mirajkar, told the court on Wednesday that there was no sanction to prosecute the four policemen sought to be added as accused and hence the plea cannot be sustained. He further submitted that the HC had held that the competent authority's decision to not grant sanction to prosecute the four policemen is proper. The four are retired ACP Praful Bhosale, Rajaram Vhanmane, Ashok Khot, and Hemant Desai.

SPP Gharat told the court that he will be making a written submissions on the withdrawal of the application. Reading out the 2012 HC order, Gharat submitted that the court had observed that the sanctioning authority's decision was based on statements of witnesses and other evidence. The four policemen were not members of the team investigating the case and were only providing assistance to arrest the accused.

Yunus, a 27-year old software engineer from Parbhani, was arrested by the Mumbai Police in December 2002 for his alleged role in the Ghatkopar bomb blast earlier that month.

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PANSARE MURDER CASE

# HC to transfer investigation from SIT to ATS

**OMKAR GOKHALE**
MUMBAI, AUGUST 3



Govind Pansare

THE BOMBAY High Court on Wednesday said it will transfer the investigation into the death of activist and CPI leader Govind Pansare from Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the state Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS).

Allowing a plea filed by Pansare's kin seeking transfer of the probe from the SIT, the court said the ATS would be assisted by a few officers of state CID, the agency that had been investigating the case till date, for continuity.

Pansare was shot at on February 16, 2015 near his house in Kolhapur. He died four days later.

On Monday, the Maharashtra government had told the high court that it had no objection in transferring the probe from SIT to ATS. However, the bench had asked the state government to respond as to whether some officers from ATS can be made part of the SIT instead of starting the probe into the killing from "point zero."

A division bench of Justice Revati Mohite-Dere and Justice Sharmila Deshmukh passed an order in an application filed by Pansare's daughter Smita and daughter-in-law Megha, wherein advocate Abhay Nevagi told the court that the state police was yet to make any breakthrough in the case even after seven years.

Nevagi had told the HC that there was a larger conspiracy in the murders of Pansare and other activists, including Dr Narendra Dabholkar, M M Kalburgi and Gauri Lankesh, as all the cases are "linked." He added that since Dabholkar case trial has commenced, the investigation cannot be transferred, but a probe into Pansare's death can be moved to the ATS. Nevagi said that Lankesh and Kalburgi cases probed by Karnataka Police SIT will soon reach their logical conclusion.

Nevagi also said that ATS is an appropriate agency which can take the Pansare case to a logical end due to its role in the probe of the 2018 Nalasopara arms haul case in which it found that the same accused were involved in the murders of Pansare and the other three persons.

He added that there was no dedicated team of officers to probe the Pansare case as five IPS officers investigating the matter were changed during the course of the probe.

Nevagi told the bench that the masterminds behind the killing and the two shooters are still absconding. He added that as per the probe agency, nearly 40 more persons, including Pansare and Dabholkar's family members, activist Medha Patkar and other intellectuals, authors and politicians were on the hit-list and therefore, the masterminds should be nabbed and the case be taken to logical conclusion.

Submitting the recent probe progress report, senior advocate Ashok Mundargi, a special counsel for state, had said that Sarang Akolkar and Vinay Pawar were the only two accused specifically named in the Pansare case as shooters, adding they were not named as accused in other cases.

The court said that it will transfer the probe to ATS and would pass a detailed order in due course.

BSF ILLEGAL MINING REPORT

# Workers with unproven credentials along border a security hazard, HC told

**JAGPREET SINGH SANDHU**
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 3

WHILE MINING/EXCAVATION in the border areas of Punjab "starts before sunrise and goes on till late night (sometimes even whole night)", the "presence of hundreds of labourers – whose antecedents have not been verified by the local police – so close to the International Border (IB) is perceived to be a big security hazard", the Border Security Force (BSF) has told the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

The BSF authorities submitted a report in this regard before the bench of Chief Justice Ravi Shanker Jha and Justice Arun Palli. The HC was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) – filed by Gurbir Singh Pannu in 2012 – on illegal mining in Punjab.

Pannu and others had previously told the HC that in the areas of Pathankot and Gurdaspur adjacent to Pakistan border and right across the Ravi River, the illegal mining has resulted in creation of gorges and ditches which seriously jeopardise the security of the country and in fact has practically become an entry point for infiltrators and terrorists.

The HC in the previous hearing had thus called for reports from the BSF, Army, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as well as National Institute of Hydrology, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India in respect of the illegal mining, if any, being carried out in Pathankot and Gurdaspur districts which is allegedly causing huge threat to the national security at the International Border between India and Pakistan.

As the matter came up for hearing before the HC on August 2, the State of Punjab filed an affidavit sworn by the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Water Resources, Mining, and Geology, before the division bench.

The Punjab government in its report to curb illegal mining in the state mentioned that the 'Enforcement Directorate of Mining' – created in March 2021 – had received 151 complaints of illegal mining in Punjab from April 1, 2021, to July 26, 2022. From January 1, 2022, to July 26, 2022, a total of 42 complaints were received by the Directorate which have been further forwarded to the police for action.

The Punjab government's report further stated that 603 FIRs had been registered against 958 individuals from January 1 to July 26 this year. As many as 690 people had been arrested, of which 663 were released on bail by the lower courts. No less than 536 vehicles, out of 777 impounded by police during the period, were released by the lower courts.

# Hindu Yuva Vahini units dissolved

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LUCKNOW, AUGUST 3

ALL THE organisational units of Hindu Yuva Vahini (HYV), a youth outfit launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in 2002, were dissolved on Wednesday, sources said, adding that it is likely to be restructured ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

On the condition of anonymity, a functionary of the HYV in Gorakhpur said that the organisation in-charge and former MLA Raghvendra Pratap sent a message to all the office-bearers informing them about the dissolution.

The decision to dissolve the HYV's state, regional and district units was taken a day after Adityanath met senior functionaries of the outfit in Gorakhpur on Tuesday, the functionary said. Adityanath founded the outfit to work for Hindu culture, cow protection, and against untouchability.

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# CUET-UG second phase gets underway from today

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WITH THE second phase of the CUET-UG set to begin on Thursday, many candidates have approached the National Testing Agency (NTA) to get dates and centres changed as other entrances are also scheduled over the next few days.

In some cases, candidates, who have already appeared in first phase of CUET-UG held between July 15 and July 20, have been assigned slots even in the second phase, triggering confusion and uncertainty.

On Wednesday, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (independent charge) Jitendra Singh also raised the issue of candidates from Jammu's Udhampur being assigned centres at Srinagar's Goripora with Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

The matter was brought to Singh's attention by BJP J&K president Ravinder Raina. The exam centre for aspirants from Udhampur has "surprisingly been established at Gouripora, Srinagar, which is in the vicinity of Hyderpora, an utterly unsafe place for young students, especially in view of forthcoming Independence Day", Raina wrote in a letter to Singh.

"A big group of Jammuites may be, God forbid, an easy target for miscreants," the letter shared by Singh on Twitter added. Later, Singh tweeted that Pradhan has issued instructions to get the centre changed for Udhampur candidates.

But in several other cases, candidates are yet to receive any response from the NTA.



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## PELOSI QUEERS PITCH

**Her visit marks an inflexion point not only for Taiwan's future but also for US-China relations and Asia's geopolitical trajectory**

ALTHOUGH CHINA COULD not dissuade Nancy Pelosi, the speaker of the US House of Representatives and second in line to succeed the US President, Beijing is turning up significant military and commercial heat on Taiwan. This will only increase the pressure on Washington to raise its level of strategic support for Taiwan. The broad political understanding between Washington and Beijing on managing the problem of Taiwan has been under strain for a while. But Pelosi's visit marks an inflexion point not only for Taiwan's future but also for US-China relations and Asia's geopolitical trajectory.

The normalisation of relations between the US and China in the 1970s involved finessing the Chinese claim that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China. On its part, the US switched its diplomatic recognition from Taiwan to the People's Republic of China, announced support for the "One China" policy, and agreed to limit its engagement with Taiwan. Beijing, in turn, promised it would not forcibly integrate Taiwan into the mainland and respect the principle of one "country two systems". This compromise helped Washington and Beijing to significantly improve bilateral relations and develop a massive commercial partnership. Amidst the deterioration of US-China relations in the last few years, China has accused the US of undermining the One China principle by elevating American ties with Taiwan. Washington says it is President Xi Jinping's muscular policies that are overturning the status quo on Taiwan. Xi's absorption of Hong Kong in violation of the promises made to the international community and his ambition to integrate Taiwan, forcibly if necessary, have changed the terms of US debate on Taiwan. Speaker Pelosi is not backing the independence of Taiwan. But, for a long time, she has been a champion of the democratic rights of the people in China — including in Taiwan, Tibet and Xinjiang. With her visit to Taiwan, she has certainly queered the pitch for Washington's ties with Beijing.

Delhi can't afford to treat the developments in Taiwan as a distant crisis. The greater the Chinese oppression of its minorities and the more assertive it is towards its territorial claims on Taiwan and South China Sea, the more substantive the US resistance will become. A war over Taiwan may not be imminent. But the conflict over Taiwan is deepening. Unlike in Ukraine, where the US is not directly fighting Russia, US commitment to defend Taiwan would pit American armed forces against the PLA in the event of an escalation. US allies, Japan and Australia, are also committed to join it in securing Taiwan against a Chinese invasion. Ranked 21st, Taiwan is among the top economic entities in the world. It is a leading producer of semiconductor chips and straddles the vital maritime trade routes in the Indo-Pacific. The global disruption from a conflict over Taiwan could be much larger than that unfolding due to Ukraine. Equally significant is the possibility that the deepening conflict between US and China could also draw India into it. While Beijing might think twice before risking a direct conflict with Washington over Taiwan, it could hit out at its other neighbours, including India, to compensate for the visible weakness vis a vis the United States.

## CROPS OF LAST RESORT

**That pulses are not prioritised speaks of perverse policies that encourage crops requiring more water and chemical fertilisers**

PULSES ARE REFERRED to as "orphan crops". This is not only because of their being mostly grown in marginal lands prone to moisture stress, but also because farmers often switch to more high-yielding crops when they have access to irrigation -- or even if the rains are good. Take the current kharif season from June, where surplus rainfall in much of the South Peninsula, Central and Northwest India has led to the overall pulses area sown till July 29 increasing by 2.9 per cent over the same period of last year. But area under the main kharif pulses crop, arhar (pigeonpea), has fallen by 13.5 per cent, while rising for moong (green gram) and urad (black gram). The latter pulses are of shorter duration (60-90 days), unlike arhar that takes 160-180 days. Farmers, especially in the two major pulses-growing states of Maharashtra and Karnataka, have basically diverted arhar area to soyabean and cotton.

The primary driver in this is, however, prices. Soyabean is trading roughly 50 per cent above its minimum support price (MSP). Also, its yields are more or less the same as arhar with hardly 90-100 days' maturity time. Cotton prices soared to record Rs 12,000-13,000 per quintal levels in March-April and are even now ruling at Rs 9,000-10,000, as against the MSP of Rs 6,080 for medium-staple varieties. Bountiful rains have given an added boost to cotton and further tilted the scales against pulses. To cut the story short, the lack of price certainty and a better than normal monsoon have resulted in pulses acreage going up mainly in Rajasthan and MP. Even there, farmers have opted for moong, urad and other short-duration pulses, which can be harvested early to enable planting of their main rabi winter-spring crop of wheat or mustard.

Such treatment to pulses is unfortunate. Apart from being a valuable protein source for many in India whose diets are vegetarian and cereal-based, pulses harbour bacteria that naturally "fix" atmospheric nitrogen and their extensive root systems keep the soil porous and well-aerated. Pulses should become a commercial crop rather than a crop of last resort. That requires assured MSP, a stable import policy and breeding of varieties that are of shorter duration and amenable to mechanical harvesting. MSP procurement of pulses is both erratic and inadequate today. Imports of arhar, urad and masur (red lentil) are allowed at zero duty. There is nothing more perverse than policies that encourage farmers to grow more rice, wheat and sugarcane than crops requiring less water and chemical fertilisers.

## STARS TO EARTH

**Talk about correction in inflated showbiz salaries is growing louder. A valuable conversation has begun**

AT THE RECENT Express Adda, when actor Alia Bhatt, who recently turned producer, was asked if it was time for a correction in actors' remuneration, in light of the box office havoc wreaked by the Covid-19 pandemic, she said "it should happen". Thinking along similar lines is the Telugu Producers Guild which stopped the shooting of all films starting August 1 to seek a post-pandemic "restructuring" of the film industry, including the remuneration demanded by actors.

The usual excuse for the huge salaries paid to actors, especially the top stars — that they deserve their fat paychecks as they are the ones drawing crowds to the theatres on the make-or-break opening weekend — seems to have fewer takers now. Calls for change are growing louder in film industries. Last year, filmmaker Karan Johar spoke about how "fed up" he was of actors demanding higher fees even when the film industry was experiencing one of its worst phases, while his colleague Zoya Akhtar said that the gap between actors' and technicians' fees was "offensive".

The film business has always been risky. But showbiz has unarguably grown riskier over the last couple of decades, with actors taking up an ever-growing proportion of a film's budget — upto 50 per cent, in some cases. It is worth wondering how much better the excess money could be used. Could it, for example, be used to pay writers better or plug the gap that Akhtar mentions? Perhaps it could be used to properly develop and research a project before shooting begins. Whichever direction the current conversation about the film business's woes takes, it seems that in the matter of astronomical salaries, it may be time the stars came down to terra firma.

# Taiwan between giants

**Being a proxy in a fight between big powers is the most uncomfortable position for any state to be in**



SHYAM SARAN

THE DAILY GAME over the past 10 days has been about predicting whether the US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's travel itinerary in Asia would include Taiwan. The formal announcement of the itinerary did not include Taiwan and since she finally made it to Taipei on Tuesday, the omission is inexplicable. Surely the intention was not to catch the Chinese by surprise. Yes, it did add drama to the visit which suits the publicity-savvy Pelosi. Remember how in 1992, as part of a US Congressional delegation visiting China, Pelosi had unfurled a banner at Beijing's Tiananmen Square, expressing support for the young demonstrators who had died in the violent suppression of the pro-democracy movement in 1989. That got her a lot of eyeballs back home. Poking China in the eye may help the Democrats in the forthcoming congressional elections. The domestic imperative is visible.

What is more telling than the fact of the visit itself is the long and circuitous route which Pelosi's special aircraft took, avoiding the more direct route over the South China Sea, and the islands claimed and occupied by China. Some of these islands are heavily militarised, with anti-aircraft batteries. The US rejects Chinese claims over these islands and regards the South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait as international waterways, but in this case, chose not to press the point. The detour taken by Pelosi reflects the change in the balance of power which has taken place in the region over the past decade adding a new wariness to American calculations. The Chinese would have taken note.

Now that the visit has taken place, attention has shifted to what China will do in retaliation. Having threatened dire consequences if the visit went ahead, Beijing's reaction will need to be seen as substantial and visible. The initial moves have been predictable. Military exercises around Taiwan have been expanded, with Chinese aircraft intruding more frequently across the informal median line which defines the zone of operations on each side. Chinese naval ships are cruising within the Taiwan Straits and around the island itself. During the period the exercises continue, there will be a virtual blockade of Taiwan as foreign vessels and aircraft will be obliged to stay clear. Economic sanctions have been announced, prohibiting imports of a whole range of foodstuffs from Taiwan. There may be more to come. One item which will be left out is semi-conductors, a critical import for a range of Chinese high-tech industries. Taiwanese firms like the Taiwan Semi-Conductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) are world leaders in the most sophisticated brands of chips imported by a large number of countries. This is an area of acute vulnerability for China. This may either hasten Chinese plans to invade and occupy Taiwan in order to gain access to this critical capability or to deny China's adversaries — in particular, the US — access to it. Taiwan sits right in the middle of US-China high-tech competition.

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The US has carried out a precision drone attack in Kabul, eliminating the al Qaeda leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri. This was designed to refurbish the US's credibility which had been severely damaged by its chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan. But its timing may not have been coincidental. It was a timely advertisement of US capabilities in precision and high-tech warfare.

Just as Taiwan is caught in a crossfire between the US and China, so are the East Asian and South East Asian countries. Most do not wish to be forced into making a choice. They feel reassured by the considerable US military presence deployed in the region and tacitly support its Indo-Pacific strategy. However, their economic and commercial interests are bound ever tighter with the Chinese economy. This having it both ways strategy is beginning to fray at the edges with the escalating tensions between the US and China. The long period of relative peace in Asia may be nearing its end.

What about India? Prudence demands that India hew closely to its consistent one China policy even while maintaining and even expanding non-official relations with Taiwan. For the US, Japan and Australia, members of the Quad, Taiwan is a key component of the Indo-Pacific strategy. It is not for India.

In one sense, China's preoccupation with its eastern ocean flank of the Yellow Sea, the Taiwan Strait and the South China Sea is good for India. It diminishes Chinese attention toward the Indian Ocean, India's primary security theatre. One should use the opportunity to expand India's naval capabilities and maritime profile in this theatre before the Chinese begin to look to our extended neighbourhood with renewed interest and energy.

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# A COMMON WEALTH

***Why Birmingham 2022 will feel like a 'home game' for every nation competing***



JAN THOMPSON

THE SPORTING EVENT of the year has begun in style, with Birmingham rolling out the red carpet for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. It comes 20 years after the UK last hosted the Games in Manchester, and on the 10th anniversary of the 2012 London Olympics. We have already seen some of the best athletes in action, and will see thousands more in the coming days. An estimated audience of 1.5 billion is expected to tune in from around the world.

The opening ceremony was a tribute to the city of Birmingham, showcasing its diversity, unity and culture. It had something for everyone, from William Shakespeare to Black Sabbath. Not many cities can claim to be home to such a diverse group of cultural icons.

Sadly we shall miss out on seeing Indian icon and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, out of action with an injury, but the Indian contingent is not short of star power with the likes of shuttler P V Sindhu, star wrestler Bajrang Punia, boxer Lovlina Borgohain and the Harmanpreet Kaur-led women's cricket team.

Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu made new friends after winning her gold medal, as images of her performing a full split with a six-year old English fan went viral — all helping to show why the Commonwealth Games are also called the "friendly games". The story of Sanket Sargar, India's first medallist at the Games, will inspire the next generation of athletes from around the country. And the historic gold medal won by the women's lawn bowls team could well lead to more people picking up bowls rather than bats.

Off the field too, these Games will be a benchmark for future sporting events. They are the greenest games ever — the first ever carbon-neutral Commonwealth Games — and also the most inclusive, with eight fully integrated para events, more than at any other Commonwealth Games. It is also the first major multi-sport event with more medals on offer for women than for men. And in terms of its development, it is the fastest modern Commonwealth Games ever, having been put together in four and half years rather than the usual seven, despite the challenges of the pandemic.

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The West Midlands region is one of the most diverse regions in the UK, home to over 190 nationalities. So Birmingham 2022 will feel like a "home game" for every nation competing. Some 6,500 athletes and officials are attending the event, including a 322-strong contingent from India. Birmingham's large Indian-origin population will undoubtedly ensure that the Indian visitors feel at home. And, of course, the Queen's Baton Relay has travelled around the Commonwealth, via New Delhi, Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar, before finally arriving in Birmingham for the opening ceremony.

The UK is partnering with India to develop world-class infrastructure and sporting facilities. Last month, a memorandum of understanding was signed between Delhi Sports University (DSU) and the University of East London (UEL) to exchange knowledge, research, teachers and students. As Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said, this will provide a pathway for both countries to work together in advancing sport and providing an environment of excellence to support sportspeople in their journeys.

The Games are accompanied by a cultural festival and a significant business and tourism programme. The UK government is also hosting a delegation of Indian sports industry leaders, who are meeting their counterparts in the UK to discuss the latest innovations in the industry. The UK has expertise in the design, reuse and adaptation of venues, as well as in widening access to sport and supporting social and economic legacy. This capability has been used on major projects such as the 2012 London Olympics, the Pan American Games in 2019 and the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

Excitement for the Games is palpable, with 1.2 million tickets sold by mid-July. The organising committee has created 41,000 Games-time roles, including some 14,000 volunteers, to deliver a smooth experience for athletes, officials and spectators.

From the iconic Edgbaston cricket ground to the newly built Sandwell aquatics centre, the action is taking place in cutting-edge venues, which will leave a lasting legacy for the local population. The aquatics centre, built from scratch, will be transformed into a state-of-the-art sports and wellbeing centre for local residents to use for years to come.

The Games are a celebration of sporting success as well as our Commonwealth connections, allowing us to come together to celebrate our shared commitment to democracy, peace and prosperity. It is indeed an honour to welcome athletes and fans from India and across the Commonwealth. But at the British High Commission we will certainly be cheering for India!

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INDIAN EXPRESS

## AUGUST 4, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### PRESS BILL PASSED

THE CONTROVERSIAL BIHAR Press Bill, which amends provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure to deal with "indecent or scurrilous" reports, was adopted in the Bihar Council amid uproar. The bill was passed by the Assembly on July 31 in the midst of loud protests from the Opposition. But the tactics of opposition members in the Council were different. They opposed it at every stage, raising procedural and constitutional objections. The opposition members described the Chief Minister as the "murderer" of democracy.

### ISRAEL IN BEIRUT

ISRAELI FORCES CONTINUED to strengthen their position around west Beirut and banned civilians from using the museum crossing that links the eastern and western sectors of the capital. Two hundred Israeli tanks and troop carriers have been deployed in east Beirut and inside the port. The cease-fire continued to hold throughout the city despite a number of explosions reported in southern suburbs.

### INDO-PAK RELATIONS

INDIA AND PAKISTAN expressed a keen desire to live in an atmosphere of peace and friendship. The occasion was provided by a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan when Pakistan's new ambassador, Riaz Piracha, presented his credentials to President Zail Singh.

### KENYA REBELS

REBEL AIR FORCE troops, defying a government ultimatum to surrender by noon, seized houses in a Nairobi slum area and told residents they were prepared to "fight to death". Scattered firing was reported in the Kibera shantytown, located in Nairobi's western suburbs, and other areas around the capital. But most sources said the force behind the aborted coup by the Air Force had been crushed.

## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"While violent militants cannot be allowed to operate freely, many of the underlying issues that fuel terrorism have not been addressed. Until they are, many more Zawahiris will continue to emerge." — DAWN, PAKISTAN

# Who failed Bengal's students?

**Education scam uncovered by ED raids is a result of years of public corruption nurtured by public indifference, with those in power assuming the right to profit from what is funded by taxpayers**



SUPRIYA CHAUDHURI



C R Sasikumar

IN SEPTEMBER 2021, K V Mohandas, chairman of the Eleventh Kerala Pay Revision Commission (PRC), took official note of the practice of collecting money from teachers for appointment in state-aided schools and colleges by comparing it to dowry. "Like dowry, demanding money for appointments in aided schools and colleges is considered evil by everyone and still the practice is allowed to continue," he said. While the PRC Report recommended some measures to end this evil, given that teachers' salaries in aided institutions were paid by the government from the public exchequer, there was also an undercurrent of hopelessness about the situation, even sympathy for managements that needed funds for infrastructure and maintenance. Nevertheless, the practice was corrupt and illegal, and it was suggested that handing over recruitment to the Public Service Commission (PSC) or constituting a statutory Kerala Recruitment Board for Private Schools and Colleges might help to end it.

Soon after the publication of the Kerala PRC report, I attended a meeting with members of the Commission for Reforms in the Higher Education System of Kerala, who were looking for pointers from our own experience in West Bengal with special reference to the research and teaching excellence of Jadavpur University, where I taught for most of my working life. When the discussion touched upon payment for teaching posts in higher education in West Bengal, I said that while influence and politics obviously played a part, I was not aware of money changing hands for appointments under either the state PSC or the College Service Commission (CSC). For school teachers, I admitted, it had long been a different story, despite the existence of a state School Service Commission (SSC).

As it turns out, I could not have been more wrong on the first head. The discovery of over Rs 50 crore in cash and gold jewellery in flats belonging to an associate of West Bengal's former industries minister (and former education minister), Partha Chatterjee, as well as numberless properties allegedly jointly owned by them or their families, has unplugged a flood of disclosures at every level, from the serious to the salacious. The Enforcement Directorate's (ED) investigation of Chatterjee and his associates followed successive high court judgments regarding recruitment scams during his tenure as education minister. From 2016, the appointment of school teachers qualifying the SSC's State Level Selection Test (SLST) had flagrantly violated the merit list, for reasons of nepotism, money or political clout. Second, there were irregularities in the recruitment by SSC of Group D staff in state-aided schools, after the tenure of the original panel of appointees for 13,000 posts had expired. Third, at least 269 primary school teachers in government-aided schools were ineligible for appointment. The clear implication was that during Chatterjee's term as education minister, a system had been put in place such that all school posts, of teaching and non-teaching staff, were sold for money. Additional Solicitor General Suryaprakash V Raju, appearing for the ED, declared that they were looking for at least Rs 120 crore in the SSC recruitment scam, more than twice the sum they had found in cash.

Moreover, despite the Trinamool Congress Party (TMC)'s panic-stricken distancing of itself from their tainted ex-cabinet minister and former secretary-general, it is obvious that this massive exercise in monetising posts in the education system (and in other services too) was carried out by a vast number of functionaries who set prices and collected the loot. Chatterjee has already said that the money is not his, and this is true in more than one sense — he was allegedly a collector as well as an individual profiteer. In fact, for all the shock and horror about the SSC scam being expressed by the left parties in Bengal, it was they who started the process. Those of us who were in the teaching profession during the Left Front rule in Bengal know how many of our own students were asked to pay substantial sums before they could join as teachers in schools to which they had been appointed through the SSC (set up in 1997). The same was true of lower-level jobs in government and public-sector industries. All one might say is that the scale of demand was not as high, and so far as I knew, college and university posts, or those of vice-chancellors, were not sold, though most appointments were politically influenced.

Under the TMC, this system appears to have been developed to a point where it could serve to fill, not just party coffers, but the pockets of every greedy profiteer. It was extended into the higher education system, with the minister, as soon as he assumed office, dismissing out of hand a proposal for a centralised online undergraduate admission process. Soon after this, I recall a young second-year student sitting next to me in the bus, busy on his phone working out the rates at which seats in several of Kolkata's colleges were to be sold. When I expressed amazement, he said that with the exception of some leading institutions and "first-list candidates," the lower half of the admission table was decided by payment, with political parties, students' unions, teachers' associations and other functionaries either raking in a handsome profit, or looking the other way. Unsurprisingly, it is now alleged that lakhs were extorted for college appointments and, so the rumour goes, for vice-chancellorships.

> The problem with corruption, like disease, or the coronavirus by which we were recently struck, is that it infects society as a whole. India is placed at 85 out of 180 countries in the global corruption perceptions index reported by Transparency International. Most of us experience corrupt practices daily, often in helpless acquiescence. The buying and selling of jobs in the education sector in West Bengal is just another instance of the breakdown of the civil contract, with those in power assuming the right to monetise and profit from what is actually funded by taxpayers.

As one commentator put it, education, like the construction industry, was rapidly passing into the hands of powerful "syndicates" functioning at the ruling party's behest.

Should one be surprised? After all, such practices, together with the "leaking" of examination papers and forging of marksheets, are common all over India. Stories of the huge sums paid for vice-chancellorships in states from Punjab to Tamil Nadu circulated freely when, many years ago, I was an active member of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council's exercises. What is remarkable, instead, is the shock expressed by many as the scale of Chatterjee's alleged depredations unfolds. After all, such a system required collaborators and participants at every level. On TV today, reporters have no problems finding, and interviewing, ordinary people who paid money for jobs to local functionaries, and operators whose task was to collect it. Most appallingly, the public has witnessed with apparent indifference the eight-year-long struggle of the cheated SSC candidates who had qualified in the merit list, protesting illegal appointments to posts that were rightfully theirs. No one — least of all the state government — can say that they did not know what was going on.

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# Presidency's founding moment

**Why the President of India is also Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces**



MANISH TEWARI

AN ANECDOTE NARRATED by a colleague in Parliament about how a particular president perceived his role as Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces provoked a question: Why did the founding fathers not vest this supreme command in the council of ministers headed by the prime minister, given that they made a conscious choice that India would be a parliamentary democracy, not an executive presidency?

Article 53 of the Constitution states that the executive power of the Union shall be vested in the President of India. Article 53(2) has a rather interesting formulation: "Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the supreme command of the Defence Forces of the Union shall be vested in the President and the exercise thereof shall be regulated by law". The powers of the presidency are, of course, circumscribed by Article 74 which states that the president shall exercise his functions only on the aid and advice of the council of ministers headed by the prime minister.

Interestingly, if one peruses the debates of the Constituent Assembly on draft Article 42 that corresponds to Article 53 of the Constitution, there is absolutely no discussion on vesting the supreme command of the defence forces in the president. It almost seems that the Constitution framers had taken it as a given that the supreme command of the armed forces would be vested in the presidency. It is incredible that such an important aspect, even though the president of India is only a titular head, was not even debated by the Constituent Assembly.

However, any and every constitutional scheme has enough play in the joints to be interpreted in various ways, especially when a constitutional crisis comes to a head or an external emergency manifests. The term "defence forces of the Union" is nowhere defined in the Constitution.

