

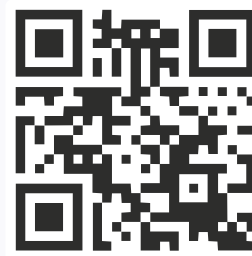
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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

THE SECOND phase of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET-UG) 2022 ran into a major technical snag on Thursday, forcing over 50,000 candidates across the country to return from centres without taking the exam as the National Testing Agency (NTA) failed to upload question papers on time.

The NTA, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education, said these candidates

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CJI N V Ramana names Justice U U Lalit as his successor in note to Govt

Elevated from Bar, Justice Lalit was on bench in key cases: Triple talaq, POCSO

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

CHIEF JUSTICE of India N V Ramana Thursday recommended to the government the name of Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, the second most senior judge of the Supreme Court, as his successor.

Elevated directly to the Supreme Court from the Bar in August 2014 — only the sixth lawyer to be so honoured —


 Chief Justice of India N V
Ramana, Justice U U Lalit

Justice Lalit will take over as the 49th CJI after the incumbent retires on August 26. He has a short

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From Punjab on both sides of border, two weightlifters forge a winning bond

NITIN SHARMA
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AFTER HIS record-breaking overall lift of 405 kg in the 109 kg-plus category of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, Pakistan's Muhammad Nooh Dastgir Butt, 25, looked around for the bronze medalist, India's Gurdeep Singh.


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Wait until we decide on rival Sena pleas: SC to EC

 Decision by August 8 on whether
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THE SUPREME Court said Thursday it will decide by August 8 whether it needs to refer to a five-judge Constitution Bench the questions raised in a bunch of petitions by rival factions of the Shiv Sena.

The bench of Chief Justice of India N V Ramana and Justices

Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli also asked the Election Commission of India (EC) not to precipitate action until then on the Eknath Shinde faction's plea seeking recognition as the original Shiv Sena.

The Shinde faction broke away from the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena and formed a government in Maharashtra with the BJP after Thackeray resigned as

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A larger
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THE MAHARASHTRA developments have raised larger questions on disqualification proceedings and interpretations of the anti-defection law. The EC has underlined its own duties, maintaining that the Tenth Schedule cannot interdict its responsibility.

Centre warns Baghel govt: Implement rural housing plan or we reconsider aid

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
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THE CENTRE has told the Bhupesh Baghel-led Congress government in Chhattisgarh that if the state is "unable" to implement the Pradhan Mantri Awas

Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), the Union Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) will be "compelled" to "reconsider" its support to other "core" rural schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

It is learnt that this was

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Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge at the Herald House in New Delhi on Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

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Kharge summoned, ED searches on; not scared, says Rahul

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THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate's summons to Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge triggered a political row on Thursday, with the Congress accusing the government of trying to "intimidate" it. The government countered that "the law will take its own course", and it does not interfere in the functioning of law enforcement agencies.

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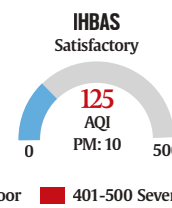
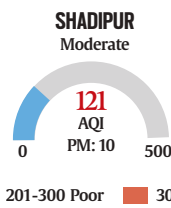
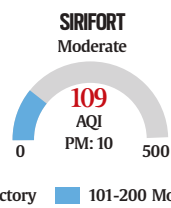
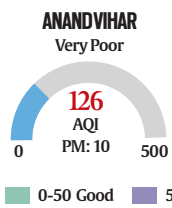
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Man who stole jewellery worth Rs 2 cr arrested after 40-km chase

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

A 38-YEAR-OLD man was arrested after a 40-km chase in Punjab's Amritsar for allegedly stealing jewellery worth more than Rs 2 crore from a showroom in Delhi's Karol Bagh.

Police said the accused, Vikrant Gaurav, was a jeweller who suffered losses and incurred debts during the Covid lockdown. He was identified based on a tattoo on his arm, said police.

Police said on July 24, a man named Sandeep Garg lodged a complaint regarding theft of gold and diamond jewellery worth Rs 2.12 crore from his showroom.

DCP (Central) Shweta Chauhan said: "The accused had carried out the theft by pretending to be a customer. He looked at a lot of jewellery and stole some of the expensive pieces."

Police said CCTV footage of the showroom and the route taken by the accused were examined. The accused had worn a face mask. It was later found that the accused had the word "Rasraj" tattooed on his arm.

Police said the man was identified after verification from 400-500 local shopkeepers and jewellers. Police also carried out a door-to-door search in East Patel Nagar, where the accused had lived four years ago. His old mobile number was found, and police used technical surveillance to locate him in Amritsar.

DCP Chauhan said: "A team was sent to Amritsar to keep watch on his movements. He was traced, but fled in his car. He was chased for about 40 km before the team apprehended him."

The DCP said he confessed to the crime and the jewellery was recovered from his possession. Police said he had borrowed money from multiple people after suffering business losses. He had allegedly planned to steal jewellery from Karol Bagh to pay back his debts. An FIR was filed under IPC section 379 (theft).

2 WORKED AS LABOURERS AT THEIR HOUSE

Ex-TikToker among 3 held for robbing elderly couple at Gurgaon home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, AUGUST 4

DAYS AFTER four masked men barged into the house of an elderly couple in the upscale Florence Elite society in Sector 57, and allegedly robbed a 64-year-old woman after holding her hostage and gagging her mouth, police have arrested three accused in the case. Two of the accused had worked as labourers at the couple's house recently, while the third used to be famous for uploading TikTok videos, said police.

The accused, Mohammad Anjar, Najimul and Hasim Ansari, were arrested from Ullawas village Wednesday by the crime branch, said police.

"The two labourers had noticed that the complainant had paid for labour work in Rs 2,000 currency denomination notes. The labourers thought they could get their hands on a large sum if they planned a loot bid. They were aware the couple lived alone. So, the main accused, Ansari, hatched a plan to rob them and roped in four others," said ACP (crime) Preet Pal.

"Ansari called his friend



The accused in custody

Najimul, who was based in Mumbai, to carry out the robbery. Najimul used to upload videos on TikTok and earn money. After TikTok was shut down, he lost his source of income. He agreed to join the loot bid. Five accused have been identified and efforts are on to arrest their accomplices," said the ACP.

Virender Vij, DCP (East), added, "Najimul has a criminal record with four cases registered in Maharashtra. We are verifying this. The other two accused had recently worked at the house as labourers and stopped coming a few days ago, which aroused suspicion, and they were arrested."

According to police, the inci-

dent took place around 3.30 am Tuesday when the woman and her 67-year-old husband were asleep. Police said the accused — carrying a rod and a screwdriver — allegedly entered the house from the rear door, which was open due to renovation work.

"The accused claimed they used these tools instead of a knife or a gun to evade checking by the police and if caught, they could claim that they were labourers," said a police officer, adding that they recovered an iron rod from the accused.

In the FIR, the complainant, Rama Sharma, had stated between 3.30 am and 4.30 am, four men had entered the house and robbed her: "They had covered their faces... Two of them pounced on me and asked me where the money was. They threatened to kill me... I tried to make noise but they tied my face, hands and mouth using clothes. They forcefully took my gold bangles and 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."

HC tells police to take quick action in cases of Covid violations: 'Waste of time to drag it...'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

REJECTING DECATHLON'S prayer seeking quashing of an FIR registered against its Preet Vihar store, for operating after 8 pm on December 30 last year, in violation of the Covid guidelines, the High Court Thursday said it would be appropriate for the Delhi Police to take quick action in all pending matters relating to violation of orders passed under the Disaster Management Act by filing complaints before courts.

Directing Preet Vihar station house officer to ensure that the complaint against Decathlon is forwarded to the magistrate concerned immediately, Justice Asha Menon observed that there have been innumerable cases where people were found violating time restrictions that governed business activities and public movement, or were in public places without masks.

"These are all actionable wrongs and need to be dealt with firmly, but it must also be effective. To drag such matters instead of dealing with them expeditiously... have only led to colossal waste of time and human resources," Justice Menon said, adding that lower courts ought to dispose of such matters without further delay.

Observing that an offence under IPC section 188 is in the nature of a petty offence unless combined with other serious ones, the court said they can be summarily tried and questioned police for not getting the FIR against Decathlon decided even after seven months "when it ought not to have taken even seven days for disposal".

"It is unfathomable why offence under section 188 IPC prescribing a punishment extendable up to three months or fine up to Rs 200 or both, or when there is threat to health — as in this case due to pandemic — punishable with a maximum imprisonment of either nature for six months or fine up to Rs 1,000 or both, cannot be disposed of in a more purposeful manner," said the court.

In Decathlon's case, the court said police "seem to have gone a little far" by issuing notices asking to appear at the police station.

According to the FIR, a beat patrol party had found the store open at 8.50 pm with 8-10 people. Decathlon had argued that no FIR could have been registered without the written complaint of the Assistant Commissioner of Police. Police argued that the complaint under CrPc section 195 has been obtained from ACP and that when a chargesheet is filed, that would also be placed on record.

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Delhi BJP plans Pasmanda Muslim outreach in capital

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

AFTER PM Narendra Modi's call to BJP to reach out to "deprived and downtrodden sections" in communities other than Hindus at a national executive conclave in Hyderabad last month, BJP leadership in Delhi has started an outreach programme with a focus on Pasmanda (backward) Muslims in the national capital.

The party will be holding a Pasmanda Muslim Senh Milan Awam Samman Samroh Friday at Ghalib Institute in Central Delhi, during which several Pasmanda leaders from BJP will be present.

Delhi BJP minority morcha in-charge and national president of the Rashtrawadi Muslim

Pasmanda Mahaz Atif Rasheed, who is holding the programme, said Pasmanda Muslims have always remained neglected in leadership roles and after the PM's message, the party is making a start by reaching out to them.

"The programme will have a detailed discussion on the challenges for the community and the way ahead. The same model will be followed in other parts of the country," said Rasheed, who is a former vice-chairperson of national commission of minorities. "They would also be talking about what has been done in states like Uttar Pradesh that led to a support base for BJP and what more can be done," he added.

Party insiders said in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, BJP hopes to get support of Pasmanda Muslims.

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APPENDIX - IV, Rule 8(1)

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Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **BANK OF INDIA** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice as detailed in the table hereunder written calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount shown in the respective notices mentioned against their names in the table, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers/guarantors mentioned below having failed to repay the amount shown in the respective notices issued u/s 13(2) within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the aforementioned borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property/ies (Secured Assets) described in the table given below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on the date/s) mentioned against the respective property.

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Name of Borrower/ Guarantor	i. Branch, ii. Date & Amount as per Notice u/s 13(2)	Details of property	Date of Possession of Assets
Mr. Mukesh Kumar S/o Yogendra Prasad Sharma, Guarantor: Mrs. Bimla Kumari W/o Yogendra Prasad Sharma	(i) Dheewar Branch, (ii) Demand Notice Date: 28.04.2022 , ₹ 12,14,904/- and interest and other expenses thereon.	To an ad measurable area- 1.00 katha (3.125 decimal) bearing Khata No. 920, Khesra No. 669(P), Thana No. 70 situated at Mauza: Bernha Shanti Tola, PS- Barh, District- Patna standing in the name of Mukesh Kumar, Bounded:- North: Mr. Prem Nandan Prasad Singh, South: Niz Lakhkari, East: Sanjay Singh Mi No Haja, West: Sharda Sharma & Kameshwar Sharma.	30.07.2022

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The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Branch/ Name & Address of the Borrower/Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Properties	Demand/ Possession Notice Date	Outstanding Amount
Bank of Baroda, S.A.F. Hajipur Branch Borrower : M/s Shree Raghuvver Vastralaya and Tent Mart (Prop.- Mrs. Poonam Kumari, W/o Sri Amit Kumar) At Moh- Gudari Bazaar Hajipur Near Punjab & Sindh Bank Post-Hajipur, Dist.- Vaishali Guarantors : 1. Sri Amit Kumar, S/o Sri Madan Gopal Keyal, 2. Sri Madan Gopal Keyal, 3. Sri Ajay Kumar, S/o Sri Madan Gopal Keyal, 4. Sri Manish Kumar, S/o Sri Madan Gopal Keyal, All Guarantors are at H. No. 57, Dakbanglaw Road, Anwarpur Chowk, Hajipur, Dist.- Vaishali, Pin- 844101	Property : Poonam Kumari Proprietor of M/s Shree Raghuvver Vastralaya and Tent Mart in Gudari Market Hajipur is enjoying Cash Credit from our branch with Equitable Mortgage land and building since 5th November 2018. belonging to Mrs. Poonam Kumari proprietor of M/s Shree Raghuvver Vastralaya and Tent Mart , Vide register Deed No. 6710, dated-09-09-15 Book No.-01, Zild No.-114, Page No- 369 to 380, CD- 18, all that part and parcel of the property being vacant land and building lying and located at Mauza- Digghikala, Thana- Sadar Hajipur, District Vaishali, Revisional Khata No.- 20, Revisional Survey Plot No.- 4636, Thana No.-105, Halka No.- 08, A Area - 2 ¼ decimal, Boundaries : N: 15 ft Private Road, S: Kedar Singh & RSP 4635, E: Other member of Cooperative, W: Other member of Cooperative 2. Hypo of Stock & Goods	20-04-2022 / 03-08-2022	Rs. 62,01,008.92/- as on 19.04.2022 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all cost charges & expenses till date payments

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Petition No. 171/TL/2022
NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

An application under Section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by Rajgarh Transmission Limited, 2nd Floor, Novus Tower, Plot No. 18, Sector-18, Gurugram, Haryana-122015 to establish "Transmission System for Evacuation of Power from RE Projects in Rajgarh (2500 MW) SEZ in Madhya Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as "Project") on Build, Own, Operate and Maintain (BOOM) basis comprising of the following elements:

S. No.	Name of Transmission Element	Scheduled COD in months from Effective Date
1.	Establishment of 400/220 kV, 3x500 MVA at Pachora SEZ PP with 420 kV (125 MVAR) bus reactor 400/220 kV, 500 MVA/ICT – 3 nos. 400 kV ICT bays – 3 nos. 220 kV ICT bays – 3 nos. 400 kV line bays – 2 nos. 220 kV line bays – 6 nos. (4 nos. for Agar & Shajapur solar park interconnection & 2 nos. for other RE projects) 125 MVAR, 420 kV reactor-1 no. 420 kV reactor bay – 1 no. 220kV Bus coupler bay-1 no. 220kV Transfer Bus Coupler (TBC)/bay - 1 no. Future provisions: Space for 400/220kV ICTs along with bays: 6 nos. 400kV line bays: 8 nos. 220kV line bays: 9 nos. 420kV bus reactor along with bays: 1 no 220kV Bus sectionalizer bay: 2 nos. (One no. bay for each Main Bus)	18 Months
2.	Pachora SEZ PP -Bhopal (Sterlite) 400 kV D/c line (Quad/HTLS) (with minimum capacity of 2100 MVA/ckt at nominal voltage) along with 80MVar switchable line reactors with 400 ohms NGR on each circuit at Pachora end Switchable line Reactors (at Pachora end) –420 kV, 2x80MVar Line reactor bays (at Pachora) – 2 nos.	
3.	2 no. of 400 kV line bays at Bhopal (Sterlite) for Pachora SEZ PP-Bhopal (Sterlite) 400 kV D/c line (Quad/HTLS) (with minimum capacity of 2100 MVA/ckt at nominal voltage)	

***Note:**

- (i) M/s BDCTL (Bhopal Dhule Transmission Company Limited) to provide space for 2 no. of 400 kV line bays at Bhopal (Sterlite) for termination of Pachora SEZ PP -Bhopal (Sterlite) 400 kV D/c line.
- (ii) Space for future provisions for 400 kV line bays to be kept including the space for switchable line reactors.
- (iii) The implementation of the scheme to be taken up only after grant of LTA at Pachora P.S.
- (iv) The schedule of implementation of the scheme would be matching with schedule of RE developers or 18 months from the date of transfer of SPV whichever is later."

- The applicant has been selected as the Transmission Service Provider with the lowest levelized transmission charges of ₹408.19 million on the basis of the competitive bidding carried out by REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Central Government under Section 63 of the Act.
- The Central Transmission Utility of India Limited has recommended for grant of transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed transmission system.
- Based on material available on record, the Commission has, vide order dated 2.8.2022 in Petition No. 171/TL/2022, proposed to issue transmission licence to the applicant for establishing the transmission system as noted in para 1 above.
- A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for grant of Inter-State transmission licence to Rajgarh Transmission Limited before the Commission can be accessed at the website www.grtl.com or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.
- Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by 22.8.2022 at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.
- The application shall be taken up for further hearing by the Commission in due course. Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

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DELHI TOTAL CASES 19,62,374	Total		Vacant		NOIDA	
	HOSPITAL BEDS		9,406 9,033			
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Aug 3	2,073	1,437	5	17,815	Aug 3	Aug 4
Aug 4	2,202	1,660	4	18,596	Cases	165 201
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					GURGAON	
					Cases	361 360
					Deaths	0 0
Total 6,175* 19,29,874 26,325 3,95,66,593						
*Total active cases in Delhi						

BRIEFLY

Snatchers targeting morning walkers held

New Delhi: Three members of the 'Namaste Gang', accused of allegedly greeting people before snatching their gold jewellery and phones, were arrested after cross-firing, from Shahdara on Thursday. Police said the accused were involved in a series of snatching incidents in Shahdara where they allegedly targeted morning walkers, especially the elderly, at gunpoint. They are also involved in robberies and snatching cases in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

HC asks cops of steps taken to ban Chinese *manjha*

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Thursday asked Delhi Police to inform it about steps taken to stop availability and sale of Chinese synthetic *manjha*, a string used in kites, in market. The counsel representing police sought time to seek instructions. The division bench of Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad listed the petition seeking a ban on flying and sale of kites and objects used in its making, for hearing on Friday.

NHAI hikes toll fee at Sohna elevated road

Gurgaon: The National Highways Authority of India has increased the toll fees for commuters using Sohna elevated road. The new rates will be applicable from Thursday. As per new tariffs, a car user at Ghamroj toll plaza will now pay Rs 115 for a trip that earlier cost Rs 45. Officials said the rate has been revised following the opening of phase one of the project on July 11. The authority had opened phase two on April 1. **ENS**

AT FEW CENTRES

CUET Phase 2: Many students to retake exam after glitch

MOHANA SARKAR & SARA SIDDIQUI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

GARIMA SHREYA (17) was left sorely disappointed on Thursday when she found out she has to reappear for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) — for the fourth time now — owing to glitches. “I appeared for Accounts, Business, English and General Test. This was my third attempt after server issues that took place in July. Even today, I couldn’t attempt the General Test. Now I will appear for the exam a fourth time,” she said.

Like Garima, many students were left in the lurch after a technical glitch led to the cancellation of exams at several test centres in Delhi and NCR on Thursday morning

Isha Jha, who wrote her test at the centre at Delhi University and came from Ghaziabad, said, “I appeared for Physical Education, Mass Media and Communication and the General Test. I could finish all my papers except for the General test. Only that has got postponed to a later date that is yet to be declared. I will have to come again to appear,” she said.



At the DU test centre. *Express*

Sakshi Adlakha (18), who was scheduled to attempt the CUET exam at a centre in Noida Sector 62, said, “My subjects were Mass Communication, Political Science, English and General Knowledge. My centre cancelled the exam at the last minute, on the spot, without any prior notice. I was prepared. They have now postponed the exam to August 12. Only after I get my results will I be able to get a clearer picture of the college I would study in. A lot is uncertain right now.”

The NTA in a statement said,

“Due to various administrative and technical reasons, the CUET (UG) 2022 examination scheduled for August 4, 2022, (first shift) has been postponed to August 12, 2022, for a few examination Centres...”

Some students also faced issues completing their general knowledge test and will now have to sit for the exam again.

Meanwhile, applicants who applied in the second shift, between 3 pm and 6 pm, also faced a similar issue. Isha Jain from Ashok Vihar said, “I appeared for English, Mass media and General

Test. The papers were good and from the syllabus. However, due to technical glitches in the server, I could not attempt the General Test and it has now been rescheduled.”

For many, the general test did not appear on the screen. One among them was Harsh Choudhary. “Due to technical problems, the General Test did not appear on the screen. We sat there for five hours and couldn’t attempt the paper. Most people couldn’t write the test. We’ll have to give the entire paper again at a later date,” he said.

The NTA in its statement said that the question paper was uploaded late. “Because of technical reasons, the question paper for the second shift of the examination could only be uploaded at 5 pm and the download at 489 centres could start at 5.25 pm, while the exam was scheduled to begin from 3 pm. Reports were asked from the observers/city coordinators on the ground. Based on their recommendations, the second shift scheduled for August 4, 2022 (Shift 2) (from 3 pm to 6 pm) is cancelled and the same will now be conducted between 12 and 14 August.”



AT WORK

The national flag being made in bulk, ahead of Independence Day, at Sadar Bazaar. *Abhinav Saha*

Expansion plan stalled after residents opposed it, Okhla waste-to-energy plant looks to try again

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

A LITTLE more than three years after the last attempt to take in more waste and generate more electricity at the waste-to-energy (WTE) plant in Okhla fell flat when faced with resistance from residents in the area, the Timarpur Okhla Waste Management Company has once again initiated the process to obtain environment clearance for expansion.

The expansion entails generation of 40 megawatts (MW) of

energy by taking in another 1,000 TPD (tonnes per day) of waste. An MCD spokesperson said Okhla WTE plant has the capacity to process 1,950 TPD of waste and generate 21 MW of electricity. The company had written to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee earlier to provide authorisation to conduct a public hearing and proceed with obtaining environment clearance. The hearing is to be held next month.

The fresh attempt at expansion was spurred by L-G V K Saxena’s visit to the plant. The draft environment impact assessment (EIA) report prepared for

expansion states that the L-G visited the plant on June 6, “thereafter, officials have taken steps for pending expansion”.

Residents do not want a WTE plant close to their homes. The DPCC also imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on the Timarpur Okhla Waste Management Company last year for air pollution. S Khan, president of Sukhdev Vihar Residents Association, said: “There is a case pending in the Supreme Court in the matter of the existing plant. We do not want this expansion. Last time they attempted to hold a public hearing (2019), we protested

against it.”

Residents also want the existing plant to be relocated. MA Baig, who moved to the area six months ago, said, “My children and wife are dealing with respiratory issues. They have been on medication for the last few months.”

When contacted, a representative of the company refused to comment saying he was not authorised to speak. The company is part of the Jindal group. Asked about the need for expansion, an MCD spokesperson said: “MCD as a whole is short of processing capacity for daily generation of

around 11,000 TPD of MSW.”

It was not only residents who raised concerns. When the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change amended environment clearance for the plant in 2020, it imposed additional conditions - “any further expansion beyond 23 MW power generation capacity shall not be permitted at same site considering the proximity of Sukhdev Vihar Residential Colony located at less than 100 m from the site”. The draft EIA states that “expansion project will be accommodated in existing plant premises. No additional land is required”.

NCPCR issues notice to chief secy over Tricolour event: ‘Children got drenched in rain’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

THE NATIONAL Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has written to Delhi Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar over videos of children purportedly getting wet in the rain during a preparation for a Delhi government event to make the biggest Tricolour ahead of the Independence Day.

NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo said in the letter that he had received two complaints — one on Wednesday and another on Thursday from Delhi MP Manoj Tiwari — and has demanded an action taken report within seven days.

To celebrate 75 years of Independence, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said that thousands of children will congregate in the capital on August 4 to make the “largest Tricolour in the world”. Around 50,000 children from different government schools were supposed to participate and gather at a ground in Burari. While they practiced at the ground on



Delhi MP
Tiwari filed
a complaint
with the
NCPCR

Wednesday, a message was sent to schools and teachers early Thursday morning that the event had been cancelled because of waterlogging and that children should not be sent.

In the letter, Kanoongo said Tiwari has attached videos of children facing “undue harassment”. The letter also alleged the programme was cancelled without information and kids were left to get drenched in the rain, “which may be a hazard for their health”.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said in a tweet in Hindi: “On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the country’s independence, Delhi’s children were going to form the largest Tricolour today. But due to flooding of Burari Ground due to rainwater, this programme is currently being postponed. Yesterday, our children also did a wonderful re-

hearsal for it.”

Tiwari said large-scale advertisements for the event were issued but no proper arrangements were made to protect the children from the rain. “CM Kejriwal, to gain popularity, is putting children’s lives at risk... it is a planned conspiracy in which the Delhi government education department also assisted them,” he alleged.

An aide of Tiwari also said students of state-run schools were practising in a ground in Burari to form a human flag.

While the Delhi government spokesperson refused to comment, a senior official said that the complaint was “frivolous”.

“Each year, children go to the Red Fort for Independence Day celebrations. Many times, it rains while they are there. As soon as officials realised that the event could not happen at the venue, messages were sent out to schools. It is completely wrong to say that schools were not informed and that children were abandoned. The BJP has a problem with an event where children will make the biggest Tricolour,” the official said.

Supertech demolition: Dust a prime concern for buildings in vicinity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

AS THE date for Supertech twin tower demolition in Noida Sector 93A nears, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) of buildings in the vicinity of the site have raised concerns over the impact of the blast on their homes.

The Supreme Court, on August 31 last year, had ordered the demolition of the twin towers within three months for violating regulations on the distance between buildings. Edifice Engineering has partnered with South Africa-based Jet Demolition to prepare the blast plan and execute the explosion. On May 17, the apex court had fixed the demolition for August 21, with a cushion period that ends on August 28 — the last date for completion of the demolition process keeping in mind the extension order.

The RWA of ATS Village in Sector 93A, in the vicinity of the demolition site, has taken up certain concerns with the Noida Authority regarding the impact of the demolition, it said.

One of them is the dust that will arise due to the demolition and the manner in which it will settle. “There is housekeeping staff which looks after the upkeep and sanitation needs of the building, however, we are not aware how much dust will arise due to the demolition and are unaware of how to clean it. We require manpower to help with the process,” the RWA said.

It also raised concerns regarding the impact of the demolition on the green area and its management post the demolition, they said. There are over 700 flats in ATS Village which are occupied at present.

According to sources, Edifice



The twin towers in Noida Sector 93A. *Abhinav Saha*

Engineering had submitted all the required documents to Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) on Thursday.

On July 29, in a miscellaneous petition filed by Supertech Ltd. before the Supreme Court, the CBRI had submitted that it had sought relevant information including information on blast design, ground vibration, dust cloud among other details.

The apex court in its order had permitted the CBRI to address a “comprehensive communication on or before August 1, 2022, to NOIDA, with copies to Edifice Engineering and IRP of Supertech, specifically setting out information which is required by CBRI”. The information is to be collated and supplied to CBRI on or before August 5.

The apex court had further directed Noida Authority to convene a meeting of representatives of CBRI, Edifice Engineering and the IRP of Supertech on August 6, to discuss the matter. The matter is listed on August 12 and Noida Authority is to file a status report in the meantime.

Tihar doctor ‘caught’ smuggling drugs into prison, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

A JUNIOR resident doctor at Tihar Jail was arrested for allegedly smuggling drugs into the prison, said police Thursday. The accused, a dentist, works with the Central Jail on a contract.

Dr Varun Goel was caught Wednesday by the jail security staff. It has been alleged that he hid the drugs in his shoes but was frisked and caught, police said.

Ghanshyam Bansal, DCP (West), said his staff received information from Tihar jail about the recovery of 82 gm ganja and some tobacco.

“The dentist had come to visit an inmate, Vikas Jha, and was caught by officials while he was handing over the drugs to Vikas. A total of 38 gm ganja was recovered from Varun and 44 gm from Vikas,” said the DCP. The doctor was arrested under sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

Tihar DG Sandeep Goel said the doctor has only been working with the jail for a few months.

“Though he had passed the security check, his behaviour was suspicious. He had visited a group of inmates but was found sitting with one. When we asked him about this, he did not give a reasonable answer. He was frisked by the staff and they found the drugs. The inmate was also caught. We suspect that this has happened before for money, and are conducting an enquiry,” said a jail official.

INTACH KICKSTARTS WORK

Washed away and in poor shape, work begins to restore ghats along Yamuna

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

THE INDIAN National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) has kickstarted work on the restoration of what may be ghats from the period between 1857 and the 1940s on the banks of the Yamuna near Kashmere Gate.

Older ghats dating back to the Mughal period like the Qudsia Ghat, built by Qudsia Begum, wife of Mughal emperor Mohammad Shah, in the 18th Century, may now be under what is now the Ring Road, said Divay Gupta, Principal Director, Architectural Heritage division, INTACH. But the

river may have changed its course, and when the river moved, the ghats were relocated, he said.

