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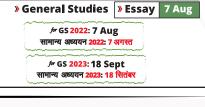
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I, Sudhir Kumar, S/o Late Sh Harikishan Singh, R/o A-37A. HIG-FLATS Green View Apartment, Sector-99, Noida U.P., have changed my name to Sudhir Chauhan for all future purposes & Intents.

0070803491-1

I. Sonu Kumar, S/o Rampal Singh, R/o Village- Attour Nangla, Ghaziabad, have changed my Son's name from Vaibhay to Vaibhay Sahlot for all future purposes.

0070803450-1

I, Shivam Chaudhary, S/o Ravindra Singh, R/o Flat No-014, Tower-K, Gulshan Ikebana, Sector-143, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306, have changed my name to Shivam choudhry for all future purposes.

0070803428-1

I, Saurabh Kumar Jain, S/o Nanak Chand Jain, R/o A-508. Prateek Laurel, Sector -120, Noida, G B Nagar, UP- 201301, have changed my name to Saurabh Jain.

0070803496-1

I, Rakesh Kumar S/o Shri Kishori Lal R/o House No.07 Anil Vihar, Near Shahil Public School, Khora Colony, Ghaziabad (U.P.)-201309.do hereby solemnly inform that in my son's school record my name is wrongly written as Rakesh instead of Rakesh Kumar, my wifecorrect name is Neetu instead of Nitu, my son's corect name is Piyush instead of Pivush Kumar.

0040631780-1

I, Rajendra Singh S/O Sh. Prem Singh R/O 9-D, Type-1, Staff Ouarters, GGSIP University, Sector-16C, Dwarka, Delhi-110078 declare that my correct name is Rajendra Singh as per my Aadhar Card but my name in Voter Card is Rajender Singh. Rajendra Singh and Rajender Singh both are same person for all the future

0040631729-1 I, RAJNI KAUR w/o PRADEEP

SINGH r/o WZ-14B, Gali No.-17, SANT GARH, TILAK NAGAR, New Delhi-110018 have changed my minor female child (having DOB-12/10/2007) name from KULDEEP KAUR to KUMKUM KAUR for all future purpose. 0040631722-1

I, Omprakash S/o Sh.Ramesh Chand, R/o-Plote. No-62, Pocket-8, Sector-21, Rohani, Sultanpuri C-Block North+West, Delhi-110086 have change my name Omparkash to Omprakash, for all future purposes

0040631744-1

I, Mubarak Hussain,F/o Zubia Adnan,R/o-C-48/25, St no. 14/5.chahuan banger.new seelampur.Delhi-110053.have changed my daughter name to Arisha Shireen, for all purpose 0040631804-3

I. Monu Kumar, S/o Rohtash Singhal, R/o Village Saini, Gautambudh Nagar, U.P., have changed my name to Monu Singhal for all future

0070803493-1 I. Mohammad Shamim

Khan, S/o Mohammad Yasin,R/o-H.No.6683, Gal No.4.Kothi Mem Wali.Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Mohd Shamim, for future.

0040631804-4

I. Mishi. D/o Panchsheel Shrotriya, R/o House No-109, Block-G, Sector-17, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012, have changed my name to Manasvi 0070803478-1

I, Md Mueen S/o Mohd Ismail R/o D-66, Dujana House, Matia Mahal, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Mohd Moin, for all

0040631737-1

I. Magdalina w/o Rev. Neethy Kumar r/o BE-281, Backside SF, Street-6, Hari Nagar, Delhi 110064 have changed my name to MAGDALINA AUGUSTINE.

0040631723-2 I, Parth Son of Arvind Kumar

Ojha Residence of 26 Punchkuiyan, Jhansi -284001 (UP) have changed my name to Parth Ojha for all purposes. 0040631804-7 I. Karaniit Singh S/o Late

S.Gurbax Singh R/o VE-6, First

Floor, Gali No.-2, Varinder Nagar, New Delhi-58, have changed my name to Karanjeet Singh Manchanda,

for all purposes. 0040631730-1 I, KM PRIYA TIWARI, W/o YASH RAI, R/o Flat No-1703, Tower-A3, Plot No-7, Golf City, Sector 75. Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301,

have changed my name to PRIYA TIWARI for all purposes.

0070802822-1

I, Jyoti Yadav, D/o Sanjay Yadav, R/o 1006/12, Ward No. 27, Near Hanuman Mandir, Thanesar,Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jyoti.

0070803432-1

I, Jitender S/o Kanahiya Lal R/o 240, Block-C, Khanpur, J.J. Colony, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Jitendra, for all future purposes.

0040631731-1

I, Jagdish Prasad Badrathwal, S/o Mukund Ram Barthwal, R/o A3-011. Tower No.8. Purvanchal Heights, Zeta-1, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Jagdish Prasad Barthwal for all future

0070803480-1

I. Ishu. S/o Vipin Kalra, R/o D-6/229, Sector-6, Rohini, Raja Puri Kalan, Rohini Sector-7, North West Delhi-110085, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ishaan

0070803431-1

I. Geeta Goel. D/o Amar Nath Goel, R/o 857 B, Second Floor, B Block, Ansala Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Cartarpuri Alias Daulatpur, Nasirabad 63, Gurgaon, Haryana-122017, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as

0070803419-1 L GHIZALA W/O MOHAMMAD SAGHIR R/O 4730 GALI RAZIA

110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GHAZALA. 0040631814-8 I, Farzana Parveen,W/o Mohd Shamim,R/o-H.No.6683,Gali No.4.Kothi Mem Wali.Bara

Hindu Rao, Delhi-110006, have

changed my name to

Farzana, for future.

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0040631804-5 I, Farhana Esa,W/o Mohammed Esa,R/o-9994, Gali Nal Wali.Nawab Gani.Azad Market, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Farhana, for future.

0040631804-6

I. Devki Devi W/o late Diwan Singh R/o A-53, Chander Vihar Mandawali, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Mohani Devi for all purposes.

0040631733-1

I. Deepanshi Goel/ Deepanshi Goval, W/o Ishaan Gupta, R/o-695/A, Bhogal Lane, Bhogal, New Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Deepanshi Gupta. 0070803453-1

I, Deepak Kumar Gahlot, S/o Bhojraj Kumar Gahlot, Residence 2A, Pocket-A1, Mayur Vihar Ph-3, Delhi-110096, my name wrongly mentioned in my Son Yaman Kumar Gahlot. But Correct name is Deepak Kumar Gahlot for all future purpose.

0070803501-1 L Deepak Kumar Gahlot, S/o Bhoirai Kumar Gahlot. Residence 2A, Pocket-A1, Mayur Vihar Ph-3, Delhi-110096, my name wrongly mentioned in my Son Lakshay Gahlot's School as Deep Kumar Gahlot, But Correct name is Deepak Kumar Gahlot

for all future purpose. 0070803508-1

I. Ahhishek Ahhishek S/o Late Mahendra Singh, R/o Flat No-36, 3rd Floor, Tower-12, Palm Olympia, GH-2, Greater Noida West, Sector-16C, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201308, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Abhishek Singh.

0070803430-1

I. Kamini Badrathwal, W/o Jagdish Prasad Barthwal, R/o A3-011, Tower No.8, Purvanchal Heights, 7eta-1. Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Kamini Barthwal for all future purposes.

0070803475-1

I, Abdhesh, S/o Ramanevaj, R/o- Paya Purva Khajuri, Lalgani, Pratapgarh. UP-230132, have changed my name to Abdhesh Yadav, for all purposes.

0040631802-1 I, Aasim Khan, S/o Yusuf Khan, R/o-34. Kakarala Khawaspur,

to Asim Khan.

Noida, have changed my name 0070803451-1

I hitherto known as MOHINDER SINGH JUNEJA alias MOHINDER S JUNEJA alias MOHINDER SINGH S/O JASWANT SINGH residing at 21/24-A, First Floor, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MOHINDER SINGH JUNEJA.

I Sonu/Sonu Wadhwa,S/O Ashok Kumar Wadhwa R/O,B-1/59/2, 1st-Floor Safderjung Enclave, Delhi-110029, have changed my name to Sonu Kumar Wadhwa.

0040631797-6

I,Radhika/Radhika Jaggi W/O Pranav Bahl, Resident, C-11/6A, Upper Ground Floor, Model Town-III, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Radhika Jaggi Bahl.

0040631795-5

I,Radha Rani W/O Sonu Kumar Wadhwa,R/O,B-1/59/2,1st Floor Safderjung Enclave, Delhi-110029 have changed my name to Radha Wadhwa.

0040631797-5

I,NISHA CHANDRA W/O UMESH CHANDRA R/O CB-4B,SHALIMAR BAGH,DELHI-110088.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NISHA VERMA FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040631811-2 I, Bimla Devi W/o,No,3172784A 65, HAV Rattan Singh R/o H.No Block -C, Street-4 Dinpur Extn. Najafgarh Delhi -43 have changed my name Vimla Devi Vide affidavit date 12/9/2022 before Delhi.

0040631796-7 I.Ashok Kumar S/O Lakhi Ram Wadhwa R/O.B-1/59/2.1st-Floor Safderjung Enclave, Delhi-110029, have changed my name to Ashok Kumar

0040631797-7

I,ANAND SINGH,S/O GOPAL SINGH RAWAT.R/o-NEW SHANTI-VIHAR,, CHIPYANA KHURD URF TIGRI, GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR, U.P-201009, changed my name to ANAND SINGH RAWAT.

0040631811-9

I.ANAD SINGH RAWAT S/o-KUNDAN SINGH RAWAT R/o-C-2/630 SHAKTI KHAND-3.INDIRAPURAM.GHAZIABAD.U P-201014, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANAND SINGH RAWAT, FOR ALL PURPOSE

0040631797-10 I Surinder Vasisht S/O Ram Pal

Name To Surender Vasisht 0040631823-7 I Rubina Vasisht W/O Surender Vasisht R/O Flat No K-1501 Antriksh Forest Sector 77

Noida Have Changed My Name

TO Rubeena Vasisht.

Vasisht R/O Flat No K-1501

Antriksh Forest Sector -77

Noida UP Have Changed My

0040631823-6

I, Vatsala Kathuria, residing at B-5/172/2nd Floor, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi - 29, have changed my name to Vatsala K

0050204393-1

I,Vimal Rani,W/O-Shri Anil Bansal R/O 88, Sansad Vihar.West Enclave. Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Vimal

0040631814-1

I.Viiav Agrawal W/o Sunil Agrawal R/o 1316, Sector-29, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Vijaya Agrawal for all purposes. 0040631727-1

I,Vicky S/o,Daleep Bhatt R/o,B-

my name to Vicky Bhatt.

VED PRAKASH.

108/2, Block-A to B, Kathputli-Colony, Pandav-Nagar, N.Delhi-110008, have change

0040631823-2 I,VED PARKASH S/O BALJEET SINGH R/O 308, PANA TIHAAI, MANGOLPUR KALAN.DELHI-110085.CHANGED MY NAME TO

0040631814-2

I.TRILOK KUMJAR.S/O INDRA KUMAR DUTTA,R/o C-603, AGGARWAL-HEIGHTS, RAJ NAGAR-EXTENSION. GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH 201017, changed my name to TRII OK KLIMAR

0040631811-7

I,Shyam Sunder Gangwani,S/o Karam Singh, R/o.B-68, (F.F), Ganesh-Nagar, New Delhi, have changed the name of my minor daughter Bhumika Gangwani to Bhumika.

0040631811-5

I,Sapna W/o-Saurabh Singh, Address-BA-55, west Shalimarbagh north west delhi-110088, Have changed my minor-Daughter name Suhani to Suhani Singh

0040631796-1

I,Sandeep Gaurav,S/o Yudhishtar Nath Sasan,R/o F-29/3/761-762, Ganesh Nagar-2, Street. No. 8, Shakarpur, Delhi-92, have changed my name to Sandeep Gaurav Sasan, for all purposes.

I,SUNITA RANI,W/O ASHOK KUMAR NARANG.ADD-5.KAILASH-APARTMENT 45 I.P.EXTN PATPARGANJ, SOCIETY DELHI-110092. changed my name to SUNITA NARANG, for all, future

0040631798-1

I.S.B.SHARMA S/O-HOTIL AL SHARMA H.NO.872, SECTOR 1,VASUNDHRA GHAZIABAD, UP-201012.CHANGED MY NAME S.B.SHARMA TO SHYAM BIHARI SHARMA, FOR ALL PURPOSE.

0040631797-11

I.Rimpv Shah W/o Guljeet Singh R/o Lincoln B-105, Grand Omaxe, Sector-93B, Noida(U.P) have changed my name from Rimpy to Rimpy Shah for all future purposes. 0040631727-2 I,Reshi Aggarwal W/O Kailash Agarwal Resident, N-16,

Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Reshi Agarwal. 0040631795-7 I,Rattandeep Kaur@Rattan Deep Bedi W/o-Barjit Singh Chopra, R/o-856, Pocket

Ground Floor, Dr. Mukherjee-

2, Paschim Puri, Delhi-63, have changed my name to Rattandeep Kaur Chopra

0040631796-2

I,Rajnesh W/o-Amarjeet Singh, P-63, Gali No.31, MD Road Gopal-Nagar, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043, Declare that Name of Mine has been Wrongly-Mentioned as Rainesh-Devi, aged-13-years in my Minor Son School-Records. My actual-Name is Rajnesh.

I,RAJIV KUMAR/RAJIV GARG/RAJEEV GARG S/O LAKSHMI CHAND R/O D-36, NEAR ARYA-SAMAJ MANDIR.VIKASPURI.DELHI-110018.CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJEEV KUMAR. 0040631811-1

I,RAJINDER/RAJENDER,S/O JAI SINGH R/O.HOUSE. NO.44, SHIV-MANDIR GALI, SHALIMAR VILLAGE, DELHI-110088, have changed my name to RANINDER SAINI.

0040631798-6

I,Priyanka Rani,W/O,Niraj Kumar R/O C-224 9 Ram Chander School Sadh-Nagai Palam-Colony,New Delhi-110045, Have Changed My-Minor Doughter-Name Yashica Swasti Alis Mahi Kumari To Yashica Swasti, for all purposes.

0040631795-9

I,Parveen Kumar/Praveen Kumar Aggarwal, S/O Suraj Bhan R/O,AD-8D, 3rd-Floor, Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Parveen Kumar

0040631797-1

I.Pardip Kumar S/o .No1563006P Ex HAV Late Bhimsan R/o M-176,Vikas Puri.Delhi-110014.have changed my,name to Pardeep Malik Vide affidavit date 12/9/2022.before.Delhi.

0040631796-8 I,Pardeep Kumar Malhotra S/o

Bahadur Chand Malhotra, R/o B-143/2 East Of Kailash Delhi. $have\, changed\, my\, name\, to$ Pardeep Malhotra. 0040631804-1 I,PADAM SINGH,S/O RANJEET

SINGH R/O.A-114/1,A-BLOCK

NORTH.VINOD

NAGAR.MANDAWALI

FAZALPUR,DELHI-110092,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PADAM SINGH BHANDARI.

0040631795-1 I,PADAM SINGH S/O RANJEET SINGH R/O.A-114/1,A-BLOCK NORTH-VINOD NAGAR, MANDAWALI-FAZALPUR.DELHI 110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO

PADAM SINGH BHANDARI.

0040631798-2

I,NALINAKUMARY M, mother of.RAJESH KS. presently, residing at,Kochuveedu,Thazam North, Chathannoor(PO), Kollam, Kerala-691572, have changed my name.from NALINAKUMARY M to NALINAKUMARY,vide affidavit, dated-12-Sep-2022, before Notary, New-Delhi.

Ahmed.R/o.Vill Pahadpur Teh.Hathen Malai-Palwal Haryan-121103, changed my

0040631798-9

0040631796-6 I,Mohammad Shoaib,S/o Jamaluddin, R/o-F-86-87, S/F.Front Side.Gali No.10, Jawahar Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have

Shuaib.

I,Mohd Sakir,S/o Khalil

name to Shakir Hussain.

change my name to Mohd 0040631811-10

I,Manmeet Singh Arora S/O Ravinder Singh R/O,6/11, Nehru Marg Kewal Park Azadpur, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Manmeet Singh.

0040631797-4 I,MONU,S/O SHRIPAL KASANA, HOUSE,NO.2. GALI.NO.10,TUKMIRPUR EXTENSION, KARAWAL-NAGAR, NORH-EAST DELHI, DELHI-

110094, changed my name to

MONU KASANA

0040631811-8

I.MOHIT S/O RAJINDER SAINI,R/O HOUSE.NO.44, SHIV MANDIR GALI, SHALIMAR VILLAGE.DELHI-110088.have changed my name to MOHIT

LMOHD FEROZE S/O SHAIKH

ZAMIRUDDIN R/O 2191,GALI NAI WALIPAHARIBHOJLA CHITLI QABAR, JAMA MASJID, DELHI-110006, HAVE TO CHANGE MY NAME TO MOHD FIROZ.

I,MANJUSA SINGH,W/O PREM CHAND PRASAD SINGH, R/o.A-73A, First-Floor, Block-A, Sector-34, Noida, Gautma Budh Nagar(UP)-201301, have changed my name to MANJUSHA SINGH, for all purposes.

0040631797-9 I,Lovely,D/o- Kaushal Kishore

Nagar Tundla Firozabad Uttar Pradesh-283204, Changed my name to Lovely Sharma. 0040631795-8 I.Kishan Goval S/O Sadhu Ram

Goyal R/O,F-22/150, Sector-3, VTC Rohini Delhi-110085, have $changed\,my\,name\,to\,Ram$ 0040631797-3 Kishan Goyal.

Mohd.Umar,R/o House.No.414 Gali.No.6.Raieev-Gandhi Nagar New-Mustafabad, N.Delhi-110094,changed my name to Khurshid Begum. 0040631796-5

I,Kesee w/o Shri Radhey Shyam

No.3.Tughlakabad Extension.

R/o TA-211, Gali

I,Khursheed Begum,W/o

New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Kesi Devi, permanently. 0040631795-4

I,Kailash Aggarwal S/O Mamraj Agarwal Resident.N-16, Ground Floor, Dr. Mukheriee Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Kailash Agarwal. 0040631795-6

IJasbir S/o-Om Prakash

R/o.H.No-264 Vpo-Rampur

Kundal, Teh-Kharkhoda, Sonipat, Haryana-131402, have changed my name to Jasbir Singh, for all purposes. 0040631804-2 I,IQBAL S/O ABDUL SATTAR R/O 1737 KATRA DHOBIYAN SUIWALAN DARYA GANJ NEW DELHI-110002, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD IQBAL.

0040631814-9 I,INDRA KUMAR JUT,S/O NAWAL

DUTTA,R/o.WARD.NO.11, SATGHARA RAJNAGAR, RAJNAGAR, MADHUBANI,BIHAR-847235, changed my name to INDRA KUMAR DUTTA.

I,IKBAL S/O KASAN ALL RESIDENT VILLAGE-MIMARPUR GARHI,PO-JAINPUR, DISTT-SONIPAT,

HARYANA HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO IOBAL.

0040631795-2

0040631811-6

I,Harjeevan Singh,S/o Sh.Deen Dayal Singh, R/o.H.No-74B.Defence-Enclave-2.Mohan Garden,New-Delhi-110059, Have Changed my Name, From Hari Singh To Harjeevan Singh, For all, Future Purposes.

0040631814-5

I,Ginny Sachdeva, D/o. Vikram Sachdeva, R/o. A-37, Duggal-Colony,Khanpur,New Delh 110062,have changed myminor son's name.from Ruhaan Wahi to Ruhaan Sachdeva,permanently 0040631814-6

I.Geeta Rani W/O Surender

Nagar, Shakur Basti, Delhi

Singh,R/O WZ-55C,Sri

Wadhwa.

Changed Name To Geeta 0040631797-8

I,EHTESHAM UL HAQ,S/O-MOHAMMAD ANSAR R/O-C-1/56 DLF ANKUR-VIHAR LONI DEHAT, LONI GHAZIABAD, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO EHTESHAM ULHAQ, FOR ALL PURPOSE.

0040631798-8 I,Danpati W/o, No,13678335F,

Pansali, Prahladpur Banger, Delhi -42, have changed my, name to Dhanpati Vide affidavit date 12/9/2022.before.Delhi. 0040631796-9 I,Babu Lal,Son of,Sh.Brij Lal, Resident of, SMO. No. 219/3, Air-Force Station.

Late Jai Narain HAV R/o A-

176, Gali. No -2, Deep Vihar

Arjangarh, New Delhi-

110047, have changed my-

Minor Son name Abhinav

Kumar Gautam to Abhinav Kumar, for all, future Purposes.

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0040631795-3 I,BHARTI D/O RAJINDER SAINI.R/O HOUSE.NO.44, SHIV-MANDIR GALI, SHALIMAR VILLAGE, DELHI-110088, have changed my name to BHARTI SAINI.

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SOFI AHSAN NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE DELHI High Court on Monday said St Stephen's College cannot conduct interviews for admission of undergraduate students belonging to "non-minority category" and directed it to admit such candidates only on the basis of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) results.

The court said the college must withdraw its admission prospectus in accordance with Delhi University's (DU) instructions and issue a public notice declaring the amended pro-

"While the petitioner-college retains its authority to conduct interviews in addition to the CUET for the admission of students belonging to the minority community, it cannot devise a policy that forces the non-minority community to undergo an interview as well," said the division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad.

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Court allows hearing of Hindu plea for right to pray in Gyanvapi mosque

Sept 22 is next date of hearing. advocate for mosque says will challenge in HC

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UNDERLINING THAT Hindu groups are not barred by the 1991 Places of Worship Act, the Varanasi District Court Monday said that the suits seeking the right to worship inside the Gyanvapi mosque are maintainable.

"Therefore, according to the plaintiffs, even after 15th August, 1947 they were worshipping Maa Sringar Gauri, Lord Ganesh and Lord Hanuman daily up to CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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EVEN AS a Constitutional challenge to the law is pending before the Supreme Court, the interpretation of the Places of Worship Act, 1991, both in the



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BUCKING THE downtrend of three months, retail inflation rose to 7 per cent in August, marking the eight consecutive month above the upper threshold of the Reserve Bank of India's target of 4 + / - 2 per cent, and almost three years (35 months) of staying above 4 per cent, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO)

The inflation rate picked up on the back of a rise in food prices, especially of fruits, vegetables, spices, cereals, wheat, milk and prepared meals, with a higher pace recorded for rural areas than urban areas.

In a separately released dataset by NSO, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) moderated to a four-month low of 2.4 per cent in July as against a growth of 11.5 per cent a year ago, with tepid growth in **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



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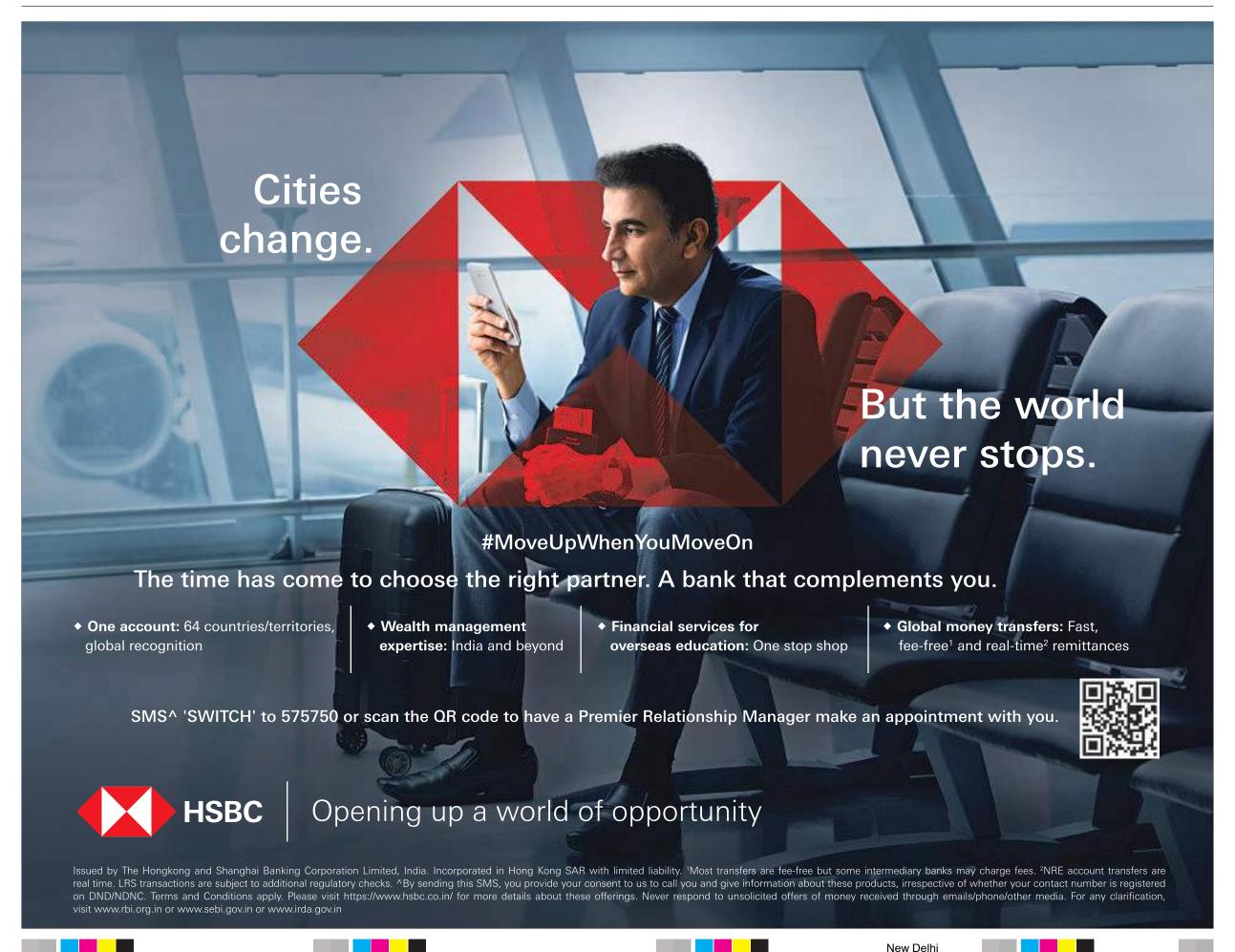
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No interview, non-minorities³ admission on **CUET basis: HC** to St Stephen's

have been at loggerheads over the minority institution's refusal to do away with interviews for admission to its general seats. The college announced in April that it would give 85 per cent weightage to the CUET score and 15 per cent to the interview. The court directed the college to follow the admission policies for 2022-2023 as formulated by DU.

The court said CUET was implemented because of the varying standards of evaluation and teaching across different state boards. "CUET was meant to be a method to standardise and uniformalise the process of evaluation by providing all applicants a level playground for proving their merit," it said.

The court also observed that conduct of an interview, over and above the CUET, has the potential of introducing subjectivity and bias into the admission process. However, it rejected a contention of the counsel representing the University Grants Commission (UGC) that the college must use CUET scores even for admission to seats reserved for the minority community.

Such restrictions would take away the very important right of the minority institutions to administer the said institution. It is for the institution to decide as to what would be best for the minority community and for that purpose conducting an interview, which has been held to be free and transparent by the apex court," said the bench.

The court said the funda mental right under Article 30(1) of the Constitution accorded to

a minority institution cannot be extended to non-minority members and the state has the right to formulate regulation concerning administration of minority institutions to the extent that it is for the furtherance of the interest of the minority community and to prevent maladministration.

"Aided minority educational institutions that are affiliated with the university must follow the norms and procedure of the said university," said the court.

The court, however, added that the protection under Article 30(1) can be extended to the extent that it allows a minority institution to sub-classify the reservation accorded to the minority community.

"Consequently, the communication dated 09.05.2022 issued by Respondent No.1 (DU) is liable to be set aside to the extent that it mandates a single merit list for admission of candidates belonging to the Christian community regardless of any denominations/ subsects/sub-categories within the Christian community," it said.

The court passed its order on two separate petitions.

A DU law student, Konika Poddar, had challenged the college's decision to continue with the interview process for undergraduate seats. The PIL, filed through advocate Akash Vajpai, said it was "on behalf of the hundreds of students who want to take admission in the unreserved seats" of St Stephen's but don't want to appear for the interview as it "is against the admission policy" of DU, and also against the mandate of its academic and executive council.

St Stephen's had filed a separate petition against DU's communication directing it to withdraw the admission prospectus and to admit general category students based on only the CUET

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score. The college had also challenged DU's directive asking it to issue a single merit list for admission of candidates belonging to the Christian community.

Food prices fuel retail inflation to 7%; IIP at 4-month low

manufacturing, mining and electricity. The industrial output contracted from the previous month by 2.75 per cent.

Food inflation, as measured by combined food price index, rose to 7.62 per cent in August from 6.69 per cent a month ago and 3.11 per cent a year ago.

Inflation in rural areas stood at 7.15 per cent in August, higher than the inflation in urban areas at 6.72 per cent, with food inflation at 7.6 per cent and 7.55 per cent, respectively. Cereals inflation rose to 9.57 per cent in August from 6.90 per cent last month, while vegetables inflation increased to 13.23 per cent from 10.90 per cent. Spices also recorded a double-digit inflation at 14.90 per cent in August, up from 12.89 per cent last month.

"Wheat inflation is in double digits due to the unexpected heat wave, which pulled down the wheat output this year. Now, lower areas sown under paddy due to the shortfall in monsoon rainfall in the gangetic plain and neighbouring states is expected to reduce the paddy output. This points towards inflation in cereals remaining at elevated levels," Sunil Kumar Sinha, Principal Economist, India Ratings and Research, said.

"Also higher cereals inflation in rural areas compared to urban areas since June 2021 is having an adverse impact on rural demand at a time when nominal rural wage growth is lower than rural inflation. This implies squeezing of rural household purchasing power, which is getting reflected in the subdued growth in the consumer nondurables segment. The output in this segment declined by 2 per cent in July 2022," Sinha said.

Among states, the highest inflation rate in August was recorded by West Bengal (8.94 per cent), Gujarat (8.22 per cent) and Telangana (8.11 per cent).

The Finance Ministry said after the data release that the rise in inflation is "attributable both to an adverse base effect and an increase in food and fuel prices". It said that core inflation — headline inflation excluding food and fuel — was at 5.9 per cent in August, remaining "below the tolerance limit of 6 per cent" for the fourth consecutive month.

Varanasi court allows hearing of Hindu plea for right to pray inside Gyanvapi mosque

is proved then the suit is not barred by Section 4 of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991," the order stated.

The court was hearing civil suits filed by four Hindu women seeking the right to worship the deity, Maa Shringar Gauri, within the Gyanvapi mosque complex. In a 26-page order, District Judge AK Vishvesha dismissed the challenge to the civil suits by Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee.

Mirajuddin Advocate Siddique, appearing for the mosque told The Indian Express that the order will be challenged before the Allahabad High Court.

The Places of Worship Act bars conversion of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on the 15th day of August, 1947. The mosque had argued that the 1991 law bars the civil suit seeking a right to worship in the mosque premises. The Hindu side argued that until 1993, regular worship of Maa Shringar Gauri was allowed in the "back side of Gyanvapi in Ishan Kon." Since 1993, they said, the district administration of Varanasi restricted the entry to only once a year.