A clue as to why the supreme command came to be vested in the presidency can possibly be found in the articulation of KM Munshi in the Constituent Assembly debates. While speaking on an amendment moved by Professor KT Shah on draft Article 42, Munshi argued that "The strongest government and the most elastic executive has been found to be in England and that is because the executive powers vest in the Cabinet supported by a majority of the lower house which has financial powers under the constitution. As a result it is the rule of the majority in the legislature for it supports its leaders in the cabinet which advises the head of the state namely the king or the President. The King or the President is thus placed above the party. He is made really the symbol of the impartial dignity of the Constitution."

However, neither does Dr Ambedkar's opening speech introducing the draft constitution or closing speech on the conclusion of its deliberations mention the aspect of the president being the Supreme Commander of the Defence Forces.

Was it, therefore, the un-verbalised desire of the founding fathers that the supreme command of the armed forces must vest in a constitutional entity that is perceived to be above partisan politics, thereby underscoring the apolitical character of the armed forces — that is, that they belong to the nation and not to any dispensation that may concurrently at a given point in time hold the reigns of executive power?

Or were they just being guided by the British practice where the supreme command of the armed forces is vested in the monarch? While designing the Constitution, the framers were both following certain British traditions while simultaneously trying to break with them.

The British constitutional interpretations written by Michel de Montaigne and other scholars were not the only ones that the founding fathers took on board in their grand study of constitutional jurisprudence. The first French Constitution created by the French National assembly in 1791 embodying the principles contained in the Rights of Man and of the Citizen equally animated them. It is another matter that France has had 15 constitutions between then and 1958. Equally, they were inspired by the American Constitution, and more so, the Bill of Rights ratified on December 15, 1791.

In both the American and French constitutional schemes, the supreme command of the armed forces vests in the president. However, both these countries have an executive presidency. Nearer home, there was another country that was born — the People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949 — just as the Indian constitutional deliberations were winding down.

China had an interesting institution dating back to 1925 called the Central Military Commission and, fascinatingly, after China assumed its present avatar, the general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party has been invariably triple-hatted whereby he is also the president of the republic and chairperson of the Central Military Commission, except for a brief while when Deng Xiaoping and Jiang Zemin in the late 1980s and early 2000s held this position singularly.

Interestingly, in Pakistan, Article 243-1A, as amended by the Constitution Eighteenth Amendment Act 2010, states: "Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Supreme Command of the Armed Forces shall vest in the President" However, that has not stopped Pakistan from being convulsed by a series of coup d'etats going back to 1958.

It is, therefore, quite evident that rather than any deliberate plan or design to impose civilian control over the armed forces, as conventional wisdom or subsequent mythmaking make it out to be, the President of India ended up becoming the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces for the simple reason that the members of the Constituent Assembly decided to follow British precedent. A study of the making of the Constitution can throw up some interesting revelations.

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# US returns to Af-Pak

**Killing of Zawahiri could be a prelude to a realignment of forces in the region**



ANJU GUPTA

AL QAEDA (AQ) chief Ayman al-Zawahiri's precision-killing with a Hellfire missile on July 31 was a clear demonstration of top-line, over-the-horizon US counter-terrorism capability. Zawahiri's presence in a guest house in Kabul, reportedly owned by interior minister Sirajuddin Haqqani's close aide, has become a subject of intense curiosity, given Sirajuddin's chief patron — the Pakistan deep state. Announcing the killing, US President Joe Biden described Zawahiri as one of the masterminds behind the 9/11 attacks, the bombing of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998 and the USS Cole in 2000. President Biden also stressed that Zawahiri was coordinating AQ branches worldwide and directing attacks against American interests.

Not as charismatic as Osama bin Laden (OBL), Zawahiri remained in his shadows. After OBL's killing in a US Navy Seal operation in Pakistan in 2011, few experts believed that Zawahiri could hold the network together. However, since 2011, the AQ network has grown across the world, especially in Syria, Mali, Somalia, Southeast Asia, Afghanistan and Pakistan, disseminating its puritanical ideology, money and expertise to local militant groups. This has happened despite the huge popularity of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria amongst radical Muslim youth. The ISIS had also set up a physical Caliphate — a long-cherished goal of international jihad espoused by the AQ.

Under Zawahiri, the AQ network seems to have changed its strategic direction and its branches currently operate more like independent insurgencies — such as through the Taliban in Afghanistan, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham in Syria and Al-Shabab in Somalia. The crucial question is whether the AQ, post-Zawahiri, will lose momentum or whether the collective core leadership that seems to have been quietly working post-OBL could provide a leader as well as offer continuity.

The most obvious name being discussed to succeed Zawahiri is that of another Egyptian, Saif al-Adel, who was believed to be in charge of external operations. However, given regular reports of his connections "within" Iran, he may not be the "ideal face" to succeed Zawahiri. Some regional leaders, such as from Al Shabab, may be acceptable, given the recent series of "successes" of this branch. The oldest branch, the al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, which is the key source of chief ideologues of jihad, may be used to prop up a cleric as the next AQ Amir in order to lower the profile for some time while keeping the propaganda around the "martyrdom" of Zawahiri going.

Successive reports of the UN Security Council have documented Zawahiri's presence in the Af-Pak region and shown that the Taliban-AQ links are intact. The drone strike in Kabul, less than a year after the Taliban takeover, demonstrates how the AQ core leadership never left the Af-Pak region, contrary to the assurance given in the Doha Agreement. The Taliban and the US are accusing each other of violating the agreement. But the real question is: Was the Taliban involved in providing intel on Zawahiri for some benefit that would show up in the future, or did intra-Taliban rivalry lead to cooperation against the Haqqani Network? There is a third scenario — of the Pakistan deep state having provided the intel to show the Taliban in a bad light and curry favour with the US, especially in order to deal with the Tehreek Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which has caused much violence against Pakistan forces.

Since the Haqqani Network has been mediating talks between the TTP and the Pakistan army, the strike has surely cast doubts about the safety of the TTP leaders who visit Kabul for meetings. Given the links between the Haqqanis and the Pakistani deep state, it is unlikely that the TTP would continue talks, which in any case have not prevented attacks on the Pakistani forces. The TTP has already started accusing the Pakistan army of providing a base to the US for the drone strike. Thus, much more violence is expected in the Af-Pak region in the coming weeks and months.

The Taliban would now find it much more difficult to call on the US to unfreeze its forex reserves. In addition, the hitherto frenetic diplomacy by the outfit with other nations is bound to slow down. Pakistan is likely to mount a diplomatic offensive to show how the Taliban harbours terrorists and is an unreliable partner for the West. Pakistan has been projecting the TTP as a partner of the AQ for a long time.

In 2014, the AQ launched the Al Qaeda In Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), the outfit's South Asia branch. The inaugural video carried an old clip of OBL and a message of Zawahiri appointing a relatively unknown Indian radical Asim Umar, who had fled to Pakistan decades ago. In recent times, the group has posted many videos focused on India, especially on Kashmir. Some of these clips have featured Zawahiri. With his elimination, as well as that of Umar and a few "known" Pakistani faces of the AQIS earlier, the propaganda against India is likely to lose momentum for now. However, since the AQIS is an Af-Pak-based group, it may rebuild itself with support from the Pakistan deep state.

With more clarity about the source of intel for the Kabul strike and more details about the operation emerging, there could be a counter-terrorism realignment amongst regional states and global powers. But it's clear that the drone strike announces the "return" of the US to the region, less than a year after the rather "chaotic" withdrawal of its troops.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CAUSE FOR CONCERN

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'After Zawahiri' (IE, August 3).The operation conducted by the CIA to kill Ayman al-Zawahiri, is a major achievement in the fight against global terrorism.The role of Zawahiri in the planning of 9/11 has been well-documented in the 9/11 Commission Report. Though he kept a low profile, his activities in the last few years were aimed at reviving Al-Qaeda. However, in the larger context, the chain of events is concerning. Zawahiri's death proves that the Taliban is giving refuge to Al-Qaeda leaders against the provisions of the Doha Accords. This also shows, though, that even if the US and Taliban are cooperating with each other against ISIS, the US will not spare Al-Qaeda and other threats to global security.

**Dewang Ganesh Thosar**, *Raigad*

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'After Zawahiri' (IE, August 3). The Taliban has violated the Doha Agreement signed with the US by providing a safe haven to the Al-Qaeda Chief, Ayman al-Zawahiri in Afghanistan, underlining the differences between its sayings and doings. Zawahiri was Osama Bin Laden's deputy and was deeply involved in one of the most audacious terrorist attacks. He had also played a key role in the bombings of US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Joe Biden's address to the nation, authenticating the killing of Zawahiri by the CIA provides some relief. Although several other terror outfits have started to gain hold in Afghanistan after the pull-out of the US, the killing of the designated terrorist sends a clear message that America's intelligence presence on Afghanistan's soil has still not waned.

**Tushar Anand,** *Patna*

## FAIR JUDGMENT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'PMLA and its discontents' (IE, August 3). One of the basic purposes of enacting a law like PMLA was to instill genuine fear of consequences in the minds of the perpetrators. Conventional concepts of fair trial, human rights, innocent till proven guilty, constitutional balance etc were regularly exploited by unscrupulous lawyers to ensure that the cases lingered on for decades. This is actually grounds for celebration for the common man.

**H N Bhagwat,** *Chiplun*

## INSTANT PUBLICITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'No, minister' (IE, August 2). Public humiliation of Raj Bahadur, the V-C of Baba Farid University of Health and Sciences, by the Punjab minister Chetan Singh Jouramajra is a highly condemnable act. Even though the minister sought to ensure that administrators of hospitals across the state provide better facilities to patients, his mistreatment of a distinguished medical professor is unjustified. The minister is often in the news because of his antics, and by misbehaving with the V-C, he, in all likelihood, aimed to get instant but cheap publicity.

**Samiul Hassan Quadri,** *Bikaner*



MEANWHILE

## VOLCANO ERUPTS NEAR ICELAND'S CAPITAL

A volcano has erupted on a mountain near Iceland's capital Reykjavik, where an eruption also took place last year, the Icelandic Meteorological Office said on Wednesday. A "code red" was declared to prohibit airplanes from flying over the immediate site although helicopters would be sent in to survey the situation.

## TOP OF THE WORLD



Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov in Naypyitaw, Myanmar

MYANMAR

### Lavrov to meet junta leader in official visit

*Bangkok:* Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov arrived on Wednesday in Myanmar for an official visit that Moscow said will include discussions with the military government on security and economic issues, Russian news agency TASS said. Lavrov met his counterpart, Wunna Maung Lwin, and other top officials after his arrival in Naypyitaw, Russia's Foreign Ministry tweeted. He showed no signs of change to Moscow's stance, saying the countries "have a solid foundation for building up cooperation in a wide range of areas." "We appreciate the friendly nature of our partnership, which is unaffected by opportunistic processes," he said. **AP**

PAKISTAN

### Seminary teacher held for raping 10 boys

*Lahore:* A seminary teacher in Pakistan's Punjab province was on Wednesday arrested for allegedly raping at least 10 of his minor students, police said. Qari Bashir, who confessed to raping the boys during the last two months in Bhutta Wahan area of Sadiqabad Rahim Yar Khan, near Lahore, was in custody. Police arrested the teacher after parents of five seminary students filed an FIR alleging that their children were forcefully taken by Bashir to his residential quarters in the seminary where they were raped. **PTI**

AUSTRIA

### Iran, US, EU to send envoys for nuclear talks

*Tehran:* Iran, the US and the EU said on Wednesday they would send senior representatives to Vienna amid what appears to be a last-ditch effort at reviving talks over Tehran's tattered 2015 nuclear deal. The EU official who chairs the talks, Enrique Mora, said the negotiations would focus on the most recent draft to restore the agreement, while Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, Ali Bagheri Kani, said he was heading to the Austrian capital "to advance the negotiations." US Special Representative for Iran Rob Malley tweeted that he was preparing to travel to Vienna for talks. **AP**

WE WILL NOT ABANDON TAIWAN: U.S. HOUSE SPEAKER

# As Pelosi's Taiwan visit ends, China gets ready for burst of military drills

Taiwan will not back down, says President on Beijing threats



US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other members of her delegation leaving Taipei. *AP*

**AGENCIES**
TAIPEI, AUGUST 3

US HOUSE of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi left Taiwan on Wednesday after pledging solidarity and hailing its democracy, leaving a trail of Chinese anger over her brief visit to the self-ruled island that Beijing claims as its own.

China demonstrated its outrage over the highest-level US visit to the island in 25 years with a burst of military activity in surrounding waters, summoning the US ambassador in Beijing and halting several agricultural imports from Taiwan.

China's military has planned a series of live-fire drills, starting on Thursday, that would mark a direct challenge to what Taiwan defines as its coastline. Coordinates for the drills indicated that they could take place as close as 10 miles from Taiwan's coast, well within the area that Taiwan says is a part of its territorial waters and closer than previous tests during a standoff 26 years ago.

"Our delegation came to Taiwan to make unequivocally clear that we will not abandon Taiwan," Pelosi told Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen, who Beijing suspects of pushing for formal independence - a red line for China "Now, more than ever, America's solidarity with Taiwan is crucial, and that's the message we are bringing today," she said during her roughly 19-hour visit.

She added that Chinese anger cannot stop world leaders from travelling to the self-ruled island claimed by Beijing. A longtime China critic, especially on human rights, Pelosi met with a former Tiananmen activist, a Hong Kong bookseller who had been detained by China.

Taiwanese President Tsai responded firmly Wednesday to Beijing's military intimidation. "Facing deliberately heightened military threats, Taiwan will not back down," Tsai said at her meeting with Pelosi. "We will firmly uphold our nation's sovereignty and continue to hold the line of defense for democracy."

### Beijing bans imports of Taiwan food products

*Beijing:* Furious over the US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's high-profile visit to Taipei, China on Wednesday announced punitive measures on outfits seeking "Taiwan independence", banned imports of some Taiwanese food products and suspended the export of natural sand. The mainland will also punish, in accordance with the law, organisations, enterprises or individuals that offer funds or services to the foundations, and take other necessary measures, an official said. China will suspend the entry of citrus fruits and two types of fish products from the Taiwan region starting Wednesday, said a spokesperson. **PTI**

## How Taiwan's chips play a decisive role

**THE NEW YORK TIMES**
AUGUST 3

A HUNDRED miles of typhoon-swept sea from China's southeastern coast, a string of colossal factories in Taiwan churns out the most important electronic devices on Earth.

The tiny, intricate chips that give life to phones, computers, cars, satellites and almost everything else with a power source are at the centre of the economic contest between the US and China, a rivalry that is shaping the future of technology worldwide.

The issue loomed in the backdrop of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to the island democracy on Wednesday, as she spoke with the head of one of the biggest power players in chips, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company.

Today's cutting-edge chips are mostly made in Taiwan, where the two powers are entangled in a geopolitical tug of war over the island's future. In Washington, Beijing and Taipei, diplomatic and military calculations are interlinked with concerns about the supply chains without which the modern world might come to a halt.

Tech companies on both sides of the Pacific rely heavily on Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, the island's biggest silicon foundry, to craft the high-performance chips that render graphics in video games and give smartphones their smarts.

Taiwanese leaders have maneuvered for decades in the narrow space between American and Chinese interests. Now, they face an even more precarious balancing act Many Taiwanese businesses rely on China for their livelihoods, even if they support the island's president in standing up to Beijing's pugilistic behaviour.

SRI LANKA TO RESUME IMF TALKS



Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe, PM Dinesh Gunawardena and Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena at the inauguration of a new session of Parliament. *Reuters*

# India's timely aid gave us breath of life: Ranil thanks Modi

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**
COLOMBO, AUGUST 3

PRESIDENT RANIL Wickremesinghe on Wednesday thanked India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving Sri Lanka "a breath of life" by providing timely economic assistance to his country as it faced the worst economic crisis in decades.

Wickremesinghe made the remarks while addressing a ceremonial sitting of Parliament which reconvened on Wednesday after a seven-day adjournment.

"I wish to specially mention the assistance provided by India, our closest neighbour, in our efforts of economic revitalisation," he said. "The government of India under the leadership of PM Modi has given us a breath of life. On behalf of my people and that of my own, I convey our gratitude to PM Modi, the Government and people of India,"

The country is currently holding talks with the IMF and other foreign countries on financial aid to tide over the current economic crisis. He said debt restructuring plan is in its final stages of being prepared and the economic restructuring plan would be outlined in the interim budget to be presented soon. Presenting his policy statement, he invited parties to form a unity government.

**TRAVEL BAN ON BASIL MAHINDA NOW TILL AUG 11**

*Colombo:* Sri Lanka's Supreme Court on Wednesday extended until August 11 the overseas travel ban on former PM Mahinda Rajapaksa and his younger brother and former finance minister Basil Rajapaksa, who are widely blamed for the current economic crisis in the island nation. On August 1, the country's apex court had extended until August 4. **PTI**

INWAKE OF ZAWAHIRI KILLING

## US issues global alert, asks citizens to be alert when travelling abroad

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 3

THE US has issued a worldwide alert asking its citizens to maintain a high-level of vigilance when travelling abroad as al-Qaeda supporters may target American facilities, personnel or nationals in the wake of killing of the terror network's emir Ayman al-Zawahiri.

"Following al-Zawahiri's death, supporters of al-Qaeda, or its affiliated terrorist organisations, may seek to attack US facilities, personnel, or citizens," the alert issued by the Department of State said. As terrorist attacks often occur without warning, US citizens are strongly encouraged to maintain a high- level of vigilance and practice good situational awareness when travelling abroad, it added.

Worldwide cautions provide US citizens with general information regarding terrorist activities, political violence, and criminal activity that occur abroad, as well as specific recommendations on how to prepare for possible contingencies. The Department of State remains concerned about the continued threat of terrorist attacks, demonstrations, and other violent actions against US citizens and interests overseas, it said.

## UK PM candidate Sunak pledges to crackdown on Islamist extremism

*London:* British prime ministerial candidate Rishi Sunak on Wednesday pledged a crackdown on Islamist extremism, the UK's most "significant terror threat", with a widened government definition of extremism and strengthening existing terrorism legislation.

The former Chancello also vowed to weed out organisations that promote extremism in the UK and refocus the "failing" Prevent programme, a government tool intended to tackle Islamist extremism. "There is no more important duty for a Prime Minister than keeping our country and our people safe," said Sunak.

"Whether redoubling our efforts to tackle Islamist extremism or rooting out those who are vocal in their hatred of our country, I will do whatever it takes to fulfil that duty.," he said. **PTI**

# Kansas voters resoundingly protect their access to abortion in a surprising victory



Abortion rights supporters celebrate in Overland Park, Kansas. *Reuters*

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**
TOPEKA, AUGUST 3

KANSAS VOTERS on Tuesday sent a resounding message about their desire to protect abortion rights, rejecting a ballot measure in a conservative state with deep ties to the anti-abortion movement that would have allowed the Republican-controlled Legislature to tighten restrictions or ban the procedure outright.

It was the first test of voter sentiment after the US Supreme Court's decision in June that overturned the constitutional right to abortion, providing an unexpected result with potential implications for the coming midterm elections.

While it was just one state, the heavy turnout for an August primary that typically favors Republicans was a major victory for abortion rights advocates. With most of the vote counted, they were prevailing by roughly 20 percentage points, with the turnout approaching what's typical for a fall election for governor.

The vote also provided a dash of hope for Democrats nationwide grasping for a game-changer during an election year. "This vote makes clear what we know: the majority of Americans agree that women should have access to abortion and should have the right to make their own health care decisions," President Joe Biden said in a statement.

**EXPLAINED**

**What was the Kanas law**

THE 2019 Kansas SC decision protecting abortion rights blocked a law that banned the most common second-trimester procedure, and another law imposing special health regulations on abortion providers also is on hold.

### Biden's new abortion order could fund interstate trips

**REUTERS**
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 3

PRESIDENT JOE Biden plans to sign a second executive order on Wednesday that asks his health department to consider permitting the use of Medicaid funds for patients who travel out-of-state for abortions. The order, like his first signed in July, is meant to address the recent Supreme Court decision to end the nationwide constitutional right to abortion.

It is expected to have limited impact, as Republicans in US states push a wave of laws restricting abortion, access to medication and funding for such services. The president will sign the order at the first meeting of the interagency task force on reproductive healthcare access, which was formed in July.

Last month, Biden said the Supreme Court, which is weighted 6-3 with conservative judges, was "out of control" after ruling in June to overturn Roe v Wade, ending a half-century of protections for women's reproductive rights.

## Ukraine nuclear plant is 'out of control', warns IAEA chief

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**
UNITED NATIONS, AUGUST 3

THE UN nuclear chief warned that Europe's largest nuclear power plant in Ukraine "is completely out of control" and issued an urgent plea to Russia and Ukraine to quickly allow experts to visit the sprawling complex to stabilise the situation and avoid a nuclear accident.

Rafael Grossi, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said in an interview Tuesday that the situation is getting more perilous every day at the Zaporizhzhia plant in the southeastern city of Enerhodar, which Russian troops seized in early March, soon after their Feb. 24. invasion of Ukraine.

"Every principle of nuclear safety has been violated" at the plant, he said. "What is at stake is extremely serious and extremely grave and dangerous."

Grossi cited many violations of the plant's safety, adding that it is "in a place where active war is ongoing," near Russian-controlled territory. The physical integrity of the plant hasn't been respected.

There is "a paradoxical situation" in which the plant is controlled by Russia, but its Ukrainian staff continues to run its nuclear operations, leading to inevitable moments of friction and alleged violence, he said.

GOVTS ARE RECOMMENDING LIMITS ON HEATING, COOLING IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

# Cold showers, no lights: Europe saves for winter as Russian gas wanes

**JOHN LEICESTER & NICOLAS GARRIGA**
PARIS, AUGUST 3

FANNING OUT like urban guerrillas through Paris' darkened streets well after midnight, the anti-waste activists shinny up walls and drain pipes, reaching for switches to turn off the lights.Click. Click. Click.

One by one, the outdoor lights that stores had left on are extinguished. It's one small but symbolic step in a giant leap of energy saving that Europe is trying to make as it rushes to wean itself off natural gas and oil from Russia so factories aren't forced to close and homes stay heated and powered.

Engineer Kevin Ha and his equally nimble friends had been acting against wasteful businesses in Paris long before Russia started cutting energy supplies to Europe in a battle of wills over Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. As such, the campaigners were precursors of the energy economy drive becoming all the rage in France, Germany and elsewhere. Their message — that everyone can contribute — is almost word-for-word what public officials from cabinet ministers to mayors are saying now, too.

"Everyone can have a positive impact at their own level, by adopting good practices, by doing the right things to reduce their overall energy footprint," the 30-year-old Ha said on a recent night of light-extinguishing on the Champs-Élysées boulevard.

The stakes are high. If Russia severs the supplies of gas it has already drastically reduced, authorities fear Europe risks becoming a colder, darker and less-productive place this winter. It's imperative to economize gas now so it can be squirreled away for burning later in homes, factories and power plants, officials say.




A man climbs to turn off the lights of a store in Paris. *AP*

"Europe needs to be ready," said European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. "To make it through the winter, assuming that there is a full disruption of Russian gas, we need to save gas to fill our gas storages faster. And to do so, we have to reduce our gas consumption. I know that this is a big ask for the whole of the European Union, but it is necessary to protect us."

And although Europe is scrambling to get energy from elsewhere, any difficulties this winter could be a harbinger of worse to come if Russian gas supplies are completely severed and stay off through 2023, said France's minister overseeing energy, Agnès Pannier-Runacher.

Hence the mounting appeals — already familiar to exasperated parents of wasteful teenagers everywhere — for Europeans to take shorter showers, switch off power sockets and otherwise do what they can.

Germany had been getting about a third of its gas from Russia, making the EU's biggest economy and most populous nation conspicuously vulnerable. The glass dome of the Reichstag, the parliament building in Berlin, is going dark after it closes to visitors at midnight, and two facades will no longer be lit. Legislators' office temperatures will drop by 2 degrees to 20 Celsius (68 Fahrenheit) this winter. Berlin City Hall, the Jewish Museum, two opera houses and the landmark Victory Column with panoramic views are among about 200 sites in the German capital that will no longer be lit at night.

Under a law passed Monday in often-sweltering Spain, offices, stores and hospitality venues will no longer be allowed to set their thermostats below 27 degrees Celsius in summer. The Italian government also is recommending limits on heating and cooling in public buildings. **AP**

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| ₹51,974 | 79.16/USD | $100.41 | ₹57,913 |

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of August 2

**SENSEX:** 58,350.53 ▲ 214.17 (0.37%) **NIFTY:** 17,388.15 ▲ 42.70 (0.25%) **NIKKEI:** 27,741.90 ▲ 147.17 **HANG SENG:** 19,767.09 ▲ 77.88 **FTSE:** 7,422.20 ▲ 13.09 **DAX:** 13,486.08 ▲ 36.88

International market data till 1900 IST

## SECTOR WATCH
### TAXATION

# Why has turnover threshold for GST e-invoicing been halved from Oct 1

**AANCHAL MAGAZINE**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

**THE SYSTEM**

■ **The e-Invoice System is for GST registered persons for uploading all B2B invoices to Invoice Registration Portal**

IN A move that will ensure more flow of data about taxpayers to authorities and help in higher compliance, the turnover threshold for e-invoicing has been halved to Rs 10 crore effective October 1 this year under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.

**What has been decided about lowering the threshold for e-invoice?**

Businesses with annual turnover of Rs 10 crore or more will have to generate e-invoices for B2B transactions from October 1 this year from the existing threshold of Rs 20 crore. Pursuant to GST Council's decision to introduce e-invoicing in a phased manner, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 1 notified lowering the e-invoice threshold to Rs 10 crore.

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The GST Council had approved the standard of e-invoice in its 37th meeting held on September 20, 2019. E-invoicing for business-to-business (B2B) transactions was made mandatory for companies with turnover of over Rs 500 crore from October 1, 2020, which was then extended to those with turnover of over Rs 100 crore effective January 1, 2021. From April 1, 2021, companies with turnover of over Rs 50 crore were generating B2B e-invoices, and the threshold was brought down to Rs 20 crore beginning April 1, 2022. The CBIC plans to further lower the threshold for e-invoice generation to Rs 5 crore.

**What is e-invoice generation under GST?**

The e-Invoice System is for GST registered persons for uploading all the B2B invoices to the Invoice Registration Portal (IRP). The IRP generates and returns a unique Invoice Reference Number (IRN), digitally signed e-invoice and QR code to the user. After following the 'e-invoicing' process, the invoice copy (with QR Code containing inter alia, IRN) issued by the notified supplier to buyer is commonly referred to as 'e-invoice'. SEZ units, insurance, banking (including NBFCs), goods transport agency (transporting goods by road in goods carriage), passenger transport services, multiplex cinema admissions are exempted from e-invoice system. A GST invoice is termed valid only with a valid IRN.

**What does the lowering of thresholds for e-invoice signify?**

As per government authorities, the e-invoice system will help to curb the actions of unscrupulous taxpayers and reduce the number of fraud cases as the tax authorities will have access to data in real-time. The basic aim behind adoption of e-invoice system by tax departments is ability to pre-populate the return and to reduce the reconciliation problems. Tax experts said this lowering of the threshold will help curb tax evasion.

"The move to reduce the turnover threshold and increase the ambit of e-invoicing is mainly aimed at resolving mismatch errors and checking tax evasion. Considering the timelines, concerned businesses will have to ramp up their IT systems to comply with the e-invoicing norms," EY said.

MS Mani, partner, Deloitte India said the reduction of the e-invoicing threshold will further expand the GST tax base and provide more data to the tax authorities enabling better compliance.

*Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

**DEMAND PRESSURE**

# Price rise bites: Services sector growth falls to 4-mth low in Jul

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

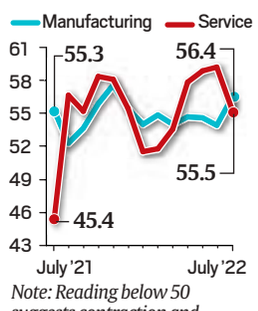
SERVICES SECTOR lost momentum in July as demand was curtailed by competitive pressures, elevated inflation and unfavourable weather, a monthly survey said on Wednesday.

The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index fell from 59.2 in June to 55.5 in July, pointing to the slowest rate of growth in four months.

For the 12th straight month, the services sector witnessed an expansion in output. In Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

As per the survey, service providers that reported higher sales in July mentioned favourable demand conditions and fruitful advertising. However, growth was dampened by fierce competition and unfavourable weather, survey participants said.

**PMI SERVICES INDEX**




*Note: Reading below 50 suggests contraction and above it indicates expansion; Source: PMI by S&P Global*

According to Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence, there was a "noticeable loss of momentum for the Indian service economy as demand was somewhat curtailed by competitive pressures, elevated inflation and unfavourable weather. Both output and sales increased at the weakest rates for four months". The domestic market remained the key source of sales growth as international demand for Indian services worsened further, the survey said.

Meanwhile, business sentiment in the service economy was subdued in July as only 5 per cent of companies forecast output growth in the year ahead, while a vast majority of firms (94 per cent) predict no change in business activity from present levels.

On the prices front, services companies reported a further increase in their average expenses during July, with food, fuel, materials, staff, retail and transportation cited as the key sources of inflationary pressures. Input costs rose sharply, though at the slowest pace in five months.