The ones being restored now are likely to date back to around the mid-19th Century, Gupta added. “There were some ghats there, which we discovered under the river sand in 2021. Those will be repaired, restored or rebuilt. We are also making a garden, which will be a reconstruction of what the garden would have looked like, along the river... based on what the old Qudsia Garden of the Mughal period would have looked like,” Gupta said.

Today, the Qudsia Bagh lies across the road from the river, with the road separating the garden and the ghats.



(Left) Work on the ghat began about a month ago; the proposed plan

The project to restore Qudsia Ghat is part of the Delhi Development Authority’s 10-part project to “restore and re-

juvenate” the Yamuna floodplains. The project, which entails walkways, cycle tracks and gardens along the 22-km stretch of



INTACH

the river, has run into opposition in some places where makeshift homes and farmlands are being cleared to make way for gar-

dens, wetlands and pathways.

Work on the ghat began a month ago but has been challenging with fluctuating water levels



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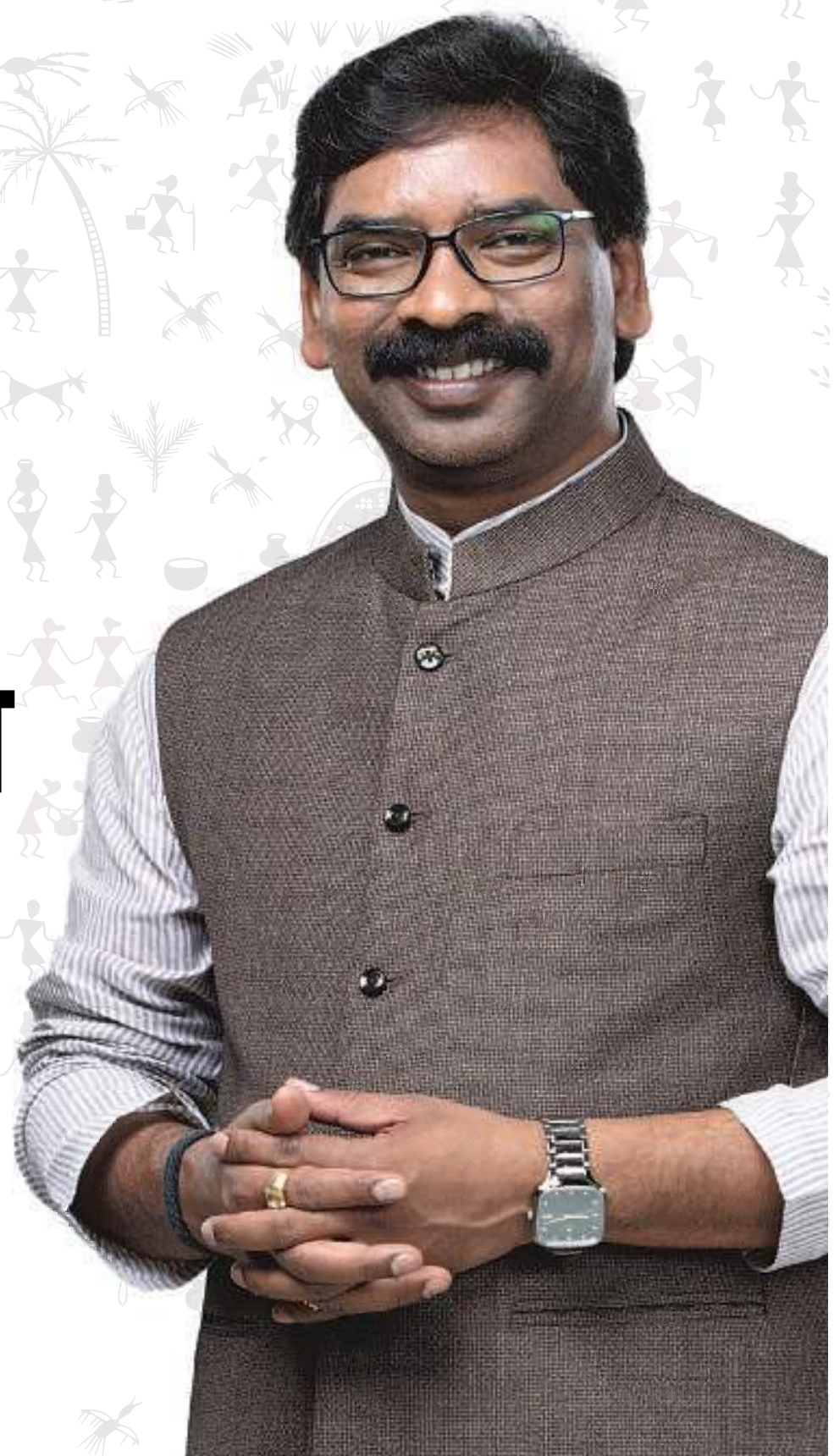
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FROM THE GALLERY

5 QUESTIONS



BSP MP **DANISH ALI** TOOK EXCEPTION TO A REPLY GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE POWER SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. HE SPEAKS TO **LIZ MATHEW**.

What was your contention with the reply given by the minister on the power crisis in the country?

The reply is totally different from the ground situation. It says there is no power crisis in the country, but that is not the situation. If there is no shortage, why were there meeting after meeting between ministers to address the crisis. There were meetings between power and coal ministers.

Is the reply misleading?

As usual, the ministers always try to hide the truth and the actual situation from Parliament. It seems it has become the policy of the government to mislead the House.

What, according to you, is the reason for the crisis?

I think the government does not have the right policy in place. Though the Power Minister is efficient, it seems the government is not able to manage the situation. But it is an artificial crisis intentionally created for the benefit of some corporate houses who have interests in importing coal.

What about the situation in Uttar Pradesh?

Officers in Uttar Pradesh were telling people's representatives that the situation is bad across the country and the state was not receiving the required power supply from the grid. In May-June, the crisis was at its peak, and there was a roster of urban and rural areas to specify the number of hours and the area in which power supply would be available. District-level authorities had even formed WhatsApp groups to update people's representative about the power supply so that they could inform the public.

Recently, the Opposition has raised many complaints against the way Treasury benches reply to Questions...

Often, ministers are trying to hide facts. It seems as if ministers are not interested in keeping the House informed about the real situation. They try to whitewash it with some words of praise for the Prime Minister. Most of the time, the Treasury benches prefer to address the gallery instead of the Opposition benches.



STRATEGY SESSION ON THE GO

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and K C Venugopal with party MPs at Parliament on Thursday. *Praveen Khanna*

Amid Opp protests, RS passes family courts Bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

RAJYA SABHA on Thursday passed The Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to extend statutory cover to family courts set up in Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland. The Bill was passed amidst protests and sloganeering by the Opposition over alleged misuse of central agencies.

As the Bill was being introduced by Union Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju, Congress MP Jairam Ramesh tried to raise a point of order but it was denied by Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, who said a point of order can be raised only "in relation to the business of the House at the moment".

A point of order is essentially an objection that the proceeding is in violation of a rule of the House.

TMC MP Derek O'Brien said that subject to the Constitution and rules of Parliament, every member has the freedom of expression. In response, Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav said, "The members have freedom of speech. The Constitution does not give freedom of 'hungama'."

Discussing the Bill, BJP MP Saroj Yadav said that western concepts were slowly encroaching on Indian values, especially in family-related issues.

"We need more family courts to ensure that matrimonial cases are addressed faster. We need to protect Indian culture. One of the Western concepts that we often hear about is same-sex marriage. This is against Indian culture," she said.



Union minister Kiren Rijiju in RS *PTI*

Law Minister Rijiju said there are currently 715 family courts in 26 states and Union Territories across the country, including in Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland, the two states where the Bill seeks to extend legal backing to courts already existing.

"If we did not bring a legislation to extend statutory powers to three family courts in Himachal Pradesh and two family courts in Nagaland, thousands of pending cases would be affected," the minister said.

According to the non-profit PRS, the establishment of family courts in the two states will be retrospectively valid and all actions taken under the Act, including the appointment of judges, and orders and judgments passed by the courts, will also be deemed to be valid from these dates retrospectively.

The minister said he has also appealed to district judges of the country to ensure that matrimonial disputes are decided swiftly. "In India, a marriage is not just about individuals but about communities. There should be a family court in every district in the country," he said.

130 'hate news' cases reported between 2019 LS election, this yr's Assembly polls: Govt in Rajya Sabha

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

A TOTAL of 130 cases of "hate news" were reported to social media platforms between the 2019 Lok Sabha election and the latest round of Assembly polls in five states held earlier this year, the government informed Parliament on Thursday.

In a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju also said that according to the Election Commission, no complaints were received from the political parties regarding data leaks during elections in the last five years.

"Total number of 'hate news' cases reported to social media platforms (since Lok Sabha elections 2019) is 130..." he said.

During the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, 58 such cases were reported. During the Maharashtra and Haryana Assembly elections in 2019, only one such case was reported, Rijiju said.

During the 2019 Jharkhand Assembly polls and the 2020 Bihar election, no complaint was received. In the 2020 Delhi Assembly polls, 34 such cases were reported.

In the Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry Assembly polls last year, 29 cases of "hate news" were reported, the minister said.

The number of such cases was eight during the latest round of Assembly polls in Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh held earlier this year, he added.

In Delhi meet, Mamata, Abhishek spell out House strategy

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

SOON AFTER arriving in Delhi Thursday, West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief Mamata Banerjee met the party's Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs in a gathering that reinforced the growing clout of her nephew and party national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee.

The Chief Minister spent around an hour in the meeting, which took place at the official residence of Trinamool Rajya Sabha deputy floor leader Sukhendu Shekar Roy. Abhishek is learnt to have spelt out the strategy that Trinamool MPs are expected to adopt over the remaining part of the Monsoon Session.

Most MPs stayed back till Abhishek left the venue. Both Banerjee and Abhishek left



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during a meeting with Trinamool Congress MPs, in New Delhi on Thursday. *PTI*

without speaking to the press. TMC Lok Sabha floor leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay told reporters: "During the Parliament sessions, she gives us the guidelines which we follow and this time was no exception. We will continue to raise pro-people issues," he said.

The TMC chief's visit to the national cap-

ital comes at a time the BJP is aggressively targeting the party over the alleged teacher recruitment scam in which former West Bengal cabinet minister and suspended Trinamool leader Partha Chatterjee is in the custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED). It is against this backdrop that Banerjee will

meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday. She will also visit Rashtrapati Bhavan to pay President Droupadi Murmu a visit, a TMC leader said.

The Trinamool leadership, however, maintained that Banerjee's meeting with the PM will be "on administrative issues such as pending dues of GST, MGNREGA and other central assistance schemes". Party sources said both Banerjee and Abhishek categorically told the MPs to "not get intimidated by the central BJP".

"The message was clear: to aggressively raise pro-people issues in the House. That also includes protesting against the blatant attempts to topple Opposition-led governments in many states including Jharkhand," the source said.

The TMC leadership believes the Congress should acknowledge that the West Bengal Police has managed to thwart a possible bid to topple the JMM-led Jharkhand government in which the Congress is a partner

NO BUSINESS, HOUSE ADJOURNED

3 days after Speaker warning to Opp, placards back in LS

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

THE LOK Sabha faced abrupt adjournments without transacting any major business again on Thursday, with the Opposition trooping into the Well of the House to protest a range of issues, including alleged misuse of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) by the government.

Three days after Speaker Om Birla had warned against bringing placards into the House while withdrawing the suspension of four Congress MPs, members of the main opposition party on Thursday raised placards with slogans against price rise, leading to an immediate adjournment of proceedings during Question Hour.

Later, when the House met at 2 pm, the Opposition continued protests, forcing the presiding officer to adjourn proceedings for the day. The government had listed the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022, introduced on Wednesday, for consideration and passing on Thursday.

When the House met in the morning, members from the Congress, DMK, NCP and the Left parties stormed into the Well of the House after Birla refused to allow Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury to raise an "important issue". Sources said Chowdhury wanted to raise the issue of ED raids in connection with the National Herald case — on Wednesday, the ED temporarily sealed the office of Young Indian (YI), housed in the premises of Congress-owned newspaper 'National Herald' as part of an ongoing money laundering probe.

The Speaker asked Opposition MPs to return to their seats and said Chowdhury can be allowed to speak during Zero Hour. But the Opposition insisted that he be allowed to speak before that.

The Speaker, however, took up Question Hour. Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) member N K Premachandran, who was scheduled to raise the first question, was called but he said the leader of the main opposition party wanted to raise an issue and he should be allowed. "The House is not in order," he said.

Birla then called BJP's Nishikant Dubey to ask his question. Opposition MPs started shouting slogans but the Speaker let Question Hour run.

Although the MPs, including senior Congress and DMK leaders, went into the



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla adjourned the House till 2 pm immediately as placards surfaced. *PTI*

Well, Birla did not adjourn proceedings.

At 11.30 am, Chowdhury was seen talking to party colleagues Manickam Tagore and Jothimani S. The two stepped out of the House and returned with placards. Chowdhury was the first leader to pick a placard and raise it. The Speaker immediately adjourned the proceedings until 2 pm.

The placards carried the slogans, 'Save Constitution, Save Democracy' and 'GST hurting common people'.

At 2 pm, papers were laid on the table and two resolutions adopted amid slogan-shouting and protests by Congress MPs. Amid the din, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary moved two statutory resolutions pertaining to change in taxation made on May 21 and June 30.

On May 21, the government had announced waiving of customs duty on import of some raw material, including coking coal and ferro-nickel, used by the steel industry. Also, duty on export of iron ore was hiked by up to 50 per cent and 15 per cent for a few steel intermediaries.

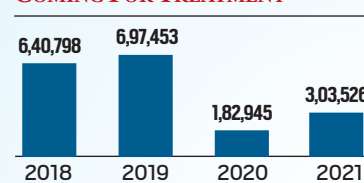
On June 30, the Centre imposed a cess or windfall tax of Rs 23,250 per tonne on crude oil production and a special additional excise duty of Rs 6, Rs 13, and Rs 6 per litre on export of petrol, diesel, and ATF, respectively, to improve domestic supply of fuel.

These resolutions, which seek to amend the eighth schedule to the Finance Act 2002, were passed by voice vote.

As slogan-shouting continued, Kirit Solanki, who was in the Chair, first requested the protesting members to return to their seats and allow the House to function and subsequently adjourned the proceedings for the day.

SHARP DECLINE IN MEDICAL TOURISM NUMBERS

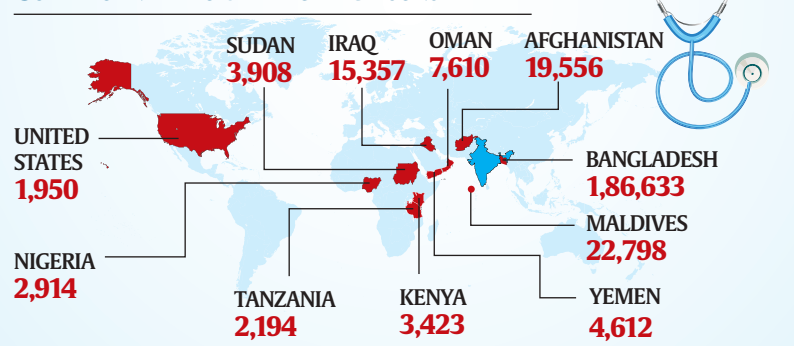
NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS COMING FOR TREATMENT



■ Number of foreign tourists who came to India for medical purposes went down sharply amid the pandemic in 2020, when compared to the previous year

■ Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy, in response to a question in RS by BJD MPs Prashanta Nanda and Niranjana Bishi, shared data on the issue

TOP 10 COUNTRIES FROM WHERE TOURISTS COME TO INDIA FOR MEDICAL REASONS



"To promote medical tourism in the country, the Government of India is extending e-medical visa facility to nationals of 156 countries"

G KISHAN REDDY, TOURISM MINISTER

Minister briefed me on intentions behind data protection Bill withdrawal: Tharoor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

A DAY after the government withdrew the Personal Data Protection Bill from Parliament, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday met chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communications and Information Technology Shashi Tharoor and briefed him about the government's future course of action on the Bill.

The government is now planning 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.



Shashi Tharoor, chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communications and Information Technology, with IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. *Twitter/@ShashiTharoor*

It is planning to introduce a fresh Bill in the winter session of Parliament.

Tharoor said Vaishnaw briefed him regarding the intentions behind the decision to withdraw the Bill from Lok Sabha. Vaishnaw also engaged with him on the "principles that will animate a future Bill".

"I welcome the initiative of Minister

Ashwini Vaishnaw to brief me on the intentions behind GOI's decision to withdraw the Data Protection Bill, and to engage with me on the principles that will animate a future Bill, which is promised for the winter session of Parliament," Tharoor tweeted, along with pictures of his meeting with Vaishnaw.

Day after Rahul's jibe over Tricolour, RSS hits back, says rise above politics

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

A DAY after Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders launched an attack on the RSS for not hoisting the Tricolour for 52 years after Independence, the RSS on Thursday said people should rise above politics and focus on celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

"Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a national festival and the entire country has to celebrate it together. On July 9, the RSS had announced its support to all programmes being organised by the Government of India, state governments or other organisations. The RSS has called upon all its workers to enthusiastically participate in all such programmes. There should be no politics over Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. All should rise above poli-

There should be no politics over Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, RSS's Sunil Ambekar said

tics and focus on celebrating the festival," RSS publicity in-charge Sunil Ambekar said.

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

"The history is witness that those who are running the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign have come from that anti-national organisation which did not unfurl the Tricolour for 52 years. Since the freedom struggle, they have

not been able to stop the Congress and will not be able to do so now," he tweeted.

Congress chief spokesperson Jairam Ramesh posted screenshots of Twitter handles of the RSS and its chief Mohan Bhagwat and tweeted: "We have put the picture of our leader Nehru holding the national flag as our DP. But it appears the PM's message has not reached his family. Will those who did not unfurl the Tricolour on their Nagpur headquarters for 52 years listen to the PM?"

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 Culture Ministry.

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.

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury greets Margaret Alva at a dinner hosted by party leader Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi on Thursday. Express

BETTER LATE

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE, the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, on Thursday hosted a dinner for Opposition's vice-president candidate Margaret Alva and leaders and MPs from opposition parties. For a moment, everyone thought the host will not be able to make it in time as he was at Herald House. It was in Kharge's presence that the Enforcement Directorate conducted a search operation at the office of Young Indian. The veteran Congress leader managed to reach over an hour late as senior leaders, including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Sharad Pawar and Tiruchi Siva, waited. The 80-year-old Kharge was at the Young Indian office with ED officials for close to eight hours.

THE EFFECT

DMK LEADERS' complaint that senior Congress leaders refused to come to the well of the House or shout slogans to join the protests appears to have had an effect. On Thursday, in the Lok Sabha, leaders like Shashi Tharoor, Manish Tewari and Karti P Chidambaram left their seats as soon as the Congress began the protests. Tewari even joined in sloganeering. In the Rajya Sabha, Jairam Ramesh, joined in slogan shouting, a rarity. On Wednesday, Dayanidhi Maran was heard asking Congress MPs whether there is a "VIP section" in the party who do not have to come to the well of the House, which had prompted Congress chief Sonia Gandhi leave her seat to protest for a short while.

SPEED BREAKERS

NOT EVERYONE appeared to be happy at how the Tiranga Yatra — organised by the Culture Ministry Wednesday — turned out. While BJP MP Manoj Tiwari was upset with the Rs 41,000 fine imposed on him for riding a bike without a helmet, licence and pollution and registration certificate, some of the other MPs did not appreciate the "attention" Tiwari received. Their contention was that "actors and stars" always steal the show. According to them, it was not just Tiwari who came under fire from police. Another BJP MP, Jayant Sinha, who rode an electric bike with a helmet to spread the "green message", was also frequently stopped by traffic police because they "could not understand the concept of running an electric bike without a licence".

Rajasthan: Beneficiaries told to create 'dummy' social media accounts; govt suspends official

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, AUGUST 4

A LETTER allegedly issued by an official of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Rajasthan, asking the beneficiaries of a government internship programme to create "dummy accounts" on Twitter and Facebook, triggered a controversy on Thursday after it was widely circulated on social media.

While the opposition BJP targeted the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government, the state suspended the official in whose name the letter was issued and also asked the Sawai Madhopur district police to register an FIR over the matter.

"All the Yuva Mitras should have a Twitter account of their name. Along with this, the Yuva Mitra should make 10 dummy accounts and in these accounts the name Yuva Mitra should not be mentioned anywhere. Ten dummy accounts can be made with one mobile number. (They

will have to do retweets and quote tweets from all the accounts," says the letter dated Wednesday and issued by Satish Kumar Sahariya, Additional Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics.

The letter says these orders were given by the Directorate and Joint Secretary, Department of Economics and Statistics, on August 2 and is addressed to all block statistical officers in Sawai Madhopur district. The instructions in the letter are for those selected for the Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Mitra Internship.

Om Prakash Bairwa, Director-cum-Joint Secretary, Directorate of Economics and Statistics — the person whom the letter claims to have issued the order — denied he had issued any such order.

"I have not issued any such letter. When I spoke with Sahariya, he also said that he hasn't issued any such letter. However, we have suspended him. I have written to the Sawai Madhopur SP to start an investigation into the matter so that the truth is revealed," Bairwa told The Indian Express.

AMID CHINA-US TENSION

Jaishankar meets Blinken, discusses Lanka, ASEAN

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh on Thursday.

In his opening remarks at the meeting, which took place on the margins of an ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meeting, Blinken referred to concerns over "challenges" in Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and the Indo-Pacific situation.

"A warm conversation to start meetings on the sidelines of ASEAN Ministerial in Phnom Penh. Discussed ever strengthening India-US relationship and the global situation with US Secretary of State..." Jaishankar tweeted.

Blinken said the US and India are strong proponents of "ASEAN centrality" in the Indo-Pacific, according to the US State Department. "We have a shared vision together for a free and open Indo-Pacific that we work on in so many different ways every single day," Blinken said.

"And of course, we have some immediate challenges that we're both concerned with, to include the situation in Sri Lanka, Burma, and a number of other hot spots," he said. "So I look forward to once again being able to go through a number of these issues with my friend, and then we'll both head over to our meetings."

US State Department spokesperson Ned Price said



Foreign Minister S Jaishankar with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Thursday. AP

Jaishankar and Blinken "exchanged views on global and regional issues, including Russia's brutal aggression against Ukraine and the implications it has had on food insecurity around the world".

India has so far sought to maintain a diplomatic balance between Russia and the US-led West on Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Price said, "They discussed Sri Lanka's economic crisis and emphasized that both nations stand with the people of Sri Lanka and support their aspirations for a return to economic and political stability through democratic and constitutional processes."

Jaishankar also met Lankan Foreign Minister Ali Sabry.

Jaishankar, who attended the India-ASEAN ministerial meeting, said India and the 10-nation grouping have "strong convergence" on Indo-Pacific, combat-

EXPLAINED Meeting at key moment

AT A time China's response to US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Taiwan visit is being keenly watched, Jaishankar's meeting with Blinken and other ASEAN foreign ministers holds significance. India has so far watched the development and not commented. What Beijing does and says will be carefully monitored in Delhi.

ing the threat of terrorism, and the developments in Ukraine and Myanmar. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

KARNATAKA POLLS NEXT YEAR

Shah meets CM, leaders; discusses situation in coastal dist riven by communal tension

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, AUGUST 4

IN WHAT is being seen as the first stages of strategising ahead of Assembly polls in Karnataka next year, and to take stock of the sharp communal divide in coastal Karnataka, which saw three murders between July 20 and 28, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday held a series of meetings with party leaders in Bengaluru.

Shah was here to attend an event — Sankalp ke Siddhi — or-



Home Minister Amit Shah and CM Basavaraj Bommai in Bengaluru on Thursday. PTI

ganised by the Culture Ministry and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to celebrate 75 years of Independence. The visit came at a time the BJP government in the state is on the back-foot, given a show of anger against the government and party leaders by Sangh Parivar workers in the wake of the murder of a BJYM worker in Dakshina Kannada late last month, as well as allegations of corruption in the government.

Shah, sources said, was apprised about the situation in coastal Karnataka and the

Bishnoi joins BJP with praise for PM, and a wish: Ticket for son

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 4

FORMER HARYANA MLA Kuldeep Bishnoi Thursday joined the BJP, a day after he resigned from the Vidhan Sabha and nearly two months after he was expelled by the Congress from all party positions for voting for saffron party-backed candidate in the Rajya Sabha polls.

Bishnoi, a four-time MLA and two-term MP, joined the BJP along with wife Renuka Bishnoi, a two-term former MLA, in the presence of senior leaders, including Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar at party headquarters in New Delhi.

On the occasion, Bishnoi termed PM Narendra Modi the "best prime minister ever" who "always puts nation first."



Kuldeep Bishnoi with Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Manohar Lal Khattar in New Delhi. Anil Sharma

Bishnoi, who had been representing Adampur in Hisar as MLA, on Wednesday resigned from Vidhan Sabha, necessitat-

cated that his son Bhavya Bishnoi may contest the bypoll, to be held within six months, as a BJP nominee.

"I have joined BJP without any condition. I only wanted love and respect for me and my supporters. Adampur is my family. I would want that my son Bhavya contests the bypoll from Adampur. Otherwise, even if the party decides to nominate anybody else, I will welcome that," Bishnoi said.

Bishnoi's decision to not vote for Congress's Ajay Maken in the Rajya Sabha polls in June led to his defeat by a narrow margin to independent candidate Kartikeya Sharma, who was backed by the BJP.

PATRA CHAWL CASE

Found new Rs 2.25 cr trail linked to Raut: ED to court

Shiv Sena leader sent to custody of agency till August 8

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, AUGUST 4

AFTER QUESTIONING Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut in custody for four days, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday claimed that a fresh trail of proceeds of crime of Rs 2.25 crore was revealed to be linked to the redevelopment of a chawl project in a northern suburb of Mumbai. The ED had last week said that Raut and his family were direct beneficiaries of Rs 1.06 crore linked to the case.

The additional amount allegedly revealed in the last four days includes Rs 1.17 crore paid in cash transactions to land owners from whom Raut bought the land in Alibag. The remaining Rs 1.08 crore was found to have been received in the bank accounts of Raut's wife, Varsha, the ED claimed. Varsha has been summoned by the ED.

The court noted that there has been "remarkable progress" in the case and sent Raut to custody of the ED till Monday. The agency had sought the leader's custody for eight more days.

The ED had arrested Raut post midnight on Monday. On Thursday, it claimed that a fresh trail of proceeds of crime has been revealed.

"In the past four days, several documents were recovered. While



Sanjay Raut at ED office in Mumbai, Thursday. Amit Chakravarty

investigating those, it was found that certain amounts were paid by unrelated persons in the bank accounts of the accused's wife (Varsha Raut). The entire amount deposited in that particular period is Rs 1.08 crore. There is no explanation given on why these huge amounts were deposited in her bank accounts," Special Public Prosecutors Hiten Venegalkar and Kavita Patil submitted.

The ED case relates to Patra Chawl, where it is claimed that instead of providing houses for displaced residents, directors of HDIL and others cheated them. It is alleged that the total amount of Rs 1,039.70 crore was received in the accounts of HDIL and Guru Ashish Constructions, of which Rs 112 crore was received by Pravin Raut.

KEPT IN A ROOM WITH NO VENTILATION: RAUT

Mumbai: Sanjay Raut was asked by the court if he had any complaints of ill treatment against ED officers. The MP told the court that after interrogation, he was kept in a room with no ventilation. Raut said he has heart ailments and experienced discomfort. The ED told the court that its entire building had AC, including the room Raut was kept in. Raut said he could not see the AC. The court directed ED to arrange a room with natural ventilation. ENS

Five 'jihadi' modules busted in Assam since March... issue is serious: Himanta

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GUWAHATI, AUGUST 4

THE ASSAM Police has busted five "jihadi" modules with links to Al Qaeda-affiliated terror outfits in Bangladesh since March, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said Thursday.

"Five modules [busted] in five months... so the issue is serious," Sarma said, addressing a press conference in Guwahati on Thursday.

Since March, Assam Police, aided by Intel inputs from Central agencies, have been carrying out operations in lower districts of Barpeta and Bongaigaon. These operations have revealed that six Bangladeshi nationals entered the state illegally to "indoctrinate youths", and one of them — Mohammed Suman — was arrested from Barpeta in March, said Sarma.