"In Para 43 of the plaint, it has been mentioned that devotees of Lord Shiva were performing daily pooja and worship of Maa Sringar Gauri and other deities within old temple continuously till 1990 when during Ayodhya movement the Government of Uttar Pradesh to appease Muslims put restriction in daily pooja and since 1993 the State Administration working under the oral orders of the State Government are allowing the devotees to perform pooja only on 4th (Fourth) day of Vasantik Navratra in Chaitra," the order

The dismissal of the challenge to the maintainability means that the case will now have to be heard on merit in detail. The petitioners will have to lead evidence to establish the status of the Gyanvapi mosque as it existed on August

"At this stage, the averments made in the plaint are to be seen and plaintiffs will have right to prove their averments by cogent evidence," the order stated.

Citing the Supreme Court's 2019 verdict in the Ayodhya case, the Varanasi court said

that Hindu deity's existence cannot be extinguished by destruction of the idols. "The destruction of the idol does not result in the termination of the pious purpose and consequently the endowment. Even where the idol is destroyed or the presence of the idol is intermittent or entirely absent, the legal personality created by the endowment continues to subsist," the Varanasi Court quoted from the SC ruling. The mosque had also ar-

gued that the civil suits by the Hindu side are barred since the board of trustees under the Shri Kashi Vishwanath Act, 1983, had never claimed possession or "taken any step for proper Darshan, Pooja and performance of rituals" within the mosque premises. Refusing to go into the question at this stage, the court noted that the Hindu petitioners had moved the court since the Board of Trustees "has failed to perform its duties" under the law.

The court also refused to accept the argument from the Muslim side that the Gyanvapi mosque is registered as Wakf No. 100 in the Varanasi gazette on the grounds that the gazette notification is merely a revenue record and "does not create title.'

of defendant no.4 (the mosque) does not hold much water because the plaintiffs are claiming only right to worship at the disputed property. They want to worship Maa Sringar Gauri and other visible and invisible deities with the contention that they worshipped there till the year 1993 and the plaintiffs are not claiming ownership over the disputed property. They have also not filed the suit for declaration that the disputed property is a temple," the order stated.

On May 20, underlining the "complexity of the issues involved in the civil suit", the Supreme Court had transferred the case that was pending before a Civil Judge (Senior Division) to the District Judge. The media was not allowed to witness the proceedings. The civil judge had allowed a survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex where a shivling was said to be found.

The Anjuman Intezamia moved the SC challenging the survey. In July, a three-judge bench, comprising Justices DY Chandrachud, Surya Kant and PS Narasimha, had said it would wait for the District Court's decision before inter-

which we will not hazard an

opinion in our order at all,'

Justice D Y Chandrachud had

has been challenged in four

separate petitions before the

Supreme Court. On September

9, a bench headed by CJI UU

Lalit indicated that the chal-

lenge could be referred to a

larger Constitution bench and

The Places of Worship Act

month ago.

growth of 30.3 per cent a year ago and 29.1 per cent a month ago. Consumer durables output grew 2.4 per cent, while nondurables contracted 2.0 per cent The IIP growth plunged to a four month low of 2.4 per cent

flation rate and hence, likely to

result in more rate hikes by the

print to rise slightly to 7.1 per

cent in September 2022, imply-

ing a marginal undershooting in

Q2 FY2023 vis-à-vis the MPC's

projection of 7.1 per cent for the

quarter," Aditi Nayar, Chief

dershooting in the GDP growth

relative to the MPC's projections

for Q1 FY2023, and the expecta-

tion of a slightly lower-than-pro-

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will stick to the new normal rate

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2022 meeting, with the headline

inflation having reversed to 7

per cent in August 2022," Nayar

leased by the NSO, manufactur-

ing sector output, which ac-

counts for more than three-fourth of the total weight

of the IIP, rose 3.2 per cent in July

as against 10.5 per cent growth a

year ago and 13 per cent a

Mining sector output con-

tracted 3.3 per cent in July, while

electricity output grew at 2.3 per

cent. Capital goods output grew

5.8 per cent in July as against a

In the factory output data re-

'Notwithstanding the un-

Economist, ICRA said.

"We expect the CPI inflation

in July 2022, trailing our expectation of 4 per cent, an unfortunate but expected fallout of the base normalisation, heavy rainfall in some areas, and the shift in discretionary consumption to contact-intensive services. The sharp YoY contraction in mining output in July 2022 was a surprise, given the double-digit growth in coal output, and is likely to have been led by the excess rainfall seen during the month. Industrial output was only 2.1 per cent higher than pre-Covid levels of July 2019, with the consumer durables and non-durables segment lagging their pre-Covid levels by 6.8 per cent and 2.5 per cent, respectively," Nayar said.

Scales tilt in favour of claimant seeking change

either of the parties. The plaintiffs have laid foundation to establish that the religious character of the property in dispute was of Hindu temple and deities were being worshipped within the property in dispute. The plaintiffs have further submitted that no building can be constructed as Mosque over the property of Hindu deity or after demolishing a temple," the Varanasi District Court said Monday.

"Despite erratic monsoons and

negative seasonality in veg-

etable prices, food inflation in

August is still lower than the

April peak of the current year.

With global inflation pressures,

inflationary expectations re-

main anchored in India with sta-

ble core inflation...Government

has prohibited exports of food

In May, the Mathura District stage. Once the plea is acnot necessarily fall foul of the gious character is a matter of Court also allowed civil suits cepted, only then petitioners provisions of Sections 3 and 4 Eidgah, holding that the determination of whether the Places of Worship Act will apply can be made at a later stage when evidence is presented. Barring Ayodhya, the Act freezes the character of places of worship as of August 15, 1947.

In a civil suit, averments made by the petitioners are to be prima facie accepted. The Code of Civil Procedure bars a strict scrutiny of the claims made in a plaint at the initial

products like wheat flour/atta,

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supplies steady and curb rise in

prices. The impact of these

measures is expected to be felt

more significantly in the coming

RBI is one month short of over-

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With this inflation print, the

weeks and months," it said.

evidence which can be laid by challenging the title of the Shahi are called upon to bring evi- (of the Act)... These are matters dence to the table. In allowing civil suits, Varanasi and Mathura courts

could open floodgates for such claims in other places. In May, the Supreme Court, while hearing a plea related to the Gyanvapi issue, too had observed that "finding the nature

of the religious place" is not barred under the 1991 law. "But the ascertainment of a religious character of a place, as a processual instrument, may

secutive quarters. The RBI is

planning to hold a special meet-

ing of the Monetary Policy

Committee in October after the

next inflation print comes on

October 12. As per the mandate

of the monetary policy frame-

work, if the average inflation rate

breaches the 2-6 per cent target

for three consecutive quarters,

directed the government to respond within two weeks. the central bank will have to explain the reasons for the breach in the inflation target to the

Government. Going ahead, cereals inflation, weakness in currency, elevated global commodity prices, pick-up in services demand and revision of natural gas prices are expected to weigh on retail in-

While supply disruptions are slowly easing, the weakening global growth outlook could weigh on India's export orders, impacting industrial output over the coming months, Rahul Bajoria, Chief India Economist, Barclays, said. A strong recovery in domestic demand will remain a key source of support for India's industrial output in the coming months, he said.

Court in Lucknow issues order to release journalist Siddique Kappan from jail

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 12

A COURT in Lucknow on Monday issued the release order of journalist Siddique Kappan, who was lodged in jail after his arrest in October 2020 while he was on his way to Hathras in Uttar Pradesh, where a Dalit woman had died after allegedly being raped.

Kappan, a journalist from Kerala, was recently granted bail by the Supreme Court.

He was booked under various sections of the IPC, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the IT Act.

Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Anurodh Mishra directed Kappan to furnish two sureties of Rs 1 lakh each and a personal

bond of the same amount. The judge also sought an un-



Siddique Kappan

dertaking from the journalist that he would not breach the conditions imposed on him by the apex court.

Kappan along with three others — Athikur Rehman, Alam and Masood — were arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Police on October

The Dalit woman had died at a Delhi hospital a fortnight after she was allegedly gang-raped on September 14, 2020. She was cremated in the middle of the night in her village.

Three held for 'killing' farmer opposing illegal quarries in TN

Chennai: A private quarry owner and two associates were arrested in Tamil Nadu's Karur for the alleged murder of a farmer who opposed the illegal stone quarries in the region. R Jagannathan, a farmer who was also a known local activist against illegal quarries, died Saturday after being run over by a van owned by a quarry owner.

S Selvakumar (39), the owner of a private stone quarry and crusher unit, van driver K Sakthivel (24) and one Ranjith Kumar (44) were arrested under Section 302 (murder) of the IPC.

The DSP's office said the van owned by the Annai Stone Quarry had knocked Jagannathan down when he was riding a twowheeler. Jaganathan had faced a murder attempt three years ago from the same people who allegedly killed him.

KCR: Modi govt out to loot farmers, grab their land

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 12

TELANGANA CHIEF Minister K Chandrashekar Rao went all out against the Centre while speaking in the Assembly Monday.

Opposing the Centre's power reforms and the directive to install smart meters at agricultural pumps, he said the BJP-led government and their local leaders were misleading people by saying that those were good power re-

"In reality, the Narendra Modi government just wants to loot farmers, grab their land and give to private entrepreneurs," he said.

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) will pass a resolution in the Assembly Tuesday against the Centre's power reforms. A second resolution will be passed appealing to the Centre to name the new Parliament build-

The CM also raised the issue of the Centre asking the state government to dispose of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC).

'I have received several letters from the Centre asking to sell the TSRTC. It even offered Rs 1,000 crore as incentive. The BIP wants to hand over power and farm sectors to a handful of industrialists. The Centre is selling all properties and now wants the state to follow in its footsteps," he said.

"Due to the Centre's arrogant and unethical tactics that are an assault on democracy, I feel that the BJP government has just 20 more months left. BJP has never won 50% vote share and they are running the Centre on just 36 per cent votes. The BJP rule is temporary. Many, including Hitler and Mussolini, have lost power. When power makes you arrogant and you behave as you like, time brings you down," he said.

India calls for full implementation of Sri Lanka Constitutional Amendment

Geneva: Voicing concern over the lack of "measurable progress" by Sri Lanka on its commitments of a political solution to the ethnic issue. India on Monday called for "immediate and credible action" for the full implementation of the 13th Amendment and holding of Provincial Council elections at the earliest in the crisishit island nation.

During an Interactive Dialogue on the report of OHCHR, an Indian representative noted with concern the lack of "measurable progress" by the Sri Lankan government on their commitments of a political solution to the ethnic issue - through full implementation of the 13th Amendment of the Constitution, delegation of powers to Provincial Councils and holding of Provincial Council elections at the earliest.

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'It took me time to open the gate', says guard slapped at Noida society



Grab from CCTV footage

MALAVIKA PRASAD NOIDA, SEPTEMBER 12

TWO DAYS after a woman was arrested for slapping a security guard at a residential apartment complex in Noida - the incident was caught on camera the guard told The Indian Express he was not at fault and an issue with the gate aggravated the woman. The incident took place on Saturday morning following which the woman was arrested and released on bail by Noida police.

The complainant, Sachin Rana, a resident of Pilakhuwa in Hapur district, has been working as a security guard at Cleo County in Sector 121 for the past two years. "The incident took place on Saturday morning. The RFID tag on the woman's car was not working properly — it is a tag which allows the gate to open automatically. On Saturday, when her car approached the gate, it did not open on its own. It took me some time to open the gate manually. After she crossed the gate, she stepped out and slapped me without saying anything. There were other guards around me and my seniors also reached the gate shortly, following which I called up 112 and reported the incident to police. They took note of the incident,'

According to police, the woman, Sutapa Das, a college professor, was allegedly upset that the guard was not "quick enough" in opening the gate. In the CCTV footage, she is purportedly seen walking towards a group of three security guards and slapping one of them. A non-cognizable report was registered under Section 151 (arrest to prevent the commission of cognizable offences) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, following which she was arrested and later released on bail, said Saad Miyan Khan, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Central Noida.

An associate of the woman. who teaches at a Delhi University college, meanwhile claimed: "As she approached the society gate, she saw that the boom bar was not working properly. She kept honking to draw the guards' attention, but nobody seemed to notice. She was in the vehicle with her child."

Jindal university student found dead outside campus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 12

SONEPAT POLICE have initiated inquest proceedings after a second-year BBA (Hons) student of OP Jindal Global University was found dead outside the campus on an under construction road on Sunday evening.

Police identified the student as Sanskaar Chaturvedi (19), a resident of Vadodara in Gujarat. They said his sister teaches at the university.

Vipin Kadian, Deputy Superintendent of Police in Sonepat's Rai village, said: "The student had gone to visit his sister in Delhi. His body was found outside the university Sunday. We have initiated inquest proceedings under CrPC section 174. The cause of death will be known after the post-mortem report is received. The family has filed a complaint and a probe has been initiated.'

"... as per established guidelines, JGU has a zero tolerance policy towards any form of ragging with very robust and protective processes in place for all students in case of any

such incident," said the

varsity spokesperson

The student's cousin, meanwhile, told the media, "My cousin was studying in second year. Yesterday, we got information that he died under mysterious circumstances. We do not know the cause of death. Apparently usko... kaafi college se stress tha aur kuch usko ragging ki complaint (pauses) ya wo saari

problems face kar raha tha wo." "We request authorities to lice," he said.

Police said the body was handed over to the family after a post-mortem. Devender Kumar, SHO, Rai police station, said, "The student was rushed to a hospital, where he was declared dead. A probe has been initiated. The family has filed a complaint alleging some students had been ragging the victim. As per doctors, the victim had minor bruises on his head..."

A spokesperson of the university said, "OP Jindal Global University is saddened to share the news of the untimely demise of Mr Sanskaar Chaturvedi, student of BBA (Hons), Class of 2024 outside the campus."

On allegations levelled by the family, the spokesperson said, "... as per established guidelines, JGU has a zero tolerance policy towards any form of ragging with very robust and protective processes in place for all students in case of any such incident.'

Court convicts 2 AAP MLAs for being part of mob that attacked policemen in 2015

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

OBSERVING THAT they wanted to teach police officers a lesson, a Delhi court has convicted AAP MLAs Akhilesh Pati Tripathi and Sanjeev Jha after they were found guilty of being part of a mob which attacked policemen at Burari police station in 2015.

As per the prosecution's case, on February 20, 2015, the MLAs were part of a mob which assaulted several policemen of

Burari police station over allegations that they did not take action in a kidnapping case. Police alleged the members of the mob demanded that the accused persons in the case be handed over to them so they may take action. After their request was denied, the mob assaulted policemen on duty.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vaibhav Mehta convicted Model Town MLA Tripathi, Burari MLA Jha and other accused persons after concluding that they sloganeered and instigated a mob that had

attacked personnel, on September 7. The judgment was made available recently.

The court perused testimonies of prosecution witnesses and said their testimony was consistent to show that the two MLAs were "not only active participants but were in fact leading the crowd and... provoking them". It said they "shared the common object of unlawful assembly which was to teach police officials a lesson and to overawe the police by force/ show of force".

The defence counsel had ar-

gued that the accused persons were mere bystanders or were peacefully protesting. The MLAs' lawyers argued that they were not provoking the crowd but had gone to defuse the situation.

The AAP leaders had produced 14 defence witnesses to show they left the police station before the violence. However, the court said there were "some discrepancies in the testimonies

The court will hear the case on quantum of sentence on

of the defence witnesses".



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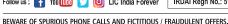




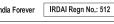








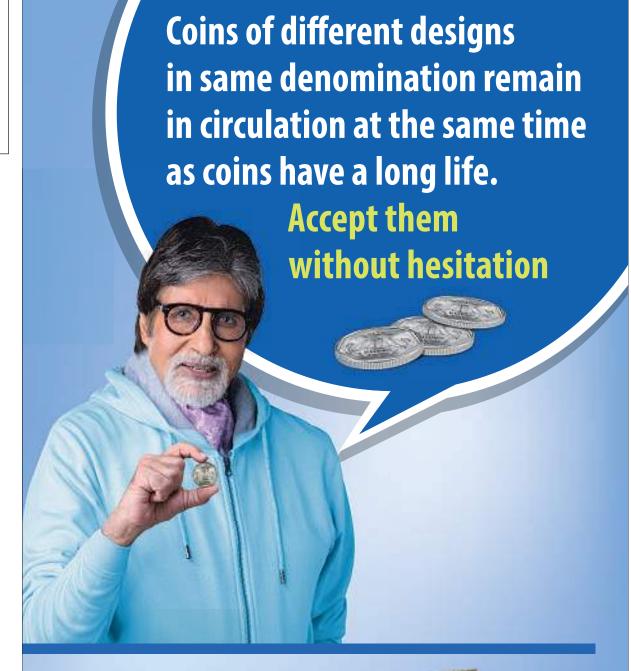




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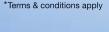






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THREE-PHASE UNDERGRAD ADMISSION PROCESS

DU opens portal for aspirants under CUET

SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

DELHI UNIVERSITY'S new threephase undergraduate admission process, based on Common University Entrance Test (CUET) scores, kicked off Monday with the launch of the Common Seat Allocation System portal where the process will be carried out.

Candidates who have appeared in CUET and want to study at DU will have to register on the portal, which is now live. This is the first time DU will be following this system, after having done away with its cut-off system for UG admissions and adopting the CUET this year.

In the first phase, candidates will have to submit their personal details and class XII marks in all subjects. They will also have to upload their documents and indicate if they want to apply for admissions through Sports or ECA quota. They will also have to pay their registration fees - Rs 250 for unreserved. OBC and EWS candidates and Rs 100 for SC, ST and PWD candidates. There will be an additional Rs 100 for applying through the ECA or sports quota.

The second phase, which will begin after declaration of CUET results, is critical. Here, candidates may select any number of programmes and BA programme combinations in which they wish to take admission, and will have to confirm their programme-specific CUET scores in the selected programmes. In the next step, they will have to fill any number of programme plus college preferences in order for their selected programmes.

The third phase will be based on the programme plus college preferences listed by candidates. A programme group merit list THE PROCESS

PHASE 1: Applying through CSAS 2022 **Application Form** (Commenced Sep 12) PHASE 2: Selection of

programmes and filling of

college-course preferences (will commence after declaration of CUET

PHASE 3: Seat allocation and admissions

HOW ALLOCATIONS WILL BE DONE

A. Order of preference of programme + college combination selected by candidate in application form

- **B.** Position of candidate in the centralised programme-specific merit list prepared by university

C. Category of candidate D. Availability of seats

will be created centrally by the university on the basis of which, along with candidates' categories and availability of seats, candidates will be allotted their highest possible preference.

Candidates will have to accept their allocated seat within a stipulated time period. If a candidate does not accept or act on the offer, they will be removed from the allocation process and will not be able to participate in subsequent rounds of allocation. After a student accepts, the college will either approve or reject admission based on scrutiny of their eligibility and documents. If approved, the candidates will move forward to pay their admission fees to confirm the admission. This will close the first round of allocations.

To wind up the process soon. DU will allot more candidates than sanctioned seats in round 1: 20% extra allocations for each programme in each college will be done for unreserved, OBC and EWS categories and 30% extra allocations for SC, ST, PWD cate-

After this, candidates will be given the option to 'upgrade' to try for allocation for a higher submitted programme-college combination. If they are happy with their allocation, they may opt for the 'freeze' option. In the next round of allocation, candidates who choose 'upgrade' will be allotted a higher preferred combination if seats are available. Those who choose 'freeze' will not be allowed to 'upgrade' later. There are likely to be multiple rounds of such allocations.

For candidates who might fail to register on the portal within the stipulated time, the university will open up a 'mid-entry window', mostly after the second round of allocations, with a Rs 1,000 registration fee. Dean, Admissions, Haneet Gandhi, said candidates are discouraged from relying on this as they'll be considered for allocation only after all candidates who had applied earlier and have merit scores higher than the lowest declared score are allocated.

Potential 6 lakh aspirants, 5k course-college combinations: University has its task cut out

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

67 COLLEGES, 79 undergraduate programmes, 206 different BA programme combinations, around 5,000 possible programme-college combinations and potentially 6.14 lakh aspirants — the Common Seat Allocation System for CUET admissions will be no small task for Delhi University.

Because of the novelty of the process, while the university opened registrations on Monday, it has not issued a definite timeline or date list for the rest of the process. Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh said the aim is to start the academic year for newly admitted students on November 1, which is a tight deadline given the many steps and processes ahead in the admission process.

"We will start classes on November 1. We have a mandate of conducting 90 days of teaching in each semester and exams will be conducted after that. The semester is delayed because of multiple reasons, not just the CUET. There is also an impact of Covid. We will try to rectify this over the course of the year. We will do away with vacations, including summer vacations. We will try to make up in a year," said Singh.

The university has not notified a last date for registering to



DU V-C Yogesh Singh said the aim is to start the academic year for newly admitted students on November 1. Prayeen Khanna

the CSAS portal or a date for the commencement of the first round of allocations, but the V-C has stated that candidates will be given around three weeks to register and the first round of allocations is likely to begin by October 10.

While students will now begin registering for DU, 6,14,000 candidates had indicated DU as a preference while filling the National Testing Agency's form to register for the CUET.

University officials have encouraged candidates to fill in a "maximum number of collegeprogramme" combinations to maximise their chances of being allotted a seat. With the large number of colleges and programmes combinations available, students could potentially choose thousands of different preferences. With the option for admitted students to choose to



cluded through the CSAS process, if there are still some vacant seats, the university will conduct spot admission rounds if required. Candidates who were not admitted to any college through CSAS process can participate in this. For every spot admission round, the university will display vacant seats of each programme and a candidate will be able to select only one programme. Allocations will be done based on availability, programmespecific merit, order of preference of college and category of the candidate.

After admissions are con-

'upgrade' their allocated seats to a higher preferred course-college combination, V-C Singh said that the university is likely to conduct at least three rounds of allocation and will conduct more if required.

This year, the university will also conduct physical trials for sports and ECA admissions. There is no definite set of dates for this either, but the trials will be conducted after the third round of allocations

MNC employee killed in hit-and-run on Golf Course Road

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 12

A 29-YEAR-OLD associate consultant with a leading accounting MNC in Gurgaon was killed after his motorcycle was allegedly hit by a car on Golf Course Road (GCR) late Friday night. Police said the accused car driver is vet to be arrested.

Police identified the victim as Ananyo Bandyopadhyay, who hailed from Sonari, Jamshedpur in Jharkhand, According to police, the incident took place around 1 am at the entry of the underpass near Sector 27/42 Chowk opposite Global Foyer Mall when the victim was returning to his house in Delhi after work.

"Prima facie, it appears a Swift car rammed into the motorcycle at high speed. The crime scene suggests that the front left portion of the car hit the motorcycle. The accused driver abandoned the car and fled. On a complaint by the victim's father, we have lodged an FIR against the car driver," said a police officer, adding that the car was seized.

Ananyo's father, Pradeep Kumar Bandyopadhyay, told The Indian Express that his son had been working with KPMG in Gurgaon for the past six months. "Around 1 am, I got a call from my son's phone. His phone must

have fallen on the road after the accident and a passerby picked it up and called me. He informed me that my son had been in an accident and that he was being rushed to a hospital. Along with my relatives, I reached Gurgaon from Jamshedpur and found that he had been admitted to a private hospital. There, he succumbed to injuries and was declared dead by the doctor," said Pradeep in the police complaint.

Police said the body was handed over to the family after a post-mortem on Sunday. An FIR was registered against

the accused under IPC sections 279 (rash driving or riding on a public way) and 304-A (death by negligence) at Sushant Lok police station, said police.

The Indian Express had earlier reported on safety concerns and design flaws along the 8-kmlong GCR after a 27-year-old woman was killed in an accident in July. As per road safety experts, the stretch from Golf Course Road to Cyber City has accounted for over 30 fatalities in the past three years.

Officials of GMDA, NHAI, traffic police and road engineering experts had carried out an inspection of GCR and announced that a safety audit of the entire stretch will be conducted to reduce accidents and check wrong-side driving.

DDA's 2022 housing scheme now live; process goes online

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE DELHI Development Authority (DDA) on Monday night launched its 2022 housing scheme in which people can book around 8,500 flats in Narela - all completely online. The scheme, live on the DDA website, has LIG and EWS category flats on sale in Narela sub city on a

The EWS flats are priced between Rs 7.91 lakh and Rs 12.42 lakh while the LIG flats are priced between Rs 18.10 lakh and Rs 22.80 lakh. A senior DDA official said the prices are the same as those of flats under the 2021 housing scheme. The official said a link will be provided on the website which one has to click to start the process. The booking amount for an EWS flat is Rs 10.000 while it is Rs 15.000 for an LIG flat.

first come first serve basis.

"One will have the option to block the flat for around half an hour to make the payment. The advantage of this scheme is that customers can book or reserve their flat immediately by making an online payment. In this scheme, people will also get benefits of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana under the credit-linked scheme," he said.

In the first phase, three towers with around 1,000 flats will be opened for booking so there is no scattered allotment. When these are booked, flats in other locations will be included, said the official. The flats put up for sale are those rejected in previous housing schemes.

"The problem with the lottery system is that one may want a flat in Narela because their office is nearby but don't get it, while someone who does not want a flat in this location ends up getting it. So, the online system is a better way of ensuring buyers get their choice," he said. The official said the DDA has

taken several steps for the development of Narela, like improving infrastructure, widening roads and laying water supply lines. "The DDA has also contributed to the construction of the fourth phase Metro line (Rithala-Bawana-Narela corridor). Narela will also be directly connected to NHAI's Urban Extension Road stretch, Also, land has been allotted to Delhi Police for construction of various police stations in different sectors of Narela," he said.

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the time slot, the flat will

be opened for sale

■ Those interested can apply online for the flat and make the prescribed advance payment

demand note to applicant. Under this, the allottee will be given three months to

amount, possession letter will be issued by DDA

SC issues notice to Centre on Bar's plea seeking land for lawyer's chambers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI SEPTEMBER 12

THE SUPREME Court Monday issued notice to the Centre on a plea by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) seeking direction to the Ministry of Urban Development "to grant permission for conversion of entire land measuring 1.33 acres allotted to the Supreme Court behind petrol pump near ITO as a chamber block for lawyers".

A bench of Chief Justice of India U U Lalit and S Ravindra Bhat, however, declined to issue notice on its prayer to direct the around the Supreme Court as a Supreme Court Complex so that all buildings across Supreme Court on Bhagwan Das Road, including Foreign Correspondents Club of South Asia, Indian Law Institute, Indian Society of International Law among others. can be utilised either for conversion into chamber or for re-development as chamber block/use for activities of Supreme Court or for other amenities for lawvers".

Appearing for the lawyer's body, Senior Advocate Vikas Singh pointed out that the Foreign Correspondents Club had already been issued eviction notice and urged the court to issue notice on its request that the premises be handed over to SCBA, but the SC bench refused to.

Hearing the plea, Justice Bhat pointed out that Indian Law stitute was a deemed university and said its remit was to assist the court. "Which other body of professionals can we entertain like this and say you go and divest other people's properties for them?" Pointing out that this was public land, which even has residential premises, that was being sought, the bench queried "the question is to what lengths do we go?"

Singh said he was not asking generation... That has to stop..."

that they should be divested, but only relocated and given for lawyers' chambers or for other purposes of the SC. The CJI then referred to the issue of chambers allotted to lawyers remaining with them forever and said. " keep saving this. You must have some ceiling on the period which a lawyer can enjoy the chamber for. It's not something... property that goes into the hands of a lawyer, it descends down the

Singh said that's a separate issue for which the chamber allotment rules will have to be amended. But the CJI responded. "It's precisely why your demands are ever increasing" and said "you may satisfy the demand as of 2022. What happens after 3 years? What happens after 8 years? Again the same



No Respite

At Signature Bridge, Monday. Hot and humid conditions prevailed in the national capital during the day with the maximum temperature settling at 37.3 degrees Celsius, four notches above the season's average. Praveen Khanna

Co-pilot commits suicide at PG room, police claim he was 'upset over failing simulator test'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

A 32-YEAR-OLD co-pilot who worked for an airline allegedly committed suicide at his rented accommodation in Southwest Delhi's Palam Village. Police sources claimed he recently failed a simulator test and was "upset".

The victim, who hailed from Kerala and had shifted to Delhi around two-and-a-half months ago, allegedly consumed poison. Police found him dead in his room on Sunday morning with chains around his legs and waist.

A senior police officer said, "We received a call from the landlord of the PG accommodation who said he saw one of the occupants lying dead in his room. The man lived in a tworoom set and it was locked from inside. We called the Delhi Fire Services which then broke open the front door.'

Inside the room, the man was found face-down on his bed. "We found multiple things at the scene. The man had put chains on his legs and waist, which were locked with a number-lock device. His mouth was covered in tape. When we pulled off the tape, some foam or liquid came out of his mouth. We also found an empty liquor bottle and a plastic bottle filled with some liquid." said a police officer.

Police suspect the victim first consumed the alcohol and then the contents of the plastic bottle. "There was an empty glass on a tray near the body. We are conducting an investigation into the matter. There were CCTVs right outside the room. No evidence of foul play has been found so far," said an officer.

The landlord of the PG accommodation revealed that the man lived alone and paid rent of Rs 15,000 a month. On the day of the incident, his family tried calling him but couldn't get through so they then asked the landlord to check on him. The landlord peeped through a window at the back and saw the man lying dead.

Police said preliminary enquiry revealed that the man had allegedly failed a simulator test and was upset. "We asked the company about the test, his designation and licence. They said they need two days and will submit a report," said the officer.

Policy said his family has been informed and they are yet to reach Delhi.

HERE'S HOW ONE CAN BOOK A FLAT

www.dda.gov.in or

■Click on the link that says first come first serve

■ Select the flat

■ It will be blocked for half an hour during which one can make online payment

■ If one fails to pay within

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AFTER SEVERAL ATTACKS ON PEOPLE IN DELHI-NCR

In news for wrong reasons, increasing number of pitbulls being abandoned

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

WITH RECENT incidents of pitbulls having attacked people, including children in Delhi-NCR, the breed is increasingly being abandoned by pet owners.

Geeta Seshamani, cofounder, Friendicoes, an organisation that helps find homes for abandoned pets, works with street dogs, and runs a shelter in Delhi, said, "We had a spate of abandonments, up to five a week, soon after the Lucknow episode. Even now, there's a relentless flood of requests to take in pitbulls or Bully Kuttas rescued in bad shape." In July, a pet American Pit Bull Terrier attacked an 82-year-old woman in Lucknow, and she eventually succumbed to her injuries.

Seshamani said that they had rescued two Bully Kuttas in two weeks and the dogs were in-

jured. Some abandoned dogs have also come with skin problems and maggots, and are emaciated, she added.

Pitbulls, which were originally bred for bull-baiting where the dog fights bulls, are strong, high-energy dogs that have specific needs when it comes to care and training.

The recent abandonments have, in fact, been an eye-opener on how many homes had the breed as a pet, Seshamani said.