"The subtle easing in cost inflationary pressures to a five-month low was also welcomed by services firms struggling to preserve margins and contributed to a softer rise in prices charged. Yet, survey participants again reported considerable strain from food, fuel, input, labour, retail and transportation costs," Lima said. **WITH PTI**

**₹60 CR 'VOLUNTARILY DEPOSITED' BY CO**

# '₹2,217-cr Customs duty evasion': DRI notice to Vivo India

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

IN ANOTHER case of tax evasion against a Chinese cellphone maker, the Finance Ministry on Wednesday said that the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has detected customs duty evasion of around Rs 2,217 crore by Vivo India, a subsidiary of China-based Vivo Communication Technology.

A showcause notice has been issued to the company for misdeclaration that resulted in alleged wrongful availment of ineligible duty exemption benefits by Vivo India, amounting to Rs 2,217 crore. Queries sent to Vivo India by *The Indian Express* were unsanswered by press time.

"During the course of investigation, searches were conducted by DRI officers at the factory premises of M/s Vivo India, which led to the recovery of incriminating evidence indicating wilful mis-declaration in the description of certain items imported by M/s Vivo India, for use in the manufacture of mobile phones. This mis-declaration resulted in wrongful availment of ineligible duty exemption benefits by M/s Vivo India, amounting to Rs 2,217 crore," the Finance Ministry statement said.

It added that the company has "voluntarily deposited" Rs 60 crore towards discharge of their differential duty liability.

**DETAILS OF SHOWCAUSE**

■ **The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence issued a showcause notice to Vivo Mobile India Pvt Ltd for misdeclaration that led to alleged wrongful availment of ineligible duty exemption benefits amounting to ₹2,217 crore**

Vivo Mobile India Pvt Ltd, or Vivo India, is a subsidiary company of Vivo Communication Technology Co Ltd, Guangdong, China, and is engaged in the business of manufacturing, assembling, wholesale trading as well as distribution of mobile handsets and accessories.

Last month, in another set of investigations conducted by the DRI, a showcause notice demanding a duty of Rs 4,389 crore was issued to Oppo Mobiles India Pvt Ltd. The tax authorities had alleged duty evasion by misdeclaration of imports by Oppo India along with alleging that the company has made provisions for payment of "royalty" and "licence fee" to various multinational companies, including those based in China, in lieu of use of proprietary technology/brand/IPR licence etc.

# FY22: Over ₹2.54L cr spent on Central govt pensioners

*More than ₹2.54 lakh crore was spent on nearly 70 lakh central government pensioners in FY22, government informed Parliament on Wednesday*

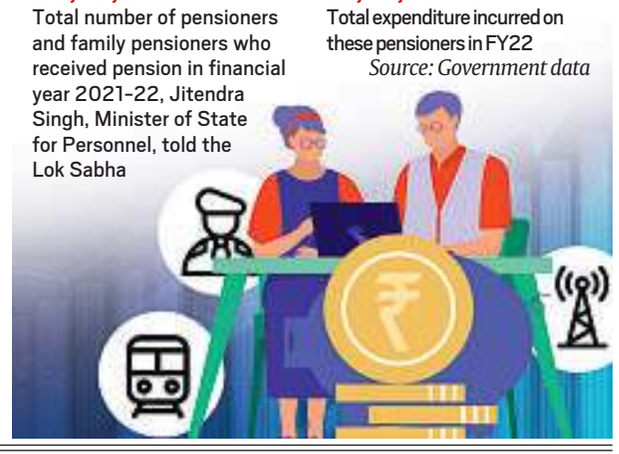
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| Defence* | 36,03,609 | ₹1,21,983.9 cr |
| Railways | 14,82,223 | ₹51,935.24 cr |
| Civil | 11,28,441 | ₹64,684.44 cr |
| Telecom | 4,32,968 | ₹14,895 cr |
| Postal | 3,28,999 | ₹785.82 cr |

**including Armed Forces Pensioners, Civilian & Defence Civilian*

**69,76,240:** Total number of pensioners and family pensioners who received pension in financial year 2021-22, Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, told the Lok Sabha

**₹2,54,284.4 cr:** Total expenditure incurred on these pensioners in FY22

*Source: Government data*



# 'SpiceJet CMD Singh in talks to pare stake'

*New Delhi:* The promoter of beleaguered carrier SpiceJet, Ajay Singh, is understood to be in discussions with a mid-eastern carrier and an Indian conglomerate for a possible stake sale in the low-cost airline, persons familiar with the development indicated. Singh, who is also the CMD, holds a fairly large stake of close to 60 per cent in SpiceJet, which has accumulated losses of an estimated Rs 5,000 crore and a negative net worth.

The airline has been bleeding and needs heavy capital infusion. "The new promoters would need to inject a large amount of capital to revive the business. In this context, the equity has little value," an analyst explained.

The SpiceJet stock rallied on Wednesday after the news of the prospective sale broke and ended at Rs 50.05 apiece on the BSE, up 12.73 per cent over the previous close. When contacted, a spokesperson for the airline said: "The company continues to be in discussions with various investors to secure sustainable financing and will make appropriate disclosures in accordance with applicable regulations." **FE**



**AJAY SINGH**
*CMD, SpiceJet File*

**Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR.**
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Bids for "Construction of New Government women college at Kelwara (Kishanganj)" **NIT No. 05/2022-23** are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 PM on 31.08.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, **http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) of the state departmental website.
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**DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS**
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### Vi Q1 loss
*New Delhi:* Vodafone Idea's (Vi) Q1 consolidated loss narrowed to ₹7,296.7 crore. It also said Ravinder Takkar will take over as chairman from August 19, and Himanshu Kapania will quit as non-executive chairman.

### Irdai, investment
*New Delhi:* Irdai revised norms for insurers and created a separate limit for investment in REIT and InvIT units. Public holding in InvIT/REIT shouldn't be under 30% of the total outstanding units of the InvIT/REIT at the time of investment, it said.

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*New Delhi:* The I-T department found black income of over ₹150 crore in raids on July 27 at 44 premises of business groups that run hospitals in Haryana and Delhi-NCR, the CBDT said.

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*New Delhi:* The Finance Ministry released fifth instalment of revenue deficit grant of ₹7,183 crore to 14 states.

### Airtel 5G rollout
*New Delhi:* Airtel inked 5G network pacts with Ericsson, Nokia & Samsung to start deployment this month. **PTI**

# Uber exits Zomato via block deal

**RAJESH KURUP**
MUMBAI, AUGUST 3

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■ **Uber has sold its entire 7.8 per cent stake in Zomato for about Rs 3,087 crore. The deal was executed at Rs 50.44 a share**

UBER TECHNOLOGIES exited Zomato through a block deal on Wednesday, selling its entire 7.8 per cent stake in the food delivery aggregator for about Rs 3,087 crore. The deal was executed at Rs 50.44 a share.

The buyers included global investment and venture capital firms such as Keysquare Capital, James Street, Templeton Global, FMR and Mirae Asset Global Investments, among others. British asset management firm Schroders and US asset manager BlackRock also took part in the block deal, sources told *FE*.

Domestic funds (investors in rupee terms) included ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, Nippon India Mutual Fund, Avendus Capital, HDFC Life Insurance, New Horizon and Templeton's local arm among others.

BofA Securities was the sole bookrunner to the deal.

The block deal comes after the one-year lock-in-period for pre-IPO shareholders of Zomato ended on June 23. **FE**

# CII president bats for cut in personal income tax to revive demand

*Bengaluru:* Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) president Sanjiv Bajaj on Wednesday asked the Central government to contemplate reducing the personal income tax rates to spur economic activities.

The business tycoon said the nation's underlying growth drivers are strong and the economy would grow in the range of 7.4-8.2 per cent in the next fiscal.

"Putting more money in the pockets of the consumers is of vital importance to revive consumption demand in the economy. The government should contemplate a reduction in the rates of personal income tax in its next push for reform as this would increase disposable incomes and revive the demand cycle," Bajaj, who is chief managing director of Bajaj Finserv, said in a press conference. He was speaking to reporters as part of the CII's theme 2022-23 'Beyond India @75: Growth competitiveness, sustainability and internationalisation'.

"The Central and state capex are rising and tax buoyancy would support growth in FY23. Hence, on balance, CII has retained India's GDP forecast in a range of 7.4 to 8.2 per cent in FY23," Bajaj said.

He also said the CII believes that there is a lot that industry and CII could do themselves in taking India to a $40 trillion goal post by 2047. **PTI**

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# How Mirabai Chanu, 49 kg, could lift 113 kg

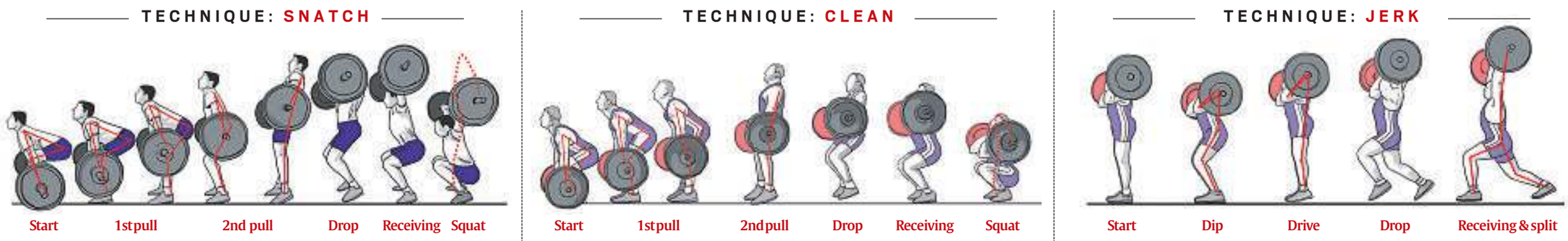



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## How do weightlifters like Birmingham heroes Chanu, Lalrinnunga and Sheuli lift several times their body weight? It's about technique and tricking gravity; sometimes, a small stature helps

**MIHIR VASAVDA**
MUMBAI, AUGUST 3

"YOUR WINDPIPE is compressed, so you can't breathe. Your nervous system practically stops functioning, so no signal reaches your brain. You start feeling dizzy. Then, there's a complete blackout."

This is Sathish Sivalingam, a 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist, describing what a weightlifter's body experiences while lifting iron that is twice or thrice their body weight.

In the last few days, India's weightlifters have made it look easy. On Saturday, Mirabai Chanu, who weighs a mere 49 kg, lifted 113 kg in clean and jerk *en route* to her gold medal. The next day, Jeremy Lalrinnunga, who weighs 66 kg, snatched 140 kg to set a Commonwealth Games record. And later that evening, Achinta Sheuli, weighing 73 kg, hoisted weights that were almost two-and-a-half times more to complete India's gold medal hat-trick.

They did it with incredible nonchalance and grace, betraying what their bodies were actually going through.

"When someone like Mirabai, who is 49 kg, holds a barbell weighing 119 kg (her world record lift in clean and jerk) at her throat, how do you breathe? The entire body goes numb," said Sivalingam, a former national and CWG record holder. "It's insanely tough." The reason lifters like Jeremy and Mirabai made it look so easy, Sivalingam says, is the "thousands of hours" they've logged behind the scenes to perfect their technique.

### The three pulls — where precision of technique is everything

Jeremy, said Sivalingam, has a "95%" perfect technique in the snatch segment — the first part of the competition where the barbell has to be lifted above the head in one smooth motion. "The (remaining) 5% cent is not his fault. During a competition, there are small things that aren't perfect — the position of your elbow, your head might push a little forward... these things always happen," said Sivalingam, part of the national camp in Patiala.

Mirabai, he added, has a near-perfect clean-and-jerk, a two-part lift in which the barbell first has to be brought to the shoulders and then jerked overhead to arm's length.

Sivalingam broke down a snatch lift into three key elements to explain why Jeremy's technique is "almost flawless". With the "first pull", the barbell has to be lifted from the floor up to roughly the mid-thigh height. At this point, the "second pull" is initiated, which is to elevate the barbell using legs and hips, from the mid-thigh position to a fully extended position. And lastly, the "third pull" or "receiving" phase, where the lifter requires "explosive speed" to go under the barbell.




**Mirabai Chanu's lift of 113 kg won her gold at the Commonwealth Games.** *PTI*

"Often, the first pull is decisive. When you pull the barbell from the floor, it has to be at a 90° angle. If it's more than that, say around 100°, you'll fall backward and if it's less than that, 70° or 80°, then you won't be able to perform a full extension for the second pull, the rod will get locked and you'll fall forward," Sivalingam explained.

A trained eye, like the ones of chief coach Vijay Sharma and assistant coach Sandeep Kumar, he added, will simply look at the body position — "for example, the position of the spine or the glutes" — during the first pull and in microseconds, will be able to tell whether the lift will be successful.

Jeremy, he says, has mastered the first pull, largely because of his low centre of gravity. "His feet never come off the platform, not even for a split-second. So, he is able to maintain his position and his balance is almost always perfect."

### Shorter lifters have some advantage — but there are exceptions

At 5'7", Jeremy is so far the tallest among the four gold medallists at the CWG, with others ranging between 5 feet and 5'6". Mirabai, it must be underlined, is just 4'8". Even those competing in heavier weight classes usually are shorter for their categories.

At a fundamental level, the argument is that shorter lifters have an advantage. If a lifter has long arms, the barbell has to travel that much farther from the floor until the point of full extension for a valid lift. Similarly, if the legs are long, squats become tougher.

"I am careful to generalise but during my years of competing at a national level, the one thing I have observed is that lifters from the Northeast tend to do well because they have smaller limbs, relatively speaking," Sivalingam said. "At an international level, the Chinese tend to dominate because of this reason."

He underlined, however, that this is not a universal truth — and pointed to the exceptions. "In India, we have Gurpreet Singh who is 6'5", weighs 145 or 150 kg, but lifts incredibly well. And at an international level, we have Lasha Talakhadze (of Georgia) who is almost 6'6" or 6'7", weighs close to 200 kg, and is an Olympic champion."

It comes down to technique, he said, especially in clean and jerk, the tougher of the two segments because "you are lifting heavier weights, in multiple motions, which puts the body under a lot of stress". He cited the example of Mirabai, a world record holder in the 49-kg clean-and-jerk. At the 2014 CWG, she lifted 95 kg to finish second. In the eight years since, she has added 24 kg to that by "improving her technique, and conditioning of several small tissues, which can take up to four years".

### You can't beat gravity but you can trick it — so you don't black out

At the same time, Mirabai also developed a strong physique and worked on her breathing skills to be able to deal with the amount of pressure her body comes under while lifting iron that's more than twice her body weight.

Here, Sivalingam said, lifting and breathing techniques become crucial. Lifting heavy weights, he said, can shut down the nervous system and constrict the windpipe, making breathing difficult.

"So, the technique at that stage is, after you have carried the barbell from the floor to your shoulder, you let it rest for a couple of seconds. At that point, you are standing straight. So, you lift the barbell slightly, before executing the jerk, and in that fraction of a second when you lift the rod up, you consume a maximum amount of air so the body refreshes. You have to do all this in three or four seconds."

The timing, he added, is critical. "When I am lifting 170 kg, each and every second matters. If I let it rest on my shoulder for one extra second, I feel like I am holding 250 kg. After two seconds, it feels like 250 kg and after three, I feel like I am holding 500 kg. Your calories are burning, face turns red and gravity is pulling you down," he said.

But while you can't beat gravity, Sivalingam added philosophically, you can indeed trick it. "You are crumbling under the weight. So, instead of fighting back, you go down a bit by bending your knees. And then straighten them vigorously. When you do that, you capture the momentum and complete the lift," he said.

"What makes Mirabai great and Jeremy the next big thing? It's these little things — the ability to stick to their technique even when their nervous system stops and they are blacking out."

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# A Chinese 'spy ship', its trip to Sri Lanka, and India's concerns



**The Chinese ship Yuan Wang 5.** *Belt & Road Initiative Sri Lanka*

INDIA IS closely monitoring the movement of a Chinese "spy ship" that is on its way to Sri Lanka and will dock at Hambantota port around August 11. The trip comes at a time when Sri Lanka is battling a severe economic crisis, and India is learnt to have lodged a verbal protest against the ship's visit.

**THE SHIP:** The *Yuan Wang 5* is a Chinese research and survey vessel. Yuan Wang-class ships are used to track satellite, rocket and intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launches. China has around seven of these, capable of operating throughout the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian oceans. The ships supplement Beijing's land-based tracking stations.

The *Yuan Wang 5* was built at China's Jiangnan Shipyard and it entered service in September 2007. The 222-metre-long, 25.2-metre-wide vessel has state-of-the-art tracking technology. Its last monitoring mission was the launch of China's Long March 5B rocket. It was also recently involved in maritime monitoring of the launch of China's Tiangong space station's first lab module.

**WHY THE TRIP:** According to the Belt & Road Initiative Sri Lanka (BRISL), the *Yuan Wang 5* will enter Hambantota port — a strategically important deep-sea port developed mostly using loans from Beijing — for a week, and will likely leave on August 17 after replenishment.

"The Yuan Wang 5 will conduct satellite control and research tracking of China's satellites in the North Western part of the Indian Ocean region through August and September," BRISL said on its website.

**INDIA'S CONCERNS:** The *Yuan Wang 5*'s significant aerial reach — reportedly around 750 km — raises concerns about the possibility of several ports in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh being on China's radar. Reports have claimed several vital installations in South India could be under threat of being snooped upon.

Last week, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had said: "We are aware of reports of a proposed visit by this vessel to Hambantota in August… The government carefully monitors any development having a bearing on India's security and economic interests and takes all necessary measures to safeguard them."

China's foreign ministry, in a statement reported by Reuters, said: "China hopes that the relevant parties will view and report on China's marine scientific research activities correctly and refrain from interfering with normal and legitimate maritime activities."

India and the US have repeatedly flagged concerns that Chinese control of Hambantota port could harm their interests in the Indian Ocean by becoming a hub for the PLA Navy.

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# Taiwan, China, and the US

## As China bristles at US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, where do the three countries stand on the Indo-Pacific checkerboard? How did they get there, and where are they headed?



EXPERT EXPLAINS

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From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight



**Nancy Pelosi (left) with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen in Taipei on Wednesday.** *Taiwan Presidential Office via AP/PTI*

THE SPEAKER of the United States House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi arrived in Taiwan on Tuesday for what she called a show of American solidarity with the island, defying repeated warnings from Beijing and fuelling a new round of US-China tensions. This visit took place at a time when US-China relations are the poorest in decades.

In a phone call with President Joe Biden last week, President Xi Jinping had warned the US against any unilateral moves that would change the island status. "Those who play with fire will perish by it. It is hoped that the US will be clear-eyed about this," he had said.

China views Pelosi's visit as a serious violation of the "One China" principle and the provisions of the three China-US joint communiqués. This, according to Beijing, gravely undermines peace and stability in the region, and sends a wrong signal to the "separatist forces for Taiwan independence".

### What is One China Principle and One China Policy?

It is important to distinguish between the One China Principle (*yige zhongguo yuanze*) and the One China Policy (*yi zhong zhengce*) to understand the cross-Taiwan Strait problems. The People's Republic of China (PRC) follows the One China Principle, a core belief that sees Taiwan as an inalienable part of China, with its sole legitimate government in Beijing. The US acknowledges this position but not necessarily its validity.

The US follows the One China Policy — meaning that the PRC was and is the only China, with no recognition for the Republic of China (ROC, Taiwan) as a separate sovereign entity. At the same time, the US refuses to give in to the PRC's demands to recognise Chinese sovereignty over Taiwan — it only *acknowledges* the Chinese position that Taiwan is a part of China.

"The word 'acknowledge' is determinative for the US," Warren Christopher, who was US Deputy Secretary of State under President Jimmy Carter, told a Senate hearing when the Chinese attempted to change it to "recognise". The US has stuck to this position ever since — and used the "strategic ambiguity" that it creates to maintain the status quo and preserve stability in the Taiwan Strait.

### What is the genesis of the China-Taiwan tensions?

The ROC was founded in 1912 following the collapse of the Qing dynasty and the 1911 Revolution. Dr Sun Yat-sen, who assumed the presidency of the ROC, was soon succeeded by Yuan Shikai. Taiwan was at the time under Japanese colonial rule, having been ceded by the Qing following the 1895 Treaty of Shimonoseki. After the defeat of Japan in World War II, the ROC government began exercising jurisdiction over Taiwan in 1945.

After the communists won the civil war on the mainland, Mao Zedong proclaimed the founding of the People's Republic with its capital in Beijing on October 1, 1949. That December, after the PLA advanced into Sichuan province, Chiang Kai-shek, one of Sun Yat-sen's lieutenants, retreated to the island of Taiwan along with some 2 million nationalist soldiers.

The ROC has exercised effective jurisdiction over the main island and several outlying islands ever since, leaving Taiwan and China under the rule of different governments. The Taiwan Strait is only 130 km at its shortest distance, and the mainland city of Xiamen in Fujian is only 2 km from the Taiwanese-controlled island of Kinmen.

Until the 1970s, the US and most Western governments recognised the ROC as the government of all of China. The US and PRC established diplomatic relations on January 1, 1979, almost 30 years after the communists came to power. There have been three instances of disturbances in the Taiwan Strait, in 1954, 1958, and 1995-96, but peace has largely been maintained due to American "strategic ambiguity".

### So what has changed now? How did we get here?

Domestic policy aspects of all three countries — Taiwan, China, and the US — have contributed to today's situation.

**CHINA:** In 2015, China initiated path-breaking military reforms to convert the PLA into a world-class force by 2049. One of China's stated national security objectives has been "reunification with Taiwan". In his Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Centenary speech last year, President Xi said, "Resolving the Taiwan question and realising China's complete reunification is a historic mission and an unshakable commitment of the Communist Party of China."

Since September 2020, China has routinely sent aircraft into Taiwan's air defence identification zone (ADIZ). Meanwhile, between 2018 and 2020, Xi dropped the word "peaceful" while referring to reunification with Taiwan, underlining his aggressive approach to territorial disputes everywhere.

**TAIWAN:** In 2016, the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) candidate Tsai Ing-wen was elected President. On December 2 that year, she initiated a telephonic conversation with then US President elect Donald Trump — the first time since 1979 that the two countries spoke at that level.

Under the Tsai administration, US-Taiwan relations warmed. In March 2018, Trump signed into law the Taiwan Travel Act, which allowed American officials to step up exchanges with Taiwan. Over the last six years, the US has approved multiple sales of arms to Taiwan — including 108 M1A2T Abrams tanks, Hercules armoured vehicles, heavy equipment transporters, rocket launchers, sensors, artillery and, most importantly, 66 F-16 Viper fighter jets.

China views all of this as US attempts to use Taiwan to contain the PRC's "peaceful rise", emboldening "Taiwan's pro-independence separatist activities", and "impacting cross-strait harmony."

**UNITED STATES:** Taiwan is just one aspect of the worsening geopolitical checkerboard between the US and China. Antagonistic stances on security, economics, technology, and ideology have crystallised under the Biden Administration, with limited room for adjustment. The US has carried out a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics, added more Chinese companies to its trade restriction list, and Congress has passed a bill to counter China's human rights abuses in Xinjiang.

The Trump Administration had opened a more confrontational era in relations with China, and Biden has concretised this approach by signing the AUKUS trilateral security pact with the UK and Australia, and increasing Quad coordination with Japan, India, and Australia to limit Beijing's influence in the Indo-Pacific region.

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, there was concern in Western capitals over whether China could carry out similar action in Taiwan. Against this background, Speaker Pelosi's trip to Taiwan has led some security scholars to predict a fourth Taiwan Strait Crisis.

### Where do we go from here?

This is a case of China trying to deter Taiwan by using punishment and Taiwan and the US pushing back against Chinese aggression using denial techniques. China is likely to make sure that it punishes Taiwan to the extent that visits such as Pelosi's are deterred in the future. This might include economic measures, limited military measures for signalling, select diplomatic measures across bilateral and multilateral forums, and offensive cyber coercion.

In response, Taiwan and the US will likely continue to build denial defensive capabilities so that China's aggression is not encouraged. The US will also continue signalling its increasing presence and resolve in the region by conducting freedom of navigation operations (FONOPs) in the Taiwan Strait and the South China Sea, but at the same time, keep lines of communication open with Beijing to avoid unintended escalations.

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## PERSONAL

**I, Pranav Kumar Sharma S/O Purshottam Sharma born on 3-April-1978 residing at (R/O) E-803 Plumeria Garden Estate Omicron-III, have changed my name to Pranav Sharma vide affidavit dated 14-07-2022 at Gautambuddh Nagar2 (U.P) India**
0050201488-1

**It** is for general-information that I,Vipin Kumar,S/o-Ramesh,Residing At,19-B,Ram-Nagar Extn.04,Krishna-Nagar,Delhi-110051,Declare that name of mine and my-wife has been wrongly-written as Vipin Kampani and Geetu Kampani in my minor-daughter Ganisha Kampani(Aged-13Years)School-Record and Birth-Certificate.The actual-name of mine and my-wife are Vipin Kumar and Geetu respectively.which may be amended-accordingly.
0040625454-10

**It** is for general-information that I,Badli Devi,W/o-Chunnilal Purohit,Residing At,14/17,Gali.No.3,East-Azad-Nagar,Delhi-110051,declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Vandana in my minor-daughter Vinita Purohit(Aged-15Years)School-Records.The actual-name of mine is Badli Devi.Which may be amended-accordingly.
0040625455-7

**I,hitherto** known as Shivali,D/o Raj Kumar residing-at G-26/25,Sector-3,Rohini,North-West-Delhi,Delhi-110085,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shivali Kapoor. 0040625432-6

**I,Zoya** Ansari D/O Mr.Ayub Hameed Khan and Mrs.Tabassum Khan,have changed my-name,from Zoya Ayub Khan to Zoya Ansari post my marriage to Omar Zafar Ansari on 14th-June-2022. My date-of-birth in all-records is 30-Oct-1992 and my Aadhar-number is-791171501363, PAN number is-CKWPK1068A..My residential-address post marriage is the same as the residential-address of my husband Omar Zafar Ansari.
0040625432-8

**I,Yash** Madan S/o Ashok Kumar R/o F-92, Raheja Atlantis, Sector-31, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001,have changed my name to Yash Raj Madan.
0040625432-7

**I,Vinod** Kumar,S/o Mohan Kumar,R/o.B-319,New Sanjay Amar-Colony Vishwas-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032,inform that my father name wrongly-written as Suraj Prasad in my ESIEC.No.1013941628,but-father correct-name is Mohan Kumar. 0040625455-9

**I,Veena** Devi W/o-Pankaj Kumar Goldy R/o.C-1222-23, Sushant-Lok,Phase- 1, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122002, have changed my name to Veena Bhardwaj,for all future purposes. 0040625430-7

**I,VIPIN** KUMAR AGGARWAL,S/O-KEDAR NATH AGGARWAL,R/O.D-25, GALI.NO.05, NEAR-VARINDA RESTURANT, SADATPUR EXTN,KARAWAL NAGAR,NORTH EAST DELHI-110094,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VIPIN AGGARWAL. 0040625430-4

**I,Surinder** Kumar,S/O Shri Vir Bhan Kukreja,R/O Pocket-21/194-195,First Floor,Sector-24,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Surinder Kukreja. 0040625466-3

**I,Sundari** W/o-Munna Lal,R/o.H.No.S-82/210,Jag Damba-Camp,T-Hurts, Malviya-Nagar,New Delhi-110017 That in my saving accounts.no.8045128912 in post-office at Malviya-Nagar,New Delhi my-name has been wrongly-written as Smt.Sudama instead of Sundari,which may be amended accordingly.
0040625454-8

**I,Sulekha** Kumari W/o-Manoj Kumar Jha R/o.T-131,Sidharth Kunj Appointment Plot.No.17, Sector-7,Dwarka,New Delhi-110075,have changed my name to Sulekha Jha. 0040625455-3

**I,Sowmick** Kumar Biswas S/O Bablu Biswas R/o,Kh.No-126/2,Ashram Road-20,Point Colony Budhpur Bijapur,Delhi-110036,have changed my name to Sowmick Biswas.
0040625454-1

**I,Shikha** W/o-Ashwani Gupta,R/o-32/8, First-floor West Patel-Nagar,Delhi 110008,have changed my name to Shikha Gupta,for all purposes. 0040625432-2

**I,Shalini** Mittal W/o Vikas Gupta R/o A-57A, First Floor,Janta Colony,Shivaji Vihar,Delhi-110027,have changed my name to Shalini Gupta for all purposes. 0040625432-10

**I,Satendra** Kumar,S/o uma Shankar Pathak,H.no-182,gali.no-4, jawala nagar shahdara Delhi-110032, Changed my name to Satendra Pathak. 0040625430-1

**I,Sangeeta** Goel@Sangita Rani,W/o Sh.Sushil Goel R-12,Gopal Park,Azadpur, North-West,Delhi-110033,have changed my name,from Sangeeta Goel@Sangita Rani to Sangeeta Goel,for all,future Purposes. 0040625466-5

**I** Daya Dagar W/O, Karan Singh Dagar R/o House No. 146, Sector-14, Gurgaon have changed my name to Daya Rani Dagar for all purposes.
0040625425-1

**I,Sandhya** Singh,W/o Sh.Kamal Mongra, R/o.B-59,Street.No.18,Chhatarpur Enclave,Phase-II,New-Delhi-110074,That I,have changed the name of my-minor daughter aged about-15-years,from Saanvi Singh to Sanvi Singh,for all,future purposes.
0040625454-7

