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Letter No: 504

Date: 08/08/2022

**e-Tender Notice (NCB)**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Civil Maintenance- Dakpathar, UJVN Ltd., Dakpathar (Dehradun) invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:  
**Tender Nos.:-** NCB/12/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2022-23, NCB/13/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2022-23 & NCB/14/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2022-23  
**Name of work:** (1) Replacement of wooden sleeper with chequered plates and strengthening of Patel Bridge.  
(2) Hill Slope Protection Works on the upstream left bank of Ichari Dam.  
(3) Reaming/Re drilling of existing drainage holes in the foundation Gallery of Ichari dam.  
**Estimated cost:** (1) ₹ 66.75 Lakh (GST Extra) (2) ₹ 42.15 Lakh (GST Extra) & (3) ₹ 35.75 Lakh (GST Extra)  
**Date of availability of bid document on website:** From 17:00 hrs of 10.08.2022  
**Last date for submission of bids on website:** Upto 17:00 hrs of 14.09.2022  
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **"https://uktenders.gov.in"**  
**Executive Engineer**  
(Project Civil Maintenance) Dakpathar  
**"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"**

**Online Tender Notice No:15 of 2022-23**  
**Sports Authority of Gujarat**  
**Block No.14/3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Dr.Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar**  
**Tender Id.542647 (REVISED)**  
Secretary, Sports Authority of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Block no. 14, 3rd floor., Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar invite 'Engagement of an Event Management Agency for Event Days Operations and Overlays for 36<sup>th</sup> National Games, Gujarat 2022' for Rs.45.00 Crore.  
• The tender may be download on the website <https://sycaad.nprocure.com>.  
• The Last date of On-line Submission of tender dt.17/08/2022; 15:00 hrs.  
• For any further information contact to PIU Branch in the office of Secretary, Sports Authority of Gujarat, Block no. 14, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar in office hour. Contact no.079-23254409, 9978406811.  
**INF/1098/22-23**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**CORRIGENDUM**  
**Tender Notice**  
Invitation of tender through E-tendering (e-Procurement Systems)  
NIT No. E-file No. 134684R  
Name of Work and Its Location Tender for Provision for 100Ft. (30.5M) high flag mast at RCNK/SNP  
Approx. Cost of Work Rs. Tender Cost- Rs.15,64,262.00/- (Rs. Fifteen Lacs Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two Only)  
Earnest Money Rs. 31,300/-  
Completion Period of Work Six months of date of execution of work  
Cost of Tender document on cash / by Post NIL  
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender Upto 11:00 hrs. on 18.08.2022 Opening of Tender at 11:00 hrs.  
Website particulars notice board location complete details of Tender can be seen Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
No. : E-File No. 134684R Dated: - 05/08/2022 2021/22  
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**Government of Odisha,**  
**e- Procurement Notice**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**  
B-461 **Bid Identification No. C.C.E.DkI(R&B) 09/2022-23**  
**Email Id- sedklpwd@gmail.com**

**Letter No. 1964/ dt.03/08/2022**  
The Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below:  
1. **Name of the work** : Road works  
2. **No of works** : 05 (Five) Nos  
3. **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 1,10,13,064/- to Rs. 83,05,350/- (as given in column No. 03 of table)  
4. **Cost of tender paper** : Rs 10,000.00  
5. **Class of contractor** : 'B', 'A' 'Special' & 'Super' Class (as given in column No. 06 of table)  
6. **Period of Completion of work** : 07 (Seven) to 11 (Eleven) Calendar months (as given in column No. 07 of table)  
7. **Date and time of availability of bid Document in the website** : From Dt. 10.08.2022 to 5.30 P.M. of Dt. 24.08.2022  
8. **Date of opening of bid** : Dt. 25.08.2022 at 11.30 hours  
The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in). Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.  
**Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer**  
**Dhenkanal(R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal**  
OIPR-34132/11/0015/2223



**U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.**  
**E-Tender Notice**  
**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE NO.: ESD-601**

Online e-bids are invited under single stage two-envelope system from reputed corporate entity incorporated under the Companies Act 1956/Companies Act 2013 having domicile in India engaged in business of EPC/Turnkey Contracts for Procurement Of Works (Sub-station Works) i.e. Engineering, Supply, Erection and Commissioning. Short Term online e-bids for Civil works, Supply, Erection and Commissioning of remaining works of 2X40 MVA, 132/33kV Substation Rudhaili, Basti at an Estimated Cost of Rs. 6.46 Crore (Rupees Six Crore Forty Six Lakh Only) (inclusive of GST & all other taxes/charges) are being invited on "EPC/Turnkey Contract Basis". Complete set of bidding document is available on the official e-tender portal of UPPTCL **"etender.up.nic.in"** from dt. 08/08/2022 / 18.00 PM up to dt. 23/08/2022 / 12.30 PM. Interested bidders may visit UPPTCL's official web site **"www.upptcl.org"** and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL **"etender.up.nic.in"** for amendment/ errata/ corrigendum (if any) and any other information regarding this tender.  
**Note:** Bidders are requested to regularly visit website and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL only for amendment/ errata/ corrigendum (if any) and any other information regarding this tender, as the same shall be published only on the website and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL.  
**Superintending Engineer, ESDC-II, 13th floor, Shakti Bhawan Extn., UPPTCL, Lucknow.**  
No. 300/ESDC-(GS)/Tender Notice Dated: 8.8.2022

**अकलकोट नगरपरिषद, अकलकोट**  
**जाहिर ई-निविदा क्र. – २०२२, निविदा प्रसिद्धीकरण (फेर) (नगरोत्थान योजना जिल्हास्तर)**  
जा. क्र. २०२२/न.प.अ.कोट/कांय-२२/सांकलन-१/आरआर-कांय-८८६, दिनांक ०५/०८/२०२२  
मुख्याधिकारी, नगरपरिषद अकलकोट हे सातनाकरील कार्य या वर्गीकृत नोंदीकृत करारव्यवहार ई-निविदेच्या प्रणालीद्वारे निविदा मागितल्या वेळी आहेत. कोणत्या ई-निविदेचा मुद्दा <https://mahatenders.gov.in> या संकेतास्थळावर दिनांक ०८/०८/२०२२ ते दि. २४/०८/२०२२ या काळावधीमध्ये उपलब्ध राहिल. सदर कार्य ई-निविदा करारद्वारे <https://mahatenders.gov.in> या संकेतास्थळावर दि. २४/०८/२०२२ येथे दुपारी ४.०० वाजेपर्यंत सादर करावे. या कामाची निविदा पूर्व वेळी दि. २४/०८/२०२२ येथे दिवा १५.०० वाजता नगरपरिषद कार्यालय, अकलकोट येथे पोचवा व्हेल. निविदा राज्य शासनावर दि. २५/०८/२०२२ येथे सायंकाळी ४.०० वाजता उपस्थित मांडावर अथवा त्याचे अधिकृत प्रतिनिधी यांचेसाथ उघडण्यात येतील.  
टीप :- १. सर्व पात्र व इच्छुक करारद्वारे निविदा डाऊनलोड करू शकतील व निविदा प्रक्रियेस भाग घेण्यासाठी ई-निविदा प्रणालीच्या <https://mahatenders.gov.in> या संकेतास्थळावर नोंदी करणे आवश्यक आहे.  
२. निविदाकाराने वर नमूद केलेल्या संकेतास्थळावर निविदा प्रक्रियेस भाग घेण्यासाठी व डिजिटल प्रमाणावर निविदा करणे संदर्भात जारी शंका/ अडथळी असल्यास त्यांचे खातेवरील संपूर्ण क्रमांकित संपर्क साधवा. टीप क्रो नंबर १८००२३३२२३०  
३. आर्किटेक्चर शासनाच्या वेबसाईटवर ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने पोस्ट भरलेले असल्याने सदर कामाकरिता संकेतस्थळी खातेवरील नमूद अकाउंट नंबरवर ऑनलाईन पोस्ट भरलेले आहे.  
४. शासन निर्णयान्वये आवश्यकतेनुसार पर्याप्ततेने सिक्युरिटी डिपॉझिट/ अतिरिक्त पर्याप्ततेने / सिक्युरिटी डिपॉझिट राखून घ्यावे आवश्यक ठरेल.  
नियुक्त बँक ऑफ इंडिया, अकलकोट शाखा, खाते नंबर 678102010003391, Union Bank Five Digit Code No. 67810, IFSC Code UBIN0567817 कोणतेही बँकद्वारा न देता कोणताही बांध अथवा सर्व निविदा मागितल्याच अधिकार समस्त अधिकारी यांचे राखून ठेवले आहे. या बाबती सातनाकरील या न.प.अ.कोट निविदा उपलब्धतेनुसार विल अथवा काळवरील व्हेल.  
(स्थळी:-) सचिव कार्यालय, मुख्याधिकारी कार्यालय प्रशासक नगरपरिषद अकलकोट

क्र.	कामाचे नाव	अंदाजित किंमत रुपये	बघाणा किंमत रुपये	काम पूर्ण करल्याची काळमर्यादा	निविदेचा किंमत व क्रमांक	अधिकृत ठेकेदाराचा वर्ग
१.	घाट नं. ००८, प्रदाया कोलनीयलकडे उंच पाण्याची टाकी बांधणे.	४०,४०,८३७/-	४०,४०,०००/-	२ महिने	अ-१, क्र. १५०००/-	शरसन निष्ठावानगो
२.	विनअड्डा दावांनकडे उंच पाण्याची टाकी बांधणे.	४९,७०,८६३/-	४९,८००००/-	२ महिने	अ-१, क्र. १५०००/-	शरसन निष्ठावानगो
३.	कालिकांनार येथे उंच पाण्याची टाकी बांधणे (अपूर्व) बांधणे	३३,४२,२०२/-	३३,४०,०००/-	६ महिने	अ-१, क्र. १५०००/-	शरसन निष्ठावानगो
४.	जलसुद्धीकरण केंद्र येथे कालिकांनारपासून पाहिल्याईन कार्ये व पंप यंत्रवर्षणे	२५,७६,२४४/-	२५,८०,०००/-	६ महिने	अ-१, क्र. १५०००/-	शरसन निष्ठावानगो
५.	जलसुद्धीकरण केंद्र येथे दादा कोलनीयल पाहिल्याईन कार्ये व पंप यंत्रवर्षणे	५५,६८,१४५/-	५५,७०,०००/-	६ महिने	अ-१, क्र. १५०००/-	शरसन निष्ठावानगो

१. सर्व पात्र व इच्छुक करारद्वारे निविदा डाऊनलोड करू शकतील व निविदा प्रक्रियेस भाग घेण्यासाठी ई-निविदा प्रणालीच्या <https://mahatenders.gov.in> या संकेतास्थळावर नोंदी करणे आवश्यक आहे.  
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
Sub:- Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system  
Dy. Chief Material Manager, Tughlakabad, New Delhi on behalf of the President of India invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items.  
S.N. Tender No. Brief Description Quantity Closing Date  
1 43225122 Supply of all members in under frame as per Annexure-I attached 1 Set Postponed to 16/08/2022  
NOTE-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.  
Date:- 05/08/2022 2030/22  
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**Office of Director, State Forensic Science Laboratory**  
(Neharu Nagar, RPA Road, Jaipur. Ph. 0141-2301584, Fax 0141-2301859  
E-Mail director.fsl@rajasthan.gov.in  
File No :- N-5 (3) लेख:-जी/Manpower/ 2022-23/4224 Date: 3.8.22  
**E-Bid Invitation Notice-06 / 2022-23**  
Bids of State Forensic Science Laboratory, Jaipur for Rs. 324.00 lakh of Forensic Scientific Assistant for DNA/Cyber Division procurement are invited from interested bidders up to 25 august 2022.  
The particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state website.  
UBN No. to UBN No till  
FSL2223SLOB00025 Sd/-  
Head of the Office  
DIPRC/10310/2022 State Forensic Science Laboratory, Jaipur

**Office of the Suprintending Engineer Water Resources Construction Circle, Dungarpur**  
No. SE/Acc./2022/1429 Date:- 29.07.2022  
**E-NIT No. 02/2022-23**  
Bids for the works mentioned below are invited from interested bidders upto dated 24.08.2022 till 6.00 PM.  
S.No Name of Work  
1 2  
1 CONSTRUCTION OF MAHADEV MANDIR KE PASS ANICUT GP DEVAL AND BEDA NAKA ANICUT GP TANDI OBERI TEHSIL & DISTRICT DUNGARPUR RS :- 424.27 Lakh UBN NO :- WRD2223WSOB01009  
Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>, [www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in) & [www.water.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.water.rajasthan.gov.in) wrd  
Sd/-  
Suprintending Engineer  
Water Resources Const. Circle  
Dungarpur  
DIPRC/10286/2022

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**OPEN-E- TENDER NOTICE**  
No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/41/2022-23/W-3 Dated :- 08.08.2022  
The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III. Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.  
1 Name of Work Repair of PF Shelter with 0.8 mm Meta colour sheets, velly gutter and down pipes etc of P.F. 2/3 = 2850Sqm, P.F. 4/5 = 2800 Sqm PF no. 8/9 = 3900 SQM PF No. 12/13 = 3600 Sqm Sqr PF -16 = 2500 Sqm Mtr, Velly Gutters PF 2/3 = 480 Mtr, PF No. 4/5 = 480 Mtr PF 8/9 = 400 Mtr, PF 12/13 = 400 Mtr, PF 16 = 300 Mtr, at NDLS in the section of SSE/W/NDLS under ADE/N/NDLS  
2. Approx cost of work Rs.59,99,968.71 (Rupees Fifty Nine Lacs Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight and Seventy One Paise Only)  
3. Earnest Money to be deposited Rs. 1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)  
4. Cost of tender document Rs. 0/-  
5. Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender 30.08.2022 @15:00 Hrs.  
6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
• The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for participating in the e-tender system. • For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. 2041/22  
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**GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT**  
**NARMADA WATER RESOURCES WATER SUPPLY & KALPSAR DEPARTMENT**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE NO.17 OF 2022-23**  
In the Name and behalf of Governor of Gujarat state , The Executive Engineer, Ukai Division No.1, Tapi Jal Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Ukai Ta.Songadh Dist.Tapi-394680 (Phone No.02624-233221) invites online tender for Work as Under.  
Sr. No Name of Work (1) Bid Security (2) Tender Fee  
1. Up gradation/Revival/Augmentation of Surface Drains, L-Drains, Cross Drains and outfall drains. (II Attempt) 1) Rs.2,40,910/- 2) Rs.5,000/-  
2. Construction of Quality Control Unit Facilitating With Latest Equipments at Ukai Ta.Songadh Dist. Tapi (III Attempt) 1) Rs.2,91,000/- 2) Rs.5,000/-  
3. Protection Work between Gorge Dam and RT Wall of Ukai Dam. Ta.Songadh Dist.Tapi. (II Attempt) 1) Rs.1,38,000/- 2) Rs.5,000/-  
4. Slop Protection Work between approach channel of Head Regulator and Hill No.3 (VIP Rest House) at Ukai Dam Ta.Songadh Dist.Tapi. (II Attempt) 1) Rs.1,27,700/- 2) Rs.5,000/-  
**E-Tendering Schedule**  
1. Tender Downloading and Uploading Date and Time Date: 10/08/2022 to Date:24/08/2022 up to 18.00 Hrs.  
2. Physical Submission of Tender Documents date and time Tender Documents, E.M.D. and tender fee in original shall be submitted to the Executive Engineer, Ukai Division No.1, 2nd Floor, Ukai Ta.Songadh Dist.Tapi on or before Date 02/09/2022, 18.00 hrs. by R.P.A.D./Speed Post/ Courier.  
3. Date of Opening of P.Q. Bid. Date:25/08/2022, 12.00 hrs. Superintending Engineer, Ukai Circle (Civil), Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Tapi Jal Bhavan, Ta.Songadh Dist.Tapi.  
4. Inquiry /Contact Office Address the Executive Engineer, Ukai Division No.1, 2nd Floor, Ukai Ta.Songadh Dist.Tapi.394680 Phone No.02624-233221  
Any kind of amendments will be published only on online and will be final and binding to all for Further details contact to this office during office hours. Detailed Tender Notice can also be seen on [www.statetenders.gujarat.gov.in](http://www.statetenders.gujarat.gov.in) and [www.nprocure.com](http://www.nprocure.com).  
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2. Approx cost of work Rs.1,20,13,297.58/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakh Thirteen Thousand Two Hundreded Ninety Seven & Fifty Eight paise only)  
3. Earnest Money to be deposited Rs. 210100/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ten Thousand One Hundreded Only)  
4. Cost of tender document Rs. 0/-  
5. Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender. 30.08.2022 @15:00 Hrs.  
6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
• The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for participating in the e-tender system. • For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. 2029/22  
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1 Name of work with its location (A) Annual zone work for repairs, white washing, painting to staff quarters and service buildings between JNC-PWL in the s/o SSE/W/FDB under ADE/N/TKD for the period ending 30.06.2023. **Similar nature of work:** Any civil work other than track work. (B) Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of Staff Quarters & Service Buildings, Supply of building material for day-to-day maintenance in the section of SSE/W/E/TKD under ADE/N/TKD for period ending 30.06.2023. **Similar nature of work:** Any civil work other than track work. (C) Repair and white washing including petty repair to engineering assets in the section of SSE/WL/HNZM under ADE/N/HNZM for the period ending 30.06.2023 **Similar nature of work:** Any civil work other than track work. (D) Repair and white washing including petty repair to engineering assets in the section of SSE/WL/HNZM under ADE/N/HNZM for the period ending 30.06.2023. **Similar nature of work:** Any civil work other than track work. (E) Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of Staff qrs. and service building in the section of SSE/M/GGN under ADE/N/DEE for the period ending 30.06.2023. **Similar nature of work:** Any civil work other than track work. (F) Annual maintenance of PWay Zone work in the section of SSE/PWay/DEE under ADE/N/DEE for the period ending 30.06.2023. **Similar nature of work:** Any type of track work. (G) Rag picking work & removal of muck/Malba between DKZ-DEE, DEE-DEC, DEC-PM, PM-BSWN in the section of SSE/PWay/DEE under ADE/N/DEE **Similar nature of work:** Any civil work other than track work.  
2 Approx. cost of work (A) Rs. 8999805.62 (B) Rs.9999706.81 (C) Rs.5999576.50 (D) Rs.5999990.04 (E) Rs.7999979.42 (F) Rs.6999787.46 (G) Rs.13399635.48  
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4 Completion period of work (A) 12 Months (B) 12 Months (C) 12 Months (D) 12 Months (E) 12 Months (F) 12 Months (G) 12 Months  
5 Date and time for submission of tender & opening of tender Upto 15:00 hrs on 02.09.2022. Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs on 02.09.2022  
6 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
No. 128-W/280/OET/2021-22/W-V/NIT-11-A, B, C, D, E, F & G -2022-23-W-V Dated: 08.08.2022 2037/22  
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PR No.: 269890

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Note: Corrigendum 4 can be referred from the e-tender site of Govt. of Jharkhand i.e., (<https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>)  
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Approx. Cost of work Rs. 08.22 Crs.  
Bid Security Rs. 5,60,900/- (Rupees Five lakh sixty thousand nine hundred only)  
Completion Period 11 (Eleven) months  
Date, Time & Place for submission and opening of tender Tender will be available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) website from 10.08.2022 to 11:30 Hrs. on 31.08.2022 and will be opened on 31.08.2022 after 11:30 hrs. **Tender** can be uploaded from 17.08.2022 to 11:30 hrs. on 31.08.2022 and will be opened on 31.08.2022 after 11:30 hrs.  
Address from where tender form can be purchased The detailed e-tender notice and document will be available on Northern Railway website i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) from 10.08.2022 to 31.08.2022, bidders are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which, they would require to, obtain class III digital certificate (if already not obtained) issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.  
No. : 178-Sig/CW/32/101 Dated : 08.08.2022 2034/22  
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Those who call welfare schemes 'revdi' are traitors, says Kejriwal

**GAYATHRI MANI**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

TARGETING THE BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his comments on "revdi", or freebie, politics, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Monday that people who call welfare schemes provided to ordinary citizens "free ki revdi (sweets)" are "traitors" to the country.

Asking what was wrong in providing free education, health and electricity to ordinary citizens, Kejriwal said, "Since the past few months, an atmosphere has been created across the country... Those people who question the free schemes and call it the key reason for the government's revenue loss have written off crores of debt and waived off loans worth Rs 10 lakh crores taken by their friends, who took the public money and escaped the country. This has not affected the government's vault, but schemes for

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## THE WORLD



**'SENSELESS TO PRESSURE' LANKA, SAYS CHINA AFTER COLOMBO ASKS IT TO DEFER SHIP ARRIVAL**  
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Bellary Reddy wants to restart mining, Andhra tells SC 'no objection'

**JAY MAZOOMDAAR**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE ANDHRA Pradesh government has told the Supreme Court it has no objection to resumption of iron ore mining in Bellary reserve forest where it was banned in 2010 over encroachment of forest land and other alleged violations, primarily by Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) of former Karnataka minister G Janardhan Reddy.

Minister for Tourism and Infrastructure Development in the Karnataka government from



Lakshya Sen after winning the final of the men's singles badminton event in Birmingham on Monday. **PTI** **FULL COVERAGE, P 20**

## Shuttlers land three gold medals in final flourish, lift India to fourth in CWG tally



**SHIVANI NAIK**  
AUGUST 8

INDIA'S BIG-TICKET shuttlers, P V Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and the doubles team of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty,

woke up on Monday morning in bleak Birmingham, and settled some serious scores. The background score of the OTT mobster series *Peaky Blinders*, which plays on loop at all venues, was apt for the occasion given that revenge was sought and taken, against opponents with whom the Indians had a fair amount of history.

Alongwith the legendary paddler, Sharath Kamal, who was winning his singles title in the adjoining arena, the shuttlers



**P V Sindhu after securing the gold medal in the women's singles event. PTI**

helped India (22 gold) leapfrog over New Zealand (20 gold), and finish fourth in the medals tally.

## Letter links Shrikant Tyagi to BJP, had police cover for over a year

**ABHINAV RAJPUT & MALAVIKA PRASAD**  
NOIDA, AUGUST 8

BJP LEADERS deny any link with Shrikant Tyagi, booked by Noida police last Friday after he was caught on video pushing and abusing a woman at the Grand Omaxe residential society in Noida's Sector 93-B, but a 2018 letter confirms Tyagi's affiliation to the party.

The appointment letter, dated August 27, 2018, states that he is national co-coordinator

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Authorities got bulldozers to demolish a structure at Tyagi's home in the Grand Omaxe society in Noida. **PTI** **REPORTS, P 6**

Karnataka study shows eggs in mid-day meals help children's growth

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THERE IS "clear evidence of significant improvement" in the growth of children who are given eggs as part of mid-day meals, with girls in Class 8 gaining up to 71% more weight than their peers who were not served eggs, as per a study commissioned by the Karnataka government covering over 4,500 students in two districts.

The Body Mass Index (BMI) of children, both boys and girls,

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THE REPORT underlines the need for more protein and calories in mid-day meals in Karnataka, especially in districts that don't serve eggs. Currently, eggs are served under the mid-day meal or PM Poshan scheme in seven Karnataka districts.

## Post pandemic, employees reluctant to return, firms take offices to small towns

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**ANCHOR**

**AANCHAL MAGAZINE & PRANAV MUKUL**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

FORA chartered accountant from Bharuch or a technology consultant from Ajmer, a post-pandemic move back to the metropolitan cities where their employers have traditionally had offices may not now be necessary.

Service sector companies, including the Big Four audit majors and technology companies, are making a transition to tier-2 cities and setting up offices at smaller locations to be closer to their em-



Suvajit Dey

ployees instead of favouring geographical proximity to clients, in what is being seen as a renewed thrust on developing hub-and-spoke office networks.

This is particularly true for

skilled professional workers such as chartered accountants, who comprise roughly 30-40 per cent of the workforce of some of the Big Four (Deloitte, PwC, KPMG and Ernst & Young) audit companies,

and predominantly come from a small number of states such as Gujarat, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. With these employees preferring to work from closer to their hometowns in smaller locations such as Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Coimbatore, Bhubaneswar, and so on, companies are transitioning to setting up new workplaces in these towns to cater to an increasingly popular post-pandemic trend.

The IT and software services sector, which is among the top organised sector employers, is seeing companies expanding to some of the smaller towns and cities that are emerging as "talent hubs", looking beyond the traditional campus centres like

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## CRACKS IN JDU-BJP ALLIANCE

# All eyes on Bihar as Nitish signals switching sides again, parties meet today

JDU to RJD, Congress to HAM(S) ask their MLAs to be present in Patna

**SANTOSH SINGH**  
PATNA, AUGUST 8

AMID TURBULENCE in the ruling JD(U)-BJP alliance, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U) and the Opposition RJD have called separate meetings of their MLAs in Patna Tuesday. The Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), a constituent of the NDA, and the Congress are also holding meetings of their MLAs Tuesday.

The meetings have been called following a phone conversation that Nitish reportedly had with Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

JD(U) leaders were said to have spoken to RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav earlier.

The JD(U) and RJD have of late been cosying up. There have been no attacks on the other by either side, and in a rare show of camaraderie, Nitish accompanied Tejashwi, Leader of the Opposition, to the CM House gates after an Iftar party.

On Sunday, asked about Tejashwi's campaign against the Central government over inflation, the JD(U) said he was well within his rights to do so.

The JD (U) also did not react to the recent CBI searches at the residences of Lalu Prasad and his close aide Bhola Yadav in connection with the alleged job-for-

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## BIHAR ASSEMBLY

BJP	77
JD(U)	45
HAM(S)	4
RJD	79
CONGRESS	19
CPI(M-L)	12
CPI	4
AIMIM	1
INDEPENDENT	1

**TOTAL: 242 (down from 243 owing to the death of an MLA)**

land case.

On Monday, JD (U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh

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BJP waits, but nervous: 'Nitish threat serious' this time

**LIZ MATHEW**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

AS ITS key ally JD(U) indicated parting of ways with the BJP Monday, the latter was waiting and watching. However, while many hoped that Nitish Kumar was only "posturing" for a "larger pound of flesh" in the Union Cabinet, the unpredictability of the Bihar Chief Minister has the BJP on the edge.

There is also at least one change from earlier instances of Nitish's brinkmanship that is making the BJP nervous. A BJP leader pointed to "the changed political scenario post the arrest of a close aide of RJD supremo Lalu Prasad", leaving the RJD more pliant.

"This time, the threat looks serious," a senior BJP leader said. "Nitish Kumar is unpredictable... he has proved that he can go to any extent," added another party leader from Bihar.

For now, the BJP has decided not to send any emissary to Patna to "douse the fire", and will wait for the meeting called by Nitish of his party workers Tuesday.

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## Crisis in Bihar

a.k.a Lalan Singh said the party had called a meeting of its MLAs. “We have called our MLAs on Tuesday to discuss the situation post the resignation of former Union Minister RCP Singh from the party,” he said. On RCP Singh’s statement that the Union Home Minister had said “there was agreement only on the choice of RCP Singh to become a Union Minister,” Lalan Singh said, “This only proves our conspiracy theory. How can the BJP decide who will become minister from JD(U)?”

The RJD too said it had called a meeting of its MLAs on Tuesday, but it sought to play down the “current political turbulence” as “speculation”. RJD state president Jagdanand Singh said, “There is no proposal from our side to Nitish Kumar. It is all speculation.”

But RJD sources said it was “almost a done deal and there are only a few hiccups on the matter of leadership and portfolio distribution”. Tejashwi has refrained from making any comment on the ongoing developments.

The BJP, for its part, has asked its spokespersons not to react. A BJP source said, “One thing is sure: our leaders have given a brief to the Central Leadership on the Bihar situation. But there has been no attempt to reach out to Nitish Kumar.”

On Sunday, the JD(U) had hinted at a BJP hand in “conspiracies” against the Nitish government, and said nothing was final on a tie-up between the two for future elections. Nitish also skipped a meeting of the NITI Aayog governing council chaired by the Prime Minister.

Tension between the JD(U) and BJP has been building up for over two months on issues such as the constant denial of special category status for Bihar.

The absence of Nitish’s name from invitations sent out by the Assembly Speaker, belonging to the BJP, for the Vidhan Sabha centenary celebrations was also seen by the JD(U) as a snub.

The BJP’s two-day national meeting in Patna was not viewed kindly by the JD(U) either, especially over the issues raised. The BJP though had made a point of emphasising that it would go with the JD(U) in the 2024 Lok Sabha and 2025 Assembly polls.

JD(U) sources claimed there was evidence that “the BJP had been trying to make an Eknath Shinde of RCP Singh”. Once Nitish’s No. 2, Singh had joined the Modi Cabinet reportedly without the Bihar CM’s nod, and now finds himself out of Parliament and the party. He quit the JD(U) last Saturday amid allegations by the party over land transactions by his family.

The RJD, meanwhile, is keeping its fingers crossed. All eyes are now on the Speaker and Governor should the JD(U) take the extreme

step of breaking ties with the BJP. Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha is down with Covid.

## BJP nervous

According to a senior BJP leader from Bihar, the arrest of Bhola Yadav, who used to be the Officer on Special Duty to Lalu Prasad during his tenure as the Railway Minister, in an alleged land-for-job case, has left the RJD camp desperate to strike a deal with Kumar.

“The RJD has dropped demands such as the CM post and is ready to make compromises with Nitish to form the government. This has given Nitish a lot of leg room to bargain with the BJP. His party has been demanding a larger role in the Union government, and now the posturing makes their demands look stronger,” a BJP leader said.

According to BJP sources, the RJD, which has been cosying up to Nitish for some time, is ready to settle for some key ministries now, instead of the CM post.

In the Bihar Assembly, the RJD is the single-largest party, with 75 seats. The JD(U) has 43. The BJP is behind the RJD by only one seat.

The BJP leadership had earlier indicated that it was ready to offer a Cabinet post to the JD(U) in place of R C P Singh, who ran afoul of Nitish for reportedly accepting the berth without Nitish’s nod. (Singh, who had to resign after his Rajya Sabha tenure ended, quit the JD(U) Saturday.)

BJP sources said that instead of one though, the JD(U) – especially its national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh a.k.a Lalan Singh) – was holding out for more berths.

The majority view in the BJP is that Cabinet berths is just a ruse, and that Nitish has been pulling away from the party. The latest trigger point was a face-off with Bihar Assembly Speaker and BJP leader Vijay Kumar Sinha over invites to Vidhan Sabha anniversary celebrations.

Nitish also sees the personal attacks on him by R C P Singh, once one of his closest aides, as made at the behest of the BJP. Singh has called the JD(U) a sinking ship and said a “jealous” Nitish would never become the prime minister. The JD(U) sees Singh breaking away from Nitish to try and carve his own path as having the BJP’s blessing.

But while a section of the BJP unit in Bihar has always been critical of Nitish, the central leadership has been keen to continue the alliance, with him at the helm of affairs. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan to Patna to placate Nitish.

State leaders argue that it was Nitish who opened the front against the BJP national leadership first, forcing their hand. “He has blamed us over denial of special status category, mobilised parties against us over the caste census issue, and then criticised

us publicly over the Agnipath scheme,” a BJP MP said.

## CWG gold

“beautiful” UK weather, her confidence and mental strength blowing Li’s challenge to smithereens with a 21-15, 21-13 win.

Though it was the Canadian winner of 2014 who had prevailed in a monster 57-stroke rally, what summed up the final was an exchange between the two at 11-6 in the second set. Sindhu sent a motion-drop swirling into a curve and the shuttle deceptively went cross-court, forcing Li into a tangled twist trying to reach it. “Lots has happened since 2014. I’ve had lots of surgeries and she’s had lots of gold medals,” Li said. More pertinently, this time, Sindhu got Li to make a lot of errors, which usually lead to blistering defeats. And Sindhu had her missing CWG gold.