Tandrali Kuli, who also works with Friendicoes, said that with an increasing number of pitbulls being abandoned, the organisation now deals with around three such animals every week. Kirtana, a rescuer working

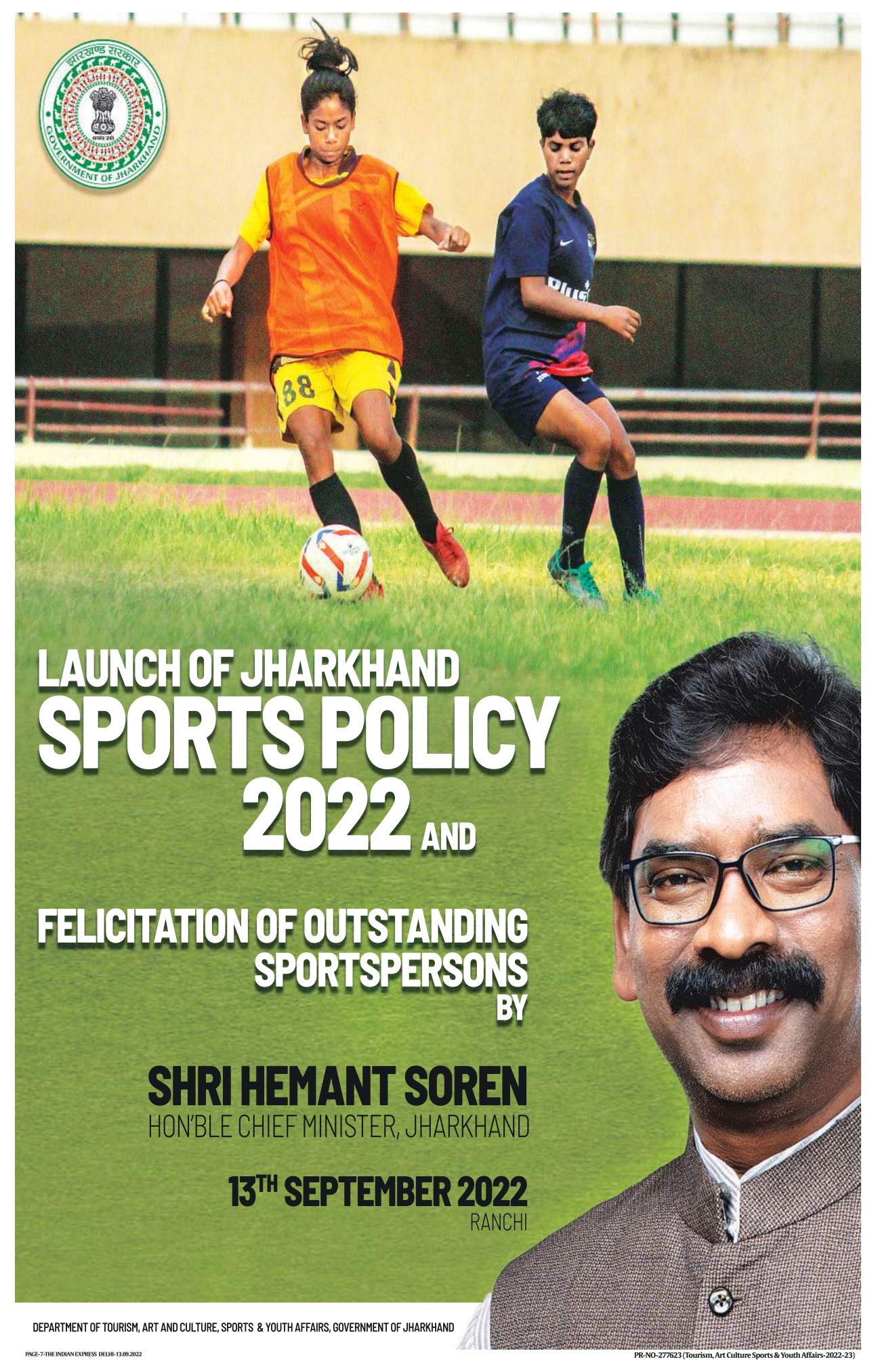
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out of Delhi-NCR also said that terrier that was found abanthere has been a clear, unprecedented increase in recent months of pitbulls being abandoned or needing rehoming due to the accidents. Kirtana said she knows of an average of around two to three abandoned pitbulls every week. The numbers were lower before the recent incidents around one or two such cases a month — she added.

In March, Saniya (18) rescued Maximus, an American pitbull

doned, tied to a tree in Noida. The dog, around a year and a half old now, has not been adopted vet. and with the recent news, it is even more difficult to find a home for it, she said. The dog was anxious soon after its rescue and needed training and conditioning, said Nikita, who is fostering it.

Finding suitable homes for abandoned pitbulls has been difficult, Kirtana said. Since they are usually abandoned when they are no longer small, the abandoned dogs often develop separation anxiety and other behavioural disorders, she said. 'People did not try to understand what may have triggered the pitbulls in question, that the animals in the news may not have been walked or given breed-appropriate mental or physical exercise. The pets they had at home then became a danger in their minds," Kirtana said.



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SAY WITH SERVICE

TO ENSURE that leaders refrain from cake-cutting and other such rituals on PM Narendra Modi's birthday this time on September 17, BJP president JP Nadda has come out with strict instructions. The party is organising 'sewa pakhwada (service fortnight)' from September 17 to October 2 during which events such as blood donation camps, seminars, tree plantations, etc., will be organised. $BJP\ general\ secretary\ Arun\ Singh\ has\ already\ written\ to\ the\ state$ units, listing out the programmes they are expected to organise during the fortnight. The state units have been asked to reach out to the workers till the booth level, urging them to meet people and talk about the Centre-run welfare schemes.

OLD VIDEO, NEW PLAINT

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER Bhupender Yadav recently received a complaint about the abuse of an elephant at a temple in Tamil Nadu from Beatles veteran Paul McCartney, McCartney wrote to Yadav after a video of the captive elephant – Joymala – went viral on social media. The video, Yadav said, was about oneand-half-year old and the 'mahout' responsible for torturing the elephant was removed from the job by the temple administration, besides his arrest. Nevertheless, Yadav set up a fourmember committee to look into the matter and it was found that the animal has since been rehabilitated and is healthy.

LET'S DO IT FAST

MOST GOVERNMENT offices across the country have earned the bad repute of working at a snail's pace, causing inconvenience to citizens. It appears that the NCERT, the country's foremost government body on shaping school education, is not immune to the trend either. Recently, a circular was issued among NCERT officials flagging that routine as well policy-related files remain unattended for long durations. Observing that a "serious view" has been taken on the matter, the officials have been directed to ensure timely disposal of files.

VHP SAYS FIRST BARRIER TO VARANASI TEMPLE CROSSED

BJP welcomes Gyanvapi verdict, UP Dy CM says Mathura, Kashi churning

& LALMANI VERMA NEW DELHI LUCKNOW

SEPTEMBER 12

AS BJP on Monday welcomed the Varanasi district court's order allowing the hearing of petitions seeking the right to worship inside the Gyanvapi mosque, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya hinted that next on the list could be Mathura even as party leaders in Delhi maintained a studied silence. They appeared to have decided to lie low while letting the VHP, considered the radical and hardliner wing of the Sangh, do most of the talking.

Soon after the verdict, Maurya tweeted what was being seen as a larger message: 'Karvat leti Mathura, Kashi! (Varanasi and Mathura are stir-

This came minutes after Maurya, a former BJP state president, welcomed the court verdict. He tweeted (translated from "Satyam Shivam Sundaram....I welcome the orderof the honourable court in the matter of Baba Vishwanath ji Maa Shringaar Gauri Mandir, everyone should respect the decision."

Incidentally, in his first remarks on the row over Gyanvapi mosque, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat had on June 2 questioned the need to "look for a Shivling" in every mosque, and said that RSS was not in favour of launching any other movement on these issues.

Bhagwat had then said: "One should not raise a new issue every day. Why escalate fights? On Gyanvapi, our faith has been



Police officials patrol the old city area of Lucknow on Monday. Vishal Srivastav

there for generations. What we are doing is fine. But why look for a Shivling in every mosque? What happens in mosques is also a form of prayer. Okay, it has come from outside. But Muslims who have accepted it are not outsiders, they need to understand this. Even if their prayer is from outside (this country), and they wish to continue with it, we are fine with it. We are not opposed to any form of worship," he said.

After the Varanasi court's verdict, another UP Deputy CM, Brajesh Pathak, told The Indian Express, "The UP government welcomes and respects the court order. We are alert. We will maintain the rule of law in UP; no one will be allowed to break the law."

Party's UP spokesperson Rakesh Tripathi said, "The question related to maintainability of the (law) suit has been disposed of and now hearing will be possible on the application seeking

permission for worship at Shringar Gauri temple. Both sides need to maintain patience. They should present all their facts, arguments and evidence before the court."

A BJP leader said, "While it is true that Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi's image as a decisive leader, who is focused on development, has pushed BJP to its current stature, like (LK) Advaniji used to say, economics will never be a (long-term) winning formula. Polarisation has always helped BIP -without it, BJP will not be able to retain its dominance. (But) being a party that is under constant observation at the global level, BJP cannot afford to be seen as backing any group in such disputes."

Asked why BJP was enthused with the verdict, a senior BJP leader in UP said, "Hearing in the matter is expected to continue for a few years — from district court to HC, and the Supreme Court. remain silent on court order

Congress, Opp

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

IN MAY, when a Varanasi court had ordered a videography survev of Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi mosque complex, the Congress had taken a stand that no attempt should be made to "change the status of any place of worship." On Monday, the party preferred silence after the Varanasi district and sessions court's order in the Gyanvapi case.

Not just the Congress, almost all opposition parties preferred to maintain a calculated, and perhaps politically convenient, silence on the issue.

The dismissal of the challenge by the masjid committee meant that the civil suits will be heard in detail and examination of evidence will follow.

Asked about the court verdict, a Congress leader said, They have done nothing. The matter is sub judice. We will react when something comes up. Nothing has happened today. It is just a notice on an ongoing proceeding. We are not reacting because the legal process...is on.'

In May, the Congress had referred to the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, passed by the then PV Narasimha Rao government, and said, "We believe that all other places of worship should remain in the status they are and they were."

France Foreign Minister begins three-day visit to India today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

IN HER first visit to India as France's Foreign minister, Catherine Colonna will be on a three-day visit from Tuesday, during which she will meet PM Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval and discuss bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

As part of her official visit from September 13-15, Colonna will also travel to Mumbai for engagements with industry leaders and site visits on Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Monday.

On Wednesday, Colonna is scheduled to meet Modi. She will hold talks with Jaishankar the same day "on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest", the MEA stated. India and France have a long-standing strategic partnership, strengthened by regular high-level consultations and growing convergence in various areas, it said.

She will meet Doval for "discussions on regional and global security issues, strengthened defence cooperation, as well as implementation of France's counter-terrorism cooperation with India", the French embassy said in a statement.

The MEA said the visit will pave the way for further strengthening of the partnership across trade, defence, climate, migration and mobility, education and health sectors.

On Thursday, Colonna will travel to Mumbai and meet leading Indian investors with business interests in France. She will also address the annual general meeting of the Indo-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Cong tweets pic of khaki shorts on fire; RSS, BJP say 'inciting hate'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

Monday depicting a khaki shorts on fire drew sharp criticism from the BJP and the RSS, which accused the grand old party of instigating violence.

Along with the image of khaki shorts — meant to reference the old uniform of the RSS - in flames, the Congress also tweeted text that read. "145 days more to go". The graphic was captioned: "To free the country from shackles of hate and undo the damage done by BJP-RSS. Step by step, we will reach our goal."

The BIP hit back quickly, saying that it was the Congress that was "inciting hate", "hurting nationalists", and "lighting fires", and that the post exposed the lies behind its Bharat Jodo Yatra. RSS leader M Vaidva said:

"They (the Congress) want to connect people to hatred. They have harbored hatred for us for a long time now. Their father and grandfather tried to stop the RSS but the RSS kept growing as we continued to get support from people."

Senior BJP leader and Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sharma said the Congress tweet was reflective of a "shameful mindset". "Congress Party is not even hiding its true intentions. In the garb of 'Bharat Jodo', it is indulging in 'Bharat Todo'. India will not forgive them for their intentions of hurting nationalists!" he tweeted.

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, defended the tweet. "RSS and BJP are not used to aggressive responses from the Congress...If they are aggressive, we will be double aggressive....' he said at a press conference.

In a series of tweets, Ramesh also called burning effigies "a democratic right" and said: "Through a cartoon, we only depicted the heartburn of those who divide. Why are those people who burn the country troubled by a symbolic graphic which shows a burning knicker."

"And why they are asking us questions? They should answer... those who killed Mahatma Gandhi...who support Godse...it is they who are bent on dividing the country..." he wrote.

18 days for Kerala, handful for UP: CPM slams Rahul Yatra plan, Cong counters with details

MANOJCG&SHAJUPHILIP NEW DELHI, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

SEPTEMBER 12

THE CPI(M)'s surprise criticism of the Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra Monday contrasting the days march in the Left-ruled Kerala with those in the BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh has brought the finer points of the Yatra into spotlight. According to the details

emerging from the Congress camp, the Yatra would spend the maximum time in Rajasthan and Karnataka: 21 days. Both states are bound for elections next year: While the Assembly elections are due in Karnataka in May 2023. Rajasthan will go to polls along Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Telangana six months later.

However, the Congress leaders insist that the Yatra is not aimed at state-specific elections. They argue that it will, for instance, not go to Gujarat where the Assembly elections are due this year-end. Similarly, it will not pass through Chhattisgarh.

The CPI(M), which has now shrunk to Kerala now after losing its erstwhile bastions, West



Rahul during the Yatra in Thiruvananthapuram, Monday. PTI

BHARAT JODO YATRA: DURATION IN STATES/UTs

Tamil Nadu	4 DAYS	Rajasthan
Kerala	18 DAYS	Uttar Prad
Karnataka	21 DAYS	Delhi
Telangana	13 DAYS	Haryana
Maharashtra	16 DAYS	Punjab
Madhya Pradesh	16 DAYS	Jammu & Kas

Bengal and Tripura, castigated the Congress over the Yatra. The Marxist party tweeted a caricature of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with a text asking if it was a "Bharat Jodo" or "Seat Jodo" campaign. "18 days in Kerala...2 days in UP. Strange

way to fight BIP-RSS," it read. Senior Kerala CPI(M) leader

2DAYS 12 DAYS 11 DAYS ashmir Not finalised MV Jayarajan said the time spent by Rahul in various states

showed that the Congress was not ready to take on the BIP. "Rahul considers the Left as the main opponent. He and his party are running away from taking the Sangh Parivar challenge. He can't see BJP as the main opponent. Congress cannot fight the policies of BJP," he charged.

Hitting back, Jairam Ramesh, AICC general secretary in-charge of communications, tweeted, while flagging the CPM post: "Do your homework better on how and why yatra was planned the way it is. And silly criticism from a party that is the A team of BJP in and of MunduModi

Ramesh's "Mundu Modi" was a jibe at Kerala Chief Minister and CPI(M) stalwart Pinarayi Vijayan, The Congress party in Kerala has coined it to attack CM Vijayan's functioning, alleging that the latter was a mundu (dhoti)-wearing Kerala version of Narendra Modi.

The Congress leaders said the CPI(M)'s criticism was unfounded. "By that logic, the Yatra will spend 21 days each in Karnataka and Rajasthan. The Congress is in direct fight with the BJP in these two states. It will spend 16 days in Madhya Pradesh. There also the Congress is fighting the BJP," a leader said.

Sources in the Congress said the Yatra will in fact spend 5 days in UP as against the earlier schedule of two days. They said the decision was taken a couple of days ago, before the CPI(M) took a dig at the march. FULL REPORT ON

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Citing Tamilisai's 'plight', DMK mouthpiece warns Governors of all states

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 12

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the case. But the court put it aside.

The case will be heard based on

facts, and we are sure we will win."

The VHP, which had success-

will create a momentum." The party's central leaders

DAYS AFTER Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan said she was facing trouble reaching out to she wasn't even given the chance to unfurl the Tricolour or deliver a speech on Republic Day, DMK mouthpiece 'Murasoli' on Monday published a column reminding all Governors that they should not go "too far" beyond their constitutional limits, or they will risk being treated the same way.

In its popular column "Silanthi" (spider), the newspaper said the fate of Governors of other states would be the same as that of Soundararajan if they tried to interfere in policies and welfare programmes of the respective state governments.

"To keep the people and their interests from being hurt by the fight between the state government and the Governor, some state governments may be trying to find a middle ground for greater good. But if Governors keep getting in the way most of the time, they will end up in the same situation as Governor Soundararajan.

So all self-styled Governors should realise this sooner than later," the newspaper said. The column, titled "Tamilisai's

was not a mere statement, but a lesson for some Governors to corthemselves". rect having to lament her fate if she had put some thought into what had led to this crisis. "Instead of working as agents for the party (BJP) that runs the Union government, Governors should work with state government for people's good," it said. The column said, "It is good

for all Governors, including the Tamil Nadu Governor, who go against their constitutional limits to dominate and control the state governments, to remember that their fate will not be different from the Telangana Governor's." The column in Murasoli comes

in the wake of a constant tussle between Tamil Nadu government and the state's Governor, RN Ravi, over delays in clearing some crucial policy matters. Ravi has also been critical of DMK's demand to exempt the state from NEET, its strong opposition to the new education policy being rolled out by the Centre, and its two-language policy that excludes Hindi.

Maharashtra 'Seva' fortnight – from

Modi's birthday to Gandhi Jayanti

SC dismisses OPS plea, says sealing party office has consequences in democracy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

STATING THAT attaching the office of a political party has "exquences...in a democracy", the Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea by former Tamil Nadu CM O Paneerselvam.

Paneerselvam had challenged Madras High Court's order directing de-sealing of the AIADMK office and handing over the keys to rival Edappadi K. Palaniswami.

'You shall also bear in mind that attaching the office of a political party has extraordinarily far-reaching consequences. In a democracy, you are then not allowing a political party to effectively function," a bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Hima Kohli said, upholding the HC order of July 20.

On July 11, supporters of the two leaders clashed after a general council meeting expelled Paneerselvam. An official attached the property following the clash. Both leaders challenged this before HC, which set aside the order.

Run-ins with cops, dinner at auto driver's home mark Kejriwal's visit to Ahmedabad

SOHINI GHOSH & RASHI MISHRA

AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 12

THREE TOWN halls in a day but the highlight of Delhi CM and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal's day-long visit to Ahmedabad was his run-ins with the police ending with an auto ride escorted by beacon

flashing, hooting police cars. The first was when Kejriwal and Gujarat AAP president Gopal Italia claimed that the police had raided AAP's 'data and management' office in Ahmedabad Sunday and Monday. This, even as the Ahmedabad police denied the AAP claims.

The second was when Kejriwal was stopped by his security detail when he chose to ride in an autorickshaw on his way to dine at the driver's home.



Kejriwal at auto driver Vikram Dantani's home. Nirmal Harindran

"We are a poor party with no money. The policemen searched our office for two hours and left. They were asking our people about money. They left when we said there was no money. Today, the Ahmedabad police said no raid took place. This is surprising," Kejriwal, who arrived late Sunday on a three-day visit to Gujarat, said addressing a town hall of traders in Ahmedabad Monday. The day further turned

eventful when Kejriwal, Italia and AAP national joint secretary Isudan Gadhvi were stopped by the police citing security reasons while riding to auto driver Vikram Dantani's home for dinner in his auto. Dantani's home

NO ALLIANCE WITH AAP, SAYS BTP

THE BHARATIYA Tribal Party (BTP) on Monday said there will be no alliance with the AAP for the Assembly polls in Gujarat. It accused the Arvind Kejriwal-led party of "sidelining" BTP leader Chhotubhai Vasava and trying to "usurp the strength" of the party in the state's tribal areas. "Doors have been closed" for the alliance with AAP, Ihagadia MLA Chhotubhai told media

is in Ghatlodia, which falls in CM Bhupendra Patel's constituency. Videos circulated by AAP show Kejriwal refusing the Gujarat police security and asking them to "protect your CM and ministers"

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 12

MAHARASHTRA Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis announced on Monday the state government's decision to celebrate as "Seva" fortnight the period from PM Narendra Modi's birthday on September 17 to Gandhi Jayanti on October 2.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not celebrate his birthday, September 17. He always tells us to serve people. The fortnight starting from this date till October 2 is a fortnight which represents 'Rashtra Neta' (Leader of the Nation) to 'Rashtra Pita' (Father of the Nation). We will offer services to people during this (period). All pending applications will be cleared on a mission mode,"

Fadnavis said after a Cabinet meet. According to state government sources, all departments will have to submit an actiontaken report on October 5 about pending appeals and those that have been cleared with explanations to the respective administrative heads. A detailed report will have to be submitted to the gov-

ernment by October 10, they said. Under this drive, all applications pending till September 10 on state government portals, such as Aaple Sarkar, Maharashtra State **Electricity Distribution Company** Limited (MAHADISCOM), Maha DBT portal and Nagri Seva Kendra, will have to be cleared by Oct. 2.

Apart from this, applications under services offered by 14 key departments, too, will be covered.

These services include: relief for farmers affected by rains (Relief and Rehabilitation department); beneficiaries who did not get aid under PM Kisan Samman Yojana due to technical problems (Agriculture and Revenue departments); pending land records and non-creamy layer certification (Revenue department): and, ration card distribution (Food and Civil Supplies department).

The drive will also cover marriage certificates (Rural Development, Development and Health departments); property transfer and tax (Rural Development and Urban development departments); and, new tap connections (Water Supply and Urban Development departments).

Besides, pending power connections to households and property holders' registration (MA-HADISCOM); registration of ST beneficiaries under Birsa Munda Krushi Kranti Yojana and approval of forest land, excluding appeals, (Tribal Welfare department); and, Divyang certificates (Health department), will also be cleared.

EXPRESS NETWORK

KERALA

Shamseer is new Speaker

Thiruvananthapuram: CPI(M) legislator A N Shamseer was Monday elected as the Kerala Assembly Speaker. The election was necessitated in the wake of the resignation of incumbent M B Raiesh. Shamseer. twotime MLA from Thalassery, got 96 votes against Congress's Anwar Sadath, who got 40 votes in the 140-strong Assembly. A member of CPI(M) state committee, Shamseer is party's emerging Muslim face in north Kerala. ENS

GUIARAT

HC admits bail plea of ex-DGP

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat High Court Monday admitted the bail plea moved by retired DGPRB Sreekumar, posting the matter for hearing a week later on September 19. Sreekumar is facing charges of alleged fabrication of evidence in relation to 2002 Gujarat riots. Sreekumar, along with Mumbai-based activist Teesta Setalvad, were refused bail by an Ahmedabad sessions court on July 30. While Setalvad subsequently moved the Gujarat HC and the Supreme Court seeking bail, Sreekumar continues to be behind bars.

BIHAR

Defamation notice to MLA

Patna: Bihar Food and Consumer Protection Minister Leshi Singh Sunday served a defamation notice to party colleague and former minister Bima Bharti for making sundry allegations against her. While Singh is MLA from Dhamdaha, Bharti represents Rupauli in Purnia, Bharti had accused Singh of engaging in "criminal activities". Singh said: "I have nothing personal against her. What I had to say, I told JD(U) national president." Bharti said she received a notice of criminal defamation suit of Rs 5 studying it," she said. ENS

KARNATAKA Flood victims' houses burgled

Bengaluru: Hit by floods,

residents of Rainbow Drive Lavout have now filed theft complaints, saying diamond and gold jewellery was missing from their houses. They alleged that their flooded houses were looted when they were away to live with their relatives. Police said the three victims, businessman Dharmateja G and software engineers Manjunath N and Uday Bhaskar B, approached them on Saturday. Three cases have been registered under IPC sections 380 (theft in dwelling house) and 457 (lurking house-trespass or

NIA raids 50 places linked to Punjab gangsters in anti-terror nexus probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) Monday searched more than 50 locations across the country as part of an investigation into criminal gangs from Punjab – some of which are linked to the killing of singer Sidhu Moosewala and their alleged association with Pakistani terror groups.

The agency searched premises associated with gangsters including Moosewala murder accused Goldy Brar, Lawrence Bishnoi and Jaggu Bhagwanpuria in Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, officials said.

"NIA conducted searches todav at 50 locations in Puniab. Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi/ NCR region to dismantle and disrupt the emerging nexus between terrorists, gangsters and drug smugglers/traffickers based in India and abroad," the agency said in a statement. "A few of the most desperate gang leaders and their associates based in India and abroad, who are spearheading and carrying out such terror

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S

Jaishankar met Saudi Crown

Prince and Deputy Prime

Minister Mohammed bin

Salman in Jeddah on Sunday and

handed over a written message

from Prime Minister Narendra

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progress in bilateral ties, the offi-

cial Saudi Press Agency reported.

relations and opportunities to

enhance them were reviewed

and the latest regional and inter-

national developments dis-

Crown Prince Mohammed bin

Salman.... Conveyed the warm

greetings of PM @narendramodi.

Apprised him of the progress in

our bilateral relations. Thank

him for sharing his vision of our

ties," Jaishankar tweeted after

"Honoured to call on HRH

cussed, the agency reported.

During the meeting, bilateral

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

Jaishankar calls on Saudi

Prince, shares PM message



Haryana cops during the NIA raid in Gurgaon, Monday. PTI

and criminal activities were identified and booked."

The raids come a day after Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav, during a press conference on the Moosewala murder case, said there were strong links between Punjab gangs and terror groups operating from Pakistan.

Sources said the NIA raids are in connection with two FIRs it has taken over from Delhi police in connection with the Moosewala murder and the gangs linked to

Terming Saudi Arabia an "im-

portant player" in today's global

economy, not only due to its im-

pressive growth numbers but

also due to its central position in

the energy markets, Jaishankar

told Jeddah-based English daily

'Saudi Gazette' that the Gulf

country is an important eco-

nomic partner for India. "Energy

is indeed one of the keystone ar-

eas in our bilateral cooperation,"

he said. "Apart from our tradi-

tional trade in the field of energy,

both nations are now collaborat-

ing in the domains of new and

renewable energy. The Joint

Working Group on Energy has

identified 19 project opportuni-

ties for collaboration, which in-

clude investments in LNG infra-

structure and multiple

renewable energy projects, hu-

man capacity building and joint

eral areas where India and Saudi

Arabia can collaborate to help

Jaishankar said there are sev-

it. The Delhi police had earlier invoked the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) in the cases

"During the searches, six pistols, one revolver, one shotgun, have been seized, along with ammunition. Apart from the above, drugs, cash, incriminating documents, digital devices, details of benami property, threat letters, etc. have also been seized by the NIA," the agency said on Monday. According to the agency, its

SANATH PRASAD

BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 12

THE BRUHAT Bengaluru

Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on

Monday began the demolition

drive in Mahadevapura as part of

clearing encroachments on

stormwater drains (SWD) and

lake beds. The BBMP has identi-

fied a total of 15 buildings, in-

cluding IT parks and developers. BBMP chief engineer

Basavaraj Kabade said as of to-

day, three buildings and com-

pound walls are now being iden-

tified as SWD encroachment

between Chinnappanahalli Lake

and Munnekolala Lake in

Mahadevapura. The playground

of Gopalan International School

will also be demolished as it runs

"Today, we demolished

over the drain alignment.

probe has revealed that these gangs were carrying out targeted killings, including that of prominent people, to terrorise the general public in order to extort money. These gangs were also raising funds to carry out such criminal activities through smuggling of drugs and weapons, the NIA said.

"Many gang leaders and members had fled from India and were now operating from foreign countries, including Pakistan, Canada, Malaysia, Australia etc. Ongoing probes by the NIA in cases being investigated by the Agency, such as the killing of Shaurya Chakra Awardee Comrade Balwinder Singh in Punjab also revealed that most of these conspiracies were being hatched from inside jails of different states and were being executed by an organized network of operatives based in abroad," it

"In its ongoing efforts to dismantle these transnational terror and crime networks. NIA conducted searches at 50 locations in Fazilka, Fairdkot, Mukhtsar sahab, Moga, Taran Taaran, Amritsar, Ludhiana,

BENGALURU: CM SAYS NO DISPARITY, EVICTION NOTICES SERVED

on stormwater drains begins

Drive to clear encroachments

Chandigarh, Mohali Districts of Punjab, East Gurugram, Bhiwani, Yamuna Nagar, Sonepat and Jhajjar districts of Haryana, Hanumangarh and Ganganagar districts of Raiasthan and Dwarka, Outer North, North West, North East and Shahdara Districts of Delhi/NCR," said the agency's statement.

Punjab Police along with Delhi police arrested three more suspects in the case last week taking the total number of arrests to 23.

The UAPA was invoked by Delhi police against the Moosewala murder accused (Lawrence Bishnoi, Goldy Brar and Vikram Brar), members of their rival gangs (Davinder Bambiha, Kaushal Chaudhary, Neeraj Bawana, Sunil alias Tillu Tajpuriya, Dilpreet and Sukhpreet alias Budha) and absconding terrorist Harvinder Rinda. Delhi Police's Special Cell had received information that members of both gangs were procuring illegal weapons from outside the country to execute targeted killings in Delhi and other states

to ensuring regional security," Mirziyoyev said, in his piece. "I am full of confidence that it is important and necessary for the SCO to share its success story with Afghanistan. This country is an integral part of the larger SCO space. The Afghan people need good neighbours and their support now more than ever. It is our moral obligation to extend a helping hand.

tion into regional and global devel-"By bringing our positions closer to each other, together we can develop a new SCO agenda for a more peaceful, stable and prosperous Afghanistan. Only in this way can we create a truly stable

He said: "The basis for the

Uzbekistan President: Afghans need 'good neighbours', helping them moral obligation

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

INVOKING THE "Samarkand spirit" ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit to be held on September 14 and 15, Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has said that people of Afghanistan need 'good neighbours" and called it "moral obligation" to extend a helping hand and offer them effective ways of overcoming the years-long crisis.

In an article for The Indian Express published (full piece on

www.indianexpress.com), Mirziyoyev wrote: "Afghanistan that has played for centuries the role of a buffer in the historical confrontations of global and regional powers, should try on a new peaceful mission of connecting Central and South Asia."

In this context, he said the construction of the "trans-Afghan corridor" could become a symbol of such mutually beneficial inter-regional cooperation. "It is also important to understand that by implementing joint infrastructure projects such as the Termez -Mazar-i-Sharif – Kabul – Peshawar railroad, we are not just solving socio-economic, transport and communication problems, but also making a significant contribution

to offer them effective ways of overcoming the years-long crisis by promoting socio-economic growth of the country, its integraopment processes," he said.

and sustainable SCO space with an indivisible security," he wrote.

SCO's international attractive-



Shavkat Mirziyoyev

ness, non-targeting against third countries or the international organisations, equality and respect for the sovereignty of all participants, refusal to interfere in the internal affairs, as well as prevention of political confrontation and unhealthy rivalry."

"The SCO's success concept is the promotion of multifaceted cooperation through ensuring regional security. In fact, the SCO is called upon to become a pole of attraction without dividing lines, in the name of peace, cooperation and progress," he wrote.

He said, "Uzbekistan's chairmanship in the SCO has fallen on a dynamic period, fraught with various events and trends - the period of the "historical rift". when one era comes to an end and another begins – thus far unpredictable and unknown."

"The modern system of international cooperation, based on the universal principles and norms. begins to falter. One of the main reasons for this is a deep crisis of trust at the global level, which, in turn, provokes a geopolitical confrontation and the risk of reviving the blocthinking stereotypes. This process of mutual alienation complicates the return of the world economy to its former course of development and the restoration of global supply chains."

Referring to the war in Ukraine, he said: "The ongoing armed conflicts in the world destabilise trade and investment flows, exacerbate problems of ensuring food and energy security."