**I,Sabita** Rani Biswas W/O-Bablu Biswas R/o,Kh.No-126/2,Ashram Road-20, Point-Colony Budhpur Bijapur Delhi-110036,have changed my name to Savita Rani. 0040625454-3

**I,S.K.** Gauri,S/o Sawan Ram,R/o H.No.C-1-68,West Enclave,Pitam Pura,North West Delhi-110034,have changed my name,from S.K. Gauri to Sharwan Kumar,for all purposes. 0040625456-2

**I,RENU,** D/O.MOHAN SINGH BIST, ADD-L-1-1622/7, ASTHAL-MANDIR SANGAM-VIHAR, SOUTH DELHI-110062, changed my name to RENU BIST, permanently. 0040625430-2

**I,Renuka,D/o-Vijender** Singh,R/o.House.No.195,Gali.No.1,Vipin Garden, Extension,Uttam-Nagar,New Delhi-110059,Declare that name of my-mother has been wrongly-written as SUNITA in my 10th-class educational-Certificates Documents,but my-Mother actual-name is SUNITA DEVI. 0040625455-10

**I,Pramod** S/O-Dalel Singh R/O,H.No-186&187,2nd-Floor Block-A,Pocket-3, Sector-28,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Parmod Kumar. 0040625454-2

**I,Pradeep** Kumar Bhatia,S/o Raj Kumar Bhatia,R/o G-1st 359,Madangir Dr. Ambedkar-Nagar Delhi-110062,Have Change My Name To Pradeep Bhatia. 0040625455-6

**I,PRAMATHMA** KASTURI RANGAN,R/o- DDA-100,SFS-SHAKTI APARTMENT ASHOK VIHAR PHASE-3,NORTH-WEST DELHI, DELHI-110052,CHANGED MY MINOR SON NAME ATCHYUT KASTURI TO ATCHYUT KASTURI RANGAN.
0040625430-9

**I,Naga** Sai Somayajula S/o Ram Anjaneyulu Somayajula R/o H-3/390, First Floor, Sector-16,Rohini, North West Delhi,Delhi-110089 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as S. Naga Sai and as S. N. Sai,in my minor son Vamsi Krishna Somayajula aged 16 years School Records and Birth Certificate, respectively.The actual name of mine is Naga Sai Somayajula. 0040625455-8

**I,NARINDER** KUMAR,S/O DHARAMPAL GUPTA,R/O H.NO.1/6917, NEAR-ARYA SAMAJ MANDIR,EAST ROHTASH NAGAR, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NARINDAR GUPTA. 0040625430-5

**I,Mohit** Gahlot,S/o Sh.Mukesh Kumar,R/o.H.No-541,Kakrola-Housing Complex,Kakrola,New Delhi -110078,Declare that Mukesh Kumar and Mukesh Kumar Gahlot Both are One & Same Person. 0040625454-6

**I,Lala** Ram S/o-Late Sh.Narayan R/o-B-2/97,Sector-20,Rohini,Delhi-110086,have changed the name of my Minor-Daughter from Anu to Annu,permanently.
0040625430-3

**I,Kumari** Jyoti W/o Bharat Pandey R/o 131,Gali No.6,Jeevan,Park Siraspur Delhi-110042,inform that my name Kumari Jyoti and Km Jyoti is same,person.
0040625462-2

**I,Km** Sonam Lalit D/o Sateesh Kumar R/o.Rathora Khurd,Behsuma, Meerut(UP).have changed my name to Sonam Gulati.
0040625455-5

**I,Kamini** Gupta W/o-Sheikh Mohd Naqi R/o-350, White Rose Appt, Delhi Gate, Darya-Ganj Delhi-110002 have changed my name to Kamini Sheikh.
0040625417-1

**I,KOKIL** DUA,W/O SUSHIL KUMAR,R/O.D-9,SHOPPING CENTRE,MANSAROVER GARDEN NEW DELHI-110015,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME,FROM KOKILA DUA TO KOKIL DUA. 0040625466-2

**I,KIRAN** SHARMA,W/O VIJAY KUMAR SHARMA,R/O HOUSE.NO.494/3, WARD NO.4,RAVIDASS NAGAR, HOSHIARPUR, PUNJAB-146001,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KIRAN BALA.
0040625430-6

**I,Jasmin** Shah Puri,D/o Mohinder Pal Shah Puri,R/o A-29,Block-V,Sector-D, Bhagwati Vihar,Uttam Nagar,Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Jasmine Shahpuri.
0040625471-1

**I,JAYANTA** SEN,R/o-516,OSIMO TOWER,MAHAGUN MASCOT,CROSSING REPUBLICK,GHAZIABAD,U.P-201016,inform that in my,daughter's school-records her name KHETROISHI SEN wrongly-written instead-of correct-name KHETROISHI SRIJA SEN,both name are same person. 0040625430-10

**I** Birpal S/o-Shri Ant Ram Singh R/o-A-30, Block-A, Rajeev Nagar Extn., Phase-2, Begumpur, Delhi-110086 declare-that my-name wrongly-written in my Daughter-(Sanjana) 10th-Class Marksheet as-Veer Pal Singh instead of Birpal. 0040625365-1

I,Ripu Kukreja,W/O Surender Kukreja,R/O Pocket-21/194-195,First Floor,Sector-24,Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Ritu Kukreja. 0040625466-4

**I,Rajinder** Kaur D/o Jarnail Singh & W/o Daljeet Singh R/o 828, Pocket-D, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-11095 have changed my name to Ramneek Kaur Sandhu. 0040625456-1

**I,Gunika** Rai,D/o Sh.Gulshan Maggu,R/o.J-4/40,Flat.NO.A-10,3rd-Floor, Khidki-Extension, Malviya-Nagar, New Delhi-110017,That I have changed my name,from Gunika Rai to Zoya and also Embraced Islam Religion and Relinquish Hindu Religion w.e.f. 04/06/2020,for all,future purposes.
0040625454-9

**I,Gulam** Husan S/o-Mohammad Isalam,R/o Q-25A,4th-Floor,Batala House,Jamia-Nagar,New Delhi-110025,have changed my name Gulam Husain,for all purposes.
0040625466-1

**I,Farah** D/o Nawab Jaan Saifi W/o Surender Singh,R/o A5/82B Janakpuri, Delhi-110058,have changed my name to Jasmine Farah Saifi. 0040625471-2

**I,Ex** Service No-12954182M,Rfn Habibullah Sheikh ,R/O-Dudhi Machal, Tehsil- Machal, District- Kupwara. In my Service records the names and D o B of my children's has been wrongly mentioned as daughter's as Naza Akhter (D o B-22-03-2010) and Ulfat Akhter (D o B-24-05-2007) instead of Naza Bano(D o B-20-03-2008) and Ulfata Jan (D o B-15-03-2007) and Son's Aamir Ahmad (D o B-07-07-2014) instead of Amir Ahmad Sheikh (D o B-09-01-2011) respectively .It needs correction. Objections be filed to Unit 160 TA (H&H)JAK RIF within seven days.
0020443217-1

**I,Bablu** Kumar Biswas S/O,Nirod Biswas R/o,Kh.No-126/2,Ashram Road-20, Point Colony Budhpur Bijapur,Delhi-110036 have changed my name to Bablu Biswas. 0040625454-4

**I,Arpita** Dutta Singh D/o A. N. Dutta R/o-B2/22 Agrasen Apartment Sec-7 Plot-10, Dwarka, Delhi-110075 have changed my,name to Arpita Dutta. 0040625417-2

**I,Annu** W/o Harish Singh R/o-A-23/1,near Sector-18 Suraj Park Rohini Delhi-110042 inform that my name Anita and Annu is same person. 0040625462-1

**I,Anil** Kumar Giri,S/o-Janardan Giri,R/o 149,Floor No.3,Gali No.16,Amrit Puri-B,East of Kailash,South Delhi-110065,inform that in my son's (Raunak Kumar Giri)10th Class (Roll No.14270386) & 12th-Class (Roll No.14631112) Marksheet/Certificate my name has wrongly written as Anil Kumar instead of Anil Kumar Giri. 0040625471-3

**I,AVINASH** CHANDER MAHAJAN S/0- HANS RAJ MAHAJAN R/0-J-15 RESERVE-BANK ENCLAVE-PASCHIM VIHAR,DELHI-110063,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AVINASH MAHAJAN.
0040625432-1

**I,ANIL** KUMAR S/o-FIRANGI LAL R/o-O- 388/1,FIRST-FLOOR,SHAKTI-KHAND-1 INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD, UP-201014,CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL.
0040625430-8

**I,** Zainab D/O Zakir Hussain, R/o H. No- 1386 First Floor, Gali No - 8 Govind Puri kalka ji, Delhi-110019. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Zaina Naaz 0070797559-1

**I,** Taksh S/o Shri Gian Chand Makheja R/o E-153, Ground Floor, Ashok Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Taksh Makheja for all future purposes. 0040625377-1

**I,** Sunil kumar R/o E-200 new Ashok nagar Delhi-110096 declare that my minor daughter ( Khushboo kumari ) correct DOB is 29/06/2007 instead of DOB 29/07/2007.
0040625432-9

**I,** Shilpi Sachdeva,R/o-C-210, Defence Colony, New Delhi,have changed my daughter's name from Krishika to Krishika Sachdeva,for all purposes. 0040625455-1

**I,** Shama Sharma W/o Lalit Kumar Sharma R/o S-26, Gali No.14, S-Block, Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi have declared that my son name Partham Sharma is wrongly mention in his School Record but his correct name is Pratham Sharma. 0040625361-1

**I,** Shama Sachdeva,W/o Ramesh Sachdeva,R/o-C-210, Defence Colony,New Delhi, have changed my name to Shama Kumari Sachdeva,for all purposes. 0040625455-2

**I,** Seema Pappen, W/O Shiju Pappen R/o 296-A, DG-2 Vikas Puri Delhi- 110018. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Seema Shiju Pappen 0070797550-1

**I,** Santosh W/o Late Shri Rajbahadur Bhati R/o Aminabad orf Nayana, Post-Salempur Gurjar, Thana-Kasna, Gautam Budh Nagar have changed my name from SATISH to SANTOSH for all future purposes. 0070797622-1

**I** Bablu Chauhan S/o Rajnarayan Chauhan R/o Mundera Mishra, Mathura Chhapar, Deoria, Uttar Pradesh-274405, have changed my name to Vishesh Nath Chauhan
0070797618-1

**I** Amit Sharma S/o Sh. Virender Kumar Sharma R/o Kadam 1101, Shipra Srishti Apartment, Ahinsa Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014 have changed the name of my minor son from Vihan Sharma alias Dakshesh Sharma to Dakshesh Sharma for all purposes.
0040625362-5

**I,** Sangeeta Chadha W/o Shri Vijay Chadha R/o B-9, Shish Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my minor son's name from Dhruv to Dhruv Chadha for all future purposes. 0040625376-1

**I,** Ramesh Kumar Batheja s/o Hund Raj Batheja, R/o C-3/1, Ashok Vihar Phase-2, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Ramesh Chand Batheja.
0040625378-2

**I,** Rajat S/O Rajkumar Gajre, R/o 674 B9, New Basti, Adarsh Colony, Devli Village, Pushpa Bhawan S.O, South Delhi-110062. Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Rajkumar Gajri in my 10th Class Certificate. The actual name of My Father is Rajkumar Gajre, which may be amended according
0070797553-1

**I,** Pragati Kumari D/O Anil Kumar Prasad, R/o 27C/ Pocket-A-1, L.I.G Flats, Mayur Vihar Phase-3, Delhi-110096. Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Anil Kumar in my 10th Class Certificate, 12th Class Certificate. The actual name of My Father is Anil Kumar Prasad, which may be amended accordingly.
0070797552-1

**I,** Mohd Saadi, S/O Abdulrahman Saadi, R/O H. No. 8/4843A Lane- 3, Madanpuri colony, Chilkana road, Saharanpur- Uttar Pradesh 247001 has changed my name to Mohammad Saadi for all future purposes. 0070797558-1

**I,** Manju Rani, W/O Subhash Chandra Gupta R/o House No-31, Prince Colony , Opposite Singh Madap, Chandra Nagar, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh-244001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Madhu Gupta 0070797557-1

**I,** MAHAVIR RAWAT S/O KALAM SINGH RAWAT, R/O 1688, SECTOR 9 FARIDABAD 121006 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHAVIR SINGH RAWAT
0070797533-1

**I,** Hemlata w/o Jitendra Kumar r/o 1895/7D, Sector-7D, Faridabad, Haryana-121006 have changed my name to HEMLATA PAL permanently.
0040625398-1

**I,** Gulam Sarwar Paswal, Ex-Serviceman NK-No-9087851N, S/O - Nayaz Mohd R/O-Baghballa Karnah, District-Kupwara. In my service records the name and D o B of my two Son's has been wrongly mentioned as Aftab Ahmad (D o B- 02-04-1995) and Mohammad Mumtaz (D o B- 05-01-1997) instead of Mohd Aftab (D o B-16-04-1992) and Mohd Mumtaz (D o B -12-05-1994),also the name of my two son's has been missed from my service record as Ayaz Ahmad (D o B -10-02-2000) and Mubashir Ahmad (D o B- 06-03-2002).It needs corrections. Objections be filled to JAKLI Record Officer Srinagar within seven days. 0020443216-1

**I,** Dinesh s/o Late Roshan Lal Wasan, R/o A-149, Sudershan Park, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Jankesh Wasan, permanently
0040625378-1

**I,** Dinesh s/o Late Roshan Lal Wasan, R/o A-149, Sudershan Park, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Jankesh Wasan, permanently
0040625378-1

**I,** Baljit Singh Chowdhry, S/O Surjit Singh Chowdhry, R/O.10/112, second-floor, double-storey,Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Baljeet Singh Chowdhry, for all purposes. 0040625432-3

**I,** Anil Kumar Rai S/o Haridwar Rai R/o H.No-3B5 Awas Vikas Colony, Pandeypur, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh-221002, that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Anil Kumar Ray and Haridwar Ray respectively in my 10th Certificate Cum Marksheet. The actual name of mine and my father is Anil Kumar Rai and Haridwar Rai respectively
0070797607-1

**I,** Ahmad Ali S/o Saukat R/o RC-1035, Lok Priya Vihar, Khoda Colony, Ghaziabad, UP-201309 have changed my name to AHAMAD ALI for all future purposes. 0070797630-1

**I,** "Nirupama" and "Nirupama Niraja Nalini Das", mother of Gourav Verma, R/o C-631, Sector-19, NOIDA, G B Nagar, (UP),am one and same person by virtue of my affidavit dated 3 August 2022 before Notary, Mr N K Yadav, G B Nagar RN No.4641. 0040625457-1

**I** Sukhminder Singh Matharoo S/o-Kartar Singh R/o-Flat No.I-5, I-Block, Sai Apartments, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Sukhminder Singh for all purposes. 0040625367-1

**I** Romel Kumar S/o Maqsudan Lal Jaggi R/o A-284, New Friends Colony, Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Romil Jaggi 0070797610-1

**I** Rajender Kaur /Rajinder Kour W/o-Sukhminder Singh R/o-Flat No.I-5, I-Block, Sai Apartments, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Rajinder Kaur for all purposes.
0040625366-1

**I** Atul S/o Dayashankar Yadav R/o H.No.121 Radha Krishna Enclave, Oppsite Palm Olympia, Vill- Haibatpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar U.P-201009, Have Changed my name to Atul Yadav for future purposes. 0070797625-1

**I** Md Shafiqe S/O Shokeen Ali R/o,A-26/6-1B,Block-A,Suraj Park Colony,Delhi-110042, have changed my name to Shafique.
0040625454-5

**I** Maurya D/o Sh. Sanjeev Bhardwaj R/o H.No.151, Pocket-10, Sector-20, Rohini, Delhi-110086 is also known as Maurya Maurya and Maurya Sharma. All names are of one and the same person.
0040625362-4

**I** Devendra Pal S/o Amar Singh R/o Khinmini, Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh-207504, have changed my name to Abhinav Kumar 0070797608-1

**I** Dayasankar S/o Ramadhar Yadav R/o H.No.152-A Nithari Sector-31, Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar U.P-201301, Have Changed my name to Dayashankar Yadav for future purposes. 0070797626-1

**I** Sanjay Kumar S/o Om Prakash Joshi R/o-8596, Gaushala Road, New Rohtak Road, Rattan Nagar, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Sanjay Kumar Joshi.
0070797632-1

I,SAURABH KUMAR,S/o UMESH BEHARI MATHUR,R/o.Flat-125,Sharon Tower, Gaur Saundarayan, Greater-Noida West-201306,G.B.Nagar(UP),have changed my name to SAURABH MATHUR. 0040625455-4

I,RAJNI BHAN, W/O.VIRENDER RAINA ADD-RHS PLOT.NO-284,OM VIHAR PHASE-1 D.K MOHAN-GARDEN UTTAM-NAGAR WEST-DELHI.110059, Changed my name to RAJNI,for all,future Purposes.
0040625432-5

I,Baljeet Singh Chowdhry, S/O. Surjit Singh Chowdhry R/O.10/112,second-floor, double-storey, Tilak-Nagar,New Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Baljeet Singh,for all purposes.
0040625432-4

## LOST & FOUND

**I** Major Narender Pal jointly with Mr. Navneet Ahlawat R/o-1106, Sector-C, Pocket-1, Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi-110070, Have Lost Original Provisional Allotment Letter. No. JGNKD0010604 Dated-10.02.2010, of unit bearing No. Jaypee Klassic. KD. Tower-01 Flat-604 Sector-134. Issued by Jai Prakash Associates Limited. Finder Contact:- 8800556644. 0070797635-1

**I,** Kamal Kapoor,R/o 5A,Ring Road,Lajpat Nagar-IV, ND-24 have lost/misplaced my PGDBM Wave -VI, WMG" Year 1997-2000 Certificate & marksheets of Fore School of Management. If anybody finds they are requested to contact me at 9810000451.
0040625374-1

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Be it known to the general public that my client Mrs. Daljeet Kaur Ahluwalia W/o Lt. Sh. Saranjit Singh R/o 62 B, Pocket -A12 DDA Flats, Kalkaji Extn. New Delhi have severed all her relations with her son Mr Harmeet Singh Ahluwalia and Daughter in Law Raveela Sharma Ahluwalia both residents of B-601, Ibiza Town Sector-39 Suraj Kund Road, Faridabad. For all intents and purposes from the date of publication of this notice. My aforesaid Client also debar her son and daughter in law from all of her moveable and immoveable properties as they are not in control of my client and they are not fulfilling any of their responsibility/duty towards my client or any other member of family and their behaviour and attitude is very rude, unwanted, and irresponsible towards my client and other members of family. As such my client is not interested to have any relation with her above son and daughter in law in future. whosever deals with them shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk, cost and consequences and my aforesaid clint shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever Sd/-
HARISH BAJAJ - ADVOCATE

**NOTICE**

My Client Vinod Kumar S/o Chandrabhan Singh and my wife Sudesh Kumari R/o B- 97, Sector-31, Noida Distt. - G.B.Nagar (U.P.) have severed their relationship by evicting their son Dhruv Kumar and daughter-in-law Swati Dangi from all their movable and immovable property due to misbehavior and wrong company. He himself will be responsible for all his actions and transactions in future.
Rajkumar Singh
Advocate

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL CONCERNED that my client Sh. Amarjeet Singh S/o Late Gurdayal Singh, R/o H. No. 161, village Jaitpur, Badarpur, South-East district New Delhi-110044, having Aadhar Card No.2470 4764 4858 has filed a Civil Suit bearing CS/DJ No.2938/2022, titled "Amarjeet Singh vs. Smt. Surjeet Kaur" in respect of House No. 66, Gali No.3, Block-H, Saurabh Vihar, village Jaitpur, Badarpur, South-East district New Delhi-110044 measuring 100 Sq. Yards (20 Ft. X 45 Ft.= 900 Sq. Ft.) situated in Khasra No. 74 Khewat No. No.222 Khatoni No.408 within revenue estate of vil. Jaitpur, tehsil Mehrauli, district South-East, Delhi as per Jamabandi for the year 1987-88 now situated within revenue estate of village Jaitpur, tehsil Amar Colony, district South-East, Delhi by way of registered WILL DEED no.888 dated 06.09.2013 executed by the father of my client, which is pending in the Court of Ms. Chetna Singh, A.D.J.-06, S-E distt, Saket Courts, New Delhi.It is informed to General Public that any person dealing with above property of my client in any manner or mode is restrained from dealing, transferring, alienating, sale-purchase, mutation, mortgage/ pledge and representing/ claiming to be owner before any person or authority either by himself or through his/her representative, assignee and attorney etc., failing which, it shall be doing at his/her risk and consequences thereof.
**(N.K. Chauhan, Advocate)**
**M.N. 9891899678**
**Ch. No.932, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-110001**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, ASHWANI KUMAR RAGHAV SON OF OM PRAKASH RAGHAV RESIDENT OF H.NO. D-151, GALI NO. 3, MUKUND VIHAR, KARAWAL NAGAR, DELHI-110053, WANT TO PURCHASE A PROPERTY VIDE NO. BUILT UP LAND AREA MEASURING 55 SQ. YDS., I.E. 16-1/2 FT. X 30FT., OUT OF ENTIRE AREA 200 SQ. YDS., OUT OF KHASRA NO. 33/11, PROPERTY BEARING NO. 0-81.
ACCORDING TO OWNER NAMELY HARI KISHAN SON OF SHRI TEJ PAL SINGH RESIDENT OF C-97/6, GALI NO. 3, BHAJANPURA, DELHI-110053, BECOME THE OWNER THROUGH A GPA, AGREEMENT TO SALE, RECIEPT, POSSESSION LETTER AND WILL DEED VIDE GPA DULY REGISTERED AS DOCUMENT NO. 2,716, BOOK NO.4, VOL. NO. 11,338, ON PAGES 189-194, ON 31.08.2019, IN THE OFFICE OF S.R. IV.
THE SAID PROPERTY IS ABSOLUTELY FREE FROM ANY ENCUMBRANCES WHATSOEVER, IF ANY PERSON HAS ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST OVER THE SAID PROPERTY, SHE/HE IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THEIR CLAIM/S ALONG WITH THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO ME WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE. IF NO CLAIM IS RECEIVED, IT SHALL BE PRESUMED AFTER 15 DAYS THAT IT IS FREE FROM ALL ENCUMBRANCES.
**RAGHVENDRA SHUKLA**
**E. No. 4406/2001 (Advocate)**
**Chamber No. B-139 B,**
**G S Block, Tis Hazari Court Delhi**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to Inform the general public at large that my client Sh. Ram Chander Saini S/o Mangat Ram Saini R/o H. No. 483, Hardev Puri, Gautam Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi, 110049 has severed all his relation for all purposes with his sons namely Sh. Mayur Saini and Sh. Milan Saini, both Aged about 27 years and has disowned & debarred them from all his movable and immovable properties and assets, due to their disrespectful behavior, insulting attitude and humiliating nature. Any person dealing with said Sh. Mayur Saini and Sh. Milan Saini shall be doing so at his own risks and consequences and my client shall not be liable & responsible for any of acts & omissions done by Sh. Mayur Saini and Sh. Milan Saini.
Sd/- **PRASHANT SINGLA**
**P/4139/2016** Advocate
Distt. Courts, Gurugram & Nuh
**Mob.** 9873623781

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Be it known my client **MEHIGYA W/O LATE SH. BINDESHWAR RESIDENT OF FLAT NO.14-B, BLOCK JU, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034** has disowned and severed all her relations with her son namely **SONU** and debarred him from her movable and immovable properties/assets due to his misbehavior, unfamiliar activities, intolerable act, misconduct and going against my client and my client son **DEEPAK** also donot want to keep any relation with his brother **SONU**. Anybody dealing with **SONU** in civil and criminal matter shall be doing at his/her/their own risk, cost and responsibility and my client family including her son **DEEPAK** and his family shall not be liable for his any act.
**NAVEEN KHURANA**
**(Advocate)**
**EN.NO. D/3290/2022**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This public notice is issued upon the instructions for and on behalf of my client Ms. Kiran Gupta W/o Late Ravi Gupta R/o C-244, Vikaspuri, New Delhi, do hereby disown his son Vikas Gupta from my legal inheritance and his wife Preeti Gupta from all rights accrued or arising due to the marriage with my son Vikas Gupta. My client shall not be responsible for any acts of the both in any manner.
**RATTAN KUMAR MISHRA**
**ADVOCATE**
**17/145, FF, Subhash Nagar, New, Delhi-110027**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Client Smt. Sushma Juneja W/o Sh. Vinod Kumar/ Vinod Juneja R/o Plot No 38, Flat No 101, Chardham Appartment, Sector 9, Rohini, Delhi 110085 hereby severe all relations and debar/ disown her husband Sh. Vinod Kumar/ Vinod Juneja from her entire movable/ immovable property, due to his indifferent and hostile behavior and also anti social activity. My client shall not responsible for any debts/ loan, in past, present and future.
Sd/-
**SIDHANT ANTIL**
**ADVOCATE**
**CH. NO. 623, CHAMBERS BLOCK 6TH FLOOR, ROHINI COURT, NEW DELHI-110085**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the Public at large that Smt. Mamta Yadav W/o. Sh. Rajender Singh is the 'Title Holder' in possession of 'Entire Ground Floor of Freehold Residential Property Bearing Plot No. G-44/A, Kalkaji, New Delhi admeasuring 100 sq. yards', hereinafter referred to as 'Schedule Property' vide Sale Deed dated 14.06.2011, registered as Regn. No. 9246, Book 1, Vol. No. 11235, pp. 48-58 on 18.06.2011 in the Office of Sub Registrar-V, New Delhi. That the Original Documents w.r.t. the Schedule Plot, i.e. (i) Lease Deed dated 24.03.1966, (ii) Sale Deed dated 09.08.1976, (iii) Conveyance Deed dated 09.08.1999, (iv) General Power of Attorney (Registered) dated 31.12.1999 and (v) Death Certificate dated 27.07.2000, have been lost / misplaced and are untraceable, in lieu of which Information Report dated 02.08.2022 is filled with Delhi Police bearing LR. No. 652160/2022. This notice is issued to Public at Large, i.e. any Person(s), Company(ies), Authority(ies), Society(ies), Organisation(s), Financial Institution(s), Bank(s), HUFs etc, having any knowledge, custody or possession of the lost/ misplaced documents as mentioned above or otherwise having any claim, right, title, interest, possession in the Schedule Property, by way of Ownership, Succession, Inheritance, Sale, Mortgage, Exchange, Charge, Lien, Gift, Trust, Encumbrance etc., or objection to the sale of the Schedule Property, may come forward with supporting documents, to be delivered to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of this Publication, post expiration of which, any claim(s) or objection(s), if raised or received, shall be treated as null & void and such claims or objection shall be treated as waived, and the Title Holder shall proceed to sell the Schedule Property as presently intended.
**SURESH KUMAR, ADVOCATE**
**ENRL. NO. D/3617/2009**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client Vijay Kumar s/o Sh. Tilak Raj & Poonam Rani w/o Sh. Vijay Kumar, have disowned their son namely Mr. Rahul Kakkar and his wife Geeta Verma and their grand daughter namely Ms. Lavanya Kakkar from their movable and immovable properties due to their intolerable behaviour and they have severe their all relations with them for all interest and purposes with immediate effect. If any person deal with them in near future my client will not responsible for any act or omission of the above disowned person.
Sd/- **NAUTIYAL GENETIC LEGAL 3. GAURAV NAUTIYAL, ANKIT NAUTIYAL, LATA NAUTIYAL, KRISH KUMAR**
**CH.NO.** 704 A & 730 DWARKA COURT
**CH.NO.** 63 PATIALA HOUSE COURT

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General public is hereby informed that my client Jagdish Chandra S/o Panna Lal Agarwal R/o EC-284, G-8 Area, Rajouri Garden, Maya Enclave Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064. My client has disowned and debbared his son Anoop Agrawal R/o H.No. B-36, Street Lili Vila, Sukh Sagar Valley, Area Polipather, Village Gwarighat, District Jabalpur, State Madhya Pradesh, Pin Code-482008. from all their movable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with debarred person shall do at her their own risk and responsibilities and my client will not be responsible for the same.
**Sd/- B.B.N. DEO, Advocate**
**S.R.IInd,B Coumpus, Janak Puri,ND-58**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General Public is hereby informed that my client has entered into agreement to sale and purchase of Southwestern Part of Property Bearing No.6, Khasra No. 14/13, Main Dabri Palam Road, Dabri, Delhi-110045 admeasuring 13x38 ft, two story built up, from Sh. Rishi Pal S/o Late Sh. Surat Singh R/o H.No.6, Dabri, Dabri Palam Road, Delhi-45.
Any body having any objection, right, title, interest or claim in the above intended sale transaction may contact the undersigned with documentary proof substantiating the claim/dispute/ objection etc. within 15 days from the date of the present publication, failling which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the abovesaid owner and no claim will be entertained thereafter.
**(Sharad Nagpal)**
**Advocate**
**Enrl. No. D/99/2000**
**Chamber # 558, Lawyers' Chambers, Dwarka Court Complex, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My clientess Smt. Roopwati W/o Late Siyaram R/o D-276, Ganesh Nagar, Pandav Nagar Complex, Delhi-110092 has disowned/debarred her son, Pawan Kumar, his wife Smt. Sangeeta and their child Tusar all R/o B-88, Gali No.14, Ganesh Nagar, Pandav Nagar Complex, Delhi-110092 from all her movable/ immovable properties and severed all relations from them, due to their misconduct, hostile behaviour, disobedience. My clientess has no concern with them. Anyone dealing with them shall do so at their own risks and responsibility and my clientess shall not in any manner be liable for their acts".
Sd/- **(SATISH KUMAR)**
ADVOCATE
**Ch. No.** 493, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General public is hereby informed that my client **Sh. Satbir Kaushik** S/o Late Sh. Om Prakash Sharma R/o H.No.274, Pocket-2, Paschim Puri, New Delhi-110063 has severed all his relations with his wife **Radha Rani** W/o Satbir Kaushik and his son **Nitin Kaushik** S/o Satbir Kaushik & debarred them from all his moveable & immoveable properties due to their disobedience and misbehavior. Anybody dealing with them will do so at his/her/their own risk. My client and his other family members shall not be responsible for their any kind of liabilities, dealings acts, criminal proceedings, obligations, financial transactions, claims etc. **Abhimanyu Sangwan** (Advocate) Ch. No.121, W-Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54