These individuals have alleged links to the Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT), a banned terror outfit of Bangladesh with links to Al Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS). According to Sarma, they had been operat-



CM Himanta Biswa Sarma in Guwahati on Thursday. PTI

ing several training camps during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sarma said Suman had been living in the "guise of an Arabic teacher in a madrasa, and also worked as an imam". Another individual, named Mufti Mustafa, was arrested from Moirabari in Morigaon district on July 28. Sarma said he ran a madrasa, where children were indoctrinated in "jihadi" ideology.

On Thursday, Mustafa's madrasa in Moirabari was demolished by bulldozers because it was constructed "without permission", Sarma said.

Sarma said the "hub of activities of all the [terror] modules" were turning out to be madrasas.

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Yardan Commercial Complex, 9th Floor, MIDC, Road No.16, Wagale Industrial Estate, Thane (W) - 400604.
E - Tender Notice No.17 (Corrigendum)for 2022-23.
stemwatercompany@gmail.com
E-TENDER are invited by STEM water Dist. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd. Thane. For the following work.
Name of Work Upgradation of STEM Rural water supply scheme for 24 villages by STEM and zilla Parishad Thane (Supplying, lowering, laying DIK-7 Pipeline from Mankoli MBR to Kharbao, Katai and Kambe, Bhiwandi Rs.54,12,24,139/- (Excl GST)
The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from STEM'S web site. (Post qualification criteria included)

No	Tender Activity	Date	Time
1	Document downloaded start date	21.07.2022	12.00
2	Pre-bid meeting date end	02.08.2022	12.00
3	Bid Submission end date	16.08.2022	12.00
4	Opening of Envelope No.1	17.08.2022	12.00



E-Tender Documents will be available for view/downloading on authorized website <https://stem.abcpocure.com> Right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason there of by STEM Water Distri. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd, Thane.

Sd/-
Sanket Gharat
Managing Director



NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
(A Govt. Of India Undertaking)
SIBIAN ROAD, BATHINDA - 151 003 (PB)
Ph. 0164-2270261, 2760262, FAX: 0164-2270463

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tenders are invited in Two Part Bid through E-tendering system for following items:-

MT No.	Description of Items	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Cost of Tender (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Due date for submission/ opening of bids	Signing Authority
NFB/MECH/ MPOC/ 2022-23	ARC of Mechanical Maintenance jobs for the year 2022-23	332.66 Lakhs +GST as applicable	1000	1 Lakh	03/09/2022/ 09/09/2022	Chief Manager (Mechanical)
NFB/PUR/ SA/2/1012	Design, Manufacturing, Inspection, Supply, Unloading, loading, Erection, Testing and Commissioning and Changing of 2025.5 MW 13211 KV Oil Cooled Power Transformer	500.00 Lakhs	NIL	1 Lakh	22.08.2022/ 23.08.2022	DGM (W&E)

For further Details, visit our website: www.nationalfertilizers.com, CPP portal and www.etenders.gov.in Any amendment / corrigendum will be displayed on these websites only. Follow us: @nationalfertilizers | NFL_Kan | @nationalfertilizers Limited

Gujarat cancels cattle fairs, races at Tarnetar fair, cites lumpy skin disease

AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 4

WITH THE spread of lumpy skin disease in the state, the Gujarat government Thursday decided to cancel the cattle fair and the bullock cart races that are held alongside the Tarnetar fair scheduled to be organised later this month. Till Thursday, 1,838 cattle have died of the disease since the beginning of the outbreak, with the spread rising to 22 districts from 20 and 159 cattle succumbing on a single day. More than 60,800 cattle have already been infected by the virus which has spread to 2,463 villages in the state.

In a statement issued Thursday, Raghavji Patel, Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry said that more than 10.06 lakh animals have been vaccinated in the affected districts. The Tarnetar fair will be held at Tarnetar village of Chotila taluka of Surendranagar dis-

trict after a gap of two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Due to the lumpy skin disease, we are not going to organise the cattle fair and bullock cart races at this year's event," District Collector Keyur Sampat told *The Indian Express*.

The event where young tribal men and women once used to seek partners in marriage is scheduled to begin from August 30 and will continue till September 2.

"We have lumpy skin disease cases in the district and we are targeting to finish 100 per cent vaccination of cattle by August 15. But as of now we have decided to not hold the cattle fair and races," Sampat added.

As part of the Tarnetar fair, the state government has been organising a cattle fair where cattle rearers are encouraged to display the best cattle breeds including Gir Cows, Jafrabadi buffaloes, Banni buffaloes and Kathiawadi horses, among others.

The Tarnetar fair is held on the grounds of Triniteshwar Mahadev temple and is the focal point of the festival where local communities including Kolis, Rabaris, Bharwads, Kanbis, Kathis, Charans participate.

Surendranagar is one of the 20 districts affected by lumpy skin disease.

Over 4,000 animals die in Rajasthan

Jaipur: The lumpy skin disease among animals has spread at an alarming rate in Rajasthan where more than 4,000 animals, mainly cows, have died due to it and over 90,000 have been infected.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday said the state government is making every effort to prevent the spread of the disease. He also appealed to cattle-breeders to contact the nearest veterinary institution if they see symptoms of the disease in the animals.

Secretary, Animal Husbandry department, P K Kishan said the death toll due to the disease has gone past 4,000 in the state. "The infection has spread to 16 districts. Barmer, Jodhpur and Jalore are the worst affected and the disease is in the reducing stage in Ganganagar, Hanumangarh and Churu districts," he told PTI.

Kishan is currently on a visit to the affected districts, starting from Barmer. Of the 94,358 infected animals, more than 74,118 have been treated.

Officials in the animal husbandry department said the disease originated in Africa and came to India via Pakistan in April. **PTI**



कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल
यांत्रिक विभाग (मुख्यालय) गोविंदपुरा (बी.एच.ई.एल.)
निविदा संशोधन घोषणा-पत्र

क्रमांक..392.../ या.वि./2022 भोपाल, दिनांक.03/08/2022
निम्नलिखित निगम कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीकृत व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत ठेकेदार परसेन्टेज मोहरबंद निविदाये निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर आनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र.	आनलाईन निविदा क्र.	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित राशि	घरोहर राशि	प्रपत्र राशि	कार्य हेतु निर्धारित एस.ओ.आर.	कार्य की अवधि
01	2022_UAD_205010_2	ASHPHALTING OF VIRIOUS ROAD OF SANT HIR-DARAM NAGAR ZONE 01 SECOND CALL	1,00,88,672/-	50,443/-	12,500/-	MPUADD ISSR 2021	06 Month/-
02	2022_UAD_214701_1	ASHPHALTING OF ROAD FROM VIDISHA BY PASS GOUR SHADI HALL TO DUSHARA GROUND SQUIRE MALIKHEDI VISHARJAN GHAT WARD 72 ZONE 16 (CHAINAGE 0 M TO 500M)	58,95,040/-	44,212/-	10000/-	MPUADD ISSR 2021	03 Month/-

1. निविदा प्रपत्र की निर्धारित राशि एवं घरोहर राशि एवं अन्य आवश्यक दस्तावेज आनलाईन प्रस्तुत करने होंगे एवं अन्य समस्त विस्तृत जानकारी www.mptenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।
2- किसी भी निविदा को व्योक्तार अथवा अयोग्यता करने का अधिकार विभाग के पास सुरक्षित होगा।
दिनांक 473/022/023 कार्यपालन यंत्री (सिविल) नगर निगम भोपाल

Government of Himachal Pradesh
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Pragpur District Kangra (HP) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate/lump sum contract bids from the eligible contractors/Firms. Bidders should be registered with Jal Shakti Vibhag. The scope of the work will be as under:-

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of tender form	Eligibility criteria	Time limit
1	Source strengthening for Heritage village Pragpur & its adjoining area in Sub Tehsil Pragpur District Kangra (HP) (SH -Laying jointing and testing of GI pipe for Rising Main, Providing, Laying jointing and testing of MSERW pipe for Rising main and S/E of pumping Machinery with allied accessories)	13859494/-	171095/-	1500/-	Eligibility criteria shall be as under:- 1. The contractor enlisted with Jal Shakti Vibhag. 2. Affidavit of Non-Blacklisted by any Department and Affidavit of Non-Relationship with Department.	One Year

1. Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in>, by the interested bidders/firms/individuals registered on the website which is free of cost.
2. Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with "Single Stage Two Envelope" Bidding Procedure. Bid security, and eligibility documents as per eligibility information and criteria and Financial bid should be put in separate envelop and all two separate envelopes should be put together in a single envelop. The bids shall be submitted online electronically.
3. Bid evaluation of criteria- Technically Qualified lowest evaluated bidder (L1) will be considered as a successful bidder. However, the acceptance of the proposal will rest with the Jal Shakti Department who does not bind itself to accept the lowest proposal, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the proposals received without assigning any reason.
4. As the bids are to be submitted online and are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.
6. KEY DATES WILL BE AS UNDER:-

a	Date of Online publication	04.08.2022 at 5:00 PM
b	Downloading of e-tender Documents	From 04.08.2022 at 5:00 PM to 20.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M.
c	Date of submission of e-tender	From 04.08.2022 at 5:00 PM to 20.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M
d	Physical submission of eligibility criteria, pre-qualification documents, earnest money deposit and cost of tender documents (in original)	Upto 11:00 A.M. on 20.08.2022
e	Date of opening of bids:	
1)	Cover-1 Eligibility information and Criteria	On 20.08.2022 at 11.30 A.M.
2)	Cover-2 Financial Bid	Shall be intimated separately

7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-
1) The e-tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 (Two) covers:-
1. Cover- 1 shall contain Scanned copies of "eligibility information and Technical bid
2. Cover-2 shall contain the "Financial bid" on the prescribed format.
(2) Cover-1 shall contain Scanned copies of following "eligibility information and Technical bid" (Scanned copies to be uploaded) on the website <https://hptenders.gov.in>at the appropriate place.
i) All payments regarding purchase of a Bid documents (Cost of form Earnest money deposit shall be through online mode (e-payment) in favor of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Pragpur Exemption of cost of bid security shall not be allowed.
7. Eligibility criteria:-
i) The bidder/contractor/firm should be registered with Jal Shakti Vibhag under taking in the technical bid firms has to uploaded characteristics curves of Pumping Machinery for NIT duty conditions.
a) The contractor/firm must have registered under GST/EPF/Pan/Income Tax
b) Name of firm, addresses, telephone number, Mobile No., Fax No, E-mail ID. Labour license issued from the competent authority must be uploaded/ attached.
c) An affidavit of the firm having not been ever blacklisted by any Govt./Semi-Government/Board/Corporation/Private Organization is required.
d) The characteristics curve of pumping machinery uploaded by contractor otherwise the tender shall be rejected.
e) Cover-2 shall contain BOQ where contractor will quote his offer for each item.
8. Bid Opening Details:-
The bid shall be opened on at 11:30 AM in the office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Pragpur (HP) by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bid as specified the bid will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
9. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period of 120 days after dead line date for bids submission.
10. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure but control even through the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates. The officer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidders. It is the bidders responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.
11. The tenders of the contractor/firms who fail to fulfill the eligibility information will be summarily rejected.
12. The negotiation/clarification, if any will be taken from the successful contractor/firm only in respect of error and omission technical aspects and in no case on financial bid.
13. No subletting of works by the contractor/firm is permissible.
14. The representative of the firm/contractor shall inspect the site himself and make himself conversant with the site conditions prior to bidding.
15. Instruction for e-tendering:-
i) The Contractor should registered himself on website <http://hptenders.gov.in> and obtain user ID/password before bidding.
ii) Entire tender process will be carried out on line through above mentioned website. Contractor/firms are advised to procure e-token/digital signing certificate from suitable vendors or from authorized agency.
iii) Before submissions of online bids, bidder must ensure that scanned copy of all necessary documents have been uploaded with the bid.
iv) Conditional bids are liable to be rejected without assigning any reasons.
v) The Executive Engineer, reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the tenders/bids without assigning any reason(s).
vi) Any enquiry regarding tender can be obtained on e-mail of the divisional office under e-mail address i.e. xeniphpragpur@gmail.com and office telephone No. 01970-245045.
The tenderer should quote their final price subject to no escalation what so ever till successful fulfillment of contract. The financial bid should be inclusive of all taxes i.e. Central/State/Local taxes vat and any levy charges, including cess as per provision of building and other construction workers welfare cess Act, 1996 and Himachal Pradesh Building and other construction workers Rules, 2008 and no extra claim will be entertained. The Department will deduct labour cess @ 1% from each running bill from the gross amount of work done by the contractor.
The tenderer shall have to maintain EPF accounts and bear EPF contribution of its workers/employees.
-sd/
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division
Pragpur

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Ashish Sexsena** S/o Sh. R.L. Sexsena, R/o G-48, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-25, Noida, Uttar Pradesh has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 687/21 u/s 406/420/120B/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Burari, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Ashish Sexsena** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ashish Sexsena** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ashish Sexsena** of **FIR No. 687/21 u/s 406/420/120B/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Burari, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **20.09.2022**.

By Order
Mayank Aggarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate-09 (C),
Room No.286,
DP/2651/N/2022 (Court Matter)

Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



Kareena
General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: **Kareena D/o Sh. Sanjay R/o H. No. Jhuggi No. N-28/C-379 CSA Colony WPIA Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **09.07.2022**. In this regard FIR/DD No. **519/2022** Dated **10.07.2022** has been registered at **Ashok Vihar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.
Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 17 years, **Height:** 4'8" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Red Colour Plaja.
Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO
P.S. Ashok Vihar, Delhi
Ph. No. - 011-27243066
Mob. No.- 875087221
DP/1683/NW/2022

Website:<http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641
Fax No.: 011-24368639

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
DIRECTORATE OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, ASSAM
UZANBAZAR: : GUWAHATI-1

No.DWCD(ICDS)G/SNP/98/2021/101
CANCELLATION OF NOTICE INVITING EOI
Eol No.DSW(ICDS)G/SNP/98/2021/1, dated 09/08/2021
The Notice Inviting Eol floated vide No.DSW(ICDS)G/SNP/98/2021/1, dated 09/08/2021 (Tender ID : 2021_SWD_22418_1) in the e-Tender Portal of Govt. of Assam <https://assamtenders.gov.in> for Lifting of rice (to be allotted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD, Govt. of India) from FCI depots in Assam and Re-packing of Lifted Rice from FCI Depots in Assam and supply of other food stuff etc. (and packing thereof)" as Take Home Ration (THR)/ Hot Cooked Meal (HCM) for various Anganwadi Centres and Mini-Anganwadi Centres of Assam is hereby cancelled as the notification period of supply is already over. The EOI could not be finalized within the notified period since it has been subjudice at Hon'ble Gauhati High Court.

Sd/-
Director
Women and Child Development,
Assam, Uzanbazar, Guwahati-1
Janasanyog/C/7682/22

उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे
ई- ऑक्शन सूचना
दिनांक 03.08.2022
महानगर प्रबंधक (लागिज़), उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, बीकानेर भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से बीकानेर मण्डल के चालीस रेशेनो के कामर्शियल पब्लिसिटी आउट ऑफ़ होम, RDN (Digital, Non-Digital), Advertisement - Train Exterior (Below Window), ATMs व लीजिंग के 18 SLR के ठेके के लिए ई-ऑक्शन प्रारम्भ किये गये है। जिनका विवरण निम्न प्रकार है:-
केटलॉग संख्या: OOH-7. कार्य का नाम व स्थान: Advertisement on station premise Non Digital AT अनुपगढ़, सूरतगढ़, तहसील भादरा, श्रीविजयनगर, लालगढ़, (आउट ऑफ़ होम-सिरसा, रामपुरावरी)।
ई आक्शन की दिनांक व समय: 16.08.2022 समय 15.00 बजे।
केटलॉग संख्या: RDN-01. कार्य का नाम व स्थान: Advertisement on station premise Digital AT सिरसा, बीकानेर, भिवानी
Advertisement on station premise Non-Digital at सादुलपुर, सिरसा, चुरू, सरदारनगर, लोहार, रतनगढ़, महेंद्रगढ़।
ई आक्शन की दिनांक व समय: 22.08.2022 समय 15.00 बजे।
केटलॉग संख्या: ADV VW 01. कार्य का नाम व स्थान: Advertisement - Train Exterior (Below Window) , Train No. 22497/22498 SGNR-TPI Humsafar Exp (Weekly), 14717/14718 BKN-HW (Triweekly), 14701/14702 SGNR-BDTS (Daily), 22475/22476 HSR-CBE (Weekly), 12489/12490 BKN-DDR (By Weekly), 14723/14724 BKN-CNB (Daily), 14707/14708 BKN-DDR (Daily)।
ई आक्शन की दिनांक व समय: 16.08.2022 समय 15.00 बजे।
केटलॉग संख्या: ADV ATM 01. कार्य का नाम व स्थान: ATM at लोहार, नोहर, हिसार, हनुमानगढ़ टाउन, लूणकरगंज, बीकानेर II एनटी, सूरतगढ़, रतनगढ़।
ई आक्शन की दिनांक व समय: 23.08.2022 समय 15.00 बजे।
केटलॉग संख्या: ADV ATM 02. कार्य का नाम व स्थान: ATM at मंडी डबवाली, चुरू, महेंद्रगढ़, लालगढ़, सिरसा, सादुलपुर, चरखीदादरी, भिवानी।
ई आक्शन की दिनांक व समय: 24.08.2022 समय 15.00 बजे।
केटलॉग संख्या: Leasing SLR 09. कार्य का नाम व स्थान: Leasing of 3.9 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 22916 HSR-BDTS, 4 tones parcel space in FSLR-2 in train No. 14724 BNW-CNB, 4 tones parcel space in FSLR-1 in train No. 14724 BNW-CNB, Leasing of 4.0 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 22738 HSR-SC Leasing of 4.0 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 12240 HSR-MMCT, Leasing of 24 tones parcel space on round trip basis in Parcel van of train number 15910/091।
ई आक्शन की दिनांक व समय: 16.08.2022 समय 15.00 बजे।
केटलॉग संख्या: Leasing SLR 11. कार्य का नाम व स्थान: Leasing of 3.9 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 22475 HSR-CBE, Leasing of 3.9 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 22473 BKN-BDTS, Leasing of 3.9 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 16311 SGNR-KCVL, Leasing of 3.9 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 16588 BKN-YPR, Leasing of 4.0 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 14701 SGNR-BDTS, Leasing of 3.9 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 20471 BKN-PURI, Leasing of 3.9 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 12489 BKN-DDR,
ई आक्शन की दिनांक व समय: 17.08.2022 समय 11.00 बजे।
केटलॉग संख्या: Leasing SLR 12. कार्य का नाम व स्थान: Leasing FSLR-1 4.0 tone space in train No. 15633 BKN-GHY, 40. Tone Parcel space RSLR-1 in train No. 14724 BNW-CNB, Leasing 40. Tone FSLR-2 space in train No. 15633 BKN-GHY, Leasing 3.9 Tone FSLR-1 space in train No. 12372 BKN-HWH, Leasing 4.0 Tone RSLR-1 space in train No. 15633 BKN-GHY,
ई आक्शन की दिनांक व समय: 18.08.2022 समय 11.00 बजे।
अन्य सूचना एवं नियम व शर्तों के लिये ireps.gov.in पर लॉगिन करें।
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हमें     /NWRRailways पर फॉलो करें



MADHYA PRADESH TOURISM BOARD
6th Floor, Lily Trade Wing, Jahangirabad, Bhopal
Madhya Pradesh, India. Pincode - 462008
Website : www.tourism.mp.gov.in, Corporate Identification Number (CIN) : U75302MP2017NPL043078
NIT No. : 4534/MPTB/2022 and
System No. 2022_MPTB_215059, 04 August 2022
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

for organizing "International Adventure Aero Sports Tourism Festival" in the State of Madhya Pradesh.
MPTB invites offers from agencies for Request for Proposal for organizing "International Adventure Aero Sports Tourism Festival" in the State of Madhya Pradesh. The detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in/www.tourism.mp.gov.in> For any other information contact Mr. Avneesh Yadav (Project Assistant) Mob. No. +91-7089121967 or e-mail at paaf.mptb@mp.gov.in. Last date and Time for online Purchase and submission is **14th September 2022 - 03:00 PM**.
M.P. Madhyam/105845/2022 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**



Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran
Offers e-Auction of Residential Properties in Hisar Zone and Various Urban Estates
On 17th August, 2022

Residential Properties in Hisar Zone			Residential Properties in Various Urban Estates		
Sr. No.	Sector/Urban Estate	No. of Plots	Sr. No.	Sector/Urban Estate	No. of Plots
1	13, Bhiwani	10	1	JH-6, Jhajjar	14
2	11, Fatehabad	25	2	9 (PART-A), Jhajjar	20
3	5, Hansi	24	3	9 (PART-B), Jhajjar	7
4	6-II, Hansi	20	4	Taoru	50
5	19 (P-I), Sirsa	29	5	18, Kaithal	30
6	20 (P-II), Sirsa	23	6	21, Kaithal	25
Registration will close one day before the scheduled date of e-Auction, i.e. 8th Aug, 10:00 AM			e-Auction Portal Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran will start at 10:00 AM		
See any question email us at secrectary@haryana.gov.in			Loan Facility From Leading Banks Terms and Conditions Applyable		

***The bidding is now on Reserve Price and not on Base Price.**
***There is no concept of counter offer now.**
***Ht Price is the final Price.**

Chief Executive Officer Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran

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4 feared dead in road accident

Ramban: Four people were feared dead as a vehicle they were travelling in fell into a gorge in Ramban district hursday night, officials said. The accident took place near the Kelamoh area in the district, they said. Five people sustained injuries in the accident, the officials said. **PTI**

UTTAR PRADESH

Azam in ICU with pneumonia

Lucknow: Senior Samajwadi Party leader and Rampur MLA Azam Khan was admitted to an ICU of a private hospital here as he was found suffering from pneumonia. Khan (74) was admitted to Medanta Hospital on Wednesday night. "He has been kept under observation of a critical care team. His condition is stable and under control," Dr Dileep Dubey said. **PTI**

WEST BENGAL

Two killed in gas leak at factory

Barackpore: Two workers died following a gas leak at a factory in Khardaha near Kolkata, police said. The incident took place during maintenance work at the plant of Electrosteel Castings Ltd (ECL) in North 24 Parganas. The deceased were identified as Ranjit Singh (30) and Swapnadip Mukherjee (41). Another worker, Rohit Mahato is critical and undergoing treatment at a hospital, police said. **PTI**

CASH SEIZURE

Calcutta HC junks Jharkhand MLAs' plea, asks CID to continue probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, AUGUST 4

THE CALCUTTA High Court on Thursday rejected a petition of ??three Jharkhand MLAs who were arrested in West Bengal recently allegedly with a huge amount of cash.

The MLAs had submitted in the court that the investigation into the recovery of cash from their car should be handed over to the CBI or some other "independent" investigation agency.

Dismissing their plea, the court ordered that the state police will investigate the incident. A single bench of Justice Mousumi Bhattacharya passed the order after hearing arguments from both sides.

On Wednesday, the court had heard the plea of the three arrested MLAs on "urgent basis". They had requested the court that the CID investigation should be suspended immediately. If necessary, the investigation should be handed over to the CBI or any other independent investigation agency as the probe was being politically influenced.

The three MLAs — Irfan Ansari (Jamtara), Rajesh Kachhap (Khijri) and Naman Bixel (Kolebira) — were detained with nearly Rs 50 lakh.

NSE phone-tapping: Pandey denied bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 4

DENYING BAIL to former Mumbai Police commissioner Sanjay Pandey in a money laundering case, a Delhi court on Thursday said that material collected by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which is probing the case, prima facie shows Pandey's involvement "in execution of recording and monitoring of calls" of employees of the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

Dismissing Pandey's bail plea, Special Judge Sunena Sharma noted that the 1986-batch IPS officer was "directly communicating with NSE staff as well as the

J&K sees fall in militant attacks, but shift in recruitment strategy remains a worry

NAVEED IQBAL SRINAGAR, AUGUST 4

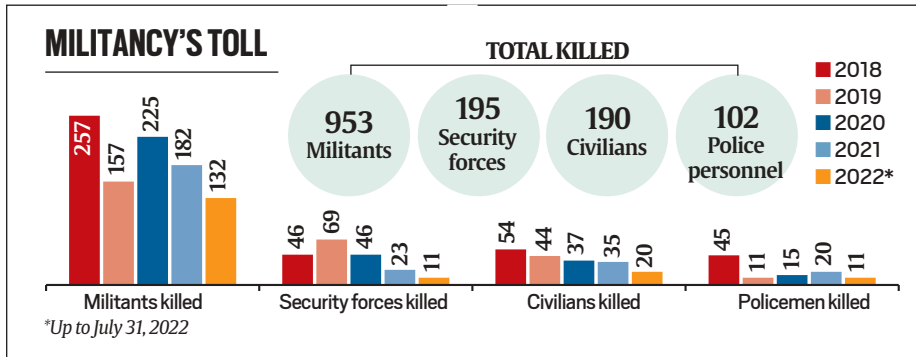
THREE YEARS since the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, recruitment into militant ranks remains a cause of concern for the security apparatus in the Union Territory.

Since 2019, more than 690 militants have been killed in Jammu and Kashmir, 132 of them this year. In the same period, 527 individuals joined militant ranks.

In an interview to *The Indian Express*, J&K Director General of Police Dibag Singh attributed the recruitment numbers in large measure to "social media and internet-based propaganda" while raising concern that the recruitment age had been lowered to include school dropouts.

The recruitment figure was 143 for 2019, rose to 172 in 2020 before falling again to 136 in 2021. For 2022, till July 31, 76 individuals have joined the militancy.

Senior security officials said about half the militant recruits are "uncategorised". As such, se-



curity forces "sometimes find out that an individual has joined an outfit only after an incident," said an official. So, they cannot be referenced against any existing database.

But law-and-order as well as terror-related incidents have been coming down in number as well as intensity since 2019.

As per government data, law-and-order incidents fell from 584 in 2019 to 147 in 2020 and 77 in 2021. This year, the number stands at 20. And in the case of terror-related incidents, the data show a slow but steady decline from 255 in 2019 to 244 in

2020 and 228 in 2021. The number of such incidents so far this year is 81.

The security establishment now views the situation in the Valley as "almost normal". At least 29 top militant commanders were killed in operations in 2022. In 2021, at least 44 militant commanders from different militant outfits were killed.

Flagging a strategic shift in militant recruitment, DGP Singh said the modus operandi of handlers has changed. "They immediately ask them (terror recruits) to commit an act of terror violence — throw a grenade, fire at somebody,

or kill someone. Once they are involved, it becomes a way of preventing their return to society."

He added that with the individual not being "missing for too long" before perpetrating an act, and then "you find that someone who was missing today has committed a crime tomorrow, fired at someone or such activity. So, that is blocking their return to their homes."

Meanwhile, anti-militancy operations have been expanded — widespread detentions under security laws, enforcement and tax raids to break alleged funding networks and crackdowns on

underground worker networks and their linkages. This has contributed to a decline in terror incidents and law and order cases, as per senior security officials. The constitution of the multi-agency Terror Monitoring Group and the State Investigation Agency by the J&K administration is also part of the same effort.

Also part of this clampdown are the arrests under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), and Public Safety Act, 1978 (PSA). Between 2019 and 2021, the number of cases under UAPA went from 437 in 2019 to 557 in 2020 and 528 in 2021. The number of persons booked under these cases over the last three years is over 2,700. In 2022, until July 31, the number of cases filed under UAPA is at 389. Meanwhile, the number of cases filed under PSA have already risen to 463 so far in 2022 from the previous year's 277.

In the period between 2019 and 2022, at least 136 civilians have been killed across J&K. 146 security personnel and at least 57 officials of the J&K police also lost their lives in the same period.

HATHRAS 'CONSPIRACY' CASE

HC refuses bail to Kappan: Can't rule out use of tainted money

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, AUGUST 8

THE LUCKNOW bench of the Allahabad High Court has rejected the bail application of journalist Siddique Kappan, who was booked under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and other charges in the alleged Hathras conspiracy case, saying "the use of tainted money cannot be ruled out".

The police had arrested Kappan and three others on October 5, 2020, from the Mant area of Mathura. They had claimed that the accused were travelling to Hathras to disturb peace and harmony in the area. On the other hand, Kappan's lawyer has maintained that he was going there to report on the gang-rape and murder case involving a Dalit girl.