In the men’s doubles, Ben Lane and Sean Vendi are a pair of cheeky Englishmen who had cost Satwik-Chirag a match at the Denmark Challenge event in 2019. Their antics would keep the Indians on their toes, even if their badminton was error-prone. “We had fallen into their trap in 2019,” Satwik recalled.

“They’ll do irritating things – deliberately pull the shuttle from our side of the court, make faces, delay, screech,” Shetty explained. Here, they hadn’t expected their rivals to make the finals but were still wary of them, owing to the drama that accompanied the high-energy maverick pair.

“Our coach Mathias Boe and Arun Vishnu knew about this history. They told us to focus on winning points, and not get involved in their craziness and fall in the trap again,” he said. As clinical as Sindhu’s win, and with identical scores, Satwik-Chirag won 21-15, 21-13 to take India two gold clear of the Kiwis.

The duo, who had silver at the Gold Coast edition in 2018, recalled that evening four years ago when, sitting alongside Kidambi Srikanth who had similarly lost gold to Lee Chong Wei, the Indians had vowed to win gold next time.

“I still remember, we went on court right after Srikanth had lost and couldn’t win either. Sitting together, we had taken a pledge that next time it would be gold,” Shetty said. The wall of noise at Birmingham’s intimate stadium setting was turned into an ambient buzz that propelled them past the Englishmen, their focus firmly on gold. “They are taller than us, and were stronger today. We were not quite there,” Ben Lane said.

Kidambi Srikanth, in fact, won bronze after losing to his Malaysian nemesis Ng Tze Yong for the second time in a week after the mixed team event. The heartbreak remains an open wound that may or may not find a salve in 15 day’s time at the World Championships in Tokyo. But Lakshya Sen was at hand, to exact revenge in the men’s singles final after his teammate went down in the Last Four.

A defensive automaton, the young Malaysian with his typical skiddy speed, was causing the Indians all sorts of trouble, nicking the crucial men’s singles rub-

ber in the team event a few days back. Srikanth lost to him in three games in the individual semis, after nearly winning. In the men’s singles final, Sen found himself a game down, facing a similar fate.

In 2014, India held the men’s singles title through Parupalli Kashyap, but Chong Wei had turned up in 2018 to deny Srikanth. Now a younger upstart was threatening to send Sen packing after he erred from 18-all in the opener to go down 19-21. But Sen had had some conversations with Srikanth, and figured out a workable length against the Malaysian – putting him under pressure on the deep backhand and far forehand, playing to the lines. The early pressure cramped Sen’s free-flowing game but he found his rhythm and shirked off the stress to win 19-21, 21-9, 21-16.

Ng Tze tends to conserve energy in the second, and comes bombarding in the third. Sen stayed alert just for that, fed off his typical defence to launch counters and dismantled the Malaysian to land his first big Games medal.

Sen also stubbed a brewing controversy that swirled around the team and threatened to ruin the cheer. There had been stinging criticism of Srikanth being played in the team event, with many believing Sen could have beaten Ng Tze. The individual win brought the knives out again. But Sen was forthright in Srikanth’s defence.

“Look, I had won two important matches back to back in the quarters and semis, and a third straight match could have gotten tricky. Frankly, Srikanth’s match could have gone either way and he was close to winning because Ng was playing well. Even I might have lost. It was a very professional decision taken by coaches to play him, and I completely respect that. It made sense,” Sen stressed.

## Arvind Kejriwal

poor citizens are affecting them.”

“It is very saddening to hear that on the 75th Independence Day, at a time when we all should come together and bring out a revolutionary plan to make education, health, electricity and water accessible for the public, these people... are trying to create an atmosphere to put a stop to all these schemes.”

The Chief Minister also accused parties of either promoting “dostvaad” (favouritism) or “parivarvaad” (dynastic rule) but did not name any party.

“There is one party which is a textbook example of ‘parivarvaad’ and there is another party which is a textbook example of ‘dostvaad’. The time has come to take a pledge to end both ‘parivarvaad’ and ‘dostvaad’ to bring ‘Bharatvaad’ (Indianness).”

“In logon ne kuch chand logon ka 10 lakh crore ka karza maaf kar diya hai. Kaha jara hai un chand logon mein kai inke pakke dost the. Par iske baare mein koi baat nahi kar raha hai. (These people waived loans worth Rs 10 lakh crore. It is said that some of these loans were of their friends. But nobody is talking about this.) They just don’t want to provide free education to children using government funds that are actually meant for this,” he said.

“They care about a little group of people who help them with money. They have waived taxes for these groups of people and some of them are their close friends. These people have increased the GST on basic daily essentials and food items being used by ordinary citizens because they don’t care if the poor live or die,” Kejriwal said.

He also demanded an inquiry into how many people were given relaxations in loans and whether the party received money from them for election campaigns.

“They want that only ministers and leaders are given free electricity. Why is it wrong to provide education and electricity to the poor... Hindu dharma main humein sikhaya jaata hai agar kisi ke paas thoda bhi paisa aa jaye toh vo piyu kholta hai, logon ko free paani pilata hai. Pyaas ko paani pilana hamare hindu dharm main purya ki baar maani jaati hai (Hinduism teaches us that if someone earns even a bit of money, they give water for free. Giving water to the thirsty is considered to be a good deed),” he said.

Kejriwal added that he studied government welfare schemes from across the globe and found that about 39 countries provide free education to children, nine countries, including Canada, Brazil and the UK, provide free healthcare, and 16 countries, including the US and Germany, provide unemployment allowances to citizens. “But no government has given undue benefits and waived crores of loan amounts for the personal benefit of their friends. That is why these countries are richer than ours,” he said.

## Shrikant Tyagi

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(sah-sanyojak) of the BJP Kisan Morcha’s Yuva Kisan Samiti.

A BJP leader, whose tenure coincided with Tyagi’s, confirmed to *The Indian Express* that the letter was genuine and that Tyagi was part of the team from August 2018 to April 2021.

“This wing was created as a need was felt for participation from more youths in the kisan morcha. Several appointments were made at the time,” he said.

Along with Tyagi, 20 other appointments were made to posts such as media advisor, social media advisor and secretary. “Not just him (Tyagi), several others were accommodated in the new wing,” the BJP leader said.

Eventually, when a new team was formed, Tyagi failed to find a fresh position in the morcha, the leader said.

Another source in the UP BJP said Tyagi was seeking a ticket to contest elections from Modinagar, but was not considered.

Tyagi even got police protection for a year and a half. Muniraj G, Senior Superintendent of Police, Ghaziabad, told *The Indian Express*: “Based on a district committee report which identified a threat perception, he was given security between October 2018 and February 2020 because he was part of some ‘administration’. Post February 2020, the security was removed. The records have already been provided to the government.”

In photos shared on Instagram in 2019, Tyagi is seen with BJP president J P Nadda, former UP Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya, and addressing a Vijay Sankalp Rally from the stage. Many posts have hashtags such as #Elections2019, #BJPIndia and #BJPMission4UP.

Ever since the Grand Omaze incident, the BJP has denied any association with Tyagi. BJP MP from Gautam Budh Nagar, Dr Mahesh Sharma, during a visit to the residential society, had said: “I want to assure you that this man is not associated with our party. He may have clicked a photo with a party leader, that’s a separate issue. I have lived in Noida for the past 49 years. The actions depicted by Tyagi cannot be accepted by the party. The whole party is standing with you; I want the women who are like my sisters and daughters to be rest assured. National President of the party, J P Nadda, has also taken cognizance of the incident.”

## Bellary Reddy

the ground after its Central Empowered Committee (CEC) reported rampant encroachment and recommended that companies guilty of mining outside lease areas be allowed to resume mining and made to pay exemplary penalty.

Eleven years later, on July 21, the SC was informed that the two states had finally accepted the state boundary report of the Surveyor General of India. At the same hearing, as OMC claimed that this cleared the ground for restarting mining, the counsel appearing on behalf of Andhra Pradesh submitted, “on instructions, that the State has no objection to mining activities being carried out within its demarcated area.”

In January 2010, soon after Konijeti Rosaiah succeeded YS Rajasekhara Reddy as Chief Minister, the Andhra Pradesh government had told the SC that the Reddy brothers had in the Bellary forests illegally mined around 1.95 lakh tonnes of iron ores and that allowing them to continue would be a “premium on dishonesty”.

The SC is to hear the matter on August 10.

The apparent shift in the state’s stand has riled a number of officials who helped turn the tide against the Reddy brothers during 2009-2010.

“Since the permanent pillars and rocks marking the state boundary were removed to encroach on forest land, it was necessary to first determine the interstate line before demarcating individual leases, quantifying en-

croachments and fixing accountability. This is supposed to be the beginning (of that process) and not a closure,” said a forest officer who served in Anantapur district.

In fact, a second report submitted by the CEC in April 2011 underlined a long list of illegalities:

- None of the mining leases demarcated on the ground.
- Dumping on reserve forest land.
- Removal of boundary pillars to increase lease areas.
- Unlawful extension of mining leases by 12-17 years.
- Mining without forest clearance.
- Construction of illegal roads through the forest, including one into Karnataka apparently to smuggle iron ore across the border.
- Reported quantities of iron ore dispatched far exceeding the production capacity of the mines.

A senior official with the Andhra Pradesh mining department said multiple firms transported iron ore mined illegally in lease areas of Karnataka’s Bellary through forest roads to mines in neighbouring Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh and then to one of the ports as legal consignments to be shipped out.

“The modus operandi was clear to us. Even the SC said that material extracted by at least two companies was routed through OMC and asked the CBI (in September 2011) to probe the links,” he said.

Instead of “resuming business as usual”, the official said, Andhra Pradesh should “broadly follow the course taken on the Karnataka side” of Bellary forests. “There, each lease was scrutinised before placing it in one of the three categories based on the extent of illegalities found. While the worst offenders were barred, others were allowed to resume mining after making amends and a production ceiling was set to prevent over-extraction,” he said.

Riding a boom in the global steel market, Janardhan Reddy, along with his brothers Karunakara Reddy and Somashekara Reddy, rose to prominence in Andhra Pradesh in the early 2000s. Of 188 hectares under iron mining lease in Bellary reserve forest in the state’s Anantapur district, 134 hectare was awarded to OMC.

Reddy’s OMC and Brahmani are among the companies being investigated by the CBI for alleged financial links with the businesses of YSR’s son and Andhra Pradesh chief minister Jagan Mohan Reddy. The Reddy brothers were ministers in the first BJP government in Karnataka during 2008-2011. In 2018, Somashekara Reddy and Karunakara Reddy were elected to the Assembly on BJP tickets.

## Mid-day meals

improved due to the introduction of eggs, and to some extent bananas, states the study. It refutes observations of another Karnataka government committee, on the National Education Policy, 2020, which said that serving eggs and meat in midday meals can cause “lifestyle disorders”.

Under the three-month-long study, between December 2020 and March 2021, on the impact of mid-day meals on the growth and nutrition of children, the authorities served eggs (and bananas as an alternative) to students in Yadgir, which is a backward district, while those in Gadag were provided regular vegetarian meals with milk.

Noting that there are no such previous studies on the impact of mid-day meal or any other supplementary nutrition programme in India, the report says the findings underline the need for additional protein and calories in all districts of Karnataka, particularly in the Kalyan region which is among its most backward in terms of socio-economic status and education.

The two chosen districts were similar in terms of socio-demo-

graphic profile of the students, dietary diversity and consumption pattern of food. “Since there is no significant difference in these aspects, comparison for the purpose of the study is justified,” the report states.

It also points out that bananas, for all their benefits, cannot be a substitute for eggs, and urges authorities to explore alternative “protein rich vegetarian items”.

A 15-member team of Karnataka State Rural Development & Panchayat Raj University, comprising food scientists, public health experts and economists, monitored changes in the mean height, mean weight and mean BMI of the two sets of children from Yadgir and Gadag districts, enrolled across 60 schools in Classes 1 to 8.

Among the key findings listed in the final report is that overall, more than 91% of the students had the mid-day meal regularly, and in Yadgir, over 98% consumed eggs, “allaying fears of cultural or traditional barriers” voiced by many, like the BJP’s Karnataka vice-president, Tejashwini Ananthkumar. The BJP leader recently said that serving eggs can be “exclusionary to many students who are vegetarians”.

**WEIGHT:** In each standard starting from Class 4, Yadgir boys gained 50%-60% (0.7 to 1.7 kg) more weight than Gadag students. Among Yadgir girls, 86.3% gained weight ranging from 0.9 to 3.6 kg, whereas in Gadag, 81.3% girls gained between 1.2-2.1 kg. “The 8th standard girls in Yadgir had gained 71% additional weight when compared to Gadag girls,” states the report, adding “this is a clear marker of improved weight gain among Yadgir school children, attributable to eggs and bananas”.

**MALNUTRITION:** In Yadgir, the number of severely underweight girls fell by 30% (from 18.9% to 13.4%), and the proportion of moderately undernourished girls by 42%. “On the contrary in Gadag district there was a marginal reduction (15%) in moderately undernourished girls only... The reduction of undernutrition among boys of Gadag did not give any significant trends.”

**BMI:** Among Yadgir girls, BMI improved by between 0.9, 0.8 and 1.1 in Classes 6, 7 and 8, respectively, and by 0.8, 0.7 and 1.2 among boys. In Gadag, the improvement was 0.1, 0.2, and -0.1 among girls in the respective classes, and 0, -3 and -1 in the same age cohort. Similar patterns emerged in lower primary grades. “These are clear indications of favoured improvement in BMI among all class Yadgir school children among both genders, that can be attributed to addition of Eggs/Banana,” states the report.

In total, 3,029 and 3,325 children were recruited for the study in Yadgir and Gadag, respectively, and the researchers followed up with 2,192 and 2,469 accordingly after 100 days.

“The mean weight and BMI gains in Yadgir are more compared to Gadag, showing an encouraging outcome of the additional intervention of eggs/banana in MDM (mid-day meal) and the need to continue for at least another one term and reassess the gains after a total of at least 100 eggs each year and three eggs per week over a period of one year,” it says.

A researcher involved with the study told *The Indian Express*: “The trends are indicative, but very encouraging. There was extensive dialogue with parents to identify the consumption pattern of food at the household level. Apart from growth, the attendance of students also rose by 10% in Yadgir.”

## Post pandemic

Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune and Gurgaon.

Deloitte India is learnt to have opened new offices in Jaipur and Coimbatore since the pandemic to cater to employees who had earlier worked out of Mumbai or Chennai, with a new office expected in Noida in addition to its hub at Gurgaon. PwC has opened

up new workplaces in Bhubaneswar and Jaipur this year and plans to expand in Noida and Thane in due course. Accenture has set up centres in three new locations in India — Jaipur, Indore and Coimbatore. India’s largest software company, Tata Consultancy Services, is looking to expand its presence into regions such as Guwahati and Goa even as Infosys, which had set up offices in Indore and Nagpur, is now planning to expand to Noida, Visakhapatnam, Coimbatore and Kolkata.

A senior executive with one of the Big Four companies said: “Most of the educated workforce here is either from Rajasthan or Gujarat, so they all went back during Covid. Now, with a hybrid working system in place, when they were asked to return to office once or twice a week, they refused. Most of them, in their mid-20s to mid-30s, are from smaller towns such as Ajmer, Bikaner and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan or Bharuch and Jamnagar in Gujarat, and they don’t want to return to Mumbai to work. We cannot ask them to resign because the person sitting in Bharuch is a CA, has technical skills and good conversational English. When I am trying to recruit a person in Mumbai as a replacement, we find it tough to find employable people...”

Deloitte India said it is planning to expand more in non-metropolitan cities.

“We have had offices in non-metros even before the pandemic and are planning to expand into more soon. India is brimming with talent and that’s not limited to the metros. With growing demand for specific skills and the opportunities of hybrid working, organisations are better equipped to welcome this talent pool and give them the flexibility to continue to stay closer to home while fulfilling their professional ambitions,” said S V Nathan, partner and chief talent officer, Deloitte India.

PwC has opened up workplaces in Bhubaneswar and Jaipur this year, and plans to expand in Noida and Thane going ahead. “Our talent pool is no longer centred in metro cities, and we are looking to leverage the wealth of skilled professionals in other cities too,” said Sanjeev Krishan, chairman, PwC in India.

In the IT sector, this move is also aimed at arresting the high attrition rate in the industry, especially after a large number of employees returned to their hometowns during the pandemic and attempts by companies to bring them back were leading to many putting in their papers.

Tech Mahindra is also setting up physical centres in smaller cities, including Coimbatore, Thiruvananthapuram, Visakhapatnam, Nagpur, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Kolkata, Indore and Vijayawada. “At Tech Mahindra, we believe that tier-2 and tier-3 cities are emerging as future talent hubs that could propel the next stage of growth. We are hiring talent from new areas... to diversify talent, and are also leveraging the gig workforce as talent can be found anywhere. New positions are filled based on best-fit talent to deliver outcomes without any location constraints,” the company’s global chief people officer and head of marketing, Harshvendra Soin, told *The Indian Express*.

Global professional services firm Accenture, which has over 3 lakh employees in India, is also looking in the same direction. “We have recently set up our Advanced Technology Centres in India (ATCI) in three new locations — Jaipur, Indore and Coimbatore — and an Intelligent Operations Centre in Jaipur to expand our global delivery and innovation network. These locations offer our people greater flexibility to choose where they want to work from,” said Lakshmi C, managing director and lead of human resources, Accenture in India.



# Part of Central Vista meant for PMO awaits green clearance

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THE EXECUTIVE Enclave, a part of the Central Vista project which will house the Prime Minister's Office, the Cabinet Secretariat, the National Security Council Secretariat and India House, is yet to receive environment clearance from the Delhi State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

The issue is over the transplantation of trees and the need to retain more trees at the site, a source said. The State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), which considers these proposals before they are sent to the SEIAA for clearance, examined the Executive Enclave project proposal at its meeting on Saturday.

The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) had submitted its proposal for environment clearance in December last year. The committee cleared it first and then forwarded it to the SEIAA in April this year for clearance. According to the minutes of the meeting, the SEIAA, however, sent it back to the committee, and asked it to examine the implementation of the Tree Transplantation Policy and ensure that all points of the policy are complied with, considering "substantial tree transplantation" is involved. The CPWD wrote to the committee in June, urging it to re-recommend the project to the SEIAA for clearance "as it is the prestigious project of national importance".

There are 807 trees present at the site, out of which 320 trees will be retained and 487 trees will be transplanted. This number

was presented to the SEAC in March this year after the committee initially objected to 630 trees being removed, stating that an "excessively high proportion" of trees was being removed.

A sub-committee of the expert appraisal committee has now been constituted to make a site visit, examine the implementation of the Tree Transplantation Policy and "options for reviewing the site plan in order to retain trees", according to the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday. The committee noted that the Transplantation Policy requires efforts to preserve existing trees by incorporating them in the site plan. The minutes also noted that the CPWD has agreed to re-examine the site plan, including shifting of the location of a helipad, in order to be able to retain additional trees at the site.

Existing vegetation at the site includes arjun, pilkhan and semal trees. The Executive Enclave will comprise five buildings, and is set to cost Rs 1,316 crore for construction, operation, maintenance and housekeeping for five years, according to the tender documents. A CPWD official said that the tender process was underway for the enclave. "The financial bid stage is complete and needs acceptance. The process is still underway," the official said, confirming that environment clearance was yet to be received for the project.

The Cabinet Secretariat will be close to Moti Lal Nehru Marg, near Vayu Bhawan. The National Security Council Secretariat Building will be close to Kamraj Road. The proposed Executive Enclave will be close to where South Block currently is.



TRACKING THE CENTRAL VISTA

## Liquor row: L-G Saxena seeks apology over AAP 'naming him' in tweets

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DAYS AFTER Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said he has written to the CBI requesting a probe into what he claimed was a sudden change in former L-G Anil Bajjal's decision on opening vends in unauthorised areas, current L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena sought an immediate apology from the AAP for using the term 'L-G' instead of 'ex-L-G' and removal of all "defamatory" tweets from AAP's social media handle.

According to sources, Saxena sent a message to the CM saying, "Dear Kejriwal ji, Your attention is drawn towards these two brazenly mischievous, misleading & defamatory tweets by @AamAadmiParty. The words 'L-G' instead of 'ex-L-G' and the use of my picture have been deliberately done to misrepresent facts to mislead people... It not only demands immediate withdrawal but also

an unconditional apology..."

Senior AAP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said he was unaware of the issue but added that Sisodia had levelled allegations against the former L-G with proof. The Delhi government did not respond to calls and messages seeking comment. The tweets were removed after the L-G raised the issue, sources said.

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## ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’: Flag Foundation of India holds event at CP

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THE FLAG Foundation of India celebrated the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence at Central Park in Connaught Place on Saturday. Hundreds gathered for the event under the National Flag at the park.

"When we display the flag, we rise above our political and religious affiliations... The flag inspires us to do our respective jobs well and dedicate ourselves to nation-building. If every Indian does their job well, nothing can stop India from becoming a prosperous nation," said Naveen Jindal, president of the foundation.

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New Delhi: The Delhi transport department is planning to modify driving tests as it has been witnessing increasing failure in attempts to clear tests on automated tracks, officials said. **ENS**

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5	Engineer - Material Handling	1
6	Maintenance Engineer- Electrical	1
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**EXTRACT OF STANDALONE / CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2022** (₹ in crores)

Particulars	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
	Quarter ended 30 June 2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31 March 2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2022 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30 June 2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31 March 2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2022 (Audited)
Total income from Operations	1,897.20	2,797.08	1,053.10	6,910.15	2,001.91	2,952.59	1,142.04	7,379.67
Net profit / (loss) (before tax & exceptional items)	160.22	153.89	114.15	610.06	186.50	221.07	119.09	688.65
Net profit / (loss) (before tax & after exceptional items)	160.22	153.89	114.15	610.06	186.50	221.07	119.09	688.65
Net profit after tax	123.13	197.09	84.70	544.32	144.57	241.81	88.99	592.27
Profit is attributable to:								
Owners of the Parent	123.13	197.09	84.70	544.32	144.57	241.88	88.99	592.34
Non Controlling Interest	-	-	-	-	-	(0.07)	-	(0.07)
Total comprehensive income	131.08	202.32	85.86	548.37	152.51	247.03	90.15	596.31
Equity share capital	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10
Other Equity attributable to Owners of the Parent (Excluding Revaluation Reserve)				4,432.86				4,477.52
Earnings Per Share (not annualized) (Note 4) (Face Value of ₹2/- each)								
(a) Basic (in ₹)	1.31	2.10	0.90	5.79	1.54	2.57	0.95	6.30
(b) Diluted (in ₹)	1.31	2.10	0.90	5.79	1.54	2.57	0.95	6.30

**Notes:**

- The above standalone and consolidated financial results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The Statutory Auditors of the company have conducted limited review of the financial results for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- The Standalone and consolidated financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules thereunder and in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as Amended) and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of the financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended. The full format of the aforesaid financial results are available on the Stock Exchanges website of BSE ([www.bseindia.com/corporates](http://www.bseindia.com/corporates)), NSE ([www.nseindia.com/corporates](http://www.nseindia.com/corporates)) and Company's website at [www.ircon.org](http://www.ircon.org).
- The company has issued 47,02,57,870 fully paid-up Bonus Shares of Rs.2/- each in the ratio of 1:1, (i.e. issue of 1 (one) equity share for every existing 1 (one) equity share with 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2021 as the Record Date for the purpose of ascertaining the eligibility of Shareholders. Post Bonus, the Paid-up Share Capital of the Company is Rs.188,10,31,480 divided into 94,05,15,740 equity shares of Rs.2/- each.
- Ministry of Railway (MoR) vide letter dated 18.10.2021 has decided in principle for closure of Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited, a joint venture company.

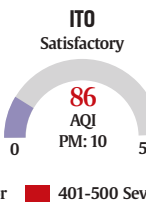
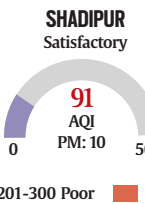
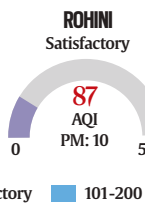
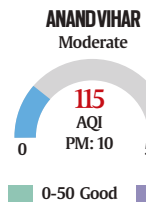
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## REWARD ANNOUNCED FOR HIS ARREST

## Tyagi on run, bulldozers arrive at home

MALAVIKA PRASAD  
NOIDA, AUGUST 8

TWO BULLDOZERS rolled into Noida's Grand Omaxe society on Monday morning to raze portions of the extended balcony area — wooden panels and glass roofs — of Shrikant Tyagi's residence which encroached into common areas. Tyagi has been booked for verbally abusing and pushing a woman and is yet to be arrested.

The demolition began around 9 am in the extended areas of Tyagi's home located in one of the 10 towers in the society. First, four-five workers, equipped with hammers and spades, demolished one wall and the tiled floor of the extended balcony area. Next, a JCB broke down glass roofs and wooden panels on the front side. Workers moved to the rear of the house, where they broke down more glass ceilings and wooden panels. As the JCB pulled down the ceilings and panels, it was met with a huge applause from several residents.

The demolition went on for a couple of hours in the presence of Noida Police personnel and officials of the Noida Authority.

The action comes a day after a group of men allegedly supporting Tyagi barged into the society on Sunday night in an unauthorised manner. An FIR under IPC sections 447 (punishment for criminal trespass), 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation), 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 120B (punishment of criminal conspiracy) among others has been registered against 10 men, of whom six have been arrested and four are absconding. An FIR was also registered against Tyagi on Friday under IPC Section 354 among others, police said.

According to some residents, after Sunday's incident, a few parents were afraid to even send their children to school. The demolition has brought relief for them, they said.

Later in the day, Noida Police issued a reward of Rs 25,000 for Tyagi's arrest, as per a statement.

The Uttar Pradesh police also tweeted a video of Prashant Kumar, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order), in which he said, "The unfortunate incident that happened at Gautam Budh Nagar in Sector 93, where Shrikant Tyagi is seen misbehaving with a woman, has been taken a serious note of by the government and DGP UP. In relation to this incident till now, directions for the immediate arrest of the accused have been given. Till now, among the proceedings that have been undertaken, the SHO of the area has been suspended and after the incident a team of one sub-inspector and four police constables who were stationed for providing security at the society have been suspended on allegations of not carrying out their duties properly. With the help of the Resident Welfare Association of the society, each person entering the society is being screened. The woman has been provided with two PSOs. Special teams have been constituted to arrest the accused. Human and technical intelligence is being used for this endeavour. Noida Police has issued a bounty for the accused's arrest and issued certain phone numbers where people can give information secretly. UP government and BJP UP have made it clear that these kinds of incidents will not be tolerated."

Ranvijay Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order), said a search is on to catch the accused and special teams have been constituted.



Wooden panels and glass roofs were demolished in the extended area of Tyagi's home. Malavika Prasad

## BJP's media, zila staff: Meet Tyagi supporters who barged into society

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA  
LONI, AUGUST 8

A DISTRICT secretary (zila mantri) of the Yuva Morcha and a district media in-charge of the BJP are among the 10 accused named in an FIR registered on Monday morning, hours after a group of men allegedly supporting Shrikant Tyagi barged into Grand Omaxe residential society in Noida's sector 93B the previous night. *The Indian Express* met with the families of both men in Loni on Monday.

The FIR, registered on the complaint of a security supervisor of Grand Omaxe, stated that at 7.50 pm, at least 10 men arrived in two SUVs "to spoil the atmosphere of the society... with wrong intention". The FIR added that the men threatened the guards, beat up residents and also clashed with the police.

Police have arrested six persons so far — Nitin Tyagi, Lokendra Tyagi, Rahul Tyagi, Charchil Rana, Prince Tyagi and Ravi Pandit.

Prince Tyagi's (24) family told *The Indian Express* Monday that he had gone with six-seven people to visit Shrikant Tyagi's wife, who is their distant relative, to check on her and her children and offer legal advice as Prince is a practicing lawyer at Karkardooma court.

Outside his house in Prashant Vihar in Loni on Monday, a



The board outside Prince Tyagi's house; police outside the Noida society. Pavneet Singh Chadha/Abhinav Saha



standee with photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP leaders J P Nadda, Yogi Adityanath and Tejasvi Surya, in Hindi, read, "Office Prince Tyagi, district media in-charge, BJP".

Sunita Tyagi, Prince's mother, said: "We have never met Shrikant Tyagi. My daughter-in-law is a distant relative of his wife. My son had gone to just meet her and check on her in the aftermath of the incident. Yesterday evening, he went to the gym and later one of his friends informed me that he had gone to Noida with 5-6 friends. I suspect they took him along for legal advice. We only got to know from media reports around 9.30 pm that he has been detained. He is not a *gunda*

(goon) and is being falsely framed."

His father, Praveen Tyagi, who has a tent house and catering business, said that Prince had been associated with the BJP for over four years and had been handling their media at the district level.

"He participated in local rallies and events organised by the party and the local MLA during election time to whip up support. He has a keen interest in politics. I tried dissuading him several times from participating in politics. We don't know Shrikant Tyagi personally; he did come to attend local functions in the area," said Praveen.

The family of Ravi Pandit alias Ravi Kumar (26), a resident of

Ram Park Colony in Loni, Ghaziabad, said that he had been associated with the BJP for over 1-1.5 years and was the district secretary (zila mantri) of the party's Yuva Morcha or youth wing in Ghaziabad.

"*Agar wo badmaash hote toh gate par entry kyun karte* (If they were goons, why would they enter their names in a register at the gate)? Why did the guards allow them permission to enter the society? Ravi had simply accompanied a group of friends, who were visiting Shrikant Tyagi's family in the society. He has no direct association with Shrikant. Around 5 pm, a Scorpio with four-five people arrived and took him along. They did not create any ruckus or fight with anyone as has been alleged," said a family member.

He added that Ravi has been associated with the party for over 18 months and attended rallies and campaigned for the party in Loni-Ghaziabad area in the recent assembly elections in UP. "He has a garment business and is also involved in political activities," said the family member.

Another family member, requesting anonymity, said, "BJP leaders have visited our house. In several rallies, Ravi accompanied them."

Loni MLA from BJP Nand Kishor Gurjar did not respond to calls and messages seeking a comment.

## At forefront of fight, women residents who refused to back down

MALAVIKA PRASAD  
NOIDA, AUGUST 8

"*Ye jostep liya gaya hai ye sirf mahilayon ki wajah se liya gaya hai* (this step has only been taken because of the women here)," said one of the several residents of Noida's Grand Omaxe society on Monday, referring to the FIR against Shrikant Tyagi, booked for abusing and pushing a woman Friday.

In fact, it was after a video went viral, showing a woman standing up to an abusive Tyagi, that police and BJP leaders jumped into action. On Sunday night, when Tyagi's alleged henchmen landed up at the society "to support him", many women from the society again came out and faced off with them.

On Monday, society residents Swati Agrawal, Namita Singh, Mahima Joshi, Priyanka and Anna were among those fielding questions about the incident from the media and its fallout. "The action (of demolishing encroachment by Tyagi) that the (Noida) Authority has taken is welcome. But this should have been done two years ago. Authorities are lax; it's only after yesterday they've woken up," said one of the women.

Agrawal, who is in her 40s and has been residing at Grand Omaxe for the past 10 years with her husband and daughter, said Tyagi's behaviour has led to several complaints being filed in the past. An author, she was a member of the apartment owners association in 2019, when the encroachment first began. "He would also use the gym at odd hours, and when asked not to, he would respond rudely. He would take his bouncers to the swimming pool each time he went for a swim. Women residents would feel uncomfortable, but when he was asked not to do so, he called me personally and threatened me," Agrawal said.

"We are waiting for him to be arrested. It should not happen that he gets released, comes back and starts troubling us again," Agrawal said.

The women also credited their friend who stood up to Tyagi. "It has been three days, *gunday tak aa gaye* (even goons showed up), but he hasn't been caught... We can't just clap our hands about the demolition that took place and be happy," another woman said.