**Public Notice about Partner Retirement**

M/s Gabi Industries a partnership firm registered with the Registrar of Firms Uttar Pradesh, Vide a registered partnership deed with S No. BUL/0004694.
The general public is hereby informed that M/s Gabi Industries is a partnership firm which was reconstituted on 17.06.22 due to retirement of the partner Mr. Nagendra Singh Rana by virtue of deed of retirement executed amongst themselves on 14.05.22. The retiring partner unanimously agreed to leave the above mentioned factory property in favour of my clients, the continuing partners Mr. Shivanjay Bhadoria & Mr. Sanay Gupta to hold the same absolutely forever together with all rights, title, lien, easements, advantages and appurtenances, etc., without any further claim and interference from them or by any person or persons under them for the corresponding eligible consideration received by them. By this notice Mr. Shivanjay Bhadoria & Mr. Sanjay Gupta informs the public in general that, they are the only partners of M/s Gabi Industries and who are having any transactions with the above said firm now and in further they should contact Mr. Shivanjay Bhadoria & Mr. Sanjay Gupta only.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Charanjit Singh and Mrs. Kulvinder Kaur acquired property no. B-191, measuring 110 sq. yrds., Khasra No. 2003, situated in Village Tihar, colony Hari Nagar, Block-B, New Delhi vide Sale Deed dt. 15.04.2021 & Sale Deed dt. 23.08.2021 and now Mr. Charanjit Singh and Mrs. Kulvinder Kaur are the undisputed owners of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.
**Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate)**
H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Re:1) Southern Portion of Plot No. 36, area measuring 183 Sq. Yds. and (2) Northern Portion of Plot No. 36, area measuring 183 Sq. Yds. TOTAL LAND AREA 366 sq. yds. out of Khasra Nos. 44//12/2, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22, 23 situated at Village-Gauchhi, Tehsil-Ballabhgarh, District-Faridabad (Haryana) [Property ID No.P07003790177, House No.2046C/12A New Sanjay Colony 1st, Sec-23 Khasra No.44 Kila No.12/2, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22, 23 Plot No.36 min, Faridabad.] ; hereinafter referred to as "said property".
Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc. that, as informed by our clientess, Mrs. Kamla Kumari W/o Shri Gurdas Ram, R/o_Flat No.B2-1203, SRS Residency, Sector 88, Kheri Kalan (113), Faridabad (Haryana)-121002, she is the owner and in possession of the said property. In this connection, she has informed that the said property was purchased by M/s K.B. Engineering Works, through its Proprietor Mr. Gurdas Ram from (1) Mr Ranbir Singh vide sale deed registered as Document No. 4944 on 11/12/1995 in respect of Southern Portion of the said property and (2) Mr Arvind Kakkar vide sale deed, registered as Document No.4943 dated 11/12/1995 in respect of Northern Portion of the said property. After the death of Shri Gurdas Ram, the property devolved on his surviving legal heirs viz., 1) Mr. Sanjeev Kumar-son, (2) Mr. Sunil-son, (3) Mrs. Sunita-daughter, (4) Mrs. Anita-daughter & (5) Mrs. Kamla Kumari-wife. Later on Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, (2) Sunil, (3) Mrs. Sunita, (4) Mrs. Anita executed two Relinquishment Deeds, both dated 04.08.2015 in favour of their mother, Mrs. Kamla Kumari and relinquished their shares in the said property. These relinquishment deeds are registered as (1) Document No.5147 on 04.08.2015. (SRO-Ballabhgarh) in respect of Southern Portion of the said property and (2) Document No.5146 on 04.08.2015. (SRO-Ballabhgarh) in respect of Northern Portion of the said property. Thus, in the manner aforesaid, she became sole and absolute owner of the said property and that since then, she is owner in possession of the said property without any objection/s or claim/s by any person in general. She now intends to mortgage the said property with IDFC FIRST Bank Limited for availing loan facility. We have been further informed by our clientess that the said property is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending.
If any person, society, bank, financial institution or other institutions have any objection against the absolute ownership of our clientess on the said property and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said property in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clientess, may raise his/her/their objection/s, in writing, by Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within 07 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, the said property shall be mortgaged by our clientess in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd., and no objection shall be acceptable against such mortgage.
**Amit Kumar Khurana, Advocate,**
**For M/s Intellective Law Offices,**
**A-74, Lower Ground Floor,**
**Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Generel Public is hereby inform that my client Sh. Anil Kumar S/o. Late Sh. Dalip Singh R/o. Village-Khera Dabar, South West Delhi, New Delhi -110073 has severed his all relations with his son namely Sachin Madan and his wife namely Smt. Nancy Aggarwal both R/o. Village-Khera Dabar, Pole No.5, South West Delhi, New Delhi - 110073 and disowned/disinherited them from all his movable and immovable properties with immediate effect due to they are non-cooperative and non-obeying nature and my client shall not be responsible for any act done by them in any manner.
**SHYAMBIR SINGH(Advocate)**
**Ch. No. 638, Dwarka Courts, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi -75 (M): 9213429341**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the General public that Smt. Kiran Devi W/O Sh. Vijay Prakash is owner of Freehold Residential Plot No. 82, area measuring 30 Sq. Meters. Out of Khewat No. 95, Khatoni No. 95 Mi, Mu. No. 14, Killa No. 6(8-0), 15(8-0), 17(6-5), Situated at Waka mauja Sehatpur, Tehsil & Distt Faridabad Haryana, vide registered sale deed dated 15/09/2000 registration No. 6190 with Sub Registrar FARIDABAD. All persons are hereby informed that Kiran Devi W/O Sh. Vijay Prakash has approached Janasha Finance Private Ltd to take a Loan and they have lost Registered Sale deed dated 15/11/2006, in respect of said property executed by Sh. Kiran Devi W/o Sh. Vijay Prakash in favor of Sh. Vijay Prakash S/o Sh. Sita Ram duly registered at sub registrar office - FARIDABAD vide documents No. 14616, dated on 15/11/2006. Smt. Kiran Devi W/O Sh. Vijay Prakash has informed the Delhi Police about the loss of the above mentioned sale deed. If anybody has any charge/ interest/ title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address **within 7 days** of the present.
For Mrs. Prasoon Lata, Advocate
**SG Associates (Law Firm)**
Unit No 7, Basement, Plot No C 78, Sector 2, Noida, UP 201301.
E-MAIL: sgassociatespl@gmail.com
Ph: 7011172764, 8130200837

**LOST & FOUND**

I/We **Satpal Singh** S/o Jage Ram and **Munesh Bai** W/o Satpal Singh R/o H. No.5, Sunder Niwas, Village Medawas, Sector-64, Gurugram, Haryana-122101 have lost my 3 receipts as follows:-
1) 576733 3,00,000/- 02-05-2014
2) 474842 4,33,602/- 20-08-2011
3) 501222 70,153/- 16-04-2012
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**North Eastern Railway**

**E-Tendering Tender Notice No. 41/2022**

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), N.E. Railways, Izatnagar for and behalf of President of India invites **"OPEN"** e-tender through online (E-Tendering) for the following work :

**S. No. : 1, Description of Works :** Track work in connection with augmentation of loop line no.-3 CSL to 1.5 Km at Rati-ka-Nagla station, provision of 2nd loop at Chaubeypur station and conversion of L-4 in Running line at Fatehgarh under Sr. DEN/II/IZN's jurisdiction. **Approx. Value :** Rs. 31,69,788.57, **E.M.D. Money:** Rs. 63,400/-, **Cost of Tender Forms :** Rs. NIL, **Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter :** 08 Months.

**S. No. : 2, Description of Works :** Balance work of platform extension at Sonai & Mendu stations of KSJ-MRT section under sanctioned work of "Extension of high level platforms for longest train (12 station)". **Approx. Value :** Rs. 73,02,086.17, **E.M.D. Money :** Rs. 1,46,100/-, **Cost of Tender Forms :** Rs. NIL, **Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter :** 06 Months.

**1.** Online e-tender can be submitted upto 15.00 hrs. of dated 26.08.2022.
**2.** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways **IREPS** website **www.ireps.gov.in**.

**Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.)**
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प्रबन्ध निदेशक

## PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJNA (PMGSY)

**E-Procurement Notice**

The Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle HP.PWD Kullu on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh re-invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible contractors registered with HPPWD for the work as detailed in the table.

| Sr. No. | Name of Work | Estimated Cost (in lacs) | Starting date for downloading of bid | Earnest Money (in Lacs) | Deadline for submission of bid | Date of technical Bid opening |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Balance work for construction of main road to village Salgran Km. 0/0 to 4/510 (SH:- P/L, M/T, V-shape drain, PCC Parapets, unlined drain and routine maintenance of 5 years in Km 0/0 to 0/345, 0/435 to 2/330 and 3/700 to 4/510) under PMGSY stage-II, Batch-I 2017-18 (Package No. HP-07-13) | Construction Part= **79.18**<br>Maintenance Part= **16.65**<br>**Total cost =95.83/-** | 04-08-2022 at 10:00 AM | Rs. 1.92 Lacs. | 10-08-2022 at upto 6:00 PM | 11-08-2022 At 11:00 AM |

The bidders are advised to note other details of the tenders from the website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in.
The department has right to extend or cancel the bids without assigning any reasons thereof.

**Superintending Engineer,**
**6th Circle, HPPWD, Kullu**
**PIN-175101**
**Ph. 01902-222530, Fax:01902-222299**
**E-mail:hp-kul@nic.in**
**On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh.**

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## GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
## HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), O&M Circe-IV, S.R. Nagar, Hyderabad, T.S.

**e-TENDER NOTICE**

| e-Tender Notice No. & Date | Name of Work |
|---|---|
| **No. 187/CGM(E)/O&MC.IV/ Mediclaim/2022-2023, Date: 03.08.2022** | Providing Group Mediclaim Insurance Policy to the existing Permanent Board Employees, Service Pensioners & Family Pensioners of HMWSSB for a period of One year. |

**(1)** Tender Documents will be available online from **dt.03.08.2022 from 4.00 P.M** onwards and the last date of receipt of tenders **is dt.10.08.2022. (2)** Name & address of Chief General Manager (Engg), concerned **- Chief General Manager (Engg), O&M Circle-IV, HMWSSB, SR Nagar, Hyderabad- 500038. (3)** The Contractors / firms are requested to upload the information in the 'ZIP' format preferably. **(4)** Further details can be seen @ **https://www.tender.telangana.gov.in**

**Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), O&M Circe-IV, S.R. Nagar, Hyderabad, T.S.**

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## Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 45-50 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Sallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Grey Shirt without Lower was found Under Bara pula Fly over Near Bus Terminal Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi on 25.07.2022 In this regard, **DD No. 84-A dated 25.07.2022** has been lodged at PS Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far.

Any, person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.

**SHO**
**P.S., Hazarat Nizamuddin**
**New Delhi**
**Ph. : 011-24355758, 8750870929**

DP/307/SE/2022

## Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age**: 52 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Fair, **Sex:** Male, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Wearing :** Blue T-Shirt and Black lower was found dead on 31.07.2022 who was admitted GTB Hospital vide MLC No. BD/0182/22. in unconscious condition. During treatment he was expired. In this regard, a **DD No. 82-A, dated 31.07.2022** has been lodged at PS: GTB Enclave, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

**SHO**
**P.S., GTB Enclave, Delhi**
**Ph. : 7065036031**
**9873322997**

DP/936/SHD/2022

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

**(See Section 82 Cr. PC)**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Vijay Kumar S/o Sh. Prem Chand R/o H.No. B-60, Delhi Administration Flats, Timarpur, Delhi Also At: 179/6, Gali No.06, Wazirabad Delhi-110084** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No. 525762/16 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Timarpur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Vijay Kumar** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Vijay Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Vijay Kumar of CC No. 525762/16 U/s 138, NI Act P.S. Timarpur, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 07.09.2022.**

**By order**
**Sh. Sahil Manga**
**Metropolitan Magistrate (NI Act)**
**Central-07, Room No.02**
**(Annex Building-II)**
**Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi**

DP/2588/N/2022

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male namely **Suresh,** S/o **Unknown,** R/o **Unknown Age:** About 50-55 years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'3", **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Oval, **Hair:** Black, was wearing White colour Shirt and Printed Gamchha, was found dead at Gali No. 13, Multani Dhanda, near Mother Dairy, Nabi Karim, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi on 25.07.2022. In this regard a **DD No. 41A U/S 174 CrPC, dated 25.07.2022, has been lodged at P.S. Nabi Karim, Delhi.**

His dead body has been preserved in Dr. RML Hospital Mortuary, New Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

**SHO**
**P.S. Nabi Karim, Delhi**
**Ph.: 011-23531734, 8750870428**

**DP/1711/CD/2022**

**ANNEXURE-A**

### PRESS NOTICE TO BE ISSUED FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPERS

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Thunag invites tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractor for the following work(s) through e-tendering process: -

**Work No. 1** Construction of Inspection Hut at Gada Gussain in GP Thachadhar Tehsil Balichowki Distt Mandi HP. Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,48,18,203/- Only, Earnest Money: Rs. 1,80,700/- Only, Cost of Tender Form: Rs.1500/-, Time Limit: One Year.

**Work No. 2**: - Source Strengthening of multi village pipes water supply for Balichowki and other at Tirthan Khad Tehsil Balichowki District Mandi (HP) (SH: CO Source Strengthening Structure at Near Bridge Manglore, CO Retaining Wall to protect the Sedimentation Tank and Slow Sand Filter Bed, Sedimentation Tank 21000 ltrs capacity and CO RCC Slow Sand Filter Bed of 51.26 Sq. m Capacity in 3 units. Under JJM. Estimated Cost: Rs.97,19,387/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 1,29,700/-, Cost Tender Document: Rs. 800/-, Time Limit: 06 Months

**Schedule of tendering:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Date of online Publication | 02/08/2022 at 10.00 A.M. |
| 2. | Downloading of e-tender documents | 02/08/2022 at 10.00 A.M. |
| 3 | Date of submission of e-tender | 02/08/2022 at 10.00 A.M. upto 09/08/2022 at 05.00 P.M. |
| 4 | Physical submission of Earnest Money Deposit, Cost of tender form if not paid online/ other below mentioned documents | 10/08/2022 at 11.00 A.M. |
| 5 | Date of opening of bids | 10/08/2022 at 11.30 A.M. |
| 6 | Opening of Eligibility criteria & Technical Information (Cover-I) | 10/08/2022 at 11.30 A.M. |
| 7 | Opening of Financial bid (Cover-II) | Date and place to be notified separately. |
| 8 | Site Visit | From 02/08/2022 to 09/08/2022 between 10.00 A.M. To 5.00 P.M. except on holidays. |

**Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering 09/08/2022 upto 5:00 P.M.**
**The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hpiph.org.**

**--HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK--**

**Executive Engineer**
**Jal Shakti Division, Thunag Distt Mandi.**

**2901/HP**

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH (ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

CP-35-2011, CA-196 & 197-2017
CA-53-2020, CA-54-2021 in CP-75-2007

**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

Offers are invited from the prospective buyers for sale of the assets/property of M/s Syal Leasing Limited (In Liqn.) situated at 195, Adarsh Nagar, Chick Chick Crossing, Jalandhar by E- Auction on "as is where is and whatever there is basis". The details of property, date of inspection and EMD for participating in e-Auction are as under:-

| Description of Property | Date of Inspection | Reserved Price | Earnest Money in favour of Official Liquidator, Chandigarh |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Land Area:** 40.21 Marlas | 17.08.2022 | Rs.8,65,00,000/- | Rs.86,50,000I- |
| Building: 5-Storied (Lower & Upper Basements 3-Upper Floor) Additional with Mumty (Terrace Floor). | | | |
| **Capital Goods:** Generator Furniture & Fixtures etc. (Excluding lift and its accessories ) | | Rs.2,68,000/- | Rs.26,800/- |

2. Intending buyers may take inspection of the moveable assets at the respective places on the abovementioned date **between 11.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.**
3. The E-auction will be conducted through the website https://olauction.enivida.com on 25.08.2022 (between 10.30 am to 5.00 PM) with auto time extension of 10 minutes in exigent situation.
4. The bidders should submit their online offers through the website https://lolauction.enivida.com.
5. The intending buyers should collect the detail information, terms & condition through the website Ministry at www.mca.gov.in https://olauction.enivida.com and High Court of Punjab and Haryana at highcourtchd.gov.in. and may also take help from the contacts given below (between 10.00 am to 6.00 pm).
   i. Navneet Mishra- 09355030630
   ii Amrendra Kumar-08448288980
   iii Abhishek Kumar- 09355030617
6. The EMD amount (interest free) should be deposited through the modes available on the portal. The last date of request and participation in E-auction and online submission of EMD is 24.08.2022.
   The offer/Tender/sale is subject to the confirmation by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh.

**Sd/- (PRASHANT BALIYAN)**
**OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR**
**Attached to Punjab and Haryana**
**High Court, Corporate Bhawan, 2nd Floor,**
**Plot No. 4 B, Sector 27 B, Chandigarh**
**Phone: 0172-2659875 E-mail: ol.chandigarh@mca.gov.in**

PLACE: CHANDIGARH
DATED:_____

## E-TENDER PRESS NOTICE

The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-XIII, I&FC Department Govt. of Delhi, on behalf of the President of India, invites Online Percentage rate tender from the approved and eligible contractors registered with IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT. The contractors who are registered with other department and now got their registrations verified from I&FC Deptt. Are eligible to participate in Tender process for the work:-

1. NIT No.E.E/CD-13/Acs/2022-23/40-A (3rd Call) (ID No. 2022_IFC_227009_1) Major Head of Account: 2711 (Revenue) Name Providing and preparation of design and drawing including proof checking of gates and gearing system for madanpur drain out falling at R.D. 6677m of Mungeshpur drain, Regulator on Nangli Sakrawati drain out falling into N.G. Drain and Two Nos. Bridge-cum-Regulators on Mungeshpur drain out falling into N.G. Drain at R.D. om and into supplementary drain at its Off-take Point at RD 34500m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 5,39,185/- Earnest Money (In Rs.) 10,784/- Time allowed 30 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 08-08-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.
2. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2022-23/11 (4th Call) (ID No. 2022_IFC_227014_1) Major Head of Account 4217 (MLA LAD) Name of Work: Providing and fixing open Gym Equipment in village Kazipur in Najafgarh Constituency, AC.35. Improvement and repair of cremation ground in village Issapur near Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park in N.G. Block. (Balance amount). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 5,53,204/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 11,064/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 08-08-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.
3. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2022-23/53(2nd Call) (ID No. 2022_IFC_227013_1) Major Head of Account:4515- (Panchayat) Name of Work: Construction of boundary wall in Gram Sabha Land bearing Kh. No. 1etc./418(5-17) at village Mundella Khurd in Distt. South-West, Delhi. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 21,35,158/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 42,703/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 08-08-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.
4. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2022-23/19(3rd Call) (ID No. 2022_IFC_227023_1) Major Head of Account: 2711- (Revenue) Name of Work: Maintenance of Solar lights along B.C. Drain. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 12,13,740/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 24,275/- Time allowed 360 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 08-08-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.
5. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2022-23/18(3rd Call) (ID No. 2022_IFC_227019_1) Major Head of Account: 2711- (Revenue) Name of Work: Maintenance of Solar lights along Mundella Drain. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 12,11,300/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 24,226/- Time allowed 360 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 08-08-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.
6. NIT No, E.E/CD-13/Acs/2022-23/17(3rd Call) (ID No. 2022_IFC_227024_1) Major Head of Account: 2711-(Revenue) Name of Work: Maintenance of Solar lights along Mungeshpur Drain. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 20,69,690/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 41,394/- Time allowed 360 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 08-08-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.
7. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2022-23/54 (ID No. 2022_IFC_227006_1) Major Head of Account: 4217-(Plan-Development of Unauthorized Colony) Name of Work: Improvement and reconstruction of internal streets and side drains of Maharani Enclave Phase-I in Vikaspuri Constituency AC-31 (Regd. No. 886). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 2,87,93,619/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 5,75,872/- Time allowed 180 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 08-08-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

**Note:-1)** Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site https://govteprocurement.delhi.gov.in
**2)** Amendment(s)/alteration(s)/corrigendum if any, will be available at website only.
**3)** EMD in the form of Bankers Cheque/DD/Fixed Deposit receipt in F/o EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt Shall be scanned and uploaded to the e-tender website within the perlod of bid submission. The original EMD should be deposited in the office of EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt. Within the period of bid submission.

Sd/-
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD.XIII**

DIP/SHABDARTH/0265/22-23

## GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
## OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER
## L-BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has decided to grant licence in Form L-1 and Form L-IF for the wholesale vend of Indian Liquor and Foreign Liquor respectively in the National Capital Territory of Delhi for the licensing year 2022-23 w.e.f. 01.09.2022.

The prescribed form for the grant of L-1 and L-IF licence can be obtained on payment of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand) only via online mode or by way of demand draft in favour of the Deputy Commissioner (Excise), Delhi, for each licence form during the office hours on any working day from the office of Commissioner of Excise, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, L- Block, Vikas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002. Alternatively, the same can be downloaded from the website **http//excise.Delhigovt.nic.in** under heading "News". However, in that case, a processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only for each licence form shall have to be deposited along with the application form by way of demand draft in favour of the Deputy Commissioner (Excise), Delhi. Applicants are required to apply online **also** at address **delhiexcise.gov.in**.

Application received without complete information and supporting documents, as required in the prescribed form, along with its annexures, shall beliable to be rejected.

Sd/-
**(KRISHNA MOHAN UPPU)**
**COMMISSIONER (EXCISE)**

DIP/SHABDARTH/0271/22-23

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male **Age :** Approx. 40 years, **Height :** 5'7", **Complexion :** Shallow, **Build :** Thin, **Face :** Oval, wearing blue colour T-shirt and light blue colour jeans, was admitted in Aruna Asaf Ali Hospital, Delhi on 03.07.2022 by CAT Ambulance due to illness. Next day he was transferred to LNJP Hospital, where during the treatment he died on 04.07.2022. In this regard a DD No. 20A dated 04.07.2022 u/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification for 72 hours in the mortuary of LNJP Hospital, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this found person may kindly inform to the following:-

**SHO : P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi**
**Tel. No. 011-23968730**

DP/2624/N/22

## NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

**NOTICE INVITING e-AUCTION FOR THE CONTRACT OF PARCEL LEASING**

**No: Comml/E-auction/ Leasing/2022/09** **Date : 01.08.2022**

With reference to above, e-Auction for the contract of PARCEL LEASING has been invited. The catalogues have already been published on IREPS website.

| Catalogue No. | Type of Contract | Lot No. | Train No. | Date/TIme & Period of Contract |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vinyl-Ju-03 | Advertisement on train coaches Through Vinyl | ADVT-EBW-143347-22-1 | 14821 | Start at 12:00 hours on **16.08.2022. Contract Period** : 03 years |
| | | ADVT-EBW-102603-22-1 | 22483 | |
| | | ADVT-EBW-89987-22-1 | 14806 | |
| | | ADVT-EBW-134363-22-1 | 12466 | |
| | | ADVT-EBW-143349-22-2 | 14888 | |
| | | ADVT-EBW-143345-22-1 | 20483 | |
| Parcel-JU-07 | Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment) | 14703-SLR-R1-JSM-LGH-22-1 | 14703 | Start at 12:00 hours on **16.08.2022. Contract Period** : 02 years |
| | | 22483-SLR-F1-JU-GIMB-22-1 | 22483 | |
| | | 14703-SLR-F1-JSM-LGH-22-1 | 14703 | |
| | | 20814-SLR-F2-JU-PURI-22-1 | 20814 | |
| | | 22664-SLR-F1-JU-MS-22-1 | 22664 | |
| | | 20814-SLR-R1-JU-PURI-22-1 | 20814 | |
| | | 14645-SLR-F1-JSM-JAT-22-1 | 14645 | |
| | | 14645-SLR-F2-JSM-JAT-22-1 | 14645 | |
| | | 14854-SLR-R1-JU-BSB-22-2 | 14854 | |
| | | 22664-SLR-F2-JU-MS-22-1 | 22664 | |
| | | 14864-SLR-F1-JU-BSB-22-1 | 14864 | |
| | | 14854-SLR-F1-JU-BSB-22-1 | 14854 | |
| | | 14703-SLR-F2-JSM-LGH-22-1 | 14703 | |
| | | 14645-SLR-R1-JSM-JAT-22-1 | 14645 | |
| | | 14813-SLR-F2-JU-BPL-22-1 | 14813 | |
| | | 14864-SLR-F2-JU-BSB-22-1 | 14864 | |
| | | 14854-SLR-F2-JU-BSB-22-1 | 14854 | |
| | | 22483-SLR-R1-JU-GIMB-22-1 | 22483 | |
| | | 14864-SLR-R1-JU-BSB-22-1 | 14864 | |
| | | 14813-SLR-R1-JU-BPL-22-1 | 14813 | |
| | | 14813-SLR-F1-JU-BPL-22-1 | 14813 | |
| | | 20814-SLR-F1-JU-PURI-22-2 | 20814 | |

| Catalogue No. | Type of Contract | Lot No. | Station Name | Date/Time & Period of Contract |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RDN-ND-JU-03 | Adverti. Through Glow / Sign Boards on Starions PF | ADVT-JU-BME-OSN-78-22-1 | Barmer | Start at 12:00 hours on **17.08.2022. Contract Period** : 03 years |
| | | ADVT-JU-BANE-OSN-75-22-1 | Basni | |
| | | ADVT-JU-DNA-OSN-83-22-1 | Degana | |
| | | ADVT-JU-BUT-OSN-77-22-1 | Baytu | |
| | | ADVT-JU-SUJH-OSN-90-22-1 | Sujangarh | |
| | | ADVT-JU-MKN-OSN-84-22-1 | Makrana | |
| | | ADVT-JU-JSM-OSN-99-22-1 | Jaisalmer | |
| | | ADVT-JU-RKB-OSN-79-22-1 | Rai Ka Bagh | |
| | | ADVT-JU-LUNI-OSN-98-22-1 | Luni | |
| | | ADVT-JU-BLT-OSN-76-22-1 | Balotra | |
| | | ADVT-JU-DIA-OSN-88-22-1 | Didwana | |
| | | ADVT-JU-LAU-05N-91 -22-1 | Ladnun | |
| OOH-JU-04 | Adverti. Through Hoarding /Unipole at Station Circulating Area | ADVT-JU-NAC-OH-36-22-1 | Nawa City | Start at 12:00 hours on **18.08.2022. Contract Period** : 03 years |
| | | ADVT-JU-JU-OH-17-22-1 | Jodhpur Main | |
| | | ADVT-JU-DQN-OH-30-22-1 | Dhanera | |
| | | ADVT-JU-POK-OH-34-22-1 | Pokran | |
| | | ADVT-JU-MKN-OH-37-22-1 | Makrana | |
| | | ADVT-JU-BUT-OH-42-22-1 | Baytu | |
| | | ADVT-JU-REN-OH-41 -22-1 | Ren | |

| Catalogue No. | Type of Contract | Lot No. | Train No. | Date/Time & Period of Contract |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parcel-JU-08 | Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment) | 11089-SLR-R1 -BGKT-PUNE-22-1 | 11089 | Start at 12:00 hours on **18.08.2022. Contract Period** : 02 years |
| | | 11089-SLR-F2-BGKT-PUNE-22-1 | 11089 | |
| | | 11089-SLR-F2-BGKT-PUNE-22-1 | 11089 | |
| | | 22673-SLR-F1 -BGKT-MQ-22-1 | 22673 | |
| | | 12479-SLR-F2-JU-BDTS-22-1 | 12479 | |
| | | 14821-SLR-F2-JU-SBIB-22-2 | 14821 | |
| | | 22673-SLR-F2-BGKT-MQ-22-1 | 22673 | |
| | | 14866-SLR-F2-JU-BSB-22-2 | 14866 | |
| | | 14803-SLR-F2-JU-SBIB-22-1 | 14803 | |
| | | 12479-SLR-F1 -JU-BDTS-22-1 | 12479 | |
| | | 14803-SLR-R1 -JU-SBIB-22-1 | 14803 | |
| | | 12466-SLR-F1 -JU-INDB-22-2 | 12466 | |
| | | 12466-SLR-F1 -JU-INDB-22-2 | 12466 | |
| | | 20814-SLR-F2-JU-PURI-22-2 | 20814 | |
| | | 22996-SLR-F1 -JU-DLI-22-1 | 22996 | |
| Parcel-JU-09 | Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment) | 15013-SLR-R1-JSM-KGM-22-1 | 15013 | Start at 12:00 hours on **19.08.2022. Contract Period** : 02 years |
| | | 15013-SLR-F1 -JSM-KGM-22-1 | 15013 | |
| | | 15013-SLR-F1 -JSM-KGM-22-1 | 15013 | |
| | | 14803-SLR-F1 -JU-SBIB-22-1 | 14803 | |
| | | 12479-SLR-R1 -JU-BDTS-22-1 | 12479 | |
| | | 11089-SLR-F1 -BGKT-PUNE-22-1 | 11089 | |

**Note**: Initial Cooling Off Period is 30 minutes. Successive Lot Closing Interval is 10 minutes. Lot-wise Closing Time can be viewed in e-Auction module of IREPS.