Kappan is lodged in jail since his arrest.

"Considering the facts and circumstances of the case... this court is not inclined to release the applicant on bail. The bail application is found devoid of merit," said Justice Krishan Pahal in his August 2 order.

The court further said, "It has come up in the investigation that the applicant had no work at Hathras. The state machinery was at tenterhooks owing to the tension prevailing due to various types of information being viral across all forums of media, including the internet. The said sojourn of the applicant with co-accused persons who do not belong to media fraternity is a crucial circumstance going against him (sic)".

The applicant's defence that he was a journalist and he wanted to visit the Hathras incident site stood nullified by the charge-sheet and the fact that he was arrested with some persons while travelling in a car, the bench added.

The police had claimed to have recovered six smart



Siddique Kappan was arrested on Oct 5, 2020. File

phones, a laptop and pamphlets from them. It was alleged that Kappan and other accused were going to Hathras to create caste conflict and incite riots. They were accused of collecting funds and running a website that highlighted incidents of mob lynching, exodus of labourers and the Kashmir issues.

In April this year, the UP Police's Special Task Force (STF) had chargesheeted him and seven others under the stringent UAPA and sections of the Information Technology Act. The others named in the chargesheet are alleged Popular Front of India (PFI) members Atiqur Rahman, Masood Ahmed, Rauf Sharif, Ansaad Badruddin and Firoz Khan. One Alam, who was driving Kappan at the time, and his relative Mohammad Danish, have also been named in the chargesheet. Danish had obtained interim stay from arrest, while the others are in judicial custody.

Also, the court said that the legislature has framed the UAPA to control such instances. "In the matter of NIA vs. Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali, the Apex Court, while overturning the High Courts order of granting bail to the accused, has stated that Section 43(D)(5) prohibits a court from granting bail to accused if on a perusal of a final report filed under Section 173 Cr.P.C., the court is of the opinion that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the accusations against such person are prima facie true..."

Locked up on eve of Art 370 removal, Mirwaiz detained for 3 years now

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, AUGUST 4

HURRIYAT CONFERENCE leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq completed three years in continuous house arrest on Thursday. The leader of the moderate faction of the conglomerate has been in detention since August 4, 2019, a day before the Centre ended the special status for Jammu and Kashmir.

Umar Farooq was among the leaders across separatist and mainstream parties who were detained ahead of the decision, including former chief ministers Farooq and Omar Abdullah, and Mehbooba Mufti, and People's Conference leader Sajad Lone.

Farooq Abdullah had been the first to be released, in March 2020, while Mufti was let off in October of that year.

Umar Farooq is also barred from giving the traditional Friday



Mirwaiz Umar Farooq

sermon from the pulpit of Srinagar's historic grand mosque — a traditional religious seat held by the Mirwaiz family.

On Thursday, as he completed three years in house arrest, the Hurriyat Conference called for his release, terming his detention a "gross violation of fundamental rights". Lone was among the only other leaders who sought Umar Farooq's release, appealing to Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

However, the government and police have maintained silence over the issue.

In a statement, the Hurriyat Conference said: "APHC (All

Party Hurriyat Conference) strongly condemns this arbitrary, despotic and extrajudicial act of the authorities of forcibly detaining its chairman in his house, leading to gross violation of all his fundamental and basic human rights... All channels of communication are blocked to him and all outreach to people, friends and party cadres, is barred."

The Hurriyat asked if Umar Farooq was being punished "for pleading the cause of resolution of the lingering Kashmir conflict through peaceful means of dialogue and deliberations, and good neighbourly relations in the subcontinent".

Appealing to Amit Shah and Lt Governor Sinha, Lone tweeted: "Mirwaiz Kashmir has stuck to utterances which are moderate and represent the true essence of Islam... Let it be known. There are many wars in Kashmir. And in our real war he is an unapologetic moderate."



TOUCHING THE SKY

Five officers of the Indian Navy's INAS 314, based at Naval Air Enclave, Porbandar, who completed the first all-woman independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the North Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft on Wednesday. **PTI**

GUJARAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Primary school students boycott food cooked by Dalits, says contractor; officials say no caste bias

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAJKOT, AUGUST 4

OFFICIALS FROM the education and revenue departments held a meeting with parents and teachers of a village primary school in Morbi district on Thursday after the midday meal (MDM) contractor, a Dalit, alleged that students of OBC communities were "not eating the meal in the school cooked by Dalits (the contractor's family members)".

After media reports claimed that students were boycotting



the meal cooked by Dalits, a team comprising two education inspectors of Morbi taluka and deputy mamlatdar of MDM of Morbi visited the school. Bharat Vidja, incharge district

SEC 144 EXTENDED

Mangaluru police order, withdraw ban on male pillion riders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, AUGUST 4

WITH NORMALCY yet to return in Dakshina Kannada district which saw three killings in a span of 10 days last month, the Mangaluru city police Thursday withdrew a ban on male pillion riders just minutes after ordering it, but extended restrictions in the city till August 8.

City police commissioner N Shashi Kumar issued the order banning male pillion riders aged between 18 and 60 years in the city limits between 6 pm and 6 am. As it drew flak, the order was withdrawn "in public interest", according to Kumar.

According to police, about 19 checkpoints have been installed in the city and more than 200 vehicles plying at night "unnecessarily" have been seized.

However, the prohibitory orders, imposed under Section 144 have been extended till 6 am on August 8. Additional director-general of police (law and order) Alok Kumar, who has been campaigning in the coastal district since the incidents unfolded, held meetings with police officers to take stock of the situation. He also visited the prisons in Mangaluru.

On July 19, an 18-year-old Kerala youth, Masood B, was attacked near Bellare by people linked to Hindutva groups following a fight over a trivial issue. He died two days later. On July 26, Praveen Nettaru, a BJP youth worker, was hacked to death in Bellare by two bike-borne attackers allegedly linked to the PFI. Two days later, Mohammed Fazil (23) was hacked to death in Surathkal by a gangsters associated with Hindutva outfits.



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MAKE MONEY TO MAKE MORE MOVIES.
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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

My subsidy, your revdi

PM has opened an important conversation over wasteful spending between people and their representatives

HERE IS NO denying that parties, across the political-ideological divide, often resort to promises of free or heavily subsidised goods and services in an attempt to persuade the electorate. With no less than the prime minister recently calling for an end to the free “revdi” culture, this long-running and entrenched culture of political populism is coming under scrutiny. Whatever they may be called – subsidies, freebies or revdi – the debate is being framed by juxtaposing the Narendra Modi government’s model of “new welfarism”, which involves public provision of private goods, against the provision of services such as free power by state governments such as those led by the Aam Aadmi Party. Beyond the locking of political horns, however, the prime minister’s warning against fiscally profligate policies which tend to be driven more by electoral concerns, echoes widespread concerns over “wasteful” spending. It couldn’t have come at a more opportune moment – the fiscal situation at the central and state level has become increasingly challenging.

The debate, however, calls for the disentangling of several issues. What is a freebie? Is it different from a subsidy? Are there good and bad subsidies? Who decides? The fact is, different sections of society require different kinds of support. Moreover, states are poised at varying levels of economic development. What may be deemed as necessary state support for the population in one state may not be seen in the same way in another. A wider conversation on these issues is much needed. The economic situation that forms the setting for such a debate is worsening. Consider, for instance, the power subsidies extended by state governments. As per a recent RBI report, given the huge losses incurred by power distribution companies, a bailout in 18 large states, structured along the lines of UDAY, would cost these governments around Rs 4.3 lakh crore or 2.3 per cent of their combined GSDP. To put this number in perspective – it is more than what the Union government spends on education, health or rural development. For states like Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, the situation is particularly worrisome. A bailout of this magnitude will only further restrict their fiscal space. Ultimately, someone has to pay. Because no freebie is really free.

Understandably, political parties tend to be guided by more short-term motives. Yet, the free provision of goods and services, guided by political imperatives, also involves a fiscal choice. It comes at the expense of spending more on other areas such as roads, railways, schools or hospitals. In the end, however, these decisions are best left to elected representatives and the electorate. The Election Commission or members of the judiciary, for the matter, must resist rushing into the discursive space created by the prime minister by his intervention on this critical issue.

RESTORING BALANCE

Maldives President Solih’s visit came in a fraught moment in ties between the two countries. Delhi must tread carefully

THE VISIT OF the Maldives President, Ibrahim Solih, to Delhi gave both sides the opportunity to reiterate the importance of the bilateral relationship. For India, which has been Maldives’s first responder for decades but saw itself being edged out by the proximity of its previous government to Beijing, the Solih presidency has been crucial to restoring relations with the strategically located Indian Ocean neighbour. For the Maldives, the realisation is acute, especially after seeing Sri Lanka become convulsed by crisis, that China’s large pockets are a trap best avoided.

Over the last four years, India has provided financial assistance for a slew of projects, both as grant and in credit lines. The biggest of them, the \$500m Greater Male Connectivity Project, was inaugurated during Solih’s visit. India also provided a further credit line of \$100m for the completion of unfinished infrastructure projects. Under its Neighbourhood First policy, as well as SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region), defence and security co-operation between the two countries has grown – bilaterally, as well as in concert with the Colombo Security Conclave, a grouping of three nations that is now growing to encompass other Indian Ocean and South Asian countries. The cyber security pact signed between the two countries during the visit also underlined concerns over the rise of Islamist fundamentalism in the archipelago. Maldives came face to face with this when some 300 of its citizens joined ISIS back in 2014. The Maldivian police blamed Islamist extremists for the April 2021 attempt to assassinate the former president, Mohamed Nasheed.

The Solih government’s India First policy has been a real game-changer in bilateral ties, but keeping with a pattern in the neighbourhood, it has had an inevitable domestic political fallout. The impact of this cannot be underestimated, particularly in the light of next year’s presidential election. The disruption of the Yoga Day event in Male shows the lengths that some elements are willing to go to in order to undermine the government and its ties with India. The Solih government has robustly countered former president Abdulla Yameen’s “India Out” campaign that has targeted defence ties in particular. It has even gone so far as to ban anti-India protests. But the pressure is starting to tell, as is evident from the statement the government issued, almost reluctantly, on the BJP spokesperson’s remarks on Prophet Mohammed recently. The infighting in the Maldivian Democratic Party which has pitted Solih against Nasheed in an unseemly battle is also not a good sign. Against this fraught background, India must tread with caution and ensure that there is no room for misinterpretation of its actions in the Maldives.

PUSH BACK IN KANSAS

Support for abortion rights in the state is heartening – obstacles for women are formidable, not insurmountable

EVEN A SWELTERING summer day couldn’t keep voters in the US state of Kansas indoors as they turned out in large numbers to support the reproductive rights of women. Nearly 60 per cent voters said “no” to the so-called “value them both” amendment which would have declared that the state’s constitution does not uphold the right to abortion. The results bolster what opinion polls have shown, both before and since the June 24 ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States which overturned the historic 1973 *Roe v Wade* judgement supporting abortion rights: Most Americans now believe that women should have autonomy over their bodies, including in the matter of pregnancy.

The Kansas poll is the first electoral test for reproductive rights in the US since SCOTUS ruled that abortion was not a protected right under the US constitution and that the issue had to be “returned to the people’s representatives”. The result has shocked “pro-lifers” who had looked on the ruling as having turned the tide in their favour and is all the more remarkable for having come out of a state in the conservative midwest, which mostly votes for the Republican Party, with its anti-choice stance. That abortion rights got more electoral support here than President Joe Biden did is a testament to the profound resonance that the issue of women’s bodily autonomy has, cutting across the US’s otherwise deep political divides.

Several other US states have either already challenged abortion rights or are preparing to challenge them in the coming months. To those fighting to protect these rights, which most American women had until recently considered guaranteed, the Kansas victory comes as an affirmation that while the obstacles before them are formidable, they are not insurmountable.

Who benefits from delay?

The withdrawal of the Personal Data Protection Bill extends a disquieting legal vacuum



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ON WEDNESDAY, THE Minister for the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MEITY), Ashwini Vaishnaw, withdrew the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019. The reasons for the withdrawal were circulated in a note to MPs, which stated that, “considering the report of the JPC (Joint Parliamentary Committee), a comprehensive legal framework is being worked upon...”. The decision lays waste years of labour and deliberation on a law essential for the protection of every Indian in a digitised society. Hence, it is important for us to understand its implications by first taking into account why the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 was introduced in Parliament, and second, whether its withdrawal is justified.

A proposal for a data protection framework was first considered in 2011 when a draft was coordinated through the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. Alongside this, an expert committee headed by Justice (ret’d) A P Shah recommended in October, 2012, “a detailed framework that serves as the conceptual foundation for the Privacy Act”. This did not come to fruition, with proposals buried by 2014 due to objections from the intelligence establishment on surveillance reforms. While petitions on the constitutionality of Aadhaar and the right to privacy were pending before the Supreme Court, the Union government constituted an expert group headed by Justice (ret’d) BN Srikrishna in July, 2017. At the time of the constitution of this panel, the then minister for MEITY, Ravi Shankar Prasad stated that “data protection law... will set a global benchmark.” (IE, September 9, 2017). In August, a nine-judge bench unanimously pronounced the *Puttaswamy* judgment that reaffirmed the fundamental right to privacy for the autonomy, dignity and liberty for every Indian. Justice D Y Chandrachud, who authored the majority opinion, noted the formation of the Srikrishna Committee as a positive obligation on the government to enact a law for informational privacy. This buoyed hopes when the report by the Srikrishna Committee was submitted in July 2018, as it was welcomed by Prasad, who said, “It is a monumental law and we would like to have the widest parliamentary consultation”.

Today, there is a relentless pace of digitisation that relies on gathering personal data in all spheres of our lives – agriculture, education, financial records, health, welfare and labour benefits. This is through portals, policies and even laws that have been passed in haste. A case in point is the collection of biometric samples for storage in electronic databases under the Criminal Procedure Identification Act, 2022 or the linking of Aadhaar with voter records under the Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021. All of this is done in a legal vacuum without any oversight or remedy.

In December 2019, Prasad introduced the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 in Parliament. It contained changes that were termed “Orwellian” by Justice Srikrishna. Entering a parliamentary labyrinth, the draft law was referred to a JPC of 30 MPs that submitted a report after two years and 78 sittings on December 16, 2021. The JPC report available contains 97 amendments, 93 recommendations and seven dissent notes. There was a clear tilt in favour of national security and corporate profit at the cost of a citizen-centric law. Thereafter, Justice Srikrishna remarked, “I said earlier when I saw the 2019 draft that it is sliding into the Orwellian state, and this proves my point.” Rather than fixing such flaws, the Union government has decided to withdraw the proposal itself. What is obvious is a public policy paralysis on data protection with conflicting statements emerging from MEITY. For instance, as recently as February this year, Vaishnaw had stated that “our target (to pass the Data Protection Bill) was actually this Budget session itself. But, definitely, by the Monsoon Session”. With the withdrawal in Parliament on August 3, it almost seems institutional processes, in which all three branches of government worked for years, are being jettisoned in favour of “a comprehensive legal framework”. Is this justified? Surely, with the exponential pace in the technology sector, a government can change its mind. What if the draft bill and JPC recommendations were awful and the government acted responsibly to proceed with a *tabula rasa*?

Let us first deal with the express reasoning provided to justify the withdrawal of the bill. That it draws support from JPC recommendations. This is incorrect as the final recommendation by the JPC is for, “the Bill as amended after inclusion of suggestions/recommendation made by the committee be passed”. The JPC has nowhere suggested a withdrawal in favour of a “comprehensive legal framework”, but on the contrary pitched for the Bill to “be passed”. The proper course was to consider the JPC’s recommendations including the dissent notes and expert analysis, redraft and introduce a new Data Protection Bill. To clear doubts on specific provisions and build stakeholder confidence, a public

consultation could have been organised.

Second, with the government setting the goal of a one trillion dollar digital economy, fears of a compliance burden can impede innovation and growth. Here, detailed reasoning is available in the Srikrishna Committee’s report as well as a growing international consensus suggesting that next-generation innovation in technology needs data protection. Just like renewable energy or green emission norms, regulatory intervention will improve business practices requiring engineering decisions that focus on user trust.

Third, with the imperfections within the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 and even the JPC report, there exists a reasonable argument that if passed into law, it may institutionalise bad privacy practices. Here, seeking changes in the law at a later date may be difficult. Such a line of reasoning fails to recognise that institutional memory develops through reasonable due diligence and experience. Legislative foresight is limited and no law is perfect, which is why there exist parliamentary amendments and judicial review. Today, there is a relentless pace of digitisation that relies on gathering personal data in all spheres of our lives – agriculture, education, financial records, health, welfare and labour benefits. This is through portals, policies and even laws that have been passed in haste. A case in point is the collection of biometric samples for storage in electronic databases under the Criminal Procedure Identification Act, 2022 or the linking of Aadhaar with voter records under the Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021. All of this is done in a legal vacuum without any oversight or remedy.

Finally, there is a conscious omission of the contours of this “comprehensive legal framework” and any timeline assured either on the floor of Parliament or through an official statement published by MEITY. It’s reasonable to ask: Who benefits from further delay and a status quo in the unregulated collection and exploitation of personal data of millions of Indians?

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MORE THAN SEVEN decades ago, when India began its journey as a newly-born democracy based on universal adult suffrage, naysayers predicted its premature demise. A country of people distinguished more by their differences than commonalities had a lot going against it. To the Western theorists, India lacked the common thread that would weave the disparate and mostly illiterate population into a democratic nation. Such observations emanated from the European nations’ tryst with nationalism, an experience shaped primarily by the idea of common origin, language or religion. India had nothing in common; its birth was preceded by unprecedented bloodshed and religious animosity, a fact that further befuddled theorists and political scientists. However, India has not only survived the initial forebodings but also thrived as a vibrant and stable democratic nation, while its neighbours have floundered notwithstanding their shared commonalities. One may wonder how India has managed to achieve the incredible feat.

Though there is no single answer to this question, I believe there is something distinctly Indian – about the land and its people – that defies any explanation. For a land that believes and practises the philosophy of “*vasudhaiva kutumbakam*”, a land that whole-heartedly welcomed people from different parts of the world for centuries, embracing people of different origins, languages, religions and cultures is not a diffi-

THE FLAG COMES HOME

Har Ghar Tiranga campaign encourages Indians to take ownership of the tricolour

National flag covers all the lines that separate one from the other and holds all Indians together. Our relationship with tri-colour, however, has mostly been formal or institutional. Every year, flags are ceremoniously hoisted on Independence Day and Republic Day. Independence Day celebrations so far lacked a personal touch and engagement. Har Ghar Tiranga is aimed to redefine our relationship with our flag, in effect, with our nation and its past.

cult task. However, the one thing that undoubtedly made India what it is today is the people of this great nation – their resilience, their aspirations and their unconditional love for the country.

The 75th anniversary of Independence is the opportune occasion to commemorate the great journey of India and its people. It is also an opportunity to renew our pledge of patriotism. A host of initiatives have been undertaken to celebrate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and one among them is the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. Every Indian is encouraged to hoist the tricolour at their home from August 13-15 to mark 75 years of independence.

The event has significance beyond the immediate excitement it has generated. A nation is primarily made of its people, who do not know each other personally. Yet they find that they are connected through an invisible sense of familiarity in the face of all the visible dissimilarities. The invisible and abstract familiarity or connectedness takes a concrete form in national symbols and the national anthem. The foremost among these symbols is the national flag.

The national flag covers all the lines that separate one from the other and holds all Indians together. Our relationship with the tricolour, however, has mostly been formal or institutional. Every year, flags are ceremoniously hoisted on Independence Day and Republic Day. Independence Day celebrations so far lacked a personal touch and

engagement. Har Ghar Tiranga is aimed to redefine our relationship with our flag, and, in effect, with our nation and its past.

During British rule, the dream of raising our own flag on our soil inspired people. We have come a long way since then. However, for today’s fast-paced society, an event that took place more than seven decades ago may appear to be a thing of antiquity. Today, young people may find Gandhiji, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose or Bhagat Singh as characters of a distant past cloistered in history books. If they do so, it is not their fault. We are at fault, as we failed to narrate the story of how India won against the mightiest colonial power with non-violence and set a precedent for others to emulate. We must ensure that the people of India, especially the young minds, learn about the glorious past to feel proud of their nation.

Har Ghar Tiranga is aimed to achieve this larger goal. The government plans to take the campaign to virtually every home. The amendment of the Flag Code has paved the way for turning the excitement of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign into a mass movement. Now, we can rightfully place our claim on our national flag. In this process, we would not only be remembering the contribution of Patel and Ambedkar to nation-building but also developing a curiosity about Pingali Venkayya.

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AUGUST 5, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

FAILED HIJACKING

THE FOUR-HOUR HIJACKING of an Indian Airlines Boeing ended uneventfully at Amritsar’s Rajasansi airport with the hijacker, Gurbax Singh Majithia, surrendering to the police. The hijacker released the 126 passengers and three infants soon. He had demanded to meet the president of the dominant Akali group, Harchand Singh Longowal, and the militant Sikh leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale.

ANOTHER MAGSAYSAY

INDIAN CONSERVATIONIST CHANDI Prasad

Bhatt has been named winner of the 1982 Ramon Magsaysay Award for community leadership, the award foundation announced. The Magsaysay Foundation said Bhatt, 48, was selected for inspiring and guiding a Himalayan environmental movement called Chipko Andolan. He is the second Indian in a week to win a Magsaysay prize.

NARAIN SINGH DIES

TRIBHUVAN NARAIN SINGH (78), a veteran freedom fighter, parliamentarian and former Governor of West Bengal died of heart failure. Singh, a former Chief Minister of Uttar

Pradesh, died at the PG Hospital in Varanasi.

BONDED LABOUR

IN THEIR SURVEY reports to the Supreme Court, the assistant collectors of Rewa and Satna have confirmed the facts about kesari dal and its nexus with bonded labour, which the government of India has been denying in Parliament and the government of Madhya Pradesh has been suppressing. The fact is that the government of Madhya Pradesh has not issued any notification which says how agricultural labour should be paid. It has only fixed the minimum wage, which is Rs 7 a day, and is not being paid.



New Delhi



THE IDEAS PAGE

Breathing LiFE into it

Concept of ‘Lifestyle for the Environment’ enunciated by PM Modi harnesses the power of individual and collective action across the world to address the climate crisis



PARAMESWARAN IYER

IN THE MIDST of a global climate crisis, and as India gets closer to hosting the G20 presidency, it is important to recognise our country’s leadership at both ends of the climate debate: By walking the talk on our climate commitments as well as leading people-powered climate action. In November 2021, at the CoP 26 in Glasgow, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in addition to announcing the panchamrit, or five climate-related commitments of the country, also articulated the concept of “Lifestyle for the Environment” (LiFE) — advocating for “mindful and deliberate utilisation” by people worldwide, instead of “mindful and wasteful consumption”.

There is unequivocal evidence that the Earth’s temperature is rising exponentially, with multiple threats around the world. It has been estimated that the global economy could lose up to 18 per cent of GDP, and India could lose \$6 trillion by 2050 if no climate action is taken. In India alone, more than 50 per cent of our largely rural workforce will be negatively affected by climate change. Food and water security are already threatened across the world due to the climate crisis. Clearly, climate change can no longer be an after-thought to the global development agenda.

Over the last two decades, many countries have attempted policies and actions to address climate change. However, the positive impact that individual and community behaviours can have on climate action has remained under realised. According to the United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP), if one billion people out of the global population of close to eight billion adopt eco-friendly behaviours in their daily lives, global carbon emissions could drop by approximately 20 per cent. Such eco-friendly behaviours include turning off ACs, heaters and lights when not in use, as this, for instance, can conserve up to 282 kilowatts of electricity per day. Avoiding food wastage can reduce an individual’s carbon footprint by 370 kg per year. Reducing one flight trip per year can reduce per capita carbon emissions by 700 to 2,800 kg.

Individual behaviour, therefore, has enormous potential to make a significant dent in the climate conundrum. There is an urgent need for individuals to transcend geographical, social and economic boundaries, and come together as a global community to tackle the climate crisis. India can lead the global climate debate by nudging the world towards a new model of sustainable and inclusive development through the Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) movement.

LiFE was launched on June 5, 2022, World Environment Day, by PM Modi, with a vision of harnessing the power of individual and collective action across the world to address the climate crisis. The objective of the movement is to nudge individuals and communities to adopt simple and specific climate-friendly behaviours in their daily lifestyles. For instance, an individual



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can carry a reusable cloth bag instead of a plastic bag; or walk short distances instead of driving; or turn off electrical appliances from the sources when not in use; or prioritise public transport wherever possible and take other similar actions. By making such daily actions an integral part of our collective social norms, LiFE aims to activate a global community of “Pro Planet People” and steer the world towards a sustainable model of development.

There are already precedents of pro-planet initiatives around the world. For example, Denmark promotes the use of bicycles by limiting parking within the city centre and providing exclusive bike lanes. Japan has its unique “walk-to-school” mandate, which has been in practice since the early 1950s. There are other examples of how people can practice sustainable lifestyles. LiFE, however, is planned as a first-of-its-kind global movement, led by India in partnership with other countries, that will provide the world with a unique people-powered platform to relentlessly focus on bringing individual and collective actions to the core of the climate action narrative.

In many ways, Prime Minister Modi’s LiFE movement can become a tipping point in the climate crisis debate, compelling the world to:

Consume responsibly: Sustainable living and comfortable living are mistakenly perceived to be competitors. The prevailing perception that climate-friendly behaviour necessarily implies a frugal lifestyle has played a major role in preventing populations worldwide from adopting a sustainable lifestyle. LiFE plans to methodically break down this mental model by nudging the world to consume responsibly, rather than consuming less. Building on the unique insights from India’s recent jan andolans such as the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), LiFE will deploy a range of tested behavioural techniques, including nudges, social and behaviour change communication and norm influencing to make mindful con-

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Produce responsibly: Our society reflects our markets and vice versa. If sustainable choices are not supported from the supply-side, any change in our consumption patterns will only be temporary. While policies and regulations can incentivise the sustainability market to a limited extent, a long-term and stable shift in what and how the market supplies will have to be triggered by what the consumers demand. By nudging the consumption patterns of the society at scale, LiFE can also trigger a huge boost for the sustainability market. Several green industries and a large number of jobs are likely to be initiated as a positive externality of LiFE.

Live responsibly: The Covid pandemic is a wake-up call to all of us that no matter how much technological progress we make as a global society, we all remain at the mercy of the natural world. As a global community of people with a shared natural world, a threat to one is a threat to all. In this context, through its multi-dimensional, multi-cultural and global approach, the LiFE movement can play a pivotal role in not merely reversing the effects of climate change but, at a broader level, mainstream a harmonious and mindful way of living — a staple of Indian culture and tradition, practised by its people over centuries.

As the world moves in fits and starts towards its shared commitment to achieve ambitious climate goals, the time is ripe for India to lead the LiFE movement and mainstream it into the climate narrative. We will soon complete 75 years of independence to move into an era of atmanirbhartha. Further, by December, India will assume the presidency of the G20 — a group that covers 60 per cent of the global population, 80 per cent of the global GDP and 75 per cent of global exports. This puts us in a pole position to shape the global development model. LiFE could arguably become the very heart of that model.

The writer is CEO Niti Aayog. Views are personal

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Previous crises in Taiwan have been managed back into uneasy equilibrium. That is the best-case scenario now and one available if an unfashionable taste for the status quo can prevail.” — THE GUARDIAN

The fear of debate

Parliament has become a victim of BJP’s high-handedness, MPs are now suspended for merely raising issues of public interest



SANDEEP PATHAK

PARTICIPATION, REPRESENTATION, DIVERSITY, transparency and accountability are the bulwarks of democracy. They are embodied in Parliament, the highest and the most powerful panchayat in the country. It’s a platform where representatives of different castes, classes, religions and regions debate, discuss and deliberate upon the burning issues faced by the nation. But the prestige of this institution diminishes every time a member is suspended from the House.

An MP represents an average of 16.5 lakh citizens. Every time an MP is suspended, the voice of 16.5 lakh citizens isn’t heard in Parliament for the period of suspension. Last week, 23 Rajya Sabha MPs and four Lok Sabha MPs representing different opposition parties were suspended by the two chairs of the Houses. In other words, almost 4.5 crore Indians were not represented in parliamentary debates. Is wanting a debate on inflation, GST hikes, and misgovernment — issues that concern the common person — a crime?