The women also said they could have never imagined a group of men entering their society as they did Sunday night.

## Minor raped by two men near New Delhi Railway Station

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

A 17-YEAR-OLD girl was allegedly gangraped by two hawkers near the New Delhi Railway Station, after she asked them to help her make a call to her family, said police on Monday, adding that the duo have been arrested.

The girl, who hails from Gujarat, had come to the station with a friend who later abandoned her. She was standing on the central foot overbridge when the accused, Hardeep Nagar (21) and Rahul (20), approached her and she sought their help. Instead, they took her to a secluded spot along the tracks near Tilak Bridge and allegedly raped her, said police.

Last month, a 30-year-old woman was allegedly raped by two railway employees inside the electrical maintenance staff room at the railway station while two others stood guard outside. All four accused were arrested.

According to police, the minor visited Chandigarh last month to meet her friend. They then planned to visit his village and went to Lucknow on Friday. They came to Delhi on Sunday and were supposed to catch a train to Gujarat around 9.40 pm but missed it, said police, adding that the two got into an argument and the man left her at the station. She was looking for him

at the bridge when the accused met her. Police said the men helped her speak to her brother and assured to help her catch the next train.

DCP (Railways) said Harendra Kumar Singh, "The men raped her on the pretext of helping her. Later, they took her back to Ajmeri Gate side of the station. In the meantime, her friend came back. The accused scolded him for leaving the girl, following which the three men got into an argument. Patrolling staff noticed them and brought them to the police station."

During questioning, the girl said she had been raped. Police arrested the duo and booked them under sections of gangrape and the POCSO Act. "The accused and the minor were sent for medical examination. A forensic team collected samples from the spot and the matter is being investigated," added the DCP.

Meanwhile, railways officials said the incident didn't take place inside the station and doesn't come under their jurisdiction. Divisional Railways Manager (Delhi division), Dimpy Garg, said, "This is a very unfortunate incident that occurred in the city, but it is an issue of law and order that has nothing to do with the railway station. The incident did not occur within the premises of the station. The complainant had come to the station, but the incident took place outside..."

## Zomato delivery staffer dies in manjha accident, family says no passerby helped

JIGNASA SINHA  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

A 28-YEAR-OLD food delivery executive died in a road accident after he fell off his bike and was mowed down by an unknown vehicle on Badarpur flyover Sunday night. Police said they found a Chinese *manjha* (kite string) stuck to his two-wheeler and suspect this led to the accident.

The deceased, Narender Kumar, is survived by his wife, Vimla, and their two children, Sheenu (5) and Akki (3). His family said he had joined Zomato three-four weeks ago after he lost his job at an auto-parts workshop. He was working at nearly half the pay and was looking for other jobs so he could send his children to good schools and help pay for his mother's medical expenses arising out of old age.

According to police, they received a call at 11.56 pm about the incident and rushed to the spot. They found Narender lying dead on the flyover while trucks and other vehicles passed by. DCP (Southeast) Esha Pandey said, "Narender was found lying near Tughlakabad Metro station. His head was crushed by a vehicle and his bike was found damaged at the spot. A stray *manjha* was also found stuck in the paddle of the bike, near the tyre. We suspect he fell because of it and a vehicle behind his bike hit him."

At AIIMS Trauma Centre, where Narender's body was taken, family and colleagues alleged he was lying unattended on the road for nearly an hour and that no one came to his aid.

"We felt helpless... I received a call around midnight and rushed to the flyover. I couldn't bear to see him... his head was crushed. I kept calling ambulances and tried stopping people, but nobody came forward. My brother was lying there for nearly an hour after his accident. He could have been saved but nobody cared enough..." alleged his younger brother Puneet (23).

Police said the first call was received before midnight, and that a preliminary enquiry revealed that there was no CCTV at the spot and cameras near the flyover being analysed to identify the offending vehicle. Police also suspect the man was hit by a heavy vehicle as the incident took place after 'restriction hours' for such vehicles to ply.

Police sources also claimed an ambulance arrived 15-20 minutes after a police team



Narender Kumar (28)

reached the spot due to traffic conditions.

According to his colleagues, Narender delivered an order at 11.20 pm in Sarita Vihar and was on his way for another pickup. Joginder, Narender's senior at Zomato, told *The Indian Express* that he and his colleagues rushed to the spot and found his body lying on the flyover.

'Wanted to save, send his kids to good schools'

At the family's home in Pul Prahaladpur's Vishwakarma Colony, Narender's wife and his mother Urmila were inconsolable. "He would usually leave at 8 pm and come back around 1-2 am... Yesterday, the call about his death shocked us. The kids are still waiting for their father to come home. He wanted to save money for their education... I just want my son back," Urmila said.

His father, Vinod, said he has lost all hope after his son's death. "I was upset when he lost his previous job... He was earning around Rs 12,000-Rs 13,000 there but was fired because we went to Auraiya for Puneet's wedding. He was then looking for jobs everywhere and finally found one at Zomato 23 days ago. He was going to get Rs 6,000-Rs 7,000 a month but we were hopeful he would get some other job as well. I have no hope now. Who will take care of his brother, wife and two children? I hardly earn anything," said Vinod, who works as a tailor. He and Narender were the main breadwinners of the family.

Zomato officials said they will support the family. "We are in touch with the family and authorities to take care of whatever is required and could be done from our end. Our hearts go out to the bereaved family and (we) have issued the necessary support possible," said a Zomato spokesperson.

## Neck cut by manjha, MBA aspirant saved by good Samaritan

ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

A 22-YEAR-OLD MBA aspirant sustained injuries after a Chinese *manjha* got entangled around his neck, which left him bleeding severely, while he was riding his motorcycle on Sunday. Right then, a good Samaritan who lived nearby came to his rescue and rushed him to the hospital.

Police said the victim, Abhinav, was on his way to

Jagatpuri when the incident took place. The rescuer, Danish (22), who works as a Japanese translator for an e-commerce site, had taken Abhinav to a hospital within 10 minutes of the accident.

Police said they received a PCR call at 6.50 pm, and that Abhinav had been admitted to Max hospital Patparganj. They said the victim underwent a surgery and is stable.

DCP (Shahdara) R Sathiyasundaram said: "Danish was appreciated in my office for



Danish with DCP (Shahdara) R Sathiyasundaram

his swift action in saving the life of a young MBA aspirant. He will

be rewarded suitably."

Danish, who lives near where the incident happened, said, "I had just come out of my house when I saw the accident. Abhinav began screaming and fell down. He was bleeding profusely from the neck, and I applied a cloth to the wound to stop the bleeding and took him to hospital in an auto."

He said, "The doctor said if we had come even five-ten minutes later, he would have lost his life. The whole time I was thinking that he is someone's son, and

his life has to be saved."

Abhinav's brother, Saurabh, said that while he was not yet out of danger due to blood loss, and that he was intermittently conscious. On Danish's rescue, he said, "God comes in many shapes, and today Danish was like a God for me and my family."

Saurabh said his brother was a hard worker who had completed his BCom from Jawaharlal Nehru college in Faridabad. Abhinav, whose family hails from Badarpur, is staying with his sister and brother-in-law in



Shrikant Tyagi

station. After Thursday's incident, two more FIRs have been registered against him. These include cases under sections pertaining to criminal intimidation, outraging the modesty of a woman, causing hurt, cheating, impersonation and using a false

property mark.

According to a complaint filed by residents of the society to police officials in Noida on October 10, 2019, which was received by the police the same day, Tyagi, with the help of police security and his associates, was allegedly carrying out illegal construction in his ground floor home. The complaint also claims that residents called PCR but no action was taken. It further states that they had gone to Phase II police station, but were "turned away" saying the matter pertained to a "BJP leader".

"When the residents went to talk to Tyagi, his associates misbehaved with them and turned them away. Now, residents are

being threatened... All the residents are scared," it read.

In an incident report filed by the security agency in August 2019, a guard said that an associate of Tyagi's had intimidated a resident and threatened him. In October the same year, the home owners association had also issued a notice to Tyagi against alterations done in patio area outside his house and for making alterations to the exterior.

Close to 10 men, allegedly associated with Tyagi, entered the housing society in an unauthorised manner on Sunday night and allegedly got into an altercation with private security officials, cops as well as residents. Six of them were arrested.

Jagatpuri while preparing for an MBA.

Police said based on Danish's statement, a case had been filed under IPC sections 188 (disobedience to public servant's order) and 338 (grievous hurt by endangering life/safety).

Police said that during a market raid, two shopkeepers in Jagatpuri were booked under IPC Section 188 for selling illegal manjhas. Police said 218 rolls had been recovered from one of them, while four had been recovered from another.



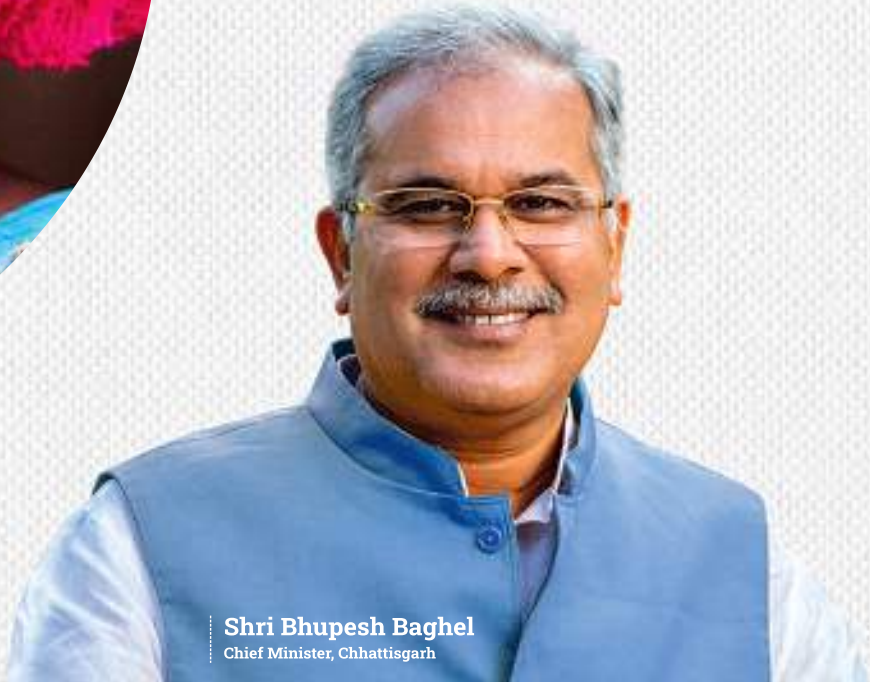


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Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

## ■ Rights over Forest & Agriculture Land

- ❖ 4200 acres of acquired agriculture land returned to the tribals of Lohandiguda
- ❖ Distribution of forest rights certificates over 96 lakh acres of forest land

## ■ Prioritising Health

- ❖ Free and quality medical services to tribals
- ❖ Sharp decline in malnutrition, malaria morbidity and mortality in Bastar

## ■ Sustainable Livelihood

- ❖ Tendupatta collection remuneration raised from ₹2500 to ₹4000 per standard bag
- ❖ 65 minor forest produce being procured at MSP, the highest in the country

## ■ Investing in Education

- ❖ 300 schools earlier destroyed in Naxal affected areas, restored after 15 years
- ❖ Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools providing quality education in tribal areas

## ■ Justice

- ❖ 994 cases against members of tribal communities withdrawn after recommendations of a committee

## ■ Preserving Cultural Heritage

- ❖ Annual National Tribal Dance Festival providing platform to showcase diversity of tribal culture
- ❖ Development of Devgudis (sacred groves), to safeguard the spiritual ethos



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## Inauguration of Investment Promotion Office in New Delhi

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# 8 In Parliament

MONSOON SESSION

## Rajya Sabha bids farewell to Chairman Naidu; PM lauds his one-liners, wit-liners

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi bade farewell to Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu in the Rajya Sabha on Monday, praising him for his witty one-liners and encouraging parliamentarians to speak in their mother tongue and promoting democratic values during his “highly productive” five-year term. Naidu completes his five-year term as Vice-President on August 10.

Underscoring Naidu’s penchant for words, “Your style of expression is as impeccable as it is unique,” Modi said, adding that Naidu’s political journey reaffirmed one’s belief in linguistic diversity of the country. “Your one-liners are wit-liners and win-liners as well... There is nothing left to be said after that. Your each word is heard, preferred, revered and never countered,” Modi said in his speech.

“When there was a confrontation in the House, we always heard from you ‘let the government propose, opposition oppose, parliament dispose!’,” he said.

“Under your leadership and discipline, the productivity of this House touched new heights. During your term, Rajya Sabha’s productivity has increased 70 per cent. Attendance of members in the House also increased,” the PM said, adding, “There is both depth and substance in what M Venkaiah Naidu Ji says; there is warmth and wisdom too in what he says”.

Modi said Independence Day this year will be celebrated with the President, Vice-President, Lok Sabha Speaker and Prime Minister being all born in Independent India. “And each of them comes from very humble backgrounds,” he said.

Following the PM’s speech, Opposition leader Mallikarjuna Kharge thanked Naidu for facilitating a discussion in 2012 as then Chairman of Standing Committee on Article 371J of the Constitution that contains special provisions for the Hyderabad-Karnataka region. “You allowed the members to speak in all the 22 languages of the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and gave an opportunity for many MPs to speak in their mother tongue. You also encouraged and motivated the MPs of non-Hindi areas to speak in Hindi,” Kharge added.

TMC member Derek O’Brien recalled how Naidu, as an infant, lost his mother to an accident. “I am sure that will make a good story for your autobiography which you must write,” he said, adding, “Sir, of all the happy things we remember is the great food you served us and the great host that you are. Not only you, but, I think, equal credit should go to Mrs Naidu.”



Prem Nath Pandey

**Rajya Sabha chairman Venkaiah Naidu leaves Parliament House; (right) inside the House on Monday.**

DMK Leader Tiruchi Siva praised the Vice-President for changing the colonial language of the House.

BJD leader Sasmit Patra thanked Naidu for encouraging young parliamentarians in the House. Jairam Ramesh of the Congress said “there have been two distinguished Indians from Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh who have occupied the position of Vice-President and Chairman of the Rajya Sabha...Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu... Five years ago, when you took over, you started your innings characteristically by saying, ‘If you cooperate, I can operate.’ Today, after five years of cooperation and operation, it is time for separation,” said Ramesh, adding that it was an emotional moment.

TMC’s Jawahar Sircar said that Naidu, under whom he served as a bureaucrat, recalled how Naidu bade him a gracious farewell from the bureaucracy. “I am not comfortable with disruptive politics. I understand and support the need for protest. Protest is an essential ingredient of democracy... I have had the good fortune of having fair ministers like you, Mr Jaitley and Mr Javadekar — and in the Chair,” Sircar said.

RJD’s Manoj Jha said that Naidu’s “your time is up” [as Rajya Sabha Chair] haunted him even in the classroom in Delhi University, as “I checked the clock every three minutes expecting to hear the words”.



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CPM’s Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya remembered the day he took oath: “On that day, I took the oath in my mother tongue, Bangla...I think, what impressed everybody is your concept of plurality.”

A farewell message on behalf of the Rajya Sabha members was presented to Naidu by Harivansh. In the message, the members of the Upper House said: “As an immaculate wordsmith, you (Naidu) have often added a dash of humour when tensions ran high by weaving words together in a rhyming but meaningful way. Your oratorical brilliance laced with instant wit and humour makes you one of the finest speakers we have witnessed in our parliamentary polity in recent times.” “Sir, we are beholden to you for deftly steering the functioning of the House during the unprecedented Covid pandemic. Your concerns in ensuring our personal health and safety during the difficult time while making the House functional will be remembered for times to come,” it read.

## On last working day, Chair urges: Maintain dignity, decency and House decorum

ESHA ROY  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

ON HIS last day as Rajya Sabha Chairman, M Venkaiah Naidu said his last piece of advice to MPs was to not only maintain the dignity of Parliament but to also ensure that democratic principles are upheld and maintained.

A champion of the mother tongue and Indian languages, Naidu said he started the process to ensure all speeches and proceedings of Parliament be made available in all languages as a matter of process.

“The entire world is watching India... Keeping that in mind, I appeal to members of Rajya Sabha, and to those going to come to this House in future, to maintain decency, dignity and decorum so that the image and respect of the House is maintained and people will be receptive to show us, to hear us, and also to follow our advice,” he said. “This is my advice to all of you.”

He said, “...try to do your bit while committing yourself to your ideological line, but see to it that democratic principles and standards set by our great people are followed.”

Recalling the day he was “selected to be the Vice President of India”, an emotional Naidu said: “...when the Prime Minister and the then president of the party, to which I belong, told me in the Parliamentary Board meeting that I was being selected, I was in tears. I did not ask for this. But...as a disciplined soldier of the party...I obliged and resigned from the party. There were tears not because of my shirking the responsibility but because I had to leave the party, which had given me all this.”

Stating that he did his best to maintain the dignity of the House, and gave everyone from either side of the floor an opportunity to speak, Naidu said debate and discussion must continue. “We are all working in our own ways (in politics). We are not enemies; we are rivals. We must work hard to outshine each other like competitors but not to run down each other. This is my last advice to all of you,” he said.

## Monsoon Session adjourned 4 days ahead of schedule

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE MONSOON Session of Parliament ended on Monday, with both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha adjourned sine die four days ahead of schedule.

The session, which began on July 18 and was scheduled to go on till August 12, saw protests by the Opposition over various issues, including price-rise, Agnipath scheme and purported misuse of central probe agencies by the Centre.

During the session, the two Houses held only 16 sittings each. In terms of number of sittings, this was the second-shortest session of 17th Lok Sabha. So far, nine sessions of 17th Lok Sabha have been held and the fourth session was the shortest, with 10 sittings.

Criticising the government for its decision to cut short the session, Trinamool MP Derek O’Brien tweeted, “This is the seventh consecutive time Parliament session has been cut short. Stop mocking Parliament. We will fight for its sanctity and prevent PM Narendra Modi and Amit Shah from turning this great institution into the Gujarat Gymkhana.”

In his valedictory remarks, outgoing Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said, “In all, the House had 16 sittings, during which it conducted its business for more than 35 hours. More than 47 hours were lost due to interruptions, which is a sad reflection on the functioning of the Upper House...”

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said six government Bills were introduced and seven Bills passed during the session.

The six Bill introduced in the Lower House are The Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2022; Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022; Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022; New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022; Competition (Amendment) Bill, 2022; and Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

The seven Bill passed in Lok Sabha are The Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022; Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2022; National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021; Wildlife Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2021; Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022; Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022; and New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

In fact, the energy conservation Bill and



PERFORMANCE THIS SESSION	LOK SABHA	RAJYA SABHA
Number of Sittings held	16	16
Total number of sitting hours	44:29:00	35:00:00
Govt Bills passed	7	5
Private Member's Bills Introduced	91	27
Starred Questions admitted	319	235
Starred Questions answered orally	46	61
Private Member's Bills passed: 0		
<div> <div></div> <div>Second shortest session of 17th LS. The shortest lasted 10 sittings</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>In RS, 47 hours lost to interruptions; 7 days of no Question Hour</div> </div>		

arbitration centre Bill were passed on the last day of the session.

Replying to the debate on the energy Bill, Power Minister RK Singh said India’s rate of renewable energy capacity has been the “fastest” in the world. The House later passed the Bill via voice vote.

The Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which seeks to establish Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya in Vadodra, Gujarat, was passed by voice vote in Rajya Sabha on the last day of the session, becoming one of five Bills to be passed by the House in the session.

Introducing the Bill, Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the university would be conducted by his department and coordinated under the Nation Education Policy of the Education Ministry.

## Lok Sabha: BJP members protest ‘attack’ on fellow MP from Rajasthan

LIZ MATHEW  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE MONSOON Session of Parliament wound up on Monday the way it had begun three Mondays ago — with protests. Only, this time several members from the ruling party were also part of the protests.

While BJP’s women MPs held noisy protests in and outside Lok Sabha over alleged attack on Ranjeeta Koli, fellow MP from Bharatpur in Rajasthan, another BJP member from Jharkhand sought dismissal of the state government for its alleged support to illegal activities in border districts of the state.

A Congress member, meanwhile, asked the Centre to withdraw the Agnipath scheme, arguing that it would be a compromise on national security.

Jaskaur Meena, BJP MP from Dausa, raised the issue of the alleged attack on Koli, with members of the ruling party joining Meena in denouncing the Congress government in Rajasthan over law and order issue. “A woman MP has been attacked for the fourth time,” she said, as party MPs shouted, “shame, shame”. Koli has alleged that the mining mafia tried to mow her down with a truck and left her vehicle damaged in Bharatpur on Sunday night. She subsequently sat on dharna near Dhillawati police chowki and demanded action against illegal mining in the state.

BJP leaders led by Union minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and former minister Rajyavardhan Rathore — both Lok Sabha MPs from Rajasthan — protested outside Parliament House. Meghwal alleged that the son of a minister of state in Rajasthan government is hand in glove with the land and mining mafia operating in the state.

Rathore claimed that the People’s Front of India, a Muslim organisation often targeted by BJP for its alleged extremist activities, receives protection from ruling Congress in the state while events of Hindu religion such as Ram Navmi and ‘Kanwaria’ movement face curbs from the state government. “The mining mafia is ruling the roost in the state and the government has lost control over law and order,” Erathore claimed. “The state government is divided into two camps even as atrocities against Dalits and women are rising.”

Nishikant Dubey, BJP MP from Godda, Jharkhand, raised the issue of alleged “infiltration” of Bangladeshi Muslims in Jharkhand



**MoS Arjun Ram Meghwal (centre) with BJP MPs Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore and Ranjeeta Koli at Parliament.** P77

and demanded that the National Population Register (NPR) exercise be carried out in the state, and the Hemant Soren-led state government be dismissed for aiding “Islamisation” activities. Dubey alleged that Bangladeshi Muslims are looking to change the region’s demography by “marrying gullible” young women from tribal communities.

Raising a demand to withdraw the Centre’s Agnipath scheme for short-term recruitment in the armed forces, Congress MP Hibi Eden said any move to dilute the efficiency of the forces is compromising on national security. “Agnipath and Agniveers are not going to be alternatives for unemployment... This is not a way to meet the promise of giving 2 crore jobs,” Eden said. According to the Ernakulam MP, six-month training is inadequate to serve in the forces efficiently.

Pointing out that ship service linking Lakshadweep to the mainland has come down from seven ships to three, Lakshadweep MP Mohammad Faizal PP said the UT’s new Administrator has “thrown away” a prospective plan for 15 years for transportation and cargo movement prepared jointly by the Ministry of Shipping, the Shipping Corporation of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and Lakshadweep Administration.

Biju Janata Dal’s Sarmistha Sethi urged the government to scale up digital literacy programmes to bridge the digital divide between rural and urban India. She said the allocation for Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan scheme, rolled out in 2017, was meant to make 6 crore rural households digitally literate by 2019. This allocation, she pointed out, has been decreased by 16.67 per cent compared to the budget estimates for 2021-22.

## ‘Govt did not have much of a legislative agenda... appetite for continuing session’

JAIRAM RAMESH, Congress Chief Whip  
Rajya Sabha, speaks to MANOJ CG

**The Monsoon Session ended four days ahead of schedule.**

The government did not have much of a legislative agenda. Obviously they were not in any urgency to pass any Bill. The Bills passed by Lok Sabha, such as the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill and the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, could easily have been passed by Rajya Sabha this Wednesday. I was prepared to participate in the discussion on the Wild Life Bill... Normally what happens is that when Bills are passed by the Lok Sabha they come to the Rajya Sabha immediately. But this time around the government didn’t seem to have the appetite for continuing the session till Friday, with two holidays (Tuesday and Thursday) in between.

**In his valedictory address, Chairman Venkaiah Naidu said that in the 16 sittings of the House, business could be conducted only for some 35 hours, whereas over 47 Hours were lost due to interruptions**

These are numbers that can be read either way. The fact of the matter is the government took two weeks to agree to a discussion on price rise and GST hike. Had they agreed on the first day, we would have had a productive session throughout. But for two weeks they kept delaying and delaying... and that really washed out and unfortunately set the tone for the entire session. And they didn’t agree to a discussion on the



Agnipath scheme.

**The government agreed to hold only one discussion**

They didn’t agree to a discussion on Agnipath at all. They have never agreed for the last two years on China or the border situation either. Most importantly, for two weeks they delayed a discussion on price rise and GST. The Agnipath scheme is linked to unemployment. We wanted to discuss that (but) they took the view that it was sub judice. They were actually feeling the heat. To say that Agnipath is sub judice and cannot

be discussed is a joke... That way you can always find an issue which is sub judice.

**What are your views on Opposition unity?**

The fact that we got the Trinamool Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party to sign the joint statement on the Supreme Court judgment on PMLA was an achievement. But the fact of the matter is that the TMC is a sovereign, independent republic. The AAP too is a sovereign, independent republic. They don’t attend any Opposition meetings. Very often they tell me they are with us in spirit but not in letter. It is up to them. Our doors are open. If they want to take a superior attitude... I can’t help it.

**The next session of Parliament will have a new chairman. How does the Opposition look forward to working with (VP-elect) Jagdeep Thankar who had a controversial stint as Governor of West Bengal?**

Obviously there will be a brief honeymoon period. I mean Venkaiah Naidu was Venkaiah Naidu. He had a way of getting along with people. He had relations across the political spectrum. I don’t know how Mr Dhankar... He comes from the BJP. There have been Vice Presidents in the past from the BJP... Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat and Naidu. If Mr Dhankar combines the objectivity of the Shekhawat with the humour of Naidu, I think... he will be well advised to combine the two. And every Vice President who comes... comes with the ambition of becoming the President... so he has to prove his loyalty too.

not decide what is “similar content”. She further argued that the plaintiff is under an obligation to give links to Google for further action. The application was opposed by Iran’s lawyer.

Nigam told the court that only one URL was provided to Google and the same has been disabled in accordance with the court order. The court was told that Irani may provide more URLs to Google and action shall be taken as and when they are received. Google’s counsel further told the court that it should be saved from any contempt action.

In the order directing the Congress leaders to delete the alleged defamatory content, the court had observed that neither the restaurant nor its land is owned by Irani or her daughter.

**HC SEEKS REPONSE IN SILLY SOULS CAFE HEARING**

## Supply URLs that need to be removed: Google to Irani

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE DELHI High Court on Monday sought Union Minister Smriti Irani’s response to an application moved by Google stating that it cannot remove the alleged defamatory content against her in connection with Silly Souls Café and Bar on YouTube on its own without it being provided the links of those videos.

Justice Mini Pushkarna in the order passed last month directed the Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh, Pawan Khera and Netta D’Souza to delete and remove their social media posts against Irani. The court had

further directed Google, Twitter and Meta to remove such content “or anything similar thereto” from their platforms.

Senior advocate Arvind Nigam along with advocate Mamta Jha, appearing for Google, Monday submitted that the plaintiff needs to provide it the URLs of the content, which is required to be taken off from YouTube in accordance with the court order. “If we have doubts [about content removal request], we will inform the plaintiff and then the plaintiff can approach the court [for clarification],” submitted Jha, while presenting the bench’s previous orders where such procedure has been followed.

Jha contended that social media intermediaries “are not adjudicating bodies” and can-



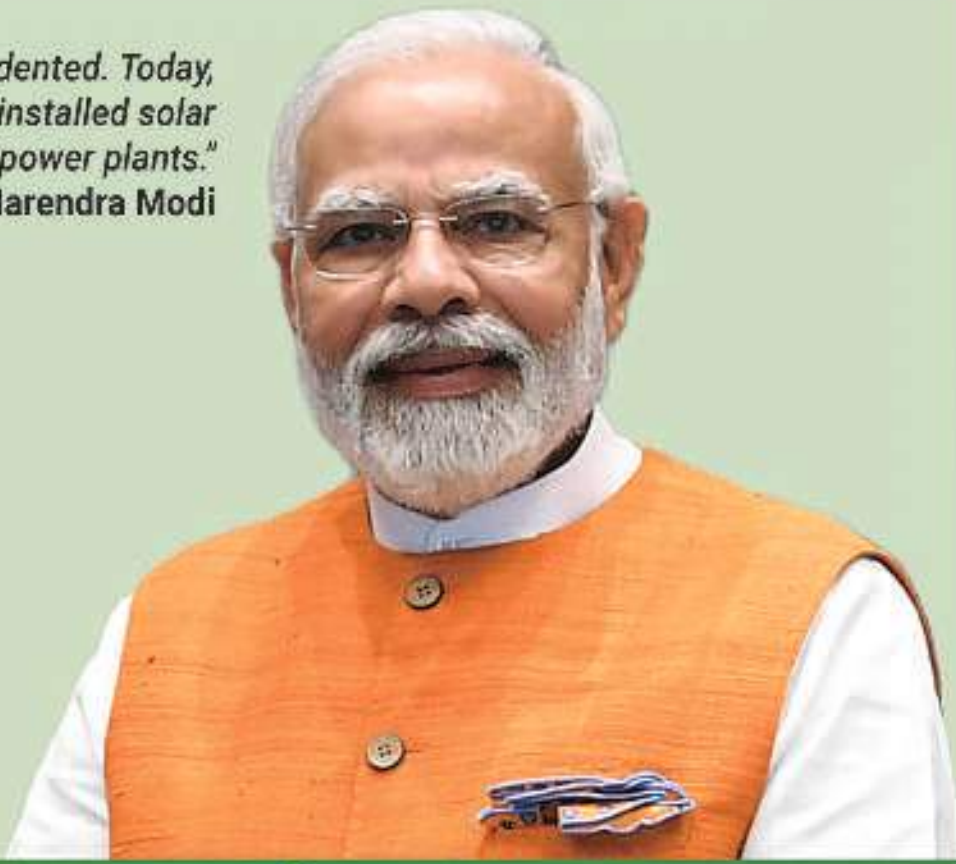
New Delhi







"The way India is emphasizing on renewable energy is unprecedented. Today, India is among the top 5 countries of the world in terms of installed solar capacity. Today India has several of the world's largest solar power plants."  
- PM Narendra Modi



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Assam

**Shri Pralhad Joshi**

Hon'ble Minister of Coal, Mines &  
Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India

**Smt. Nandita Gorlosa**

Hon'ble Minister of Power, Cooperation, Mines & Minerals, Indigenous & Tribal Faith  
and Culture Department, Assam

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# THE IDEAS PAGE

## What east can teach west

Good news from India's eastern frontier with Bangladesh raises hope: That it is indeed possible to transcend the bitter legacies of Partition and build a mutually-beneficial relationship with Pakistan



THE NEWS FROM India's western frontier with Pakistan is rarely positive. There is little expectation of change as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Independence and mark the partition of the Subcontinent. The persistence of cross-border terrorism, the conflict over Kashmir, the militarisation of the frontier, little connectivity, poor trade relations and no formal inter-governmental negotiations paint a bleak picture of the India-Pak border.

The inability of successive generations of Indian and Pakistani leaders to bring a closure to Partition in the west makes the talk of a "100-year war" credible. The only trend that can counter this pessimism is the good news from India's eastern frontier with Bangladesh — that it is indeed possible to transcend the bitter legacies of Partition and build a mutually-beneficial relationship.

If we can do it in the east, where the sources and consequences of Partition were far more complex, it should not be impossible to normalise the western frontier — hopefully well before 2047. In contrast to the talk of a 100-year war between India and Pakistan, Prime Ministers Sheikh Hasina and Narendra Modi have proclaimed a "sonali adhyay" or "golden chapter" in bilateral relations.

Cynics would discount that rhetoric; pessimists continue to see the cup as half empty. But there is no question that the bilateral relationship dominated by endless contentions at the turn of the millennium has transformed into a very productive partnership. For both Delhi and Dhaka, the reinvention of the bilateral relationship has been one of the most significant successes of their recent foreign policies.