The SCO summit will be attended by PM Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif and Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi

among other leaders. **FULL ARTICLE ON:** https://indianexpress.com/arti cle/opinion/columns/uzbekist an-president-sco-samarkand-

summit-interconnected-

petition for exhuming man's body

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE SUPREME Court on Monday dismissed the plea by Amir Magrey's father seeking the exhumation of his body nearly 10 months after his killing in an encounter in Kashmir's Hyderpora area last year. "It will be too much at this

stage to disinter the body...The dead should not be disturbed and some sanctity should be attached to the grave," a bench of Justices Surya Kant and J B Pardiwala said in its order.

The judges also said there was "nothing on record" to indicate that Amir's body was dealt with in any manner insulting the religious feelings of the family. "We are convinced...the body was buried with dignity...," they added.

Amir was among four persons killed in Hyderpora area of I&K's Budgam district on November 15 last year. While the remains of two of them were exhumed and handed over to their kin, the bodies of Magrey and the fourth, a Pakistani national, were buried in Kupwara district.

While the police claimed all the four men were militants, controversy erupted after Amir's family said he was a civilian and sought the return of his body.

While refusing Magrey's plea, the SC bench noted that "almost 9 months have passed post burial which is suggestive that the body may not be in a deliverable state". The other bodies, it pointed out, had been exhumed in two days and would still have been in a deliverable state.

Expressing his disappointment, Amir's father, Abdul Latief Magrey, said he had hoped the top court would "understand my position". "Ye insaaf nahi hai' (this is not justice)," he said.

He added all that the family wanted was to see Amir's body and find closure. "His mother, the rest of our family, we just wanted to see him once. If the body would not be okay, we would say our prayers and make peace with it," Magrey added. WITH ENS, SRINAGAR

of Bengaluru on Monday. Express

mercial buildings and wall com-

pounds encroaching upon the

SWD between the two lakes.

However, the tehsildar has to

provide a notice as per Section

104 of the land rules to the resi-

dents after which we will start

demolishing illegal residential

An illegal structure being demolished in Mahadevapura area

'Buried with dignity': SC dismisses You raised essential practice, HC had to take it up: SC to appellants

Chief Minister Basavaraj

Bommai said there was no ques-

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said eviction notices had been

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ANANTHAKRISHNAN G NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE APPELLANTS against the Karnataka hijab ban Monday argued in the Supreme Court that the High Court should not have ventured into interpreting the Quran as it lacked expertise. But they were told by the top court that it was them who had raised the issue of essential religious practices first, which may have left the Karnataka High Court with no option but to do the same.

"You are the ones who went to the court saying that this is an essential religious practice, isn't it? Somebody raised this point... What was the option for the High Court but to deal with it?" Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, sharing a bench with Justice Hemant Gupta, asked Senior Advocate Yusuf Muchhala.

The remarks came after Muchhala, appearing for one of the petitioners, submitted: "There are well-settled rules of interpreting the Quran... with which the courts are not well acquainted" and therefore must have not ventured to do so. "Keepig in view such handi-

caps to deal with holy scriptures, judicial prudence requires that courts and also common citizens should restrain from interpreting the same," he told the bench. Justice Dhulia responded: "At least I am not understanding this

point at all... First you assert it as a right. The High Court gives a decision one way or the other and then you say it cannot be done."

Muchhala agreed that the point had been raised. "Somebody may have done it erroneously or by over enthusiasm... the court must have said you asked this question but I can't answer."

"But this is the main plank of the argument" before the HC, Iustice Dhulia said.

Muchala said the matter raises issues of importance that require interpretation of the Constitution and urged the SC to consider referring it to a Constitution bench. The arguments remained inconclusive and will resume on September 14.

HC stays Lokpal proceedings against JMM chief Shibu Soren



Shibu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE DELHI High Court Monday stayed the proceedings initiated by Lokpal of India against Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) president and Rajya Sabha MP Shibu Soren on the basis of a complaint alleging he has amassed huge wealth and assets by "adopting unscrupulous and corrupt means" in Jharkhand.

Justice Yashwant Varma said the matter requires consideration and till the next date of listing, there shall be a "stay of further proceedings pending before" the Lokpal. The court listed the matter for hearing on December 14.

Shibu Soren said the Lokpal has taken cognisance of a "politically motivated, frivolous and misconceived complaint" dated August 5, 2020, filed by Nishikant Dubey, a BJP MP from Jharkhand.

The Lokpal in September 2020 had directed a preliminary inquiry under provisions of the Lokpal & Lokayuktas Act, 2013, and called for an inquiry report from the CBI. Following the submission of a report by CBI, the Lokpal on August 4 ordered the initiation of proceedings to determine whether a prima facie case exists to proceed against Soren.

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal represented Soren before the court against the Lokpal pro-

8 cheetahs to arrive this week: Chartered flight with vets, chopper ride way, said the minister. from Namibia later this week, fall levels, temperatures, altitude

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

house-breaking).

EIGHT AFRICAN cheetahs — five females and three males - will board a chartered Boeing 747 cargo flight from the Namibian capital of Windhoek on September 16, and arrive at the Jaipur airport the next morning, after an over 10-hour-long flight, the environment ministry said

on Monday. From Jaipur, they will take a 42minute helicopter ride to the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh where a temporary helipad has been constructed. The cheetahs are between four and six years old. Environment Minister Bhupender Yaday said all preparations for the inter-country translocation of the cheetahs were complete.

"Sheopur district (where Kuno is located) has similar rainand conditions as that of South Africa and Namibia. I recently visited the park to oversee the arrangements. The aim behind the translocation is not only to be able to re-introduce the cheetah in India – it was declared extinct in 1952 – thereby restoring India's natural heritage, but also to develop a cheetah metapopulation that will help in the global conservation of the animal," he said.

"There are now approximately 7,000 cheetahs globally South Africa has the largest population at about 4,500. We expect to receive the next batch of 12 cheetahs from South Africa soon," he said. Over the next five vears, the Indian government will acquire 8-10 cheetahs annually to establish a breeding cheetah metapopulation of 35-40 in the country, said officials.

India was to get 20 African



A cheetah in a South African reserve, which is in the batch to be sent to India. AP

cheetahs this year - eight from Namibia and 12 from South Africa, According to ministry officials, while all the preparations from the Indian side were over, the South African government's assent was still awaited. Like their counterparts in Namibia, the cheetahs to be sent from South Africa have already been prepped for the journey, including extensive health check-ups and blood



was chosen for the project since it had already been prepared a decade ago for translocation of the Asiatic Lion from Gir National Park. While this translocation never took place, prey for lion was established at Kuno — with sambhal. cheetal, etc — and the park was sanitised to receive the lion, which also inhabits in landscapes similar to that of the cheetah.

work for detection of diseases, vaccination, and radio collaring. For the cheetahs arriving the plan is not to tranquilise them for the journey. They will be fed two-three

days before they begin the journey, and will be accompanied in the aircraft by a team of three veterinarians – an Indian, a Namibian and a South African. The cheetahs will be transported in cages measuring 114 cm X 118 cm X 84 cm.

On September 17, when the cheetahs will be released at the Kuno National Park by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, they will first be kept in a quarantine enclosure, measuring 1,500 square metres, for about a month to not only ensure their adaptation to the new environment, but to also check that they are not carrying any diseases. They will be monitored closely during this period, after which they will be released into a bigger enclosure of 6 square kilometres for the remaining period that it takes them to adapt. "In this bigger enclosure,

where they will have prey and be able to hunt, we will closely monitor not only their health, but also how they are adapting to Kuno, hunting, feeding, excreta etc. Once this is found to be satisfactory, they will be released into the 740 sq km Kuno National Park," said S P Yadav, member secretary, National Tiger Conservation Authority.

While the park itself is 740 sq km, the cheetahs will have access to the larger forested and semiforested region outside the park of 5,000 sq km, said officials. Of the 25 villages that were in the area earlier, 24 were relocated in preparation for the translocation of the Asiatic Lion from Gir National Park in Gujarat, Only one village, Bagcha, with a population of 148 families, remains on the periphery of the park, and its relocation process is under-

"Historically, the cheetah has

not been known to attack humans. So we don't anticipate animal-human conflict in the area, However, they have been known to attack livestock, and we have informed the villagers of this and established cheetah-mitras who will operate as watch-and-ward staff. The cattle and feral dogs in the area have also been vaccinated," said Yadav. He said the Madhya Pradesh

government has already put in place an "adequate compensation" for any possible conflict between the cheetahs and villagers. The park itself has a healthy prey base of chital, nilgai, chowsingha, langur, peafowl, hares and feral cattle. Yadav said the cheetah has a wide range of habitats – from semi-arid grassland to coastal scrubs, wooded Savanna, Montane habitat, snow deserts and rugged semi-arid.

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said after passing the directions.

Indian citizenship to non-

Muslim migrants from Pakistan,

parties, have slammed it for ex-

cluding Muslims from the three

had called CAA "a benign piece

Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

The CAA seeks to grant

Many, including opposition

The government, in response last year to one of the petitions,

Bajrang Dal activist murder: NIA files chargesheet against 10

Bengaluru: The National Investigation Agency has filed a chargesheet against 10 people in connection with the murder of Bajrang Dal activist Harsha in

Shivamogga on February 20.

NIA has alleged that the accused The NIA has alleged in that the targeted him after observing the accused carried out the murder movements of Hindu commuin order to create communal nity leaders during festivals and disharmony in Shivamogga. The celebrations in the city.

Government of Himachal Pradesh JAL Shakti Division, Ghumarwin

NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT TENDER

Online bids are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin, Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.)on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system for the under mentioned work for the qualified and experienced contractors/firms.

Sr. No.	Description	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Time	Cost of form
	Engineering, procurement, construction, testing, commissioning, trial run of various components of Providing drinking water supply schemes from reliable source (Satluj River) to Karloti Kaphara and Fatoh area of Tehsil Ghumarwin District Bilaspur (H.P.) to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to leftout households Under Jal Jeevan Mission- Har Ghar Nal Se Jal in single package on "Turn Key job basis" including & testing run, defect and liability period as 6 Month after physical completion of all component of the schemes.	11,23,33,985/-	11,56,000/-	Two Years	2500/-

- ders.gov.in, by the interested contractors/firms/individuals registered on the website which is free of cost. Engineering, procurement, construction, testing, commissioning, trial run of various components of Providing drinking water supply schemes from reliable source (Satluj River) to Karloti Kapahra and Fatoh area of Tehsil Ghumarwin District Bilaspur (H.P.) to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to leftout households Under Jal Jeevan Mission- Har Ghar Nal Se Jal in single package on "Trun Key job basis" including & testing run, defect and liability period as 6 months after physical completion and commissioning of all component of the schemesas covered under this tender, shall be sustainable and respon
- sive to standard norms as stipulated. Accordingly, the bidder/firm must make all necessary provision for required qualified resource personnel Accordingly, the bidder/ifff flust make all necessary provision for required qualified resource personner, their time and other costs, and appropriate engineering / technical considerations in resurvey, design, construction, erection, execution, commissioning process for the project; including necessary documentation
- Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with "Single Stage Two Envelope" Bidding Procedure. Bid security, and eligibility documents as per eligibility criteria, Technical Bid and Financial bid should be put in separate envelop and all two separate envelops should be put together in a single envelop. The bids shall be submitted online electronically.
- Bid evaluation criteria- Eligible Technically Qualified lowest evaluated bidder (L1) shall be considered as a successful bidder. However, the acceptance of the proposal shall rest with the EMPLOYER who does not bind itself to accept the lowest proposal, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the proposals received without assigning any reason.
- As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency

KEY DATES SHALL BE AS LINDER.

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ı	а	Date of Online publication	12-09-2022
ı	b	Downloading of e-bid Documents	From 12-09-2022 05:00 PM to 26-09-2022 upto 05:00 PM
l	С	Date of submission of e-bid	From 12-09-2022 05:00 PM to 26-09-2022 upto 05:00 PM
	d	Only Online submission of EMD and cost of tender documents	Up to 05:00 PM on 26-09-2022
ı	е	Date of opening of bids:	
l		Cover-1 Eligibility Criteria & Technical bid	On 27-09-2022 at 11:30 AM
l		Cover-2 Financial Bid	Shall be intimated separately
	f	Site Visit	Between 11:00 AM dated 12-09-2022 to 17-09-2022 5:00 PM along with the Assistant Engineer/concerned Junior Engineer Jal Shakti Sub Division Ghumarwin .
	g	Pre-Bid Meeting	On 22-09-2022 PM in the Office of Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Hamirpur Zone, Hamirpur. The queries of the bidders to be discussed during Pre-bid shall be submit ted till 5:00 pm on 22-09-2022.No queries shall be enter tained afterwards.
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 1. The e-bid documents shall be uploaded online in 2 (two) covers: (a) Cover -1 shall contain Scanned copies of "Eligibility Information & Technical Bid".
- (b) Cover-2 shall contain "Financial bid" on the prescribed form
- Cover-1 shall contain scanned legible copies of following "Eligibility Information & Technical Bid" Scanned legible copies to be uploaded in Pdf file).
- The earnest money in favour of Executive Engineer, JAL Shakti Division Ghumarwin, shall be submitted through online mode (e-payment).(Exemption of earnest money shall not be allowed). (ii) The cost of tender form as shown above shall be submitted through online mode (e-payment) only in
- favor of "Executive Engineer" Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin. Exemption of cost of tender form shall (iii) Copy of Certificate of registration with JAL Shakti Vibhag or any other state/central Govt. department or Govt Undertakings in appropriate class. The successful bidder should get himself registered in
- appropriate class with HP JAL Shakti Vibhag before award of work.
- (iv) Copy of Certificate of EPF registration. If not registered then the successful bidder should get himself registered within one month after acceptance of the bid by the EMPLOYER. (v) Annual Turnover of three years
- Pre-qualification criteria proof:-(a) A bidder/firm shall be considered pre-qualified for the work if he has:-
- a) Financial Qualification: Bidder must have achieved minimum average annual financial turnover (at current price level) from con-
- tract receipt of works (in all classes of civil engineering construction works only) of 30% of estimated cost n last three (3) financial years i.e. from year 2019-2020 to year 2021-2022. b) Eligibility and qualification criteria:

similar works during last seven years ending last day of na successfully comi month pervious to the one in which applications are invited should be either of the following The bidder must have completed three similar works costing each not less than the amount equal to 40%

The bidder must have completed two similar works costing each not less than the amount equal to 50%

The bidder must have completed one similar works costing each not less than the amount equal to 80%

- i) The value of executed work shall be brought to current price level by enhancing the actual value of work at simple rate of 7% per annum calculated from the date of completion of works to previous day of sub-
- mission of bids ii) Completed works means either completed or completed to the extent of minimum 90% of the awarded
- amount (including unpaid amount on a/c of paucity of funds). iii) Certificate of work done should be obtained from the officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer
- of concerned Govt./ Semi Govt. Organization. Definition of similar work:- Similar work means "Water Related Projects" which includes:-
- Pumping system including all electrical and mechanical components.
- 2. Piping work or water conveyance system
- Desilting System/ Water Treatment Plant.
- 1. Water storage/ Retaining structure.
- 5. Pump Houses/Building works. Joint venture is not allowed. However the firm shall be free to engage any number of specialist firms for
- execution of specialized component of Projects. PAN (Permanent Account No.), GST registration and EPF registration.
- Work done, Experience Certificates as per Pre-qualification criteria
- The authorization letter regarding digital signature certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the registered bidder to upload the bid, be uploaded along with the other documents online.
- A scanned copy of undertaking in that I have carefully studied all the terms and conditions stipulated in he contract document before quoting the rates.
- Note: No physical submission of documents will be allowed. Any document / information found false / fabricated during scrutiny or later anytime, the bid is liable to be cancelled immediately. In such case bid security shall be forfeited.
- "Technical bid" should be as under: Make/ model of the proposed pumping machinery along with the characteristic curves.
- b) The Bidder shall submit authorization certificate from authorized dealer for supplying of pumping machinery.
- Flow diagram of the Booster stage, 1st and 2nd stage as per the site conditions
- Cover-2 shall contain "Financial Bid" which shall be opened at a later date to be notified separately & shall be opened only of those bidders /Firms whose documents as per eligibility information and technical bid "Cover-1" will be found in order. The Financial Bids shall contain only Financial Bid /Offer on departmental schedule of quantity/BOQ where bidder /firms shall quote his /their offer for each item.
- Rates quoted must be INR (Indian Rupee) and shall be inclusive of all taxes applicable at the time of open-
- The bidder shall not be permitted to bid for the work in the HPJSV Circle (responsible for award and execution of the contract) in which his near relative is posted as Divisional Accountant or as an officer in any capacity between the grades of Superintending Engineer & Assistant Engineer (both Inclusive). He shall also intimate the name of the persons who are working with him in any capacity or are subsequently employed by him who are near relative to any Gazetted officer in the Jal Shakti Vibhag. Any reach of this condition by the bidder would render him liable to be removed from the approved list of bidders of this
- Bid security of L1, L2 and L3 shall be retained till the finalization of offer of the lowest bidder or 180 days whichever is earlier.
- No subletting of work as a whole by the bidder is permissible. However bidder may sub contract specialized companies of work i.e. design & drawings, pumping machinery, Automation but not more than 25% of the total contract amount.
- 10. In case, opening day is a holiday, the bids shall be opened on next working day at the same time.
- 11. The validity of the bid shall be kept open for 180 days or till the finalization offer of the lowest bidder. 12. Ambiguous/telegraphic/ Conditional bids or bids by Fax/E-mail shall not be entertained/ considered in any
- 13. Conditional bids are liable to be rejected without assigning any reasons.
- 14. Executive Engineer, reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the bids without assigning any reason(s). 15. Any enquiry regarding bid can be obtained on e-mail of the divisional officer under e-mail address
- .e.xeniphgmr@rediffmail.com. 16. Rates should be quoted both in figure as well as in words in Indian Rupee (INR).

Executive Engineer, JAL SHAKTI Division, Ghumarwin.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

SC to refer pleas against CAA to 3-judge bench

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE SUPREME Court will refer the petitions challenging the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 or CAA to a three-judge bench, the top court said Monday, adding it will issue further directions in the matter on October 31.

Presided over by Chief Justice of India U U Lalit, a two-judge bench took up a batch of around 200 petitions on the matter and issued directions on completion of procedural formalities.

to file its response to the petitions and sought replies from the states of Assam and Tripura as well on pleas specific to them. "Now put the house in order

and take it that we will be mak-

ing a reference to a three-judge

combination," the bench, also

comprising Justice S Ravindra,

of legislation" that it said seeks to "tackle a specific problem prevalent in specific countries, i.e., persecution on the grounds of religion... in light of the undisputable theocratic constitutional position... and the perception of The bench asked the Centre

> It said the CAA does not touch obtaining of Indian citizenship by foreigners of any country and that legal migration, on the basis of valid documents and visas, continues to be permissible from all countries, including the three specified ones.

fear amongst minorities...".

NOTICE

Invitation for Empanelment of Manufacturers of Agricultural Machinery

No. Agri/Engg/4972/EM/SMAM/2022-23/209

Applications are invited from Manufacturers of Agricultural Machineries, who are registered in the DBT portal www.agrimachinery.nic.in, for empanelment to facilitate community procurement under different Schemes for the year 2022-23. Application forms along with Terms & Conditions and list of Agricultural Machinery shall be available in the office of the undersigned from 12.09.2022 and this is also made available in the departmental website www.diragri.assam.gov.in. Last Date & Time of submission of applications along with required documents, certificates, test reports etc. is 28.09.2022 up

Empanelment Security for an amount of Rs. 50,000.00/-(Rupees Fifty thousand) only in the form of FD/TDR pledged in favour of 'The Director of Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22' and with minimum 3 (three) years validity shall have to be submitted along with application form.

Director of Agriculture, Assam IANASANYOG /CF/ 2155/22 Khanapara, Guwahati-22

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

Notice No. 230-Elect/TRD/PRYJ/E-Tender Notice/2022/481 **Tender Notice**

Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer/TRD/N. C. Rly/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tender, the details of the tenders are as under:

T. No.		Description	of work				
	25kV OHE electrification of cross overs, Hot axle, Goods Wharf and other sidings of stations GMC area in Prayagraj Division. (IInd Call)						
230-TRD-	Advertised value	₹ 12639985.95	Bid Security	₹213200.00			
WC-863- 2022	Completion Period	12 Months	Bidding system	Single Packet			
	Tender Closing date & Time	03.10.22 & 14.00 Hrs	Tender opening date & Time	03.10.22 & 15.00 Hrs			
	Allocation	Cap & RRSK	UWID No.	060216213011			
	Modification of 29 shunting neck of between BRN-E transformer & ass	CPA Station & In TH section alor	terlocking of LC ngwith provision	gate No. 68C n of Auxiliary			
230-TRD-	Advertised value	₹ 9882033.29	Bid Security	₹ 197700.00			
WC-864-	Completion Period	12 Months	Bidding system	Single Packet			
2022	Tender Closing date & Time	03.10.2022 & 14.00 Hrs.	Tender opening date & Time	03.10.22 & 15.00 Hrs			
	Allocation	Cap & RRSK	UWID No.	060216213004 & 060229223001			

Note:- 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders shall be available on Website <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> 21days prior to the date of opening of the tender, 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate. 3. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the ebsite of IREPS may be approached.

Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi-110010 are invited.

AREA (AEPTA), DHAULA KUAN, NEW DELHI-110010

TENDER NOTICE

1. Tender for operating catering services for AEPTA

(Restaurant, 05 party venue/lounge/coffee shop) at

2. Tender forms available at AEPTA from 14 Sep 2022

to 21 Sep 2022 during working hours on payment of

For more information Contact

011-25693830, 25684179 & 8493023900

aavin The Tamilnadu Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited 🎏

Ref. No:8674/Proj,2/2022 NOTICE INVITING TENDER (E-SUBMISSION ONLY) Dated:12.09.2022

The TCMPF Ltd., invites **TWO PART TENDERS** by way of **e-Submission through eProcurement Portal** from the reputed Contractors / Manufacturers / Suppliers for following Equipment's / Machinery and Civil Works for Metro Dairies and Varlous DCMPU Ltd., under Unlon / Federation /DIDF / NPDD Schemes Funds.

EMD Value

Rs.5.50.000

Rs.3,75,000

Rs.97,80,000

Rs.3,98,000

Rs.19,42,000

Rs,1,55,000

Rs.8.32,000

Rs.45,62,000

Rs.63,000

The tenderers should submit their bids only through Procurement Portal (https://tntenders.gov.in). All II. Machinery Works: 18.10.2022 at 2.30 PM. III. Civil Works: 19.10.2022 at 3.30 PM. III. Civil Wo

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S. Name of the works / Items

II. Civil Construction Works:-

SMP Godown (1500MT)

Rehabilitation of existing

5 10LLPD Capacity Dairy Plan (Expandable to 15LLPD)

2 6 TLPD Ice Cream Plant

3 1.00 LLPD Dairy Plant

4 Renauman.
Chilling centre

Civil Works :

6 Calf Rearing Station

7 100MT Cattle feed plant

Rs.35,00,000 E-Submission End Date and Time:I. Machinery Works:17.10.2022 at 2.00 PM
II.Civil Works:18.10.2022 at 3.00 PM

Tender Document Availability :-

Machinery Works : 14.09.2022 to 17.10.2022

upto 2.00 PM

16.09.2022 to 18.10.2022 upto 3.00 PM

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Rs. 500/- in cash.

Name of the works / Items

1010 KVA DG Set and 1600 KVA

8000KG/HR. Boiler with Chimney

3 10LLPD Fully Automatic Dairy Plant

Milk Adulteration Detection Machin

8 Cloud based Milk analyser - 1342 Nos

Hiring of Cloud Based BMC Monitorin

9 Solar Power of 15 MW capacity

Machinery Works :-

4 50KLPD Milk Dairy Plant

163 Nos.

5 SKL Bulk Milk Cooler - 111 Nos

3KL Bulk Milk Cooler - 10 Nos.

WORLD DAIRY SUMMIT

Efforts on to curb lumpy skin disease: PM Modi

Says women are the real leaders in India's dairy sector

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & MALAVIKA PRASAD

NEW DELHI, GREATER NOIDA (UP), SEPTEMBER 12

OBSERVING THAT there has been a loss of livestock because of the lumpy skin disease (LSD) reported across several states in the country recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday said the Centre, with various state governments, is trying hard to control it.

Modi was speaking at the inaugural session of the four-day International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022, the theme of which is 'Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood'. In the event, about 1,500 participants from 50 countries, including industry leaders, experts, farmers, and policy planners, will exchange ideas and discuss issues related to the sector. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath welcomed PM Modi at the summit along with other dignitaries. The last such dairy summit was held in India about half a century ago in 1974.

Addressing the inaugural session, the PM said that the concept of 'pashu dhan' and occupations associated with milk have been an important part of the 1,000year-old Indian culture. He listed out unique characteristics of the Indian dairy sector, the first being the small farmers who contribute the most. The second is the vast network of dairy cooperatives which are spread across 2-lakh villages involving 2-crore farmers, he said, "There are no middle men in this system; more than 70 per cent of the money received from the customers goes directly to the farmers," the PM said. He also pointed out the indigenous species of dairy animals which can adapt to extreme climates. Highlighting the role of

women in the dairy sector, as an-



PM Narendra Modi with Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath and Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Parshottam Rupala in Greater Noida on Monday. PTI

other unique feature of the Indian dairy sector, the Prime Minister said that women make for 70 per cent of the workforce in the sector. "The real leaders of India's dairy sector are women," he said, adding the sector provides livelihood to 8-crore families.

"In the recent past, there has been a loss of livestock due to lumpy skin disease across many states. Our scientists have developed an indigenous vaccine for lumpy skin disease," the PM said. adding efforts are also being made to control the disease by $expediting \, testing \, and \, restricting \,$ the movement of animals. The PM also said the total

value of dairy production in the country is about Rs 8.5 lakh crore, which is more than the combined value of paddy and wheat production. The Indian dairy sector is known more for 'production by masses' than 'mass production', Modi said, adding the per capita availability of milk in India is higher than the world average. Listing the measures taken by

his government in the dairy sector. Modi said, "India produced 146 million tonnes of milk in 2014. It has now increased to 210 million tonnes. That is, an in-

crease of about 44 per cent.'

The Prime Minister also said that as compared to the 2 per cent production growth at the global level, India is clocking the milk production growth rate at more than 6 per cent. He said the government is building the "largest" database of dairy animals. "We have resolved that by 2025, we will vaccinate 100% of the animals against foot and mouth dis-

ease and brucellosis," he said. Union Cabinet Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala said the last time a dairy summit was organised in India was in 1974 and at that time milk production was 23 million tonnes, which has now increased to 220 million tonnes.

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath said the state was the largest producer of milk in the country and that over 4-lakh milk producers are working UP. Union Minister of State for

Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Dr L Murugan; Minister of State Sanjeev Kumar Balyan; President of International Dairy Federation P Brazzale; and Director General of International Dairy Federation Ms Caroline

Further probe ordered in harassment case against director of IIM Rohtak Accordingly, investigating officer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 12

LAMBASTING THE police for its "faulty investigation" in an FIR registered against IIM Rohtak's director Prof Dheeraj Sharma by a former female assistant professor alleging sexual harassment, a local court in Rohtak has directed for further probe into the case. Sharma is also facing accusations that he is not eligible for the post.

The court of Judicial Magistrate First Class Aditya Singh Yadav while refusing to accept the case-cancellation-report filed by the police, ordered that all charges that were levelled by the complainant against Sharma in the FIR registered against him in 2018 be re-investigated. "From the perusal of cancel-

lation report, it can be acknowledged that the investigation...is faulty... the investigation has not been carried out on the allegations mentioned in the detailed complaint given by complainant to police. Thus in the interest of iustice, as doubts have been raised with regard to cancellation report, it would be appropriate if investigating officer is directed to further investigate the matter so as to bring out the truth of allegation levelled by the complainant in the original complaint on the basis of which FIR was lodged. is directed to conduct further investigation in this matter as per law," the court said in the order pronounced on September 6. The court also fixed next

date of hearing on December 12. Based on the complaint filed.

an FIR was lodged on May 29, 2018 under Sections 354 (outraging modesty) and 354A (sexual harassment) of IPC against Sharma. The court passed the order

while hearing an application moved by the complainant under section 173 (8) CrPC for further investigation challenging the closure report filed by the police in favour of Sharma.

Rajasthan ministers heckled as Bainsla's ashes immersed in Ajmer's Puskhar lake

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 12

RAJASTHAN MINISTERS Ashok Chandna and Shakuntala Rawat were heckled at a programme to mark the asthi-visarjan (immersion of ashes) programme of late Gujjar leader Kirori Singh Bainsla in Ajmer on Monday.

Bainsla (82), the architect of the Gujjar reservation agitation in Rajasthan, had died in Jaipur in March earlier this year.

Led by his son Vijay Bainsla, the 'asthi kalash' yatra began from Kotputli on August 17 and covered about 75 Assembly seats in 23 districts, before reaching Pushkar. Thousands from Most Backward Castes (MBC), including Gujjars, had gathered for the programme, which turned out to be a show of strength by the community ahead of elections in late 2023.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, BJP state president Satish Poonia, former minister Rajendra Rathore, and RLD national president Jayant Chaudhary were present, apart from CM's son Vaibhav Gehlot and ministers Chandna and Rawat. Chandna, who was reading a message from CM Ashok Gehlot, was heckled by listeners who hurled footwear in the air, waved them at him and also allegedly hurled some towards the stage as well. People also raised 'Sachin Pilot zindabad' slogans during his address and eventually, Chandna had to stop his address midway.

Later, Chanda took to Twitter saying that he witnessed something unbelievable when people clapped for Rajendra Rathore, "who was part of the cabinet that gave the orders for killing 72 martyrs" while 'shoes were hurled on those whose family members went to jail" during the reservation agitation. Rawat, who spoke before Chandna, was similarly heckled by the crowd but completed her address.

Later, Bainsla's ashes were immersed in the Pushkar lake.

Stuck in traffic in Bengaluru, doc dashes 3 km to perform surgery



Dr Govind Nandakumar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 12

The notoriety of Bengaluru's traffic is nothing new, but here is a doctor who abandoned his car and ran 3km to perform a surgery.

Dr Govind Nandakumar, a gastroenterology surgeon, was on August 30 stuck in traffic on the Marathahalli-Sarjapur road when he was headed to Manipal Hospitals, where a patient was waiting for him. When the traffic stopped for a few minutes. Dr Nandakumar left his car with his

driver and ran to the hospital. A video that he posted on Instagram received much appreciation from the public for his commitment.

"Sometimes you gotta do what you got to do!". "#runtowork should more of us run or walk to work?" he tweeted tagging Health Minister K Sudhakar, Biocon chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and a few others.

Rs.5,89,50

Rs.5,32,000

Rs.68,50

Rs.86.00

Rs.14,82,00

JEE ADVANCED 2022 RESULT -

How the toppers did it, in their own words

The Indian Express spoke to the top 10 rankers of JEE Advanced this year to find that nine of them want to study computer science at IIT Bombay and only one* at IIT Madras. A look at their background and tips for preparation

THOMAS BIJU

Central School,

NA, Math: NA)

Trivandrum.