**Earnest Money : 5% of the Bid value**

Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction Leasing module on IREPS website (**www.ireps.gov.in**). The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above-mentioned Catalogue No.

**593-AK/22**

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY

**TENDER NOTICE**

**Invitation of Tender through E- Tendering (E-Procurement System)**

| SN | Tender Notice No. & Date | Name of work with its location | Approx. Cost of work | Amount of Earnest Money | Completion period of the work | Date & time for submission of tender & opening of tender |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 32-W-BR-REPL-Pathway-MB dated 01.08.2022 | Provision of side pathway, man refuges and replacement of dilapidated pathway sheets on major girder Br. no. 3, 21, 28, 41, 61, 139 in LRJ-DDN and 3, 6, 14 & 21 in RWL-RKSH section under the jurisdiction AXEN/BL/MB over MB-Division. | Rs. 16269480.21 | Rs. 231400.00 | (06) Six Months | Upto 15.00 hrs on 24.08.2022 Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs on same day |
| 2. | 32-W-BR-1255-REPL-MB Dated 01.08.2022 | Replacement of badly corroded rivets & members i.e Lateral bracing, angles, Cross frames & Gusset plates of Br. No- 1255 Up on MB-SRE section under the jurisdiction SSE/BR/M/MB over MB-Division. | Rs. 1032747.75 | Rs. 20700.00 | (03) Three Months | Upto 15.00 hrs on 24.08.2022 Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs on same day |
| 3. | 32-W-BR-140-233-148-UMB DATE 01.08.2022 | Strengthening of heavily corroded/ perforated of X- girders at Br. No. 233 UP (5X30.5m) on DUK section, 148 (1x76.2m) & 161 (2x45.7m) on SIR-DLPC section and strengthening of heavily corroded/perforated X-girder at Br. No. 140 (10x30.5m) on SIR-NLDM section on UMB Division in the jurisdiction AXEN/BL/UMB. | Rs. 8597183.57 | Rs. 172000.00 | (06) Six Months | Upto 15.00 hrs on 24.08.2022 Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs on same day |
| 4. | 32-W-ANNUAL-ZONE-DLI-22 dated 01.08.2022 | Annual Zone for maintenance of Bridges, ROB's over Delhi Division in the section of SSE/BR/M/SSB under AXEN/BR/SPL/TKJ. | Rs. 7085558.85 | Rs. 141700.00 | 09 Nine Months | Upto 15.00 hrs on 24.08.2022 Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs on same day |

**Note:**
**a) Above tenders are available on website, IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded. b) Tender at S. No. 3* Re-Invitation of tender.**

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## North Eastern Railway

**Notice Inviting Auction**

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Lucknow on the behalf of the President of India invites through E-Auction system on from Advertising Agencies of M/exp trains to all coaches on exterior of trains (Except Window, Logo, Coach No. & destination board) for 03 years. Details are as under :-

| Sl. No. | e-auction Notice | Train No. | Total Rakes | From | To | Total No. of Coaches | Total Area of Vinyl Wrapping per Rake (in Sqf.) | Date and Time of Close of Auction |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ADVT-EFF-131267-22-1 | 15025/15026 15057/15058 | 02 | Gorakhpur | Anand Vihar | 42 | 2731.32 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 14.30 hrs |
| 2 | ADVT-EFF-131316-22-1 | 15048/15047 15050/15049 15052/15051 15009/15010 | 04 | Gorakhpur | Kolkata/ Mailani | 92 | 5982.90 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 14.40 hrs |
| 3 | ADVT-EFF-131320-22-1 | 22537/22531 5017/15018 | 07 | Gorakhpur | Mumbai | 154 | 10014.86 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 14.50 hrs |
| 4 | ADVT-EFF-131324-22-1 | 15023/15024 | 01 | Gorakhpur | Yeswantpur | 22 | 1430.69 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 15.00 hrs |
| 5 | ADVT-EFF-131911-22-1 | 15054/15053 15083/15084 | 04 | Lucknow | Chhapra/ Farrukhabad | 96 | 1430.69 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 15.10 hrs |
| 6 | ADVT-EFF-129405-22-2 | 12529/12530 15070/15069 | 02 | Lucknow/ Badshahnagar | Patliputra/ Gorakhpur | 40 | 2601.26 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 15.20 hrs |
| 7 | ADVT-EFF-132368-22-1 | 12511/12512 12589/12590 12591/12592 | 04 | Gorakhpur | Trivandrum/ Secundrabad/ Yeswantpur | 88 | 5722.78 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 15.30 hrs |
| 8 | ADVT-EFF-131321-22-1 | 15003/15004 12555/12556 | 04 | Gorakhpur | Kanpur Anwarganj | 88 | 5722.78 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 15.40 hrs |
| 9 | ADVT-EFF-129409-22-2 | 12533/12534 | 03 | Lucknow | Chatrapati Shivaji Terminal | 66 | 1105.53 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 15.50 hrs |
| 10 | ADVT-EFF-132042-22-1 | 12535/12536/ 12593/12594 | 01 | Lucknow | Raipur/ Bhopal | 12 | 780.37 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 16.00 hrs |
| 11 | ADVT-EFF-131328-22-1 | 15021/15022 15029/15030 | 01 | Gorakhpur | Shalimar/ Pune | 22 | 1430.69 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 16.10 hrs |
| 12 | ADVT-EFF-132329-22-1 | 15027/15028 | 02 | Gorakhpur | Hatia | 46 | 2991.45 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 16.20 hrs |
| 13 | ADVT-EFF-131245-22-1 | 15011/15012 | 02 | Lucknow | Chandigarh | 28 | 1820.88 | Dt. 16.08.22 at 16.30 hrs |

• **Date and Time of Auction start (all lots) for Sl. No. 1 to 13 :** Dt. 16.08.22 at 14.00 hrs., • **E-Auction contract period :** 03 year, • **Website Address : www.ireps.gov.in (EAUCTION MODULE)**

**CPRO/Com-120** **DRM/C/LJN**

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

**E-Tender Notice No.: 196-S/71/2021-22/TENDER NOTICE-TSO-III/Combination SEJ Date: 00.08.22**

E-Tender for and on behalf of the President of India, Pr.CE, Northern Railway, Headqarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001 invites the following tenders through E-Procurement System:

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| **Tender No. TS225122B** | Due on 25.08.2022 |
| **Description of Item** | Fabrication/Manufacturing and Supply of Combination SEJ 60Kg/52Kg to RDSO Drg. No. T-6782 with Alt.2 Conforming to IRS-T-10-2000 correction No. 01 of December 2016. (The Alt. on Drawing and Specification issued by RDSO up to one month prior to tender opening date shall be applicable in this tender. |
| **Tender Value** | Rs. 9,80,57,283.75 |
| **Tender Document Cost** | Rs. Nil |
| **Earnest Money** | Rs. 19,61,150 |
| **Completion Period** | 12 Months |
| **Time of Submission of Tender** | Upto 25.08.2022 at 14.30 IST |
| **Date & Time of Opening of Tender** | On 25.08.2022 at 14.30 IST |
| **Validity of Offer** | 180 days |

**Note:** The complete information of above E-Procurement tender is available on website **www.ireps.gov.In** and **www.northernrailway.gov..in** 1988/2022

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## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DURG CIRCLE, DURG (C.G.)

**Durg, Dated: 20.07.2022**

**e-Procurement Tender Notice**

Online tenders in form "A" percentage rate basis are invited on behalf of **Governor of Chhattisgarh** dated **10-08-2022 :-**

| NIT No. | Name of work | P.A.C. (Rs. In lacs.) | Tender Call |
|---|---|---|---|
| 99/105255 | CONSTRUCTION OF 900M BOUNDARY WALL IN UTAI THANA | 51.17 | 1st |
| 100/105256 | Strengthning & BT Work or Bhanpuri to Surra Road Length 1.475 K.M. under Sub Division No.2 Balod | 169.83 | 1st |
| 101/105257 | Special Repair/MOW/Deposit work of Various Residential & Non Residential Quarters Under Sub Div Chowki | 100.00 | 1st |
| 102/105258 | W.B.M./ B.T. PATCH REPAIR ON GANIYARI-KHURSUL, KHURSUL-BIHAVBOD, KHURSUL-BHENDARWANI, BORAI- KHURSUL & GANIYARI-MANGATTA ROAD UNDER SUB-DN. NO.-2, DURG | 70.00 | 1st |

**Note :-**

1- NIT No 99 & 102 are under Public Works Department Durg Division Durg, NIT No 100 is under Public Works Department Balod Division Bemetara, & NIT No 101 is under Public Works Department Rajnandgaon Division Rajnandgaon.
2- General Conditions, detailed NIT, Tender documents & other information of the above construction work downloaded from the Eprocurement web portal or departmental website **http://eproc.egstate.gov.in.**
3- NIT No. & Name of the Work should be essentially mentioned on the envelope through the Registerd Post/Speed Post in this office.

**Sd/-**
**Superintending Engineer**
**P.W.D., Durg Circle Durg (C.G.)**
**Tel. 0788-2210876**

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## NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

**E-Procurement Tender Notice No.:** 29/P-69/2022-23/TMC/HQ/NCR/Prayagraj **Dated:** 29.07.2022

**OPEN TENDER NOTICE**

On behalf of the President of India, **Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, Subedarganj, Prayagraj-211015** invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:
**(The complete Information along with tender document of this E-Procurement Tender are available in website on http://ireps.gov.In. upto 15:00 hrs. of the due date of tender opening).**

| SN | Tender No. | Brief Description | Tender Value | Earnest Money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | TMC 0272223 | Spare Part for RGM. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. **[Acceptable Make: Loram, CummIns, Fleet Guard, Schroeder, Industries, Sullivan Palatek Only]** | ₹ 31,61,510/- | ₹ 63,300/- |
| 2. | TMC 0282223 | Ring Outer Seal. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. **[Acceptable Make: Loram]** | ₹ 11,36,200/- | ₹ 22,800/- |

**Quantity:** For both tedner **"As per Section IV of tender document"**.

**Date of Opening:** For both tedner **"26.08.2022".**

**Note: (1)** The complete information along with Tender document of above E-Procurement Tender is available on website **https://ireps.gov.In.** Up to **14:30 hrs**. On the due date of tender opening. **(2)** Following condition has been included in Tender Document vide **Railway Board Letter No. 2001/RS(g)/779/7 Pt 1 Dated: 29.06.2017** "Whenever tender is floated with purchase restriction from sources approved by nominated authorities and there exists a suspected cartel situation by approved sources or the rates available from approved/sources are adjudged unreasonably high, despite fair efforts as permissible, the purchaser reserves the right to place order on firms outside the approved vendors list, without any restrictions". **(3)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with **IREPS** website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by **CCA** under **IT Act-2000. (4)** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. (5)** Allocation for Security deposit and Earnest money is "Deposit Misc stores 00844523. **(6)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of **IREPS** may be approached. **984/22 (A)**

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## NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

**SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS THROUGH E- PROCUREMENT TENDERS**

**TENDER NOTICE No: S/2022/21.** **Date : 02.08.2022**

The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, headquarter 3rd floor, Near Jawahar circle, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur - 302017 for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tenders on **www.ireps.gov.in** site as follows. All the E- tenders will be closed at 14.25 hrs.

| Sr. No | Tender No. | Brief Description | Qty | Unit | Due Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 40225024 | Joint less grooved copper contact wire, 107 SQ. MM | 224700 | Mtrs | 16.08.2022 |
| 2 | 40221544 | Electronic rectifier cum regulator unit (ERRU) for 4.5 kW | 109 | Nos | 16.08.2022 |
| 3 | 70222197B | PU painting kit for LHB shatabdi and other coache | 84 | Set | 16.08.2022 |
| 4 | 30221081 | Wearing Piece for Side Bearer | 1221 | Nos | 24.08.2022 |
| 5 | 50225347 | Supply of Multi section digital axle counter | 01 | Set | 29.08.2022 |
| 6 | 50225285 | Supply of Block Panel BPAC | 04 | Set | 29.08.2022 |
| 7 | 40221640 | 4.5 kW Underslung Constant Voltage Regulated Cum Emergency Battery | 107 | Nos | 29.08.2022 |
| 8 | 30220096B | Axle box housing to ICF | 1100 | Nos | 30.08.2022 |
| 9 | 50225035 | Supply of Relay QTA2 | 1514 | Nos | 02.09.2022 |
| 10 | 40220046 | Suspension Hanger Pin | 1358 | Nos | 05.09.2022 |
| 11 | 50225284A | Router | 60 | Nos | 06.09.2022 |
| 12 | 30221758A | Brake beam complete for casnub | 379 | Nos | 06.09.2022 |
| 13 | 85222079 | PL No. 85908356 : Cone Roller and Cage | 627 | Set | 12.09.2022 |

**CORRIGENDUM**

| Sr. No | Tender No. | Brief Description | Tender Notice No. | Existing Opening Date | Amended Opening Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 50225004A | 6 Quad x 0.9 sq mm cable | S/2022/19 Date 14.07.2022 | 01.08.2022 | 10.08.2022 |
| 2 | 40225019 | 25 KV OHE Discharge Rod | S/2022/19 Date 14.07.2022 | 02.08.2022 | 08.08.2022 |
| 3 | 40221674 | Set of VRLA Battery | S/2022/19 Date 14.07.2022 | 08.08.2022 | 12.08.2022 |
| 4 | 50225291 | Relay AC immune plug in type QNNAI | S/2022/19 Date 14.07.2022 | **Existing Quantity** 860 Nos | **Amended Quantity** 1634 Nos |

Note :- (1) Interested tenderers may visit the website for Full details/ description/ Specification / EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. (2) For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender costing below Rs. 25 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value tenders, please visit **www.ireps.gov.in**.

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## NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

**Tender No. :** AGCTRDT 202210 **DEE/TRD/**
**Dated :** 01.08.2022 **N.C.Rly, Agra**

**E-Tendering Notice**

Sr. DEE/TRD/Agra for & on behalf of President of India invites **"Open Tender"** through online only **(E-Tendering)** for the following work:

| S. N. | Tender No. | Name of Work | Approxmate Cost | Earnest Money | Period of Completion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | AGCTRDT 202210 | Augmentation work of isolators over Agra Division | Rs. 21557196.50 | Rs. 431200/- | Nine Months |

**Note:- (1)** For full details & submission of the bid please see the Indian Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in (2)** Tender can only be submitted through web portal **www.ireps.gov.in** upto **15:00** hrs. on date **24.08.2022** **985/22 (P)**

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## NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

**E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE**

Divisional Railway manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

| Description of work | E-Tender No. | Approx Cost Rs | Earnest Money |
|---|---|---|---|
| Improvement of level crossing surface by rubber grade crossing system at various L-Xings in JHS-DHO section under Sr. DEN/N/JHS. | JHS-ENGG-N-2022-75 | 11495352.02 | 207500.00 |

**Date of closing Tender :** 31.08.2022 at 15:00 hrs.

**Date of Completion/period from issue acceptance letter :** 08 Months.

- Tender online can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs on 31.08.2022.
- For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways Website **www.ireps.gov.in**. **990/22 (AN)**

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## U.P.RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD

**HARDUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION, KASIMPUR (ALIGARH)**

**E-Tender Notice**

**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE-I, 'E'TPS, HTPS, KASIMPUR, ALIGARH.**

1. Short Term E-Tender No.- ET-02/EMCC-I/HTPS-EXTN-II/2021-22, Online e-bids are invited for the work of "Biennial contract for Mechanical maintenance (Preventive & Routine, BD & OH) and Operational support of Equipments of Main plant Boiler & Aux, TG & Aux and BOP (Excluding Major Overhauls of Boiler and Turbine) & Engagement of Field Operation Assistant (Operator) in Shift (Round the Clock) for assistance in Operational Activities from Unit Control Room (CCR) of 1x660 MW, Harduaganj Thermal power station, Extn-II, Kasimpur, Aligarh". E-Tender has been uploaded on 28.07.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated cost of Work: Rs. 13,35,39,163.00+GST extra, EMD: Rs. 10,00,000.00, Last date of tender: 16.08.2022 at 16:00 hrs.

**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, COAL HANDLING CIRCLE, HTPS, KASIMPUR.**

2. Tender Notice No.- ET-05/CHC/CHD-II/HTPS/2022-23, Online e-bids are invited for the work of Round the clock operation and maintenance of complete coal handling plant including, housekeeping, stone picking, locomotives bulldozers, etc of 2x250MW, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh for the period of two years. E-Tender has been uploaded on 29.07.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated cost: Rs. 18.18 Crores. Period of Work: Two Year, EMD : Rs. 36,37,600.00 (Refundable), Last date of submission of E-tender: 31.08.2022 up to 14:00 hrs.

**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, ELECTRICITY CIVIL MAINTENANCE CIRCLE, Kasimpur.**

3. E-Tender No. 08/ECMC/ECMD-II/HTPS/2022-23, Online e-bids are invited for the work of "Various Cleaning Sweeping works inside colony area and inside power house area at HTPS Kasimpur (Aligarh)". E-Tender has been uploaded on 29.07.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated cost of work Rs. 91.69 Lac, Time Period 12 months. Earnest money Rs. 1,84,000.00, Last date of tender 30.08.20222 (14:00 Hrs.)

**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, ELECTRICITY CIVIL CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE, Kasimpur.**

4. E-Tender Notice No. 01/ECCC/ECCD-II/HTPP/2022-23, Online bids invited for "Biennial Civil Maintenance and Housekeeping work for 1x660 MW Unit of Harduaganj Thermal Power Project, Kasimpur, Aligarh". E-Tender has been uploaded on 29.07.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated cost of work Rs.3,4893143.00.00. Time Period 02 years. Earnest money is Rs. 7,00,000.00.00, Last date of Tender : 23.08.2022 (14:00 Hrs.)

**Superintending Engineer, MMC, HTPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh).**

5. Gem E-Bid No: GEM/2022/B/2394729 : Procurement of electrical measuring instruments, digital display indicators. Bid shall be uploaded on dated 30.07.2022. Estimated cost: Rs. 8,13,304.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 16266.00, Last date for submission of bid 24.08.2022 up to (16:00 PM) Note:- For further details please log on website i.e. https://gem.gov.in/

**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, (HQ), HTPS, Kasimpur.**

6. E-Tender No.: 06/SE(HQ)Cell/S&ETD/HTPS/2022-23, Online bids invited for CAMC of Total 238 Nos CCTV Camera installed in different locations of HTPS for 01 year (Comprehensive Annual maintenance Contract) of 74 Nos CCTV of HTPS PLANT AREA & 44 Nos. CCTV Camera for Surveillance Security System for Residential Colony & 120 nos CCTV of Residential Multistorey Towers of Harduaganj Thermal Power Station, Kasimpur (Aligarh). E-Tender has been uploaded on 30.07.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated cost:- Rs. 8.5 Lac, EMD : Rs. 17000.00. Last date of Tender : 26.08.2022 (14:00 Hrs.)

7. GeM E-Bid No: GeM/2022/B/2397499, Online bids invited for "Providing 01 No Diesel bus 54 seater, 01 No Diesel bus 42 seater & 02 No. 32 Seater Diesel buses, Model at least 2015 or onward (1) for carrying school going children between Kasimpur to Aligarh and back for period of 11 months, (2) for carriying staff from Aligarh to Kasimpur and back for a period of one year and (3) for carrying operation staff from Kasimpur Power House Colony to HTPS during the Shift 'C' TPS, 'D' TPS & 1x660 M. W Extension Unit. Timings i.e. 6:00 AM, 2:00 PM & 10:00 PM throughout the year" Estimated cost:- Rs. 37.79 Lakh, Earnest Money:- Rs. 75580.00, Time of Completion:- 01 Year. Gem Bid Last date and time for submission of 09.08.2022 upto 13.00 Hrs. Note: - For further details please log on website i.e. https://gem.gov.in/

Note- Total quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender documents available on the e-portal. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. Part- I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website www.uprvunl.org. The contactors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/ Division. Who reserve the right to unaccept/cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

**Superintending Engineer (H.Q.)**
पत्रांक : 31/अधी0अभि0(मु0)/विज्ञापन/कैम्प–1(26)/22 दिनांक 30.07.2022

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**Lance Naik (GD) Rana Sharma 04th Aug 2008**
Sashastra Seema Bal fondly remembers and cherishes the valiant act of the brave heart, LNK/GD Rana Sharma of 16th Bn SSB, Adabari (Assam) who made the supreme sacrifice of his life for Nation in the line of duty. LNK/GD Rana Sharma attained martyrdom in an attack by ULFA militants near Malvita Baghmara Market of district Chirang (Assam) on 04th August, 2008. His gallant act will continue to inspire us all.
We salute the valor and supreme sacrifice of our brave soldier.

**SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL**



On 04 Aug 1999 TJ – 3791 Late Sub Awadesh Thakur of 107 TA had made supreme sacrifice during OP Hifazat in Aug 1999

**Colonel 11 GR & Sikkim Scouts and All Ranks**

L/NK Bom Bahadur Limbu, Rfn Parsu Ram Rai, Rfn Biswa Singh Chhetri of 1/11 Gorkha Rifles (Batalik) Made the supreme sacrifice in 1969 at Naga Hills on 04 Aug 1969 in a true act of valour.

**Colonel 11 GR & Sikkim Scouts and All Ranks**

## NORTHERN RAILWAY

**CORRIGENDUM**

**REF.: TENDER NOTICE NO. 26/2022-23 DATED : 08.07.2022 SN:02 TENDER NO. 04220058A DUE ON 01.08.2022**

IN REFERENCE TO THE ABOVE TENDER THE DUE DATE EXTENDED FROM 01.08.2022 TO 08.08.2022. ALL OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.
THIS CORRIGENDUM HAS BEEN PUBLISHED ON WEBSITE **www.ireps.gov.in** 1986/22

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## INDIAN RAILWAYS

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)**

**No.RS(POL)/58/0501/2/2021** **New Delhi, dt.: 03.08.2022**

**Sub: Publication of E-Tender Notice against Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)'s e-tender No. 2022 HSD TC for procurement of High Speed Diesel (HSD).**

Executive Director, Railway Stores (RS), Ministry of Railways (Railway Board), Government of India, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender as per details given here under:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | **E-Tender No.** | 2022 HSD TC |
| 2. | **Name of Work** | **High Speed Diesel (HSD) : Conforming to IS : 1460 (Latest Revision)** |
| 3. | **Approx. quantity in Ltrs.** | 17.16 Lakh KL |
| 4. | **Tender Cost** | NIL |
| 5. | **Earnest Money** | Rs. 50 lacs only. |
| 6. | **Last date and time for submission of e-tender** | 31.08.2022 at 14.00 hrs. |
| 7. | **Website for complete details and e-tendering** | **http://www.ireps.gov.In** |
| 8. | **Allocation Head** | Grant No.01 |

**(S.K. Verma)**
**Director, Railway Stores (M)**
**Tele. No. 011-23073191**
**Email id: drsm@rb.railnet.gov.in**
**3rd floor, Room No. 306, Rail Bhawan**
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## NORTHERN RAILWAY

**Tender Notice**

The Chief Administrative Officer/Const/Northern Railway, Kashmere Gate, Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites **e-tender** under **Two Packet System** for the under noted work

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| **Full Name of work** | Balance Civil work i.e. platform works such as earthwork in filling, PF walls, PF extension, surfacing etc. building works development of circulating area at Shahganj & Jaunpur upgradation and rubberized surfacing at LC's Boundary walls goods platform at Shahganj & other allied works between Jaunpur and Akbarpur (excluding) in connection with "Proposed Doubling of Jaunpur-Akbarpur of Lucknow Division on Northern Railway |
| **Approx. Cost of work** | Rs. 2799.68 lacs |
| **Completion period of the work** | 18 (Eighteen) months |
| **Earnest Money to be deposited** | Rs.**15,49,800.00** |
| **Sale/availability of tender document on Railway Web side** | Tender documents will be available on IREPS web site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.In** from **05.08.2022** to **29.08.2022** upto 11.30 hrs. |
| **Last date/Time of upload of tenders** | 29.08.2022 upto 11.30 hrs Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site w.e.f. **15.08.2022 to 29.08.2022** |
| **Date and time of opening of tender** | **29.08.2022 at 11.30** hours (immediately after closed of uploading of tender (D2). In case of two packet system. Financial bid of the eligible tenders would be opened subsequently on the date and time to be notified later on. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office. |

**Tender Notice No.74-W-3-2-459-WA-LKO Dated : 03.08.2022** 1989/2022

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**TENDER NOTICE**
**(Through e-tendering)**

**Tender No. 558-Sig-16-M-TENDER-AMC-058-2022-23** **Dated: 03.08.2022**

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| Name of work with its Location | Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Westrace make EI for 08 stations viz. GHH, PT, MSP, MOZ, DBD, JDW, SSZ and PHWR of Delhi Division for 03 years. |
| Approx. cost of work | Rs. 1,73,70,910/- only |
| Earnest money Deposit | Rs. 2,36,900/- only |
| Address of the office | Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055 |
| Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender | Tender uploading / closing date & time 26.08.2022 up to 15.00 hrs. |
| Website particulars & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc. | See the Northern Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in** & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055. |

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY

**Tender Notice**

Chief Engineer/TMC, Northern Railway, Headquarters office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites 03 No tenders through E-Procurement system for supply of the following items:

| S. No. | E-Tender No | Description of Item | Qty | Due date Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | TM225036 | PORTABLE D.C. WELDING GENERATOR | 41 NOS | 29.08.2022 at 14:30 hours. |
| 2 | TM225039 | RAIL DRILLING MACHINE | 128 NOS | 29.08.2022 at 14:30 hours. |
| 3 | TM225040 | ELECTRONIC TOE LOAD MEASURING DEVICE | 02 NOS | 29.08.2022 at 14:30 hours. |

**Note:- 1.** The complete information of above E-Procurement tenders are available on website **"www.Ireps.gov.In"**. The firms, who desire to participate against E-Tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would be required to have a class-III digital certificate from certifying agencies authorized under IT Act 2000, by Govt. of India. Manual offers against E-Tenders will not be accepted.
**No.: 219-S/1/TMC/23/2022-23 Dated: 02.08.2022** 1981/2022

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## BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

**Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, Queens Road, Bengaluru - 560052.**

**No: EE/SJN/TEND/12/2022-23** **Date: 01-08-2022**

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

Executive Engineer (Shivajinagar Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works as detailed below.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work | Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. In Lakhs) | EMD (in Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Improvements to Roads & Drains at Cross Roads of Thimmaiah Road in Bharathinagara in Ward No. 91 - **Call-3 (Indent No: 51224)** | **99.00** | **1,98,000.00** |
| 2 | Construction of BBMP Quarters for Drivers at Tasker Town in Ward No. 110. | **100.00** | **2,00,000.00** |
| 3 | Estimate for Restoration of Road Cutting Portion done by BWSSB from Cross Roads of Sepping Road in Ward No. 91, Bharathinagara. | **81.00** | **1,62,000.00** |
| 4 | Estimate for Restoration of Road Cutting Portion done by BWSSB from Cross Roads of Thimmaiah Road in Ward No. 91, Bharathinagara. | **81.00** | **1,62,000.00** |
| 5 | Estimate for Restoration of Road Cutting Portion done by BWSSB from D.K. Street & Surrounding in Ward No. 91, Bharathinagara. | **50.85** | **1,02,000.00** |

**Calendar of Events: 1)** The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 02-08-2022. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **06-08-2022 at 12.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, Queens Road, Bengaluru - 560052. 3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 10-08-2022. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **11-08-2022 at 16.30 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Enginer, Shivajinagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru (if possible or next working day).** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, BBMP.**

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## कार्यालय खण्ड विकास अधिकारी, बहादराबाद (हरिद्वार)