The work on rebuilding ties began in earnest in 2010, when Sheikh Hasina came to India after taking charge of Bangladesh as prime minister for the second time in 2009. Hasina and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh embarked on an extraordinary effort to address most bilateral problems — including border settlement, river water sharing, cross-border terrorism, market access to Bangladeshi goods, and connectivity.

With impressive progress in many of these areas, Singh travelled to Dhaka in September 2011; but West Bengal chief Mamata Banerjee rained on the parade by refusing to join the delegation at the last minute and pulling the plug on the agreement to share the Teesta waters. The visit was salvaged by other agreements, including the settlement of the land boundary that had been pending for decades.

But the Manmohan Singh government struggled to get Parliament to approve the boundary settlement. Part of the problem was the rejection of the settlement by the main opposition party — the BJP. Recognising the strategic significance of a settled boundary with Bangladesh, Modi reversed the position of the BJP after he became the PM in 2014. He won support for the shift from the BJP units in Bengal and Assam, and got parliamentary approval in 2015.

Modi also accepted the award of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague on settling the maritime boundary dispute between Delhi and Dhaka. Bangladesh had taken the issue to international arbitration. In nor-



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mal circumstances, the bureaucrats in the two capitals would have argued for another couple of decades without settling the dispute. But Delhi moved decisively to accept the verdict and removed another long-standing territorial dispute in bilateral relations.

While the unresolved land and maritime territorial disputes constitute one of the main problems in India's relations with Pakistan, their resolution with Bangladesh transformed the context of bilateral relations.

Cooperation on cross-border terrorism that began a couple of years earlier helped build much-needed political trust between the two national security establishments. The incremental opening of the Indian market for Bangladeshi goods and Dhaka's willingness to let Indian goods transit to India's northeast boosted bilateral relations.

The last few years have seen bilateral ties grow rapidly. On the connectivity front, we have seen a substantive movement towards reopening the border that was largely shut down after the 1965 war between India and Pakistan. Trans-boundary bus services, re-opening of railway lines, and the revitalisation of waterways are restoring connectivity in the eastern subcontinent that was severed.

Bilateral trade volumes have grown by leaps and bounds in recent years touching nearly \$16 billion last year. Bangladesh is one of India's top export markets. Meanwhile, Bangladesh has become one of the fastest-growing economies in the world and has overtaken Pakistan by a good margin in South Asia. India and Bangladesh have also developed inter-connected power grids facilitating Dhaka's purchase of power from India. It currently buys about 1200 MW of power from India and an additional 1500 MW is in the pipeline.

The progress on the India-Bangla front could have been more expensive if the governments of West Bengal were enthusiastic about regionalism in the eastern Subcontinent. Neither the Left parties nor the Trinamool Congress that have ruled West Bengal for so long have had a transformative agenda for regional cooperation in the eastern subcontinent.

Today the northeastern states have realised the immense benefits of deeper economic engagement with Bangladesh — none of them more important than ending the geographic

isolation of the region. Assam today is at the forefront of imagining a bolder agenda for deepening economic ties with Bangladesh.

For India, the expansive partnership with Bangladesh has significantly eased its security challenges and laid the basis for peace and prosperity in the eastern subcontinent. For Bangladesh, discarding the temptation to balance India and embark on a cooperative strategy has allowed Dhaka to focus on its economic growth and lift itself in the regional and global hierarchy. There were efforts by India to replicate these kinds of moves with Pakistan; but Islamabad and Rawalpindi have not been ready to accept even the simplest of the initiatives on trade, connectivity, or trans-border energy cooperation. India has had no choice but to live with the sovereign choices of Pakistani leadership.

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Rather than regret the unfortunate dynamic on the western frontier and bemoan Pakistan's reluctance to let the SAARC become a vehicle for regional cooperation, Delhi should focus on consolidating the "golden moment" in the east. There is no shortage of issues in the east that need to be addressed by Delhi and Dhaka. They include protecting the rights of minorities, sharing the waters of more than 50 rivers, promoting cross-border investments, managing one of the longest borders in the world, facilitating trade and preventing illegal migration, countering forces of religious extremism, promoting maritime security in the Bay of Bengal, expanding defence cooperation, and mitigating climate change in the shared regional environment to name a few.

Many of these issues are alive and continuously threaten to destabilise the growing strategic partnership. Solving problems and tending to the relationship must necessarily be a continuous effort rather than episodic. Nor can Delhi and Dhaka take each other for granted and let domestic politics overwhelm the logic of bilateral cooperation. The 75th anniversary of independence offers Delhi and Dhaka a special opportunity to elevate the ambition for their bilateral partnership.

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### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"In making the trip [to Taiwan], Pelosi ignored President Joe Biden's wishes and Pentagon advice. Her actions also appear to have alarmed and embarrassed South Korea and Japan (and predictably goaded North Korea)."

— THE OBSERVER

## The dreams of 1942

Swaraj was achieved by collective will of the people. It must translate into Suraj at grass roots and inequalities of all hues must be stamped out



M VENKAIAH NAIDU

ON AUGUST 8, 1942, Mahatma Gandhi launched the historic Quit India movement. Gandhiji's clarion call of "Do or Die" in his celebrated Quit India speech at the Gowalia Tank Maidan, Bombay, lent a sense of urgency to the growing upsurge against British rule, with the entire nation standing as one. The collective will of the Indian people, driven by a zeal to govern themselves and shape their future, found expression in the momentous events that followed, leading inevitably to the freedom of the country on August 15, 1947. Eighty years after Gandhiji's call of Quit India, as India celebrates 75 years of Independence under the defining rubric of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, let us pause to reflect on our accomplishments, take pride in the milestones we have achieved and ponder on ways to tackle squarely the many challenges that we still need to overcome.

It is pertinent to recall that in weaponising ahimsa or non-violence to resist the colonial tyranny of the British, and making it one of the cornerstones of the freedom struggle along with civil disobedience, Gandhiji gave a moral philosophy to the masses and galvanised them. The significance of the mantra of ahimsa lies in the fact that it is rooted in the cultural and civilisational ethos of our great nation. Importantly, during our freedom movement, slogans like "Vande Mataram", "Jai Hind", "Inquilab Zindabad" or powerful symbols like charkha, rakhi, salt or khadi acted as a binding force for the masses. The Father of the Nation was ably supported by a galaxy of eminent leaders and thousands of less-known freedom fighters, who valiantly fought for India's independence, including many who selflessly sacrificed their lives for the larger cause, bound by the principle of non-violence. It was indeed an unparalleled phenomenon in the annals of human history.

India's brush with invaders who looted, plundered, pillaged and left a trail of destruction across the country and scheming colonisers, who enslaved it using the philosophy of divide and rule, is a saga of disunity and passive resistance. Of course, there were glowing exceptions such as Prithviraj Chauhan, Chhatrapati Shivaji, Maharana Pratap, Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi, Alluri Seetarama Raju, Veerapandiya Kattabomman, Lachit Borphukan and Rani Abbakka, among others. However, as history tells us, these tales of courage, grit and patriotic zeal, were localised and few and far between. Nevertheless, neither the invaders nor the subsequent colonisers, both of whom tried to strike at the roots of India's ancient culture by employing diverse means, could sever the thread of cultural and civilisational continuity that binds our great nation.

In the 75 years of its journey as a free nation, India has notched up a vast array of impressive achievements. We need to draw inspiration from our long-drawn freedom struggle, which was a journey of resilience and hope. It is a journey that continues to motivate us to keep setting higher benchmarks in all spheres of human endeavour and stay focused in times of adversity. We have a large pool of human resources, among the most talented in the world. Therefore, India needs to leverage its demographic dividend in order to realise its full potential in terms of economic, scientific, technological and human resource development.

On this historic occasion, let us take a moment to look at the challenges we are beset with and need to overcome. Our hard-earned Swaraj must translate into Suraj at the grass roots and the maladies of poverty, illiteracy, gender discrimination, corruption and inequalities of all hues must be stamped out. Good and fair governance holds the key to development if we are to build a truly egalitarian society rid of all inequities.

Ancient Indian civilisation was one whose cultural ethos was permeated with the idea of equality, unity and inclusivity. Guided by a spirit of nationalism, we simply have to turn to our ancestors to build a strong, vibrant nation.

Universal and affordable access to quality education and healthcare must be the focus of our attention. Rural India cannot be left behind in this mission. Improving rural infrastructure across the country must be fast-tracked and integrated into the larger development narrative. Promotion of the mother tongue will revolutionise the educational landscape by making it more inclusive and equitable. With his unbounded greed, man has caused irreversible damage to the environment. Today, climate change is a global phenomenon. Conservation is our only hope for the survival of the planet and we must direct our collective energies toward this end with missionary zeal. Our scriptures mirror the cosmic vision of our ancient culture. They are replete with examples of the worship of the divine in the elements — rivers, mountains, holy plants and trees. We only have to go back to our moorings to draw inspiration and strive to secure the future of succeeding generations. In other words, we need to preserve nature and protect our culture for a bright future.

An overpowering, transcendent emotion of love for Bharat Mata binds us all when we recount the glorious phases of our freedom movement. Duty impels us to revisit our rich past by informing ourselves of the contribution made by our great freedom fighters to liberate the country from oppressive and exploitative colonial rule. This is an occasion for us to recall the sacrifices made by many of our iconic as well as less-known freedom fighters to realise their common dream of a free India. It is our moral responsibility to collectively put our shoulders to the wheel and devote ourselves to the overarching ideal of building a vibrant, prosperous and egalitarian India of their dreams.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### KNOW THY FRIEND

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Colombo's self-goal' (IE, August 8). It is strange that despite the complete breakdown of the economy and the resulting socio-political upheaval — much of it due to China's debt trap — Sri Lanka cannot distinguish between friends and foes. That a Chinese military vessel was allowed to use the Hambantota port for over a week does not speak very highly of the country's diplomacy. Giving China so much leeway in its territorial waters will not only endanger the island's sovereignty but also pose a threat to friendly countries like India.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

#### LOOK WHO'S TALKING

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Ringfence PMLA from executive' (IE, August 8). Ever since the Supreme Court approved the recent amendments in the PMLA to make it more stringent, Opposition parties have rallied against this legislation. The Congress is at the vanguard of this campaign, which has been ratcheted up in the wake of the questioning of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi by the ED. This raises questions about the Congress's sincerity in opposing the Act. The amendments were necessitated by a growing incidence of money laundering cases.

Ravi Kumar Mathur, Noida

#### NOT BY MARKET

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The wrong diagnosis' (IE, August 8). The use of

higher tax collection is not just to boost economic growth, but also to provide security and minimum standards of living to people living below the poverty line through welfare measures. Depending on market forces for revenue generation, as the author seems to believe in, would make the life of the poor subservient to the activities of the rich.

Nilanshu Kumar, Begusarai

#### AIM FOR GOLD

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Indian cricketers implode at the final hurdle, Aussies win gold' (IE, August 8). Though some fans may be happy with the silver medal won by the Indian Women Cricket team, we should not forget that this is the third time when our cricketers have failed to cross the line. Reaching the final of three major tournaments in the last five years does speak of the talent of the Indian team. But the lack of temperament should be a cause for concern. A women's IPL could help our women cricketers, especially when it comes to closely fought games.

Bal Govind, Noida

#### THE GOOD COP

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'The cop who never stopped looking for girl' (IE, August 8). Retired policeman, Rajendra Dhondu Bhosale's story is heart-rending. He draws motivation from the death of his sister in a dowry case. We need more such policemen.

Melville X D'Souza, Mumbai



DINESH THAKUR & PRASHANT REDDY T

LAST MONTH, the Union Ministry for Health & Family Welfare published a new Bill to replace the colonial-era Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940. This proposed Bill was written by a drafting committee of eight bureaucrats headed by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) and included a senior bureaucrat who has since been arrested on suspicion of corruption.

While most of the new Bill is a copy of the old legislation, some of the proposed revisions treat drug quality as a divisible concept, wherein it is presumed that a drug will work even if it fails on certain quality parameters. Either a drug passes all quality standards laid down by a government body called the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), which publishes the standards in a publication called the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP), or else the drug fails in treating patients.

Historically, since 1940, drugs failing quality testing in accordance with standards published in the IP have been declared Not of Standard Quality (NSQ), making the manufacturer liable for minimum imprisonment of one year and maximum imprisonment of two years and a fine of Rs 20,000 with special exceptions. The rationale for criminal punishment in cases of drug quality is simple: Unlike other products, quality issues in the manufacture of drugs have direct implications on the health of citizens.

## Chalta hai regulation

New drugs Bill serves interests of pharma industry, not public health

The new approach proposed by the government can be described as a chalta hai approach to regulation, aimed at accommodating the pharmaceutical industry's demand to "decriminalise" some of the offences under the existing law. Section 56(e) of the new Bill proposes lowering punishments for drugs that have been declared NSQ due to any of the 43 defects listed in the fourth schedule of the Bill. For such defects, manufacturers are liable for lower imprisonment of one year and a fine of Rs two lakh, while for defects that do not fall within the fourth schedule, the manufacturer is liable for a higher punishment of up to two years imprisonment and a fine of Rs five lakh.

The lower punishments for fourth schedule defects, however, hide the true intent of the law, which can be found in section 71. This provision, which is basically the icing on the cake for the pharmaceutical industry, allows for the compounding of a class of offences including those defects in the fourth schedule. "Compounding" means the prosecuting drug controller has the discretion to waive a trial and prison time as long as the accused pharmaceutical company agrees to pay the fine. In effect, the industry has achieved its goal of "decriminalisation". The cherry on top of the icing is section 58 of the Bill, which gives the government the power to expand the list of exceptions in the fourth schedule. Given the political might of the pharmaceutical industry, it

will most definitely succeed in forcing the government to expand beyond the current 43 exceptions. The pharma industry's best lobbyist could not have done better than the drafting committee in delivering to the industry its dream law.

In our opinion, there is no valid science guiding the inclusion of 43 defects in the fourth schedule. Take for example the amount of active ingredient in a drug. The IP allows a drug to be declared of standard quality as long as the amount of active ingredient is between 90 per cent to 110 per cent of that advertised on the label. However, entry 4 of the fourth schedule now states that as long as the drug contains at least 70 per cent of the advertised amount, the manufacturer will be subject to lower punishments. This makes no sense because any drug that has only 70 per cent of the active ingredient can result in adverse treatment outcomes. For example, if in a strip of 10 antibiotic tablets each tablet has only 70 mg of active ingredient instead of the 100 mg of active ingredient as listed on the label, at the end of a 10-day course of treatment, the patient would have received only 700 mg of the antibiotic instead of the 1,000 mg that the doctor prescribed. Not only would the patient not recover completely from the infection, but chances are she is now a carrier of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The treatment outcomes will be several times worse in the case of drugs like

Levothyroxine or Budeprion, which have "narrow therapeutic index" (NTI), where even minor changes in the dosage can lead to a significant difference in treatment outcomes.

Other defects included in the fourth schedule are the presence of "particulate contamination/foreign matter" and "heavy metals". Thus, even if a drug is found to be contaminated with glass particles, fungus or heavy metals, the manufacturer will get reduced or no prison time.

In our opinion, there is no moral or scientific case to justify treating some manufacturing defects more seriously than others when the standard setting body — the IPC — is very clear on the scientific requirements for a drug to be declared of standard quality.

The larger takeaway from this episode is that much of India's drug regulatory apparatus continues to serve the interests of the pharmaceutical industry, and not public health. In 2012, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health had levelled this same charge against the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, which is headed by the DCGI. That this romance between the regulator and the industry has crept into the law-making process is cause to junk this version of a Bill.

Thakur was the whistleblower in the Ranbaxy case and Reddy is a lawyer who specialises in drug regulation



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## Maharashtra Cabinet expansion today

11 from BJP, seven from Shinde faction likely to take oath in the first phase

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, AUGUST 8

MORE THAN five weeks after the new government in Maharashtra was sworn in on June 30, the expansion of the state cabinet is set to take place on Tuesday morning at Raj Bhawan. In the first phase of the much-awaited expansion, around 18 ministers are likely to be administered the oath of office. While 10 to 11 are expected to be from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), six to seven leaders from CM Eknath Shinde camp will be sworn in as ministers in the first phase. A second round of expansion will be held later, sources said. In Maharashtra, the permissi-

ble number of council of ministers, including chief minister, is 43. CM Eknath Shinde and deputy CM Devendra Fadnis held a two-hour-long meeting on Monday at the former's Nandanvan bungalow in Malabar Hills to finalise the list of candidates for the cabinet expansion. Sources in the BJP said that the party's state president Chandrakant Patil is set to become a minister. Other BJP leaders who are expected to make the cut include Sudhir Mungantiwar, Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil, Girish Mahajan and Mangal Prabhat Lodha. Ravindra Chawan, Vijaykumar Gavit, Atul Save and Suresh Khade are other probabilities from the party.

With Patil set to become a minister, Bandra (West) MLA Ashish Shelar is being considered for the post of state party president, source said. Patil, Mungantiwar and Mahajan were cabinet ministers in the previous BJP-led government that ruled between 2014 and 2019. Vikhe-Patil, who was the leader of opposition in the state legislative assembly at the time, joined the BJP ahead of the 2019 elections. This is why, sources said, the party considered his candidature on priority. The candidates from Shinde faction likely to take oath on Tuesday include Dadasaheb Bhuse, Uday Samant, Gulabrao Patil, Sandipan Bhumre,

Shambhuraje Desai, Bharat Gogawale, Sanjay Shirsat and Bachhu Kadu. A source in the Shinde faction said, "The criteria for shortlisting the candidates is to accommodate all the Shiv Sena rebels who were holding the ministerial berth in the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government." Among others, Shambhuraje Desai, who was a junior minister, is also being considered in the first phase. Kadu of Prahar Sanghatna, who showed loyalty to Shinde faction, is also set to be rewarded with a ministerial berth. Of the 55 Shiv Sena MLAs who got elected in 2019, 40, including nine ministers, switched loyalties to join the rebel group led by Shinde in June. This led to the

downfall of MVA government in the state followed by the formation of BJP-Shinde Sena faction coalition government. On June 30, Shinde took oath as chief minister and Fadnis was sworn in as the deputy CM. A top leader in the Shinde faction said, "The number of aspirants outnumber the cabinet berths. Majority of the 40 rebels and 10 independents who walked out of MVA are vying for ministerial berths. But there are limitations and Shinde is exercising caution to carefully draw the list. Some of the members have been asked to show patience with a promise they will make it in the next cabinet expansion before the winter session in December."

## PM's Office declares assets of Ministers, Modi donates share in only property owned

**HARIKISHAN SHARMA**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE VALUE of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's movable assets increased by Rs 26.13 lakh during 2021-22 — and he no longer owns any immovable property after donating his share in a residential plot in Gujarat, according to his latest declaration of assets on the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) website. With details provided upto March 31, 2022, the declaration shows that Modi's movable assets increased from Rs 1,97,68,885 at the end of March 2021 to Rs 2,23,82,504. This includes a fixed deposit, bank balance, National Savings Certificates, life insurance policies, bank balance, jewellery and cash in hand.

The PM has mentioned "NIL" in the column for immovable assets. A note under the list states: "Immovable property Survey No. 401/A was jointly held with three other joint owners and each having an equal share of 25%, is no more owned by the self as the same has been donated." In last year's declaration, Modi had listed a one-fourth share (3,531.45 sq ft) in a residential plot



PM Narendra Modi. *PTI*

located at Survey No. 401/A, Sector-1, Gandhinagar, which measured 14,125.80 sq ft in total with an overall market value of Rs 1.10 crore. Previous declarations show that Modi had acquired this property jointly with three others on October 25, 2002, when he was Gujarat CM. At the time of purchase 20 years ago, the cost of the property was Rs 1,30,488 — an expenditure of Rs 2,47,208 was incurred as investment by way of development and construction. An analysis of movable assets

listed by the PM shows the amount of cash in hand has come down — from Rs 36,900 last year to Rs 35,250. His bank balance has also dipped to Rs 46,555 from Rs 1,52,480 as on March 31, 2021. The latest declaration shows that his bank FDR and MOD balance has increased to Rs 2,10,33,226 from Rs 1,83,66,966 at the end of March 2021.

Among the Union ministers, the value of movable assets owned by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has increased by Rs 29.58 lakh from Rs 2.24 crore to Rs 2.54 crore, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's net assets increased from Rs 1.62 crore to Rs 1.83 crore, Animal Husbandry Minister Parshottam Rupala has reported a net worth of Rs 7.29 crore — an increase of Rs 1.42 crore from last year, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has reported total assets of Rs 35.63 crore and liabilities of Rs 58 lakh and Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy has reported total assets of Rs 1.43 crore. Of 30 Cabinet ministers, asset details of eight ministers are available, and of 45 MoS, details for two are listed. The property details of two MoS (Independent Charge) are not available.

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### PEHLA PYAAR

AS HE rose to bid farewell to Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday, AAP's first-time member Raghav Chadha struck a lyrical note. Chadha said a person always cherishes the first day in school, first teacher or for that matter, the "first love". Likewise, he said, the fact that Naidu was the Chairman [Rajya Sabha] when he started his parliamentary career is something he will always remember. As Chadha was winding up, Naidu chimed in: "Raghav, mere khyal se pyaar ek hi hota hai na? Ekbar... doosri bar, aisa hota hai... nahi na? pehla pyaar achha hota hai, wohi pyaar humesha rehna hai, zindagi bhar," he said, drawing smiles and applause from the House.

## Push for welfare scheme benefits, not arms licences: Yogi to BJYM

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 8

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) workers should seek the state government's assistance in helping more people benefit from welfare schemes rather than asking for arms licences as the former would make more youth members become financially independent. Adityanath was addressing the concluding session of the three-day state-level training camp organised for members of BJYM — the ruling party's youth wing — in Agra district.

"Instead of arms licences, the youth should approach the state government seeking recommendations for passing on the benefits of several welfare schemes for the youth. By doing so, a large section of youth would become economically self-independent. The members of Yuva Morcha should encourage youth to connect with the Agniveer



Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath inspects work of a Metro train project in Agra district on Monday. *Express*

scheme," said the chief minister. Attacking the opposition, the CM said while other parties also had youth wings, they were used for riots and, creating anarchy and nuisance. "And, because of this, these parties lost the trust of the public. The perception that the public has of these parties' youth wings is not hidden... Previous governments had created an

identity crisis for the youth," he said, adding BJYM workers work for the development of the nation. Meanwhile, Adityanath unveiled the look of the Agra Metro at the Metro Depot in the city. Panchanan Mishra, DGM at Agra Metro, said, "The CM inspected the depot and watched the unveiling of Agra Metro look."

**WITH PTI INPUTS**



## Jaishankar, Ukrainian FM discuss Russia conflict

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar on Monday spoke to Ukraine's Foreign minister Dmytro Kuleba and discussed the recent developments of conflict with Russia and its continuing global repercussions. Jaishankar also assured Kuleba that the next consignment of Indian humanitarian assistance will reach Ukraine very soon.

This conversation took place weeks after names of three Indians, including that of chairman of National Security Advisory Board (NSAB), PS Raghavan, have appeared in a list of individuals prepared by a Ukrainian government agency for, what it says, "promoting Russian propaganda". "Appreciated the conversation today with FM @DmytroKuleba of Ukraine. Discussed recent developments in the conflict and its continuing global repercussions," Jaishankar said in a tweet.

"Assured that the next consignment of Indian humanitarian assistance will be reaching very soon," he said.

India has maintained that the crisis in Ukraine must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue. Apart from Raghavan — who retired as India's ambassador to Russia in 2016, the list includes former National Knowledge Commission chairman Sam Pitroda and journalist Saeed Naqvi.



UP MSME Minister Rakesh Sachan at a Kanpur court. *PTI*

the court's order, and will file an appeal against this judgment," Sachan said after coming out of the court. While there was no discussion in the court on Saturday's incident when Sachan allegedly took away the copy of the court order, a team of Kanpur Police on Monday sought the CCTV footage of the court premises. "The inquiry team, led by Assistant Commissioner of Police (Kotwali), has started its probe (into Saturday's incident). The team visited the court premises today. They have sought footage of CCTVs installed on the premises. The next course of action will be taken on the basis of the inquiry report," Joint Commissioner of Police (Kanpur) Anand Prakash Tiwari told *The Indian Express*.

## 1991 arms case: UP minister gets 1 year in jail, granted bail

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 8

A KANPUR court on Monday sentenced Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Minister Rakesh Sachan to one year of imprisonment in a 1991 Arms Act case. The BJP minister, who was present in the court, was later granted bail.

Two days ago, when the court had pronounced Sachan guilty in the arms case, the court reader had filed a complaint with the police, alleging that the minister had taken away the copy of the court order. Sachan, however, has denied the charges.

Sachan is the Cabinet Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Khadi and Village Industries, Sericulture Industries, Handloom and Textiles in the Yogi Adityanath government.

"Rakesh Sachan appeared before the court on Monday. His lawyer argued over the quantum of sentence. After the completion of the argument, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Alok Yadav awarded Sachan one-year imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 1,500 on him in the Arms Act case. The court, later, released Sachan on bail, directing him to submit two sureties of Rs 20,000 each," Prosecuting Officer (Kanpur) Richa Gupta said.

The court has given Sachan 15 days to file an appeal against the judgment, she added. "I respect

## Raut remanded in judicial custody till August 22

Mumbai: A special court on Monday sent Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut to judicial custody till August 22 after the ED submitted that his further custodial interrogation is not needed. ED had arrested Raut on August 1 in connection with alleged money-laundering linked to a redevelopment project in the northern suburbs of Mumbai.

Special public prosecutor Kavita Patil told the court that the agency is not seeking Raut's further custody. The ED said further probe of alleged proceeds of crime between 2009 and 2014 is still in progress. It said the probe was against "very influential persons" and there were also allegations of threat to witnesses, so Raut should be kept in judicial custody. **ENS**

## NAME CHANGE

ON HIS last day as Rajya Sabha Chairman, Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu was reminded by Congress MP Jairam Ramesh that he will be moving to 1, Thyagraj Marg. "I want to make a special request to you. You have been a champion of Indian languages. Who is this Thyagaraj? In Tamil, he is Thyagaraja. In Telugu, he is Tyagaraja. Why is he made Thyagaraj in Delhi? This is what 'Hindi imperialism' does," said Ramesh. Naidu responded by saying that it will be his personal endeavour to ensure that the name is changed. "Definitely, I will get it changed. Don't worry. 'Tyagaraja' is a great musician. The people in Tamil Nadu and in Karnataka love his music," said Naidu.

## MISSING THE MENU

IN THE farewell speeches to Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu in the Rajya Sabha, the hospitality and scrumptious feasts hosted by Naidu were a common thread. CPM member John Brittas recalled the best non-vegetarian dishes, including prawns, that Naidu served them and how he would get cooks flown in from Vijayawada and Guntur to Delhi. In a lighter vein, he even pointed to BJP President JP Nadda to take note of the fact that many were pleasantly surprised to see such a menu in the BJP office.

## CPM Kozhikode Mayor invokes Krishna at Sangh outfit event, party left red-faced

**SHAJU PHILIP**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 8

THE CPM finds itself in a spot in Kerala after its Kozhikode Mayor attended a Sangh Parivar event, where she said characters in Hindu mythology should be imbibed and mothers should be devotees of Lord Krishna.

Attending a mothers' meeting organised by Balagokulam, a Sangh Parivar outfit for children, on Sunday, Kozhikode Corporation Mayor Beena Philip said: "One

should have the image of Lord Krishna in one's mind. Characters in Hindu mythology should be imbibed. If mothers have devotion towards Little Krishna, they would not get angry towards their children. Every child should be considered as Little Krishna. Then, devotion and love would grow in the minds of children."

Balagokulam professes to promote learning about the Hindu faith among children. The incident came close on the heels of another CPM Mayor, Arya Rajendran, stirring a row by promoting separate sports teams in

general and SC/ST categories.

At Sunday's event, where she garlanded an idol of Lord Krishna, Philip said Kerala lags behind North India in childcare.

As the CPM leader's presence at the RSS-linked function and her remarks stirred a row, Philip defended herself Monday, saying there was no instruction from her party about keeping away from such an event. "I was speaking to mothers. I never felt Balagokulam was an RSS organisation," she said. CPM district secretary P Mohanan publicly distanced the party from the Mayor's move.

carpet area of 450 square feet.

Namaware said accommodation is one of the major problems faced by transpersons. "They do not easily get a residence. In case they are following the guru-disciple tradition, then nobody gives them a home or rents a place. It leads to harassment from others and even within the transgender community," he said. A housing scheme reserved for transpersons will also mean that in case of resale of flat, it will have to be sold

to another transgender individual. He said this is only the first step from the department to provide accommodation to transpersons. "In the second phase, we will request agencies like MHADA and CIDCO that construct houses to reserve certain components for transpersons. They are citizens of this country and have a right to own property," he added.

A proposal in this regard is pending with the finance department and likely to get clearance

soon. The government is setting up a special portal for transpersons on the lines of the Centre where identity cards for community members will be made available. The state government is also coming up with a campaign for registration of transpersons and this card will be used for the application process. "If we get over 150 applications, we will have a lottery system and in case of fewer applications, we will provide houses on first come first serve basis," he said.

## Gujarat-Delhi Dalit yatra stopped

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 8

THE GROUP of Dalits that started a yatra from Ahmedabad to Delhi last week, carrying a specially designed a 1,000-kilogram brass coin, with a message to the political class that untouchability exists even after 75 years of independence, was stopped from entering Haryana Sunday night as they did not have permission from the Haryana and Delhi police to enter, according to an official. After failing to get entry to Haryana from Rajasthan, the group that wanted to donate the coin for the new Parliament building, decided to return to Ahmedabad from where it started the yatra on August 1.

The yatra was launched by



The brass coin that the group was carrying. *File*

noted Dalit rights group, Navsaran Trust, from its campus in Nani Devi village last week. Speaking with *The Indian Express*, Martin Macwan of Navsaran Trust said that the yatra comprised 375 people, including 104 women, from 14 states.

"After completing the Rajasthan part of our yatra, we were to enter Haryana from Sagarpur border to reach Delhi last night (Sunday). However, the Haryana police had deployed

huge police force with water cannons and boulders at the border to stop us from entering. The traffic on the highway was also affected due to this. They showed us a letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs with clear instruction to not allow us enter (Haryana and Delhi)," said Macwan.

Adding that they decided to stay on the road for 24 hours before returning to Gujarat, Macwan said, "They (Haryana police) offered us a stay in a guest house and food, but we politely refused. We spent the night on the side of the road and will leave for Gujarat tonight (Monday)." According to Macwan, they got police permission from Rajasthan and the yatra passed from the state under police protection, while they did not get formal permission from the authorities in Haryana or Delhi.



JEE (ADVANCED)-2022: QUALIFYING MARKS UP FOR GENERAL

# Cut-off stands at 4-year low for reserved category

SOURAV ROY BARMAN  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE QUALIFYING scores to take the upcoming JEE (Advanced)-2022 have reached a four-year low for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and OBC candidates, while for the general category students, the cut off is marginally higher than last year, according to the scores released by the National Testing Agency (NTA) on Monday.

The scores released by the NTA in percentile show that for general category candidates, the cut off for JEE (Advanced)-2022 is 88.4, which was 87.9 in 2021. In this category, the qualifying scores were 90.3 and 89.7 in 2020 and 2019, respectively.

But in the case of reserved category candidates, the qualifying scores have dipped substantially over the years. For SC candidates, 43.08 is the cut off this time, as against 46.8 in 2021, 50.1 in 2020, and 54.01 in 2019. A total of 2.62 lakh candidates (across all categories) have qualified for the JEE (Advanced) this time.