CHEERAMVELIL, 18

JEE ADVANCED MARKS:

CLASS 12 EXAM: 99.4%

EXAM PREP TIP: Study

regularly and try to do

repeat the mistakes

many problems. Try not to

300/360 (Phy: NA, Chem:

SCHOOL: Vishwa Prabhash



SHISHIR R K, 18

SCHOOL: Narayana Olympaid School, Sahakarnagar (near Bangaluru) JEE ADVANCED MARKS: 314/360 (Phy: 96, Chem: 109, Math: 109) **CLASS 12 EXAM: 96.4% EXAMPREPTIP:** Attempt as many mock tests as possible and note and correct errors





KARTHIKEYA*, 19 SCHOOL: Sri Chaitanva Junior College, Veda Vyasa Bhavan, Vijayawada JEE ADVANCED MARKS: 292/360 (Phy: 98, Chem: 103. Math: 91) CLASS 12 EXAM: 93.9% **EXAMPREPTIP:**What sets one apart is confidence. Try not to panic and attempt



POLU LAKSHMI SAI LOHITH REDDY, 17 SCHOOL: Narayana Junior College, Hitech City, Hyderabad JEE ADVANCED MARKS: 307/360 (Phy: 101, Chem: 94, Math:112) **CLASS 12 EXAM: 97.9% EXAMPREPTIP:** Focus on concepts, not on attempting more questions.



PRATIK SAHOO, 18

School, Pune

103, Math: 85)

SCHOOL: Prodigy Public

JEE ADVANCED MARKS:

CLASS 12 EXAM: 94.8%

292/360 (Phy: 104, Chem:

EXAMPREP TIP: Don't fall

for the popular 12-hour

study regime. I think 7-8

Quality of hours matter

more than quantity.

hours a day is equally good.



DHEERAJ KURUKUNDA,

SCHOOL: Narayana Junior College, Hitech City, Hyderabad JEE ADVANCED MARKS: 287/360 (Phy: 92, Chem: 107 Math: 88) CLASS 12 EXAM: 98.8% **EXAMPREPTIP:** Attempting more questions should not be the aim. Focus on the basics.



VANGAPALLI SAI SIDDHARTHA, 18 SCHOOL: Narayana Junior College, Hitech City, Hyderahad JEE ADVANCED MARKS: 299/360 (Phy: 103, Chem: 110, Math: 86) **CLASS 12 EXAM: 98%**



EXAM PREPTIP: Practice

math for speed. Apart from

MAHIT GADHIWALA,

SCHOOL: Scholar **English Academy** School, Surat JEE ADVANCED MARKS: 285/360 (Phy: 107, Chem: 93, Math: 85) CLASS 12 EXAM: 98.6% **EXAMPREPTIP: 4-5** hours of self-study daily apart from school and coaching class.

MAYANK MOTWANI, 18

SCHOOL: Lord Buddha Public School, Kota JEE ADVANCED MARKS: 297/360 (Phy: 88, Chem: 111. Math: 98) CLASS 12 EXAM: 98% **EXAM PREP TIP: Follow the** guidance of your teachers. Whatever you are taught, revise it and do all of your homework. I used to study 6-8 hours daily.

AIR

VENCHA GNANA MAHESH,

SCHOOL: Narayana Junior College, Visakhapatnam JEE ADVANCED MARKS: 285/360 (Phy: 86, Chem: 99, Math: 100) **CLASS 12 EXAM: 97.6%** work on time management,

EXAMPREP TIP: Prepare short notes for important concepts, avoid silly mistakes during examination.

PUNJAB

Minister in soup after audio clip to 'trap' contractors surfaces online

RAAKHIJAGGA

LUDHIANA, SEPTEMBER 12

PUNJAB CABINET minister Fauja Singh Sarari has landed in the eye of the storm after an audio clip of a conversation purportedly between him and a close aide discussing a plan to "trap" contractors – involved in transport of foodgrain - surfaced on the internet. Sarari, the minister for food processing and defence services welfare, has denied the charge.

In the one minute-40 second audio clip, Sarari and his OSD Tarsem Lal Kapoor are purportedly heard discussing ways to get some contractors involved in foodgrain transportation "trapped" with the help of government officials so that money could be demanded from them.

The cabinet minister on Sunday, while questioning the authenticity of the audio, accused Kapoor of levelling false allegations against him. He claimed that Kapoor's nephew Johnny was booked and later arrested for misusing the national flag on his private car. Sarari said Kapoor wanted his help in getting Jonny released, but since he denied assistance, he was being framed. "Everything can be edited and presented in a wrong way. The audio too has been edited," he said on Sunday.

On Monday, Sarari faced ire of hundreds of farmers belonging to Bharti Kisan Union (Dakonda) and ex-servicemen when he arrived at a state-level programme to mark the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Saragarhi in Ferozepur. The protestors blocked his way and did not allow him to enter the Saragrhi Memorial, Sarari, however, was escorted out under tight police cover from another gate to the venue.

Dated: 13.09.2022

(SECRETARY)

NCT OF DELHI

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

Varthana Finance Private Limited

DIP/Shabdarth/0332/22-23



ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE UNION government's healthcare spend dropped to 1.28 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2018-19 from the previous year's figure of 1.35 per cent.

In fact, total health expenditure — the total money spent on healthcare by the government, people, private entities and external funding - has fallen from 3.9% of the GDP to 3.2% in five years ending in 2018-19, according to the National Health Accounts Estimates 2018-19 released Monday.

The decline in proportion to GDP has happened despite an increase in the government's share of the country's total health expenditure - from 29 per cent in 2014-15 to 40.6 per cent in 2018-19.

"Even though the GDP or the size of the country's economy must have increased in the five years, we would expect the spending on healthcare to either go up or at the very least remain constant. This, however, has not happened. And, the chronic under-funding of the healthcare sector affects the poorest. Bad infrastructure in public facilities, long queues at hospitals such as AIIMS, or issues with accessing the facility leads to even the poorest spending out of pocket and going even to unlicensed practitioners," said an expert on health financing, requesting anonymity.

Government spending on health schemes contributed 9.6 per cent of the total health expenditure, as against 9 per cent the previous year. Ayushman Bharat was rolled out in the September of the same year to which the report pertains. Hence, this proportion is likely to in-

crease in the subsequent reports. Other than government spending and people spending out-of-pocket, private health insurance accounted for 6.6 per cent of the total health expenditure, against 5.8 per cent the previous year.

The expert quoted above said: "We need to look at whether the number of people covered has increased or just the amount they are paying as premiums. There have been huge increases in the premiums over the last few years. People paying for healthcare expenses out-of-pocket made up 48.2 per cent of the total health expenses in the year 2018-19, a small drop from 48.8 per cent the previous year. Out-of-pocket expenses have now decreased substantially from the seen 62.6 per cent during 2014-15.

What worries experts is a 10percentage point drop that was recorded in the 2017-18 report. There is no on-ground explanation for the drastic drop in out of pocket expenditure, so we need to look at the methodology. This drop has been worrying many," the expert said.

leaders over peace accord

questions with calmly.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah Monday held a meeting with Naga leaders over the long pending Naga peace accord, it is learnt. The delegation was led by Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio.

In a statement, the Ministry of Home Affairs said it was committed to resolving Naga issues to the satisfaction of all stakeholders.

"The Union Home & Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah met with a wide spectrum of the political leadership of Naga Groups, led by the Chief Minister of Nagaland Shri Neiphu Riu in New Delhi today. Many issues were discussed at the meeting. Talks over the Naga issues have been in progress for a number of years... the efforts of the Government of India have been to resolve the many complicated issues that are involved in the

Naga talks," the statement said. The statement also dismissed reports on possible solutions as "speculative", since negotiations are still on.

The Naga political issue has been hanging fire for several years with the government in negotiations with multiple Naga groups, including the largest — the National Security Council of

Nagalim-Isak Muivah (NSCN-IM). In 2015, the government signed a Framework Agreement with the NSCN-IM for giving final shape to the peace accord. Seven years later, it remains a work in progress. The NSCN-IM has been demanding a separate constitution and "national flag". which the Centre has rejected.

Shah meets Naga 'Pran pratishtha' at Ram temple in Ayodhya by Jan 2024: Trust



The ground floor of the Ram temple in Ayodhya will be ready by December 2023. Express

DIVYAA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

temple in Ayodhya will be ready by December 2023 and devotees will be able to offer prayers by January 2024 after 'pran pratishtha (installation of the deity)', said Nripendra Misra, Chairman of the Shri Ram Ianmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, adding that the construction work of the temple is progressing according to the plan.

The office-bearers of the Trust met on Sunday to review the progress of the temple. "The total cost of the temple complex is being pegged at Rs 1,800 crore, but it might go up eventually," said Champat Rai, General Secretary of the Trust.

"While the ground floor that

will house the sanctum sanctorum will be complete by December 2023, the first and second floors of the temple will be ready by December 2024, even as the entire carving work will be complete by the end of 2025.'

Misra told The Indian Express. Considering that the 'darshan' of "Ram Lalla" will open in December 2023 or at the most by January 2024, the construction work of the pilgrimage facilitation centre, utilities and infrastructure services at the complex have also started, said a state-

ment from the Trust on Monday. The masterplan of the remaining area of the temple complex is still being finalised, which entails construction of the temples dedicated to Valmiki, Vashisth, Viswamitra, Jatayu and Sabri, in addition to ritualistic facilities like a "yagya

mandap", a residential block for sages, a museum, research centre and a library. The under-construction pilgrimage facilitation centre comprises the facility of depositing shoes and other personal belongings, waiting halls for 5,000 devotees, drinking water and toilets blocks.

The super structure of the temple is being constructed using the carved Rajasthan sandstone from Bansi Paharpur. The carving process is on and approximately 1,200 artisans are engaged at mines and workshops in Rajasthan and at the temple site in Avodhva, the Trust statement said. For the sanctum sanctorum, white Makrana marble from Rajasthan has been finalised, which will also be used for the flooring arches, railing and door frames in the main temple.

Girl dies in school bus

Thiruvananthapuram: A Kerala family's four-year-old daughter died after she was left locked inside a school bus in Qatar on Sunday. The girl, Minsa Mariyam Jacob, was a KG student and had dozed off on way to the school. She was found unconscious at noon by the bus crew . She was rushed to a hospital, but died. ENS

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Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice

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SC Collegium clears names of 20 judges for HCs

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THE SUPREME Court Collegium has cleared the names of 20 judges for the High Courts of Bombay, Karnataka. Puniab and Harvana. Those recommended for elevation include 15 judicial officers, three Additional Judges and two advocates.

An official statement said the SC Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India UU Lalit at a meeting on September 7 approved the proposal for appointment of Additional Judges Justices Mohammed Ghouse Shukure Kamal, Rajendra Badamikar, and Khazi Jayabunnisa Mohiuddin as Permanent Judges in the Karnataka High Court.

The Collegium also approved proposal for elevation of six judicial officers — Sanjay Anandrao Deshmukh, Yanshivraj Gopichand Khobragade, Mahendra Wadhumal Chandwani, Abhay Sopanrao Waghwase, Ravindra Madhusudan Joshi, and Shubhangi Vijay Joshi – as judges in Bombay HC.

The Collegium again met on Monday and cleared proposal for elevation of Advocates Santosh Govindrao Chapalgaonkar, and Milind Manohar Sathaye, as judges in the Bombay HC. Monday's meeting also approved the proposal for elevation of nine judicial officers as judges in the Punjab & Haryana High Court. Those recommended are Gurbir Singh, Deepak Gupta, Amariot Bhatti, Ritu Tagore, Manisha Batra, Harpreet Kaur Jeewan, Sukhvinder Kaur, Sanjiv Berry, and Vikram Aggarwal.

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LAW AND POLITICS

Varanasi court order on Gyanvapi mosque opens a legal process and frames a challenge that lies outside the court too

HE VARANASI DISTRICT court said Monday it would hear a petition seeking the right to worship Maa Shringar Gowri within the Gyanvapi mosque complex on September 22. District judge Ajaya Krishna Vishvesha dismissed the mosque committee's objections against the petition, which were on the grounds that it is barred by the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, the Waqf Act 1995 and the UP Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Act, 1983. Judge Vishvesha said: "The plaintiffs are only demanding right to worship Maa Sringar Gauri and other visible and invisible deities which were being worshipped incessantly till 1993 and after 1993 till now once in a year under the regulatory of State of Uttar Pradesh. Therefore, the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 does not operate as the bar on the suit of plaintiffs." The Act, legislated by Parliament in the backdrop of the Ramjanmabhoomi agitation, freezes the status of religious places as they existed on August 15, 1947. The judge has held that the petitioners only sought the right to worship as a civil right at the disputed property and their appeal did not seek conversion of the mosque to a temple or demand ownership of the complex.

The mosque committee has said it will appeal against the district court order. The Supreme Court, which had in the first place insisted that the district court hear the petition against the plea by the devotees, will soon hear the challenge to the constitutionality of the Places of Worship Act. As the legal battle continues in higher courts, it must not be forgotten that the crux of the matter lies in politics, rather in law. The Hindu claim to mosques at Ayodhya, Kashi and Mathura has been part of a political project pursued by the BJP and other Sangh Parivar outfits, in court and on the street. Ayodhya, Kashi and Mathura emerged as political flashpoints – put on the backburner only during the BJP's coalition years. Over time, shrine politics — its culmination the demolition of the Babri Masjid in 1992 — has enmeshed with narratives of nationhood and Hindu self-pride that frame Muslims as outsiders.

In June this year, RSS sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat underlined that the Gyanvapi dispute involved issues of faith but questioned the need to "look for a Shivling in every mosque (har masjid me Shivling kyun dekhna)". Why escalate fights, he said. As the court in Varanasi opens the doors to a renewed legal process likely to go all the way to the highest court, the salience of those words couldn't be understated. The Supreme Court, in its 2019 order clearing the decks for the temple to be built in Ayodhya where the Babri masjid once stood, described the Places of Worship Act as a "legislative instrument designed to protect the secular features of the Indian polity, which is one of the basic features of the Constitution". The Varanasi court order puts a question mark on that and frames the challenge ahead.

PINCHING THE WALLET

Price rise across the board is a concern, policy makers may need to act tough

N MONDAY, DATA released by the National Statistical Office showed that reail inflation has reversed its downward trend, edging marginally upwards in August. Inflation rose to 7 per cent, up from 6.71 per cent the month before, driven in part by higher food inflation. So far in the second quarter (July-August), inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, has averaged 6.9 per cent. This is marginally lower than the Reserve Bank of India's most recent forecast which had pegged inflation at 7.1 per cent for the entire quarter. However, inflation has now been above the upper threshold of the RBI's inflation targeting framework for eight consecutive months. This latest data, which comes just a few weeks before the next meeting of the monetary policy committee that is scheduled to be held at the end of this month, only underlines the price pressures in the economy.

The disaggregated data shows that the consumer food price index rose to 7.62 per cent in August, up from 6.69 per cent in July, with sharp increases seen in cereals, milk, fruits and vegetables. As per analysts, while wheat prices are elevated due to the heat wave which impacted output, the shortfall in rainfall across the Gangetic plain is expected to adversely impact rice prices. This would suggest that cereal inflation is likely to remain elevated in the near term. On its part, the government has been taking measures aimed to ease the price pressures. In May, it had announced a ban on exports of wheat, and has now imposed restrictions on rice shipments as well. Alongside these price pressures, it is equally worrying that core inflation which excludes the volatile food and fuel components continues to remain elevated. In fact, across several categories such as clothing and footwear, household goods and services, recreation and amusement, personal care and effects, prices remain elevated.

In the last monetary policy meeting, the RBI had projected inflation to trend lower in the second half of the ongoing financial year, dipping further thereafter to around 5 per cent in the first quarter (April-June) of the next financial year. However, the minutes of the last MPC meeting suggested that most members of the committee were in favour of further interest rate hikes to tackle inflation. The latest data will only restrict the policy choices before the MPC when they meet next. The MPC should stay the course, continue to focus on bringing inflation in line with its target.

CUP OF JOY

Sri Lankan cricket team's success at the Asia Cup is a triumph against many odds

F NOT FOR a last minute decision to skip the Sunday mass in 2019, Sri Lanka's captain Dasun Shanaka might well not be alive today. St Sebastian Church, in his home town Negombo, was one of the six churches and hotels attacked by terrorists. .Shanaka was too tired to make it to church and when he heard the blast, he rushed to find it completely destroyed. A few months later, the nation would slip into economic chaos and political crisis, with people rising in protest against those in power. Inflation shot up over 50 per cent, people struggled with daily power cuts and shortages of fuel, food, and medicines, as the country defaulted on its debt repayments.

Cricket continued amidst this crisis. When the Australian cricket team toured Sri Lanka in June this year, they were met with lines of people protesting all around the city of Colombo against the government. But inside the stadium people turned out in large numbers to watch the game. Chamika Karunaratne, the allrounder who did the Naagin dance after the team won against Bangladesh at the just concluded Asia Cup, once had to miss practice as he was stuck in the line for petrol. Several former cricketers such as Roshan Mahanama participated in the peaceful protests and numerous others including Mahela Jayawardene and Kumar Sangakkara, two modern greats of the game, voiced their support to the people.

If the chaos around wasn't enough, Sri Lankan cricket went through a musical chairs of captaincy and coaches before settling with Shanaka as the captain and Chris Silverwood, who was unceremoniously sacked from England after the Ashes defeat, as the coach. Two years ago, they had dropped many senior players. In 2021, after a heavy defeat to England, Shanaka was made captain. The irony is that Sri Lanka is yet to qualify for the T20 World Cup, and have to play qualification rounds. From then on, to re-unite the team, infuse them with energy and purpose, it has been an unenviable task. On Sunday, Team Sri Lanka was crowned the Asian champions, a win they will cherish for a long time.

Not by the law

Gyanvapi mosque order highlights that over-reliance on litigation is not good for social harmony



VARANASI DISTRICT JUDGE A K Visvesha, in Rakhi Singh & others, rather than waiting for the Supreme Court's three-judge bench to render its judgment on the constitutionality of the Places of Worship Act,1991, has ordered that the petition by the five Hindu women is maintainable under the Civil Procedure Code (CPC) 1908 and will now be heard on merit. The judge has noted that the petitioners are seeking neither the conversion of the Gyanvapi mosque into a Shiv temple nor making any claim to ownership. They are merely seeking a right to worship as a civil right and, therefore, the bar of the 1991 Act is not applicable. He also held that the entry of the property as waqf in the revenue records, as per settled law, does not create ownership rights. The Masjid Anjuman Committee's objections on the maintainability under Order 7, Rule 11 of the CPC have been rejected. The Anjuman may appeal to the High Court and eventually to the Supreme Court (SC). But is it worth it? At the heart of the debate is the Places of Worship Act, its constitutionality and what it permits or prohibits. Why do we, as a nation, refuse to learn from the past? Is litigation the best method to resolve disputes between faithbased communities? Why can't local Hindus and Muslims of Kashi come up with an outof-the-box solution?

The five petitioners mosque wanted to pray inside the complex at "Shringar Gauri Sthal". The matter went to the SC, which transferred it to the district judge

Many genuinely believed that the Babri Masjid verdict (2019) would mean curtains on demands for conversion of religious places. Even the RSS chief had reiterated several times that the Sangh joined the Ram Janmabhoomi movement due to historical reasons and it would no longer be closely associated with any other demand for the conversion of a mosque to a temple. Simultaneously, he emphasised that Kashi and Mathura do have great religious and sentimental significance for Hindus. He even discouraged the search for shivlings here and there. Ideally, such a positive reaction should have been welcomed by the Muslim leadership and an out-of-court amicable settlement should have been arrived

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The 1991 Act was passed when the Ram temple movement was at its peak. The legislative intent was to freeze the religious character of places of worship as on August 15, 1947. The law did exempt the ongoing Babri Masjid dispute from its purview and that's why the Muslim leadership of that time did not welcome it wholeheartedly. Strangely, today, the same leadership swears by this law. The unanimous five-judge Babri by the SC too made certain positive observations about the 1991 Act — such as, the law is in furtherance of secularism, which is the basic structure of the Constitution, and non-retrogression is the fundamental principle of our constitutional law. The apex court also said that historic wrongs cannot be corrected by recourse to courts. Now, these observations are under challenge in the SC itself. Whether these observations are mere obiter dicta or passing references will soon be decided by a three-judge bench.

Justice DY Chandrachud — who was also on the Babri bench — while hearing the Gyanvapi petition against the stay of prayers by the civil court of Varanasi had made an extremely important and significant observation that the Places of Worship Act prohibits the conversion of the character, but not its ascertainment, of a place of worship. The Varanasi district judge has now held that "ascertainment" is not prohibited by the 1991 Act. He has explicitly held that the deity in the Kashi Vishwanath complex has been worshipped since time immemorial and once a property is vested in a deity, it cannot be divested. Quoting the Babri verdict, he says that even the destruction of the deity's property does not change the property's character. The effect is that a temple remains a temple even after demolition.

It has also been held that the property in dispute is a "temple" within Section 4(9) of UP Kashi Vishvanath Temple Act, 1983. As a matter of fact, until 1993, devotees were allowed to worship on the fourth day of Chaitra in Vashnatik Navratra. The judge also refused to attach much importance to the 1937 judgment in favour of the mosque committee on the ground that Hindus were not impleaded as a party. Just like Babar, it was also argued that Aurangzeb did not create any waqf. Moreover, the bar of entertaining such a dispute under Section 85 of the Waqf Act does not apply to non-Muslims and strangers to the alleged waqf property. This finding would in-

deed open a Pandora's box of similar cases. In a legal battle, the judgment can go either way. A major shortcoming of litigation is that only one party wins. In arbitration, mediation and out-of-court settlements, both parties can emerge winners. Both get something. Even on Ayodhya, Atal Bihari Vajpayee had once suggested that let the mosque be retained but give the other portion of the complex for the temple. Even the high court's judgment of each party getting one-third of the complex was not acceptable to anyone.

This author has always been an advocate of amity and harmony between religious communities so that the constitutional ideal of "fraternity" is achieved and the rich composite cultural heritage of the nation is preserved. Multi-faith prayer rooms are quite common at Western airports. Why is it absolutely impossible to create some place for the prayer of these five women petitioners without disturbing Muslim prayers? Is there any possibility of considering at least silent prayers?

True, there is possibly no end to the increasing assertion of such demands. Yet, a path different from the Babri dispute is worth exploring. Let a step in the direction of communal amity be not rejected as a surrender by the minority. Let the majority assure minorities about the sanctity of their other places of worship so that an environment of mutual trust

The writer is a constitutional law expert

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She must combat cost of living crisis while articulating a long-term vision for Britain

KISHABH BHANDARI

THE DEATH OF Oueen Elizabeth marks the end of an era in Britain. As a nation mourns its sovereign, this is a time to pause and reflect. The wider circumstances facing the country are precarious, with voters facing a cost of living crisis with rising food prices, soaring energy bills and inflation. As Liz Truss starts her prime ministerial tenure, she will need to articulate a response to thwart recessionary headwinds while outlining a vision for the future.

The Oueen came to embody stability, continuity and dignity as she fulfilled her responsibilities while guiding an ever-changing Britain. A consummate diplomat, she maintained excellent ties with a slew of global leaders and helped to build relationships with allies. Truss could do no better than draw on such qualities.

As a starting point, Truss will need to reunite her party after a bitter leadership contest. Her margin of victory was narrower than anticipated, at 57 per cent to Rishi Sunak's 43 per cent. She did not have a majority of Tory MPs on her side. Nor did she secure a majority among eligible Tory party members, given that nearly 18 per cent abstained. Nonetheless, she has considerable ministerial experience and understands how the complex machinery of government works. Her track record of not just surviving but thriving under three prime ministers - David Cameron, Theresa May and Boris Johnson - is a testament to her pragmatism and adaptability.

Truss voted to remain in the EU but so adroitly reshaped her message thereafter that arch-Brexiteers saw her as "their" candidate

None of this will be easy. But if Truss seeks to reset Britain's political direction, she will have to be bold. She should not be shy about introducing truly conservative policies that are capable of promoting transformative change. If she is serious about turning Britain into 'an aspiration nation' for a post-Elizabethan age, that encourages social mobility

during the leadership contest. What we witnessed from Truss was a masterclass in political manoeuvring. She understood what the core Tory voters were passionate about. But as PM, she will need to widen her appeal. The news that the three great offices of state (home, treasury and foreign office) will be occupied by three non-white minsters is a tribute to growing the diversity of the party. But Truss should also champion diversity of thought and opinion within the party.

Economic circumstances remain dire. The conflict in Ukraine has pushed energy prices up by over 50 per cent with fuel poverty a real concern. Inflation is expected to touch 10 per cent this year, the highest in 30 years. The Office of Budget Responsibility warned that real living standards can expect "their largest financial year fall on record". Truss will need to reassure the public that she can navigate this choppy terrain. In her first key move, the government has announced a multi-billion package of subsidies to signal to voters that it empathises with their pain. Truss is also expected to deliver on tax cuts to kick-start the economy.

What might be the downside risks of this path? It remains to be seen whether a tax-cutting agenda fuels further inflation or not. But after the Johnson years where making the argument for lower taxes — especially for the low paid — was forgotten by a centre-right government, at least Truss's willingness to make the case is welcome. An energy relief package is likely to be funded by borrowing but this cannot be sustained forever. It stands to pass debts on to the youth. Truss and the

new chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, will need to reassure markets that the government remains committed to fiscal conservatism.

The Tories remain fortunate that the Labour party is still a work in progress. That said, persuading the electorate to hand the Tories a fourth mandate at the next general election cannot be taken for granted.

What other guiding principles should Truss look for in a reset? First, restoring integrity at the core of government would be key to regaining public confidence after the scandals of the Johnson era. Second, Truss should double down on championing economic freedom in line with her instincts. Investment in infrastructure and in education should be prioritised. Core to this agenda would be a competitive tax regime to boost entrepreneurship and a fit-for-purpose approach to immigration. Alliances with likeminded democracies such as India will need to be cemented too. Rebuilding relationships with European allies should also be factored.

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FAROOQ ABDULLAH TOOK away the breath of a teeming multitude gathered to pay homage to his father by announcing suddenly that he was going to do away with the entire Sheikh Cabinet that he had inherited and have a completely new team. He said he would reduce the number of ministers from the earlier 21 to 11. The Sheikh Cabinet had seven cabinet ministers, six ministers of state and eight deputy ministers.

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY central committee elected a new ruling politburo that included China's undisputed leader Deng Xiaoping, but ousted the late chairman Mao's protege Hua Guofeng, the official Xinhua news agency said. Deng was elected to the politburo and its elite standing committee of six members. He also was re-elected chairman of the party's powerful military commission. Hua, who succeeded Mao as chairman, was removed from the politburo and its standing committee, but remains a member of the new central committee.

ZURICH ACCIDENT

AT LEAST 38 people were killed when a train hit a busload of Germans on a level crossing, it was reported in Geneva. The accident happened in the canton of Zurich. The level crossing barriers were not down at the time.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Before the IPEF takes shape, some people in the US are eager to install teeth on it. Such bloc confrontational mentality and geopolitical evil thought have already -GLOBALTIMES, CHINA determined the future of the IPEF."

A setback for Moscow

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IT MIGHT BE too early to call it a Russian rout as some in the Western media have described it, but a major military retreat it is. Russia suffered a serious setback in Ukraine over the weekend. Unless Moscow can quickly get the Russian military act together, the new momentum in favour of Kyiv could prove to be the decisive moment in the war for Ukraine.

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Triggering a fresh look at the war is the lightning offensive by Kyiv that saw Ukraine's armed forces capture some key towns in the northeast of the country that have been under Russian occupation. Russia has formally acknowledged that it has pulled out of a large part of the Kharkiv region and is regrouping to mount a better defence of its territorial gains in the Donbas region. The latest reports suggest that Ukraine has regained an estimated area of nearly 3,000 sq km and is threatening to take more, including in regions in the eastern part of the country that have been under Russian control since 2014-15. But Ukraine has a long way to go before it can push the Russian forces back into their own territory.

There are moments in a war when the balance of forces shifts in favour of one of the belligerents. Are we at that moment now in

Until this weekend, the consensus view was that the prolonged stalemate between the two sides is likely to endure and that any plan for terminating the war must come to terms with that reality. Ukraine's territorial gains in the last few days have made Kyiv's victory a real possibility. Russia has by no means lost the war in Ukraine but it surely is losing ground. The probability of a Russian defeat in Ukraine may no longer be a trivial one.

This is not the first time that Russia had to pull back in the last seven months. After its initial multi-pronged attack on Ukraine on February 24, Russia hoped to quickly reach Kyiv and oust the government headed by Volodymyr Zelenskyy. But as the advance on Kyiv fizzled out, Russia decided to concentrate its forces to make a determined onslaught on eastern Ukraine. After some significant advances in the east and southeast of Ukraine, Russian forces got locked into a stalemate. Ukraine has now broken the framework of an extended "war of attrition". With its major counter-offensive in the last few days, Ukraine has seized the political initiative in the war for the first time, raised the operational tempo, altered the terms of military engagement with Russia, and reaffirmed the demand for complete Russian withdrawal.

Zelenskyy was widely advised to settle for a territorial compromise with Russia by ceding the eastern part of Ukraine to Vladimir Putin. But he has increasingly sounded upbeat and tough, laying down new conditions for peace — including war reparations from Russia and a war crimes tribunal to render justice to

the victims of Putin's invasion. Ukraine's key supporters in the war are stating for the first time that it might be able to liberate most of the areas occupied by



Russian forces, including the Crimean Peninsula that Moscow had taken in 2014. Not everyone is so hopeful. Ukraine might find it hard to consolidate its recent gains.

By advancing too far into occupied territories and opening multiple fronts, Ukraine must now manage longer supply lines and will be vulnerable to Russian counter-offensives. But then success begets success and failure can feed on itself. For now, at least, there is no guestion that the global narrative on the war in Ukraine is beginning to change. For Delhi, five broad dimensions will be worth a close watch.

First is the nature of the debate in Moscow. All major wars have domestic political consequences for the belligerents, especially if you are losing or seen as losing by your own people. Until now, there has been considerable popular support for Putin's invasion as the nation rallied behind the flag. It is an open question whether the retreat will change the terms of the domestic debate. While the liberals have no voice, early signs of criticism of the Russian military operations are now coming from the right-wing cheerleaders of the invasion.

Second, Putin will soon have to make major decisions on recasting Russian military strategy. Persisting with the present policy is no longer a credible course. Russia has taken heavy losses of manpower and equipment in the last six months. Putin could consider a general war mobilisation that he has avoided so far. Alternatively, he will have to escalate the confrontation to a higher level, including the potential threat to use nuclear weapons. He could, of course, cut his losses and sue for peace. All these options carry risks of their own.

The third is the impact of the military setback in the Russian sphere of influence. A major aim of Putin's Ukraine war is to expand the Russian zone of influence in Eurasia. If Moscow is seen as failing in Ukraine, it could weaken the Russian influence where it is dominant now. Belarus could well turn out to be a test case. The president of Belarus,

Aleksandr Lukashenko, who has crushed the popular democratic opposition with the help of Putin, might now find a resurgence of internal resistance. Fourth, Putin had bet that the European de-

pendence on Russian natural gas supplies will make it hard to sustain the initial united stand in favour of Ukraine. The Russian energy war was all set to shake up European politics, as energy bills rise manifold and popular discontent grows. Movements on the left and right in Europe are opposing the war, and many European governments would like to see a quick end to the conflict before the winter chill sets in. But the sense of Ukraine's gains and sustained US pressure could compel the Europeans to stay the course. A lot will depend on how the US might help Ukraine build on the current military momentum.