Among those suspended include Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha MPs, Sanjay Singh, Sushil Gupta and this writer, and Independent MP Ajit Bhuyan. Singh and Gupta represent Delhi in the Rajya Sabha, this writer represents Punjab while Bhuyan is from Assam. AAP has three MPs from Delhi and seven from Punjab and the party is among the sharpest critics of the government. Along with other opposition parties, it has demanded a debate on GST hike, inflation, and deaths due to consumption of spurious liquor in Gujarat. But the Opposition’s voice was not heard. The MPs from opposition parties entered the “well” of the House in the hope that with the cameras focusing on them, they would be heard. But that was not to be. After suspending 19 MPs for a week, the Rajya Sabha chairperson suspended AAP’s Sanjay Singh, describing his demand for a debate over the Gujarat government’s failures as “unruly behaviour”. The next day Sushil Gupta, Ajit Bhuyan and this writer were suspended, again for “unruly behaviour”.

It is an MP’s job to raise “fundamental issues” that affect the people — deaths due to spurious liquor, for instance. And, it is the government’s job to answer. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah — both of whom are from Gujarat — should have joined the debate and answered queries on how the liquor tragedy happened in Gujarat despite it being a dry state.

Singh had given a notice under Rule 267 to set aside the Upper House’s listed business of the day to discuss the issue. But he did not receive any answer. In fact, the chair of the Rajya Sabha hasn’t approved a single notice under Rule 267 since he assumed his ex-officio position.

An MP can be suspended if the chair has a good enough reason to warrant such an action. The question is: Did the MPs do anything “uncommon”? Not really. Our Parliament has a culture of Opposition MPs entering the well of the House when the party in power does not hear them out. That is perhaps the only effective method of dissent inside the House. The moment an Opposition MP raises their voice, the mike is turned off and the frame of the broadcast is shifted to the Speaker or the ruling party MPs sitting “decently”, to build a perception of drama. Left with no choice, the MP has to enter the well of the House to let the citizens know that he did try.

Historically, MPs have raised slogans and displayed placards. The BJP has had a history of protests and disrupting parliamentary sessions while in Opposition. In 2010, when the 2G and CWG scam controversies were rife, the party protested session after session. Its then Leader of Opposition, the late Sushma Swaraj said, “it is the government’s job to run Parliament, not that of the Opposition”. She had also famously remarked, “Not allowing Parliament to function is also a form of democracy, like any other form.” But in office, the current BJP seems very different from the party of the late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a parliamentarian extraordinaire and a polished orator. It avoids debate.

The Lok Sabha, as of July 22, has a productivity of 15 per cent and the Rajya Sabha 23 per cent, as per PRS data. The government uses this data to spin the narrative of the Opposition not letting the House run. But actually, it uses any opportunity to avoid debate. Every time the chair suspends the business of the House, the government gets a chance to deflect the questions of the Opposition.

What we are witnessing today is the BJP’s fear of transparency, disregard for accountability and short-sightedness to diversity. By avoiding debate, the BJP government seems to be showing disrespect to the public. By adjourning Parliament under the ruse of “ruckus” by the Opposition, the party in office is running away from answering critical questions. The BJP might believe that running Parliament with brute force is an easy way out, but the party is damaging democracy. The practice of suppressing the voice of the Opposition by suspension must stop. The government must let Parliament do what it is meant to do: Debate and hold the government to account.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHAT COMES NEXT?

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Pelosi queers pitch’ (IE, August 4). The recent visit to Taiwan made by US House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, has added new strategic dimensions to northeast Asia. Pelosi’s trip is a direct challenge to the authority of Xi Jinping. Taiwan could face serious threats in the days ahead, especially if Beijing decides to move against Taiwan-controlled islands like Kinmen and Matsu. China should be aware of the outcome of an attack on Taiwan seeing what the Russian invasion of Ukraine has led to. Also, Taiwan’s vast, cutting-edge semiconductor industry is its best defence today. An attack on Taiwan would result in serious global industrial disruption and turn global opinion against China. India too, facing Chinese aggression, has been cautious while developing ties with Taiwan. With China’s growing aggression, a strategic partnership between India and Taiwan needs to be explored.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

FAULTY SYSTEM

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Who failed Bengal’s students?’ (IE, August 4). Discussions about the corruption, political violence or the erosion of democratic norms in West Bengal’s education system reference to the Left Front government’s complicity. Such analysis mitigates the TMC regime’s culpability. Because of Mamata Banerjee’s relentless drive for an Opposition-free state, colleges and universities all over West Bengal have only one student body since 2011: The Trinamool Chhatra Parishad. This makes for a faulty system that enables malgovernance. It is clear that

Mamata Banerjee’s government has been involved in every scam that has plagued West Bengal since 2011. It must be held accountable.

Susobhan Sarkar, Kolkata

IN PUBLIC INTEREST

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘No cheers for Delhi’ (IE, August 2). The rolling back of the new liquor policy by the Delhi government following startling disclosures of illegal commissions is a welcome move towards course correction. Castigating the government on grounds that it would lead to losses for private vendors isn’t correct, especially when there were several chinks in its earlier policy. The move should be hailed as one taken in larger public interest.

Ravi Mathur, Noida

WHAT WE NEED

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Crops of last resort’ (IE, August 4). While confronting the challenges in production of pulses, one should not forget the necessity and advantages of pulses. Farmers resorting to alternatives for more remunerative prices is understandable, but also worrying. Farmers opting for short-duration pulses need urgent policy intervention towards deprived kharid crops so as to encourage its growth. Lack of awareness on crop management and technological constraints affect the pulse production. The pulses sector needs a long-term policy that includes production, processing, consumption and trade.

Roshnal Sunila Parichha, Navi Mumbai



RAJESWARI SENGUPTA

Playing it safe

Balance sheets have improved but banks are unlikely to fund investments

THE RBI’S LATEST Financial Stability Report (FSR) has given the banking system a reasonably clean bill of health. It’s a significant achievement, considering the stress of the previous decade, the shock of the pandemic and the associated slowdown of the economy. However, the improvement in banks’ financials is a glass half-full picture. It is still unclear whether the banking system is healthy enough to provide the sustained credit growth needed for a strong economic recovery.

Two key indicators demonstrate the banking system’s progress. Successive waves of recapitalisation have given banks enough resources to write off most of their bad loans. As a result, they have been able to bring down their gross NPAs (non-performing loans) from 11 per cent of total advances in 2017-18 to 5.9 per cent in 2021-22. NPAs for industrial credit have been reduced even more dramatically, from 23 per cent to 8.4 per cent. Even after these large write-offs, most banks retain comfortable levels of capital.

This financial turnaround has given banks the space to resume their business of extending credit. During the decade when banks were under stress, non-food bank credit growth had been declining, reaching just 6 per cent in 2020, its lowest point in six decades. Since then, credit growth has nearly doubled.

These are the visible signs of a healthier banking system. However, the broad aggregates conceal a worrisome picture, raising questions about the role bank credit will play

in supporting GDP growth. The problem is that very little of this credit is going to large-scale industry or for financing investment.

Consider first the sectoral distribution of credit. Over the last decade, banks have increasingly shifted away from providing credit to industry, favouring instead lending to consumers. Consequently, the share of industry in total banking credit has declined from 43 per cent in 2010 to 30 per cent in 2020, while that of consumer loans has increased from 19 per cent to 29 per cent. This trend is continuing — in the year ending March 2022, consumer loans grew at 13 per cent, whereas loans to industry grew at just 8 per cent.

Bulk of the industry loans has been extended to the smaller firms (MSMEs), which benefitted from the credit guarantee scheme offered by the government in the wake of the pandemic. Loan growth for MSMEs went up from 3 per cent in 2020 to 31 per cent in 2022. In contrast, lending to large industries has been stagnant in nominal terms during the last two years, implying that it has declined sharply in real terms.

A related problem is that there has been little lending for private sector investment. Over the last one year, bank lending to infrastructure has grown by 9 per cent, up from 3 per cent in 2020, but this was fuelled mainly by public sector capital expenditure. Meanwhile, much of the lending to private industry has been in the form of working capital loans, necessitated by the increase in com-

modity prices, which has led to a sharp rise in the cost of holding inventories.

Why is there so little lending for investment by large firms? Both demand and supply side factors seem to be at work. On the demand side, private sector investment has been sluggish for nearly a decade. The boom-and-bust of the mid-2000s had saddled firms with excess capacity, giving them little reason to expand their production facilities. In addition, the global financial crisis had shown the dangers of ambitious expansion supported by excessive borrowing, leading firms to conclude that it would be prudent to scale back their plans and instead focus on reducing their debts.

On the supply side, banks have learned similar lessons. During the period 2004-2009, rapid GDP growth in the Indian economy was fuelled by an unprecedented lending boom. Credit doubled within the span of a few years, primarily on the back of lending to large infrastructure projects. Subsequently, many of those loans turned bad, leading to high levels of NPAs on bank balance sheets. As a result of these financial problems, banks for a decade were unable to extend much in the way of credit. Even when their health improved, they remained wary of lending to large-scale industrial projects, preferring instead to shift to smaller-scale and less risky consumer lending.

This situation of risk aversion on the part of firms and banks has not changed perceptibly during the post pandemic recovery.

On the positive side, firms seem to have finally used up much of their spare capacity. But on the negative side, the fundamental problems that led to the difficulties of the past decade still have not been resolved. There is still no framework that will reduce the risk of private sector investment in infrastructure, certainly not in the critical and highly troubled power sector. Nor is there any reassurance for the banks that if problems do develop, they can be resolved expeditiously, since the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code has been plagued by delays and other problems. Now, heightened global macroeconomic uncertainty, growing geopolitical tensions and uncertain recovery prospects of the domestic economy are likely to make matters worse.

In other words, a healthy balance sheet of the banking sector is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for economic growth. The important question is whether banks and firms will once again be willing to take on the risk of investment in industry and infrastructure. And this seems unlikely unless there are deep structural reforms — to the infrastructure framework, the resolution process, and indeed, in the risk management processes at the banks themselves. In the event that these reforms do not materialise, there may continue to be shortfalls in credit, investment, and ultimately in economic recovery and growth.

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New Delhi





TO BAN COAL MINE

AUSTRALIA TO PROTECT BARRIER REEF

Australia's new government announced on Thursday it plans to prevent development of a coal mine due to the potential impact on the nearby Great Barrier Reef. UNESCO is considering downgrading the Great Barrier Reef's World Heritage status mainly because rising ocean temperatures are killing coral.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Rishi Sunak got 26% vote while Truss got 58%. Reuters

UK

Second survey shows Truss ahead of Sunak

London: A new survey of members of the governing Conservative Party shows Foreign Secretary Liz Truss is firmly ahead of rival Rishi Sunak in the race to replace Boris Johnson as the British Prime Minister. The survey on Wednesday night by the ConservativeHome website found that 58 per cent of those polled back Truss. Sunak was found to have the support of 26 per cent, while 12 per cent were undecided. Sunak on Thursday said the country's next government must deal with inflation rather than risk exacerbating it. "The Bank has acted today and it is imperative that any future government grips inflation, not exacerbates it," Sunak said. **AGENCIES**

NEPAL

General elections to be held on November 20

Kathmandu: Nepal will hold general elections in a single phase on November 20 as proposed by the Election Commission, a Cabinet meeting headed by Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba decided on Thursday, putting an end to speculation that polls could be postponed to February. The ruling coalition government announced the dates for polls for the House of Representatives and the Provincial Assembly elections. As per the latest announcement, both the elections will be held on November 20 in a single phase. **PTI**

SOUTH AFRICA

1st death causally linked to Covid vaccine reported

Johannesburg: South Africa's health regulator reported on Thursday a causal link between the death of an individual and Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 vaccine, the first time such a direct link has been made in the country. The person presented with rare neurological disorder Guillain-Barre Syndrome soon after being given J&J's vaccine, after which the person was put on a ventilator and later died, scientists said. "At the time of illness, no other cause for the syndrome could be identified," Professor Hannelie Meyer said. The person's age and other details were not disclosed. **REUTERS**

PLA MILITARY DRILLS AFTER PELOSI VISIT TO TAIPEI

Furious China fires missiles into waters off Taiwan coast, some land near Japan

Taiwan says action irresponsible, asks China to exercise restraint; drills to run through Sunday

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KEELUNG, AUGUST 4

CHINA CONDUCTED "precision missile strikes" Thursday in the Taiwan Strait and in the waters off the eastern coast of Taiwan as part of military exercises that have raised tensions in the region to their highest level in decades.

China earlier announced that military exercises by its navy, air force and other departments were underway in six zones surrounding Taiwan, which Beijing claims as its own territory to be annexed by force if necessary.

Five of the missiles fired by China landed in Japan's Exclusive Economic Zone off Hateruma, an island far south of Japan's main islands, Japanese Defence Minister Nobuo Kishi said. He said Japan protested the missile landings to China as "serious threats to Japan's national security and the safety of the Japanese people."

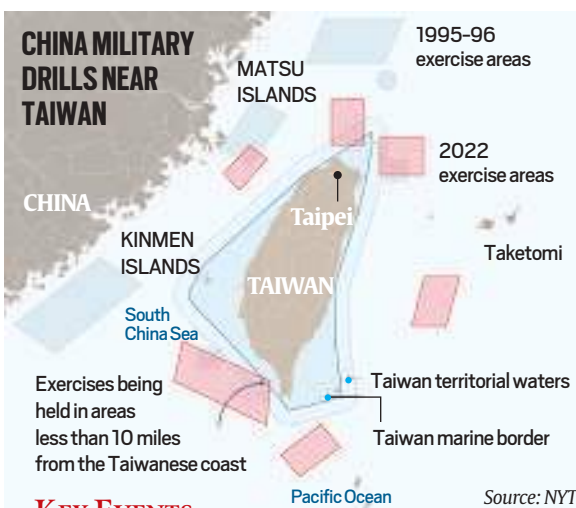
China fired long-range explosive projectiles, the Eastern Theater Command of the People's Liberation Army, the ruling Communist Party's military wing, said. It also said it carried out multiple conventional missile launches in three areas in the eastern waters off Taiwan. "All missiles hit the target accurately," the Eastern Theater said.

Taiwan's Defence Ministry said it tracked the firing of Chinese Dongfeng series missiles beginning around 1.56 p.m. Thursday. It later said it counted 11 Dongfeng missiles in the waters in the north, east and south. The ministry said it scrambled jets to warn away 22 Chinese fighter aircraft that crossed the Taiwan Strait median line into its air defence zone, and said troops fired flares late on Thursday to drive away four drones above Kinmen islands.

Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen criticised the drills saying China "destroyed the status quo and violated our sovereignty" with its "irresponsible actions." She urged China to be "reasonable and restrained." "We are calm and not impulsive, reasonable and not provocative. But we will also be firm and not back down," she said.



Footage of a missile being launched from an unspecified location in China on Thursday. AP



KEY EVENTS

■ Japan says five missiles by China have landed in its exclusive economic zone

■ 40 flights to and from Taiwan cancelled

■ Kremlin backs Beijing, says China has the right to hold military drills around Taiwan

■ China scolds G7 foreign ministers for telling Beijing not to use Pelosi visit as pretext for aggressive military activity

■ China cancels bilateral meeting with Japan in Cambodia after G7 Taiwan statement

Pelosi vows support to denuclearise N Korea

REUTERS
SEOUL, AUGUST 4

US HOUSE of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her South Korean counterpart vowed on Thursday to support deterrence against North Korea and achieve its denuclearisation.

"Both sides expressed concerns about the dire situation of North Korea's growing threat," Pelosi and South Korea's National Assembly Speaker Kim Jin-pyo said in a joint statement after meeting in Seoul.

"We agreed to support the efforts of the two governments to achieve practical denuclearisation and peace through international cooperation and diplomatic dialogue, based on the strong and extended deterrence against the North." Pelosi also said she and Kim discussed ways to boost cooperation on regional

EXPLAINED

A lot at stake for Xi

PRESIDENT XI has more than propaganda points at stake. Over the past eight years he has overhauled the PLA, accelerating its transition to an array of advanced forces capable of projecting Chinese power, including over Taiwan. The drills could provide his commanders with experience in joint operations of air and rocket forces around the island.

security and economic and climate issues. Pelosi arrived in South Korea late on Wednesday following a brief stop in self-ruled Taiwan to the fury of China.

Ukraine warns of new Russian offensive; Sweden, Finland edge close to NATO seat

REUTERS
KYIV/WASHINGTON, AUGUST 4

UKRAINE SAID Russia had started creating a military strike force aimed at President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's hometown of Kyryvi Rih, while NATO moved closer to its most significant expansion in decades as the alliance responds to the invasion of Ukraine.

The US Senate and the Italian Parliament both approved on Wednesday Finland and Sweden's accession to the 30-member North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). Under NATO membership, which must be ratified by all 30 member states, an attack on one member is an attack against all.

"This historic vote sends an important signal of the sustained, bipartisan US commitment to NATO, and to ensuring our Alliance is prepared to meet the challenges of today and to-



Russian shelling in Mykolaiv, Ukraine, on Wednesday. AP

morrow," US President Joe Biden said in a statement.

Zelenskyy this week described the pressure his armed forces were under in the Donbas region in eastern Ukraine as "Hell". He spoke of fierce fighting around the town of Avdiivka and the fortified village of Pisky, where Kyiv has acknowledged

KILLING OF ZAWAHIRI

US drone strike raises questions over likely Pak role

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 4

THE US drone strike that killed Ayman al-Zawahiri has raised questions over Pakistan's possible role in the raid amid reports suggesting that the country's airspace could have been used for carrying out the precision strike on the al-Qaeda chief's safe house in Kabul. The attack has led to speculation if Pakistani airspace was used by the CIA drone to attack Zawahiri.

"A US drone flew into Afghanistan from the direction of the Gulf region - assuming Pak hasn't given bases yet (unless this govt has done so covertly) - but flew over which country's airspace? Iran does not give any airspace rights to US so was Pak airspace used?" senior Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Shireen Mazari tweeted after some media reports that the US drone was possibly launched from an airbase in Kyrgyzstan.

Reports claim that the attack was launched from Ganci Airbase, a US transit facility at Manas in northern Kyrgyzstan. The Biden administration, however, is still refusing to disclose where the drone take-off from and what route it used.

Michael Kugelman, a scholar of South Asian affairs at the Wilson Center, Washington, said that the



Ayman al-Zawahiri was killed in Kabul

UNAWARE OF ZAWAHIRI PRESENCE: TALIBAN

Kabul: The Taliban on Thursday said the government had no information about al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri "entering and living" in Kabul and warned the US to never repeat an attack on Afghan soil. "The government and the leadership wasn't aware of what is being claimed, nor any trace there," Suhail Shaheen, the designated Taliban representative to the UN said. **REUTERS**

drone strike has generated "lots of discussion". "The geography doesn't lie. If this drone was launched from a US base in the Gulf, it wouldn't be able to fly over Iran. Flying over Central Asia is circuitous and hard to pull off if you're undertaking a rapid operation. This leaves Pakistani airspace as the most desirable option," he said.

Pak enslaved by IMF; economy dependent on lender: Shehbaz

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 4

PAKISTAN PRIME Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday lamented that the cash-strapped country was "economically enslaved" by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) even after 75 years of independence.

"What have we done since our independence in the last 75 years when we are economically enslaved by the IMF?" the Prime Minister questioned during his visit to a flood-affected area in Peshawar city of Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa province.

The new government has slashed a raft of subsidies to meet the demands of global financial institutions, but risks the wrath of an electorate already struggling under the weight of double-digit inflation.

Elections likely by Oct

Pakistan's election commission is preparing to hold general elections by October, one year ahead of schedule, according to a media report on Thursday. The EC of Pakistan has completed the work of delimitation of constituencies. *The Express Tribune* reported.

US probes claims of turban seizure of 50 Sikh migrants along Mexican border

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WASHINGTON, AUGUST 4

THE US authorities are investigating claims of human rights activists that turbans of nearly 50 Sikh asylum seekers were confiscated after they were detained along the Mexican border, according to media reports.

According to human rights activists, nearly 50 Sikh migrants have had their religious headgear taken away by Border Patrol agents recently. "We take allegations of this nature seriously," Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Commissioner Chris Magnus said in a statement to ABC News on Wednesday.

Magnus said the agency immediately began taking steps to address the allegations, which were raised in June.

"Our expectation is that CBP treats all migrants we encounter with respect. An internal investigation has been opened to address this matter," he said.

Earlier this week, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) wrote to the CBP Commissioner, urging officials to stop confiscating turbans of Sikh asylum-seekers. "We write to inform you of ongoing, serious religious-freedom violations in the Yuma Border Patrol Sector, where your agents are confiscating turbans from Sikh individuals during asylum processing," ACLU wrote.

However, the letter did not mention the nationalities of the Sikh migrants. Lawyer Vanessa Pineda, of the ACLU of Arizona, told *the BBC* that no proper explanation has been given about what - if any - security concerns a turban could raise.

COUNTRY IS SPENDING BILLIONS TO REVITALISE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION

Japan once led the world in microchips, now it's racing to catch up

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IT WAS the spring of 2021, and demand for new cars was spiking. But, as consumers, flush with savings amassed during the pandemic, rushed to dealerships around the world, one Japanese automaker after another idled production as they waited for imports of a critical component: semiconductors.

Coronavirus outbreaks had shut down chip plants, and an unanticipated surge in demand

for electronics from people riding out the pandemic at home had constrained supplies. Nissan alone predicted a cut in output of half a million vehicles.

The chip shortfall — a blow to "the head" of Japan's economy, in the words of Yoshihiro Seki, a lawmaker who leads a study group on semiconductors — woke up the country to the fragility of the supply chains that undergird its most important industries.

That has driven a broad reconsideration of how Japan can protect its economy, the world's third largest, against both unforeseen economic shocks like

the pandemic and looming risks like the rising tensions between the United States and China.

The reconsideration covers an array of sectors, including energy, but semiconductors are among the top concerns. To increase production, the Japanese government is investing billions of dollars in its domestic chip industry and providing enormous subsidies for joint ventures with companies from Taiwan, a crucial semiconductor supplier, and from the United States.

In a break with its past economic nationalism, it is also seeking to form a coalition with



The Taiwanese company TSMC makes more than 90% of the world's most advanced semi-conductor chips. NYT

allies such as the US and the EU to build a semiconductor supply

chain that is less geographically concentrated and so better insu-

lated from disasters and geopolitical instability. "The era where the world is at peace and it doesn't matter who supplies our semiconductors is over," said Kazumi Nishikawa, a director at Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, or METI.

For both Japan, once the world's largest chipmaker, and the United States, the birthplace of the semiconductor, a decades-long erosion of their chipmaking capacities has left them playing catch-up. Last week, Congress passed a huge industrial policy bill that included \$52 billion in subsidies and incentives to re-

talize the U.S. chip industry.

The new efforts are seen in both countries as critical to economic and national security as China expands its share of the chip market and takes an increasingly aggressive stance toward Taiwan that raises the risk of disruptions to the flow of chips made there. Last month, Japan's government also announced that it would provide nearly \$690 million to a joint venture between Kioxia, a Japanese company, and the American firm Western Digital to upgrade a chip facility in the western region of Kansai. **NYT**

Ukraine’s first grain shipment since war began: why it matters

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ON MONDAY, a Sierra Leone-registered ship, Razoni, carrying 26,527 tonnes of corn (maize) set sail from Ukraine’s Odesa port. This was the first time since Russia’s invasion on February 24 that any vessel with Ukrainian grain had departed from its ports on the Black Sea. The bulk carrier, destined for Tripoli, passed through a specially-cleared “safe humanitarian maritime corridor” near Ukraine’s ports on the Black Sea, whose waters it had mined in order to protect against amphibious attacks by Russia.

How significant a milestone is this shipment, beyond symbolic value?

The *M/V Razoni*, which anchored near the Bosphorus entrance off Turkey’s coast on Tuesday and was cleared for its onward journey after inspection, is the first ship under a United Nations-backed agreement enabling resumption of Ukrainian farm produce exports through its Black Sea ports. The so-called Black Sea Grain Initiative — involving signing of separate accords by Russia and Ukraine with the UN and Turkey on July 22 — provides for exports from three ports: Odesa, Chornomorsk and Yuzhny (to the south and northeast of Odesa respectively).

Under the deal, the ships are to be guided by Ukraine’s navy to avoid mined areas. They will then proceed to the Bosphorus along an agreed corridor and, from there, to various ports of the world. The ships are to be inspected — to ensure only commercial foodstuffs and fertiliser are carried — by a Joint Coordination Centre set up in Istanbul with representatives of the UN, Ukraine, Russia and Turkey.

Obviously, the higher the number of successful voyages, the more the confidence of exporters, importers, vessel owners, and insurance companies indemnifying the carriers and cargoes will increase. For now, the resumption of maritime exports from Ukraine — there are about 17 other ships waiting in the three designated ports with loaded grain and signed contracts — seems to have created some optimism. Since Friday, prices of wheat at the Chicago Board of Trade commodities exchange have fallen from \$296.79 to \$280.63 per tonne and of corn from \$242.61 to \$232.86 per tonne.

How important is Ukraine to the global agricultural trade?

Ukraine, before the war, was the fifth largest exporter of wheat (after Russia, the EU, Australia, and the US) and barley (after Australia, the EU, Argentina, and Russia); No. 4 in corn (after the US, Argentina and Brazil); No. 2 in rapeseed (after Canada); and No. 1 in sun-



The Razoni crosses the Bosphorus Strait in Turkey on Wednesday. AP

flower oil, oilcake/meal and seed.

According to the US Department of Agriculture, Ukraine’s agricultural exports were valued at \$27.8 billion in 2021, including sunflower oil (\$6.4 billion), corn (\$5.9 billion), wheat (\$5.2 billion), rapeseed (\$1.7 billion), barley (\$1.3 billion), and sunflower meal (\$1.2 billion). Its top three markets were the EU (\$7.7 billion), China (\$4.2 billion) and India (\$2 billion). Exports to India largely comprised sunflower oil, which was valued at \$1.9 billion.

Given that much of Ukraine’s trade happens through the Black Sea, the unblocking of these routes is a big deal — both for Ukraine and the world.

How much does Ukraine matter to India?

India imported a total 21.76 lakh tonnes (lt) of sunflower oil in 2020-21 (April-March) and 20.45 lt in 2021-22, valued at \$1.96 billion and \$2.88 billion respectively. Out of this, Ukraine’s share was 17.40 lt (\$1.60 billion) in 2020-21 and 14.83 lt (\$2.09 billion) in 2021-22. Russia and Argentina were a distant No. 2 and No. 3, at 3.40 lt (\$479.16 million) and 1.85 lt (\$258.66 million) respectively in 2021-22.

Sunflower oil is India’s fourth largest consumed vegetable oil (22-23 lt), after palm (80-85 lt), soyabean (45 lt) and mustard/rapeseed (30 lt). An estimated 70% of sunflower oil consumption is in the southern states, and 10-12%

in Maharashtra. The bulk of imports, too, are through the four southern ports of Kakinada, Krishnapatnam, Chennai, and Mangalore, with some tankers also coming to Kandla and Nhava Sheva/JNPT in the West.

How has the war impacted the sunflower oil segment?

Before the war, nearly 2 lt was being imported every month into India, 70-80% of it from Ukraine. These were mostly in bulk vessels of 35,000-45,000 tonnes from Odesa and Mariupol on the Black Sea. Following Russia’s invasion, imports collapsed to hardly 1 lt, even as landed (cost plus insurance and freight) prices in Mumbai crossed \$2,200 per tonne from the earlier levels of \$1,450-1,500.

Imports have since recovered, though, to about 1.5 lt a month. But about 50% of it is coming from Russia, 30% from Argentina, and only 20% from Ukraine. “Russia has stepped up exports, mainly through its ports of Taman and Rostov-on-Don on the Sea of Azov. Landed prices have also eased to \$1,500-1,550 per tonne,” an industry official said.

Will the reopening make a difference?

Currently, Ukrainian exports are taking place entirely by overland routes or ports in Romania, Bulgaria, and Turkey. “Freight costs from Odesa to Indian ports pre-war were only

\$40-50 per tonne. Now, it is \$150-200 per tonne to simply move oil cargo from Ukraine (by road or in small 2,000-3,000 tonne barges) to ports such as Mersin in Turkey. Freight from there to India is another \$90-100 per tonne,” the official quoted above said.

Resumption of direct trade from Ukrainian ports would be welcome. But this could take time: Under the UN deal, evacuation of wheat and corn will have priority over sunflower oil.

Are there any other commodities that India imports from Ukraine?