Cut-off scores for ST students,

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THE JEE (Advanced), which is the entrance for admissions to the IITs, is scheduled for August 28. The JEE (Main), apart from being a gateway to BE/BTech at NITs and other centrally funded technical institutions, is also an eligibility test for the JEE (Advanced). Out of the 9.05 lakh candidates who appeared in JEE (Main) only those who clear the cut off will be able to take a shot at pursuing engineering at the IITs.

meanwhile, is 26.7 this time, down from 34.6 in 2021, 39.06 in 2020, and 44.3 in 2019. The OBC (non-creamy layer) cut off stands at 67, compared to 68.02 in 2021, 72.8 in 2020, and 74.3 in 2019. For the EWS category candidates, the cut off this time is 63.11.

Also, at 10.26 lakh, 2022 saw

the lowest number of registrations for JEE (Main) since 2019. Of the total registered, 9.05 lakh candidates took the exam, of which 3.7 lakh belonged to the unreserved category, 3.2 lakh came from OBC category, 85,938 from ST, and 31,191 from SC, also a four-year low across all categories.

The entrance was held in two cycles — June and July — in 2022. Last year, there were four cycles, pushing the announcement of the results to September. The best of two percentile is used for admissions for candidates who appeared in both the sessions.

A total of 24 candidates scored 100 percentile — five each from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, four from Rajasthan, two from Uttar Pradesh and one each from Bihar, Punjab, Kerala, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Haryana, Maharashtra and Assam. In 2021, 44 candidates had scored 100 percentile.

The social categorisation of the toppers show that 18 belong to the general category, while two each are from OBC and EWS categories. The top scores in the SC and ST bracket are 99.99 and 99.94, respectively.

# Kalaiselvi: Breaking barriers

AMITABH SINHA  
PUNE, AUGUST 8



Dr Nallathamby Kalaiselvi

WHILE MOST attention on her is focused on the fact that she is the first woman to head the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, the largest network of research laboratories in the country, Dr Nallathamby Kalaiselvi's core expertise is very much in sync with some of the most pressing national scientific priorities.

A "materials electrochemist", as one of her former colleagues described her, Kalaiselvi's most important scientific contributions have been in the efforts to improve efficiency of lithium-ion batteries. She is credited with developing novel materials to be used as electrodes in lithium-ion

"We are still some distance away from creating efficient batteries to store the energy harnessed from these sources. India is very actively looking for these solutions right now, and I think she is just the right person for the top CSIR job at this moment."

Kalaiselvi joined CECRI in 1997 and rose to become the institute's director in 2019, again a first for a woman scientist. She did not have a background in electrochemistry when she joined CECRI. She was an organic chemist and had taught the subject for three years in a private college after completing her PhD from Annamalai University in Chidambaram.

"But she took a liking for electrochemistry when she started working on lithium-ion batteries. She is a very fast learner, and soon started publishing research papers on the subject," Kumar said.

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BJP UNDER MODI WILL RETURN TO POWER WITH MAJORITY IN 2024: SHAH

Bhubaneswar: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday claimed that the BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will come back to power at the Centre with a two-third majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.


Shah also expressed confi-

dence that the party will form the government in Odisha in the Assembly polls scheduled to be held in the same year.

The BJP stalwart was attending a function where the Odia translation of 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' which chronicles Modi's journey from

a Gujarat chief minister to the country's prime minister. Though the BJP is often described as a political party of the country's Hindi-speaking region, it has formed governments in the North-eastern states, Gujarat, Karnataka and Maharashtra, he said.

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**EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

(₹ in Crore except per share data)

Particulars	Quarter ended	Year ended	Quarter ended
	30.06.2022	31.03.2022	30.06.2021
	Un-audited	Audited	Un-audited
Total income from operations	6,510.31	14,257.61	3,098.91
Net profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	671.06	1,863.97	272.93
Net profit / (loss) for the period before tax and after exceptional items	671.06	563.97	272.93
Net profit / (loss) for the period after tax and exceptional items	502.01	458.70	207.78
Total comprehensive income for the period (after tax) (attributable to owners of the Company)	503.27	455.83	207.66
Equity share capital	480.62	480.62	480.62
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve as shown in the balance sheet of previous year)		9,462.56 (as at 31.03.2022)	
Earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each)			
Basic (₹)	10.45	9.45	4.30
Diluted (₹)	10.45	9.45	4.30

**EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS**


(₹ in Crore)

Particulars	Quarter ended	Year ended	Quarter ended
	30.06.2022	31.03.2022	30.06.2021
	Un-audited	Audited	Un-audited
Total income from operations	4,651.15	13,715.74	2,998.93
Net profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	639.99	1,814.38	257.52
Net profit / (loss) for the period before tax and after exceptional items	639.99	514.38	257.52
Net profit / (loss) for the period after tax and exceptional items	480.77	409.71	199.01
Total comprehensive income for the period (after tax)	481.95	411.68	199.90

**Note:**

1. The above is an extract of the detailed financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the same, along with the notes, are available on the websites of Stock Exchanges at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and also on the Company's website at [www.torrentpower.com](http://www.torrentpower.com).

**Place : Ahmedabad**  
**Date : August 08, 2022**



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(2PE-02-22/23) (DR-I)

It is for information of all concerned that, pursuant to Advt. No. 09 of 2021-22, **91 (Ninety-one)** candidates bearing following PPSAN have been allowed to appear in the interview to determine their eligibility for recruitment to the post of **Assistant Professor, Teacher Education (Odia)**. The Interview in respect of the following candidates will be held in the office of the Commission at 19, Dr. P.K. Parija Road, Cuttack-753001 on 22.08.2022, 23.08.2022, 24.08.2022, 25.08.2022, 26.08.2022 & 27.08.2022 as per the Programme mentioned below.

**PROGRAMME OF INTERVIEW**

Date	Time of Interview	PPSAN of candidates
22.08.2022	10.30 A.M.	00090091, 00079438, 00091005, 00092139, 00092916, 00094911, 00089639, 00086720, 00094876-09 candidates
	02.45 P.M.	00091257, 00089393, 00092495, 00097107, 00076772, 00062316-06 candidates
23.08.2022	10.30 A.M.	00110923, 00088119, 00112564, 00111598, 00093258, 00111547, 00095785, 00112473, 00090746, 00101685-10 candidates
	02.45 P.M.	00088096, 00111185, 00093240, 00112212, 00109602, 00112733-06 candidates
24.08.2022	10.30 A.M.	00094886, 00093778, 00089413, 00112455, 00097871, 00112601, 00071169, 00066780, 00085924-09 candidates
	02.45 P.M.	00090175, 001015407, 00085940, 00112494, 00112795, 00018025-06 candidates
25.08.2022	10.30 A.M.	00093129, 00103811, 00111138, 00112125, 00093251, 00089905, 00112045, 00103268, 00093766-09 candidates
	02.45 P.M.	00096805, 00089882, 00112751, 00093310, 00087743, 00083791-06 Candidates
26.08.2022	10.30 A.M.	00100247, 00100312, 00104255, 00093516, 00112874, 00094186, 00111659, 00078815, 00068766-09 candidates
	02.45 P.M.	00092386, 00103157, 00063171, 00086922, 00091484, 00086139-06 Candidates
27.08.2022	10.30 A.M.	00097780, 00112220, 00112552, 00030201, 00112239, 00090308, 00104138, 00097782, 00102247-09 candidates
	02.45 P.M.	00089819, 00112323, 00044335, 00046818, 00096636, 00089023-06 Candidates

**Note:** - It is also made clear that the candidature of these candidates for the recruitment is purely provisional. The candidature is liable for rejection in the event of inadequacy/ deficiency found at any stage during or after the selection process and is subject to fulfillment of the terms and conditions laid down in the advertisement. Mere participation in the interview does not reserve any right for selection. The candidates are advised to report in the office of the commission **half an hour before the commencement of interview** on the scheduled date & time as mentioned above. THE CANDIDATES ARE FURTHER ADVISED TO BRING THREE SETS OF XEROX COPIES OF PUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPERS AS EARLIER PRODUCED DURING VERIFICATION.

**NOTE:- THE CANDIDATES ARE INFORMED THAT THE PEDAGOGY SKILL IS PART OF THE INTERVIEW. THEY ARE TO COME PREPARED TO PRESENT A TOPIC OF THEIR CHOICE WITHIN 8 TO 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE INTERVIEW BOARD. WHITE BOARD SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE.**

Sd/-  
**Secretary**  
OIPR-12002/11/00134/2223



**TATA STEEL**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

This is to inform that **Tata Main Hospital, Jamshedpur** is going to destroy its medical records from **01.04.2017 to 30.06.2017**. Anybody requiring a copy of these records may contact Medical records section before **31.08.2022**

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**भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड**  
**CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.**  
(A NAVRATNA UNDERTAKING OF GOVT. OF INDIA)  
Regd. Office & Investors Relation Centre: CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Matunga Road, Opp. Apollo Hospital, New Delhi – 110076.  
CIN - L63011DL1985CO030218, e-mail - investorrelations@concorindia.com, Tel. Nos. : 41673093-96, 41222500/600/700 website : <http://www.concorindia.co.in>

**NOTICE OF RECORD DATE FOR INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR FY 2022-23**

Notice is hereby given that CONCOR's Board of Directors in its meeting held on 04<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 has fixed Record date as 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Thursday) for the purpose of determining the entitlement of members to Interim Dividend @40% (Rs 2.00 per share on equity share of Rs.5/- each), declared by the Board in its aforesaid meeting for the financial year 2022-23. Further, Interim dividend will be paid:

(i) to those Members whose names will appear in the Register of Members of the Company, after giving effect to all valid Share Transfers in physical form lodged with the Company and its Registrar on or before 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022; or

(ii) in respect of Shares held in electronic form, to those "deemed members" whose names appear on the Statements of beneficial ownership furnished by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), at the end of business hours on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

In order to avail the facility of payment of dividend through Electronic Clearing Service (ECS), members of the Company, holding their shares in Demat mode are requested to submit the duly filled in ECS mandate form to their Depository Participant and those holding physical shares to Company's Share Transfer Agents and Registrar: **M/s Beetal Financial & Computer Services (P) Ltd., BEETAL HOUSE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 99, Madangir, Behind Local Shopping Centre, Near Dada Harsukhdas Mandir, New Delhi – 110062.** ECS instructions once furnished by the member will supersede all his/ her previous bank mandates/details. ECS mandate form is available on Company's website: [www.concorindia.co.in](http://www.concorindia.co.in).

For Container Corporation of India Ltd. Sd/-  
(Harish Chandra)  
ED (Finance) & Company Secretary

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 05.08.2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PAWAN JHABAKH**  
*Advocate*  
No. 115, Luz Church Road,  
Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.  
Phone: 9176663600

To

**Pioneer fabricators Private Limited,**  
Having its registered office at House No.460/4C1,  
Block 25A, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara,  
Near Mandir Delhi, New Delhi -110 032

Sub: O.P. No. 154 of 2021 – Newspaper Publication – Hon'ble High Court of Madras.

Sir/madam,

Please take notice that the subject mentioned case came up for hearing on 26.07.2022 before the Hon'ble Master of the Madras High Court. In furtherance of which, the Hon'ble Master was pleased to order substituted service by effecting publication in the newspaper namely "Indian Express New Delhi Edition" (In English) and "Jansatta" New Delhi Edition (In vernacular) because the Court notice as well as private notice sent to you has been returned. The next date of hearing in on 17.08.2022. Kindly appear for the same, failing which the case will be decided in your absence.

Sincerely,

Pawan Jhabakh  
Counsel for the Petitioner  
Ph: 9176663600



**Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran**  
**Offers e-Auction of**  
**Residential and Commercial Properties in all Zones**  
**On 30th August, 2022**



Commercial Properties in Rohtak Zone				Residential Properties in Panchkula Zone				Commercial Properties in Gurugram Zone				Residential Properties in Gurugram Zone				Commercial Properties in Faridabad Zone				Commercial Properties in Hissar Zone			
Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots		Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots		Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots		Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots		Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots		Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots	
1	3, Rohtak	2		1	11, Panchkula	3		1	10, Gurugram	11		1	10, Gurugram	7		1	12, Faridabad	6		1	13, Bhiwani	10	
2	4, Rohtak	9		2	28, Panchkula	15		2	10-A, Gurugram	8		2	10-A, Gurugram	4		2	14, Faridabad	16		2	13-CB, Bhiwani	9	
3	4 Ext., Rohtak	14		3	30, Pinjore	8		3	12-A, Gurugram	2		3	12-A, Gurugram	3		3	15, Faridabad	8		3	23, Bhiwani	5	
4	5, Rohtak	25		4	34-Cantt., Ambala	20		4	15-I, Gurugram	3		4	15-II, Gurugram	4		4	18 (P-I), Faridabad	18		4	26, Bhiwani	3	
5	2, Bahadurgarh	4		5	4, Kurukshetra	9		5	18, Gurugram	6		5	21, Gurugram	2		5	21-B, Faridabad	12		5	C Centre, Bhiwani	10	
6	12, Bahadurgarh	25		6	5, Kurukshetra	1		6	21, Gurugram	4		6	22, Gurugram	3		6	46, Faridabad	18		6	TC-Bhattu, Fatehabad	5	
7	6, Panipat	9		7	8, Kurukshetra	1		7	22, Pond Area Shopping Centre, Gurugram	5		7	23-23A, Gurugram	4		7	53 Transport Nagar, Faridabad	16		7	A-MKT, Hansi	10	
8	12, Panipat	4		8	15, Jagadhari	10		8	4, Gurugram	6		8	5, Gurugram	4		8	59 Loha Mandi, Faridabad	11		8	11(AB-PH-3), Hissar	6	
9	13, Panipat	9		9	17, Jagadhari	2		9	5, Gurugram	6		9	5-VI, Gurugram	2		9	65, Faridabad	23		9	11(AB-PH-4), Hissar	5	
10	25, Panipat	13		10	18, Jagadhari	10		10	9, Gurugram	12		10	9, Gurugram	9		10	7, Faridabad	8		10	13-P, Hissar	5	
11	29, Panipat	5		11	4, Karnal	10		11	9-A, Gurugram	10		11	9-A, Gurugram	8		11	8, Faridabad	12		11	16-17, Hissar	5	
12	7, Sonapat	37		12	5, Karnal	7		12	13, Gurugram	10		12	1-PAT, Paudi	8		12	7, Faridabad	12		12	MGA, Hissar	14	
13	12 (P-4), Sonapat	32		13	6, Karnal	5		13	Jail Land, Gurugram	2		13	38, Gurugram II	5		13	9, Faridabad	20		13	Block-D, Jind	5	
14	13, Sonapat	5		14	12, Karnal	1		14	1-PAT, Paudi	6		14	50, Gurugram II	4		14	18, Faridabad	20		14	OLHOS, Jind	3	
15	14-2, Sonapat	20		<b>Commercial Properties in Panchkula Zone</b>				15	29, Gurugram II	10		15	39, Gurugram II	7		<b>Residential Properties in Faridabad Zone</b>				15	19 (P-I), Sirsa	15	
16	15 (P-1), Sonapat	31		Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots		16	33, Gurugram II	4		16	40, Gurugram II	4		Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots		16	20 (P-III), Sirsa	15	
17	23, Sonapat	55		1	20, Panchkula	10		17	38, Gurugram II	5		17	45, Gurugram II	5		1	2, Faridabad	4		<b>Residential Properties in Hissar Zone</b>			
<b>Residential Properties in Rohtak Zone</b>				2	2, Panchkula	2		18	45, Gurugram II	9		18	47, Gurugram II	2		Sr. No.	Sector, Urban Estate	No. of Plots		1	33 (P-I), Hissar	7	
1	3, Rohtak	1		3	1A-1, Panchkula	20		19	46, Gurugram II	5		19	49, Gurugram II	2		2	21-D, Faridabad	4		2	9-11, Hissar	9	
2	4, Rohtak	3		4	10, Ambala	9		20	57, Gurugram II	21		20	50, Gurugram II	9		3	46, Faridabad	2		3	MGA, Hissar	1	
3	5, Rohtak	2		5	8, Ambala	20		21	4A, Dharuhera	7		21	52, Gurugram II	17		4	48, Faridabad	2		4	PLA, Hissar	3	
4	21-P, Rohtak	10		6	18-MI, Jagadhari	10		22	6, Dharuhera	3		22	57, Gurugram II	7		5	62, Faridabad	20					
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6	9, Bahadurgarh	13		8	5, Karnal	10		24	4, Dharuhera	7		24	57, Gurugram II	7		7	76, Faridabad	20					
7	9-A, Bahadurgarh	21		9	4 Transport Nagar, Karnal	10		25	3, Rewari	5		25	51, Gurugram II	7		8	77, Faridabad	38					
8	13, Bahadurgarh	2		10	30, Kurukshetra	22		26	18-DEF, Rewari	4		26	50, Gurugram II	4		9	12, Faridabad	12					
9	8, Panipat	6		11	20, Kaithal	30		27	3, Rewari	2		27	51, Gurugram II	2									
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11	17, Panipat	18																					
12	24, Panipat	2																					
13	25 (P-II), Panipat	1																					
14	40, Panipat																						



Office of The Chief Engineer (Capital Zone)P.W.D. Bhopal (M.P.)

Tender Notice

NIT No. 12/ G. 1/Mis/C.Z./2019 (Year 2022) Bhopal, Date 04-08-2022

Online Tender for mentioned below are being invited. The Tender have been uploaded on the e-Procurement system of Public Works Department on the Portal https://mptenders.gov.in Tender details are as below:-

S. No.	Tender No.	District	Nature of work	Name of work	Call No.	Cost of Project (PAC) (Rs. In lack)	Remarks
1	2022_PWDRB_213998_1	Bhopal (PWD) Capital Division No 2 Bhopal	Deposit	RENOVATION AND INTERIOR WORKS OF FARMER WELFARE AND AGRICULTURE DEPTT AT VINDHYACHAL BHAWAN, BHOPAL	2nd call	504.36	EMD/All Document are to be submitted online only.
Total						504.36	

The document can only be purchased online from the above website after making online payment. The last date & time for purchase of Document on line is Dated 18-08-22 up to (17:30) Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

Sd/-  
G-15222/22

Chief Engineer (Capital Zone)  
P.W.D. Bhopal Madhya pradesh

कोटना से बचने की तीन बातें बहुत जरूरी हैं, टीका लगवाना, मास्क पहनना और आपनाना दो गज दूरी।

Assam Society for Comprehensive Financial Management System (AS-CFMS)

World Bank financed Assam State Public Finance Institutional Reforms (ASPIRe)

Project Management Unit (PMU)

Ground Floor, F-Block, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 (Assam, India)

No. ASPIRe/107/2021/366

Assam Society for Comprehensive Financial Management System invites Bid for “Video Conferencing Facilities for Commissionerate of Taxes & field offices, Directorate of Account and Treasuries & field offices, Directorate of Audit (Local Fund) & field offices and Commisionarate of Excise and field offices” as detailed below:

RFB Ref No- IN-AS-CFMS-263392-GO-RFB

The detailed notice and bid will be available at [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) from 09/08/2022. The deadline for submission of Bid is 07/09/2022. Bid shall be submitted through the e-procurement portal only.

Project Director  
ASPIRe, AS-CFMS

janasanyog/CF/1710/22

THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH

OFFICE OF THE MISSION DIRECTOR, AYUSHMAN BHARAT DIGITAL MISSION, UT OF LADAKHI

web site: [www.nhmladakh.in](http://www.nhmladakh.in) e-mail: [abdmloadakh@gmail.com](mailto:abdmloadakh@gmail.com)

Advertisement No. ABDML/PMU/HR No. Dated:- 08/08/2022

Applications are invited on behalf of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, UT Ladakh for the below mentioned posts under PMU, as approved by NHA, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOT. Application may be addressed to the Mission Director, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, UT Ladakh on prescribed form available from office of the Mission Director, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission,K2 Hotel, Skara, Leh or from the website <https://www.nhmladakh.in/>.

The Application Form along with requisite documents shall be submitted to this office, either by hand/Post or on email [id.mdnhmladakh@gmail.com](mailto:id.mdnhmladakh@gmail.com) within 15 days of publication of this notification.

Post Name	Number of Posts	Qualification	Pay Scale Rs.	Key Responsibilities
Project Manager	01	BE/B-Tech and; MBA Or Post Graduate Diploma in Management, Or Master's in Public Health, With • well versed in MS Office suite, Desired Certifications. • PMP, PRINCE2 CSM, OR Agile Safe, OR PGMP/ITIL.	1,00,000/-	Determine and define project scope and objectives; •Develop and manage a detailed project schedule and work plan. • Responsible for end-to-end project deliveries for the given vertical (Scope, estimation, planning, UAT, implementation and production). • Provide project updates on a consistent basis to various stakeholders both national and state level about strategy, adjustments, and • Establish and maintain Project Management Standards. • Develop Business Cases and perform Benefit Analysis. • Any other responsibility as assigned by the management.
Information Security Expert	01	• BE/B-Tech/MCA or equivalent degree from a recognized institute; with • 2+ years of working experience in information security domain. • Demonstrated experience of working with Open- Source stack.	1,00,000/-	Assist in designing functional, technical, integration requirements for new / existing applications to meet security and privacy standards of ABDM. Review security frameworks and processes. • Work closely with experts / advisors to deliver security / privacy outcomes that are in-line with NHA expectations. Certificates: CISM/ CRISC/ ISO 270001 Lead Implementer.
HMIS Manager	02	BE/B-Tech or any engineering degree; Or MBA/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management Or Master's in Public Health/MBS/BDS from recognized institute; with desired working experience ** • Proficient in MS Office suite.	75,000/-	Responsible for providing assistance in selection, design-elicitation, implementation, support, and organizing training for HMIS/EMR in the state. • Vendor Contract management. • Any other responsibility as assigned by the management.
Project Coordinators	01	BE/ B-Tech, Or BCA/MCA Or MBA/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management Or Master's in Public Health from recognized institute; with • Proficient in MS Office suite. • Preference will be given to persons having experience of working in Health sector.	50,000/-	Project documentation, such as plans and reports. Monitoring and evaluation of project deliverables. • Relationship management. • Managing bottlenecks and escalating the same to the management. •Handholding stakeholders
Capacity Building Specialist	01	Master's Degree in Social Sciences, Statistics, Pedagogy, Psychology or Human Resources Management or MBA from AICTE recognized institute; with • Preference will be given to persons having experience of working in Health sector.	50,000/-	
Grievance Redressal Executive	01	Master's in public policy/public administration, LLB / LLM or MBA from AICTE recognized institute; with •Excellent communications skills. • Preference will be given to persons having experience of working in Health sector.	50,000/-	
MIS/Data Analyst	01	BE/ B-Tech, Or MCA Or MBA/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management Or Master's in Public Health from recognized institute. • Proficient in MS Office suite • Preference will be given to persons having experience of working in Health sector.	50,000/-	Documenting workflow processes and decision trees and create operational documentation. Writing the business requirement documentation including overall solution, data definition, process flows, interfaces, product configurations, support tools and processes, reports and other special considerations. Knowledge of EHRs and other healthcare information exchange platform/ Knowledge of healthcare regulatory mandates and reporting requirements. Understand clinical nonclinical relational databases and large clinical nonclinical data structures. • Preparing reports and monitoring of dashboards.

Selection Criteria:-

1. Maximum 50 points for minimum eligibility qualification. 2. 50 points for viva voce.

Terms and conditions :-

1. The Appointments are purely on contractual basis and continuous working shall not confer any right of claiming regularization/permanent absorption against the post. 2. Age limit for all positions are between 21 to 45 years. 3. No allowances are been prescribed by NHA for these posts. 4. PMU shall be eligible for 12 days leave in a calendar year, thereafter remuneration would be deducted on pro-rata basis. 5. The provisions regarding income tax/other taxes shall apply as per rules.

-sd- Dr Ittakhar Ahmed Chowdhry(IRS)  
Mission Director, ABDM Ladakh, UT Ladakh.

APPLICATION FORM

AYUSHMAN BHARAT DIGITAL MISSION, UT OF LADAKH

1. Advertisement Notice No..... Post applied for .....

2. Name of Candidate .....

3. Parentage (Father/Mother Name) .....

4. Date of Birth .....

5. Address..... District..... State .....

6.....

7. Academic Details:

DEGREE	Examining body/ University	Year of Passing	Marks obtained	Total Marks	%age

8. Expreience Details:-

Name of organization/ Institution	Numbers of Years

9. List of supporting documents to be submitted with application: 1. Address Proof:- Passport/Aadhar/Pan Card. 2. Requisite Degree from recognized institution. 3. Requisite Post graduation degree from recognized institution. 4. Experience certificate. The statement in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

## 3 dead, 4 injured in stampede at Rajasthan temple

ENS & PTI  
JAIPUR, AUGUST 8

THREE WOMEN devotees died and at least four others were injured in a stampede at the Khatu Shyam Temple in Rajasthan's Sikar district in the early hours of Monday.

The deceased were identified as Shanti, 63, a resident of Haryana, Maya Devi, 65, from Hathras in Uttar Pradesh and Kripa, 55, a resident of Mansarovar in Jaipur.

Shanti Devi's daughter Poonam was in tears and said, “We were all standing together in the queue when we felt a sudden push from behind and all of us fell. My mother died.”



Relatives of a victim. PTI

“The death of three women devotees in the stampede at Khatu Shyam Ji temple in Sikar is extremely saddening and unfortunate. My deepest condolences with the bereaved relatives,” tweeted Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

## Amid member shortage, NCLT to hear only ‘urgent cases’ – online

APURVA VISWHANATH  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

CITING INCREASING vacancies in posts, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Monday said it will only hear “urgent cases” through video-conferencing in its 15 benches across the country until further orders.

“There is a shortage of Hon’ble members throughout the National Company Law Tribunal Benches that is amplified further with Members seeking leave.... The situation is currently being met by Members taking up multiple benches through VC,” the notification, issued by NCLT registrar Kamal Sultanpuri, stated.

Currently, there are 30 vacancies against a sanctioned strength of 63 and it is learnt that a selection panel has made 15 recommendations that are pending with the government. For the remaining vacancies, the Corporate Affairs Ministry has issued an advertisement for applications.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that some former members whose three-year tenure ended in June have also applied for appointment. According to the government's response to a query in Parliament, NCLT had 20,963 cases pending before it in May.

From insolvency and bankruptcy, NCLT deals with several corporate structure issues and has both judicial and technical members to adjudicate disputes.

The Tribunal is at the centre of a standoff between the government and the judiciary over the appointments and service conditions of members. In 2019, the government fixed a tenure of three years or until the age of 65, whichever is earlier, for NCLT members. It appointed 23 members for a three-year tenure. However, with SC striking down the amendments that led to change in service conditions of Tribunal members, the government has been forced to revert to the five-year tenure.

On September 9, 2021, a notification was issued for appointment of 18 members for a term of five years. However, in June, the government extended the tenure for two additional years only for two judicial members and six technical members among 23 members appointed in 2019.

The government said the decision was taken after considering the “character, antecedents and work performance” of members. The decision was also signed off by a selection committee headed by CJI N V Ramana.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR

(E-Mail: [serwbpr2004@yahoo.com](mailto:serwbpr2004@yahoo.com), Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287)

No. e-tender// 3202/RWC//BAM//Dated. 06.08.2022 \_

OFFICE ORDER

Bid identification No. Online Tender/25-2022-23/BPR

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the tender invited vide this office Bid Identification No. Online tender/25-2022-23/BPR is hereby cancelled.

Sd/- P.K. Jena  
Chief Construction Engineer  
R.W. Circle, Berhampur  
OIPR- 25071/11/0056/2223

Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (U.P. Govt. Undertaking) Head Office :-

4-A, Gokhle Marg, Lucknow

Phone : 0522- 2208737, 2207065 e-mail : [mvvnslmrds@gmail.com](mailto:mvvnslmrds@gmail.com)

CIN : U31200UP2003SGC027459

REVISED E-TENDER NOTICE (NIT)

E-tenders is invited for appointment of Advance Metering Infrastructure Service Provider (AMISP) for Smart Pre-paid metering work on DBFOOT Model basis under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in all 19 Districts of MVVNL, Lucknow, as details herein under :-

Sr. No. 1, Tender Specification No., RDSS/0002/2022., Name of Material, Appointment of Advance Metering Infrastructure Service Provider (AMISP) for Smart Pre-paid metering work on DBFOOT Model basis under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in all 19 Districts of MVVNL, Lucknow., Qty., 1 Job, Earnest Money Deposit, 2,00,00,000.00 (Two Crores), Last Date & time Submission of tender documents, 03.09.2022 upto 17:00 hrs., Tender opening Date & Time (First Part), 05.09.2022 upto 16:00 hrs., For this tender the tender Fee amounting to Rs. 50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only + GST 18% extra shall be deposited in the form of NEFT/RTGS only and Earnest Money, as mentioned above, shall be deposited in the form of Bank Guarantee or RTGS. The scanned copy of Tender Fee and Earnest Money details alongwith tender bid documents shall be uploaded on e-tender website: [etender.up.nic.in](http://etender.up.nic.in). Detailed information of the tender and tender documents can be seen and downloaded from e-tender website: <https://etender.up.nic.in> and MVVNL website: [www.mvvnl.in](http://www.mvvnl.in). In case of amendment and date extension, the information shall be made available on e-tender website: <https://etender.up.nic.in> and MVVNL website: [www.mvvnl.in](http://www.mvvnl.in) Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Comm) MVVNL 4-A Gokhale Marg, Lucknow. e-mail : [mvvnslmrds@gmail.com](mailto:mvvnslmrds@gmail.com) MVVNL Helpline No. 18001800440/ 1912 “SAVE ELECTRICITY IN NATIONAL INTEREST, USE LED IN PLACE OF BULB” पत्रक- 435, दिनांक: 8.8.2022

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NO.:03/2022 Date: 08.08.2022

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## Prophet row: Navika gets SC protection from arrest

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday granted protection from arrest to Times Network Group Editor Navika Kumar in connection with FIRs over a TV show during which former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma had made the controversial remarks on Prophet Muhammad.

Kumar's counsel senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi told a bench of Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli that she had “only anchored the show and said nothing (on the subject)”.

The debate was about Gyanvapi, Rohatgi told the court, and one of the contestants “suddenly started speaking and the other contestant retorted”. Rohatgi said Kumar had “tried to douse the fire by saying that we have to go by Constitution”. ENS

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E- Tender Notice No: 111 to 113\_22-23 Dated : 06.08.2022

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## Proceedings under PMLA can’t continue if no scheduled offence: court

SADAF MODAK  
MUMBAI, AUGUST 8

IN ONE of the first such decisions after the Supreme Court’s order which upheld the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), a special court in Mumbai on Monday, as an interim relief, ordered the release of two men booked for alleged money-laundering, noting that proceedings under PMLA cannot continue in the absence of a scheduled offence. The court will hear the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the lawyer for the two accused at length on the issue in due course. Pending its final decision in the matter, the court directed the interim release of the duo to avoid their “illegal detention” till then.

“The guidelines of the Honourable Supreme Court...are very clear. This court has no jurisdiction to extend judicial custody of the accused under PMLA when there is no scheduled offence,” special judge M G Deshpande said in his order on Monday.

Two accused, Babulal Varma and Kamalkishor Gupta, were arrested in January 2021 linked to an alleged money-laundering case against a firm called Omkar Realtors and Developers Private Limited. The court directed the release of Varma and Gupta on a personal bond of Rs 5 lakh.

## Veteran scribe Berlin Nair dies at 96 in Kannur

Thiruvananthapuram: Veteran Communist and renowned journalist Berlin Kunjananthan Nair, 96, died in Kannur on Monday. One of the earliest Communist party workers in Kerala, Nair had been credited with chronicling the wax and wane of the socialist movement in the erstwhile Soviet Union and East European bloc.

Nair, who had been active in the Communist party in its formative days of 1940s, started as an activist of Balasangam, children's wing of the Communist party, at an age of 12. The turning point in Nair's life was his assignment as a journalist in Germany in 1961 as Communist party leader in Germany Walter Ernst Paul Ulbricht wanted a journalist to tell the world the Communist version on the political developments in the East Germany. Since then he was known as Berlin Kunjananthan Nair. ENS

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# What it will take to fulfill India's solar power dream



## EXPERTS EXPLAIN

RAJEEV JINDAL  
& ASHISH GARG

From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAICS (PV) has driven India's push towards the adoption of cleaner energy generation technologies. From less than 10 MW in 2010, India has added significant PV capacity over the past decade, achieving over 50 GW by 2022.