Fifth, China will have some hard thinking to do as Russia struggles to regain the initiative in Ukraine, Putin and Xi Jinping announced an alliance "without limits" and "no forbidden areas". Although Beijing has lent political support to Moscow in Ukraine, it has held back from substantive material support. A potential Russian defeat and the Western triumph in Ukraine would inevitably alter the nature of China's relations with Russia as well as the US. That, in turn, will send strategic ripples across Furasia and the Indo-Pacific

In the last few months, Delhi's focus has been on managing the economic consequences of the war in Ukraine and limiting its geopolitical impact on India's security. The intensive diplomatic season this month - including this week's regional summit in Samarkand and the annual session of the UN General Assembly in New York — should give Delhi a good sense of the changing dynamic in Ukraine and develop an effective response.

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Supreme Court and the CAA puzzle

Its decision could set limits to Parliament's powers with respect to citizenship



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AFTER A long wait, the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the arguments on the constitutional validity of the Citizenship Amendment Act 2019. Parliament has changed the Citizenship Act 1955, India's principal citizenship law, on numerous occasions in the past. But its most recent amendment has ignited an unprecedentedly intense and divided public reaction. The Court is now poised to decide several significant constitutional questions for the first time, which could shape India's constitutional identity.

The CAA introduces important changes to the Indian citizenship law. Since 2003, Indian law has disqualified persons deemed to be "illegal migrants" from citizenship and disqualified their progeny even if they are born in India. The Act exempts non-Muslim immigrants from being considered "illegal migrants" if they arrived from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan before 2015. It also provides accelerated naturalisation to these non-Muslim immigrants.

The first question for the Supreme Court is whether this "religious test" for Indian citizenship is arbitrary and discriminatory. In its counter affidavit filed in the court, the government has argued that the CAA does not discriminate on the basis of religion but provides relief to persecuted minorities in the region. But while it is uncontroversial that non-Muslims in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan are persecuted, the government will still need to justify limiting CAA's benefits on the basis of religion and countries of origin.

This is because Indian constitutional law requires that the government must show a "rational connection" between the law's purpose and the distinctions the law makes among groups. Muslim groups like Ahmadiyyas, Shias, Rohingyas and Uyghurs, and non-Muslims like Sri Lankan Tamils, Tibetan Buddhists and the Lhotshampa continue to be persecuted in India's neighbourhood. The burden for the government will be to show why choosing only non-Muslim minorities from three countries satisfies the CAA's proclaimed purpose of addressing Perhaps the most accessible argument

for the government is that the CAA addresses the plight of the minorities affected by Partition. In its affidavit, the government has argued that under the 1950 Nehru-Liaquat Pact, India and Pakistan had promised "complete equality of citizenship" and "a full sense of security" to their religious minorities. The failure of Pakistan and by extension today's Bangladesh to honour this promise, according to the government, justifies targeting relief to non-Muslim refugees from these two countries. The inclusion of Afghanistan under the CAA, though, will stick out like a sore thumb. The Act's exclusion of immigrants after 2015 also appears inconsistent with the law's apparent purpose of addressing persecution, which is ongoing by all accounts.

For critics of the government, these anomalies show that the real aim and effect of the CAA is to selectively give citizenship to the alleged Hindu undocumented immigrants living in regions like Assam. The Supreme Court will have to consider whether under the law it should take the government's claims at face value or inquire deeper into its motives.

The CAA's ambiguities will pose further challenges for the government. For instance, it does not define "persecution" or provide meaningful guidance about what beneficiaries will need to prove beyond their religious identity. It is also unclear if Muslim immigrants would qualify under the CAA if they convert to Hinduism. This scenario raises the alarming possibility of religious coercion and violation of religious liberty. The Court will need to decide if these issues with serious implications for individual rights can be left for the government to formulate later under

It would also be interesting to see if the SC takes into account India's obligations under international law. While India is not strictly bound to respect asylum and other refugee rights as a non-signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention, religion-specific grant of citizenship and disqualification of Indianborn children on the basis of their parents' religion under the CAA violates international human rights law. Indian courts ordinarily do not directly enforce international law but have historically interpreted India's internal laws in its light.

Answers to these questions will depend on what the Court considers to be the legally appropriate deference to Parliament's powers in the area of citizenship. The government has argued that Parliament as the "sovereign" has unrestricted powers to decide qualifications for Indian citizenship. There are good reasons to be sceptical of this expansive position, not least because such unlimited powers would permit Parliament to even deprive Indians of their citizenship. It is more constitutionally tenable and hence likely for the Supreme Court to find a middle ground that recognises Parliament's broad powers and also specifies its limits.

What these limits are will be the most significant legal contribution of the case and will depend on what the Court determines to be citizenship's constitutional value and status. Though citizenship status is not a fundamental right, it still has a profound bearing on individual liberty, freedom and dignity. The Court will have to carefully consider if excluding long-term refugees and their Indian-born children from Indian citizenship, who do not have meaningful recourse to any other country's citizenship, violates the rights they enjoy as persons under the Constitution. It will also have to consider if selectively granting citizenship to such refugees based on ethnicity or religion aggravates this violation.

Most significantly, we will see if the Court is willing to recognise that citizenship, even if not explicitly a right under the Constitution, constitutes the very foundation of our constitutional republic. By this measure, the "religious test" of citizenship under CAA will also have to be assessed on how it alters our constitutional identity as a secular and inclusive polity that belongs to all its citizens irrespective of their religious faith.

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Remission as impunity

Mass remission for Bilkis Bano case convicts is an act of symbolic violence

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ON THE 75th anniversary of Independence, 11 men convicted for mass rape and murder in the Bilkis Bano case were released prematurely following the decision to grant "mass" remission. This release, during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, stole from women a sense of security and justice, which independent India had promised. It denied Muslim women and indeed all women, a place in this moment of celebration.

The survivor's historic struggle against mass rape and mass murder as crimes against humanity should have been acknowledged as an important chapter in our quest for freedom. Instead, images were released of the rapists being honoured and welcomed back into political society in Gujarat. Disturbing commentaries were telecast suggesting that the rapists could not have possibly committed such crimes by virtue of their caste and kinship.

Those who have not read these judgments must do so to instruct themselves about how the nation failed Muslim women. This was one of the first cases in the history of independent India where the judiciary found overwhelming evidence of mass rape and murder of Muslims. The Supreme Court transferred the trial to Bombay courts upon finding evidence that the state of Gujarat did not create safe conditions of testimony for Muslim victims and witnesses. The Supreme Court even recognised the split public where feminist or human rights critique directed at state impunity was construed as an attack on Gujarati asmita. And it ordered the expunging of the allegations of the Gujarat state which caricatured lawyers and activists as anti-national and anti-social.

Today, this has become the norm lawyers, academics and activists who challenge state impunity are often dubbed as anti-national. This discourse has been incorporated into the penal policy of the state today. In this changed socio-legal context, the Supreme Court considered the plea for remission and decided that the state of Gujarat had jurisdiction. It did not consider the sociological context of "reformation" in the state of Gujarat. While lawyers have stated the legal reasons for why the remission is bad in law, the Supreme Court's findings of why the transfer was necessary in the first place back then continue to hold salience today. The defence and celebration of the mass rapists furnishes proof of this.

If the issue of sexual violence has been used to expand the carceral power of the state, equally the language of pardon masks sexual impunity. In 2013, the memory of sexual violence during the Gujarat 2002 mass violence was de-linked to mainstream anti-rape protests. The Nirbhaya anti-rape struggle was represented as the first mass movement against sexual violence, yet it did not mainstream feminist struggles against sexual impunity in 2002. This has come to haunt us today. For since 2013, every major anti-rape protest has been instrumentalised to strengthen state power. The introduction of long-distance acoustic devices to be used against protestors in Delhi coincided with the protests following the December 16, 2012 rape and murder case. The rise of masculine state forensics ironically coincides with the December 16 protests. The governance of outrage is marked by encounter killings, lynching and even criminalisation of protestors and journalists. And languages of compromise, reform, rehabilitation, remission, perjury and contempt are used against those women who are raped on the grounds of their identity. Feminist outrage is now also seen as defamatory of the state. Perhaps this is because feminists argue that the fight against the expansion of carceral power must challenge state impunity.

Even as the Supreme Court hears this matter, it needs to be said loudly and clearly that the trauma inflicted on Bilkis and her family is unpardonable. The judiciary must reflect on how this decision was indifferent

to the fact that each stage of the case has been indescribably traumatic for the survivor, witnesses, and her support persons. This trauma, which is simultaneously individual and collective, has been inflicted yet again 20 years later.

The legal process dehumanises rape survivors. And the legal response to the extreme de-humanisation of this sexual violence can never be translated in legal language other than through its sentencing policy. Who decides remission? Do they take the victim's perspective into account? Surely remission (routine or special) is used as a technique to entrench state impunity. After all, these men were chosen over other convicts as deserving of freedom.

The political symbolism of the mass remission marked as "special" on the 75th grand festival of freedom is wounding. It is nothing less than an act of symbolic violence. It unveiled the majoritarian grammar of the penal policy of the state which directed freedom to men who committed inhuman mass crimes against Muslim women. Surely, the struggle against sexual violence for all women cannot be at the cost of Muslim women in India.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unholy union

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Reach out for Bharat Jodo' (IE, September 12). The author's advice for Rahul Gandhi to avoid criticising the RSS and instead collaborate with them does not make sense, given the latter's ideology of polarisation emanating from the concept of "Hindutva" where certain sections of society are treated as outsiders because their faiths have different origins. For this yatra to be a success, the goal needs to be integration.

LR Murmu, New Delhi

LONG-TERM FIX

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The thaw in Ladakh' (IE, September 12). Without a permanent settlement of the LAC, no lasting peace is possible between the two Asian giants. The settlement will have to be done through a process of give and take and at present leaders on either side of the McMahon line have the requisite political stature to attempt it. The Chinese have allowed this thaw to happen due to several reasons: India's robust military posture on ground, deft diplomacy and the realisation that it was a strategic mistake to open a front in Ladakh when their focus is on Taiwan. The thaw will last only if India sustains the heat skillfully at all levels.

HN Bhagwat, Chiplun

UNRELIABLE PARTNER

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Food insecurity' (IE, September 12). The edit rightly points out that India's agriculture policy suffers due to short-sighted policy decisions. On April 12, PM Modi said that, "if WTO gives us permission, India is ready to supply food stock to the world from tomorrow". The statement evoked optimism in the developing world which was facing a food crisis due to the Russia-Ukraine war. But the statement was followed by the wheat export ban in May, wheat flour ban in July and now rice export ban in September. It erodes India's image as a reliable part-

Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad

GREAT POTENTIAL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Giving Wanderlust its due' (IE, September 12). The tourism sector in India has the utmost potential to improve. Its implementation requires a well-planned policy by a team of tourism analysts to hold planners accountable. We should learn from our past mistakes and from other nations as well. France and Spain, for example, have excelled in this sector. Their core strategies could set the bedrock for India being host to the grandest tourism market in the world.

Shaswat Jena, Ghaziabad

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- 11. ई-टेंडरिंग की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु संवेदकों को पंजीकृत होना होगा, जिससे कि उन्हें उपयोगकर्त्ता का नाम
- (User ID) पासवर्ड (Password) अंकिय हस्ताक्षर (Digital Signature) आवश्यक होगा। यह उन्हें वेबसाईट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in से डाउनलोड करने/ ई-टेन्डरिंग की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने की
- 12. ई— निविदा मात्र वेबसाईट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड किया जा सकता है । 13. किसी भी प्रकार का शुद्धि—पत्र को वेबसाईट पर प्रकाशित किया जायेगा। अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना पूर्व सूचना के एवं बिना कारण बताए निविदा रद्द करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित रहेगा।

विस्तृत जानकारी वेबसाईट state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर देखी जा सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, कार्य प्रमंडल-01, समस्तीपुर

बिहार में शराब का व्यापार, बिक्री एवं सेवन अवैध है। इससे संबंधित शिकायत इस नंबर पर दर्ज करायें, आपकी जानकारी गुप्त रखी जाएगी। टॉल फ्री नं- 15545 या 1800 345 6268



बिहार 🧗 सरकार

बेहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड (बिहार सरकार का एक प्रतिष्ठान) वरीय परियोजना अभियंता का कार्यालय कार्य प्रमंडल, भागलपुर।

P.W.D Campus, आदमपुर, भागलपुर http://www.brpnn.bihar.gov.in Email Id.- spe-bhagalpur@brpnn.co.in,

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।। पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ।। (केवल ई-टेन्डर पद्धित के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर)

बिहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड / केन्द्रीय / राज्य सरकार / एम.ई.एस. / सी.पी.डब्लू.डी. / सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवदेकों से SBD आधारित ई—निविदा प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से दो बीड प्रणाली (तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय) अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित रेल उपरी पूल निर्माण हेतू मदवार (Item Rate) दर प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। यदि संवेदक बिहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड में पूर्व से निबंधित नहीं है, तब एकरारनामा के पूर्व इन्हें निगम में निबंधित कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

क्र。 जिला कार्य का विवरण प्राक्कलित परिमाण अग्रधन की Bid कार्य

			राशि (लाख रू० में)	विपत्र का मूल्य (रू० में) (अप्रत्यपणीय)	राशि (लाख रू० में)	Processing Fee (Online Payment) (रू० में) (अप्रत्यपणीय)	की अवधि (माह में)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	भागलपुर	भागलपुर जिलान्तर्गत एम० एम० कॉलेज से मिरजानहाट पथ के तीसरे कि०मी० में रेलवे ब्रीज नं० 152 के स्थान पर प्रस्तावित नये ROB (भोलानाथ पुल) के निर्माण कार्य। पुल की लम्बाई 1232.00 मी0 (लगमग)	9720.48	10,000.00	107.21	17,700.00	24 माह
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	1232.00 मी० (लगभग)					
SI. No	o. Activity	Duration				
1.	Download date of bid documents	From 26/09/2022 (10:00 Hrs.) to 17/10/2022 (15:00 Hrs.) (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)				
2.	Pre-bid Meeting	11/10/2022 at 15.00 Hrs. (Meeting Hall of BRPNNL 7, Sardar Patel Marg, Patna – 800015)				
3.	Last Date/Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid	20/10/2022 upto 15:00 Hrs. (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)				
4.	Last Date of Submission of Bank Draft, bid security and Hard copies of document in original.	22/10/2022. upto 15:00 Hrs.				
5.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	25/10/2022 at 15:30 Hrs. (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)				
6.	Date, time and place of opening of Financial Bid	To be informed later to technically qualified bidder. (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)				

- निविदा की वैद्य अवधि :- बीड समर्पित की अंतिम तिथि से 120 दिन तक। वैद्य अवधि समाप्त होने की स्थिति में नेविदाकारों से निविदा की वैद्य अवधि बढ़ाये जाने की सहमति लिया जा सकता है।
- क्रमांक 2, 3, 4 एवं 5 (निविदा संबंधित तिथि) में किसी दिन अवकाश घोषित होने की स्थिति में अगला कार्य दिवस मान्य होगा तथा अलग से इसकी कोई सुचना नहीं दी जायेगी।
- तकनीकी बीड में सफल संवेदकों का ही वित्तीय बीड सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर खोला जाएगा I 10. ई—टेन्डरिंग की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु संवेदकों को www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर पंजीकृत होना होगा। यह उन्हें
- वेबसाइट (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) से डाउनलोड करने / ई-टेन्डर की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु अनिवार्य है । 11. ई—निविदा पत्र, अन्य नियम एवं शर्त्तं वेबसाईट (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। 12. संवेदक द्वारा परिमाण विपत्र सिर्फ वेबसाईट से प्राप्त करने के उपरान्त वेबसाईट पर ही इलेक्टानिक निविदा पत्र को भर
- कर अपलोड करना है। अन्य सभी महत्वपूर्ण कागजात बैंक डाफ्ट / अग्रधन की राशि / सभी प्रमाण पत्र जो निविदा के लिए आवश्यक है को स्कैन कर ई-निविदा के साथ संलग्न करना अनिवार्य है। इसकी हार्ड कॉपी (मुल में दिनांक-22/10/2022 के अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक वरीय परियोजना अभियंता, बिहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लिं. कार्य प्रमंडल, भागलपुर / उप मुख्य अभियंता, कार्य अंचल-02, बिहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लि॰, पटना में परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि को मूल रूप से जमा करना अनिवार्य है।
- 13. किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी अथवा शुद्धि पत्र को वेबसाईट www.brpnnl.bihar.gov.in एवं www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर प्रकाशित किया जायेगा।
- 14. दस करोड़ से अधिक प्राक्कलित राशि होने पर Joint Venture मान्य है।
- 15. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत करने वाले पदाधिकारी को बिना कारण बताए निविदा की तिथि विस्तार, स्थगित या रद्द करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित होगा।
- 16. ई—टेन्डरिंग की प्रक्रिया से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी एवं पंजीकरण हेतु ई—प्रोक्योरमेंट हेल्पडेस्क, बैंक ऑफ इण्डिया विल्डिंग, प्रथम तल्ला, एम० / 22, श्री कृष्णानगर, रोड नं० – 25, पटना (दुरभाष संख्या-0612-2523006, मो0नं0- 7542028164) से सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।
- 17. विशेष जानकारी हेतू अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में कार्य अवधि में सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है अथवा वेबसाइट www.brpnnl.bihar.gov.in & state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर देखा जा सकता है । 18. निविदा Download/Upload की तिथि एवं समय पर Network Failure हेत निगम की जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।
- 19. अपर मुख्य सचिव, गृह विभाग, बिहार सरकार, पटना के पत्रांक—29 दिनांक—25.01.2021 एवं अभियंता प्रमुख (कार्य प्रबंधन), पथ निर्माण विभाग के पत्रांक 2033 (E) दिनांक 11.04.2022 द्वारा निर्गत आदेश के अनुपालन में संवेदक को संबंधित जिला पुलिस अधीक्षक से निर्गत चरित्र प्रमाण संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा।
- सम्पर्क पदाधिकारी का नाम :— 1. वरीय परियोजना अभियंता, मो॰ नं॰— 9471005279
- वाणिज्य सहायक, मो॰ नं॰–9709049306

वरीय परियोजना अभियंता PR- 7914 (Ni Ni) 2022-23 नशे से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है।

बिहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड कार्य प्रमंडल, भागलपुर।

Rural Works Department Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Works Department, Bihar BRRDA,3rd Floor, Land Development Bank Building,Budh Marg, Patna, Bihar -800001

(बिहार ग्रामीण पथ अनुरक्षण नीति, 2018)

Notice Inviting Tender for Rural Roads Maintenance based on Output and performance based Contract through e-procurement mode on Model Bidding Document (MBD).

(NITNo. - MR-3054-35/2022-23)

- : Office of Engineer-in-chief, Rural Works Department, Bihar, Patna
- : 08.09.2022
- : From 26.09.2022(9:00) to 11.10.2022up to 15:00 hrs
- From website-http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.ir
- 4. Date, Time & Place of Pre- Bid Meeting : Date 30.09.2022 time 15:00 hrs. Place O/o Concerned Superintending Engineer 5. Last Date & Time for uploading tender Document by bidder: Date 11.10.2022up to: Time: 15:00 hrs. http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in
- 6. Date, time for online opening of Technical bid : Date 11.10.2022up to :Time: 15:30 hrs.
- 7. Last date, time and place for submission of Original instrument of EMD, Cost of BOQ, Bank Credit
- Facility and Affidavit regarding correctness of

L. Designation and Address of the Advertiser

3. Period for downloading of Tender documents

2. Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Tender

- Information provided with bid document
- : Till 15:00 hrs on 11.10.2022
- : Place- O/o-concerned

L. Io	Package No.	District	Name of Division	Block	Name of Road	Length (In KM)	Cost of Initial Rectifica -tion with Surface Renewa (in Lakhs)	Cost of 5-years Mainte- nance (in Lakhs)	Total Estimated Cost (in Lakhs)	Cost of BOQ in Rs.	Bid Security (in lakhs)	Amoui Payabl to works Divisio						
1	2 MR-N/22-	3	4	5 Arwal	6 L033 T03 Chiraia	7 0.600	8 17.420	9 5.017	10 22.437	11	12	13 EE, RW						
1	23 Arwal/ 07	Arwal	Arwal	Arwal	Tanr (Track 12) L064 NH-98 To	1.250	45.233	9.353	54.586	10000	1.545	Works Divisio						
			Tot	al For The Gr	-	1.850	62.653	14.370	77.023			Arwa						
					Kaler	Niranjanpur Kamta Road To Tawakal NH-139 To	1.520	49.601	12.206	61.807	Ì							
	MR-N/22-			Kaler	Mehandiya Niranjanpur Road	0.620	20.349	3.939	24.288	Ì	4.535	EE, RW						
2	23 Arwal/ 08	Arwal	Arwal	Kaler	Mehandiya Jaipur Road To Pahleja	0.560	19.517	4.125	23.642	10000		Work Divisio						
				Kaler	Bangla Kothi To Purb Kothi	1.150	42.735	13.117	55.852	Ì		Arwa						
				Kaler	Agnur Bazar To Jalvaiya Village	1.200	47.577	13.535	61.112									
			Tot	al For The Gr Karpi	Imamganj Paraunia	3.530 1.100	130.178 33.827	34.716 8.294	164.894 42.121									
				Karpi	To Nagwa Lodipur Road –	1.080	26.321	8.798	35.119	İ								
	MD N/22			Karpi	Parha Karpi Sahar Telpa	1.149	30.722	9.620	40.342	İ		EE, RV						
3	MR-N/22- 23 Arwal/ 09	Arwal	Arwal	Karpi	Road To Sarbali Karpi Barah Mile Road To Narga	1.510	46.675	12.117	58.792	10000	5.685	Work Divisio						
	09			Karpi	Karpi Barahmail Road Se (TO3) To	1.100	34.084	10.780	44.864	İ		Arwa						
				,	Murari Imamganj Road T04					İ								
			Tot	Karpi al For The Gr	Se Radhe Nagar	1.540 7.479	45.616 217.245	17.339 66.948	62.955 284.193	<u> </u>								
ļ	MR-N/22-	Arwal	Arwal	Kurtha	Takia High School To Shahganj	1.300	39.714	9.476	49.190	10000	1.980	EE, RV Work						
	23 Arwal/10	Arwal	Arwal	Kurtha	Lari Road- Lodipur	1.160	39.617	9.907	49.524	10000	1.500	Divisio Arwa						
			Tot Piro	al For The Gr Sandesh	T02 To Khandaul	2.460 2.600	79.331 59.859	19.383 21.608	98.714 81.467									
	MR-N/		Piro	Sandesh	Sandesh Bichhiya PMGSY Road To	2.650	153.634	24.610	178.244	Ì		EE, RV						
5	22-23 Piro/ 01	Bhojpur			(Surangpur) Kori Mukhya Path Ajimabad Sandesh					10000	7.120	Work Divisio Piro						
	01		Piro	Sandesh	Road To Bhatauli Mahadalit Tola	2.800	70.867	25.308	96.175	Ì		Piro						
	MR-N/		Tot	al For The Gr	oup	8.050	284.360	71.526	355.886			EE, RV						
ō	22-23 Piro/	Bhojpur	Piro	Piro	Ara Sasaram Ke Mukhya Path Hasan Bajar Se Katar Gram	2.150	69.273	19.945	89.218	10000	1.785	Work Divisio						
	02		Tot	al For The Gr	oup	2.150	69.273	19.945	89.218			Piro						
	MR-N/			Rampur	Belaon- Kudra Road To Gamhariya	0.640	27.207	7.150	34.357	Ì		EE, RV						
,	22-23 Bhabhua/	Kaimur	Bhabhua	Rampur	Belaw To Bhagwanpur	4.410	169.867	43.568	213.435	10000	10000	13.300	Work Division Bhabl					
	14			Rampur	Unnayan Karya Naksal Path Nisija To Majhion	14.500	303.385	113.474	416.859			Dilabi						
			Tota	al For The Gro		19.550	500.459	164.192	664.651									
	MR-N/	Kaimur	Bhabhua	Chainpur	Hue Kharor Tilakchari	6.460	251.008	67.264	318.272	2	EE, RV Work							
3	22-23 Bhabhua/ 15				Jagdahwan Bandh Path					10000	7.280	Divisio Bhabl						
	13	Kaimur	Bhabhua	Bhagwan pur	T03 Deura To Chakedihra	1.089	34.298	11.262	45.560	 								
				Gaya	Gaya Cherki Road To	7.549	285.306	78.526	363.832									
			Gaya	Sadar	Pokhra Par Dhansir Mahadalit Tola	1.450	46.277	15.251	61.528	İ								
	MR-N/22-		Gaya	Gaya Sadar	Gaya cherki Main Road To Chaudhar Gajipur Mahadalit	0.800	31.370	7.889	39.259	İ		EE, R						
9	23 Gaya/ 01	Gaya		Gaya	Tola Tak Gaya Tekari Churi					10000	5.875 Div	Divisio						
			Gaya	Sadar	Road To Sona Bigha	0.879 27.869						37.195			_	-		
			Gaya	Gaya Sadar	Gaya Tekari Road To Dharampur	3.050	121.641	34.064	155.705									
	MR-N/22-		Tota	al For The Gro		6.179	227.157	66.530	293.687									
0	23 Gaya/ 02	Gaya	Gaya	Gaya Sadar	Gaya Patna Main Road Kandi To	1.010	40.324	6.376	46.700	40000	4.075	EE, RV Worl						
			Gava	Gaya	Bhithho Sharif	1.010	42.936	9.115	52.051	10000	1.976	Divisio Gaya						
			Gaya	Sadar al For The Gro	Gaya Praitshila Mukh Road To Agrali	2.020	83.260	15.491	98.751									
			Gaya	Wazirganj	Wazirganj Fatehpur	2.440	70.827	31.061	101.888			EE, RV						
1	MR-N/22- 23 Gaya/	Gaya			Road To Bhura					10000	4.050	Work						
	03		Gaya	Wazirganj	L073 Sleve Road To Oriar Khurd	2.500	70.389	30.090	100.479	<u> </u>		Gaya						
	MR-N/22-		Tota Gaya	Bodhgaya	L075 To Arjun Bigha	4.940 2.150	141.216 62.597	61.151 23.614	202.367 86.211			EE, RV						
2	23 Gaya/ 04	Gaya	Gaya	Bodhgaya	T01 Cherki To	1.740	49.706	17.742	67.448	10000	3.010	Work Divisio						
	04		·	l For The Gro	•	3.890	112.303	41.356	153.659			Gaya						
			Gaya	Tankuppa	Gaya Fatehpur Road To Parsawa	2.680	106.286	31.092	137.378	İ		EE, RV						
3	MR-N/22- 23 Gaya/ 05	Gaya	Gaya	Tankuppa	Fatehpur Chamukhap to	4.650	192.222	52.548	244.770	10000	9.920	Worl Division						
	05		Gaya	Tankuppa	Ahiyarpur Gaya Fatehpur Road To Sonarkhap	2.585	84.087	29.459	113.546	İ		Gay						
				al For The Gro Tankuppa		9.915	382.595	113.099	495.694									
	MR-N/22-		Gaya	Тапкарра	To Pathara Gaya Fatehpur Road	4.200	226.091	45.476	271.567			EE, R\ Wor						
1	23 Gaya/ 06	Gaya	Gaya	Tankuppa	Dhibar More To Baradiha Bhagat	3.000	105.626	33.941	139.567	10000	8.230	Divisi Gay						
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Bihar minister's 'choron ke sardar' swipe at own govt

SANTOSH SINGH

PATNA, SEPTEMBER 12

IN MORE embarrassment for the Nitish Kumar government from its ministers, Bihar Agriculture Minister Sudhakar Singh has flagged corruption in lower bureaucracy, saving: "There is not anyone in my department who does not engage in corrupt practices...Aur hum choron ke sardar hain (And we are head of thieves).

The son of RID state president Jagdanand Singh, Sudhakar was speaking at Chand in Kaimur on Sunday at a felicitation function for him on becoming minister.

In a barely veiled attack on the CM, Sudhakar added: "I have been asking the government to engage multiple agencies to buy paddy, but there is no reaction. I am not talking about bureaucrats but about big politicians. When I talked about setting up mandis to buy grains from farmers, it was not considered either... Aese laga jaise samnewale ko bukhar ho gaya ho (It seemed the person in front of me had caught a fever)."

In an important aside, Sudhakar said: "It is not fully

coalition." Adding that little had changed by way of governance even after the formation of the Grand Alliance Ministry, he said. "It is the same old government. Iske chal-chalan bhi purane hain (Its ways of func-

tioning are also the same)." Sudhakar remarks followed complaints at the event by several farmers about corruption. The Agriculture Minister said he had been raising issues concerning the public, and targeted the bureaucracy for their poor response. "Officials watch which way politics is turning and decide their allegiance accordingly."

Sudhakar suggested that farmers keep burning effigies of the government as a reminder of their anger. "There are others above me. When I speak at Cabinet meetings (about this), they think it is my problem. When will you raise your voice? It will be heard," he said.

Asked about his remarks, Sudhkar told The Indian Express: "I was reacting to problems raised by farmers, who spoke about corruption, right from dakhil kharij (mutation of land) to sale of subsidised fertilisers to them."

Phogat death: MHA orders CBI probe on Goa govt's request

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, PANAJI,

CHANDIGARH, SEPT 12

ON THE request of Goa government, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has recommended a CBI probe into the alleged murder of BIP leader and TikTok star Sonali Phogat who was found dead in Goa on August 23. Phogat's family members have welcomed the move. "The Goa government had

written to MHA requesting the case be handed over to CBI. A recommendation has been sent to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)," an MHA official said. A DoPT official confirmed receipt of recommendation. "The case is being handed over

to CBI. The process to obtain its

consent is on," the official said. On August 22, a day after Phogat left for Goa, she died after consuming drugs, allegedly administered by her personal assistant Sudhir Sangwan and his friend Sukhwinder Singh during a late-night party. Sudhir and Sukhwinder are

The Goa Police, which investigated the case initially,

now in police custody.

and Sukhwinder, "intentionally gave the victim an obnoxious chemical substance in a liquid" hours before she died. Phogat's family had alleged

had said the accused. Sudhir

that she could have possibly been murdered in an attempt to grab her property. She had assets worth around Rs 2.74 crore, according to her 2019 election affidavit. Earlier, Inspector General

of Goa Police Omvir Singh Bishnoi had said: "Based on witness statements (and) CCTV camera footage, Sudhir and Sukhwinder partied with the deceased and videos show that a substance was forcefully given to the victim by one accused. When confronted, Sukhwinder and Sudhir confessed they intentionally made her drink an obnoxious chemical. She lost control and was looked after

(by accused)... Police had registered a murder case against Sudhir and Sukhwinder on a complaint by Phogat's brother Rinku Dhaka. Phogat's family had said Sudhir was possibly just a "front man" and there could be a larger political conspiracy behind her death.

GOA SILLY SOULS CAFE ROW

Lease not admissible as evidence: property owner's lawyer

MAYURA JANWALKAR PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE LEASE agreement between the D'Gama family and Eightall Food and Beverages Limited Liability Partnership for running the Silly Souls Café and Bar in Goa is not admissible as evidence, said Benedict Nazareth, the lawyer representing the D'Gamas before the Goa Excise Commissioner.