Mainly ammonia, which is used for the manufacture of fertilisers. In 2021-22, India imported 3.63 lt of ammonia worth \$220.44 million from Ukraine. The country has also been a significant wheat exporter to India in the past — 29.04 lt (\$603.25 million) in 2016-17, and 6.92 lt (\$149.93 million) in 2017-18. But any import of wheat is unlikely today. Black Sea-origin wheat from Russia for August-September delivery is quoting at \$340-360 per tonne, exclusive of freight that will be another \$40-50. At these prices, imported wheat will cost Rs 31-32/kg just at the ports. For India, Ukraine’s (and the UN deal’s) importance is essentially limited to sunflower oil.

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Data regulation: what now

Govt has withdrawn the Data Protection Bill and is planning a comprehensive legal framework for the online space. What delayed the Bill so long, and what issues will the proposed framework seek to address?



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‘...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’

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ommendations were made... 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.”

The Bill was also seen as being too “compliance intensive” by startups. The Indian Express had reported earlier. According to government sources, the revamped Bill will be much easier to comply with, especially for startups.

What was the journey of the draft Bill like?

■ The Justice Srikrishna Committee was set up in 2017 in the backdrop of the Supreme Court’s verdict holding privacy is a fundamental right, and its direction to the government to draw up a data protection framework for the country.

■ In July 2018, the committee submitted a draft Bill to the Ministry of Electronics and IT, which said that it would draft a fresh Bill borrowing from these ideas.

■ In December 2019, the Bill was referred to the JCP, then headed by the BJP’s

Meenakshi Lekhi. As the committee started a clause-by-clause analysis, it also sought and received extensions for presenting its report in September 2020 and March 2021.

■ In July 2021, BJP MP P P Chaudhary was appointed chairperson of the JCP. The JCP received yet another extension.

■ In December 2021, the JCP tabled its report in Parliament, which Justice Srikrishna said was heavily in favour of the government. In a media interview, he said that the Bill could turn India into an “Orwellian state”.

What did the JCP recommend?

The JCP tabled its report after 78 sittings spread over 184 hours and 20 minutes, and after having received half a dozen extensions. It proposed 81 amendments to the Bill drafted by the Srikrishna panel, and 12 recommendations including expanding the scope of the proposed law to cover discussions on non-personal data — thereby changing the mandate of the Bill from personal data protection to broader data protection. In its most basic form, non-personal data are any set of data that does not contain personally identifiable information.

The JCP’s report also recommended

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THE GOVERNMENT has withdrawn the Personal Data Protection Bill from Parliament as it considers a “comprehensive legal framework” to regulate the online space, including bringing separate laws on data privacy, the overall Internet ecosystem, cybersecurity, telecom regulations, and harnessing non-personal data to boost innovation.

Why is this significant?

The government has taken this step after nearly four years of the Bill being in the works. It had gone through multiple iterations, including a review by a Joint Committee of Parliament (JCP), and faced pushback from a range of stakeholders including big tech companies such as Facebook and Google, and privacy and civil society activists.

The tech companies had questioned a proposed provision called data localisation, under which it would have been mandatory for companies to store a copy of certain sensitive personal data within India, and the export of undefined “critical” personal data would be prohibited. The activists had criticised a provision that allowed the government and its agencies blanket exemptions from adhering to any and all provisions of the Bill.

“The withdrawal of the Data Protection Bill, 2019 is concerning, for a belated regulation is being junked. It’s not about getting a perfect law, but a law at this point,” said Apar Gupta, executive director of the Delhi-based digital rights group Internet Freedom Foundation. “It has been close to 10 years since the (Justice) A P Shah Committee report on privacy, five years since the Puttaswamy judgment (right to privacy) and four years since the (Justice B N) Srikrishna Committee’s report...”

Why has the Bill been withdrawn?

A data protection law has been in the works since 2018, when a panel led by retired Supreme Court Justice Srikrishna drew up a draft version of a Bill. This was reviewed by the JCP, which submitted its recommendations along with a draft Bill in November 2021.

In a note circulated to MPs, Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw explained the reason behind the withdrawal: “The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 was deliberated in great detail by the Joint Committee of Parliament. 81 amendments were proposed and 12 rec-

EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

What Axis acquisition of Citi consumer businesses will mean for customers, investors

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THE COMPETITION Commission of India last week approved Axis Bank’s acquisition of the consumer banking operations of Citibank, NA and Citicorp Finance (India) Ltd. The deal thus crossed another hurdle and moved a step closer to fruition after Axis Bank had announced its plan to acquire Citibank’s consumer businesses for Rs 12,325 crore in March.

What is the deal about?

The acquisition comprises Citi’s credit cards, unsecured and secured lending portfolios, wealth management, private banking and retail deposit businesses. The deal also includes the sale of Citicorp Finance (India) Limited. Axis Bank would acquire around 1.2 million retail customers of Citibank India, including 40,000 wealth and private banking clients, which would help it enhance its presence in the highly competitive urban retail market. Its cards balance sheet is set to grow by 57% with an additional 2.5 million Citibank cards, making it one of the top three cards businesses in the country.

“Credit cards are the most sticky product of a bank and if a bank has a good presence in that segment, growth is bound to happen as one can both raise CASA from that customer and sell lending and other products to that customer,” the CIO of a top mutual fund said.

As of June 2021, Citi had 2.5 million cards and a book size of Rs 8,900 crore. Also, monthly card spends are among the highest for Citi cards.

How will it impact the customer?

Citibank customers, who become part

of Axis, will get access to a much wider network of branches across India and thereby better service, while Axis customers will have access to high-quality private banking and wealth management services through the talent pool of Citibank.

And how will it benefit investors in Axis Bank?

With access to high-value clientele, wealth management business, and a sizeable high-quality credit card portfolio, Axis Bank may witness not just a growth in its retail operations but also a rise in revenue per customer on account of the enhanced services it can offer. Analysts say the acquisition will enhance Axis’s presence in the major cities.

“Most banks are looking to increase their unsecured portfolio as it provides higher yield. Through this deal, Axis Bank is getting what other banks are chasing and this will help improve its spread. Also it will provide cross selling opportunities as they will have a database of good quality customers and that will help in profitability and share price rise of the bank in the medium to long term,” the research head of a leading brokerage firm.

However, it is not without challenges, as all Citibank customers may not stay back. Officials of some private banks say several high-net-worth individual (HNI) customers of Citibank have been approaching them.

Analysts, however, say the Axis Bank management would have accounted for this, and so it is not a big concern. “Axis Bank will get to increase its retail base of high value customers, increase its unsecured portfolio and a bigger customer base to cross-sell lending and other products,” said the analyst.

Rare earth elements, and India’s push for inclusion in supply partnership

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AS PART of a global ‘China-plus-one’ strategy adopted after the Covid-19 pandemic that caused massive supply-chain disruptions, a group of western nations are cooperating to develop alternatives to China to ensure key industrial supplies. A new US-led partnership initiative of 11 nations aims to bolster critical mineral supply chains. India is not part of this arrangement — called the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP) — but New Delhi is working through diplomatic channels to fetch an entry.

What is the Minerals Security Partnership?

The US and 10 partners — Australia,

Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea (South Korea), Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the European Commission — have come together to form the MSP. The new grouping is aimed at catalysing investment from governments and the private sector to develop 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 statement issued on June 14.

The new grouping, industry insiders say, could focus on the supply chains of miner-

als such as cobalt, nickel, lithium, and also the 17 ‘rare earth’ minerals. The alliance is seen as 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.

What are rare earth elements?

The 17 rare earth elements (REE) include the 15 lanthanides (atomic numbers 57 — which is Lanthanum — to 71 in the periodic table) plus scandium (atomic number 21) and yttrium (39). REEs are classified as light RE elements (LREE) and heavy RE elements (HREE).

Some REEs are available in India — such as lanthanum, cerium, neodymium, praseodymium, samarium, etc. Others such as dysprosium, terbium, and europium,

which are classified as HREEs, are not available in Indian deposits in extractable quantities. Hence, there is a dependence on countries such as China for HREEs, which is one of the leading producers of REEs, with an estimated 70% share of the global production.

According to the US Geological Survey (USGS), supplies from China had started to become erratic as early as 1990, as Beijing kept changing the amounts that it would allow to be produced and exported. Also, according to the USGS, the Chinese government began to limit the number of companies, both Chinese and Sino-foreign joint ventures, that could export REEs from China.

Why are these minerals important?

Minerals like cobalt, nickel, and lithium are required for batteries used in electric ve-

hicles. REEs are an essential — although often tiny — component of more than 200 consumer products, including mobile phones, computer hard drives, electric and hybrid vehicles, semiconductors, flat-screen TVs and monitors, and high-end electronics. 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, with alternatives to this tried-and-tested formulation being in advanced stages of commercialisation. India has an ambitious plan to convert a large proportion of its transport to electric, and would require these minerals. According to the plan, 80% of the country’s two- and

three-wheeler fleet, 40% of buses, and 30% to 70% of cars will be EVs by 2030.

What is India’s major concern at this moment?

“If India is not able to explore and produce these minerals, it will have to depend on a handful of countries, including China, to power its energy transition plans to electric vehicles. That will be similar to our dependence on a few countries for oil,” an economist said.

Industry watchers say the reason India would not have found a place in the MSP grouping is because the country does not bring any expertise to the table. In the group, countries like Australia and Canada have reserves and also the technology to extract them, and countries like Japan have the technology to process REEs.

Classifieds

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I,Sunita Rani,W/o Shri.Kishore Kumar Lalwani,R/o A-97-98,Jawahar-Park,Devli Road,Khanpur,New Delhi-110062,declare that Payal Lalwani and Sunita Rani both names are mine and in future I will be known as Sunita Rani,for all purposes. 0040625675-5

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I,RAHUL RAWAL, S/O GAYA PRASAD RAWAL,R/O,C-7/16, yamuna-vihar,Delhi-53,declare that my-name has been mentioned as RAHUL,S/o-Gaya prasad in my class-10th and class-12th marksheet/certificate.The actual-name is Rahul Rawal both are same person,for all the,future purposes. 0040625606-9

I Jigar Arvindbhai Bhatt S/o Arvindbhai Bhatt R/O C-33, Nilamber Vila, Dabhoi-Waghodia Ring Road, Ajwa Road, Vadodara, Gujarat-390019 declare that name of my daughter Rudraa Bhatt & Rudraa Jigar Bhatt both are the name of one & same person, and will be known as Rudraa Jigar Bhatt for all purposes. 0040625574-1

I,No-15701970N,Hav Koteswara Rao Ponnada,S/O- Ponnada Nagaraju, R/O- Ramachandrapuram, District-Srikakulam(AP)-532185.In my service records the names of my Wife, Father and Mother has been wrongly mentioned as Wife as Sujatha instead of Ponnada Sujatha, Father as Nagaraju instead of Ponnada Nagaraju and Mother as Manamma instead of Ponnada Mani vide affidavit no- 728548/2022 dated 01 August 2022. 0020443291-1

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I,LAXMI PRASANNA NIDADAVOLU is legally wedded,spouse of,Service No.15698466A,Rank- L/Hav,Namaa, Undak- Kiran Nidadavolu,Presently,residing at,Village Amareware-Camp,Post Hirakottanakal, Tehsil Manvi,Dist. Raichur, Karnataka-584123,have changed my name,from LAXMI PRASANNA NIDADAVOLU to M LAXMIPRASANNA,for all Purposes. 0040625619-2

I,KANTA RANI W/O ANAND PARKASH CHHABRA,R/O 217,SECOND-FLOOR, BLOCK-B,ASHOK VIHAR PHASE-1,DELHI-110052.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KANTA CHHABRA. 0040625675-1

I,Hafeez Ahmad,S/o rais Ahmad House.no.32,gali-kababiyari near-bazar jama-masjid delhi-110066,changed my name to Hafeez Ahmad Qureshi. 0040625666-2

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I,GURBAKSH SINGH JAGGI S/OVIRENDER JAGGI, ADD-T-18 GAUSHA-ALAD ROAD KAROL BAGH,DELHI-110005, Changed My name to GURBAKSH JAGGI.FOR all future Purposes. 0040625606-3

I,GEETA D/o-Late Shri Raj Bahadur R/O-517D/6, Govindpuri, Kalkaji,New Delhi-110019,have changed my name to GEETA RAJPUT,for all future purposes. 0040625666-3

I,Ekta D/o Vikram Kumar R/o A-90, Punjabi-Basti, Baljeet-Nagar, N.Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Ekta Ramtel. 0040625666-4

I,DIPTA RAMAYYA KARKERA,W/O-PIYUSH SURI,R/O-H-8,4TH-FLOOR GREEN-PARK MAIN,DELHI-110016,changed my name to DIPTA SURI. 0040625619-1

I,Babita Verma,W/o-Late Jagmohan Singh,R/O-WP-532,Wazirpur Village,Ashok Vihar,Delhi-110052,inform that in my,son's UDIT VERMA school-records his,father name wrongly-written as JAGMOHAN VERMA instead-of correct,name JAGMOHAN SINGH.Kindly be changed/corrected in School-records. 0040625619-5

I,BHOLA NATH S/O-RADHEY SHYAM KUKREJA R/O K-103B, THIRD-FLOOR,LAJPAT NAGAR-2,SOUTH EAST,DELHI-110024,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BHOLA NATH KUMAR TO BHOLA NATH KUMREJA. 0040625656-3

I,BALRAM SINGH S/O-BRUILAL YADAV R/O,R-3A-73,MOHAN-GARDEN,CHANDNI FARM,DWARKA DELHI-110059,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BALRAM SINGH YADAV. 0040625656-4

I Frank Kevin S/O, Rani Peter R/o Flat No-41-A, C-2d Block, Pankha Road Janakpuri West Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Frank Kevin Peter for all purposes. 0040625630-1

I Raja Rani Bansal W/o Din Dayal Bansal R/o-Logix Blossom Colony, Flat.No.H-1505, Tower-H, Sec-137, Noida have changed my name from Raja Rani Bansal to Raj Rani Bansal as per Affidavit dated 11th. July. 2022. 0070797851-1

I,Ashok Kumar S/o Chandeshwar Thakur R/o-BP-91 S.F.Pitampura,Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Thakur. 0040625677-2

I,Anjali Aggarwal,W/o Late.Bhanu Parkash Aggarwal,R/O H.No.117, Sukhdev-Vihar, New Friends-Colony,South-Delhi,Delhi-25,declare that the name of my husband had been recorded as Bhanu Aggarwal instead of Late Bhanu Parkash Aggarwal in the school-record of my son Rishabh Aggarwal.The correct-name is Late Bhanu Parkash Aggarwal. 0040625677-4

I,Jitin Kanojia S/o,Om Parkash Kanojia R/o,H/no.1942,DDA, Janta Flats,G.T.B.Enclave, Delhi-93,have changed my minor son 's name from Rehaan Kanojia to Adhiraj Kanojia for,all Purposes. 0040625656-1

I,Anitha Peter,W/O C Hebert Selwyn,R/O 204,Jeevan Kendra Layout Cambridge Road-Halasuru,Bengaluru-560008,have changed my name,from Anitha Peter to Anitha A Peter,VIDE-AFFIDAVIT,DATED-04/08/2022,BEFORE NCT-DELHI. 0040625619-10

I,Ahuja Shikha,D/o,Ram Prakash Girotra,W/o,Puneet Ahuja,R/o-FlatNo.6,Plot-No.6,HMM-Society,Sector-10,Dwarka, Delhi-110075,that name of my-father and mother has been wrongly-written as Ram Parkash and Raj Kumari Galhotra in my Passport-No.K6497502.but actual-name of my-father and mother are Ram Prakash Girotra and Raj Kumari Girotra. 0040625666-8

I,ARJUN TIWARI S/O-VINEET TIWARI,R/O 388,WARD-12,SECTOR-37,ARUN VIHAR, NOIDA-201303,have changed my name to ARJUN TIWARY. 0040625619-2

I,ANAND PRAKASH S/O FAKIR CHAND R/O B-217,GROUND-FLOOR,ASHOK VIHAR PHASE-1,DELHI-110052.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANAND PARKASH CHHABRA. 0040625672-5

I, Terance Joseph S/o Joseph Paul R/O L-1404, Jaipuria Sunrise Greens, Ahinsa Khand, Behind Jaipuria Mall, Indirapurih, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014 have changed my name to Terrance Joseph for all future purpose. 0040625581-1

I, Shipra Mishra D/o Shri Pramod Kumar Mishra R/o H.No. B-1/24, Sec-17, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Shreya Mishra for all future purposes. 0040625579-1

I, Shantanu S/o Ashok Kumar Dahiya R/O A-24, SAI Aptt. Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Shantanu Chaudhary for all purposes. 0070797861-1

I, Rohit S/O Raghubir, R/O Ward No-7, Near Santi Devi Hospital, Uchana Kalan (09), Jind, Haryana-126115, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rohit Jindal. 0070797815-1

I, Ram Pravesh Ram S/o Sukhdev Ram R/O-H.No. 484, Village-Jalpura, Noida, UP-201301, inform that, my LIC-policy no. my name Suresh Kumar has been registered in (330766988), which is wrongly. Correct name is Ram Pravesh Ram. In, future I should-be known and recognized by Ram Pravesh Ram for all, the purposes in future. 0070797872-1

I, RAJA PEEYUSH S/O PYARE LAL R/O RZ-83, OPP A-1, JANAK PURI, TILAK PUL ROAD, INDRA PARK, UTTAM NAGAR, DELHI-110059 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM RAJA PEEYUSH TO RAJA PIYUSH FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE. 0040625624-1

I, R Eshwari, W/O G Rajesh Waran R/O L-342, Shakurpur JJ Colony, Saraswati Vihar S/O, Delhi-110034, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Eshwari 0070797825-1

I, Prakriti Verma D/O Jitender Kumar Varma, R/o Loco Road, Near Barsati Garrage, Bholepur Fatehgah, Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh-209625. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as JK Verma and Ranjana Verma in my 10th Class Certificate. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Jitender Kumar Varma and Ranjana, which may be amended accordingly. 0070797822-1

I, Jayanti Devi, W/O Jeet Singh R/o Plot At Kh No-132/4 Dichaon Enclave Najafgarh, Delhi-110043, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Janki Devi 0070797819-1

I, Pawan Kumar S/O Dharma Nand, R/o Flat No-C-203, Sukh Sagar Apartment, Plot No- 12, Opp Shiksha Bharti School, Sector-9 Dwarka Sec-6, South West Delhi-110075, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Pawan Kumar Vashist. 0070797810-1

I, Parkash Alias Parkash Chand Bedi S/O Genda Ram, R/o 1/1660C/35 Gali NO-3, Madhubani Vihar Colony ITC Road, Ojpara, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh-247001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Prakash Chandra. 0070797806-1

I Chandra Kala W/O Ashok Kumar R/O H.No-810, Sector-3, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110022 Have Changed my Name to Chandrakala Sharma. 0040625606-6

I, Nirmal Gupta D/O Jaiprakash, W/O Satya Prakash R/o Pasra, Near Jain Mandir, Ambehata Dehat, Saharanpur, Uttar pradesh- 247340, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Nirmala Gupta 0070797805-1

I, Nirjesh Kumar Alias Niraj Kumar Garg S/O Mahendra Pal, R/O H No 19, Chatta, Gangoh, Khalsa, saharanpur, Uttar pradesh- 247341, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Neeraj Kumar Garg. 0070797803-1

I, Mona Goel, W/O Kamal Kishore R/o 644/A, Jawahar Colony, Patel Nagar, New Mandi, Mozaffarnagar, Muzaffar Nagar City, Uttar Pradesh-251002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Pramod Goel 0070797807-1

I, Manjeet Singh R/O House.No 518/7,Subhash Nagar,Gurgaon Haryana-122001,Have Changed my Minor Daughter Name Prabheleen Kaur to Prabheleen Narang. 0040625606-7

I, LANKA WARKHADE, Spouse of No. 14648835A (HAV) WARKHADE SANTOSH RAJARAM, R/O- House-Ganraj Apartment, Village & P.O.- Nighoj, Tehsil-Parnar, District-Ahmednagar, Maharashtra-414306, have changed my name after marriage from LANKA WARKHADE to WARKHADE LANKA SANTOSH, vide affidavit: IN- DL70061803311510U, dated: 04/08/2022, before Notary Advocate-Rajkumar, Regd. No.- 6536, New Delhi. 0070797856-1

I, Janvi D/O Balaram Bhaumik, R/O 167/21, Raj Nagar, Khandsa Road, Gurgaon, Haryana, 122001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Jitisha Bhaumik 0070797813-1

I, Jagveer Singh Saini S/o Shri Shyamal Singh Saini R/O AE-118, Block-A, Avantika Colony, Ghaziabad-201002, Uttar Pradesh declare that name of mine and my father has been changed from Jagveer Singh Saini S/o Shri Shyamal Singh Saini to Jagveer Singh S/o Shri Shyamal Singh for all future purposes. 0040625558-1

I, Dimpu Vivek S/O Sanjay Kumar, R/O House No-D-183, Shyam Vihar Phase-1, Najafgarh, Dindar Pur, South West Delhi-110043, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Vivek Shah. 0070797830-1

I, Deepa alias Deepa Rani D/O Sunder Lal, W/O Munish Juneja R/O 2/10, Spring Field Colony Sector-31-32, Amarnagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121003, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Deepa Juneja 0070797836-1

I, Birendra Singh S/o Dev Singh R/o S-2/476, Asian Games Village Complex, Siri Ram Singh Marg, Sadiq Nagar, South Delhi-110049, have changed my name to Virendra Singh. 0070797821-1

I, Bansil Lal Kholiwal S/O Mange Ram, R/o House No-405, 3rd Floor, F Block, Sudarshan Park, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi-110015, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Bansil Lal. 0070797817-1

I, Anupama W/O Shri Arvind. R/o H.No.481, Near Dayal Market, Alipur Delhi-110036, have Changed my Name Gudiya to Anupama for all purposes. 0040625563-1

I, Anand Lata Saroha, W/O Suresh Kumar Saroha R/o H. NO-2/1B, Opp Shri Mandir, Mansarovar, Meerut, Meerut Cantt, Uttar Pradesh- 250001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Anand Lata 0070797802-1

I, Ajay Kumar S/O-Hukam Chand Amar R/O,H.No-148,Old Housing Board-Colony, Near Subzi-Mandi Sonipat Haryana-131001, have changed my name to Ajay Kumar Sharma. 0040625675-2

I, Abhay Kumar Singh S/o Late Baidyanath Singh residing at Village Ahirauli Baghel, Post Ahirauli Baghel, Distt Deoria, State UP, in my army records, my daughter's name was entered erroneously as Ayushi instead of her correct name is Ayushi Singh. So I request to all my daughter may be known as Ayushi Singh instead of Ayushi. 0060093212-1

I Sunny Kumar S/o Sh. Mahender Singh R/o Near Old Shiv Mandir, Mohammad Shahpur, Fakharpur, Khokadi, Baghpatt, Uttar Pradesh-250501, have changed my name to Sunny Choudhary for all purposes. 0040625556-5

I Rose Mary D/O, Benjamin Peter R/O Nr God School, 226/2, Krishna Colony Rohtak, Haryana-124001 have changed my name to Rani Peter for all purposes. 0040625628-1

I Pushmeet Anand D/O, Inder Mohan Anand R/O H-No-g-19, Block-g, Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Pushmeet Anand for all purposes. 0040625629-1

I Narender S/O Partap Singh R/o Primanti S-7.1103 SPR-Road Sector-72, Fazilpur Gurgaon, Haryana, have changed my name to Narender Singh for all future purposes. 0070797877-1

I Ankur Sachdeva alias Munish Prakash S/o Sh. Om Prakash Sachdeva R/O 305, Tagore Park, Model Town, Dr.Mukherjee Nagar S.O., North West Delhi, Delhi-110009 have changed my name to Ankur Sachdeva for all purposes. 0040625556-4

I Adesh Kumar S/o Ram Kumar R/o.H.No.85-86, First Floor, Pocket-9, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi-110086, have changed my minor daughter name Kumkum to Kumkum Kaushik for future purpose. 0070797843-1

I Pankaj Kumar S/o Darshan Singh R/o 1C Flat, C1A Block, Janakpuri C-4, Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Pankaj Kapoor. 0070797843-1

I Nitin Kumar F/o Navya, DOB-21.04.2008, Her mother is Vinita Kumar, R/o A-704, Pearl Heights, Ramprastha Green, Sector-7, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, PIN- 201010, We have changed our daughter's name from Navya to Navya Kumar forever. 0040625557-1

I Abhinav S/O, Vijay Kumar R/o F 602 Dwarka Dham Apartment, Plot No-13, Sector 23 Dwarka, New Delhi 110075 have changed my name to Abhinav Choudhary for all purposes 0040625572-1

I,VINEET TIWARI,S/O BRIG.R.S. TIWARY, R/O.388,WARD.12,SECTOR-37,ARUN-VIHAR,NOIDA-201303,changed my Minor-Son name AKSHAY TIWARI to AKSHAY TIWARY. 0040625619-3

I,Divijyoti Mediratta,D/o Tilak Raj Juneja R/o.261 Sita-Ram Apartment Patparganj, I.P.Extension,Delhi-110092 have changed My Name,from Divijyoti Mediratta to Divijyoti,for All Purposes. 0040625614-8

I Rakesh S/O, Anek Singh R/o B-12a, Rana Park, Village Siras Pur, Badli, Delhi-110042 have changed my name to Raju for all purposes. 0040625573-1

I, Sharmila Devi W/O JC297939F Ishwar Singh R/O Z-16, Z-Block, Gali No-2, Prem Nagar Najafgarh inform that in my husband Service records & Pension Book my name & date of birth has wrongly mentioned as SARMILA DEVI 29.05.1969 instead of Sharmila Devi 13.07.1969. 0040622453-3

I, Mahesh Kumar S/o Krishan Lal Yadav, R/O 457/12, Krishna Colony, Gurgaon, Haryana inform that in daughter's (Sakshi Yadav) school records my name has wrongly mentioned as Mahesh KR Yadav instead of Mahesh Kumar. 0040625347-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Sunil Kumar Singh s/o Late Sh. Indra Deo Singh, have lost my Original Property Papers Documents those are possession Letter and allotment Letter, Related to my flat No. B-7, 3rd Floor, Mother Dairy Enterprises CGHS LTD., Plot No-6, Dwarka, Sector-5, New Delhi-110075, if anyone finds it kindly contact me at 9934125817. 0040625456-8

We Kul Bhushan Kumar Lamba And Man Mohan Kumar Lamba R/o-Flat No.134, DU Staff CGHS Ltd, Kadambari, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085 Lost our Original Allotment Letter, Share Certificate & Misc. Documents of the above said flat. Finder Contact-8383809369 0040625375-2

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Jayant Bansal acquired Plot measuring 394 sq. yds, Khaska No. 7719, situated at B-Block, Mukund Vihar, Village Karawal Nagar, Ilaga Shahdara, Delhi vide regd. GPA dt. 16.07.2002 executed by Mr. Nandlal Kumar along with ATS & Will and the said GPA, ATS & Will has not been cancelled/ Revoked till date and Now Mr. Jayant Bansal is the undisputed owner 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' encumbrance housewife or otherwise is hereby requested 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.

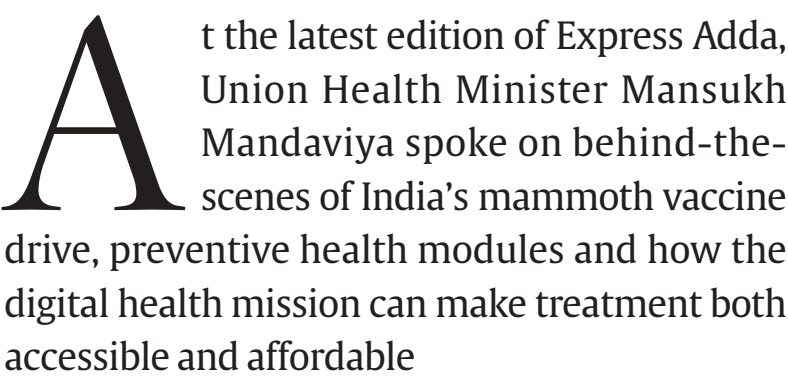
Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate)
H.No. 26/191, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

ALL general public is informed that client Smt. Roshni Bai J W/o Late Sh. Jugara J R/o MH Road, Jain Colony, Chisliakhera Chitraguda, Karmalka – 577201 have served all their relations and ties from their son Kalpesh J his wife Sheshta and their daughter Jashika due to their disobeying, cruel and harassing behavior towards my above named client and my client have disowned and debarred them from their all moveable and immovable properties/assets. My client shall not be responsible for any claim or debts and deeds done by said son, daughter-in-law and grand daughter in future.