By 2030, India is targeting about 500 GW of renewable energy deployment, out of which ~280 GW is expected from solar PV. This necessitates the deployment of nearly 30 GW of solar capacity every year until 2030.

However, there are challenges that need to be overcome for the sustainability of the PV economy. Indian solar deployment or installation companies depend heavily on imports, as India currently does not have enough module and cell manufacturing capacity.

### Key components

A typical solar PV value chain consists of first fabricating polysilicon ingots which need to be transformed into thin Si wafers that are needed to manufacture the PV mini-modules. The mini-modules are then assembled into market-ready and field-deployable modules.

India's current solar module manufacturing capacity is limited to ~15 GW per year. The demand-supply gap widens as we move up the value chain — for example, India only produces ~3.5 GW of cells currently. India has no manufacturing capacity for solar wafers and polysilicon ingots, and currently imports 100% of silicon wafers and around 80% of cells even at the current deployment levels.

Also, out of the 15 GW of module manufacturing capacity, only 3-4 GW of modules are technologically competitive and worthy

of deployment in grid-based projects. India remains dependent on import of solar modules for field deployment.

### Current govt policy

The government has identified this gap, and is rolling out various policy initiatives to push and motivate the industry to work towards self-reliance in solar manufacturing, both for cells and modules. Key initiatives include a 40% duty on the import of modules and 25% duty on the import of cells, and a PLI scheme to support manufacturing capex.

Also, it is mandatory to procure modules only from an approved list of manufacturers (ALMM) for projects that are connected to state/ central government grids; so far, only India-based manufacturers have been approved. While this will certainly help to motivate industry, the major challenges are related to size and technology.

### Size and technology

Most of the Indian industry is currently tuned to handling M2 wafer size, which is roughly 156 x 156 mm<sup>2</sup>, while the global industry is already moving towards M10 and M12 sizes, which are 182 x 182 mm<sup>2</sup> and 210

x 210 mm<sup>2</sup> respectively. The bigger size has an advantage in terms of silicon cost per wafer, as this effectively means lower loss of silicon during ingot to wafer processing.

In terms of cell technology, most of the manufacturing still uses AI-BSF technology, which can typically give efficiencies of ~18-19% at the cell level and ~16-17% at the module level. By contrast, cell manufacturing worldwide has moved to PERC (22-23%), HJT (~24%), TOPCON (23-24%) and other newer technologies, yielding module efficiency of >21%.

Producing more solar power for the same module size means more solar power from the same land area. Land, the most expensive part of solar projects, is scarce in India — and Indian industry has no choice but to move towards newer and superior technologies as part of expansion plans.

### Raw materials supply

There is a huge gap on the raw material supply chain side as well. Silicon wafer, the most expensive raw material, is not manufactured in India. India will have to work on technology tie-ups to make the right grade of silicon for solar cell manufacturing — and since

>90% of the world's solar wafer manufacturing currently happens in China, it is not clear how and where India will get the technology.

Other key raw materials such as metallic pastes of silver and aluminium to form the electrical contacts too, are almost 100% imported. India is more of an assembly hub than a manufacturing one, and in the long term, it would be beneficial to move up the value chain by making components that could drive the price and quality of both cells and modules.

### Academics plus industry

Establishing state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities for cells, modules, and raw material needs access to technology. It is unlikely that companies that have spent millions of dollars on in-house and external R&D would make it easy for India to access the latest technologies easily or at a lower cost. India has hardly invested in creating high-quality high-TRL technology centres such as IMEC Belgium or the Holst Centre in the Netherlands, which can help the industry to try and test the technologies in a cost-effective manner. India needs to create such industry-like centres to work on specific tech-

nology domains with clear roadmaps and deliverables for the short and long term, monitored by a right mix of specialists from industry and academia.

### Summing up

Although India is making great progress in the deployment of solar PV modules for power generation, its path to become a manufacturing hub for the same requires more than just putting some tax barriers and commercial incentives in the form of PLI schemes, etc. It will warrant strong industry-academia collaboration in an innovative manner to start developing home-grown technologies which could, in the short-term, work with the industry to provide them with trained human resource, process learnings, root-cause analysis through right testing and, in the long term, develop India's own technologies. High-end technology development requires substantial investment in several clusters which operate in industry-like working and management conditions, appropriate emoluments, and clear deliverables.

(Dr Jindal and Dr Garg are professors at IIT Kanpur)

## EVERYDAY SPORT

## WHAT IS LONGBOARDING, IN FOCUS AFTER KERALA SPORTSPERSON'S DEATH



Anas Hajas had started his 3,511-km solo trip on May 29. *Express File*

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

ANAS HAJAS, a 31-year-old skating enthusiast from Kerala, was killed in a road accident in Haryana on August 2. He was on his way to complete a record 3,500-km 'Kanyakumari to Kashmir' journey on a longboard when he came under the wheels of a truck near Pinjore.

### What is longboarding?

Longboarding is one among many sports that come under the category of 'roller sports'.

A longboard is similar to a skateboard, which is a long plank or board made of wood, plastic, or even heavier materials, balanced on top of small wheels. Players often perform impressive stunts and move downhill from a height on the boards, doing tricky movements even when suspended mid-air. The sport originated in the US around the 1950s.

A longboard is longer, but flatter when compared to skateboards, which have upward-curving ends usually. There are other technical differences in wheel sizes and distance between wheels. It is believed that longboards are generally sturdier and better suited for longer rides.

### Who regulates the sport?

The Roller Skating Federation of India (RSFI) is the governing body for skateboarding and roller sports in India. It was registered in 1955, and is affiliated to World Skate, the parent body of the sport since 1971. It was accorded recognition by the Government of India in September 1990, and was later recognised by the Indian Olympic Association.

According to Naresh Kumar Sharma, General Secretary, RSFI, solo longboarding trips fall in the category of adventurous activities.

### Why do longboarders undertake long trips?

Trainers and coaches involved in roller sports claim the zeal to achieve something as a big reason behind such trips. Setting a record is also behind this rising trend.

Also, roller sports have seen a rise in popularity in India in the last few years. Besides the private roller skating academies, there are government coaches also training the youth in skating in many government sports complexes.

Chandigarh-based trainer Chander Singhal cautioned against taking unregulated trips and said, "A person puts his own life at risk and also poses a risk to others. Many enthusiastic youths came to me with ideas for such trips, but I tell them to complete their tough training, follow rules and procedures."

UDIT MISRA  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

LAST WEEK, the RBI raised the repo rate — the interest rate at which it lends money to the banking system — by 50 basis points (bps), taking it to 5.4%. However, given that RBI expects inflation to be 6.7% for the current financial year, most analysts expect the repo rate to rise to the 6% level by the end of the year.

### What are the implications?

Since the repo rate is the base interest rate, a hike will lead to borrowing rates of all kinds to go up by the same degree or more. Consumers will have to shell out more as EMIs for their home and car loans. Producers will have to pay more to borrow money for new investments. In other words, this will create a drag on India's economic recovery.

### What is the state of India's economic recovery?

The RBI expects India's GDP to grow by 7.2% in 2022-23. But to understand how the different components of the economy are doing, the RBI routinely conducts surveys. Last week, the RBI released seven such surveys. Here's a look at what they track and what they found.

### 1. Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)

The CCS asks over 6,000 people across 19 cities about their current perceptions (vis-à-vis a year ago) and one-year ahead expectations on the general economic situation, employment scenario, overall price situation and own income and spending.

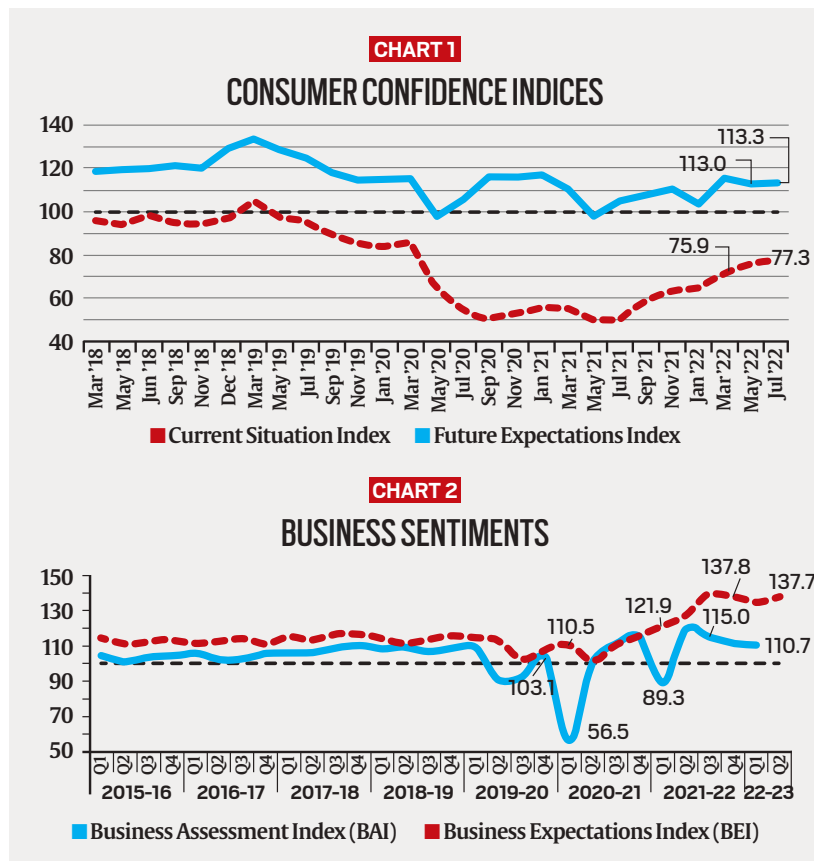
Based on the responses, the RBI comes up with two indices: the Current Situation Index (CSI) and the Future Expectations Index (FEI). An index below the 100 mark implies people are pessimistic and a value higher than 100 conveys optimism.

As the CCS chart shows, the CSI (red dotted line) has been recovering but, despite the improvement, it is still in the negative territory. The FEI is in the positive territory, but even now it stays below the pre-pandemic levels.

In short, consumer confidence is improving but there is still some way to go for people to recover from the Covid shock.

### 2. Inflation Expectations Survey (IES)

This survey tracks people's expectations of inflation. The biggest worry during phases of rapid inflation is that if inflation is not controlled quickly, it can lead to people getting



into the habit of expecting high inflation; that, in turn, alters people's economic behaviour. Often central bankers can be found saying they want to prevent people's inflation expectations from becoming "unanchored".

This survey provides an answer to whether that is happening in India or not.

The survey found that households' inflation perception for the current period has moderated by 80 bps to 9.3% in the latest survey round.

"Their three months and one-year ahead median inflation expectations also declined by 50 bps and 60 bps, respectively, from the May 2022 round of the survey," finds the RBI.

In short, even though inflation is high at present, people expect it to come down soon.

### 3. OBICUS Survey

OBICUS stands for "Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey". This survey covered 765 manufacturing companies to provide a snapshot of demand conditions in India's manufacturing sector from January to March 2022.

The key variable here is Capacity

Utilisation (CU). A low level of CU implies that manufacturing firms can meet the existing demand without needing to boost production. That, in turn, has negative implications for job creation and the chances for private sector investments in the economy.

Here again, the news is heartening. The CU is well above the pre-pandemic level — suggesting India's aggregate demand is recovering steadily.

### 4. Industrial Outlook Survey (IOS)

Just like the CCS tries to suss out consumer confidence, this survey tries to track the sentiments of the businessmen and businesswomen. The survey encapsulates qualitative assessment of the business climate by Indian manufacturing companies for Q1:2022-23 (April, May and June) and their expectations for Q2:2022-23 (July, August and September).

As the second chart shows, businesses were optimistic (above the 100 level) in Q1, although not as much as they were in the recent past. But, they do expect things to im-

prove as the months roll by.

This tallies with the steadily improving capacity utilisation from the OBICUS.

In short, unlike consumer confidence, business sentiments are already in the optimistic terrain, and are expected to improve further.

### 5. Services and Infrastructure Outlook Survey (SIOS)

Again, much like the CCS and IOS above, this survey does a qualitative assessment of how over 750 Indian companies in the services and infrastructure sectors view the current situation (Q1) and the future prospects (Q2). The questions are on parameters relating to demand conditions, price situations and other business conditions.

The survey found that the companies in the services space are far more optimistic than companies in the infrastructure sector.

But the key takeaway from this survey is that the net responses — that is, the difference between the percentage of respondents reporting optimism and those reporting pessimism — is positive for both sectors.

### 6. Bank Lending Survey (BLS)

This survey captures the mood — qualitative assessment and expectations — of major scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) on credit parameters (viz., loan demand and terms & conditions of loans) for major economic sectors.

The BLS found that the bankers' assessment of loan demand in Q1: 2022-23 remained positive for all major sectors though the sentiments were somewhat toned down from the level reported in the previous quarter. Sentiments on overall loan demand in the second, third and fourth quarters also remained upbeat.

In short, while banks remain upbeat, they are not as optimistic as they were just a couple of quarters ago.

### 7. Survey of Professional Forecasters (SPF)

Lastly, there is a survey of 42 professional forecasters (outside the RBI) on key macro-economic indicators such as GDP growth rate and inflation rate in the current year and the next financial year.

India's real GDP is expected to grow by 7.1% in 2022-23 — projections revised down by 10 basis points from the last survey round — and it is expected to grow by 6.3% in 2023-24.

In short, there is considerable unanimity among observers that India's GDP will grow at around 7% in the current year.

# What is Taiwan's 'porcupine strategy' to fight back if China attacks

SAURABH KAPOOR  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

CHINA ON Monday decided to extend its aggressive and unprecedented military exercises near Taiwan that began last week in response to US House speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to the island that Beijing claims as part of its territory. The threatening exercises, involving missile strikes, warplanes and ship movements, have disrupted shipping and air traffic since August 4. What is Taiwan's strategy to fight back in case China attempts to occupy it by force?

### The 'porcupine doctrine'

The 'porcupine doctrine', which was proposed in 2008 by US Naval War College

research professor William S Murray, is a strategy of asymmetric warfare.

It is about building defences that would ensure that Taiwan "could be attacked and damaged but not defeated, at least without unacceptably high costs and risks", Murray wrote in the Naval War College Review.

Dr Zeno Leoni, lecturer at the Defence Studies Department of King's College London, says that the approach has three defensive layers. In an article published on the website of King's College London last year, he wrote:

"The outer layer is about intelligence and reconnaissance to ensure defence forces are fully prepared. Behind this come plans for guerrilla warfare at sea with aerial support from sophisticated aircraft provided by the US."

While the outer layer would work to

prevent a surprise attack, the second one would make it difficult for China to land its troops on the island.

About the innermost layer, Dr Leoni said that the "island's mountainous topography and urbanised environment would give defenders an advantage."

### Asymmetric systems of defence

In its 2021 Quadrennial Defence Review, Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence defined asymmetric systems as ones that are "small, numerous, smart, stealthy, mobile and hard to be detected and countered".

According to Taiwan's former Chief of the General Staff Admiral Lee Hsi-ming, these systems are "a large number of small things".

The Texas National Security Review, a policy journal backed by the University of Texas,

notes that among Taiwan's current and yet-to-be-delivered military systems, "the minelayer ship, the Harpoon coastal defence cruise missile, the Stinger man-portable air defence missile, and possibly the missile corvettes can be considered 'small things' that can be fielded in large numbers".

Taiwan had underlined its shift to an asymmetric approach by adopting the Overall Defence Concept (ODC) in 2018. The ODC was developed and introduced during the tenure of Admiral Lee, who served from 2017 to 2019.

The ODC redefines "victory" in event of a Taiwan-China war as "foiling PLA's mission of successfully invading and exerting political control over Taiwan".

### Need for such a strategy

China enjoys overwhelming military su-

priority over Taiwan. In its 2021 report to Congress, the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission noted: "Chinese leaders likely set 2020 as a key milestone for the PLA to develop the capabilities needed to invade Taiwan...The PLA has already achieved the capabilities needed to conduct an air and naval blockade, cyberattacks, and missile strikes against Taiwan. PLA leaders now likely assess they have, or will soon have, the initial capability needed to conduct a high-risk invasion of Taiwan."

### How easy will it be for China?

Missile strikes, cyberattacks, air and naval blockade aside, undertaking a full scale invasion across the Taiwan Strait, with attendant risks of anti-ship and anti-air attacks, could present challenges for China.

The PLA is estimated to have air and naval resources to carry out an initial landing of 25,000 or more troops, which could increase if it deploys civilian ships. However, it will have to first secure a suitable beach-head from among the handful available. Also, with small and agile weapons systems, Taiwan can turn its coastline into a kill zone to deny China a walkover. Beijing would have to rely on cyberattacks, missile strikes on Taiwan's air bases and runways, and a blockade to choke it into surrendering.

However, while it remains committed to the asymmetric warfare policy on paper, Taiwan's defence spending has not evolved swiftly as per the porcupine strategy. The security review commission rued that Taiwan's military leaders have been "resisting steps to adopt a more asymmetric posture".



# 16 THE WORLD

## TOP OF THE WORLD

UK

### Cost-of-living: Sunak, Truss clash over crisis

London: The race to elect a new Conservative Party leader heated up on Monday as the two finalists – Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss – clashed over their proposals to tackle the soaring cost-of-living crisis across the country. While Truss has pledged immediate tax cuts, Sunak has promised more targeted support for the most vulnerable households and tax cuts further down the line. **PTI**

ITALY

### Monkeypox vaccination starts

Rome: Italy opened its vaccination campaign against monkeypox on Monday. Italy has reported 545 cases of monkeypox, according to the health ministry. The first doses will be given at the Spallanzani hospital in Rome, the hospital said in a statement. The vaccine used will be Jynneos. **REUTERS**

## YUAN WANG 5 ENTRY TO HAMBANTOTA DEFERRED

# Senseless to pressure Lanka: China message to India over ship's arrival

Opp asks Ranil to clarify stand, says country may be dragged into war-like situation

K J M VARMA  
BEIJING, AUGUST 8

RILED BY Sri Lanka's request to defer the planned docking of a high-tech Chinese research vessel at the strategic Hambantota Port, China on Monday took a dig at India, saying it was "senseless to pressure" Colombo by citing the issue of security concerns.

According to reports from Colombo, Sri Lanka has asked Beijing to defer the arrival of the Chinese space and satellite tracking research vessel 'Yuan Wang 5' which was scheduled to dock at the Hambantota Port from August 11 to 17 due to security concerns expressed by India.

Responding to reports, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing that Beijing has taken note of the reports and asserted that "the cooperation between China and Sri Lanka is independently chosen by the two nations and meets common interests. It does not target any third party".

It is "senseless to pressure Sri



China's Yuan Wang 5 was to reach Hambantota on August 11. (Source: bris.org)

Lanka" by citing the issue of security concerns, he said, in reference to the reports that Sri Lanka's move was attributed to concerns expressed by India.

"Sri Lanka is a sovereign state. It can develop relations with other countries in the light of its own development interests," he said.

"China urges relevant parties to see China's scientific explorations in a reasonable and sensible way and stop disturbing the normal exchange between China and Sri Lanka," Wang said.

"China has always exercised the freedom of navigation in the high seas and fully respects the jurisdiction of coastal states for the scientific exploration activities within their waters," he said.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's opposition party Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna on Monday demanded the government clean up on deferring the docking the ship, saying people fear that the country could be dragged into a "war-like situation". "We do not know the position of the

government on this. We have seen an unnamed foreign ministry official sending a letter," JVP Politburo member Sunil Handunnetthi told reporters. So, either President Ranil Wickremesinghe or Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena must make clear the government's stand on the issue. Veteran politician Vasudeva Nanayakkara alleged that it was the pressure from the US which forced Sri Lanka to ask for a postponement of the ship's visit. **PTI**

# Tehreek-e Taliban leader, 3 others killed in Afghanistan

SAJJAD HUSSAIN  
ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 8

A TOP commander of the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Omar Khalid Khorasani and three other top militant leaders have been killed in a mysterious blast in eastern Afghanistan's Paktika province, a Pakistani media report said on Monday.

A vehicle carrying senior commanders of the militant group, including Khorasani, was on Sunday targeted with a mysterious explosive device, according to Afghan officials and local sources, *The Express Tribune* reported. The top militants were travelling in the Birmal district of the province for a meeting when their vehicle hit a roadside mine, the report said.

All aboard the vehicle, also carrying other TTP commanders such as Abdul Wali Mohmand, Mufti Hassan, and Hafiz Dawlat Khan, were killed in the explosion, *The Express Tribune* quoted a senior Afghan official as saying.

According to a local source, the TTP leaders were travelling "for consultation" when their vehicle hit a roadside mine on Sunday.

Khorasani, who belonged to the Mohmand tribal district, was considered a top member of the

EXPLAINED

Who is Omar Khalid Khorasani

KHALID KHURASANI was the chief of Jamat-ul-Ahrar (JuA), a TTP branch that is designated a terrorist group by the United Nations and United States, which had offered \$10 million for information leading to his capture or death.

TTP — the militant group which wants to impose the law of Sharia across Pakistan. Khorasani carried a bounty of Rs 10 million on his head. Hafiz Dawlat from the Orakzai tribal district was an important member of the group and a close trustee of Khorasani, while Mufti Hassan hailed from the Malakand division and pledged allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the deceased leader of the Islamic State terrorist organisation.

The TTP is yet to confirm these targeted killings of its top commanders, an incident that would certainly undermine the Afghan Taliban-brokered peace negotiations between the TTP and the Pakistan government. **PTI**

## Pakistan Army transfers ex-ISI chief in reshuffle

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 8

IN A major reshuffle on Monday, the Pakistan Army transferred former ISI chief, Lieutenant General Faiz Hameed, and appointed him as the Bahawalpur Corps Commander. Hameed was serving as Peshawar Corps Commander and overseeing the talks with the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which are being facilitated by the Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

The military's media wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), said on Monday that Lt Gen Sardar Hassan Azhar Hayat was posted as the new Peshawar Corps Commander.

In another high-profile appointment, Lt Gen Khalid Zia has been appointed as the military secretary of the Army.

Earlier, Lt Gen Asif Ghafoor was appointed as the Commander XII Corps (Quetta) last week. The appointment was made after the death of Lt Gen Sarfaraz Ali in a helicopter crash.

# Nepal approves India's hydropower board to study, develop West Seti project

SHIRISH B PRADHAN  
KATHMANDU, AUGUST 8

NEPAL ON Monday approved India's hydropower board to study and develop 1,200MW hydropower projects in western Nepal. The projects include 750MW West Seti Hydropower Project and 450MW Seti River (SR-6), a joint storage project.

The Nepal Investment Board (NIB), the government body entitled to approve foreign investments, has approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Indian developer National Hydro Electric Power Corporation Pvt Ltd, a Government of India Enterprise, for conducting a feasibility study of the joint development of hydropower involving 750 MW West Seti Hydropower

Project and 450 MW Seti River – 6 Project, a combined capacity of 1200 MW. The decision to this effect was made during the 52nd meeting of the Nepal Investment Board held in Kathmandu chaired by PM Sher Bahadur Deuba.

The NHPC Limited under India's Ministry of Power had submitted a proposal in May to develop the West Seti Hydropower Project. **PTI**

# Russia suspends START arms inspections over US travel restrictions

REUTERS  
MOSCOW, AUGUST 8

RUSSIA TOLD the US on Monday it would not allow its weapons to be inspected under the START nuclear arms control treaty for the time being because of travel restrictions imposed by Washington and its allies.

Inspection conditions proposed by Washington created "unilateral advantages for the US and deprive the Russian Federation of the right to conduct inspections on US territory," the Moscow foreign ministry said.

Russia remained fully committed to complying with all the provisions of the treaty, it added.

The US and its allies including Britain and the European Union closed their airspace to Russian planes as part of a barrage of sanctions imposed in response to Russia's decision to send its armed forces into

Ukraine in February.

The New START Treaty, which came into force in 2011, caps the number of strategic nuclear warheads that the US and Russia can deploy, and the deployment of land- and submarine-based missiles and bombers to deliver them.

US President Joe Biden said last Monday that his administration was ready to "expeditiously" negotiate a framework to replace New START, which is due to expire in 2026, if Moscow demonstrated its willingness to resume work on nuclear arms control.

But Russia's mission to the UN said Washington had withdrawn from separate talks with Moscow on strategic stability over the Ukraine conflict, and needed to decide what it wanted.

The following day, the Kremlin said time was running out to negotiate a replacement for New START, putting global security at risk.

## SEEKS INDIA'S HELP TO REUNITE WITH FAMILY

# Missing Indian woman found in Pakistan after two decades

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
KARACHI, AUGUST 8

AN INDIAN woman, who went missing 20 years ago after a recruitment agent in Mumbai promised her a job in Dubai but trafficked her to Pakistan, has been found with the help of a video on social media and is appealing to the Indian government to help her reunite with her family.

Waliullah Maroof, who is an imam of a mosque in Karachi, said the Indian High Commission officials in Islamabad have contacted him and wanted to meet Hamidi Begum to send her back to Mumbai. "She is desperate to go home and reunite with her family as she now lives in Karachi with her stepson," Maroof told PTI.

Hamidi said in an emotional voice on call that she had not seen her children and family for 20 years and wanted to hug them. "I was able to speak to my daughter and granddaughter on

## HINDU FAMILY ATTACKED BY POLITICIAN'S KIN

Karachi: A Hindu family was attacked allegedly by a relative of a Pakistani politician and his guards in Pakistan's Sindh province after the family tried to overtake his vehicle, police said on Monday. The alleged attacker named Shamsheer Pitafi, said to be a cousin of Sindh's Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Abdul Bari Pitafi, and his men allegedly broke the windows of their car for trying to overtake. **PTI**

video call but I want to meet them in person," she said.

Hamidi, who worked as a cook in Qatar, was promised a job in

Dubai in 2002 by a recruitment agent in Mumbai. The agent trafficked her to Karachi.

From Karachi, she was taken to Hyderabad in Pakistan's Sindh province where she was locked up for three months. After her release, she married a Pakistani widower with a son. According to Maroof, the woman's Pakistani husband passed away three years ago.

"I knew there was a problem with this lady because she always looked worried. When she told me her story, I decided to help her by posting her video and story on YouTube from where luckily the Indian journalist, Khalfan Shaikh, saw it and contacted me," he said.

"Most women just accept their fate and live their lives but Hamidi wanted to reunite with her family. She also remembered her Mumbai address and the name of her children and when we arranged the video call with her daughter it was an emotional moment for all of us," Maroof said.

# Talks will be off table if Russia holds poll: Zelenskyy

## US to send \$4.5 bn more to Ukraine for budget needs

AGENCIES  
AUGUST 8

PRESIDENT VOLODYMYR Zelenskyy of Ukraine has warned that negotiations with Moscow would be off the table if Russia goes through with expected referendums in areas of Ukraine under its control.

American and British officials have said Russia-ap-

pointed administrators in occupied towns, villages and cities like Kherson, in Ukraine's south, are setting the stage for a vote as soon as September that the Kremlin will present as demonstrating a popular desire to become part of Russia. They have recruited pro-Russia locals for new "election commissions" and are reportedly already printing ballots.

In his nightly address on Sunday, Zelenskyy said anyone helping Russians carry out the referendums would be "held accountable" — and signaled that the votes would have far-reaching consequences.



The cargo ship Polarnet arrives at Derince port in the Gulf of Izmit, Turkey. AP

Meanwhile, The US will provide an additional \$4.5 billion to

Ukraine's government, bringing its total budgetary support since Russia's February invasion to \$8.5 billion, the US Agency for International Development said on Monday. The funding, coordinated with the US Treasury Department through the World Bank, will go to the Ukraine government in tranches, beginning with a \$3 billion disbursement in August, USAID, the Agency for International Development, said.

The United Nations chief Antonio Guterres, calling any attack on a nuclear plant a "suicidal thing", demanded UN nuclear inspectors be given access.

## WON AWARDS FOR 2 PRESIDENTIAL BIOGRAPHIES, 'TRUMAN', 'JOHN ADAMS'

# Pulitzer winner David McCullough, best-selling explorer of US's past, dies

DANIEL LEWIS  
AUGUST 8

DAVID MCCULLOUGH, who was known to millions as an award-winning, best-selling author and an appealing television host and narrator with a rare gift for recreating the great events and characters of America's past, died on Sunday at his home in Hingham Mass. He was 89.

The death was confirmed by his daughter Dorie Lawson. McCullough won Pulitzer Prizes for two presidential biographies, "Truman" (1992) and "John Adams" (2001). He received National Book Awards for "The



The author David McCullough in 2001. NYT

Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal" (1977) and "Mornings on Horseback", about Theodore Roosevelt and his family.

Deep research and lively readability were hallmarks of his books, and so was his tendency to leap off the shelves. "Truman" topped *The New York Times*'s best-seller list for 43 weeks; "John Adams" was No. 1 in its first week and has since gone through dozens more printings.

His readers got a lot of work for their money: The Adams project took McCullough seven years, "Truman" took him 10. "The Great Bridge" (1972), his exhaustive account of the technology, personalities and politics involved in building the Brooklyn Bridge, was hailed as a monument in its own right. Yet there was hardly anything in his writ-

ing to suggest that he had ever staggered under the weight of his homework.

Critics saluted him as a literary master, adept at imbuing the familiar with narrative drama and bringing momentous events to life through small details and the accounts of individual witnesses.

"People often ask me if I'm working on a book," he said in an interview with NYT in 1992. "That's not how I feel. I feel like I work in a book. It's like putting myself under a spell. And this spell, if you will, is so real to me that if I have to leave my work for a few days, I have to work myself back into the spell when I come back. It's almost like hypnosis." **NYT**

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**NIT No: 34 / EE (T) M-11/ 2022-23**

S. No.	Name of work	Amount put to tender (In Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date / time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Providing laying and jointing of 600mm dia M.S. water mains from SSN marg junction along Gaushtala Road upto CAPFIMS complex Maidangarhi, in AC-46 (Chhattarpur)	6,50,30,780/-	2022_DJB_227442_1 06.08.2022	22.08.2022 upto 3:00 PM

NIT along with all the terms & conditions is available on Web Site <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.

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**Press NIT No. 02 (2022-23)**

S. No.	Description of work	Date of Uploading of NIT on E-Procurement Portal & Tender ID	Estimated cost/Earnest Money & Tender Fee	Last date of submission of tender/pre-bid
1.	Transfer of sludge from 25MGD STP Ph-III Yamuna Vihar to 45MGD Kondli STP Ph-IV (Re-invite).	06-08-2022 & 2022_DJB_227470_1	EMD-Rs. 65,500 Tender fee-Rs. 500	16-08-2022 at 03.00 PM

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

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Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Anni, Himachal Pradesh on the behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from contractors/firms of an appropriate class enlisted with Jal Shakti Vibhag.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of tender
1	Augmentation of various water supply schemes on the left bank of Kurpan Khaddi in Nirmand block Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH: Supply, erection and testing of Pumping Machinery, P.V.L. Joining and testing of MSERW Pipe and L.J of GMS pipe in rising main in 1st, 2nd and 3rd stage and automation) Job No.2	2,46,62,735/-	2,79,150/-	2500/-	18 Months

**1. Last Date of filling/ uploading the tender through e-tendering:-20.08.2022 up to 05:00 P.M.**

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in) or from office of the Executive Engineer, up to date specified above.