On Monday, lawyer and activist Aires Rodrigues, who had filed a complaint before the Excise Commissioner alleging that the restaurant and bar - allegedly run by the kin of Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani — had illegally renewed its liquor licence in the name of Anthony D'Gama who died in May 2021, cited the 10-year lease agreement between the D'Gamas and Eightall starting January 1, 2021, in his written reply before the Commissioner. He said when Anthony D'Gama had applied for the excise licence on January 7, 2021, the restaurant premises were already leased to Eightall Food and Beverages

LLP, a firm in which Irani's kin allegedly had invested.

After a hearing before

Excise Commissioner Narayan Gad on Monday, Nazareth said, "Under the law, there is a distinction between an agreement of lease and a lease deed. Agreement of lease just says that parties would enter into a lease deed if they so wish to. Under the Transfer of Property Act, Section 106 read with Section 17 of the Registration Act, every lease has to be by a registered document. If the lease is not by registered document that lease is not valid under the law. Section 49 of the Registration Act clearly says that no such lease is admissible in evidence. So, this agreement for lease never culminated into a lease deed. And therefore, no rights were created to the parties under this." In their reply to the show-

cause notice issued by the Excise Commissioner on July 25, late Anthony D'Gama's wife Merlyn and son Dean D'Gama, owners of the premises in Assagao from where the restaurant was run, stated that the property was "exclusively" their "business" and involved "no other person/persons".

If there are questions of current or contemporary relevance that you would like explained, please write to explained@indianexpress.com

SC's three-question test for validity of 10% EWS quota

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NEW DELHI, VARANASI, SEPTEMBER 12

BEGINNING TUESDAY, the Supreme Court will examine whether The Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, which introduced a 10 per cent quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in government jobs and admissions, violates the basic structure of the Constitution.

A five-judge Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) U U Lalit and also comprising Justices S Ravindra Bhat, Dinesh Maheshwari, S B Pardiwala, and Bela Trivedi last week decided to examine three key issues to ascertain the validity of the amendment. The challenge to the EWS quota was re-

ferred to a five-judge Bench in August 2020.

What are the issues fixed by the SC?

Attorney General K K Venugopal had drafted four issues for the consideration of the Bench. On September 8, the court decided to take up three of them:

■ "Whether the 103rd Constitution Amendment can be said to breach the basic structure of the Constitution by permitting

the state to make special provisions, including reservation, based on economic criteria";

■ "Whether it (the amendment) can be said to breach the basic structure...by permitting the state to make special provisions in relation to admission to private unaided in-

■ Whether the basic structure is violated by "excluding the SEBCs (Socially and Educationally Backward Classes)/ OBCs (Other Backward Classes)/ SCs (Scheduled Castes)/ STs (Scheduled Tribes) from the scope of EWS reservation".

What is the 103rd Amendment?

The 103rd Amendment inserted Articles 15(6) and 16(6) in the Constitution to provide up to 10 per cent reservation to EWS other than backward classes, SCs, and STs in higher educational institutions and initial recruitment in government jobs. The amendment empowered state governments to provide reservation on the basis of economic backwardness.

Article 15 prohibits discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, or place of birth. Article 16 guarantees equal opportunity in matters of public employment. The additional clauses gave Parliament the power

to make special laws for EWS like it does for SCs, STs, and OBCs.

The EWS reservation was granted based on the recommendations of a commission headed by Major General (retd) S R Sinho. The commission, which was constituted by the UPA government in March 2005, submitted its report in July 2010.

The Sinho Commission recommended that all below-poverty-line (BPL) families within the general category as notified from time to time, and also all families whose annual family income from all sources is below the taxable limit, should be identified as EBCs (economically backward classes).

How is EWS status determined under the law?

The EWS criteria for employment and admission was notified on January 31, 2019 by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) based on the 103rd Amendment.

Under the 2019 notification, a person who was not covered under the scheme of reservation for SCs, STs, and OBCs, and whose family had a gross annual income below Rs 8 lakh, was to be identified as EWS for the benefit of reservation. The notification specified what constituted "income", and excluded some persons from the EWS category if their families possessed certain specified assets.

In October 2021, the Supreme Court, while hearing a challenge to reservation for EWS in the All-India quota for PG medical courses, asked the government how the threshold of Rs 8 lakh had been reached. The Centre told the court that it would revisit the income criterion, and set up a three-member panel for this purpose.

In January this year, the government accepted the committee's report, which said that the "threshold of Rs 8 lakh of annual family income, in the current situation, seems reasonable for determining EWS" and "may be retained". However, the committee said, "EWS may...exclude, irrespective of income, a person whose family has 5 acres of agricultural land and above". Also, the committee recommended, "the residential asset criteria may altogether be removed".

What is the basis of the challenge to the amendment?

When a law is challenged, the burden of proving it is unconstitutional lies on the petitioners. The primary argument in this case is

that the amendment violates the basic structure of the Constitution. Although there is no clear definition of basic structure, any law that violates it is understood to be unconstitutional.

This argument in the present case stems from the view that the special protections guaranteed to socially disadvantaged groups is part of the basic structure, and that the 103rd Amendment departs from this by promising special protections on the sole basis of economic status.

The petitioners have also challenged the amendment on the ground that it violates the Supreme Court's 1992 ruling in *Indra* Sawhney & Ors v Union of India, which upheld the Mandal report and capped reservations at 50 per cent. The court had held that economic backwardness cannot be the sole criterion for identifying a backward class.

Another challenge is on behalf of private, unaided educational institutions. They have argued that their fundamental right to practise a trade/ profession is violated when the state compels them to implement its reservation policy and admit students on any criteria other than merit.

What has been the government's stand

in this matter so far?

In counter affidavits, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment argued that under Article 46 of the Constitution, part of Directive Principles of State Policy, the state has a duty to protect the interests of economically weaker sections: "The state shall promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people, and, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, and shall protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation."

Against the argument of violation of the basic structure, the government said that "to sustain a challenge against a constitutional amendment, it must be shown that the very identity of the Constitution has been altered".

On the Indra Sawhney principle, the government has relied on the SC's 2008 ruling in Ashoka Kumar Thakur v Union of India, in which the court upheld the 27 per cent quota for OBCs. The argument is that the court accepted that the definition of OBCs was not made on the sole criterion of caste but a mix of caste and economic factors; thus, there need not be a sole criterion for according

How the G7 plans to 'price cap' Russian oil



The G7 is trying to build a 'price cap' coalition to keep Russia's oil revenue down.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

IN ITS attempt to counter "Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine" and the war's impact on the global economy, the G7 countries and the European Union have begun working towards a plan for targeting Russia's major source of income - oil exports.

The 'price cap' plan

A joint statement released last week by the G7 finance ministers, which include some of the world's most prosperous countries the US, UK, France, Italy, Japan, Canada and Germany — said that efforts will be made so that the maritime transportation of crude oil globally "would only be allowed if the oil and petroleum products are purchased at or below a price ('the price cap') determined by the broad coalition of countries adhering to and implementing the price cap".

How will it work?

According to Reuters, the plan agreed on during the G7 finance ministers' meeting calls for participating countries to deny "Westerndominated services including insurance, finance, brokering and navigation to oil cargoes priced above the cap". To get those services, the buyers of oil shipments from Russia 'price cap' rates or lower.

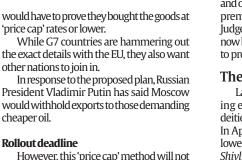
the exact details with the EU, they also want

President Vladimir Putin has said Moscow would withhold exports to those demanding cheaper oil.

Even prior to this move, Europe and the joined the Western boycott of Russian fossil other consumers, the Reuters report said.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen said the step would be "a major blow for Russian finances".

the impact of the price cap through Russia's hurried attempts to negotiate bilateral oil trades at massive discounts.'



However, this 'price cap' method will not immediately come into effect, beginning only around December, reported Reuters.

US had decided to reduce reliance on Russian fossil fuels, with the US completely halting exports in March 2022. Europe too aims to wean itself off oil imports by the end of this year. India and China, meanwhile, have continued to purchase Russian oil and have not fuels. But even if India and China don't join, a cap could help force down prices for Asia and

She added, "We have already begun to see



What the Varanasi court said

The District Judge rejected the Muslim side's arguments based on three Acts to rule that the civil suits seeking the right to worship Hindu deities on the premises of the Gyanvapi mosque were maintainable

SIMPLY PUT

APURVA VISHWANATH VARANASI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE VARANASI District Court on Monday dismissed the challenge by Anjuman Intezamia Masajid Committee against the civil suits that sought the right to worship Maa Shringar Gauri and other deities within the Gyanvapi mosque premises. The preliminary ruling by District Judge AK Vishvesha means that the cases can now be heard on merits where the parties have to present evidence to prove their claims.

The case so far

Last year, five women filed a civil suit seeking enforcement of their right to worship deities within the Gyanvapi mosque complex. In April, the Civil Judge (Senior Division) allowed a video survey of the mosque where a Shivling was said to have been found in the wazukhana. The Anjuman Intezamia moved the Supreme Court, arguing that the proceedings were an attempt to change the religious character of the mosque. The Places of Worship Act, 1991 bars the conversion of the religious character of a place of worship from how it existed on August 15, 1947.

On May 20, the Supreme Court, underlining the "complexity of the issues involved in the civil suit", transferred the case to the District ludge. The SC subsequently said it would intervene only after the District Judge had decided on the preliminary aspects of the case.

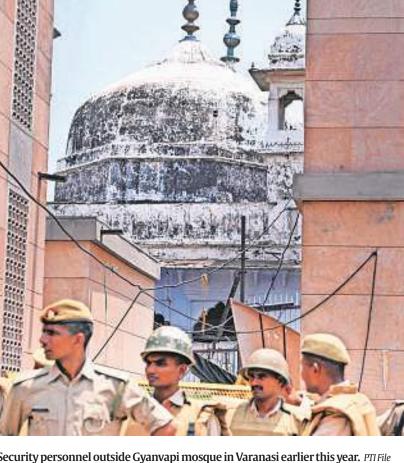
Preliminary ruling

District Judge Vishvesha ruled on Monday that he did not find any law that barred the petitioners from filing such a suit.

Under the Code of Civil Procedure, in the initial stage, averments made in a suit must be prima facie accepted without going into the veracity of the claims, unless such a suit is barred. by law. Once the suit is accepted, the onus of proving the claims would be on the plaintiffs. The mosque side had argued that the

suits were barred under three specific laws.

The Places of Worship Act, 1991: Section 4 of the Act is a declaration that "the religious character of a place of worship existing on the 15th day of August, 1947 shall continue to be the same as it existed on that day". The provision states that if "any suit, appeal or other proceeding with respect to the conversion of the religious character of any place of wor-



Security personnel outside Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi earlier this year. PTI File

ship, existing on [that day]... is pending before any court, tribunal or other authority, the same shall abate, and no suit, appeal or other proceeding with respect to any such matter shall lie on or after such commencement in any court, tribunal or other authority".

The Muslim side argued that allowing the civil suits would alter the character of the mosque as it has existed for over 600 years. The Hindu petitioners argued that until 1993, regular prayers were offered inside the Gyanvapi mosque complex to Hindu deities and since 1993, prayers have been allowed on a designated day annually. Relying on the argument that even after August 15, 1947, the religious character of the Gyanvapi mosque allowed for prayers to Hindu deities, the Varanasi court said in its order that the Places of Worship Act does not bar the civil suit.

In May, the Supreme Court too had observed that "finding the nature of the religious place" is not barred under the 1991 law. "But the ascertainment of a religious character of a place, as a processual instrument, may not necessarily fall foul of the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 (of the Act)... These are matters which we will not hazard an opinion in our order at all," Justice DY Chandrachud had said.

The court will now have to look into evidence on the situation in 1947 before deciding on the issue. Legal experts have pointed out that this is a tricky reading of the law since such broad claims can be made in civil suits, opening the door for a wider religious divide in the country. **The Wakf Act, 1995:** The Muslim side ar-

gued that the subject matter of the civil suit is a Wakf property and, according to Section 85 of the Act, only the Wakf Tribunal, Lucknow, can decide the suit. The mosque made two submissions to prove that the mosque is built on Wakf property. First, that it is published in the Varanasi gazette that the mosque is built on Wakfland; and second, that the Allahabad High Court has held that land that is used from time immemorial for a religious purpose, such as for a mosque or Muslim burials, would be dedicated to God almighty, and would be treated as Wakf.

But the court agreed with two arguments made by the petitioners to decide that the suit is not barred by the Wakf Act.

First, it relied on rulings which held it could "never have been the intention of the legislature to cast a cloud on the right, title or interest of persons who are not Muslims". The Wakf Act, according to the court, is to solve disputes within the community and not to extinguish claims from outside the community. Second, the court agreed with the petitioners that since the land belonged to the deity Adi Vishveshwar from time immemorial, it could have never been Wakf property.

Kashi Vishwanath Temple Act, 1983: The Muslim side also challenged the civil suits on the grounds that under this Act, the "temple land" was clearly demarcated, and that the Board of Trustees appointed under law did not interfere in the case.

The court cited Section 4 (9) of the Act, which defines "Temple", to hold that it does not bar the mosque premises. The provision defines the temple as "the Temple of Adi Vishveshwar, popularly known as Sri Kashi Vishwanath Temple...which is used as a place of public religious worship, and dedicated to or for the benefit of or used as of right by the Hindus, as a place of public religious worship of the Jyotirlinga and includes all subordinate temple, shrines, sub-shrines and the Asthan of all other images and deities, mandaps, wells, tanks and other necessary structures and land appurtenant thereto...".

EVERYDAY HEALTH

Why diabetics, those with heart issues, must be careful with Keto



From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight

ONE OF my patients, a 23-year-old woman (weight 92 kg, BMI 33 kg/m2) who suffers from obesity, has been on a Keto diet for the last two months. While she has lost 4 kg, she said she has been feeling feverish, fatigued and dizzy. She has also experienced cramps, insomnia and bad breath. She is struggling to eat food with high fat and oil content daily, as recommended in the diet.

What is a Keto diet?

The story of Keto diets starts with the Atkins diet, which has rapidly gained popularity. Dr Atkins's New Diet Revolution: The High Calorie Way to Stay Thin Forever has sold 12 million copies and remains a bestseller. The Atkins diet is especially popular among non-vegetarian western populations. (Breakfast: Greasy ham, bacon and eggs: lunch: steak with plenty of cheese: dinner: fish, crab, and chicken cooked in a whole lot of butter.) This diet leads to rapid weight loss in many individuals.

The low amount of carbohydrates in the diet (less than 30 g per day, equivalent to about one and a half rotis) makes the body find alternative routes of energy generation from acidic ketone bodies (hence the name ketogenic diet). These ketone bodies provide energy in an efficient manner and suppress appetite.

After the popularity of the Atkins diet, several similar diets have emerged. Since it is difficult to consistently consume very low-carb, high-fat, and high-protein items daily, the quantity of carbs per day has been increased in the modified diets. As it is also not possible for vegetarians to consume a diet designed by Atkins, items such as ghee and coconut oil have been added to it.

What are the pluses and minuses of a low-carb diet?

There are several advantages of this diet. Rapid weight loss can be achieved, sometimes more than what is seen in usual calorie-restrictive diets. In patients with diabetes, blood sugar levels and sensitivity to insulin improve, and the need for anti-diabetic medication decreases. The diet may also help patients with polycystic ovaries by improving their metabolic environment.

that this diet decreases seizures in children

who are resistant to high-dose medications.

Interestingly, robust evidence indicates

There is persuasive evidence that it also affects acne. There are, however, no clear benefits in cases of cancer, Parkinson's disease, and Alzheimer's.

But many scientists are not ready to accept this diet because of the uncertainty regarding benefits and harms. Several adverse effects have been recorded. While the shortterm weight loss is slightly superior to conventional weight-loss diets, long-term results are not yet known. In animals, this diet is known to increase density of fat in the liver (and worsen fatty liver). There is not enough data on this about humans. Recent reports show that this diet leads to an increase in "bad" LDL cholesterol, which could adversely impact heart health.

Also, no good studies are available concerning Indians, who have bad liver (plenty of fatty livers) and LDL cholesterol (blood is full of fats, which could lead to dense deposition in the arteries that may cause blockages).

Who should avoid the Keto diet?

These diets should never be followed by patients who have faced heart issues and irregular heart rhythm, Patients with disturbed functions of kidney and liver, and history of pancreatic inflammation (pan-

creatitis) should also avoid these diets. Even patients with diabetes should take extra precautions while adopting these diets. Those with Type 1 diabetes or diabetes during pregnancy should not try it at all. Many $diabetic \, patients \, who \, are \, on \, SGLT2 \, inhibitors \,$ (medication such as Empagliflozin, Dapagliflozin and Canagliflozin) should be careful since the Keto diet, along with these drugs, will have an additive effect on ketogenesis, which could reach dangerous levels. Finally, those who are on blood thinners (Vit K-dependent anticoagulation) should also avoid Keto diets.

Is the diet worth the short-term gain? The low-carbohydrate Keto diet is a reasonable option for rapid weight loss among young obese individuals with no organ dysfunction. But it should be tried for three to six months only under the supervision of nutritionists and physicians. Before taking up the diet, a complete cholesterol and liver profile should be done to check for any extreme responses. In young, obese patients who have re-

cently been detected with diabetes (and are not on SGLT2i), this diet is a reasonable option to check the surge of sugars or even for reversal of diabetes.

Finally, the effect of very low-carb Ketogenic diets on longevity is unknown, and one study suggests these are not favourable.

Dr Anoop Misra, Padma Shri, is one of India's most eminent diabetologists and endocrinologists. He is chairman. Fortis C-DOC Center for Diabetes, and author of Diabetes with Delight

Columbia University was demoted from No. 2 to No. 18 in the influential US News & World Report college rankings on Monday, about eight months after a Columbia math professor accused the university of fudging some key statistics used in the rankings.



Over 660,000 people, including women & children, are living at relief camps. AP

PAKISTAN

Country faces food shortages, GDP to dip: PM

Islamabad: Pakistan is grappling with food shortages after floods left the impoverished country's agriculture belt underwater, the PM told the Turkish president on call, as authorities scaled up efforts Monday to deliver food, tents and other items. Shahbaz Sharif spoke to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan overnight to thank Turkey for dispatching food, tents and medicine by 12 military aircraft, four trains and Turkish Red Crescent trucks. The floods are likely to reduce the country's GDP by over 2 percentage points. The PM said as per initial estimates, the floods are likely to reduce Pakistan's GDP by over 2 percentage points. AP& PTI

SYRIA

IS militants kill 6 US-backed fighters

Beirut: The Islamic State group killed six US-backed Syrian fighters in eastern Syria saying on Monday that the killing was in retaliation for an ongoing operation inside a sprawling camp housing family of the extremist group. The IS-linked Aamaq news agency released a video showing the shooting of the six members of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces near Ruwaished where they were captured alive and later shot late Sunday. AP

Anti-immigration party leads poll results

Stockholm: Sweden's right bloc appeared in pole position on Monday to form a government for the first time in nearly a decade. Sunday's election remained too close to call on Monday with about 5% of electoral districts yet to be counted, but early results gave right-wing parties 175 of the 349 seats in Riksdag, Overseas postal ballots were still to be counted and a full preliminary result is not due till Wednesday. REUTERS

Drone designed to hit Tel Aviv developed: Report

IRAN HAS developed an advanced long-range suicide drone "designed to hit Israel's Tel Aviv, Haifa", the semi-official Mehr News on Monday quoted Iran's ground forces chief as saying. Brigadier General Kiomars Heidari said the drone, named Arash-2, is a newer version of Arash-1.REUTERS

AFGHANISTAN

Three UN staff temporarily detained

Kabul: The UN Mission to Afghanistan on Monday said three of its woman Afghan employees had been temporarily detained by Taliban security agents. Taliban spokesmen said they strongly rejected the allegations. **REUTERS**

NORTHEAST ADVANCE

Ukraine keeps up momentum, reclaims more territory, reports capturing POWs

Kremlin insists that 'special military operation' will meet its goals, strikes Kharkiv

AGENCIES

KHARKIV, SEPTEMBER 12

UKRAINE CLAIMED Monday that it took several more villages, pushing Russian forces right back to the northeastern border, part of a lightning counteroffensive that forced Moscow to withdraw troops from some areas in recent days.

After months of little discernible movement on the battlefield, Kyiv's sudden momentum has lifted Ukrainian morale and provoked outrage in Russia and even some rare public criticism of President Vladimir Putin's war. As Ukrainian flags began to flutter over one city emerging from Russian occupation, a local leader alleged the Kremlin's troops had committed atrocities against civilians there.



A Russian rocket attack hits an electric power station in Kharkiv on Sunday. AP

"In some areas of the front, our defenders reached the state border with the Russian Federation." said

Syniehubov, the governor of the northeastern Kharkiv region. A spokesman for Ukrainian

military intelligence said Russian

troops were surrendering en masse as "they understand the hopelessness of their situation." A Ûkrainian presidential adviser said there were so many POWs that the country was running out of space to accommodate them. The Ukrainian military

claimed on Monday that it had retaken more territory in the south and was reiterating calls for Russian units fighting west of the Dnipro River in the Kherson region to surrender.

It was not yet clear if Ukraine's latest blitz could signal a turning point in the war though some analysts suggested it might be while also cautioning there would likely be months more fighting. Momentum has switched back and forth before.

Retreating Russian forces have retaliated with long-range missile strikes and air raids. Ukrainian and American officials said. Late on Sunday, Moscow attacked infrastructure facilities in Kharkiv, leaving many civilians without power and water. The services were mostly restored by Monday morning, the Ukrinform news agency reported.

The Kremlin, meanwhile, insisted on Monday it would achieve its military goals and Putin maintained an air of business as usual as he chaired a meeting on the economy.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitrv Peskov declined to answer directly, when asked if Putin still had confidence in his military leadership after Ukraine's lightning counteroffensive. Instead he repeated a familiar mantra. "The special military operation continues. And it will continue until the goals that were originally set are achieved.'

MAR-A-LAGO PROBE

Keep blocking FBI from working with seized files, Trump asks judge

THE NEW YORK TIMES SEPTEMBER 12

LAWYERS FOR former President Donald J Trump asked a federal judge on Monday to deny the Justice Department's request to immediately restart a key part of its criminal investigation into his hoarding of sensitive government documents at his residence in Florida.

Renewing their request for an expansive independent review of records seized from Trump, the former president's legal team argued that documents marked as classified should remain off limits to the FBI and prosecutors. They asked the judge, Aileen M Cannon, to maintain her order barring agents from using any of the materials taken from his estate until an outside arbiter, known as a special master, has vetted all of them.

The 21-page filing was an aggressive rebuke of the Justice Department's broader inquiry into whether Trump or his aides illegally kept national security secrets at his property, Mar-a-Lago, or obstructed the government's repeated attempts to retrieve the materials. It played down the

tion at Mar-a-Lago and into the potential obstruction of that probe. criminal inquiry as a "storage dis-

pute" and insinuated that officials

might have leaked information

page report

THE 21-PAGE filing under-

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Department looks to

move forward with its

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for Trump and the US gov-

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the illegal retention of na-

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about the contents of the files. "This investigation of the 45th president of the US is both unprecedented and misguided," the filing said, "In what at its core is a document storage dispute that has spiraled out of control, the government wrongfully seeks to criminalise the possession by the 45th president of his own presidential and personal records."



China's Li Zhanshau is on a four-day visit to Nepal

Nepal-China pledge to move ahead with **BRI** projects

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU, SEPTEMBER 12

IN A significant and unprecedented move, chiefs of Nepal and China's legislative bodies signed an agreement recognising the bilateral understanding reached five years ago as the basis for enhancing trans-Himalayan cooperation in multiple sectors.

A six-point agreement man of the National People's Congress of China Li Zhanshau and Speaker of the House of Representatives Agni Prasad Sapkota said it would help identify and move forward with cooperation in sectors of mutual benefit. This new step in diplomacy between the two neighbours strikes a slightly different note from the passiveness demonstrated by the government that had been insisting on grants from China to pursue BRI projects, which was stalled.

The agreement signed between Li and Sapkota also stated that the decision taken during President Jinping during his Nepal visit in October 2019—the bilateral relations should be consolidated for development and prosperity of the two countries — would form the basis of the journey together.

Li, who returns to Beijing on Thursday, will be meeting President Bidhva Devi Bhandari. Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, former PM's K P Oli and Pushp's Kamal Dahal, among others during his stay.

In Parliament address, King Charles promises to uphold UK Constitution

King Charles, Queen Camilla, Anne, Princess Royal, Prince Andrew among other members of the

Royal family attend a Service of Prayer for the Queen at St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh. Reuters

THE NEW YORK TIMES LONDON, SEPTEMBER 12

UNDER THE ancient, vaulted timbers of Westminster Hall, Britain's Parliament on Monday for the first time as sovereign, accepting condolences and pledging to uphold the principles of the country's constitutional monarchy.

Speaking from the chamber where the body of his mother, Oueen Elizabeth II. will lie in state later this week, Charles said, "Parliament is the living and breathing instrument of our democracy." The ceremony showcased the harmonious and

London: Britain's Prince Harry

paid a highly personal tribute on

Monday to his "granny", the late

Queen Elizabeth, saying how he

cherished the time he had spent

with her and how he would ho-

nour his father as the new king.

praised the queen's service as

head of state and monarch, and

In a statement, Harry



King Charles thanks the members of the House of **Lords and Commons for**

occasionally fraught intersection of British royalty and government. There were expressions of fealty from Parliament to the King and a reciprocal pledge by him to

We, too, smile knowing that you and

also spoke emotionally of her

role as a grandmother. "Granny,

while this final parting brings

us great sadness, I am forever

grateful for all of our first meet-

ings - from my earliest child-

hood memories with you, to

meeting you for the first time

as my Commander-in-Chief, to

the first moment you met my

grandpa are reunited: Prince Harry

the Queen, whom he said was a quoting from Shakespeare.

majesty pledged herself to serve her country and her people and to maintain the precious principles of constitutional government which lie at the heart of our nation," the king said.

"This vow, she kept with unsurpassed devotion," Charles said. "She set an example of selfless duty which with God's help and your counsels I am resolved faithfully to follow.'

darling wife and hugged your

beloved great-grandchildren,"

grace and dignity" and her com-

mitment to duty. "We, too, smile

knowing that you and grandpa

are reunited now, and both to-

gether in peace," he said, a refer-

ence to her husband. REUTERS

He praised her "unwavering

abide by the limits of his constitutional role, which stipulates that he remain above politics. Charles struck a more poignant note, paying tribute to

"While very young, her late

she thought New

A MINUTE'S SILENCE: The UK will observe a local time on Sunday, Elizabeth II's State Abbey, Downing Street $announced\,.\,PM\,Liz$ Truss' offiice said the the life of the Queen.

AN ODE TO THE QUEEN



PRINCE ANDREW TO **CARE FOR CORGI DOGS:** For the legions of dog lovers who have wondered what will happen to Queen Elizabeth's two surviving corgis, there is clarity: The Duke of York, Prince Andrew, and his former wife, Sarah, Duchess of York, will take care of the two corgis. It was the duchess who had found the dogs when they were puppies, and the duke who gave them to the queen as gifts.

NEW ZEALAND SAYS NO REPUBLIC PLAN: New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern said her government will not pursue any moves to change the country

into a republic following the death of th Queen. Ardern said Zealand will eventually become a republic, but that there were more pressing issues for her

Biden to hit China with broader curbs on

KAREN FREIFELD& ALEXANDRA ALPER WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 12 THE BIDEN administration plans next month to broaden curbs on US shipments to China of semiconductors used for artificial intelligence and chipmaking tools, several people familiar with the matter said. The Commerce Department intends to publish new regulations based on restrictions communicated in letters earlier this year to three US companies - KLA Corp, Lam Research Corp and Applied Materials Inc, the people

not been previously reported. panies publicly acknowledged, forbade them from exporting chipmaking equipment to Chinese factories that produce advanced semiconductors with sub-14 nanometer processes un-

government now.

minute's silence at 8pm the night before Queen Funeral at Westminster silence will be a chance for UK to come together to mourn and reflect on

US chip, tool exports

The Biden administration plans to broaden curbs next

less the sellers obtain Commerce

Department licences. The rules would also codify restrictions in Commerce Department letters sent to Nvidia Corp and Advanced Micro Devices last month instructing eral artificial intelligence computing chips to China unless they obtain licences. Some of the sources said the regulations

would likely include additional

actions against China. REUTERS

Prolonged Rohingya stay impacts stability: Hasina

ASSOCIATED PRESS DHAKA, SEPTEMBER 12

said. The plan for new rules has

BANGLADESH'S PRIME minister said Monday that the prolonged stav of over 1 million Rohingya refugees in crowded camps in the country has become a serious se-

curity and stability concern. "Apart from their own miseries, their prolonged presence is causing a serious impact on the economy, environment, security and sociopolitical stability of Bangladesh," PM Sheikh Hasina said at the opening ceremony of a three-day meeting of



military officials from 24 countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

Bangladesh

PM Sheikh

Participants in the meeting, including the US, Canada,

Australia, Japan, Indonesia and India will visit the sprawling Rohingya refugee camps to see their plight, said chief of Bangladesh army. Hasina has said that repatriation is the only solution to the crisis.

74TH PRIMETIME AWARDS WILL BE BIG AND FESTIVE

'Squid Game,' 'Succession,' 'Ted Lasso' vie for Emmy Awards

LYNN ELBER

LOS ANGELES, SEPTEMBER 12

EMMY AWARDS host Kenan Thompson and the ceremony's producers are promising a feelgood event - a phrase not applicable to several of the top nom-

The best drama contenders include the violently dystopian 'Squid Game," bleak workplace "Severance" 'Succession," about a powerful and cutthroat family. Even comedy nominee "Ted Lasso." the defending champ, took a story-

telling dark turn. But after several pandemicconstrained awards seasons, Monday's 74th Primetime Emmy Awards (airing 8 pm EDT on NBC, streaming on Peacock) will be big and festive, executive producers Reginald Hudlin and Ian Stewart said.

They're actually taking a page from last year's scaled-down ceremony and its club-style table seating for nominees. "They had a ball. They had a

party. They celebrated themselves," Stewart said, recalling a comment made by actor Sophia Bush at the evening's end: "Oh, my God, I actually had fun at the Emmys." The tables will be back and again reserved for nominees — and their "significant," Stewart



Brian Cox in a scene from 'Succession.' AP

said — but there will be some 3,000 other guests seated traditionally in the temporarily reconfigured 7,000-seat Microsoft

Theater in downtown Los Angeles. "When the nominees are having a great time that translates on screen," Hudlin said, citing the "passionate, touching" speeches delivered by winners.

Thompson, the veteran 'Saturday Night Live" cast member taking his first turn as Emmys host, said he wants to enjoy the ceremony and make sure others do. "This should be a night of ap-

preciating artistry and creativity and removing the stress of it all out. I get it - it sucks to lose, and everybody's picking outfits and trying to do the red carpet,' Thompson said. "But at the same time, it's an awesome thing to be in the room on Emmys night, and I don't want that to get lost in the stress." He doesn't expect anything mirroring the Will Smith-Chris Rock confrontation that cast a shadow over the Oscars earlier this year, Thompson said.