VINEET MITTAL (Advocate)
Ch. No. 8-45, B.S. Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi -110054 Mob.: 9999492495

This is to bring to the Public notice that my clients Sh. Rahul Chawla and Smt. Indu Chawla, are the joint and absolute owners and in possession of the property bearing No. 2654, Ground Floor, Bank Street, Karol Bagh, New Delhi and property bearing No. 2654, Mezzanine Floor, Bank Street, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. Anyone dealing in the above-mentioned properties or any portion of the above-mentioned properties without their consent, will do so at their own risk and any transaction regarding the above-mentioned properties will be considered as illegal and it will subject to strict scrutiny of the authorities and the Hon'ble Courts), as required. **MAYANK WADHWIA, Advocate B – 4**

‘No poor person should die in this country for lack of treatment’



We didn't stop anyone from coming into the country. We just asked them to get the registration done in India to sell their vaccines but they had reservations. There was a clause to remove indemnity and sovereign guarantees but we insisted on compliance with local rules and regulations. Besides, by

Someone in a poor village and a rich mansion will have different criteria for quality of life. NFHS-5 (National Family Health Survey) says that the quality of life is already improving. Even in the furthest villages, their houses and toilets and electricity are assured. Their primary requirements are getting met.





Journalist Nalini Singh with Dr Naresh Trehan



Manisha Verma, Additional Director General (Media), Ministry of Health



Dr Suresh Kumar, Medical Director, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital



Arohi Patel, Additional PS to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya



Chef and author Suvir Saran



Harpinder Pal, CEO & Managing Director, all4Organics



The guests at Express Adda held at Le Méridien, New Delhi



Dr Sandeep Guleria, Senior Consultant and Kidney transplant surgeon, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals (left) with Dr Suranjit Chatterjee, Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi



Aman Puri, Founder Director, Steadfast Nutrition with Mandaviya



Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya at the Express Adda

then Indian companies had begun mass-scale production, so they won the race.

On tackling regular Covid surges

We take decisions only after consulting experts. Once, after a discussion on a survey in New York, which studied 200 people to assess the effects of a vaccine, we discussed if a modern app like CoWIN, which has data on dosage in every Indian city and the vaccinators, could be used by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to issue a similar report. ICMR came out with its study that was globally recognised. Similarly, for COVID, our experts guide us. At present, various sub-variants of are causing infections. Our team says that when a variant has a sub-variant, its effects are less severe. So, the virus will stay and become like influenza, afflicting people once or twice every year. But in India, it is under control.

On collaborating with private sector to screen Non Communicable Diseases

Screening is crucial to make healthcare accessible and affordable apart from strengthening public health. Modiji decided to start 1,50,000 health and wellness centres. Out of these, 1,20,000 have already come up and can conduct tests for 13 diseases. India is the only country where besides primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare, we also have the ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activists) *behen*. The role of these workers in managing women's health is significant. Keeping this data set in mind, we should focus on a national awareness campaign on screening.

On sedentary lifestyles and healthcare

We are adopting a Western lifestyle but how do we balance it? In a country like

Switzerland, there are more cycles than people. It's the same in Denmark. Every country has a different climate, soil and resources which influence their food. Our country is extremely diverse. Every state has its own unique food. Besides eating the food we have grown up with, we also need to exercise. Simple tweaks like using a cycle for short distances and reserving the car for longer journeys are helpful. When I was staying at North Avenue, I'd cycle to the Parliament. Health has to be seen as a key index of development. The idea to make healthcare affordable and accessible led to the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, the ECRP-II package, the Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission and the expansion of the National Health Mission.

A person living in the remotest area should feel that there is public concern about his/her well-being. A poor villager with a heart condition often avoids surgical intervention because he cannot arrange the Rs 1.5-2 lakh without help from a moneylender. And he does not want to pass on the burden to repay the loan on to his family. I've seen many such incidents in my own village. Ayushman Bharat emerged from this gap between accessibility and affordability. In the last few years, 3.5 crore people have had surgeries and their lives have been saved.

On measures for those not eligible under Ayushman Bharat

Once we strengthen Ayushman Bharat, we will look at expanding health infrastructure by setting up 22 AIIMS centres. Healthcare is free in government hospitals and the poor are covered under some or the other scheme. But schemes don't work in a straitjacketed manner. With time, we will need improvements. No poor person should die in this country for lack of treatment.

VOICE BANK



DR ANOOP MISRA
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, FORTIS C-DOC HOSPITAL FOR DIABETES & ALLIED SCIENCES

We had a lot of national control programmes for diabetes but there's no decrease in the cases. In fact there's an explosion. The entire economy is getting impaired because of this. It's easy to say it's an individual problem, but until there are legal and policy changes, there may not be a change. Do we need to think out of the box?

We do need to think out of the box. This issue cannot be completely turned around. So we need to take this step by step.



V N DALMIA
DIRECTOR AND FORMER CHAIRMAN, DALMIA GROUP

There are many obstacles in starting medical colleges. Then children study medicine abroad.

Upon returning, their degree isn't recognised. Your thoughts? Also, shouldn't we teach our children about exercise and food habits in primary school?

In the country, the 48,000 MBBS seats have increased to 97,000. There are more than 612 medical colleges. We need more. Abroad, through middlemen, kids end up studying in any random college and their government doesn't give them permission to practise. We decided with NMC if a child wants to study abroad, he/she should clear an exam to practise here. Under the new education policy, children will become more health-conscious.



DR SUNEET MARWAH
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, INDIAN SPINAL INJURIES CENTRE

The government wants to add a five per cent GST on room rent. Won't this affect affordable health? Is there a way that hospitals can be given some benefit which they can pass on to the patients?

There are two kinds of healthcare. One way is where a patient gets treatment at a private hospital. The other is by using government hospitals and schemes. In the case of the latter, the idea is that there should be no inconvenience.



SUDARSHAN SUCHI
CEO, SAVE THE CHILDREN

The frontline warriors, which included some NGOs, were working very hard in the pandemic. In the future, how will the government work with the NGOs?

All the NGOs, individuals and government resources together tackled the pandemic. So nobody in the country had to sleep hungry. NGOs are a significant part of our culture. We have a databank of all NGOs in NITI AYOJ as well.



Mandaviya interacting with the guests

On going undercover for first-hand reports

What is the last-mile effect of the decisions that I am taking inside my office? Till you don't see it, you won't understand. And it's not just me, the entire Cabinet is doing so to see that beneficiaries are not cheated and implementation of schemes is fair. When I visit cities, I survey various hospitals and Jan Aushadhi Kendras. It is satisfying to see a person buying medicines comfortably. So, when we sit down to make decisions, our morale is higher.

On trust deficit between doctors and patients

Even today, the faith and respect that people have for doctors in India is much better than in other countries. Our citizens often consider doctors demi-Gods. Stressed patients may express themselves aggressively. That should not happen. We are also doing orientation courses with doctors. In many countries, doctors, nurses and paramedic staff stopped coming to hospitals during the Covid crisis but medical personnel in our country risked their own lives and reported for duty.

On need for changes in medical training

We are working on two things aggressively. One is affordable and quality healthcare for which a lot of medical tourism is happening. How do we encash that? The other is our health workforce which is in demand all over the world. Can India contribute to global healthcare?

If we want to change medical education, we will have to assess the country's requirements, the kind of medical education that is being followed globally and the need to future-proof ourselves. We'll need to have conversations with our scientists, hospital staff and bureaucrats. Only after we've taken suggestions and opinions of all stakeholders can we draw up actionable plans and move forward. The government's vision for the health sector is not short-term. We are planning for 'Amrit

Kaal', when the country celebrates 100 years of freedom. Governments keep changing but when you plan like this, the country's holistic growth can happen.

On digital health ID

From the beginning, Modiji has focussed on a digital India. Jan-Dhan accounts have helped people get direct cash transfers during Covid-stressed times. Similarly, under ABDM, a significant element is the digital account or the Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA). This is important because my attending doctor can access all my health information and history on a digital platform and only an OTP can activate it. There is data privacy too. My account cannot be reopened until a new OTP is generated. This is going to be a game changer as more than 20 crore people have opened an ABHA account. It's a huge campaign and could be a global first. I request people to join hands with the mission.

On R&D, innovation and inventing drugs

We are the pharmacy of the world and a huge exporter of generic medicines. For muscular dystrophy, one injection costs Rs 16 crore. Imagine if we can make this cost-effective. We've linked industry and academia and are strengthening the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER). We will soon be bringing in a policy for the pharma sector.

On a national mental health plan

During COVID, many institutes started teleconsultations and received up to 200 distress calls every day. Every state should have a teleconsultation centre. We've also started a programme of training doctors to address mental health issues in hospitals. We want people to also use the eSanjeevani app to get a teleconsultation with a specialist to avoid stigma. We have started mental health programmes in districts and trained doctors.

Photos: Renuka Puri, Amit Mehra, Abhinav Saha

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INAUGURATION- ONGC

M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the fourth ONGC Para Games in Thyagaraj Sports Complex in Delhi recently. In this current 4th edition, apart from ONGC, 7 other PEs are participating.



MOU-INDIANOIL

IOCL signed an MoU with NTCA for transcontinental relocation of 'Cheetah' in India, in an event at New Delhi. The MoU was signed by SM Vaidya, Chairman, IOCL & Dr S P Yadav, ADG (Project Tiger) and Member Secy (NTCA).



CONFERRED- POWERGRID

VK Singh, Dir.(Pers), POWERGRID has been conferred with an Honorary Doctorate by Sunrise University of Rajasthan for his exceptional contribution towards enhancement of Human Capital Management.



MoU- NHPC

An MoU was signed between NHPC & Trust Cradle for Setting-up a Library-cum Study Centre at Kailana Village, Sonipat, Haryana under the CSR initiative of NHPC. NHPC has sanctioned an amount of Rs 22.0 Lakh for this project under CSR.



EVENT- NHB

NHB organised the final event for showcasing the contributions of the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Energy Financing India Housing Programme towards green housing in the country at Silver Oak, IHC, New Delhi.



AWARD- PNB

PNB won the first prize for the Target Achiever's Category at the 'Agri Infra Fund Award Ceremony 2022' organized under the Agri Infra Fund Campaigns launched by M/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.



BIJLI MAHOTSAV- POSOCO

The Ministry of Power in association with District Administration, coordinated by POSOCO, organised a 'Bijli Mahotsav' under the umbrella of Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047 at Govt Girls HS School, South Delh.



RAISING DAY- CRPF

Group Centre CRPF, Langjing, Imphal, celebrated its 52nd raising day. On this auspicious occasion, GC CRPF, Langjing, Imphal organized various programmes. A fete was also organized on this occasion.



CAMP- PSB

A Mega credit outreach camp was organised by Punjab & Sind Bank at Dehradun in which loans of Rs 22 cr were sanctioned. The program was inaugurated by Zonal Manager Mahima Agarwal & was attended by customers & branch officials.



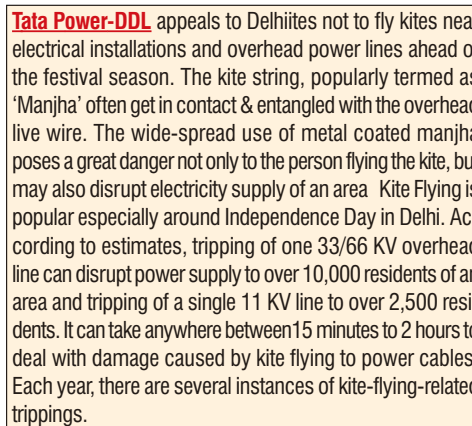
REVIEW MEETING- NORTHERN RAILWAY

A Gangal, GM NR held a review meeting with the departmental heads & DRMs of NR. Deliberations were held on keeping focus on passenger amenities at stations like extension of platforms, increase of level of platforms, washable aprons, etc.



INAUGURATION- INDIA INT'L HOSPITALITY EXPO

The 4-day India International Hospitality Expo 2022 was inaugurated at India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida by BB Swain, Secy MSME, along with R Kumar, Chairman IEM and Mercy Epao, Jt Secy MSME.



Tata Power-DDL appeals to Delhites not to fly kites near electrical installations and overhead power lines ahead of the festival season. The kite string, popularly termed as 'Manjha' often get in contact & entangled with the overhead live wire. The wide-spread use of metal coated manjha poses a great danger not only to the person flying the kite, but may also disrupt electricity supply of an area. Kite flying is popular especially around Independence Day in Delhi. According to estimates, tripping of one 33/66 KV overhead line can disrupt power supply to over 10,000 residents of an area and tripping of a single 11 KV line to over 2,500 residents. It can take anywhere between 15 minutes to 2 hours to deal with damage caused by kite flying to power cables. Each year, there are several instances of kite-flying-related trippings.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

UJVN Limited
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com

Letter No: 486 Date: 03/08/2022

"e" Procurement short term tender Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M-I), Vyasi Project, Dakpathar, UJVN Ltd. Invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No. 07/EE(E&M-I)/VP/2022-23
Name of work : Annual Operation & Maintenance Contract for Electrical Installations & DG sets at Office & Residence
Estimated Cost : Rs 4022258/- (GST Extra).
Date of availability of bid document on website : 06-08-2022 10:00 Hrs
Last Date for submission of bids on website : 22-08-2022 up to 17:00Hrs
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal ["http://uktenders.gov.in"](http://uktenders.gov.in)

Executive Engineer (E&M-I), Vyasi Project
"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ
E-Procurement Tender Notice No. dated : 01.08.2022
30/P-69/2022-23/TMC/HQ/NCR/Prayagraj

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	Quantity	Tender Value
1	TMC 0292223	Procurement of Spare Parts for Track Machine. [RC with OEM/ Authorized dealer] Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make : Kalugaputrn ash]	As per Section IV of tender document	3,64,65,750/-

Earnest Money : 7,29,400/-
Date of opening : 26.08.22

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 I 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, vendors 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. 1008/22 (AN)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR @northcentralrailway

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता
लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी विभाग खण्ड गौरेला-पेण्डा-मरवाही
जिला-गौरेला-पेण्डा-मरवाही (छ.ग.)
Email id- aephegaurella@gmail.com

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

जिला जल एवं स्वच्छता गौरेला-पेण्डा-मरवाही की ओर कार्यपालन अभियंता सदस्य सचिव, जिला जल एवं स्वच्छता मिशन द्वारा एकीकृत पंजीयन व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नांकित कार्य हेतु प्रपत्र 'अ' (प्रतिशत दर) ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र.	निविदा सूचना क्र./ दिनांक	सिस्टम क्रमांक	ग्राम का नाम	विकासखण्ड	अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)
1	121/01.08.2022	105633	चनाडोगरी	मरवाही	115.84
2	122/01.08.2022	105634	करगीकला	मरवाही	80.21
3	123/01.08.2022	105635	बगरा	मरवाही	46.65
4	124/01.08.2022	105636	घुमनाटोला	मरवाही	111.19
5	125/01.08.2022	105637	चिचोहना	मरवाही	93.13

बिड सबमिशन की अंतिम तिथि- निविदा क्रमांक 121,122,123,124 एवं 125 की दिनांक 22.08.2022 समय: 17:30 बजे तक।
उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा सामान्य शर्तें धरोहर राशि विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> में दिनांक 05.08.2022 से देखे जा सकते हैं।

हस्ता/-
कार्यपालन अभियंता
लो.स्वा.यां.खण्ड गौरेला-पेण्डा-मरवाही
जिला गौरेला-पेण्डा-मरवाही

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UNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR
Department of Physics

Notice of Bid

Online Bids are invited for the purchase of X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) with Ultraviolet Photoelectron Spectroscopy (UPS) unit in the Department of Physics of Rajasthan University, Jaipur till the date 25.08.2022 and up to 2.30 PM. The interested firm/company/Bidders may download bid form from the website <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> e-procurement portal and also from the websites www.uniraj.ac.in and <http://sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in>

UBN No. URA2223GLOB00072
NIB URA2223A0026

Head, Department of Physics

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, BALASORE
Tel: 06782-262249, Fax: 262931,
email: eerwss_bls@nic.in, eerwssbls@gmail.com.

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH E-Tendering Identification No. 19 / 2022-23 Dt. 02.08.2022

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

1. Nos. of Work	: 19 Nos RPWS schemes in Balasore district (Clubbed-up).
2. Estimated cost	: Rs. 303.29 lakhs & Rs. 422.36 lakhs
3. Period of completion	: 330 days
4. Availability of bid document in Portal	: Dt. 08.08.2022 at 16.00 hours to 22.08.2022 up to 17.00 hours through online.
5. Seeking of Clarification	: Dt. 10.08.2022 at 10.00 hours to Dt. 17.08.2022 up to 15.00 hours
6. Date of opening of Bid	: Dt. 23.08.2022 at 11.00 hours in the O/O EE, RWSS Division, Balasore.
7. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Tender	: Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balasore

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

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, BALASORE.
OIPR/25013/11/0013/2223

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Victoria Park, Meerut

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE 1. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 25000 no. GI Stay Steel 16x1800 mm and 1000 no. GI Stay Steel 20x1800 mm against tender specification no. PNVNL-MT/MM/52/22-23. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) :- Rs. 165000.00 (with GST) Last Date of tender submission & Time :- 07.09.2022 at 2:00 PM Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time:- 07.09.2022 at 16:30 hrs.** 2. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 500 No. 9 Mtr. Steel Tubular Pole (SP-33) (Bottom portion hot dip Galvanized) & 5000 No. 11 Mtr. Steel Tubular Pole (SP-55) (Bottom portion hot dip Galvanized) against tender specification no. PNVNL-MT/MM/53/22-23 **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) :- Rs. 1275000.00 (with GST) Last Date of tender submission & Time :- 02.09.2022 at 2:00 PM Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time:- 02.09.2022 at 16:30 hrs.** 3. Open short term tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 64000 No. 11 KV composite polymeric pin insulator against tender specification no. PNVNL-MT/MM/54(s)/22-23 **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) :- Rs. 99000.00 (with GST) Last Date of tender submission & Time:- 18.08.2022 at 14:00 hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I & II) & Time:- 18.08.2022 at 16:30 hrs.** 4. Open short term tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 300 No. 33 KV KV Lightning Arrestor against tender specification no. PNVNL-MT/MM/55(s)/22-23 **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) :- Rs. 15000.00 (with GST) Last Date of tender submission & Time:- 22.08.2022 at 14:00 hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time:- 22.08.2022 at 16:30 hrs. Note:-** In case of any amendment & detailed information in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.pvnl.org Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), 1800-180-8752 (Lucknow) & 9412207451" Sd/- Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" पत्रांक: 86 दिनांक- 04.08.2022

प्राकृत-28 (नियम 92 (1) (क) (ii))
ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना का प्राकृत
मध्यप्रदेश शासन, नगर पालिक निगम, ग्वालियर

ई-निविदा जनसंकेत RO क्रमांक 274 दिनांक : 03-08-2022 2255 दिनांक : 02/08/2022

एन.आई.टी. क्र.	निर्माण	समय व दिनांक	संभावित राशि	पूर्णा अवधि (माह)
2022_UAD_186745_2	ग्वालियर विधानसभा क्लस्टर क्र. 01 में सी.सी. सड़क व नाली निर्माण कार्य।	प्रारंभ: 10:30 बजे दिनांक 22.07.2022 से कार्य 5:30 बजे दिनांक 16.08.2022 तक	4,41,00,123/-	365 दिवस

1. इच्छुक बोलीदाता वेबसाइट <http://gmc.mptenders.gov.in> पर एनआईटी देख सकते हैं।
2. एनआईटी में संशोधन, यदि कोई होता है, तो केवल, वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित किया जाएगा और समाचार पत्र में नहीं।
3. किसी भी स्पष्टीकरण की आवश्यकता हो तो कृपया नगर पालिक निगम, ग्वालियर में सम्पर्क करें।
मुख्य समन्वयक अधिकारी, ग्वालियर विधानसभा, नगर निगम, ग्वालियर

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Namey : Dharpal, S/o Unknown R/o Unknown & presently living at Rainbasera, Geeta Ghat, Civil lines, Delhi Age : 55 years, Height : 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Built : Thin, Face : Oval, Wearing : Grey Colour Pant was admitted at LNJP Hospital, Delhi on 12.07.2022, where during treatment doctor declared him dead on 17.07.2022. In this regard a case vide DD No. 43A dated 17.07.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Civil lines, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours in LNJP Hospital Mortuary, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about this dead person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO : P.S. Civil lines, Delhi North Distt., Delhi Tel. No. 011- 23815444

DP/2658/N/2022

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Name: Subhash, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 60 Yrs., Height: 5'6", Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Face: Oval, Wearing: White Colour Shirt and White pajama, Place of Recovery: Admitted from Rainbesra Kudeshya Ghat, Civil Lines in Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi Vide MLC No.-4430/22 on 06.07.2022. During treatment he died.**

In this regard DD No. 86A, U/s 174 Cr. PC, Dated 06.07.2022 has been lodged at Police Station, Civil Lines, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform

Phone : 011-24368638 and 24368641, Ext. 2101. Web-site : <http://cbi.nic.in> E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 DP/2657/N/2022

SHO P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi Ph.: 011-23810633, 23815444

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल
यांत्रिक विभाग (मुख्यालय) गोविंदपुरा (बी.एच.ई.एल.)

क्र. 98/यां.वि./2022 निविदा आमंत्रण घोषणा-पत्र भोपाल, दिनांक 02/08/2022

निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीकृत व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत ठेकेदार परसेटिंग मोहर बंद निविदायें निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर ऑनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

S. No.	Tender ID	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract (Rs.In Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (In Rs.)	Period of Completion (In Months)	SOR
1	2022_UAD_208944_2	SHOP TRANSPORT NAGAR, BHOPAL W-62 Z-15	21038297	105191	15000	09 months including rainy season	MPU ADD ISSR 2021

1. Interested bidders can view the NIT on website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in/>
2. The Bid Document can be purchased only Online from 10:30 A.M. (time) 03.08.2022 (date) to 17:30 P.M. (time) 17.08.2022 (date).
3. The bidder who bids in the tender will have to submit the document of participating firm. Documents of other firm viz any other partnership firm/sister concern etc. will not be valid.
4. For electrification related works: It is mandatory for bidder should have own "A" Class electrical registration or agreement with "A" Class electrical registration Holder (Attach as per)
5. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in/> only, and not in newspaper.
The initial period of 3 (Three) year after completion shall be treated as Defect Liability Period (DLP). Sd/-
In. Chief Engineer Municipal Corporation Bhopal District Bhopal

नि. क्र. 466/022/023

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग
हजिरत
क्रि.कोड- 34444

संख्या: 167/04/टीआरआर(प्रशा.)/सेव-2/2021-22 दिनांक : 04 अगस्त, 2022

विज्ञापित

एलएसए सुविधा किया जाता है कि महिला कल्याण विभाग के अन्तर्गत अन्य विभाग वर्ग उत्तराखण्ड महिला के लिए आवेदनित अधिकांश के 01 पद के लिए प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या: A-2/DNR/SF/YS-2/2021 दिनांक 28 दिसम्बर, 2021 को क्रम में आवेदनित रविवार दिनांक 23.08.2022 के पश्चात दिनांक 13.07.2022 में सम्पन्न अभ्यर्थियों के लिए आवेदनित सप्ताहवार दिनांक 29 जुलाई, 2022 को क्रम में प्रेषित/योग्यता के आधार पर चयन परीक्षा दिनांक 04 अगस्त, 2022 को घोषित कर दिया गया है। अभ्यर्थियों के लिए सुचनाएं चयन परिणाम एवं सक्षात्कार के प्राप्तांक आयोग की वेबसाइट www.psc.uk.gov.in पर प्रकाशित किये गये हैं।

(कर्मन् सिंह) सचिव।

यूपीओ प्रोजेक्ट्स कारपोरेशन लि०
(उपग्रह प्रवेश संचालक का पदभार) CIN: U150UP1976SGC004285
कार्यालय- महाप्रबन्धक जोन-7, यूपीओ प्रोजेक्ट्स कारपोरेशन लि० लखनऊ
बारां स्ट, मोनोली रैजिड, मोनोली नगर, लखनऊ।
website: www.upprojco.org Email: gn7@upprojco.org
GSTIN: 09AACU3359126

ISO 9001 : 2015

पत्रांक-931/पीओसीएल/महाप्रोजेक्ट-7/ई-टेण्डर दिनांक: 04/08/2022

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

एलएसए "जनपद-लखनऊ के राजकीय औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, मुहम्मदी-लखनौपुर खीरी में कार्यशाला का निर्माण, विकास कार्य" हेतु इस कार्यालय की अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना-10/UPPCL/GM-7E-TENDER/2022-23 दिनांक-03.08.2022 द्वारा ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। यह निविदा वेबसाइट <http://www.etender.up.nic.in> के पोर्टल पर दिनांक-05.08.2022 से दिनांक-18.08.2022 तक जालनोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है, जिसे दिनांक-18.08.2022 को अपरान्त 1:00 बजे तक सम्पन्न/जमा किया जा सकता है। दैनिकिक बिड उसी दिन अपरान्त 4:00 बजे ओहोस्ताहरी के उपरोक्त कार्यालय में खोली जानी प्रस्तावित है। निविदा से सम्बंधित अन्य विवरण एवं शर्तें इत्यादि कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट www.upprojco.org पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

महाप्रबन्धक जोन-7, यूपीओपीओसीएल, लखनऊ

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISON PRISON HEAD QUARTER: NEAR LAJWANTI GARDEN CHOWK JANAK PURI: NEW DELHI PROVISION BRANCH

F-7/DS(Prov.Fact)/TPT/LAB/CJ-02 & 14/2022-23/CD-003697821/643-44
Dated: 01.8.22

Tender ID No.: 2022_CJT_226324_1

e-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tender (online procurement website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>) are invited for supply of providing transport & labour supply to jail factory CJ-02 & CJ-14 Delhi, for the year 2022-23 (01 year from the date of issue of rate contract (extendable upto 03 months). The NIT has been uploaded and available along with terms and conditions and detailed specifications. All the tenderers participating in e-tendering and should have a Digital Signature / Smart Card and should apply online before the Last Date and Time. In case (26/08/2022) is being declared Govt. Holiday the next working day will be treated as Tender Date.)

Estimated Cost of Work : Rs. 40 Lakh. (Approx)
Date of release of tender through E-procurement website : 05.08.2022
https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in

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SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE FOR ELECTRICAL WORK

Tender No.:DSU-ELECT-SECR-BSP-22-23-KRBA/01, Dated: 28.07.2022. Name of Work: Electrification of KRBA Yard (4 TKM) by 25KV, 50HZ, Single Phase, A.C. OHE in connection with KRBA Yard Remodelling to enhance mobility of freight trains in BSP Division over South East Central Railway. Tender Value: ₹ 5,86,84,347/- (₹ Five Crore Eighty Six Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven Only. Bid Security: 4.43.300/-)

Date & Time of Tender Closing: 31.08.2022 at 15:30 hours. Date & Time of Tender Opening: 31.08.2022 at 15:45 hours. Completion Period: 15 (Fifteen) Months from the date of issue of LOA.

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CHESS OLYMPIAD

‘Do they think Roberts is Magnus Carlsen?’

Streaming queens
Tallulah Roberts and
Anna Crawling say
content is the real queen

SANDIP G
CHENNAI, AUGUST 4

A HERD of young adults flock Tallulah Roberts, or lularobs as she is more famous in the chess streaming circles. Selfies, photographs on the backdrop of a tourism hoarding or the giant chess board on the courtyard, phone number, autographs, their requests are endless. Patiently, Tallulah fulfills their demands. Only to witness another group barging in. Her teammate and friend, watching all these with a bewildered smile, quips her: “Do they think she is Magnus Carlsen or what?”

Tallulah is no Magnus Carlsen. Or anywhere among the elites of the games. She is ranked 84216th in the world, or in her self-deprecatory assessment, “back of beyond.” Her ELO rating is 1565 and she has not imagined picking up the various FIDE norms. Yet, the 24-year-old from Jersey, a British island near the north coast of France, is a chess celebrity, instantly recognised in most chess playing countries.