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Executive Engineer,  
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SECTOR WATCH  
AVIATION

## In 12 mths, airlines see 478 snags due to malfunctioning of components

## ISSUES REPORTED BY CARRIERS

Airlines	*No. of Snags	**Aircraft in fleet
Air India	184	116
Air India Express	10	24
Alliance Air	5	19
IndiGo	98	283
SpiceJet	77	87
GoAir	50	57
Vistara	40	56
AirAsia India	14	28

Source: Ministry of Civil Aviation/Rajya Sabha  
\*July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, \*\*as of July 14, 2022PRANAV MUKUL  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

INDIAN AIRLINES reported 478 technical snags due to malfunctioning of components between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, of which the most were witnessed by Air India, followed by IndiGo, SpiceJet and GoAir, according to information provided by Minister of State for Civil Aviation VK Singh in the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

"An aircraft may experience technical snags due to malfunctioning of components/equipment fitted on the aircraft which require rectification by the airlines for continued safe, efficient and reliable air transport service. These technical snags are reported by the flight crew on receiving an aural/visual warning in the cockpit or an indication of an inoperative/faulty system or while experiencing difficulty in handling/operating the aircraft," he said in his response to a question.

However, despite the high number of technical snags faced by airlines in the country, only 27 safety related issues happened in 2021 and 2022 (till July 25), according to a different reply by Singh in the Rajya Sabha.

Following the increase in technical snags over the last one year, the Directorate

General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) conducted 177 surveillance exercises, 497 spot checks and 169 night surveillance exercises on engineering and maintenance aspects of airlines between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

Based on the violations found during surveillance, enforcement action has been taken by the aviation regulator against responsible airline personnel in 21 instances, which includes suspension of license, withdrawal of post holder (approved personnel to the airlines involved in the maintenance of aircraft), issuance of warning letters, etc.

Recently, a showcause notice was issued to SpiceJet.

On the basis of findings from various spot checks, inspections, and the reply submitted by SpiceJet to the notice, for continued sustenance of safe and reliable air transport service, the number of departures of the airline were restricted to 50 per cent of the departures approved under Summer Schedule 2022 for a period of eight weeks with effect from July 27.

Earlier this month, *The Indian Express* reported that the DGCA has started resorting to a strategy of grounding of aircraft on a case-to-case basis when faulty equipment or worn out installations were found until corrective measures are taken.

## OPPN TERMS IT ATTACK ON FEDERAL STRUCTURE, R K SINGH SAYS 'FALSE PROPAGANDA'

## Electricity Amendment Bill faces Oppn protests, sent to House panel

LIZ MATHEW  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE ELECTRICITY (Amendment) Bill, 2022, has been sent to the standing committee for consultation with stakeholders amid the Opposition calling it an encroachment into states' powers and hurting the federal structure.

Provisions of the Bill have been opposed by a number of Opposition-ruled states, including those aimed at allowing customers to have the option to choose electricity suppliers — just like one can choose telephone or internet service providers. The legislation seeks to create competition in the retail segment of the power distribution sector and proposes that a discom (power distribution company) can use other power distribution licensees' network. It seeks to amend Section 42 of the Act to facilitate non-discriminatory open access to the distribution network of a distribution licensee. It also proposes to amend Section 14 of the Act to facilitate the use of distribution networks by all licensees under provisions of non-discriminatory open access with the objective of "enabling competition, enhancing efficiency of distribution licensees for improving services and ensuring sustainability" of the power sector. The Bill also seeks to strengthen payment security mechanism and give more powers to regulators.

"It has become necessary to strengthen the regulatory mechanism, adjudicatory mechanism in the Act and to bring administrative reforms through improved corporate governance of



Power Minister RK Singh in the Lok Sabha, Monday. Sansad TV/PTI

distribution licensees," according to the Bill.

After the Electricity (Amendment) Bill was introduced in the lower House of Parliament by Power Minister RK Singh, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted to call the proposed legislation "dangerous," saying it "will benefit a few power distribution companies. The House witnessed unruly scenes with some Opposition MPs showing placards, tearing papers and flinging it into the air. While Opposition parties like the Congress, the DMK and Left parties sought the withdrawal of the Bill, BJP-friendly parties like the YSRCP and the BJD insisted on wider consultation.

Opposing the introduction of the Bill, N K Premachandran of the RSP said the provisions of the proposed legislation were against the federal structure. "It is an accepted Constitutional position that the basic features of the fundamental characters of the Constitution shall not be amended or altered, but the federal fabric of the Constitution

of the country is being altered by particular States of the Union of India not being taken into consideration," he said, alleging that the Centre did not consult the states on the Bill. He added: "The indiscriminate privatisation of the distribution system in the power sector by granting licence to multiple agencies to give service in the same area will result in tariff hike, and that will adversely affect the interest of the ordinary consumers as well as the farmers because they are getting power subsidy."

Congress' Manish Tewari objected to the Bill, saying the Bill sought to allow multiple private companies to provide electricity in the same area, a provision that could lead to "privatisation of profits and nationalisation of losses".

CPI-M's AM Ariff said the provisions in the proposed Bill were in violation of the Supreme Court judgment of April 2017. The judgment has given the "state enough flexibility to develop their power sector in whatever manner they consider appropriate." Ariff also

EXPLAINED  
What is the Bill on?

PROVISIONS of the Bill have been opposed by a number of Opposition-ruled states, including those aimed at allowing customers to have the option to choose electricity suppliers, just like one can choose telephone or internet service providers.

pointed out that withdrawal of the Bill was one of the main demands of the year-long farmers' struggle for which the government had given an assurance. TMC's Saugata Roy raised the same issue. DMK's TR Baalu said the Tamil Nadu government was giving free electricity to farmers for the past several years and the proposed amendments could affect "poor farmers" who receive free power.

However, Singh claimed the Opposition members were indulging in "false propaganda" against the Bill, triggering protests from the Opposition benches. "The farmers will continue to get free power. There will be no roll back of subsidy," Singh said amid calls for wider consultations on the measure. "We have consulted the states and other stakeholders. This bill is pro-people and pro-farmers," Singh said as he introduced the Bill. Opposition MPs staged a walkout as their demands for a division on the motion was denied.

While the BJD agreed with the government's decision to send it

to the standing committee, in which members of all major parties have their presence from both the houses, the YSRCP has a stand that it should be sent to a select committee later to come up with more recommendations.

This also comes amid a renewed debate on the freebie culture and the focus on the mounting dues of power discoms. As per latest government data, discoms of three states — Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Telangana — owed about 57 per cent of the total dues to power generating companies, followed by BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and the UT of Jammu & Kashmir, which account for another about 26 per cent of the total dues of Rs 1,14,222 crore owed to power generation companies. Government data till March 31, 2022, shows that states owe Rs 62,931 crore for services and another Rs 76,337 crore against cost of freebies announced by them to state discoms.

Among the states that have defaulted on payments to discoms, Telangana leads the chart with a cumulative outstanding of Rs 11,915 crore, followed by Maharashtra at Rs 9,131 crore. Uttar Pradesh leads the pack among states that have not made payments to discoms for subsidies at Rs 18,946 crore, followed by Madhya Pradesh at Rs 16,240 crore. While the top three together owe Rs 65,041 crore, the next three BJP-ruled states owe Rs 29,280 crore of the total, according to PRAAPTI (Payment Ratification And Analysis in Power procurement for bringing Transparency in Invoicing of generators) data till July 31, 2022.

## ‘India considers restricting sale of sub-\$150 phones by Chinese cos’

REUTERS  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

INDIA IS seeking to restrict Chinese companies from its sub-\$150 phone market in a bid to revive the prospects of domestic players, *Bloomberg News* reported on Monday, citing sources.

The move would be a blow to Chinese companies such as Xiaomi, according to the report. The plans coincide with rising concerns in India about Chinese brands undercutting local smartphone makers, it added.

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will announce policies or use informal channels to execute the block on Chinese smartphone makers, *Bloomberg* said.

Chinese firms account for a major chunk of entry-level smartphones that are popular among users shifting away from tradi-

## Bharti Airtel net profit down 20% sequentially

Arpu jumps 2.8% q-o-q to ₹183

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

BHARTI AIRTEL'S net profit on Monday declined 20 per cent quarter-on-quarter to Rs 1,607 crore (after exceptional gain) during the April-June quarter.

The company's consolidated revenues on a sequential basis was up 4 per cent at Rs 32,805 crore. Bharti's consolidated Ebitda came at Rs 16,604 crore and was up 4 per cent compared to the preceding quarter aided by tariff hikes. Ebitda margin expanded to 50.6 per cent against 49.1 per cent in the preceding quarter. The company's India revenues was also up 3.64 per cent sequentially to Rs 23,319 crore while mobile revenues were up 3.42 per cent quarter-on-quarter to Rs 18,220 crore.

The average revenue per user (Arpu) saw a jump of 2.8 per cent quarter-on-quarter to Rs 183 compared to Rs 178 in the preceding quarter. The company's Arpu continues to be the best in the industry remaining ahead of Reliance Jio's Rs 175.7. The growth in Arpu was on the back of tariff hikes and continued momentum in 4G customer additions.

"This has been another solid quarter. We continue to deliver strong and sustained growth at 4.5 per cent sequentially. Ebitda margins are now at 50.6 per cent. Our enterprise and homes business has strong momentum and delivered strong double digit growth, improving the diversity of the overall portfolio," Gopal Vittal, MD and CEO (India and South Asia), said in a statement. **FE**

## BRIEFLY

## HDFC rate hike

*New Delhi:* Mortgage lender HDFC will raise benchmark lending rate RPLR on housing loans by 25 bps from August 9, making them dearer for both existing and new borrowers.

## WazirX transfers

*New Delhi:* Crypto exchange Binance said it is closing off-chain fund transfers with WazirX, which faces an ED money laundering probe for outward remittance of crypto assets worth ₹2,790 crore to unknown wallets.

## MF inflow falls

*New Delhi:* Equity mutual funds (MFs) saw 43% fall in inflow in July at ₹8,898 crore from ₹15,495 crore in June, as markets stayed volatile on inflation worries and rate hike expectations, as per Association of Mutual Funds of India (Amfi) data. All the equity-oriented categories received net inflows in July. Equity schemes have seen net inflow since March 2021.

## HDFC AMC

*New Delhi:* Sebi gave in-principle approval for change in control of HDFC Asset Management Company along with change in one of the co-sponsors of HDFC Mutual Fund from HDFC Ltd to HDFC Bank. **PTI**

## ‘Some lenders place SpiceJet loans in high-risk category’

Not aware of any bank having any concern, says airline

REUTERS  
MUMBAI, AUGUST 8

PRIVATE LENDERS IDFC First Bank and Yes Bank and state-owned Indian Bank have put their loans to SpiceJet Ltd in the high-risk category, the latest setback for the airline, people with knowledge of the matter said.

While the budget carrier has not so far defaulted on any loans, the lenders are concerned about its cash flows and have held discussions to seek assurances from the airline as it is behind on payments to some aircraft lessors, the



A SpiceJet aircraft at Ahmedabad airport. File

sources said.

"There is no positive news about SpiceJet," with earnings under pressure over several years due to the pandemic, one of the

sources said. The airline's outlook does not look encouraging, the source added.

SpiceJet said no bank has put its account on high alert.

"Loans are being serviced as per the agreed terms. We are not aware of any bank having any 'concern', nor has there been any communication regarding the same to SpiceJet," a company spokesperson told *Reuters* in an email.

The banks did not respond to *Reuters*' requests seeking comment on SpiceJet's current loan size, concerns with its financial position, or whether it had asked for more funds.

## Ambani pegs green energy biz to outshine other Reliance units

RAJESH KURUP  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

RELiance INDUSTRIES (RIL) expects green energy, the new growth engine for the group, to outshine its other businesses in 5-7 years, even as the company would expand its existing businesses to newer frontiers.

According to chairman & managing director Mukesh Ambani, RIL has embarked on this journey with a "vision to repeat" the

## ₹30K cr invested in retail in FY22

*New Delhi:* RIL invested around ₹30,000 crore (\$3.76 billion) in its retail business, Reliance Retail, and added 2,500 stores, taking the total storecount to 15,196 in FY22. **PTI**

feat it achieved in wireless broadband. "Over the next 12

months our investments across the green energy value chain will gradually start going live, scaling up over the next couple of years," he said in the company's annual report.

RIL had started its green transformation in FY22 and at a scale which will make India the world's leading green energy producer. In June last year, the business conglomerate announced plans to invest \$10 billion in renewable energy space over the next three years. **FE**

**RAIL WHEEL FACTORY** Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 064  
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**E-TENDER NOTICE No.: RWF/M/OT/MMS/2022-23/23 Dtd. 04/08/2022**

**E-TENDERS:** On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer invites electronic tender for the following work online through the website <http://www.irops.gov.in> (Works).

Tender Number & Item Description
RWF/M/OT/MMS/2022-23/23 Dtd.04/08/2022 : Fabrication/Manufacture Assembly, Installation And Commissioning of Automated Scrap Wheel Cutting System to Cut Railway Scrap Wheels of Diameter Ranging from 650 mm To 1100 mm using Gas Cutting in PC Bay at RWF. Completion Period: 12 Months
Estimated Cost in Rs.-2,04,11,800/- Earnest Money Deposit: 2,52,100/-
Tender Closing Date and Time : 02/09/2022 at 15.00 hrs

This tender notice & Eligibility Criteria can be viewed on our website [www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in).

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/WSM

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CIN No. : U40109DL2001PLC111526, Website : [www.tatapower-dcl.com](http://www.tatapower-dcl.com)

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS** Aug 09, 2022

TATA Power-DDL invites tenders as per following details:

Tender Enquiry No. / Work Description	Estimated Cost/EMD (Rs.)	Availability of Bid Document	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date and time of Opening of bids
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001448/22-23 RC for Supply of Steel Structure	72 Lacs/- 1,80,000	09.08.2022	30.08.2022:1500 Hrs 30.08.2022:1530 Hrs

**CORRIGENDUM / TENDER DATE EXTENSION**

Tender Enquiry No. / Work Description	Previously Published Date	Revised Due Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date & time of opening of bids
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001443/22-23 Contract for Supply of 11mtr and 9mtr PCC HT/LT Poles at Tata Power-DDL Site/Store	27.07.2022	17.08.2022 at 1400 Hrs/ 17.08.2022 at 1430 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001439/22-23 Annual RC for Supply of 11kV/33kV/66kV CIs, Pts and NCTs against various schemes in Pan TATA Power DDL.	18.07.2022	11.08.2022 at 1600 Hrs/ 11.08.2022 at 1700 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001437/22-23 RC for Procurement of Transformer Monitoring units (TMUs).	14.07.2022	17.08.2022 at 1700 Hrs/ 17.08.2022 at 1730 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001435/22-23 Annual RC for supply of LT XLPE Power Cables at Tata Power-DDL Site/Store.	11.07.2022	17.08.2022 at 1530 Hrs/ 17.08.2022 at 1600 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001426/22-23 RC for supply of HT XLPE and AB Cables	20.07.2022	17.08.2022 at 1500 Hrs/ 17.08.2022 at 1530 Hrs

Complete tender and corrigendum document is available on our website [www.tatapower-dcl.com](http://www.tatapower-dcl.com) → Vendor Zone → Tender / Corrigendum Documents  
Contracts - 011-66112222

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Green Campus, Ganderbal-191201 (J&K) [www.cukashmir.ac.in](http://www.cukashmir.ac.in)

**E-TENDER NOTICE FOR HIRING OF CAFETERIA SERVICES**  
Central University of Kashmir, Ganderbal invites bids under "Two Bid System" for outsourcing of Canteen services for students and staff across its different Campuses at Ganderbal to be submitted online through e-Wizard ([www.mhrd.edu/wizard.com](http://www.mhrd.edu/wizard.com)). For detailed tender notice please visit university website [www.cukashmir.ac.in](http://www.cukashmir.ac.in) and ([www.mhrd.edu/wizard.com](http://www.mhrd.edu/wizard.com)).  
No. Est. 01 of 2022 Date 05-08-2022 Sd/Registrar

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**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

**e-Tenders** are invited, UNDER TWO-BID SYSTEM, from reputed Agency for Pre-Tender Tie-Up towards execution of Civil Works on a Back-To-Back basis for "Construction of ROB at LC No. AR-12 falling on NH 130C in connection to New Line (GC) project in the section commencing from Abhanpur - Rajim in the State of Chhattisgarh in SOUTHEAST Central Railway Zone.

**Tender No.:** NIT/DMG(P-V)/TIE-UP/SECR/21-2022 Dated 08-Aug-2022; EMD: Rs. 5,00,000/-; Cost of Tender Papers (non-refundable): Rs.10,000/-

Tender documents may be downloaded from <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and/or [www.bbjcons.com](http://www.bbjcons.com) (Tender ID: 2022\_BBJC\_705624\_1). Sealed e-Bids (Two-Cover System) can be uploaded in the e-procurement portal up to 15:00 hrs. (on or before 22-Aug-2022 and the opening of e-Tenders (Technical Part) will be on 23-Aug-2022 at 15:00 hrs. "Corrigendum", if any, would appear only on the BBJ's website & e-Procurement portal and shall not be published in any newspaper.

**KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Government of India Undertaking)

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. **Name of Work: Supplying and stacking of ballast at Nandgaon ballast depot, loading into KRCL hoppers, unloading, spreading and boxing of ballast in the jurisdiction of Senior Regional Engineer, Ratnagiri and Senior Regional Engineer, Karwar. Tender Notice No.: KR-W-1-58- 2022-09. Estimated Cost : ₹ 5,99,78,880/- excluding GST. Closing Date/Time : 01.09.2022 up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. Completion period: Twenty Four months including monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit <https://irops.gov.in> website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.**



## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

I Megha Baweja W/o Mukesh Kumar Raheja R/o H-K 12A, Parsvnath Prestige, Sector 93A, Noida, U.P.- 201304 have changed my name to Megha Raheja 0070798402-1

I Harjinder Kaur W/o Tarlok Singh R/o 2059, Ward No-8, Aare Wali Gali, Nissing (34), Karnal, Haryana -132024, have changed my name to Jinder Kaur 0070798377-1

I Birendra Kothari S/o C P Kothari R/o-G/359, Nehru Colony, Haridwar Road, Dehradun have changed my name to Virendra Kothari 0070798404-1

I Ayaan Shaikh S/o M Shehzad Sabri,R/o 9838/39 Gali zamir wali, Azad market, Nawab Ganj, Delhi-6, have changed my name to Ayaan Sheikh S/o M Shehzad Sabri for all purposes. 0040626089-2

I Amrit Kaur Dua, D/o Jasbir Singh Kukreja, R/o 12/31, 1st Floor, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060 hereby declare that in my Passport No. J2544142 (Expired) name of my father inadvertently mentioned as Jasbir Singh. His full name is JASBIR SINGH KUKREJA. Further it is stated that Jasbir Singh & Jasbir Singh Kukreja is one & single person. 0040626089-4

I,Shaheen Ansari w/o Farukh Ansari,R/o H.No-F-398,Gali No-15, Khajoori khas, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to SHAHIN. permanently. 0040626103-4

I Lalit Mishra S/o Sh. Anil Mishra R/o F-2/23, Dayalpur Ext., Karawal Ngr., Dtd., Delhi-94 have changed my name from Lalit Kumar Mishra to Lalit Mishra vide affidavit Dated 5 Aug. 2022 for all future purpose. 0040626086-1

It is for general information that I,Shyam Sunder Gupta,S/o Vijay Prakash Gupta R/o T-203/3,Gali.No-1,Gautam puri,New Seelampur,Delhi-110053,declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Shyam Sunder Gupta in my daughter's Shrutti Gupta 10th-class record.The actual-name of mine is Shyam Sunder Gupta,which may be amended accordingly. 0040626167-9

I,hitherto known as Shakuntla Devi alias Shakuntla,D/o-Rameshwar Das,W/o-Sat Narain Solanki,R/o-376/27, Gali.No.4, Dev-Nagar, Sonipat, Haryana-131001,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shakuntla Solanki. 0040626167-5

I,Varinder Singh Kalsi,S/o Swarn Singh R/o-399,Kohat, Enclave Pimpura, Delhi-110034, changed my minor daughter name Sehaj Kaur to Sehaj Kaur Kalsi. 0040626167-4

I,VINOD KUMAR S/O RAMESH KUMAR R/O H.NO-3 GADAIPUR DELHI-110030,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VINOD 0040626167-2

I,Upendar Kumar S/o Vijay Bahadur R/o-H.No.10, Lakanhanapur ,Tt-Sikanderpur,Dist-Balia,U.P.-273303,inform that in my 12th- Class and B.Com Marksheets/ Certificate my-name was written as Upendar, whereas my correct-name is Upendar Kumar. 0040626167-6

I,SWATI W/O-GURMEET SINGH R/O-A-104 B CHANDER VIHAR NILIOTHI, DELHI-110041 have changed my name to SARGUN KAUR. 0040626198-1

I,Surjeet Singh S/o-Jaimal Singh R/o-270-A, Arya Mohalla, Nangloi ,New Delhi-110041, Have Changed My Name toSanjay Dogra for all Purposes. 0040626103-9

I,Suman Rani W/O Bharat Bhushan Rangra R/O,Ward no-1, haryana, Hoshiarpur, punjab -144208,have changed my name to SUMAN RANI RANGRA 0040626173-5

I,Shyam Sunder Jain,S/O-Kailash Chand Jain,R/O-G-73/4,Pana Udhyan Narela Delhi-110040,have changed my minor-son's name Veyat Jain To Vigyat Jain. 0040626103-2

I,Shayam Sunder Jain,S/O Kailash Chand Jain,R/O,G-73/4,Pana Udhyan Narela Delhi -110040,have changed my name to Shayam Sunder Jain. 0040626103-1

I,Shakti Kumar Katyal,S/o Jaswant Rai Katyal,R/o-302,Bhera Enclave,Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087,have changed my name to Shakti Katyal,for all purposes. 0040626173-3

I,Satish Kumar Yadav,s/o Raja Ram Yadav,R/o Near- Intermediate College biknapur ,Delhupur,pratapgarh,Uttar Pradesh-230404,Have Changed my name to Satish Kumar Yadav,Permanently. 0040626103-5

I,SEEMA SHARMA,W/o-SHRI. MANGESH SHARMA R/o- HOUSE-NO-GC-4,BLOCK-C,PUL PEHLADPUR,BADARPUR,SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110044,inform that in my 10th marketseet my name wrongly-written SEEMA KUMARI .Please Changed my,correct name SEEMA SHARMA for a future purpose. 0040626103-8

I,Rubli W/O-Aditya Veram R/O, X/1293, Gali No-2,Rajgarh-Colony Gandhar Ghar Delhi-110031,have changed my name to Ruby Rani. 0040626167-3

I,Rehmat Jehan Khan W/o Shakir Dad Khan R/o H.No.65-A, Madhuban Apartment(MIG-Flats), Sector-82, Noida G.B.Nagar(U.P) have changed my name to Rehmat Jehan for all purposes. 0040626093-1

I,Priyanka D/O Mahendra kumar,Residing At-483,Circular Road,Shahdara Delhi-110032, Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Vishav Singh(Aged-10Years) And He Shall Hereafter Be Known As Bhargav Kumar. 0040626167-8

I,Pardeep Sharma S/o Jai Kishan Sharma R/o-155-156,Ind- Floor,Pocket-8 Sector-23,Rohini Delhi-110085,inform that my name wrongly,written Pradeep Sharma in my,minor son Mayank Sharma School,records but my actual name is Pardeep Sharma. 0040626176-6

I,Padmini Sharma,D/O Sunil Kumar R/O 101,Tower-19,Orchid Petals, Sector-49,Gurgaon,Haryana-122018,have changed the name of my minor son from Moksh to MOKSH DEUJEJA. 0040626173-4

I,Meena Bijotra/ Leena Kukreja, W/o Dimple Gogia,R/o-H.No.81, First Floor,Shankar Vihar, Delhi-110092,have changed my name to Leena Gogia,for all purposes. 0040626173-2

I,Manoj Kumar Aggarwal,S/O S. K. Aggarwal,R/O-Flat.No.7,Ground Floor, Shreshtha Vihar,,Anand Vihar,Delhi-110092,have changed my minor daughter name from Anaya Manoj to Anaya Aggarwal. 0040626176-4

I,MINAKSHI W/O VIKAS DHANKHAR RESIDENT,194-195,3rd FLOOR, POCKET-2,SECTOR-25,ROHINI, DELHI-110085,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MEENAKSHI. 0040626103-7

I,Kumari Kailash,spouse of,Shri. Sohan Lal Soni,resident of,5, Shubh Niketan Apartments,A-4, Paschim-Vihar,New Delhi-110063, have changed my name, from Kumari Kailash to Kailash Soni, vide-Affidavit, dated-05/08/2022 at-Delhi. 0040626171-10

I,Rajiv Lata,W/o Rajesh Kumar, D/o Ram Kumar,R/o,Plot.No.-13-A, Gopal-Nagar Extn., Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043,have changed my name, from Rajeev Lata to Rajiv Lata,for all purposes. 0040626171-11

I,Jatinder Pal Singh Dang S/o Waryam Singh R/o Flat, No.15B ,Tower-9,Fairway East,M3M Golf Estate,Sector-65 Gurgaon-122101 ,Haryana changed name to Jatinder Pal Singh. 0040626176-5

I,Jatin Godhwani, S/o Shri Pradeep Virajit Godhwani, ADD.A-4, Third-Floor, Chitranganj-Park,New Delhi-110019,changed my name to Jaatin Godwaani. 0040626167-1

I,Hitesh Bhagat,S/O Desh Pal Singh,R/O, H.No-302,Avlon- Apartment M.G.Road New- Manglapur, New Delhi-110030, have changed my minor-son's name Agustya To Vעהaan. 0040626176-11

I,Dinesh Kumar S/o Ratan Singh, R/o,H.No.565,Khera Khurd, Delhi-82,have declare that Dinesh Kumar and Dinesh are the,name of one and,the same person. 0040626171-2

I,Daljeet Singh S/o-Sharanjit Singh Babbar R/O-A-156, First Floor, Gujranwala Town Part-I, Delhi-110009 changed my name to Daljeet Singh Babbar. 0040626155-1

I,DHARAMVEER,S/O: SATPAL KAPOOR R/O: ADD-H.No.-17/49 ,THIRD FLOOR,GEETA COLONY ,EAST DELHI,DELHI-110031, changed my name to DHARMVEER KAPOOR. 0040626173-1

I,Bhupender,S/O Rajender R/O-515/15,Vishwa Karma Colony, Gohana Sonipat, Haryana-131301, Have Changed My Name To Bhupender Bhojli Permanently. 0040626171-1

I,Bharat Bhushan,R/O Ward no-1,Hariana,hoshiarpur, punjab -144208,have changed my name to BHARAT BHUSHAN RANGRA. 0040626173-6

I,Baldev Singh S/o Basant Ram R/O JB-22C, Lig-Flats, Hari-Nagar, Delhi-110064,have changed my son's name from Daksh Chauhan to Daksh for all purposes. 0040626167-7

I,AARTI W/O Pankaj/R/O,B-1/328,second-floor,Madangir Dr.Ambedkar-Nagar New-Delhi-110062,have changed my name to ARMIT, permanently. 0040626103-3

I, Vir Bala Kapoor D/o Late Sh. K.R. Kapoor R/O-Ansal Garden Enclave, Hapur Road, Opp. Kumkum Farms, Ghaziabad got married with Late Shri Sunil Kumar Soni S/o Late Sh. C.L. Soni R/o-43, Ansal Garden Enclave, Hapur Road, Opp. KumKum Farms, Ghaziabad as per Hindu Marriage act on-29.11.1985., That after my marriage I, will be known-as Vineeta Soni for all future purposes. 0070798413-1

I, Vikram Singh Mewati S/o Hari Singh R/o RGB 16D DGA Janta Flats, Raghubir Nagar, Tagore garden Delhi-27 have changed my name to Vikram Mewati for all purposes. 0070798408-1

I,Varsha Sachdeva W/o Lalit Kumar R/o D-22, Backside, Saraswati-Garden, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Varsha. 0040626176-2

I,Shuchita Mahajan W/o Milaan Rawal R/o J-6/141, Third-Floor, Rajouri-Garden, N.Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Shuchita Rawal. 0040626176-1

I,Shabbir Mohammed Qureshi S/o Mohammed Sharif Qureshi R/O C-3, Prop.No.3226/3227, Kucha Tera Chand, Darya Ganj, New delhi-110002 inform that that my name wrongly written as Shabbir Mohd. Sharif Qureshi in my daughter's (ALIYA) school record. My correct name is Shabbir Mohammed Qureshi. 0040626123-1

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Sohan Lal R/o H.No.85, Gali No.7, A-Block, Opp. Shastri Park Extn., Opp. Nathupura Model, Burari, Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Sharma S/o Sohan Lal Sharma for all future purposes. 0070798406-1

I, RITIKA D/o Sunil Kumar R/o E-43, Gali No.03, Ganesh Nagar Pandav Nagar Complex, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to RITIKA DUBEY for all purposes. 0040626087-1

I, Raj Kumari Sharma W/o Prem Prakash Sharma, R/o K-5/81, Near Vikrant Chowk, Mohan Garden, Pipalwala Road, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59, I have Changed My Name from Raj Kumar Sharma to Raj Kumar Sharma for All future purposes. 0040626101-1

I, Prem Prakash Sharma S/o Harish Chand, R/o K-5/81, Near Vikrant Chowk, Mohan Garden, Pipalwala Road, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59, I have Changed My Name from Prem Prakash to Prem Prakash Sharma for All future purposes. 0040626100-1

I, Poothampilly Xavier Xavier S/o Xavier Mathai Poothampilly R/o 43-A, Mayur Vihar Phase-III, Delhi-110096 have changed my minor son's name from POOTHAMPILLY KEVIN XAVIER to KEVIN POOTHAMPILLY XAVIER for all purposes. 0040626084-1

I, OM PALI W/O KARTAR SINGH RESIDENT,HOUSE NO-973,SECTOR-15, SONIPAT, HARYANA,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO OM PATI. 0040626103-6

I, NIDHI RANI, W/o/ BUDH PRAKASH BHARTI, R/O- 19/249, 1st Floor, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 have changed my name to NIDHI BHARTI for all purposes. 0070798367-1

I, NAJMA AHMED W/o Mohd Ashraf R/o 7062 Gali Masjid Wali, Beri Wala Bagh, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to NAJMA, for all future purposes. 0040626147-1

I, Manpreet Kaur Bindra W/o Prabhddeep Singh R/o H-478, Second-Floor, Vikas Puri,New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Manpreet Kaur Chopra. 0040626176-3

I, Manohar Lal s/o Shobha Ram Gupta r/o J-129, Reserve Bank Enclave, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Manhoar Lal Gupta. 0040626098-1

I, MOHD MUSTAFA ALVI S/o Md Riyazul Hasan R/O D-1212, Flat No.A-1, First Floor, Block-D, Jaipur Extn Part-2, Badarpur, Delhi-110044 have changed my name to MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD for all future purposes. 0040626108-1

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I, Ramesh Kumar Arora S/o Lakshman Dass have lost my original builder buyer agreement and possession letter of Unit-201, Second Floor M.M.Mall, Plot-17, Community Center, DC Chowk Sector-9 Rohini Delhi-110085, if found kindly contact at +91-9818958547 0040626153-1

I,ARVIND KAPUR S/O/LT. MR. H K KAPUR have lost the Original Perpetual Lease Deed dated 14.08.1964 of my PROPERTY BEARING NO. A-2/12, SAFDARJUNG ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI - 110029, in case found, please contact at above address. 0040626089-5

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I Amrit Kaur Dua, D/o Jasbir Singh Kukreja, R/o 12/31, 1st Floor, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060 hereby declare that in my Passport No. J2544142 (Expired) name of my father inadvertently mentioned as Jasbir Singh. His full name is JASBIR SINGH KUKREJA. Further it is stated that Jasbir Singh & Jasbir Singh Kukreja is one & single person. 0040626089-4

I,Shaheen Ansari w/o Farukh Ansari,R/o H.No-F-398,Gali No-15, Khajoori khas, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to SHAHIN. permanently. 0040626103-4

I Lalit Mishra S/o Sh. Anil Mishra R/o F-2/23, Dayalpur Ext., Karawal Ngr., Dtd., Delhi-94 have changed my name from Lalit Kumar Mishra to Lalit Mishra vide affidavit Dated 5 Aug. 2022 for all future purpose. 0040626086-1

It is for general information that I,Shyam Sunder Gupta,S/o Vijay Prakash Gupta R/o T-203/3,Gali.No-1,Gautam puri,New Seelampur,Delhi-110053,declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Shyam Sunder Gupta in my daughter's Shrutti Gupta 10th-class record.The actual-name of mine is Shyam Sunder Gupta,which may be amended accordingly. 0040626167-9

I,hitherto known as Shakuntla Devi alias Shakuntla,D/o-Rameshwar Das,W/o-Sat Narain Solanki,R/o-376/27, Gali.No.4, Dev-Nagar, Sonipat, Haryana-131001,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shakuntla Solanki. 0040626167-5

I,Varinder Singh Kalsi,S/o Swarn Singh R/o-399,Kohat, Enclave Pimpura, Delhi-110034, changed my minor daughter name Sehaj Kaur to Sehaj Kaur Kalsi. 0040626167-4

I,VINOD KUMAR S/O RAMESH KUMAR R/O H.NO-3 GADAIPUR DELHI-110030,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VINOD 0040626167-2

I,Upendar Kumar S/o Vijay Bahadur R/o-H.No.10, Lakanhanapur ,Tt-Sikanderpur,Dist-Balia,U.P.-273303,inform that in my 12th- Class and B.Com Marksheets/ Certificate my-name was written as Upendar, whereas my correct-name is Upendar Kumar. 0040626167-6

I,SWATI W/O-GURMEET SINGH R/O-A-104 B CHANDER VIHAR NILIOTHI, DELHI-110041 have changed my name to SARGUN KAUR. 0040626198-1



BRIEFLY

Kohli, KL Rahul return for Asia Cup

*New Delhi:* Former skipper Virat Kohli and a fit-again KL Rahul on Monday returned to a 15-member Indian squad for the Asia Cup while senior pacer Jasprit Bumrah missed out owing to a back injury. The Asia Cup will be held in Dubai and Sharjah from August 27 to September 11. Rahul, who did not feature in the T20 series against the West Indies due to COVID-19, has recuperated from his sports hernia surgery, and is back as vice-captain.