पत्रांकः 1288/लेखा/श्या0प्र0मु0रू0मि0/निविदा सूचना/2022–23 दिनांकः– 02/08/2022

**अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय द्वारा श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी रूर्बन मिशन हरिद्वार की निधि वर्ष 2022–23 के अन्तर्गत बजट आवंटन की प्रत्याशा के सापेक्ष विभिन्न निर्माण कार्य कलस्टर भगतनपुर आविदपुर में कराये जाने हेतु प्रस्तावित है। निम्नानुसार निर्माण कार्यों को सम्पन्न कराने हेतु, केवल स्थानीय पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों (सम्बन्धित निर्माण कार्य लोक निर्माण **विभाग/ग्रामीण** निर्माण विभाग अथवा अन्य सक्षम अभियांत्रिक विभाग में पंजीकृत) से प्रत्येक निर्माण कार्य की पृथक–पृथक निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है दिनांक **02.08.2022** से **16.08.2022** की अपरान्ह **12:30** बजे तक इस कार्यालय से निविदायें खरीदी जा सकती है तथा उसी दिन दिनांक **16.08.2022** की अपरान्ह **3:00** बजे तक निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है तथा दिनांक **16.08.2022** को अपरान्ह **4.00** बजे इस कार्यालय में सम्बन्धित ठेकेदारों के सम्मुख गठित समिति द्वारा निविदायें खोली जायेगी। इच्छुक ठेकेदार निम्न दिशा–निर्देशानुसार निर्माण कार्य करने हेतु अपनी निविदा प्रस्तुत कर सकते है।

| क्र0स0 | कार्य स्थल का विवरण | कार्य की लागत (लाख में) | कार्य की अवधि | निविदा प्रपत्र बिकी कर सहित | धरोहर धनराशि |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ग्राम रूहालकी किशनपुर में मा0 इन्दराज से मा0 राजकुमार के घर की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 4.08 | 03 माह | 500 + 18% | 8200-00 |
| 2 | ग्राम रूहालकी किशनपुर में अनिल के घर से बिटटू के घर की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 7.88 | 03 माह | 1000 + 18% | 16000-00 |
| 3 | ग्राम अलीपुर इब्राहिमपुर में शमशानघाट के प्रागण में इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 13.50 | 03 माह | 1500 + 18% | 27000-00 |
| 4 | ग्राम अलीपुर इब्राहिमपुर में सन्दीप के घर से कर्ण के घर की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 3.83 | 03 माह | 500 + 18% | 7700-00 |
| 5 | ग्राम अलीपुर इब्राहिमपुर में मेंन सडक से वेदपाल वकील के घर तक इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 4.72 | 03 माह | 500 + 18% | 9500-00 |
| 6 | ग्राम अलीपुर इब्राहिमपुर में मेंन सडक से याकूब के घर तक इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 2.74 | 03 माह | 500 + 18% | 5500-00 |
| 7 | ग्राम अत्मलपुर बोंगला में अशोक जी के घर से लेकर रेशू चौहान जी के घर की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 7.80 | 03 माह | 1000 + 18% | 15600-00 |
| 8 | ग्राम अत्मलपुर बोंगला में मेन रोड से लोकेश के घर की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 7.80 | 03 माह | 1000 + 18% | 15600-00 |
| 9 | ग्राम पंचायत नूरपुर पंजनहेडी में ग्राम मिस्सरपुर में मुख्य मार्ग से मेंन रोड से जोशी वाली कालोनी की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 19.30 | 03 माह | 1500 + 18% | 38600-00 |
| 10 | ग्राम पंचायत नूरपुर पंजनहेडी में ग्राम मिस्सरपुर में मेन रोड से अशोक की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 19.32 | 03 माह | 1500 + 18% | 38700-00 |
| 11 | ग्राम बहादरपुर जट में मनोज के घर से अजीत के घर की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 11.00 | 03 माह | 1500 + 18% | 22000-00 |
| 12 | ग्राम बहादरपुर जट में मेंन रोड के तिराहे से मुख्य मार्ग से पंचायत घर की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 17.00 | 03 माह | 1500 + 18% | 34000-00 |
| 13 | ग्राम बहादरपुर जट में पंचायत घर से पुलिया की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 17.00 | 03 माह | 1500 + 18% | 34000-00 |
| 14 | ग्राम पंचायत नूरपुर पंजनहेडी में ग्राम किशनपुर में नैशनल हाईवे इन्द्रप्रस्त गार्डन से समय सिहं के टयूववेल की ओर इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 16.84 | 03 माह | 1500 + 18% | 33700-00 |
| 15 | ग्राम पंचायत नूरपुर पंजनहेडी में मेन रोड से ब्रहमकुमारी आश्रम तक इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 21.99 | 03 माह | 2000 + 18% | 44000-00 |
| 16 | ग्राम अम्बुवाला में मेन रोड से अम्बेडकर बस्ती में इण्टर लॉकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण। | 16.32 | 03 माह | 1500 + 18% | 33000-00 |
| 17 | ग्राम रूहालकी किशन में एन0आर0एल0एम0 महिला स्वंय सहायता समूह हेतू आर्थिक गति विधियों के संचालन/प्रक्षिरण हेतू सरस केन्द्र का निर्माण । | 20.00 | 06 माह | 2000 + 18% | 40000-00 |
| 18 | ग्राम अलीपुर में एन0आर0एल0एम0 महिला स्वंय सहायता समूह हेतू आर्थिक गति विधियों के संचालन/प्रक्षिरण हेतू सरस केन्द्र का निर्माण । | 20.00 | 06 माह | 2000 + 18% | 40000-00 |
| 19 | ग्राम अजीतपुर में एन0आर0एल0एम0 महिला स्वंय सहायता समूह हेतू आर्थिक गति विधियों के संचालन/प्रक्षिरण हेतू सरस केन्द्र का निर्माण । | 20.00 | 06 माह | 2000 + 18% | 40000-00 |
| 20 | ग्राम इक्कडकला में एन0आर0एल0एम0 महिला स्वंय सहायता समूह हेतू आर्थिक गति विधियों के संचालन/प्रक्षिरण हेतू सरस केन्द्र का निर्माण । | 20.00 | 06 माह | 2000 + 18% | 40000-00 |
| 21 | ग्राम अम्बुवाला में एन0आर0एल0एम0 महिला स्वंय सहायता समूह हेतू आर्थिक गति विधियों के संचालन/प्रक्षिरण हेतू सरस केन्द्र का निर्माण । | 20.00 | 06 माह | 2000 + 18% | 40000-00 |

खण्ड विकास अधिकारी
बहादराबाद–हरिद्वार।

# Chhattisgarh Rural Roads Development Agency
**VIKASH BHAVAN, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G,)**

## E-Procurement Tender Notice

**NIT No. 803/TC-T/CGRRDA/2022** **Dated 02/08/2021**

Chief Engineer (Tender Cell), CGRRDA, Raipur on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites package wise bids in electronic tendering system for Renewal /Maintenance of Roads Under PMGSY Roads, sanctioned for different districts of the state as per B.O.Q. from the eligible contractors/Firms registered with unified registration system (e-registration) for the works mentioned below. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement:

| S.No | NIT No | Work Name | Amount (Rs. in Lakhs) | Districts | Rate invited |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 01 | 803 | Renewal / Maintenance Under PMGSY Roads | Total Cost 66417.52 Lakhs (Excluding GST) (Const. Cost 57236.89 Lakhs, Maint. Cost 9180.56 lakhs) | All District of Chhattisgarh | Percentage Rate of PMGSY SOR 22.02.2018 issued by CE, CGRRDA Raipur |

**Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:** The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

**Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on our website https:/eproc.cgstate.gov.in from 05.08.2022 from 5:00 PM & onwards. In future any related corrigendum would be seen in the notice section of this website.**

**Sd/-**
**Chief Engineer (Tender Cell)**
**Chhattisgarh Rural Road Development Agency**
**Civil Lines, Raipur (C.G.)**
**E-mail :** pmgsyrc4@yahoo.co.in

# झारखण्ड सरकार, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
# पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, रॉची पूर्व, रॉची

ई0 प्रोक्योरमेन्ट अति–अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना
पूर्व में प्रकाशित **PR. – 256494 & 270633**

**T. Reference No. :- Different Tolas SVS-CLU - 18/2020-21(5th Call) Date 03.08.2022**

| Si.No. | Name of Work | CLUSTER NAME | BLOCK | Estimated Cost (LAKH.) | Bid Security (LAKH) | Cost of BOQ (Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. 2 | Construction of Solar Based Mini Water Supply Scheme (SVS) in Different Block comprising of suitable R.C.C./Framed structure ESR Distribution line, Source (as required) and FHTC all complete job in the Different Block of District Ranchi under Drinking Water & Sanitation, Division,Ranchi East, Ranchi. | 7A | TAMAR | 9,10,25,000.00 | 9,11,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 3. | Time of Completion | 9 Months + 1 months (Trial and run) | | | | |
| 4 | Date of Tender Uploading on Website | 16.08.2022/04.00 PM. | | | | |
| 5 | Document Download / Sale Start Date | 16.08.2022/04.00 PM. | | | | |
| 6 | Pre bid Meting | 18.08.2022/12.30 PM. | | | | |
| 7 | Bid Submission Start Date | 18.08.2022/04.00 PM. | | | | |
| 8 | Document Download / Sale End Date | 26.08.2020/05.00 PM. | | | | |
| 9 | Bid Submission End Date | 26.08.2022/05.00 PM. | | | | |
| 10 | Last date of Submission of Cost of BOQ and EMD (in Hard Copy) | 27.08.2022/01.00 PM. | | | | |
| 11 | Date of Opening of Tender | 29.08.2022/11.00 AM. | | | | |
| 12 | Name & Address of Office Inviting Tender | Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi. | | | | |
| 13 | Name & Address of Opening Officer | Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi. | | | | |
| 14 | Contact No. Of Procurement Office | 0651-2480155 | | | | |
| 15 | Helpline No. Of e-procurement cell | 0651-2480345 | | | | |

**नोटः– 1.** विशेष जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट – http://jharkahndtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

**कार्यपालक अभियंता**
**पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, रॉची पूर्व, रॉची।**

**PR.NO.275098 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23):D**

## e-Procurement Cell
## JHARKHAND STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LTD., RANCHI

### Short Term e-Procurement Notice
Date : 02/08/2022

| Sl. No | Tender Reference No. | Work Name | Amount in (Rs) | Completion Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | JSBCCL/44 /2022-23 | Construction of Ware House, Namkum, Ranchi District. | Rs. 3,95,67,374/- | 09 Months |
| 2 | JSBCCL/45 /2022-23 | Proposed Construction of Cafeteria Common Room & Underground Parking for Ranchi Women's College at Arts Block Campus, Ranchi | Rs. 3,54,64,245/- | 09 Months |
| 3 | JSBCCL/72 /2022-23 | Proposed Construction of Women's College at Garhwa, Jharkhand | Rs.12,81,78,874/- | 12 Months |
| 4 | JSBCCL/73 /2022-23 | Construction of Boundry wall & Gate at Mandar College, Mandar Under Ranchi University, Ranchi | Rs. 1,62,92,364/- | 09 Months |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | Date of Publication of Tender on Website | 10.08.2022 at 11:00 AM |
| 6 | Start Date of Submission of Bids | 10.08.2022 at 11:00 AM |
| 7 | Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids | 30.08.2022 at 05:00 PM |
| 8 | Last Date/Time of Submission of Bid Security Money and Tender Fee | 02.09.2022 upto 11:30 AM |
| 9 | Date/Time of opening of Bid | 02.09.2022 at 12:00 PM |
| 10 | Name & Address of office Inviting tender | e-Procurement Cell, Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi. |
| 11 | Helpline Number of e-procurement Cell | 0651-2446259 |
| 12 | e-mail ID | jsbccljharkhand@gmail.com |

**Any change can be seen on Website** ***http:// Jharkhandtenders.gov.in.***
***Any other information can be seen on http:// Jharkhandtenders.gov.in.***

**Sd/-**
**Nodal Officer e-Procurement Cell**
**Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi**

PR 275073 Jharkhand State Building Construction Corp. ltd.(22-23)D

# OFFICE OF THE
# DG & IG OF POLICE, JHARKHAND, RANCHI.

**Request of proposal for the**
**Enlistment/Empanelment of Age ncies under Manpower Rate Contract**
**TENDER NO :-04, Date :-01.08.2022**

Jharkhand Police Invites applications for rate contract for supply of contractual labour through Enlistment/ Empanelment of interested Contractors/ Agencies/Firms for following items of work, as mentioned below, for CTC, Swashpur, Musabani, East Singhbhum and JPA, Hazaribagh Jharkhand till 10.08.2022 up to 03:00 PM and same will be opened on 12.08.2022 at 12:PM before the Contactor/ Agency/ Firm or their authorized representatives Enlisted contractor/agencies/Firms shall supply manpower for the below mentioned work on contractual basis to the extent ordered by either CTC, Swashpur, Musabani, East Singhbhum and JPA, Hazaribagh Jharkhand as and when required

**DAILY EMOLUMENT STRUCTURE**
**Daily emolument structure with EPF/ESI, as applicable for various manpower**

| SL No | Name of the Post | Rate as Per Jharkhand Govt. Current Rate/day + VDA | In Hand monthly emolument 3-(5+7) | EPF | | ESI | | Total (4+5+6+7+8) | Service Charge (2.5% of Colum No-3) | Total excluding Taxes (9+10) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Employee Contribute on applicable rate | Employer Contribute on applicable rate | Employee Contribute on applicable rate | Employer Contribute on applicable rate | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 1 | Sweeper and Cleaning staff (unskilled) | 350.21 | 305.55 | 42.02 | 45.53 | 02.63 | 11.38 | 407.11 | 8.76 | 415.87 |
| 2 | Jalwahak/Kitchen Helper (unskilled) | 350.21 | 305.55 | 42.02 | 45.53 | 02.63 | 11.38 | 407.11 | 8.76 | 415.87 |
| 3 | Gardening Staff (Semi skilled) | 373.55 | 325.90 | 44.83 | 48.56 | 02.80 | 12.14 | 434.23 | 9.34 | 443.57 |
| 4 | Indoor Class Attendant (Semi skilled) | 373.55 | 325.90 | 44.83 | 48.56 | 02.80 | 12.14 | 434.23 | 9.34 | 443.57 |
| 5 | Outdoor Class Attendant(Semi skilled) | 373.55 | 325.90 | 44.83 | 48.56 | 02.80 | 12.14 | 434.23 | 9.34 | 443.57 |
| 6 | Daftari (Semi skilled) | 373.55 | 325.90 | 44.83 | 48.56 | 02.80 | 12.14 | 434.23 | 9.34 | 443.57 |
| 7 | Electrician Helper (Motor Vehicle) (Semi skilled) | 373.55 | 325.90 | 44.83 | 48.56 | 02.80 | 12.14 | 434.23 | 9.34 | 443.57 |
| 8 | Electrician (Motor Vehicle) ( skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 9 | Plumber (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 10 | Electrician, Electrician cum AC mechanic (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 11 | Cobbler (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 12 | Barber (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 13 | Washer man (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 14 | Cook (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 15 | Carpenter (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 16 | Tailor (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 17 | Computer operator (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 18 | Fitter Grade A (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |
| 19 | Fitter Grade B (skilled) | 482.52 | 421.00 | 57.90 | 62.73 | 03.62 | 15.68 | 560.93 | 12.06 | 572.99 |

Bidder can download the full Tender document from Jharkhand Police Web-site www.jhpolice.gov.in

**PR.NO.275052 Police(22-23):D**

**(Priya Dubey) IPS**
**IG (Training) Jharkhand, Ranchi.**

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
## RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA
**Office Order No. 2950/ Dt 01.08.2022**

o-770

**1st Corrigendum to National Competitive Bidding e_procurement Notice No.2742/ Bridge work Dt.23.07.2022.**

The amount put to tender in the annexure of N.C,B No-240/ Bridge work is read as Rs.947.51 Lakhs instead of Rs.1011.99 Lakhs due to technical reason.

All other terms and conditions are remain unchanged.

**Sd./ Er. N.V.H Rao**
**Chief Construction Engineer**
**R.W. CIRCLE, BARIPADA**
OIPR-25181/11/0036/2223

## WESTERN RAILWAY
### E-AUCTION FOR THE CONTRACT TO LEASE OUT PARCEL SLR

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

| Auction catalogue no | Type of contract | Category | Contract period | Date & time of e-Auction |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MMCT-PLS -22-18 | Parcel | PARCEL SLR | 2 Years | **E-auction for lot will start at 12.00 hrs on 13.08.2022. Initial cooling period in 30 minutes.** |
| MMCT-PLS -22-19 | Parcel | PARCEL SLR | 2 Years | **E-auction for lot will start at 12.00 hrs on 17.08.2022. Initial cooling period in 30 minutes.** |
| MMCT-PLS -22-20 | Parcel | PARCEL SLR | 2 Years | **E-auction for lot will start at 12.00 hrs on 18.08.2022. Initial cooling period in 30 minutes.** |

**Note:** Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction leasing module on IREPS website **(www.ireps.gov.in).** The lot wise details are available there in under the mentioned catalogue. **Initial cooling off period is 30 minutes. Successive Lot closing interval is 10 Minutes. Lot wise closing times can be viewed in e -Auction module of IREPS.** 0320

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## GOVT. OF ODISHA
## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
## RURAL WORKS, CIRCLE, BHAWANIPATNA

O-782

**Bid identification No.:- BPT/Online-12/2022-23 Date: 01.08.2022**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR BRIDGE WORKS IN ODISHA NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name of the Work | : Construction of H.L. Bridge over River Golla on D. Cheptaghat to K. Cheptaghat Road" in the District of Kalahandi under Biju Setu Yojana. (Balance Work) |
| 2 | No of Works | : 1 No. |
| 3 | Location details | : Kalahandi District |
| 4 | Estimated Cost | : As per NIT. |
| 5 | Period of Completion | : As per NIT. |
| 6 | Cost of tender paper | : Rs.10,000/- per set. |
| 7 | Other details | : |

| Availability of tender for online bidding | | Last date & time for seeking tender clarification | Date and time of opening of technical bid |
|---|---|---|---|
| From | To | | |
| 06.08.2022 11.00 A.M. | 22.08.2022 5.00 P.M. | 20.08.2022 | 23.08.2022 at 11.00 A.M. |

Further details can be seen from the web site "**www.tendersorissa.gov.in**"

**Chief Construction Engineer**
**Rural Works, Circle, Bhawanipatna**
OIPR- 25102/11/0014/2223

## NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ
**E-Tendering Tender Notice** Jhansi Division

**Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi** for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

| Description of work | E-Tender No. | Approx Cost (₹) | Earnest Money (₹) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jhansi-Dholpur Section:- Through sleeper renewal using Wider Base PSC sleeper of 6.700 Kms. in Jhansi- Dholpur section under ADEN/ Line/JHS &ADEN/GWLSub-division. | JHS-ENGG-N-2022 85 | 8692748.11 | 173900.00 |

**Date of closing of Tender: 31.08.2022 at 15.00 hrs. Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 12 Months. • Tender online can be submitted upto 15.00 hrs. on 31.08.2022. • For full details and submission of bid, please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in.** 980/22 FA

North central railways @CPROAC1 @northcentralrly www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

## GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, NORTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE SAMBALPUR

B-434

**e -Procurement**
**BID IDENTIFICATION NO CCENC (RAND B) /07/ 2022-23**
**No. 2609 Dtd. 26.07.2022**

1. The **Chief Construction Engineer, Northern (R&B) Circle, Sambalpur** on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **Percentage Rate** bids in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for the construction of **Road** and **Building works** as detailed in the DTCN from the eligible class of contractors.
2. **No of works=** 10 (TEN) (Road Works and Building Work).
3. **Tender Cost:** Rs. 10,000/
4. **Class of contractor:** "B" Class, "A" Class, "Special" Class and Super Class.
5. Date & Time of available in web site & receipt of Bids From **06.08.2022** to **17.00 Hours of 22.08.2022.**
6. Date of opening of Technical Bid **23.08.2022 at 11.00 Hours**.
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
8. Any corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in.

Sd/-
**Chief Construction Engineer**
**Northern (R&B) Circle, Sambalpur**
OIPR-34035/11/0012/2223

## GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BHAWANIPATNA

C-928

**Parmanandpur, Railway Station Road, Bhawanipatna, Dist: Kalahandi, PIN-766002**

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement**
**Identification No. EEPH-BHPT- 09 of 2022-23/ Dt. 29.07.2022**

### e-Procurement Notice

| | |
|---|---|
| Name of the Work | Different pipes water supply schemes under PI-Division Bhawanipatna under Special Centra Assistance |
| **Total No. Of works** | 01 (One) |
| **Estimated Cost** | Approx. Rs. 248.83 lakh |
| **Class of Contactor** | Manufacturer Only |
| **Period of Completion** | 2 Calendar Months |

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No | No. of works | Availability of tender online for bidding | | Date & time of opening of Bid |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | From | To | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Bhawanipatna | EEPH-BHPT-09 of 2022-23/ Dt. 29.07.2022 | 01 (One) | 05.08.2022 | 20.08.2022 | 22.08.2022 |

For details can be seen from the Government website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
**Executive Engineer,**
**P.H. Division, Bhawanipatna**
*OIPR-13059/11/0008/2223*

**Government of Madhya Pradesh**
**Office of the Engineer-in-Chief**
**Water Resource Department,**
**Jal Sansadhan Bhawan, Tulsi Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.)**
**Email Id: ceproc.encwrd.bpl@nic.in Tel: 0755-2767635 Fax: 0755-2552406**

**N.I.T. No. 914/2022-23/E-in-C/e-tendering** **Bhopal, Dated 27.07.2022**

Bids for following works are invited on website **https://www.mptenders.gov.in** Last Date of purchase/download of Bid Document and submission of bid is **17.08.2022**, **17:30** hrs. Any amendment/modification can be seen only on the website. Detailed N.I.T. and other details can be viewed on above mentioned website.

| S. No. | Tender No. | Work | District | Amount (Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2022_WRD_212702 | Rehabilitation and Resettlement work under Hanota Irrigation Project near Godkhedi village. | Sagar | 1442.00 |

G-15004/22

कोरोना से बचने की तीन बातें बहुत जरूरी, टीका लगवाना, मास्क पहनना और अपनाना दो गज दूरी।

Sd/-
**Chief Engineer (Procurement)**

# Directorate of Industries
**Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, GoMP**
**ADVERTISEMENT**

**Date:** 03/ 08 /2022

Department of MSME (DoMSME), GoMP invites application from eligible aspirants for the empanelment of independent advisers for a period of 03 years, Brief job description, minimum qualification, relevant experience, application format, opening and closing dates and other details shall be available on the websites https://mpmsme.gov.in and https://www.mptenders.gov.in.

Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Department, GoMP would endeavour to adhere to the following schedule during the Bidding Process:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Date of Publication of Tender Notice | : | 03.08.2022 |
| 2. | Last Date and time for submitting Pre-Bid Queries | : | 08.08.2022, 18:00 Hrs |
| 3. | Pre- Bid Meeting (in Conference Hall, 4th Floor, Vindhyachal Bhawan) | : | 10.08.2022. 12:00 Hrs |
| 4. | Issue of corrigendum, if any | : | 17.08.2022 |
| 5. | Bid Submission Start Date | : | 03.08.2022 10:00 Hrs |
| 6. | Bid Submission Closing Date | : | 22.08.2022 17:00 Hrs |
| 7. | Date of opening of the tender | : | 24.08.2022 17:00 Hrs |

Pre-bid queries should be mailed to adimsme@mp.gov.in and ic-mp@nic.in with subject: "Pre-bid queries for Empanelment of Independent Adviser for GoMP for a period of 3 Years".

Sd/-
**Deputy Director**
**G-15035/22** **Directorate of Industries, GoMP**

कोरोना से बचने की तीन बातें बहुत जरूरी, टीका लगवाना, मास्क पहनना और अपनाना दो गज दूरी।

# झारखण्ड सरकार कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
## पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, खूँटी

### शुद्धि पत्र

इस कार्यालय के द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा सूचना संख्या– **DWSD/KH-09(CLUS/SVS)/2021-22 (8th Call), Dt.- 14.07.2022 P.R. No.- 273669 (Drinking Water & Sanitation) 22-23(D)** के द्वारा प्रकाशित एवं प्रचारित निविदा **(Name of Work- Construction of Solar based Mini Pipe Water Supply Scheme (SVS) in different Block comprising of suitable R.C.C./Framed Structure ESR distribution line sources (as required) and FHTC all complete job in the different blocks of District- Khunti under D.W. & S. Division, Khunti.)** के तिथियों में निम्न प्रकार से संशोधन किया जाता है।

| Date Revision | Previous Date | Revised Date |
|---|---|---|
| Bid Submission End Date | 01.08.2022/05.00 PM | 16.08.2022/05.00 PM |
| Last date of Submission of Cost of BOQ and EMD (Hard Copy) | 02.08.2022/02.00 PM | 17.08.2022 up to 02.00 PM |
| Date of Opening of Tender | 03.08.2022/11.00 AM | 18.08.2022/11.00 AM |
| निविदा की शेष शर्तें पूर्ववत रहेगी। | | |

**(ई० सुरेन्द्र कुमार दिनकर)**
PR 275059 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)D **कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, खूँटी।**

## GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
## ODIA LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT
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RR-18

### Manoj Das National Awards, 2022

1. The Department invites applications for **Manoj Das National Awards, 2022** from eminent litterateurs.
2. An expert committee, consisting of five members, having excellence in the field of English literature of national and international reputation will be formed under the chairmanship of the Secretary of the Department for selection of the awardee.
3. The award shall be conferred to an Indian writer for outstanding contribution in English literature. A sum of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten lakhs) along with a citation inscribed on a bronze plaque shall be handed over to the awardee.
4. To receive the Award the writer must have at least 10 original publications/ work in English language. The publication must be original work, laced with creativity and prose. Preference will be given to the writers having translation of his/her original publications to any international language(s).
5. The award for this year may be cancelled/ withheld by the Department if excellent writers are not available for the said year.
6. The name of the awardee selected by the committee will be final and binding and it is deemed that it shall be treated as the decision of OLL&C Department.
7. This award will **not be given posthumously.**
8. The application must reach by 30.08.2022, addressed to the Director, Department of Odia Language, Literature & Culture, Directorate of Culture, Sanskruti Bhawan (2nd floor), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India Pin: 750014, Email: directorateofculture@gmail.com, Telephone No-0674-2431945. The application received after the due date shall not be entertained under any circumstances.
9. For detail information please visit to the Department website www.odishaculture.gov.in

Sd/-
**Director-cum-Addl. Secratary to Govt.**
**Deptt. of Odia Language, Literature & Culture**
OIPR-03001/11/0013/2223

# कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
# पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, राँची पश्चिम, राँची

अति अल्पकालीन ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा (सातवां कॉल)

**जिसका PR No. 258818 (Drinking Water and Sanitaion) 2021–22 है।**
**Tender Reference No. - DWSD/RW/SVS-06/2021-22 Date - 03-08-2022**

| S.No | Name of the Work | Cluster Name | Sub Cluster/Group No. | Block | Estimate Cost (in Lac) | Ernest money (in Lac) | BOQ cost (in Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | Construction of Solar Based Mini Water Supply Schemes (SVS) in Different Block, comprising of suitable R.C.C./ Framed structure ESR, Distribution Lines, Source (as required) and FHTC all complete job in the Different Block of District Ranchi under Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi West, Ranchi for the year of 2021-22 (on Turn Key Basis) | 8B | 8B (ii) | Itki | 504.79 | 5.05 | 10000.00 |
| 2 | कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि | | | 09 Months + 1 months (trial and run) | | | |
| 3 | वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय | | | 06-08-2022 at 04:00 P.M | | | |
| 4 | बीड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि/समय | | | 16-08-2022 up to 04:00 P.M | | | |
| 5 | निविदा की हार्ड कॉपी जमा करने की तिथि/समय/स्थान | | | 17-08-2022 up to 04:00 P.M कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, राँची पश्चिम, राँची / अधीक्षण अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता, राँची अंचल, राँची। | | | |
| 6 | बीड खोलने की तिथि/समय | | | 18-08-2022 up to 02:00 P.M | | | |
| 7 | निविदा प्रकाषित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता। | | | कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, राँची पश्चिम, राँची। | | | |
| 8 | ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या | | | 0651-2491247 | | | |

- किसी भी प्रकार का बदलाव http://jharkhandtendars.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
- अन्य किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना http://jharkhandtendars.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
- निविदा में प्राक्कलित राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है, तत्पश्चात अग्रधन की राशि मान्य होगा।

**कार्यपालक अभियंता,**
**PR 275110 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23).D** **पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल,राँची पश्चिम, राँची**

**CHESS OLYMPIAD**

# Leading light and firefighter

## A lot of India A team's success owes to Tania and her unstoppable form

**SANDIP G**
CHENNAI, AUGUST 3



Tania Sachdev has played 6, won 4 and drawn 2 at the Chess Olympiad. *AICF*

USUALLY, AS soon as she makes a move, Tania Sachdev swishes her curls back, gets off the chair and takes a languid stroll along the hallway, often pausing beside her teammates and gazing at their board. Her face is impassive. Outside the game hall, she can be the most expressive of chess players, but inside the quiet ambience of the chess ring, she is economical with her expressions, except for her eyes that hold the mirror to her mind.

Her eyes talk vividly; observe those and you realise the state of her game, almost a running commentary. A melange of emotions flicker back and forth, from joy to rage, and angst to doubts. When the match against Georgia's Salome Melia began, her eyes were tranquil. The early manoeuvres were all by the book, too bookish—a Ruy Lopez opening, one of the most classical openings in the game named after a 16th century Spanish priest (who did not become a bishop though!), followed by the Morphy Defense, by far Black's most popular early move in the Ruy Lopez line.