Her twitch stream is the 18th most watched on the platform with a following in the region of 60,000 people. These are not mind-spinning numbers, compared to someone like American Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura, who has a Twitch (the Amazon-owned site where people usually broadcast themselves playing video games) with a following of nearly 15 lakhs and a monthly earnings of several millions. But unlike Nakamura, who became a world-beating chess virtuoso in his teens, Tallulah learned chess in her early 20. Before the pandemic, she could not even differentiate between a king and queen on the chessboard. “I was a complete stranger to chess, and picked it just to beat the boredom of lockdown, inspired by the Netflix show, The Queen’s Gambit. Then after I started playing, the idea of streaming hit me, and I was already aware of the scope of streaming and I wanted to start streaming because it’s something I always thought was really cool.”

Her profile intro reads: “hey, I’m bad at chess. We could be bad at chess together. wanna play?” Having leapt onto streaming, deciding content was her next step. “Serious chess would be boring. So why not some fun content? Some fun with games. You need the viewers to be entertained as well as enlightened. And people always look for diverse content, especially on the web where you have thousands of options,” she says.

Her content is humour-rich. Like one



Tallulah Roberts and Anna Crawling (right) at Chess Olympiad in Chennai.



episode was titled Chess Tinder: Twitch Chat Swipes Yes or No on Chess Celebrities. Another one: How Chess Players Would Behave at My Birthday Party. There are more serious ones too like Learning the Polish Opening with Lula. Thus she has built a brand around humour, banter and some chess. “Stick to your strengths, be natural,” is her advice.

For Anna Cramling, a Swedish Fide Master with a 2065-rating and 13th most streamed in Twitch with 137k subscribers, her prerogative is chess education through simple methods. Anna wanted to create her own content on the internet and began doing commentary for some time before Panda TV, a channel on Twitch, handed her a contract for streaming. “I love being able to explain chess to people, and I also love that chess can be so many different things. It could be a competitive sport, entertainment, a fun thing to do when you want to relax, etc. Creating different types of chess content was something I realised I was very passionate about. and that was why, when I discovered twitch and the fact that you could livestream chess there, I decided to do it,” she says.

Her latest stream—published on Tuesday—is The Pawns Kept Pushing, in which

she furnishes a gist of her matches at the Olympiad, besides the mood and melee of the tournament. Another features her mother, Pia Cramling, a Grandmaster herself. There are academic ones like How to Play the Queen’s Gambit, pure fun types like Fighting with Samay Raina (the stand-up comedian) and off-the-beat interviews with top Grandmasters. She streams some of her matches too—an exhibition match against Magnus Carlsen garnered 2.1 million views. “I look for diversity in content, and to package it aesthetically. I would say content is queen. Why always the king,” she says.

Lot of emotion

The USP of online chess, and a reason streaming became so popular, she says, is that online chess has a lot of emotion and adrenaline. “A lot of people realised that chess players are emotional and witty, and chess is fun to play,” she says. The Godfather of chess streaming is the American Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura, known for an attacking style and a brash, arrogant manner, and hence a figure of controversy in the chess circles. Ironically, these were the same virtues that made him a Twitch sensation. “For much of my career,

much of my life, I’ve sort of been the bad guy. I’m not someone who’s been liked. I’ve always been perceived as the person who people don’t want to root for, who people don’t like,” he had once said.

But now he is the darling of the swelling online stream community. His interviews with fellow GMs are all humour and banter, insights and intuitions. His spontaneity and expressiveness make him a natural. When he streams online games, he keeps interacting with the audience. “Do I play solid” Or do I go for broke?” he asks his audience. He berates himself, “aaah this can’t be happening.” He eggs himself on: “I can’t lose”, and even applauds himself: “I win again — there you go, guys. Wow.”

For a lock-downed world, Nakamura (Naka’s PogUniversity) and the streamers like Alexandra and Anna Botez, Gotham Chess offered an escape from boredom and loneliness. Nakamura had begun streaming in 2018 but it was during the pandemic that the viewership and subscriptions numbers began to skyrocket. Shortly, one of the world’s top professional video game teams, Team SoloMid, beat several e-sports rivals to sign him to a six-figure contract so it could pair him with advertisers and merchandise. On his Twitch channel, Nakamura rarely stops talking. His lively commentary and chatter are reasons fans have flocked to him.

“He draws people because he’s so good, engaging as and in tune with the sort of Twitch culture,” points out Tallulah, who is also a “down-to-earth memer and jokester”. So much so that she is called the Grandmaster of chess memes

Most non-match streams don’t last longer than 30 minutes. But the effort that goes behind it’s longer. “It’s not a 9 to 5 job, there are no fixed hours. I brood several hours over an idea, then think, rethink, refine, it might take anywhere between a couple of hours to days. Then fixing the ambience, shooting the videos, it’s not as simple as you see,” Tallulah says.

But it’s all worth the hard work, says Anna Cramling. “The effort behind the content is the fun part for me. The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Obviously I like to get good numbers for the show, but it’s about my satisfaction and my effort to spread the beautiful game,” she details And has given them identity beyond chess players.

Though the pandemic curves plunged and restrictions eased, people began to migrate to outdoor sports, and streaming has plateaued. Tallulah logics: “That’s true. The streaming graph won’t shoot like it did during the pandemic, but it wouldn’t drop.” The reason: “Chess is an addiction. Once you start playing it, you keep coming back,” says Tallulah, who was about to be mobbed by another group of youngsters. And her friend chortles: “Here goes Magnus.” You don’t need to be a Grandmaster to be famous in chess.

In troubled Sri Lanka, chess dreams threaten to turn to ashes

SANDIP G
AUGUST 4

JUST DAYS before Colombo began to burn, Sri Lanka’s highest ranked chess player Isuru Alahakoon decided to flee the capital to his hometown, Kandy. An officer in the Navy, his sources in the intelligence had warned him of an impending crisis, and he immediately applied for leave. “The situation was already bad, but before it became worse, I decided to go home on leave and sought leave from higher officials,” he says.

There was uncertainty. Such was the simmering strife that he did not know whether he would lose his job when he returned. Such was the unpredictability that he did not know whether he would reach his hometown unhurt. Such was the ratcheting chaos that he did not know whether his house in Colombo would be ransacked. But he knew one thing. “If I stayed in Colombo, I would not be able to focus on chess, and my Olympiad preparations would go down the drain. I had worked so hard in the last few months with the Olympiad in mind,” he says.

The road from Colombo to Kandy was risk-hewn. “I can’t ride my bike, it was too risky and I didn’t know whether I had enough fuel. I could not travel by bus, because public transport was not plying long distances. Finally, a couple of my friends arranged a car, a lift with some people going to Kandy,” he says.

The three-and-a-half-hour was arduous but a journey he says he would not forget in his life. It was a journey that made him feel life closer than ever before. “You could see hundreds of protestors on the streets, people who have lost their livelihood, people who had no food and money. You could see long queues in front of ration shops and of course, in front of petrol pumps. I felt thankful that I at least did not have to experience all that,” he says.

The backdrop was relatively peaceful at home. At least when he looked out of his window, he could see the hills and greenery and not fumes and fire. But the stories of his teammates from Colombo would shatter him. He could not feign strangeness to what was happening around him. “It was hard for them to focus with all these things happening around them. There were frequent power cuts, which meant we could not meet online and play games. Real meetings were difficult because we all lived in distant places and travelling was a hassle. Power cuts meant the internet too would go off and they could not play online games,” he says.

With the general inflation, data too became expensive and they would conserve everything for chess. No random browsing or data wastage. Isuru would not even stream cricket matches—he was an aspiring cricketer and switched to chess in school out of frustration that he was not picked in the team.



Isuru (right) with Ranindu.

Star on Lankan horizon

But amidst their larger concerns, chess took a backseat. Ranindu Dilshan Liyanage, who had recently crushed Indian GM D Gukesh and is considered the brightest young star on the Lankan horizon, had spent countless hours under the searing sun to buy fuel or vegetables. “After a while, I got used to it. Obviously, it was hard, but one thing chess has taught me is survival. You can be a winner only if you go through hardships. This crisis has made all of us tougher and hopefully that will be reflected in our games too. The Olympiad was a motivation for us, something we could all look forward to,” he says.

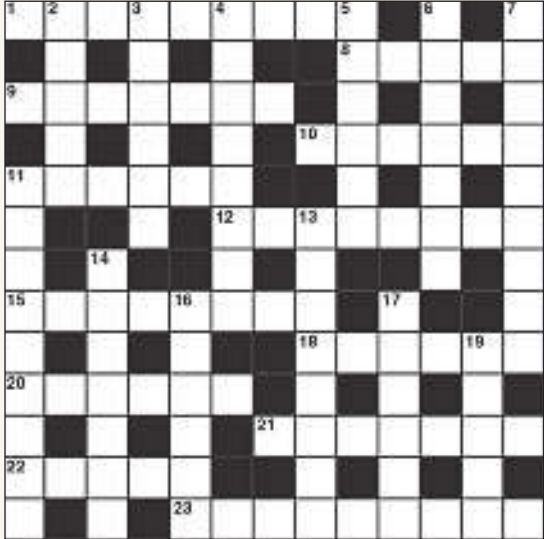
Isuru then encountered another hassle. He had to return to Colombo for a visa appointment at the Indian Embassy. Again some friends helped him reach the capital in time. By then, Colombo seemed a different city, a place from his nightmares. “There was unrest, there were tears. The scenes were heart-breaking,” he says.

The sights and sounds made him fear for the future of chess and himself in the country. “As such, it’s difficult to get sponsors. Now it would be even more difficult. There would be fewer tournaments in the country and we would have no money to travel abroad for tournaments, which means it would be difficult to accumulate points and complete the norms,” says Isuru, whose dreams to complete the IM norms were stalled.

Gradually, he fears, the situation would escalate into an existential crisis. “After one point, I don’t know how we will survive. Maybe, we would be forced to leave the country. For me it is relatively fine, I have been playing for sometime and have a job. But what about the youngsters? Would they be encouraged to take the sport? I doubt,” he wonders.

Or those youngsters that have embraced the sport but would be forced to forsake it in the race to find a livelihood. Like Ranindu, who aspires to be his country’s first Grandmaster and has now amassed 2200 ELO points. Isuru gets philosophical: “There would be some light at the end of the tunnel.” But later admits that he is not too hopeful of seeing those days of light any time soon.

CROSSWORD 4812



- ACROSS**

 - 1 A share in the plot (9)
 - 8 Children of Susie? (5)
 - 9 Top dressing (4,3)
 - 10 Broken down. Please pass (6)
 - 11 Sculpector may use it to cheat (6)
 - 12 Giving a prize for a new style of drawing (8)
 - 15 He may be back in the team (8)
 - 18 Such a pupil is likely to shine (6)
 - 20 Cried when I left having taken it on trust (6)
 - 21 It may defend a bridge under construction (7)
 - 22 True love can prove so extravagant (5)
 - 23 Motorists won’t be slow to fall into it (5,4)
- DOWN**

 - 2 Three animals in the lead (5)
 - 3 Attack or shun perhaps (6)
 - 4 Sea and shore - or just the shore (8)
 - 5 It guides the ploughman (6)
 - 6 Cast pie out though it’s germ-free (7)
 - 7 Discourage a fellow from becoming cleaner (9)
 - 11 One who should know the score (9)
 - 13 Tune carried aloft (8)
 - 14 The impressions provided by one’s belongings (7)
 - 16 Is included among those against rackets (6)
 - 17 Perhaps gifted young pupils may be told not to (6)
 - 19 Hardy sort of snake (5)

Solutions Crossword 4811: Across: 1 Seconds, 4 Raced, 7 Runt, 8 Harvests, 10 Paper money, 12 Parade, 13 Scales, 15 Team spirit, 18 Composed, 19 Anna, 20 Twang, 21 Scratch. Down: 1 Strip, 2 Conspire, 3 Season, 4 Review copy, 5 Case, 6 Dismiss, 9 Cradle song, 11 Clarinet, 12 Polecat, 14 Impels, 16 Teach, 17 Emma.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

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

Vigorous writing is ____ - William Strunk Jr. (7)

CRVEO

AERVCN

HKRIS

AEP RRC

SOLUTION: COVEY, SHIRK, CAVEN/CRVEN, CARPER

SUDOKU 4917

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



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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4916



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Although you are generally regarded as someone who is open, honest and sincere, you will find it difficult to respond to today's events with your usual integrity. If necessary, keep a low profile, and if you spot trouble coming, then get out of the way.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Nothing is quite as certain as you imagine, and you may be astounded when a person you thought that you knew well shows themselves in an entirely new light. Alter your plans in line with events and you'll defuse a whole set of personal obstacles.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The tide of fortune at work is about to turn. Yet you must now be ever more alert if you are to shape events to your will. Today, you may have to sit back, leaving other people to deal with their problems. After all, there is a limit to what even you can accomplish.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Carelessness could be a problem, so watch out if you're travelling: you really must confirm all instructions and arrangements before setting out. Also, don't compromise your principles because, if you do, then you might gain short-term advantage at the cost of a long-term loss of respect.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
This is certain to be an action-packed day, the culmination of all the last month's developments. However, the main issue for you still revolves around your financial commitments. Perhaps it is now time to call a halt to excess spending, or at least to get someone else to chip in.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Don't get too hot under the collar if partners and colleagues refuse to co-operate or decide not to endorse certain schemes. Your pet projects will survive with or without other people's help. What you need to do is deal with someone who seems determined to get in your way - perhaps by explaining what you're really up to.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
The overall picture as far as professional interests are concerned is now likely to become more acute. In addition, you may begin to be concerned that too much stress and strain is wearing you down physically. The answer is simple, take a little extra rest and relaxation.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
You may be close to finding your heart's desire. Or, at least, you may be closer to establishing what exactly it is that you want and why you are attracted to some people more than others. That's excellent news, for if you understand your motives then you'll be able to streamline your affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
In spite of a series of challenging planetary aspects which denote uncertainty at home, you will be able to overcome any adverse consequences through the simple expedient of careful planning. That, though, is an exercise you'll probably need some help with.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Believe it or not there is a silver lining behind today's clouds. Not until the dust has settled will you see just how fortunate you are. Please do not be put off by other people's apparent inability to comprehend your plans or understand your intentions.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
You have to travel along unknown paths and venture into new emotional terrain before you discover the secret to who you are and where you're going. In the meantime, try and maintain good relationships with people who, after all, have always stood by you.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
An emotional 'U turn' lies just around the corner. There is a lot which you can do and say, but you would be advised to hold fire unless you are absolutely one hundred percent sure of your ground. I hope that it's not too late! If it is, then you might be blushing.

BRIEFLY

Hockey: India top Pool B, enter semifinals

Vice-captain Harmanpreet Singh slammed a hat-trick as the Indian men's hockey team beat Wales 4-1 in its final Pool B match to qualify for the semifinals. Harmanpreet (19th, 20th, 40th minutes) converted two penalty corners and scored one from the spot while Gurjant Singh scored the fourth in the 49th minute. The win meant India topped Pool B, finishing with a better goal difference than England, who had same points as India (10).

Athletics: Hima Das advances in 200m

Sprinter Hima Das qualified for the women's 200m semifinals after winning her heat with a timing of 23.42s. The 22-year-old led the five-woman field from the start with Rhoda Njobvu of Zambia clocking 23.85s to finish second. At least six athletes have clocked better time, compared to Hima, en route their semi-final entries. Meanwhile, in the women's hammer throw event, India's Manju Bala advanced to the final while compatriot Sarita Singh failed to make the cut.

TT: Manika, Sreeja, Reeth advance

National champion Sreeja Akula, Manika Batra and Reeth Rishya entered the singles Round of 16 with contrasting wins. While Sreeja beat Malaysia's Karen Lyne 12-10, 12-10, 4-11, 11-8, 11-8, Manika notched up a clinical 3-0 win over Canada's Fu Ching Nam and Reeth defeated England's Charlotte Bardsley 4-1 in the round of 32. Her teammate Reeth also outwitted Charlotte 11-8 10-12 11-6 12-10 11-3 in another round of 32 contest. In para table tennis, Paralympic silver medallist Bhavina Patel cruised to a 3-0 win over Akanisi Latu of Fiji in a class 3-5 group match. The Indian mixed pair of Sanil Shetty and Reeth Tennison, however, went down to the Malaysian pair of Wong Qi Shen and Tee Ai Xin 6-11 10-12 13-11 11-8, 8-11 in a round of 64 match.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SCHEDULE

HOCKEY (WOMEN'S SF)
INDIA VS AUS (12.45 am, Saturday)
A year after they recorded their best-ever result by beating them in the Olympic quarters, India's women's hockey team will face Australia once again. This time, though, Australia will start as favourites given India's underwhelming form.

ATHLETICS

200m semifinals: Hima Das (12.53am, Saturday)

SQUASH

Men's doubles Round of 16: Velavan Senthilkumar/ Abhay Singh (5.15 pm)
Mixed doubles quarterfinal: Dipika Pallikal/Sourav Ghosal (12 am, Sat)

TABLE TENNIS

Mixed Doubles Round of 16: G Sathiyam/Manika Batra Sharath Kamal/Akula Sreeja (2 pm)
Women's singles Round of 16: Sreeja Akula, Reeth Tennison (3.15 pm)



EXPRESS IN BIRMINGHAM

SHIVANI NAIK
AUGUST 4

BECAUSE THE federation didn't initially select Tejaswin Shankar to the Commonwealth Games squad, and he had to go to court to even get the chance to compete in Birmingham, you expect a flood of rancour to unload from the young man soon after he wins India's first-ever bronze in high jump. But we forget that when stepping onto their field of play, athletes empty their minds of all needless fluid thoughts — like airports security unemotionally upturn your bottles of water.

Some pretty wild thoughts of dire scenarios did cross his mind on Wednesday, when the tall Delhi lad clinched bronze with a jump of 2.22 m on countback. But none of them involved finger-wagging or any score-settling against a federation he had dragged to court for being plainly anal. The wildest stream of thought will immediately endear him to you, because surely everyone has felt "that" fear.

"Oh, the javelin event of heptathlon was going on during my final and at one crazy moment when I looked up in the sky it did cross my mind that what if the javelin (from the other end of the stadium) hurled by one of the women, hits and pierces through me! If Neeraj Chopra was around, that might have even happened," he recalls, of the irrational paranoia he quickly waved away since his buddy wasn't even competing in Birmingham.

Focus jogged back to high jump, Tejaswin was on his way again. Though a bunch of distractions popped up all around — medal ceremonies were calling for attention as national anthems rung out, the 10,000 m final was raising one din as a Scottish runner was threatening to dislodge a pair of Kenyans, javelins were flying vaguely in his direction of course, and a camera rig following the 10,000 m stragglers, was start-stopping intermittently. "High jump medals are rarely about how high you can go. They are about how high you can go, despite these distractions," he would say.

He had jumped more than 2.22 m at his



Tejaswin Shankar leapt a height of 2.25m in the high jump final of the Commonwealth Games. *Reuters*

last CWG (2.24m) and yet finished 6th at the Gold Coast. Australian Brandon Starc won in 2018 with 2.30-plus. On Wednesday, the entire field couldn't go past 2.25m. Tejaswin, four years wiser and pickled in tactics after his stint at Kansas' NCAA, knew the Aussie and Kiwi Hamish Kerr would be trouble. There was also Donald Thomas, who won high jump at the Delhi 2010 Games, the Bahamian always dangerous in tripping up youngsters. But Tejaswin Shankar had a plan.

Cautious, calculated

Taking the bus from the athletes' village to the Alexander Stadium, Tejaswin had already done what he told himself he ought never to do: allow his hyper mind to race ahead of itself. Only, he was self aware, and began chanting 'Process, Process, Process' the moment he realised he was already imagining himself on the podium.

He had done well in keeping himself in contention, knowing fully well a countback could come into play, i.e. the fewest number of attempts on the lower jumps - he got to

2.10m, 2.15m and 2.19m on his very first attempts, consciously. "It's what I was mulling to myself, looking like one fool out there. But it was important to not miss the bar, or you'd have had Donald Thomas (who also finished at 2.22m, but took more attempts) sitting here," he quipped. Local Joel Clark-Khan was also stuck on 2.22m, but again having consumed more attempts than the Indian's careful clean sheets. No X's. Only O's.

Another factor was to come into play, the smart Tejaswin alert to it, in a jiffy. "I knew the weather would start getting cooler here by 7 pm. So it was important to pull on the tracks, keep warm if you are not used to the chill in the air when jumps start going awry. Another reason why the first few bars could not be missed," he recalls.

By the time the bar was on 2.25m and Tejaswin did indeed miss his first two attempts, his earlier clean go's had ensured the bronze. "I was waiting to see if Don Thomas missed on 2.25m. Once I had secured the bronze, I didn't want to settle for it. So I went for gold, attempting 2.28m," he would explain.



Mirabai an exception

Category: 49kg
CWG total: 201kg
Tokyo Olympics gold medal lift: 210kg
2018 Asiad gold medal lift: 199kg (48kg)
Among all Indians, Mirabai Chanu is the only one who stands a chance to win a medal at major events. In terms of weight she can lift, the Olympic silver medallist is only behind China's Hou Zhihui and that too in the snatch segment. She holds the WR in clean and jerk (119kg).

CWG total: 313kg
Tokyo Olympics gold medal lift: 364kg
2018 Asian Games gold medal lift: 336kg (69kg category) and 348 (77kg category)

Harjinder Kaur

Medal: Bronze
Category: Women's 71kg
CWG total: 212kg
Tokyo Olympics gold medal lift: Non-Olympic category

Jeremy Lalrinnunga

Medal: Gold
Category: Men's 67kg
CWG total: 300kg
Tokyo Olympics gold medal lift: 332kg
2018 Asian Games gold medal lift: 336kg (69kg category)

Achinta Sheuli

Medal: Gold
Category: Men's 73kg

which begins in December, as well as the World Championships, also in the same month.

Sanket Sargar

Medal: Silver
Category: Men's 55kg
CWG total: 248kg
Tokyo Olympics gold medal lift: Non-Olympic category
2018 Asian Games gold medal lift: 256kg (56kg category)

Bindyarani Devi

Medal: Silver
Category: Women's 55kg
CWG total: 202kg
Tokyo Olympics gold medal lift: 224kg
2018 Asian Games gold medal lift: 207kg (53kg category) and 235kg (58kg category)

Gururaja Poojary

Medal: Bronze
Category: Men's 61kg
CWG total: 269kg
Tokyo Olympics gold medal lift: 313kg
2018 Asian Games gold medal lift: 311kg (62kg category)

could pose him trouble later.

He might still start with his guard defensively up like against the wild-punch scattering Scott Lennon Mulligan in the quarters to book a sure medal, but he covers ground well, and even the counter-attacks come laced with an intent that screams, he's calling the shots. Moreover, there's confidence in every punch he throws backed by assured footwork, and an enhanced sense of anticipation, as he went past the first target of making the semis with a unanimous decision.

Panghal had spent the first two months post the Tokyo shocker, barely debriefing even with his early coach in Rohtak, Anil Dhankar. He would just sit in front of the coach, and both would break down into tears, according to Dhankar. The coach's recipe to bounce back was to improve as an 'athlete', not merely as a boxer. "Khiladi banna hoga. Bas boxer nahi," he would say, of going back to basics.

So, Panghal would hop over to local athletics coach, Rajesh, who trains Rohtak youth in throws — discus and shotput, to inculcate the thrower's workouts. At Tokyo, Panghal had frozen. But there were deeper issues — his punches lacked sting and the ideal range was compromised as a result. Training with the shotput specialist for a month and some,



Amit Panghal in action during his CWG quarterfinal bout against Lennon Mulligan. *AP*

helped build explosive strength in his forearms. Like against Mulligan through the length of nine minutes, Panghal wouldn't back-pedal, as the pithy punches yielded returns.

Panghal's usual monotone of a game style, has also broadened to include variations unlike the last CWG, though 2018 is considered his peak. There were punches to the opponents' whole body on Thursday, the

torso coming in for some pummelling, and the sides receiving his pinging attacks before he would go elusive to his opponent with a side guard. The plan was fight & flight, strike and bike away, hit and move. In forcing Mulligan to flee, Panghal also asserted he was the boss, when the bout paused.

As one of India's biggest hopes in men's boxing — India doesn't have a medal in men post

Vijender in 2008 — Panghal had been under tremendous pressure, and wilted right under it. Demoralised, he would go into an even quieter shell than one he inhabited with the outer world. It wasn't just returning empty from the Olympics, it was the shelf-life of a smaller boxer, with sell-by dates in bold-underlined.

Smaller weight divisions in boxing are notorious for their turnovers, and attritions — as top countries keep churning out new personnel to man the 51 kg, and hunt for medals. When India's men's boxing campaign got off disastrously at Tokyo, the dismaying exits rubbed off on Panghal, as if the pre-Games blows in Italy from the Cuban weren't scalding enough. He was literally buzzed into inactivity in the ring — his listlessness coming as a shock for those who watched. The change of gears never happened.

At the 2018 Asiad, Panghal had hung out with the likes of Neeraj Chopra and Bajrang Punia, and carried over from India's handball win over Pakistan. At Tokyo, Panghal was alone with his thoughts, when the Cuban went off on a relentless mad barrage, and literally kept bullying Panghal about.

At Birmingham, Panghal has settled into a smooth training rhythm with coaches, he isn't angry about wanting his personal

Shankar to target decathlon at Asiad

■ High jumper Tejaswin Shankar on Thursday said he has not been able to perform to his full potential owing to chronic tendonitis and it's now a 'certainty' that he will compete in decathlon at the Asian Games, which will be held in September-October next year.

■ Shankar had recorded an impressive performance during his decathlon debut in May. Competing at the Bid 12 Championships in Texas, he came close to breaking the decathlon national record after attaining 7592 points which was just short of the NR of 7658.

at the very least. Don't mean to be cocky," he would say. But the organisers had to be persuaded to burgeon India's quota. "I'm grateful to the IOA and AFI for helping me get in finally," he said, though five days back, he was sitting at home watching the opening ceremony uncertain about coming to Birmingham even.

His time with NCAA shaped his mindset for precisely such scenarios. "A lot of credit to the NCAA I know there will be good days, bad days, horrible days." The bronze was dangling right there, but Tejaswin was the first to know it could all dissipate if he messed up. "If I didn't get the jump, I'd be going nowhere. I was aware of that."

He had been determined to not allow the controversy to spill over into his mind-space. "The moment I got my visa, I adopted a positive mindset, and removed all negative thoughts. Because physically, mentally, you have to be focused on the jump. Make things happen. I had my opportunity. I didn't want to change any routine." So he stuck to the process.

Walked in, taking in the stadium vibe. Measured his runway with tape. Checked rules with officials. Sat with his back to the fellow jumpers watching them on the big screen. Visualised a jump before every attempt. No mistakes on the early attempts. Mind leashed after it began to go astray. And won a medal.

2018 Asian Games gold medal lift: 246kg (69kg category)

Vikas Thakur

Medal: Silver
Category: Men's 96kg
CWG total: 348kg
Tokyo Olympics gold medal lift: 402kg
2018 Asian Games gold medal lift: 410 (94kg category)

Lovepreet Singh

Medal: Bronze
Category: Men's 109kg
CWG total: 355kg
Tokyo Olympics gold medal lift: 430kg
2018 Asian Games gold medal lift: 421 (105kg category)

Gurpreet Singh

Medal: Bronze
Category: Men's +109kg
CWG total: 390kg
Tokyo Olympics gold medal lift: Non-Olympic category
2018 Asian Games gold medal lift: 461 (+105 kg category)

coach, as he's coming in with some satisfactory ring-craft sessions with national coaches. Plus, his best buddy, Sanjeet, also a forces bloke, managed to qualify as well and is with him at Birmingham.

The 51 kg – 91 kg Rohtak-duo are an odd pair of friends, but get along like a house on fire and it helps to move around in reassuring company of friends for meals and in the Village. Quick to strike fraternal bondings even both hail from the same place and trained under the same coach. Sanjeet offers Panghal the outlet for rougher days when he typically cocoons himself, though he remains the same chatty person when around friends.

The pizza-pasta options in Italy prior to the Olympics had also frustrated the boxers, but here they have settled into a good routine. The CWG was also something for Panghal to look forward to, after the highs of making the World's finals in the last Olympic cycle. On Thursday, Panghal would reiterate he was going for gold, in the few words he spoke. He would save the punchlines for when/if the gold comes, and the punches for lording in the ring. No fighter worth his salt, beams for cameras when the wrist is raised for a punch in the ring. Panghal's weapons remain sheathed till the opponent fetches up.