**India Squad:** Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (VC), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, R Pant (wk), Dinesh Karthik (wk), Hardik Pandya, R Jadeja, R Ashwin, Y Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh, Avesh Khan. Standbys: Deepak Chahar, Axar Patel, Shreyas Iyer. —PTI

Kyrgios completes Washington double

*Washington DC:* Nick Kyrgios ended a three-year title drought with a dominant victory over Yoshito Nishioka at the Citi Open on Sunday and the Australian said he was stunned at his "incredible transformation" over the last year. Kyrgios launched a dozen aces on the way to a 6-4 6-3 win over his Japanese opponent to claim his first singles title since winning the same hardcourt tournament in 2019 in Washington, D.C. Kyrgios, who finished runner-up at Wimbledon last month, seemed overcome with emotion as he slumped to his back on the court after sealing the win for his seventh career singles title. —REUTERS

Lahiri finishes 8th ahead of play-offs

*Greensboro:* Anirban Lahiri rounded off the week with a 2-under 68 in a tournament that made 20-year-old Korean Joohyung "Tom" Kim a hero. Kim added to his stature of a rising star with an emphatic five-shot victory over compatriot Sungjae Im and John Huh of the U.S. at the Wyndham Championship. Lahiri, whose rounds for the week included 66-67-68-68 for a 11-under total, finished tied eighth. The Indian had five birdies against three bogeys on a day when he missed quite a few chances. Yet he will rise to 66th as the Play-offs start with St. Jude Invitational. At 20 years, one month and 17 days, Kim became the second-youngest winner since the second World War. —PTI

CHESS OLYMPIAD

Tenacious Pragg emerges from Gukesh's shadow

Keeps India's hopes alive with win over Uzbekistan's Sindarov on day fellow teenager suffers first loss at Olympiad to Abdusattorov

SANDIP G  
CHENNAI AUGUST 8

FOR THE second successive evening, R Praggnanandhaa emerged out of the hall, somehow still bouncy after a mind-churning tussle, as his team's man for crisis, the man who led them from darkness to light. His defeat-staving victories against Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan, have kept India's thinning hopes of a gold medal alive as the Chess Olympiad staggers onto the final, decisive day.

Unlike D Gukesh, who has been on a red-hot streak, Praggnanandhaa grew erratic towards the middle of the tournament — he was winning most games, but there was an odd slip-up, a fortuitous win owing to his opponent's streaky time management where he self-admittedly played terribly, last-ditch draws, form fluctuating between spectacular and ordinary.

But under the sprawling shadow that Gukesh had spread, Praggnanandhaa could hide. He had the shade of comfort to realign his game, sharpen his tools and wait for the right moment to step out of the shade and into the limelight. He always had a terrific sense of occasion and comes alive at the end games. Perhaps he was saving his best for the end of the tournament. Coach RB Ramesh's words the other day seemed prophetic: "I am not worried about his form, it's a long tournament and he will be at his best when it matters."

The timing for producing his best performances could not have been timelier. It coincided with Gukesh's inevitable slips. He stuttered on Sunday; Praggnanandhaa saved the day with a tenacious win, one for which he had to dig deep and summon all his experience and calculative skills.

On Monday, Gukesh lost for the first time in the championship, blundering against the world rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov in a manic endgame, a contest that the Indian had dominated until the dying moments. But worry not, Praggnanandhaa produced a win that keeps them still in hunt for a historic gold medal, though it's not entirely in their hands.

This game, though, he was mostly in control against an opponent who was younger than he was. Javokhir Sindarov is only 16, and looks even younger. But he is a Grandmaster who has beaten the World No 2 Alireza Firouzja. A child prodigy himself, Praggnanandhaa would know the perils of underestimating a younger adversary.

The match began on the Kings Indian Defence; orthodox variation. Typically in this line, White creates a three-pawn centre and develops his kingside naturally. White will then create a pawn wedge with d4-d5, followed by queenside play. The opposing pawn



All eyes will be on R Praggnanandhaa going ahead in the tourney.

chains create spheres of influence on opposite sides of the board. It's a hypermodern aggressive opening for Black, allowing White to build a strong pawn centre to later counter-attack it. But it's a familiar opening for Praggnanandhaa and he knows the dangers the black could pose later in the game. He was also aware of Sindarov's preference to take out his opponent's pawns rather than higher value pieces. It's a classical Central European method, where most try to weaken the opponent's pawn structure. So Praggnanandhaa came out with a shrewd move to lock the frontline pawns of Sindarov with a strong bishop on e6, forcing his opponent to play with higher-value pieces. He lost a couple of pawns and a knight in the process, but for a

larger cause. A sacrifice of sorts, an instance of his supreme calculative skills. The Uzbek was lost in deep contemplation. He felt trapped, twitching on his seat and fiddling with his hair. Bypassing the bishop would expose his queenside too early.

However, the endgame was still far away and Sindarov showed his tactical nous by pursuing defensive measures and temporarily slowing down the game, building a counter-impetus. The Indian played along, taking the chance to fortify some of his vulnerable squares. There was a hanging, isolated pawn at the centre — sometimes he does this intentionally, as a provocation, but in this instance, it was not a trap.

However, eventually Sindarov had to sum-

India's fate out of their hands

SANDIP G  
CHENNAI AUGUST 8

AN ENDGAME blunder from D Gukesh against Uzbekistan's Nodirbek Abdusattorov would have far-reaching consequences in deciding the medals in the Chess Olympiad. Had Gukesh converted his material and positional advantage to full points, India B would have been topping the pile with 17 points and a better tie-break point than Armenia, who also have the same number of points. But as it turned out, the draw ensured that India B ended the night on 16 points. The one precious point, though, retained Uzbekistan's top spot with 17. Armenia, who beat Azerbaijan are equal on points, but with an inferior tiebreak average.

So technically, India B team's gold medal hopes are not in their hands. Even if they procure two points in the next game, they would need both Uzbekistan and Armenia to lose. In the eventuality of a draw, the tie-break points of players shall come into play. A player's tiebreak score is calculated by adding together the score points of the players they have defeated and half of the score points of players they have drawn against.

The possibility of both Uzbekistan and Armenia fumbling is low, more so as teams with advantageous positions would go for outright draws. At the same time, India B have to be wary of the chasing pack too. Both India A and USA have accumulated 16 points, keep-



D Gukesh had an endgame blunder on Monday.

ing them in the medal loop.

But the table looks brighter in the women's section, where India A leads with 17 points after thrashing Kazakhstan. They were aided by a feisty Georgian team that beat Sunday's leaders Poland. But India A have to win and not draw as Poland, with 16 points has a slightly better tie-break average. Not just Poland, three other teams — Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Georgia also have 16 points apiece.

**Women:** India A (17), Poland, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Georgia (16)  
**Men:** Uzbekistan (17), Armenia 17, India B, India A, USA (16)

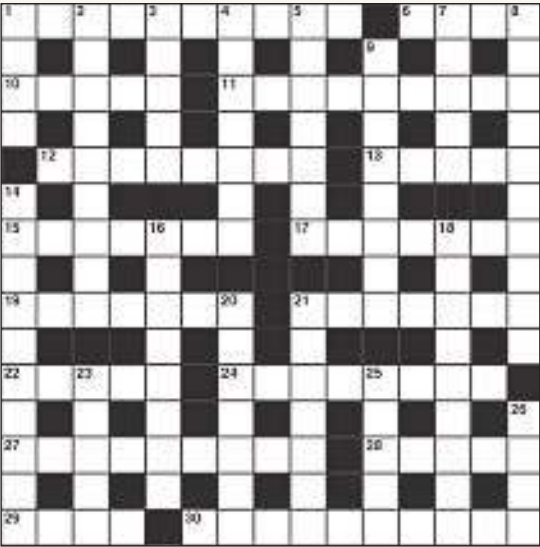
mon risks. He was forced into moving his rook to a2, which Praggnanandhaa's rook ate up. But Sindarov's bishop promptly snapped up the rook. The game opened up, and now it was a direct combat, the advantage exchanging hands after every other move. Suddenly, Praggnanandhaa's face turned grim, as he sensed an ambush, a tricky line that could prove costly.

He had a semi-brain-fade moment too, and perhaps got carried away by an irresistible invitation to pounce on Sindarov's knight on f6 with his bishop, only for the black bishop to consume his. Sindarov had to remove that influential bishop to nurture any chance of a victory. Now, he found himself in a dominant position. His eyes were lit up with hope.

But Praggnanandhaa did not panic — in big games he rarely does. He has not against Magnus Carlsen; he did not against his fresh-faced foe either. He hung in, took out a couple of his pawns, forced his queen into slippery territory before slashing her on the 36th turn. From there, Sindarov had faint hopes of a comeback. And Praggnanandhaa emphatically sealed the game.

The last two games were not the biggest he has ever played, nor the biggest he will ever play. But these could yet be the biggest games he has ever played in his career in terms of how they would impact India's campaign, wins on which hang his country's thin medal hopes, two evenings he emerged from the shadows of Gukesh.

CROSSWORD 4815



- ACROSS**
- 1 Timely sort of police raid (10)
  - 6 Sign on the staff (4)
  - 10 Recess would be pleasant about the end of March (5)
  - 11 It's extremely handy for a sort of sketch (9)
  - 12 What a fisherman may do though rattled (8)
  - 13 One bargain appears the best possible (5)
  - 15 Crooked dealing straightened out (7)
  - 17 Doctor has an attempt to take on a cavalryman (7)
  - 19 At Rio? No - maybe in Canada (7)
  - 21 It holds its fire (7)
  - 22 Stylish to help lift country (5)
  - 24 They care for others (8)
  - 27 Out of form? (9)
  - 28 A revolting individual (5)
  - 29 Back we come with an Irish boy maybe (4)
  - 30 Fresh sand please for use by the sea (10)
- DOWN**
- 1 Break up vessels (4)
  - 2 Oddly satirical, he may see things in black and white (9)
  - 3 Patent feature of a hover train (5)
  - 4 Gave voice when I damaged a tendon (7)
  - 5 After a strike Edward was up against it (7)
  - 7 Permission to go (5)
  - 8 One is all in when such a portrait is completed (4,6)
  - 9 Abandon royal dignity (8)
  - 14 Important question of the elder offspring? (5,5)
  - 16 Gives information which could lead to making an arrest (8)
  - 18 Source of food designed to deter boys (6,3)
  - 20 Fifty set out perhaps to find means of escape (7)
  - 21 Advice on clues in anagram form (7)
  - 23 She's from Indianapolis (5)
  - 25 Run it out of town (5)
  - 26 Additional indication (4)

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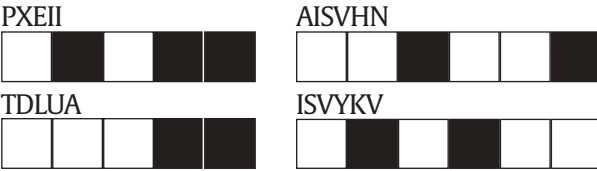
MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



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.

We \_ \_ \_ in generalities, but we \_ \_ \_ in detail - Alfred North Whitehead (5, \_ , 4)



Answer: We think in generalities, but we live in detail - Alfred North Whitehead

SUDOKU 4921

**Difficulty Level 5s**  
**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4920



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
It's a moment for shedding commitments rather than taking on extra. You should pay greater attention to making your existing relationships more satisfying, and see to it that a loved one is happy. Other people are far more important than financial success.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
The Moon's role in your chart is increasingly practical, but you are also being given a good deal of emotional strength and resilience. Your celestial task today is to look after other people with great kindness, care and consideration, whether you want to or not.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
Mercury, your planetary ruler, plays a significant role in almost every important celestial aspect over the near future, even if indirectly. You may find that in one way or another, and without meaning to, you become the centre of attention.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
You are still passing through an outstanding and memorable period, although it looks very much as if you may be taking your good luck for granted. It's amazing what you can find to grumble about when you try. Financial stress seems to be ever-present, but will pass soon.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
You may enhance your freedom of action by taking responsibility for your own choices. Any adverse aspects between now and the end of the week will remind you that you must exert more control over your personal affairs. Deal with problems as soon as you see them coming.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
Awkward dilemmas refuse to go away. You'll be wondering whether you can adjust your own beliefs and fit in with other people's demands. But, then, should you even consider unusual offers, or just turn them down flat? You see, you might find that if you go ahead now, circumstances will have changed by the time you finish.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
Stand back and take a cool look at some of your obligations. Many areas of your life must now be viewed in the cold light of day. You will have to examine issues that could encourage you to make long-overdue improvements in your personal affairs.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
You're still wondering whether you've made a commitment too far. Although by nature you tend to give others the benefit of the doubt, this isn't because you think they're right. It's because you lack confidence in your own ideas. Be a little more determined this week.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  
Pluto is the planet responsible for some of the positive forecasts made for you over the last year. It is still bugging you, but if you would only accept that a shake-up in your opinions and attitudes was necessary, you'd soon rid yourself of any lingering blues.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
As a Capricorn you know how important material security is to your well-being. It's therefore welcome news that a financial matter completed this week should allay many of your current fears. If you're over-emotional early on, don't worry; by the afternoon you'll be much more level-headed.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
You're walking a tight-rope. Make the right moves and your success will be brilliant. Even now your destiny is being shaped by a strident solar alignment which is due to stir up the heavens before very much longer. The time has come to play for even higher stakes than in the past.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
You're in a secretive mood today, keen to keep your feelings to yourself. There will be moments when you will be in a position to make snap decisions over career issues. By all means adopt a rash approach if you don't mind ending up isolated or alone. Take romantic promises with a pinch of salt.



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When you play Australia this can happen sometimes. But I'm disappointed we didn't play well at all. We let ourselves down and all the things we talked about we didn't do. It's disappointing."

GRAHAM REID  
INDIA MEN'S HOCKEY COACH ON THE 0-7 DEFEAT TO AUSTRALIA

India's tally may be lower, but diversification & athletics haul a good sign

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TAKEN AT face value, India's 61 medals and fourth-place finish at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games are a notch down from the previous edition at Gold Coast four years ago. Engage in some number crunching, though, and it'll emerge that despite fewer medals, India has made some critical gains.

The gold sweep in badminton on the final day marked the beginning of India's dominance in the sport at the CWG, ending Malaysia's decades-long stranglehold. The other big splash – even though there were no medals – came in the pool, where Srihari Nataraj's twin backstroke final appearances point to a promising future. But the most significant gain of all was seen in athletics.

The one gold, four silver and three bronze medals is India's best showing in CWG track and field on foreign soil. And much like Neeraj Chopra's gold at the Tokyo Olympics, the performance on the bright blue tracks and lush green fields of the Alexander Stadium will be India's biggest takeaway from Birmingham.

The eight athletics medals might be half of what shooting – India's golden goose at the CWG – fetched four years ago, but they seem no less in worth. Unlike shooting, athletics is one of the few sports at the CWG with a high competition level – the entry list is littered with names of athletes who are either world or continental champions.

That's the reason Avinash Sable's silver medal in the 3,000m steeplechase, where he gave a mighty scare to the all-conquering Kenyans – is more significant than, say, a Ravi Dahiya gold medal in wrestling, a sport where the level of competition is much higher at the trials to select the Indian team for the CWG than the Games themselves.

The success in athletics will also serve as another reminder for India to keep diversifying into more sports rather than putting all their eggs in one basket, especially at the CWG. The Commonwealth Games programme is evolving faster than even the Olympic one, with some radical changes proposed for the next edition in Victoria, Australia.

Its consequence is that along with shooting, wrestling – a sport in which India won 12

medals, including 6 golds, in Birmingham – too finds itself on the chopping block for the 2026 Games. In such a scenario, India will have to identify other sources for medals to match their current tally, let alone surpass it.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* before the Commonwealth Games, player-turned-administrator Manisha Malhotra had underlined the need for India to start looking beyond shooting and wrestling for medals. "You can't keep sticking only to shooting, wrestling, archery for medals," she had said. "You'll never pass the medal tally you aspire to if you don't look at new sports and infuse money into new sports."

Heavy-medal sports

Malhotra had a point. Athletics, swimming, cycling, gymnastics, wrestling, and canoeing, between them, account for 171 gold medals, 50 percent of the total medals on offer at the Olympics. The US, China, Russia and other top Olympic nations follow a strategy

to channel all their energy into these heavy-medal sports for a major chunk of their tallies. Of the six, India can only claim to be a serious player globally in wrestling.

In this context, the medals in track and field make one rub their hands in anticipation. Eldhose Paul's giant leap of 17.03m to win the triple jump gold could've seen him finish sixth at the Tokyo Games. If he adds half a metre to his personal best, he could well be among the medals at the World Championships or the Olympics.

The showman that he is, Tejaswin Shankar has already generated a buzz around him by declaring that he'll compete in decathlon at next year's Asian Games rather than the high jump, an event in which he won India's first-ever medal at the CWG. That will open another door for India's athletes.

And it isn't just at the CWG. At the under-20 World Championships, which ran parallelly in Cali, Colombia, the coming-of-age performances of the junior athletes have given a

glimpse into what the future might hold. The days when India's athletes turned up at major events to be embarrassingly poor seem to be a thing of the past.

Although it will remain as the overarching storyline, Birmingham 2022 wasn't just about India's track and field exploits.

The last 10 days were about a peerless Sharath Kamal continuing to pocket gold medals 16 years after winning his first; they were about a ragtag bunch of athletes – police constables, government officers and teachers – making the entire country sit up and take notice of a sport, lawn bowls, that was largely dismissed as a relic of the Commonwealth; they were also about some timely reassurances, like the one provided by the women's hockey team, whose bronze medal showed they remain on the right path since taking off at the Tokyo Olympics despite recent bumps.

Looking at the bigger picture, vis-à-vis the Olympics, it's these little gains that actually count. And from that point of view, the 61 medals may be five fewer than in 2018 but the 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze medals mark progression, rather than regression,

INDIA'S HAUL				
	G	S	B	Total
Men	13	9	13	35
Women	8	6	9	23
Mixed	1	1	1	3
MEDALS BY SPORT				
Sport	G	S	B	Total
Wrestling	6	1	5	12
Table tennis	4	1	2	7
Weightlifting	3	3	4	10
Boxing	3	1	3	7
Badminton	3	1	2	6
Athletics	1	4	3	8
Lawn Bowls	1	1	0	2
Para powerlifting	1	0	0	1
Judo	0	2	1	3
Hockey	0	1	1	2
Cricket	0	1	0	1
Squash	0	0	2	2
Total	22	16	23	61

INDIA WRAP

Hockey: Australia rip India to shreds

In one of its worst performances in recent times, the Indian men's hockey team suffered an embarrassing 0-7 drubbing at the hands of defending champions Australia to settle for a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games here on Monday. Australia blew away India with their whirlwind speed and relentless attacks, extending their dominance of the CWG stage. Since hockey's introduction at the Games in 1998, Australia has always stood on top of the podium. This is India's third defeat against Australia in a CWG final, having lost to them in the 2010 and the 2014 editions of the Games. The other time India suffered such a heavy defeat in CWG was in 2010 edition in New Delhi, where Australia hammered the hosts 8-0. The Indians looked rusty and clueless as they conceded too much space to the Australians in the mid-field, which allowed the Kookaburras to make inroads.

Boxing: Sagar bags silver on debut

Fast-rising Indian boxer Sagar Ahlawat concluded an impressive Commonwealth Games campaign by clinching the silver medal in the super-heavy (+92kg) division here. Competing in his maiden international event, Sagar lost the gold medal bout to home favourite Delicious Orie via a 5-0 unanimous decision late on Sunday. The 20-year-old, who surprised everyone with his powerful performance in the earlier bouts, was forced to defend in the opening round as Orie assumed the role of the aggressor.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ice baths for Lakshya, brother's rice & dal for Satwik, Lamb for Chirag, Nandos' grilled chicken, and manic ab workouts + Italian for Sindhu



EXPRESS IN BIRMINGHAM

SHIVANI NAIK  
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HEATH MATTHEWS, the man who patches up Lakshya Sen's body, after yet another of his bruising matches, ordered him to go sit in an icebath which is "10 degree flipping cold", for an additional 30 minutes, after his semifinal at the Commonwealth Games. "It really helps you revive," Sen starts explaining diligently, before wickedly adding, "but icebaths are a killer. I hate them. So they revive you if you survive them."

India's Commonwealth Games badminton bunch didn't run into chart-topping opponents this last dozen days. But playing daily - first the team, then the individual - for a total of 6 medals, including 3 gold, plus two bronze and the team silver, left the whole lot of them more knackered than usual, with coaches and physios working overtime to keep those coiling-uncoiling bodies in tiptop shape to last the campaign through the big R word - Recovery.

"You could see his Malaysian opponent today feeling the cumulative weight of his earlier matches in the second and third games. That extra long ice bath was worth it, though I know no athlete enjoys it," Matthews would explain. Sen had frayed and rushed and played a rubbish opening set, not allowing his nerves to settle. But as he started his trademark comebacks that hinge on defense, the conditioning qualities of both players began to show.

Contrast therapy demands putting the sore body - prepped to wear his opponents down-through alternate hot and cold water splashes. "You have to ensure you stay warm afterwards and don't catch a cold," Sen reminds. The back-room physio workman's personal tribute to English weather it may seem, but it's rough on athletes. "The first 5-7 minutes are painful. Then it makes you better," he says earnestly. "For someone so young, he's very mature and professional about these things. He diligently follows everything," Matthews said about the newly crowned CWG men's singles champion. There are dynamic workouts, light tissue



PV Sindhu savours her gold medal-winning moment. Lakshya Sen during his gruelling contest against Malaysia's Ng Tze Yong.



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rehab, beyond the stretching. His shirt flung into the crowd in celebration - the torso revealed some heavy-duty taping on his shoulder. Post the All England, Sen had trouble with his shoulder, which though currently alright, needs preventive taping, a meticulous process just so he doesn't break down from one of his snap-action reflex defenses or a smash. "You can't force an athlete to do this. He has to take responsibility on his own. Lakshya has done that," Matthews stresses.

The two days after the team silver and individual gold are eat-it-all days for shuttlers. "They are not robots. They need their downtime." For Sen that has been grilled chicken and potatoes at the famous chain Nando's.

Brother's Broth for Satwik

For Chirag Shetty, who felt the intensity of the crowd at the National Exhibition Centre, and the stadium as both encouraging and exhausting because the lights and heaving crowd take a lot out of you, it's been an Indian lamb preparation he's stuck to. "We were drained out by the quarterfinals, and then there was the gold to be won. It's quite draining," he says. Satwik, whose brother is accompanying

him and cooks for him daily, says the CWG medals have always squeezed a lot out of him. "I always get injured after the CWG, after playing in two events. But this time I felt ok." You suspect it's the familiar food for the big Beast, whose moods can wax and wane depending on how he felt about his dinner. The brother's broth sure kept the giant happy and content.

Tough time for Sindhu

Not one to ever be injured, PV Sindhu has an almighty scare after the quarters, where her Achilles heel flared up. Her shadow practice was so lumbered, coach Park Tae Sang had one right fright. "But we had to play the finals," he recalls. The Korean, who reckons Sindhu will win if she defends well, was worried that if Michelle Li's slow drops got going, and Sindhu's lunging leg came under pressure, CWG could turn into a nightmare.

Typically, stretching, rubbing, hydrotherapy - pool water walking - do the trick for the naturally gifted and recovering athlete, but her physio Evangeline wondered if Sindhu would mentally and emotionally cope after the niggle in the ankle against the tricky Malaysians who stretched her to three. Memories of the

Olympics match vs He Bing Jiao where soreness after her lost semifinal and the desired turnaround in the bronze playoff had given the team a big scare returned. But Sindhu would plod through on both times.

One of Sindhu's most outstanding traits is she's never missed a single day of abs workouts - crunches, side planks, V-ups. "I've never seen another woman athlete work so hard. She's not missed abs even one day," the physio says.

Genetically strong she may be, but the new CWG champ works hard to keep that advantage. She can polish off an entire biryani and work it all off with added hard work, or munch on a Samosa and hours later get onto the court and still win. "Her basic funda is to eat whatever but work harder in court," Evangeline says. Though she insists the athletes have tremendous control over her cheat day portions.

It's been eggs and bread at the CWG, though she digs a few favourite Italian haunts, she says, in the UK. "I'll relax and eat good food. That's my idea of chilling," she says after the "superb gold. Once more."

Fast music has been buzzing in her ears all week, and a local radio station will dedicate a

Vijay ditty to her on the morning show the day after (plus Arijit hits for Lakshya Sen), and a few Perry bulls and clothes are on the shopping list.

"She's dedicated as an athlete. But an even greater person. Like if she goes out for coffee, she'll casually ask if her staff wants coffee, and actually get coffee for us. She's a big star, she doesn't need to do that," says the physio from Sirbur Kagazhangar in Telangana.

The medals were won by the stars, but resounded through the genuine glee of the support staff who work longer hours, and whose work off-times starts after the glory-shots are clicked. India teens with shuttlers who've been patched back by Dr C Kiran, the travelling trainee. "I'd lost my father to Covid second wave, and then my mother was diagnosed with cancer right before the Olympics," Evangeline says, explaining how the physical struggles also have emotional offshoots.

"It was tough to travel then and leave my mum behind. But when the athlete wins a medal like today, it makes every sacrifice worth it," she says. A 57 stroke rally played by Sindhu-Michelle Li is testimony to Sindhu's continuing physical conditioning. She lost the rally, but never fell short at the forecourt lunge.

Sweet 16 at 40: After Melbourne 2006, Sharath triumphs in Birmingham

ANIL DIAS  
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CIRCA 2006. The then 24-year-old Achanta Sharath Kamal was playing his first Commonwealth Games men's singles final and he was up against home favourite, Australia's William Henzell. Having played Henzell and beaten him in 2004, Sharath knew Henzell's style of play and studied how to counter it. He was confident about securing his first gold medal at the quadrennial games.

But then Henzell completely changed his tactics. Known for his fast-paced game, Henzell played slow and close to the net. It meant that Sharath had to completely change his aggressive style of play too. Being a strong forehand player then, Sharath had to quickly adapt to Henzell's backhand top-spin shots and managed to take the high-octane best-of-seven match 4-3.

That's really been the story of Sharath's table tennis journey so far. 'So far', because even at 40, there's no sign of him stopping. One of the hallmarks of his game is that throughout his career – he adapts quickly to his opponent's playing

style and then beats them at their own game. Sixteen years after the Melbourne triumph, it has brought him his second Commonwealth men's singles gold, at the Birmingham Games.

Three games stand out at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. The first being his singles match in the semifinal of the men's team event against Nigeria's top player Aruna Quadri. In one of the best matches of the Games, Sharath, the current World No. 39, dished out a table tennis masterclass to Aruna. The Indian won the first game 11-9 before Aruna fought back brilliantly to win the second 11-7.

One could be forgiven for thinking the tide was turning in Aruna's favour but Sharath, unleashing some power-hitting, dominated Aruna 11-8 in the third before clinching a rather dramatic fourth game 15-13 to give India a 2-0 lead in the match.

The second was his men's singles semifinal against England's Paul Drinkhall. The Englishman matched Sharath's speed, meaning India's 10-time national champion had to be quicker than he usually is. Attacking Drinkhall's backhand with his thunderous forehand, Sharath managed to win the match 4-3 to reach the final.



Sharath Kamal, 40, beat England's Liam Pitchford 4-1 in the final.

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Then, of course, there was the men's singles final against Liam Pitchford of England on Monday. After losing the opening game to the World No. 20, Sharath decided to be overtly aggressive and it worked in his favour as he closed out the match 4-1 for his third gold in Birmingham.

Tactical and mental strength

Neha Aggarwal Sharma, who partnered Sharath at the 2008 Olympics, has seen him from close quarters, and more importantly, has seen how he's altered his game throughout his career to stay at the top. "We all know that Sharath is the best

Indian table tennis player but I don't think we actually know how good he is. We have good Indian players but really nobody can match Sharath's level because he's tactically and mentally very strong," she told *The Indian Express*.

Neha says it's his years of playing in the German Bundesliga that have helped him grow tremendously. "When you play in the World Table Tennis (WTT) events, you come across all kinds of players and all of them play at a very high level. And Sharath has played abroad for countless years, giving him that experience that nobody else has. I don't think there's any opponent or any style of play that he fears. He knows how to deal with anything that gets thrown at him," she said.

While he's dominated at the Commonwealth Games, his goal of an Olympic and Asian Games singles medal remains. He's had quite a few memorable matches though. The game against eventual winner Ma Long at the Tokyo Olympics will never be forgotten.

Sharath faced Long, who was defending the title he won in 2016, in the third round of the tournament. He snatched the second game away from the then World

No. 3 and took the third game to the tie-breaker before eventually losing the match in five games. Even taking a game out of Long was considered an achievement.

It's not that he's always been the technically strong player that he is. Neha says that before 2010 he wasn't very strong with his backhands. She says he gladly acknowledged his shortcomings and decided to work on them.

"He's always been a player with ferocious forehands. A foreign coach of his at the time asked him to work on his backhands. Sharath realised that to be a complete player and have that kind of longevity, he would have to become an all-round player. That's what he went about doing," she said. Despite being such an experienced player, Sharath is always curious to learn about the opponent, according to his brother Rajathi, who's part of the technical staff of the Indian team.

"There's nothing you can teach Sharath technique-wise. You just have to have discussions with him. The more we talk about a player's technique, the more strategies he develops in his head and is ready to execute them. The best part is that he doesn't mind trying new strategies," Rajathi said