The thread became clear—both wanted to trade shadow punches at each other before unleashing the full-bloodied hooks and punches. Steadily, often taking an eternity for moves, they plastered the base like an assiduous mason, slowly fixing the gaps, the minute loopholes cracks, arranging the troops in the perfect order. This was not going to be a game of ambush, but one of straight bunker to bunker firing. It was just the matter of the king firing the orders. The orders came quite late in the game—on the 14th move, after almost two hours of careful positioning, into the game. Tania's eyes firmed up like those of an Army General before belting out the shooting orders.

But hard work entailed for both players—whoever pursued a win had to breach through layers of carefully placed troops. You could shoot one down; you could get shot too. It was exactly how the game panned out—Tania captured a rook and Salome returned in kind. In a few moments, lashes of swords were flying around. By the 26th move, Tania had taken out another pawn, both bishops and knight; her opponent had two of her pawns, a bishop and knight too. The match had opened up, there were fewer pieces on the board (though that does not mean an endgame is near), but neither had made a considerable territorial advantage, or rather, whatever thrusts they made were even. Tania had a foot on Salome's ground and Salome had one on Tania's too. As if each were mirroring each other's games.

### War minus shooting

The exchange of firing continued—the Orwellian war minus shooting fits a non-combat sport like chess more than physical sports, because the game in essence is a war—though the spoils were mostly shared. Both lost the queens, and by the 35th move, all that remained were pawns, a rook and king. The king in sight for the both, a rousing climax loomed. But all three results loomed—a Tania win, a Salome triumph and a draw. A draw it was to be—as is often the case with Ruy Lopez lines, an opening with a high drawing rate.

Tania, whose unbeaten streak has extended to 6 games now, and India would take the .5 points (with the black pieces) helping them retain their top spot after the victories of Koneru Humpy and R Vaishali, and Harika Dronavalli's draw. Her eyes had a not-too-happy or sad look.

A lot of India A team's success owes to Tania and her unstoppable form. Tania had been her team's leading light as well as the firefighter, the rock that has held her team from rolling down the precipice. Her versatility is understated—she can attack as well as grind down opponents, hold fort or launch a rapid counterattack. All those virtues have shone through her games this campaign, and her eyes have captured all the attending emotions.

Her Olympiad logbook—played: 6; won 4, drawn: 2, points: 5/6—looks exemplary. It's instructive to revisit some of her games. Against Rushkona Saidova, she clawed back, with a calculative but patient game from the brink of a defeat with the black pieces in a marathon match. Against Hungary in the fourth round, she dug deep to procure a match-winning point. Her defiance has blazed as much as her intelligence.

The run of form presents the perfect time to revisit her legacy too—she was a mould-breaker in Indian chess, among the first to bust chess as a game of aloof, withdrawn geniuses stereotype. She was different—articulate, extroverted and fashionable, with an ability to deconstruct the complicated chess language to the lay listener in her commentary. She showed that chess players should not necessarily conform to a type outside the chess hall. And this Olympiad, she has reinforced that she is incredibly difficult to beat too. A cold-eyed defiance—it has been the predominant emotion of her eyes.

### B-UBBLE BURSTS

**The India B bubble burst on the sixth round, as they lost to Armenia 2.5-1.5. Though D Gukesh stretched his dream run and Nihal Sarin eked out a tight draw, B Adhiban and Raunak Sadhwani lost their games. Gukesh waltzed past Armenia top-seeded Gabriel Sargisan to give his team impetus, but his colleagues faltered.**

**Nihal, seemingly the patchiest in form among the four, held onto a draw with black pieces against Hrant Melkyuman. But then hit the setbacks, one after the other, as Adhiban who was in fine form stumbled against Samvel Ter-Sahakyan. The match was squared at 1.5-1.5, but Sadhwani's stumble turned out to be costly.**

**Beside them were their senior team, who managed a 2-2 draw against a strong Uzbekistan who had drawn the USA two days ago and are emerging as a real force in the tournament. But Pentala Harikrishna gave them a 1-0 lead, beating the dangerous Nodirbek Abdusattarov, who had stunned Fabiano Caruana. But the rest of his teammates could not build on the momentum. Vidit Gujarathi and Arjun Erigasai settled for draws, putting the team in sight of a victory, but Shamsiddin Vokhidov consigned K Sasikaran to a defeat to restore parity.**

**Armenia's win would mean that they leap over India B to the top of the table.**



The Indian 4x400m junior relay team after coming second at the U20 World Championships. *World Athletics/Youtube*

# India Jrs leave Jamaica behind, run US close

**ANDREW AMSAN**
AUGUST 3

DUE TO ticket delays, the Indian mixed relay quarter- milers reached Cali, Colombia, for the ongoing U20 World Championships on the eve of their heats.

Reaching the team hotel around 9 pm and spending the next morning completing accreditation formalities meant the quartet of Barath Sridhar, Priya Mohan, Kapil and Rupal competed in the heats without even a practice run.

"They stepped onto the track for the first time straight to compete," says Priya's coach Arjun Ajay.

The youngsters did not let the pre-race hurdles hamper their performance as they broke the U20 Asian record in the heats (3:19.62s) and rewrote the mark in the final (3:17.76s) for the silver medal. They finished just .07 seconds behind winners USA (3:17.69s) and a comfortable two seconds (at least 10m ahead) better than third-placed Jamaica. It was also a three-second improvement on their bronze-winning effort at the last edition and two seconds better than India's senior team's effort in the Tokyo Olympics. India are now second on the all-time World list behind America and ahead of countries like Nigeria, Jamaica and Poland.

India were the bronze medallists in the last edition of the Jr Worlds in Nairobi where the squad was the same but for Rupal's inclusion in place of Summy.

The competition at this edition was tougher as countries like the United States, Britain, Australia, Japan and Germany did not participate in Nairobi due to Covid concerns.

"Last time, when we won the bronze but a lot of people called it a lucky medal because several countries did not take part. But this time, no one can raise such questions. We have answered our critics. We would have got the gold if not for the last-minute push by the American ( Kennedy Wade)," says Arjun.

With a fixed M-W-M-W format for the competition, Rupal was strategically placed in the final leg to put her long legs to use. The Meerut athlete, who ironically doesn't even have a synthetic track in her hometown, tried her best to chase down the American but Wade did not lift her foot off the pedal in the last 50m.

"We were going for gold and the plan was that Rupal would push in the last 80m or so. But Wade surprised us by giving that last push," says Arjun.

There was a lot of commotion in the run-up to the U20 Worlds with the Indian team announced just days before the competition. The team was then stranded in New Delhi for a while with ticket delays adding to the pressure.

Arriving on the eve of their heats meant virtually no time for practice, forget acclimatising and getting over the jet lag from the 30-hour-plus flight via Amsterdam. Coach Arjun knew jet lag would be a huge issue, so he dialled up a skater friend from Colombia for ideas.

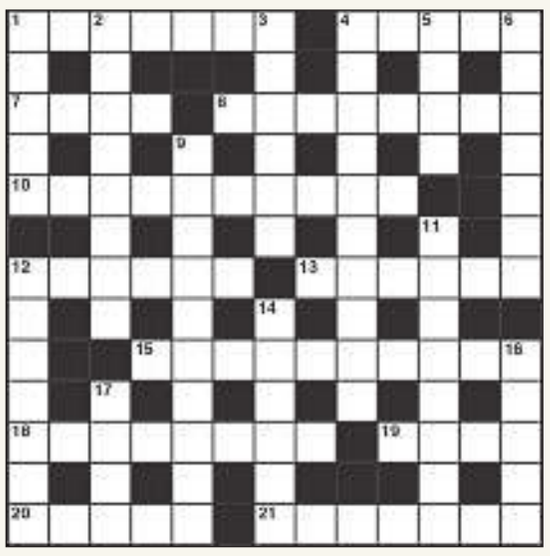
"We figured out that to match Colombia's pattern, we would have to stay up all night on the flight for at least 8-9 hours. Glad it worked well for us," he says.

It was Priya and Rupal that anchored India's race in Cali. They still have their individual 400m event semifinals and finals left apart from the women's 4x400m relay event.

Just hours before the mixed relays finals, Rupal (52.50s) and Priya (52.56s) ran the 400m heats to qualify for the semis. If the duo competes in all the events lined up, they will end up running seven 400m races in the span of six days.

India's run, especially Priya and Rupal's effort, caught the eye of a lot of US university coaches. "My Instagram DMs are full of messages from coaches who want to know if Rupal and Priya would consider joining their universities on scholarship. I told them they will have to first complete their degrees," says Arjun.

## CROSSWORD 4811



**ACROSS**
1 Inferior articles that don't last long (7)
4 Moved fast when account got in the red (5)
7 Turn out to be the smallest (4)
8 Yields from TV shares (8)
10 Notes kept in a pocket book perhaps (5,5)
12 Show a padre out (6)
13 The balance mounts (6)
15 Side given drink for morale? (4,6)
18 Made notes with no signs of worry (8)
19 She's spotted following a band (4)
20 Archer's accent? (5)
21 Find something irritating and withdraw from event (7)

**DOWN**
1 Take off from the landing field (5)
2 Scheme for church to contain prison outbreak (8)
3 Time to make things palatable (6)
4 A book to be critically examined but not bought (6,4)
5 Objective action? (4)
6 Diana's a girl cashier (7)
9 A noted soporific (6,4)
11 Instrument certainly shorter when broken (8)
12 Stinker of a place to renovate (7)
14 Instigates some simple arrangement (6)
16 Show how to cheat perhaps (5)
17 She has them shortened to a degree (4)

**Solutions Crossword 4810: Across:** 1 Go on holiday, 9 Egoists, 10 Limbo, 11 Used, 12 Keystone, 14 Enigma, 16 Ordeal, 18 Felonies, 19 Span, 22 Right, 23 Outdone, 24 Glider pilot. **Down:** 2 Ozone, 3 Nose, 4 Oyster, 5 Illusory, 6 Armhole, 7 Reduced fare, 8 Moneylender, 13 Emanated, 15 Illegal, 17 Detour, 20 Photo, 21 Etui.

## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis




## CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson




## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong




## DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
There are certain ties and involvements which can never be broken. However, you must make minor adjustments if you are to continue to live an existence that is fulfilling and satisfying from a personal point of view. Hopefully you haven't backed yourself into too much of a corner.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**
Now that Venus, planet of love, is offering you gentle encouragement, you must take one or two important steps. The first is to acknowledge that other people have the advantage. The second is allow them to enjoy their period of dominance.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
Try to think of a possession or personal contact you are losing as something that you might be better off without. You know better than anyone that your future happiness depends more than anything on a change of attitude. Strangely, it would probably also do partners good if you altered your opinions.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
In spite of the many obstacles that circumstances are placing in your path, the long-term plan is still working in your favour. Never imagine that you are powerless in the face of fate. You're not, and if there's anything astrology can teach you, then it's how to create your own future.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
Don't expect business affairs to go exactly according to plan. On the other hand, there is really no need to worry about short-term hiccups turning into long-term catastrophes - just as long as you keep your finger on the pulse. That way you'll be prepared for the unexpected.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
Sure you have your shy side, but anyone who still believes that you are always timid is about to be put firmly in their place. However, over the next three days you can expect to meet considerably more opposition than for many weeks, so take a positive approach and listen to good advice.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
Concern about a personal matter is due to increase over the next forty-eight hours, but this is all to the good if it alerts you to possible weaknesses. Put your time to good account by cleaning up your diet, improving your exercise and devoting more attention to responsibilities.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
There's a minor planetary cycle at work that affects your sign and which comes to a head over the coming two or three days. The opportunities which now open up should be profoundly creative in the broadest sense and could, eventually, lead to a life which is so much more satisfying.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**
People at home will be gearing up for a fight. This is one of those disputes in which nothing of substance seems to be involved beyond a feeling that someone's pride has been hurt. But, then, it's what exactly people feel that counts, and that's why they need to be placated.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**
It may be wise to wait another few days before pressurising anybody else into a firm commitment. The fact is that close partners may feel much more strongly about your ideas than you realised. You should probably spend a little extra effort on persuasion.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**
You're in a generally prosperous phase, but as soon as you stop concentrating, costs could shoot up. All that happens financially from now until the weekend may not be entirely to your liking. This is one of those times when you have to accept that the planets could be pushing you in a new direction.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
You must be very careful what tactics you apply over the coming days. You may feel that it is wisest to sit back and let events take their own course, intervening only in the most critical situations. If someone close is absolutely determined to go their own way, then at least you can make sure that they succeed.

## 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.
**Our ___ oft in ourselves do lie - Shakespeare (8)**

BILEE

FFUXIS

VEERY

IITWDM

Answer: Our **remedies** oft in ourselves do lie - Shakespeare
SOLUTION: BELIE, EVERY, SUFFIX, DIMWIT

## SUDOKU 4916

**Difficulty Level 1s**
**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

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## SOLUTION SUDOKU 4915

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| 6 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 8 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
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**MEDAL'S TALLY**

| Rank | Nation | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
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| 1. | Australia | 42 | 34 | 34 | 110 |
| 2. | England | 35 | 34 | 24 | 93 |
| 3. | New Zealand | 14 | 8 | 7 | 29 |
| 4. | Canada | 12 | 17 | 19 | 48 |
| 5. | South Africa | 6 | 5 | 7 | 18 |
| 6. | India | 5 | 5 | 5 | 15 |

# Ghosal subdues best friend Willstrop, wins historic bronze

**SHASHANK NAIR**
AUGUST 3

JAMES WILLSTROP had beaten long-time friend Saurav Ghosal nine times before Wednesday, almost always in a convincing fashion, in straight games. Both coached by Willstrop's legendary father-coach Matthew, know each other's games inside out.

Willstrop was the defending Commonwealth Games champion but finished outside the podium in Birmingham after the Indian No. 1 finally beat the 38-year-old 11-6 11-1 11-4 Englishman to take the bronze medal.

Ghosal's promising career, ever since he won the British Junior title in 2004, has seen many ups and downs. He has won titles across the world but when it came to the big one, he often faltered. A medal at the Commonwealth Games was, in his words, 'the gloss' missing from his trophy cabinet.

Three years ago, Ghosal was in a battle with an Egyptian known as the 'Beast'. Mohamed El-Shorbagy was the then World No. 2 and Ghosal was in the fight of his life at the World Championship quarter-finals. Then a 33-year-old, Ghosal had spent 15 years on the squash circuit and if things went his way, it would have been the biggest fish he had ever reeled in in his career.

He ended up taking El-Shorbagy to five games and 85 minutes but lost on the softest of backhands. The final score read 11-5, 9-11, 9-11, 12-10, 10-12 but it was that last point in the last game that always rankled Ghosal.

Ghosal had the chance to change how his history read once again on Tuesday when he took on yet another World No. 2 in New Zealand's Peter Coll. But the lanky Kiwi was operating on a different stratosphere, combining his other-worldly reach to fish out the tightest of angles while using his superior athleticism to counter whatever Ghosal had to offer. By the third game, the Indian had emptied his tank, trying a variety of shots against his Kiwi conqueror.

It suggested that perhaps the effort had taken enough out of him and the bronze match in a day's time was a bridge too far. Ghosal disagreed.

There was the precedent of him having lost his bronze medal match at the 2014 Glasgow Games – against Willstrop to boot. But that elusive singles medal that he had been chasing for years finally landed in Birmingham.

Ghosal went into the bronze medal match tired and broken, but pulled out all the stops against Willstrop. This wasn't the Willstrop of old either. Turning 39 this summer, the Englishman has seen better days and his reactions to Ghosal's shots, particularly on the forehand side, were telling.



Saurav Ghosal finally has a Commonwealth Games medal. *PTI*

# Silver lining in sacrifice of single mom cop

## Judoka Tulika Maan's silver medal at CWG has a lot to do with her mother's efforts to realise her dream

**MIHIR VASAVDA**
AUGUST 3





(Left) India's Tulika Maan reacts after winning her match on Wednesday. *PTI*; (Right) Tulika (L) with her sister Vanshika and mother Amrita.

AMRITA MAAN slips into nostalgia mode at the mere mention of 'sacrifice': raising a child as a single parent, in a tiny government quarter in South-West Delhi, waking up early in the morning to drop her daughter Tulika to school on a bike, and then riding roughly 20km to a police station in Rajouri Garden, the bustling West Delhi neighbourhood, where she was posted.

The endless hours Tulika spent in a room at the police station after school, because no one was there at home to look after her, later admitting her to a judo club so she could spend a couple of hours every day not surrounded by cops – or criminals – and taking multiple personal loans and drying up the savings to support her career in a sport that was, in the beginning, just a 'time-pass activity'.

"You can't gain anything without sacrifice," Amrita, an assistant sub-inspector with Delhi Police, says. "And I am a single parent, so I had to go through a high level of it."

On Wednesday, all of it – "Tulika's mischief, temper, the loans… everything," she says, laughing – felt 'worth it'. The 23-year-old finished on the podium at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, becoming only the second Indian judoka after Shushila Devi Likmabam to win a silver at the Games.

After breezing through her early rounds without much trouble, Tulika lost to Scotland's Sarah Adlington in the gold medal bout of the +78kg category. Adlington, who weighed 16kg more than the Indian at 110kg, made the most of her advantage by creating most of the scoring chances. Like boxing, in judo too, it counts if the fighter is seen to be attacking. Tulika, who tried to counterattack, was handed a couple of warnings – called 'shido' in judo – before she lost by ippon, judo's equivalent of a pin in wrestling.

Tulika's silver, however, assumes significance because, just a few months ago, she was contemplating quitting the sport. Despite being a two-time Commonwealth Championship gold medallist, the 23-year-old did not feature in the initial squad named by the Judo Federation of India, (JFI), which is run by a Committee of Administrators.

No clear-cut explanation was given for her exclusion by the technical committee responsible for selecting the team. In an email to the JFI president, Tulika had called the decision 'unfortunate'.

"Kindly add my weight category +78 kg in the above selection, otherwise I have no other option to leave judo forever due to wrong management and selection criteria of JFI," she had written.

After several interventions, including by her coach Yashpal Solanki, erstwhile federation secretary Man Mohan Jaiswal and Indian Olympic Association general secretary Rajeev Mehta, Tulika's name was added at the last minute.

But the episode affected her mentally, Amrita says. "It was a very difficult phase. She was very concerned about how things would pan out.

"I couldn't show her that I was upset so I tried to keep her in a positive mindset."

### Life of hardships

It's something Amrita has done all her life, especially after her husband passed away when Tulika was still very young. "I had to report for duty at Rajouri Police Station at 9 am when Tulika was in school. We lived at the government quarters in Jharoda, where the police training centre is located. So, I used to drop her off at 7.20, drive to work and then, an auto-rickshaw would bring her to the police station after school. She spent the rest of the day there, studying and playing," Amrita says.

Judo was just an activity that Tulika was introduced to so that she could spend a few hours elsewhere. Amrita admitted her to a club run by a former national-level player, Sangeeta Gupta, in the neighbourhood.

Amrita, even today, has no interest in the sport. But as her daughter started taking a serious interest in it, the financial pressures began taking their toll. "If I earned Rs 10, I spent Rs 40 on her training and other requirements. I have taken 3-4 personal loans, and withdrawn money from my pension funds… I did whatever she wanted. Zindagi ki kamai laga di (put in my life's earnings)."

Roughly six years ago, Tulika was admitted to the Sports Authority of India Centre in Bhopal, where she started training under Solanki, a former India international and Arjuna Awardee, who left his job in the state intelligence services to become a coach.

Tulika, Solanki says, is known for her strength and long reach because of her height – she's almost six-foot tall. "But whatever she's achieved today is all because of her mother," Solanki says. "Such is the bonding that even other Indian team members prefer staying at her house whenever they are in Delhi and they all call her mom."

Amrita says it's 'good luck' that the judokas consider her a mother figure. But she has one complaint: the overdose of judo. "Saara din bas judo… judo lage rehte.

" I used to yell at them, 'mera dimaag mat kharab karo!'"

Curiously, Wednesday was the first time Amrita saw her daughter compete live. And she finished on the podium. "There's been a lot of struggle for this, and we faced it all by ourselves. So, it does feel special," she says, slipping into nostalgia once again.

# 'Srikanth *anna* was so distraught. It's not just his mistake'

**SHIVANI NAIK**
BIRMINGHAM, AUGUST 3




India's Kidambi Srikanth wears a dejected look after his men's singles loss. *PTI*

A GOLD medal miss rubbed into their face by a wildly celebrating Malaysian team might just prove a trigger for renewed focus for four of India's Thomas Cup winning heroes, who were humbled 3-1 going down at the National Exhibition Centre Arena in Tuesday's CWG Mixed Team final.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy later said he had never seen Kidambi Srikanth cry in his life, like when the latter took the blame for India's loss, his error-strewn third set against Ng Tze Yong, sending India 2-1 down in the finals tie. Earlier, Satwik and Chirag Shetty too had lost to Aaron Chia – Wooi Soh 21-18, 21-15, prompting Satwik to share in the responsibility for India not being able to defend this title. "Srikanth *anna* was so distraught. But it's not just his mistake though he's blaming himself. Even I lost a match," Satwik said, owning up to lapses that cost India a gold after a 19-21, 21-6, 21-16 loss.

Later PV Sindhu informed that India had pencilled in men's singles as a likely win for Srikanth giving them a two point cushion from singles. While the trio's two losses hastened the process, India were up against a very strong Malaysian doubles unit, and always iffy in a 2-3 singles-doubles split of points.

There were those who believed Lakshya Sen could've played instead – and a bold call it could have been. But Ng was on fire and how the younger Indian shuttler might have responded remains hypothetical, with the doubles still in doubt and no guarantees of those points. For Satwik, what was abundantly clear was that just like the Thomas Cup was a joint success, this was a collective setback. A failure, to put it bluntly, given Satwik wasn't backing away from calling it that. Perhaps the greatest takeaway from this silver would be how India's highly fancied shuttlers viewed this as a failure rather than shrugging off the poor day, and accepting the silver.

"Gayatri and Treesa were very disappointed after their loss and Treesa cried too. I'm happy that the pain was there. This has really fired us up, especially Chirag and Srikanth Anna. This is not the end for us and maybe the tough losses will push us to bigger results. Maybe Srikanth will win World Championship gold! Everyday is a first day," Satwik would avow.

Satwik has a bunch of superstitions, one amongst which is he refuses to watch Srikanth play, because it drives him to anxiety. "Actually any Indian athletes. Today morning I couldn't watch the weightlifting girl. It's so easy to play your own match in comparison. I walked out when Srikanth anna started, but I could still hear the score in big TV so I put loud music. It was so irritating. Then it was painful to watch him cry," he would say candidly admitting to be one right chicken, as a fan.

As such, the 18-15 lead in the opening set the Indian pairing botched disastrously, conceded the momentum, and they never found their way back. The Malaysians, hurting from the 2018 CWG loss and Thomas Cup quarters ouster, came in with a definite edge and a point to prove. Though PV Sindhu won her match 22-20, 21-17 – after a 19-all slouch – in straight sets against Goh Jin Wei, the two losses up front left little margins for womens and mixed doubles.

"I definitely wanted to win gold. We were going in as a strong team, and needed to be consistent. I really wanted to contribute one point to India's win. It's been a while since I lost a team tie, but unfortunately i couldn't win today," Srikanth would say later.

At 9-8 in the third, after a typical slow Srikanth start and a subsequent rally to level sets, the 29-year-old hit to the Malaysian's backhand. When under the pump, Srikanth could simply not stem his errors, and it made matters worse for him that the Malaysian was riding a wave of confidence, drawing for the noisy support. India barely had any fans in the arena, and the listlessness mirrored on the courts. Coach Mathias Boe fronting up the media, was categorical that noone was happy with the silver. "Hopefully it can get a little bit of anger out of people to respond in the individual event now. And increase the thirst for gold in coming days," he said. "They need to digest this," he added.

There was unanimity that the Indians lacked massively in staying composed, made amateurish errors and the Malaysians held their nerve better. "A little more calm," he urged. And a lot more anger to make good the revised saying: lose some, win many, as many as five gold medals come up for the taking in coming days.

# CWG effect: Women's T20 leading cricket's charge for Olympic inclusion



**EXPRESS IN BIRMINGHAM**

**SHIVANI NAIK**
BIRMINGHAM, AUGUST 3



The Commonwealth Games is still an experiment to see whether it works for cricket to be included in a multi-sport event. *PTI*

AS WOMEN'S cricket gets auditioned and observed at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games for a possible and permanent entry into the Games gigs – such as Olympics - the city once again finds itself at an important inflection point in the sport's history.

Way back in 1973, seven teams had lined up, mostly donning the inconvenient short culottes skirts in white, to play in the inaugural Women's World Cup in 1973, the final of which between England and Australia was hosted at Edgbaston. This was a full two years before the inaugural Men's World Cup.

Now, almost 50 years later, with women's T20 leading the way into the Commonwealth Games, cricket is again on the cusp of something big – with Los Angeles 2028 Games inviting presentations from the sport, and 2032 Brisbane not likely to be averse to a sport that is taking its first 'Games' strides in Birmingham.

It was neighbouring Wolverhampton's Jack Hayward, a Midlands businessman, who was the first financial supporter of the women's game, putting in 40,000 pounds for the Women's World Cup to take off. A WWII pilot who flew Dakotas with supplies for the 'Forgotten Army' in Burma, or the multinational Commonwealth Fourteenth Army largely ignored for being far away from Europe, Hayward went on to pour his legacy business wealth into what was then yet an obscure cause – women's cricket. He is famous for having said, "I love cricket. I love women. And women's cricket combines both."

But it was his enduring friendship with England captain Rachael Heyhoe Flint that got the boisterous Englishman, who moved to the Bahamas later, to rally behind the women's game and ensure that the final went ahead in Birmingham.

"Jack Hayward's contribution was huge," says cricket historian Raf Nicholson, even as women's cricket undergoes another round of auditions, though the financial benevolence is not expected to come from cricket boards and the ICC, beyond the CWG thrust. "He made it actually possible paying 40 thousand pounds, which in 1971 was a huge amount. He paid that much worth of costs in that amount to bring all these teams to England. And without him, they wouldn't be able to have all that money and do all that. Without him, that World Cup wouldn't have happened. So, he was a huge contributing factor to it."

Cricket's inclusion in the CWG, besides adding the extra medal for gender parity and filling up Edgbaston with families, is also being viewed as a pathway for the sport, which caters to IOC's perennial question of 'How do you solve a problem like India?' with its huge population, and miserly medals.

"There'll be plenty of people watching the Commonwealth Games. And within ICC, be it within ECB, within other cricket boards like BCCI, trying to see what cricket being included in other multi-sport events looks like. How it works, what does it feel like for the players? And also, does it actually genuinely lead to more exposure for cricket?" Nicholson says, adding, "And how will cricket respond to just being one amongst lots of other sports? So, I think the Commonwealth Games is in a way a testing ground for Olympic inclusion. Obviously, the Commonwealth Games is not as big as the Olympics, but it's still a bit of an experiment whether it works for cricket to be included in a multi-sport event and whether the benefits are for the ICC to push on really with Olympic inclusion."

### Significant development

The thronging of crowds at Edgbaston which witnessed the first World Cup final ever, is also seen as a win for the women's game, to carve an identity beyond being an appendage to the men's one. The 1998 CWG edition with men's teams never took off thereafter. "Women at CWG is definitely very significant. And what it shows me is that women's cricket doesn't have to follow what men's cricket does. It can lead the way as it always has been doing, like it did in holding the first World Cup. In that way, it shows that women's cricket can sometimes go in new, interesting directions and doesn't always have to follow what men's cricket is doing. And actually, reinforces the fact that they are two separate sports. So, I'd say it's very significant," Nicholson says. A little like netball's self-sufficiency.

Hayward was the first real benefactor of women's cricket and the money that he put into it for those few years in the 1970s really helped women's cricket grow much more quickly than it would have done otherwise. Because obviously, being a totally amateur sport, it was wholly reliant on those kind of financial donations at that time. It meant that they could have a World Cup. It meant they could have other tours. Before that, Hayward funded for them to go to the Caribbean. And he actually withdrew his financial support after Flint was sacked from the England captaincy in 1977. In the historical scheme of things, his financial support didn't last that long. But it was very significant in the history of women's cricket.

The MCC, which embraces women's cricket now, and includes a bunch of notable ones as members, wasn't very chuffed back in the 1970s, and had stated that women could train at Lord's, but not play matches there. "The MCC regrets no dates are available," had been the curt response. Edgbaston had stepped in happily. The folks at Lord's had been apoplectic when the first membership request had arrived, in times when the women's team would often play against old – senior – English teams, with Len Hutton turning up.

Seasoned journalists recall catty, lurid and sexist reportage following the women's sport back then, with lines like "there's a lovely fine leg"' and "a thigh pad might not be necessary." One of the leading names of those times, having read reams of sexist tripe, though, shot back calling the protective box, a silly 'manhole cover'. Flint though began writing on the sport for different magazines, under various pseudonyms, to accurately tell an important story. A multi-faceted woman, it was said the only thing she couldn't do, or bother with, was cooking. Her friend Hayward would stand like a rock in support of her.

The final of the cricket event of the Commonwealth Games is said to be already sold out. Obviously, Edgbaston 'E' isn't anything like as big (25,000) as the MCG 'G' that the Aussies filled up for the last T20 World Cup final. "But obviously, it's a phenomenal achievement assuming we do get that full house. It'll be an absolutely fantastic day for women's cricket," Nicholson says. Fantastic and one that Hayward reckoned women players completely deserved.

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