Although HBO's "Succession," which won the best drama series award in 2020, and "Ted Lasso" from Apple TV+ are considered the frontrunners for top series honors, there's potential for surprises. Netflix's "Squid Game," a global sensation, would be the first non-English language drama series to win an Emmy.

On the comedy side, ABC's acclaimed newcomer "Abbott Elementary" could become the

New Delhi

first broadcast show to win the best comedy award since the network's "Modern Family" in 2014. It's also among the few contenders this year, along with 'Squid Game," to field a substantial number of nominees of colour.

At the Emmy creative arts ceremonies held earlier this month, the mockumentarystyle show about educators in an underfunded Philadelphia school, won the trophy for outstanding comedy series casting. "Succession" won the drama series casting award. 'The Crown," last year's big winner, wasn't in the running this time because it sat out the Emmys eligibility period. AP

Dubai throngs to get first glimpse of Hindu temple

Dubai: Thousands of UAE residents are making a beeline to get the first glimpse of the new Hindu temple in Dubai after its soft opening earlier this month.

The temple, which will be officially open to the public from October 5 — the day of the Dussehra festival, welcomes people of all faiths and has allowed entry to worshippers and other visitors for viewing the 16 deities and other interior works, the Gulf News reported on Sunday.

The soft opening of the temple was held on September 1 with the temple management activating the QR-code based appointbooking ment Appointments for most weekends till the end of October have already been booked.







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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) per barrel as of September 9 **SENSEX:** 60,115.13 ▲ 321.99 (0.54%) **NIFTY:** 17,936.35 ▲ 103.00 (0.58%) **NIKKEI:** 28,542.11 ▲ 327.36 **HANG SENG:** 19,362.25 ▲ 507.63 **FTSE:** 7,446.71 ▲ 95.64 **DAX:** 13,310.28 ▲ 222.07

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SECTOR WATCH TECH PLATFORMS

Keeping Big Tech in check: 'Safe harbour' under lens in US, India

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

AMID THE growing chorus of the influence and dominance of social media companies, the United States has identified six key principles to keep their power in check. The

areas range from competition; privacy; youth mental health; misinformation and disinformation; illegal and abuconduct,

including sexual exploitation; and algorithmic discrimination and lack of transparency.

These principles are in line with global scepticism around the influence of social media platforms as countries around the world, including India, look to check the dominance of these platforms.

A move to bring 'greater accountability

"Although tech platforms can help keep us connected, create a vibrant marketplace of ideas, and open up new opportunities for bringing products and services to market, they can also divide us and wreak serious real-world harms," the White House said in a statement, after convening a discussion involving experts and practitioners on the harms that tech platforms could cause.

Calling for clear rules on handling competition issues, it said that a small number of dominant Internet platforms use their power to "exclude market entrants, to engage in rent-seeking, and to gather intimate personal information that they can use for their own advantage". The White House added should also be clear limits on the ability to collect, use, transfer, and maintain our personal data, including limits on targeted advertising.

A rethink of immunity enjoyed by social media platforms: US vs India

One of the key principles listed by the White House is to remove special protection available to social media platforms under Section 230 of the US' Communications Decency Act (CDA). This section is similar to Section 79 of India's Information Technology Act, 2000, (IT Act) which classifies social media platforms as intermediaries and broadly shields them from legal action based on content users post on their platform.

Both these regulations offer social media platforms something called 'safe harbour'. The idea is that since platforms cannot control at the first instance what users post on their site, they should not be held legally liable for any objectionable content they host as long as they agree to take such content down when flagged by the government or various courts. Since social media platforms are generally understood to be

LAST FLEET EXPANSION WAS IN 2016

Air India fleet to rise by 25%, NITI Aayog-like premium economy on cards

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

MARKING THE beginning of one

said it will bring in 21 Airbus

A320neo planes, four Airbus

A321 neo planes and five Boeing

777-200LR wide-bodied planes

of Tata Sons chairman N SIX PRINCIPLES Chandrasekaran's core aims to upgrade and modernise the Air ■The US has India fleet, the airline has signed identified six key lease agreements to induct 30 principles to keep new aircraft to boost domestic the power of social and international operations over media cos in check the next 15 months, according to an official statement. The carrier

crucial tools of

speech, safe har-

bour is typically

seen as a core tenet

of enabling freedom

of expression on

these platforms.

The White House, how-

ever, has called for "funda-

mental reforms" to Section

230 after experts highlighted

the "magnitude of illegal and

abusive conduct hosted or dis-

seminated by platforms, but

for which they are currently

shielded from being held li-

able and lack adequate incen-

tive to reasonably address,

such as child sexual exploita-

tion, cyberstalking, and non-

consensual distribution of in-

notified extensive changes to

its social media regulations in

the form of the Information

Technology Rules, 2021 (IT

Rules) which placed signifi-

cant due diligence require-

ments on large social media

platforms such as Facebook

and Twitter, including ap-

pointing key personnel to han-

dle law enforcement requests

and user grievances, enabling

identification of the first orig-

inator of the information on its

platform under certain condi-

tions, and deploying technology-based measures on a

best-effort basis to identify

have objected to some of the

provisions in the IT Rules, with

WhatsApp also having filed a

case against a requirement

which mandates it to trace the

first originator of a message.

platform may be required to

trace the originator is if a user

has shared child sexual abuse

material on its platform.

WhatsApp has, however, al-

leged that the requirement

will dilute the encryption se-

curity on its platform and

could compromise personal

messages of millions of

make the Internet "open, safe

and trusted, and accountable",

the IT Ministry proposed fur-

ther amendments to the IT

Rules. One of the most con-

tentious proposals is the cre-

ation of government-backed

grievance appellate commit-

tees which would have the au-

thority to review and revoke

content moderation decisions

complete overhaul of its tech-

nology policies and is expec-

ted to soon come out with a re-

placement of its IT Act, 2000,

which will look at ensuring net

neutrality, data privacy, and al-

gorithmic accountability of so-

BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 12

ALPHABET INC is considering

moving some production of

Pixel phones to India following

disruptions in China from Covid-

19 lockdowns and Beijing's ris-

ing tensions with the United

States, the Information reported

mediately respond to a Reuters

request for comment, has so-

licited bids from manufacturers

Alphabet, which did not im-

on Monday, citing a source.

cial media platforms.

REUTERS

India is also working on a

taken by platforms.

This June, with a view to

Indians.

Social media companies

certain types of content.

In February 2021, India had

timate images of adults".

progressively from December. The wide-bodied planes will have a Premium Economy offering - a product Air India will offer for the first time. Premium Economy is currently offered in India by Tata-Singapore Airlines

joint-venture airline Vistara. The last time Air India had expanded its fleet was in 2016, when it leased 14 Airbus A320neo aircraft. This was preceded by an order to purchase 111 Airbus narrow-bodied planes and Boeing wide-bodied planes in 2006-07.

"These new aircraft, which will enter service from late 2022.

NEW AIRCRAFT TO BE INDUCTED

THE CARRIER will bring in 21 Airbus A320neo planes, 4 Airbus A321neo planes and 5 Boeing 777-200LR widebodied planes progressively from December

will increase the airline's fleet by over 25 per cent. Not counting the 10 long-grounded narrow-body and six wide-body aircraft that have been returned to service in recent months, these new aircraft mark the first major fleet expansion since Air India's acquisition by the Tata Group earlier this year," the statement said.

Currently, Air India has 70 narrow-bodied aircraft, of which 54 are in service, and 43 wide-bodied planes, of which 33 are operational. The grounded planes are expected to return to service early next year, the airline said.

The Boeing 777-200LRs will join the fleet between December 2022 and March 2023, and be deployed on routes from metro cities to the US, Air India said. Mumbai will see the addition of flights to San Francisco as well as to the New York international airports, Newark Liberty and John F Kennedy, while Bengaluru will re-

ceive a thrice-a-week service to

San Francisco, it added.

The four Airbus A321 aircraft are expected to join the Air India fleet in the first quarter of calendar year 2023, while the 21 A320 planes will be inducted in the second half of 2023. These aircraft will be deployed on domestic sectors as well as to short-haul international destinations.

Campbell Wilson, CEO & MD. Air India, said: "After a long time without significant growth, Air India is delighted to resume expanding its fleet and global footprint. These new aircraft, together with existing aircraft being returned to service, address an immediate need for more capacity and connectivity, and mark a

Battery Energy Storage

System (BESS) requirement in

2031-32 is varying from 51 giga

watts (GW) to 84 GW, read the

'Draft National Electricity Plan

which stakeholder feedback

(Vol-I Generation)', on

has been sought

strong step forward. Air India has exciting expansion and renewal plans, of which these new aircraft are just the beginning". In his maiden address to Air

India employees in February after its acquisition by the Tata Group, Chandrasekaran had said upgrading and modernising the fleet and hospitality was among the core areas where the airline will focus under the new management. "We will upgrade our fleet. We will bring modernity to our fleet. We will bring a new fleet, we will expand our outreach... We will not only increase the number of aircraft that we will have, wide body and narrow body, (but) we will fly to many destinations.'

Air India's market share in domestic air passenger traffic has steadily dropped over the last 5-6 years, and the expansion of its fleet will give it a chance to add capacity to compete with the likes of IndiGo, Vistara, SpiceJet, AkasaAir and GoFirst. As per latest available official data, Air India had a domestic market share of 8.4 per cent in July. In the same month, IndiGo, Vistara, GoFirst and SpiceJet had market shares of 58.8 per cent, 10.4 per cent, 8.2 per cent and 8.0 per cent, respectively.

Projected all-India peak

electricity demand and

preliminary estimates of

electrical energy

FOR 2026-27

FOR 2031-32

(billion units)

requirement, as per

demand projections:

■ 272 GW and 1,874 BU

■ 363 GW and 2,538 BU

hydro-based plants, which are in

Source: Central Electricity

concurred/under construction

States may have bodies soon

PRASANTA SAHU

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE NITI Aayog — the think-tank at the Central level - will handhold each state to set up similar bodies, replacing their planning boards for faster and inclusive economic growth, in tandem with the vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

The move is in recognition of the fact that except for sectors like defence, railways and highways, the national gross domestic product (GDP) growth is an aggregation of states' rates of growth. Health, education and skilling are primarily with the state government. The NITI Aayog notes that state governments' role is critical to improving ease of doing business, land reforms, infrastructure development, credit flows and urbanisation, all of which are vital for sustained economic growth.

In his Independence Day peech last month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi set an ambitious target of making India a developed nation by 2047. The NITI Aayog has already initiated the "state support mission" by holding a meeting of state planning secretaries on September 6. The think-tank, which will likely extend support to states including experts from IIMs and IITs, has received positive responses from states, according to sources.

Initially, it aims for 8-10 states to set up such bodies, before reaching out to all by March 2023. Four states — Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Assam - have already begun work in this regard while Maharashtra, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat will likely begin work soon, sources said.

It has been seven years since the 65-year-old Planning Commission was replaced with the NITI Aayog by the Modi government in January 2015, mainly as a think-tank for forging a na-

'STATE SUPPORT MISSION'

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tional vision on development. The Centre has since given the plan fund allocation powers to the Finance Ministry. However, most states so far

have done little to rejuvenate their planning departments/ boards, which earlier dealt with the Planning Commission and prepared parallel state five yearplans with the Centre. "Most states' planning departments, with huge manpower, are almost defunct and have no clarity what work they will do," said a senior official said. "A plan has been chalked out by NITI Aayog to help in the creation of teams that will examine the existing structure of state planning boards, and in the next 4-6 months conceptualise the State Institution for Transformation (SIT)."

Lateral entry of professionals will be encouraged in SITs to undertake high-quality analytical work and policy recommendations. Besides reorienting state planning boards as SITs, a blueprint will be made on how it will guide states in policy formulation, take up monitoring and evaluation of government policies and programmes, and suggest better technology or models for delivery of schemes. FE

'May need up to 28 GW of extra coal-based capacity by 2032'

India may need up to 28 GW of more coal-fired power generation capacity by 2032 apart from the 25 GW underconstruction projects, the Central Electricity Authority said



When peak demand and energy requirement increases, both coal-based capacity and storage requirement — PSS (Pumped Storage Schemes) and BESS — increase along with marginal increase in hydro-based capacity

'Vedanta plans \$20-bn chip unit in Gujarat'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

VEDANTA HAS decided to set up its semiconductor manufacturing unit in Gujarat and has identified land for it. According to Reuters, an announcement to this effect is expected later this week with a formal signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the state government and the company.

The Vedanta Group has an initial investment plan of \$2 billion for the semiconductor unit,



which would go up to \$20 billion as the company scales up the project. "Various state governments have approached us for

providing land for the project, and we are also in talks with several of them. We will soon identify the location to set up the unit. We want to see which state is able to create an entire cluster of units," Anil Agarwal, Vedanta chairman, had said earlier. Vedanta is amongst the five

companies which have applied for the government's Rs 76,000crore incentive scheme for development of semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem in the country.

In fact, the company has submitted two proposals — one where it has formed a joint venture with Foxconn for manufacturing chips and the second, on its own for display fabs.

Vedanta is confident of getting global orders once its semiconductor manufacturing unit is up and running in India. It is already into manufacturing fab glasses and optic fibre globally. so it is not going to be a new business for the company. "We already make fab glasses in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan and have 20,000 people working for us, so we are already in the business," Agarwal had said. **FE**

ED allows WazirX to resume banking ops

crypto exchange WazirX, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) unfroze its bank accounts.

WazirX communicated in a blog post on Monday that it is now in a position to continue banking operations as usual, over a month after the ED froze its bank accounts to inspect money laundering cases. WazirX said it has cooperated with investigators by providing all necessary details, information, and documents of the accused companies who used its platform.

tech companies and instant loan apps, including WazirX.

The Binance-linked company's assets worth Rs 64.7 crore were frozen after the central agency suspected that the crypto exchange assisted instant loan app companies in laundering the proceeds of crime by converting them into cryptocurrencies on

its platform. A number of fintech

companies were involved in ille-

gal lending practices that were

backed by Chinese funds, the ED

Musk's bid to scrap deal MUNICIPAL BOAD, NATHDWARA DIST.- RAJSAMAND invalid, wrongful: Twitter Bengaluru: Twitter said Monday

payments made to a whistleblower did not breach any terms of its \$44-billion buyout by Elon Musk, after the Tesla CEO made another bid to scrap the deal.

In a letter to Twitter on Friday, lawyers for Musk said the platform's failure to seek his consent

'Google may make some

Pixel phones in India'

before paying \$7.75 million to whistleblower Peiter Zatko and his lawyers violated the merger agreement, which restricts when Twitter could make such payments. Twitter's lawyers replied, saying Musk's reasoning to back out of the deal is "invalid and wrongful". REUTERS

Bids for different works Nit No. 25/2022-23 of Municipal Board thdwara are invited from interested bidders up to date 20-09-2022 on

Notice Inviting Bid

18:00 Hours. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the rocurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) UBN No. - DLB2223WSOB15347

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Commissioner

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निविदा संशोधन सूचना 1/2022-23

इस कार्यालय द्वारा जारी निविदा सचना संख्या 1/2022-23 में क्रम संख्या 1 एवं 2 पर अंकित आरआईडीएफ-28 के कार्यों की निविदायें ऑनलाईन प्रस्तुत किये जाने की दिनांक 22.09.2022 को सायं 6.00 बजे तक बढाई जाती है। तकनीकी निविदायें दिनांक 23.09.2022 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे संबंधित कार्यालय में ऑनलाईन खोली जायेगी। निविदा की अन्य शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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MAHARASHTRA METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD. (Nagpur Metro Rail Project) "Metro Bhavan", VIP Road, Near Dikshabhoomi, Ramdaspeth, Nagpur-440010. E-mail : md.nmrcl.tenders@gmail.com

had said. **FE**

Tender Notice No. N1-O&M-14/2022 Dt. 05.09.2022 Name of work: Comprehensive Maintenance Works (Preventive)

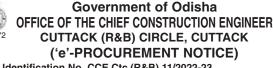
Website: www.mahametro.org

Corrective / Break Down etc) of various assets of Rolling Stock, CBTC Signalling systems, Telecommunication systems and Lifts 8 Escalators including Consumables, Tools & Tackles but excluding Spares for a period of 5 years, for Phase - 1 of Nagpur Metro Rai Project of Maha-Metro.

Cost of Documents: INR 59,000/- (inclusive of GST). Interested Bidders may visit MAHA-METRO Website

www.mahametro.org and CPP Website : https://eprocure.gov.in for NIT and download the bid documents for further details regarding the tender, from e-tender portal https://mahametrorail.etenders.in from **16.00** Hrs on **16.09.2022** to **16.00** Hrs on **11.10.2022.**

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Maha-Metro, (Nagpur Metro) Maazee Metro, Greenest Metro



Bid Identification No. CCE.Ctc.(R&B) 11/2022-23. The Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle, Cuttack or behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractor Sports Complex works as mentioned below.

No. of work :- 2 Nos Nature of work Sports Complex works. Class of contractor 'A' & Special Class. Tender paper cost

Available of bid documents in the web site. Date of opening of bid

seen in the said web site

Rs. 10000/- (online)

:- From 14.09.2022 to 16.00 Hours of 28.09.2022 :- Dt. 29.09.2022 at 11.00 Hours. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further

Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be Sd/- P.K. Pradhan **Chief Construction Engineer**

Cuttack (R&B) Circle OIPR-34012/11/0014/2223

Amazon sellers

BRIEFLY —

New Delhi: Amazon India has cut down selling fee by 50% for new vendors on its platform ahead of festive season sale, it said Monday. All vendors are required to pay a fee for selling their products on Amazon and it is calculated as a percentage of the total sales price that is paid by the buyer.

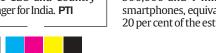
AmEx India head

ess Banking Corp (AEBC) on Manager for India. PTI

New Delhi: American Expr-

Monday announced the ap-

pointment of Sanjay Khanna as the CEO and Country



in India to make between 500.000 and 1 million Pixel smartphones, equivalent to 10-20 per cent of the estimated an-

according to the report. The company's chief execu

nual production for the device,

tive Sundar Pichai previewed a plan to manufacture in India earlier this year but a final decision has not vet been made, the report added. If approved, India production operations will still require import of components Alphabet is also considering

Vietnam as another manufacturing base, according to Nikkei. Apple Inc, the company's

main smartphone rival, already makes at least four models up to iPhone 13 in India through contract manufacturing partners Foxconn and Wistron.

UNIVERSITY, SOLAPUR E-TENDER NOTICE No. 11 Sealed E-tenders in B-1 % rate are invited for electrical works of Administrative Building and Examination Bhavan by the Registrar - P.A.H. Solapu

from the registered contractor in 'A' class

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with PWD, having estimated cost of Rs 2.52.10.123/- with EMD, Rs. 2.52.105/ cost of tender Rs. 8000/- + 12% GST. The detail tender notice is available or https://mahatenders.gov.in and https://su.digitaluniversity.ac website and also on notice board of University The tenderers can download the entire tender documents from 12/9/22 to 6/10/22 and follow the tende programme. The conditional tenders wi not be accepted. The Registrar, P.A.H Solapur University, Solapur reserves th right to accept or reject the lowest or an other tender or all tenders withou assigning any reason whatsoever Ref. No. PAHSUS/Engg/2022/111

Date: 12/09/2022

Card, Credit Card etc. Please visit https://ireps.gov.in website for details

New Delhi

details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in

A TRIBUTE TO BRAVE HEART 13th September CT / GD AVTAR SINGH

5th Res. Bn. Ghaziabad 13-09-2002 CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On this day, he laid down his life at the altar of duty while fighting with

the terrorists. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for his noblest deed.

12TH BATTALION THE JAT REGIMENT MARTYR'S DAY (IN MEMORIAM)

In everlasting memory of these brave sons of "Bahadur 12"who madethe supreme sacrifice of their lives to preserve the integrity of the motherland while serving with battalion in various

" INDO-PAK WAR" 1971 (BANGLADESH)

Mai Sudesh Kumar, Nb Sub Prem Kumar, Nb Sub SD Tiwari, L Hav Bodhu Ram, Nk Kartar Singh, LNk Amar Chand, LNk Girdahari Lal, LNk Kapur Singh, Sep Sardara Singh, Sep Bhagmal, Sep Sandoor Singh, Sep Makhan Singh, Sep Jai Narain, Sep Pit Ram, Sep/Ck Ram Singh, Sep Nihal Singh and Sep Ram Chander.

"OP PAWAN" 1988-90 (Sri Lanka)

Maj Michael Lewis, Capt Pramod Jolly, Hav Dalip Singh, Hav Prabhu Dayal, Nk Babu Singh, Nk Mohinder Singh, Nk Bhoop Singh, Nk RN Mishra, LNk Phool Singh, Sep Babu Lal, Sep Sube Singh, Sep Satyawan, Sep Daljit Singh, Sep Ramesh Kumar, Sep Ram Singh, Sep Kapoor Singh and Sep Netra Singh.

"OP RAKSHAK" 1992-2011 (J&K)

Maj Manoj Kumar Pandey, Maj Sobhit Tiwari, Sub Nathu Ram Karwasra, Hav Ghan Shyam, CHM Mohan Chander Joshi, LNk Banshi Dhar, SM, Sep Dharmender Prasad Bharati, LNk Raj Kumar Mahto, Sep Sultan Singh, SM, Sep Man Singh and Nk Parvin Kumar

"OP MEGHDOOT/OP VIJAY" 1999(J&K)

Nb Sub Rajbir Singh, LNk Vijaya Kumar Shukla, LNk Khadag Singh, SM, Sub Gardari Lal, Nb Sub Gulzar Singh and Sep Pawan Kumar.

"OP PARAKRAM" 2001-2002

Sub Mam Chand, CHM Siya Ram Gurjar, Hav Shishu Pal, Nk Sis Ram, Nk Dinesh Chandra, Nk Ram Sahay Mishra, Nk Rajender Singh, LNk Chandan Singh, Sep Mukesh Kumar, Sep Vinod Kumar, Sep Virendra Prasad, Sep Satish Kumar, Sep Parvender Kumar, Sep Savinder Kumar, Sep Sunil, Sep Mukesh, Sep Atar Singh, and Sep Ganesh Kumar.

On our 'Martyr's Day' we, once again, pledge to follow your personal example of dedication towards duty. You are no longer with us but your memories will be with us forever.

ALL RANKS 12 JAT



उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम कार्यातय अधीक्षण अभियंता, यांत्रिक मण्डल, १०२, क्यूकालेश्वर, कण्डोलिया देवप्रयाग मार्ग, पौड़ी गढ़वाल, (उत्तराखण्ड)–24600 दिनांक— 12.09.202**2**

- ई-निविदा सूचना कार्य का नाम— जनपद टिहरी गढ़वाल के अंतर्गत क्वीलीपालकोट (फेज-I) ग्राम समूह पम्पिंग पे०यो० के पुनर्गठन कार्य।
- कार्य की अनु॰लागत / कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि— रू॰ ४९९.४९ लाख (जी॰एस॰टी॰ 18% सहित) / 12 माह पोर्टल पर निविदा उपलब्ध होने का विवरण : दि० 13.09.2022, समय 16:00 बजे
- ऑन—लाईन निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि व समय : दि० 27.09.2022 समय 17:00 बजे
- ऑफ—लाईन निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि व समय : दि० 28.09.2022 समय 14:00 बजे निविदा की पूर्ण जानकारी, शुद्धि-पत्र एवं संशोधन / निरस्तीकरण आदि की सूचना हेत्
- www.uktenders.gov.in वेबसाइट पर लॉग-इन करें। अधीक्षण अभियंता

ल संचय-जीवन संचय'' ''कृपया जल स्रोतो को प्रदूषित होने से बचाईये' वैधानिक चेतावनी-जल स्रोतो को प्रदूषित करना दण्डनीय अपराध है।

NORTHERN RAILWAY **TENDER NOTICE**

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Train Set), Northern Railway Charbagh Workshop, Lucknow invites following e-tender from reputed firms for works as given below: **Tender No.**: W-CB-VII-Local Truck-22-23 **Name of Work:** 03 Nos. truck of 03 MT capacity for local (Lucknow) work i.e., Diesel Shed, Alambagh, C&W Workshop, Alambagh, Lucknow Station etc. including loading & unloading of material. (20 days per truck per month subjected to 480 days in 24 Months). **Estimated Cost of Work:** 43, 20,000/-; **Earnest Money** /**Bid** Security: - 86 400/- only: Cost of Tender Form: Rs. 0/- only: Period of Contract: 24 onths; Date & Time for Submission of Tender: from 19.09.2022 to 03.10.2022 up to 15:00 Hrs. **Date & Time for Opening of Tender:** after 15:15 Hrs. on 03.10.2022.

The tender form may be submitted on the website **www.ireps.gov.in** from 19.09.2022 to 03.10.2022 (up to 15:00 Hrs.). • Mannual offers are not allowed against his tender, any such mannual Offer received shall be ignored. • Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and arnest Money /Bid security only cash through e-pay Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in ender documents. •The tender will be opened on specified date and time as above. In case the above date is a holiday the tender opening would be conducted at the same time on the next working day. • No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening the technical & commercial offers. Even suo-moto post letter of the tender shall be treated as NULL & Void

No: NR/CB /Workshop/September/LocalTruck/2022/VII Date: 10.09.2022 2368/22 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act.

1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993. In the matter of **0.A. NO. 262/2019**

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA RAHUL SHROTRIYA AND ORS Vs Defendants MR RAHUL SHROTRIYA, S/O MR HARISH KUMAR SHARMA H NO B 168 A, II FLOOR, STREET NO 9, B BLOCK, BHAJANPURA, DELHI-110053 1 MR RAHUL SHROTRIYA, S/O MR HARI

D-2 MRS BHAVNA SHROTRIYA, W/O MR RAHUL SHROTRIYA H NO B 168A, II FLOOR, STREET NO 9, B BLOCK, BHAJANPURA, DELHI-110053 D-3 M/S AMRAPALI LEISURE VALLEY PVT. LTD., THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR/AR REGD. OFFICE AT:- 307, III FLOOR, NIPUN TOWER, PLOT NO 15, COMMUNITY CENTRE, KARKARDOOMA, DELHI-110092.

whereas the adovername applicant man institute a case against, you and whereas mass seen shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this ribunal 14.10.2022 at 10.30 A M Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has

this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video

Conferencing and for that purpose:-All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the Cisco Webex application/Software

Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/ and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Letigants can contact the concerned official at

Ph. No 23748469. iven under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 17th day of June, 2022.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

Tender Notice No. JHS/DyCMM/2022-23/13 Date 08:09:2022

E-Procurement Tender Notice On behalf of the President of India. The Dy Chief Materia Manager, General Store Depot, Jhansi are invites the following E-Procurement tender

S. Tender Qty. Tender Open-EMD Description N. No. ing Date Rs. Set of Battery bank for Battery Operated Platform Truck Tugger), 36V 300Ah, No. of 06 07.10.2022 00.00 51225110 Cells per battery (16 cells for 2 Set Volt battery) and Battery size (39"x18"x16") battery container M.S. sheet (S.M.M)

Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procument Tender an available on IREPS website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders for this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS vebaite along with class III digital signature certificate issued by CCA unde IT Act-2000, 3. Rules entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter had if attached by vendor shall be original straightway ignored and shall not be considered.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department, Nirupan Bhawan, 4th floor, 56-Set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002

e-mail— eercdapfsdran-jhr@nic.in e-Procurement Very Short Notice (1st Call)

1-	Name of Work	Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for construction of Flyover from Karamtoli to RIMS Hospital with complete Land Acquisition Plan including ownership details, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Plan etc as required all complete as per latest guidelines, in Ranchi district in the state of Jharkhand. from Consultant's empanelled in Category-II with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no -3063(S) W.E dated 22-08-2022 are allowed to bid.
2-	Tentative Length of Work	3.5 Km
3	Work completion time	60 Days
4	Date and Time of Publishing of Tender on official website	13.09.2022, 05.00 PM
5-	Last date and Time of submission of Tender (With Tender Fee and EMD)	20.09.2022, 03.00 PM
6-	Date and Timing of Bid opening	21.09.2022, 03.30 PM
7-	Type of Bid	Two Envelope mode (Technical and Financial Bid)
8-	Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, RCD, Ranchi, Nirupan Bhavan, 56 set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002, Mobile No-9431591027
9-	Bid Submission Address	Chief Engineer (Communication), Road Construction Department, 1st Floor, Engineer Hostel No-2, Dhurwa,Ranchi- 834004
10-	Mode of Bid Submission	e-Tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)

Executive Engineer Field Survey Division, A.P

Road Construction Department, Ranchi

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AND RESEARCH

NAHARLAGUN

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Transaction Advisor for the development of Medical

College and Hospital at Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh under Aspirational district on PPP

The Authority invites proposals from interested firms (the "Proposals") for selection of a

consultant as Transaction Advisory and Post Transaction Advisor (the "Consultant") who shall

handhold the Authority in procurement process, finalizing of concession agreement and on

boarding of the Private Partner for the Development of Medical College and Hospital at Namsai,

RFP document can be obtained between 1000 HRS and 1700 HRS on all working days from

the office of the Authority as mentioned in RFP Document. Alternately, the bid document can be

downloaded from the Directorate of Medical Education, Training & Research, Naharlagun

website: www.dmetrap.in. The Bidders shall submit an amount of INR 5000/- (Cash) as non-

refundable cost of RFP document and INR 200,000/- as EMD by way of DD/Bank Guarantee

Prospective applicants may visit the office of the Authority to review the available documents

and data at any time prior to PDD. The contact person for this purpose shall be:

Designation: Director of Medical Education, Training & Research

Arunachal Pradesh on PPP mode (collectively the "Consultancy").

in favour of "Directorate of Medical Education, T&R, Naharalgun".

Event Description

2. Pre-Proposal Conference for any queries / clarifications

3. Authority response to queries / clarification

Address: A-Sector, Naharlagun - 791110

Phone No. 9862624578 / 8413929681/7005265679

For further information please go through the website

No. DMETR-15014/1/2022---DMET

http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

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1. Date of Publication

5. Opening of Proposals

6. Letter of Award (LOA)

7. Signing of Agreement

8. Validity of Applications

Email: dmetrap@gmail.com

Website: www.dmetrap.in

DIPR/ARN/1774-78

4. Proposal Due Date or PDD

mode.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Name of work and its location: 30-Elect-04-T-R2-22-23-E3 Replacement/Augmentation of existing centralized air conditioning plant with othe Ilied works at Rail Bhawan.

Approx cost of the works : Rs. 3,559.99 lacs Address of the office: Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi Bid Security (Earnest Money): Rs. 19,30,000.00

Date & time of submission of tender: 06.10.2022, 12.00 Hrs. Opening of tender: 06.10.2022, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & notice board: www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/Ge

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IDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PUNE

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (e-Procurement Mode) titute invites online e-Expression of Interest in open bid EOI system from reputed Architectur isultants, who are found eligible as per the eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions of EOI f PROCUREMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL STRUCTURAL DESIGN AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES DESIGN CONSULTANCY FOR IISER PUNE CAMPUS." having estimated cost of projects Rs.200 Crore. EMI Rs. 21,80,000/-(Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only). Time period is 5 (Five) Years". The E0 document can be downloaded from Central Public Procurement Portal (CPP) http://eprocure.gov.in. eprocure/app or www.iiserpune.ac.in. Prebid meeting shall be held on 23/9/2022, Technical Docume as per EOI to be submitted online only through CPP on or before 3/10/2022 at 15.00 hrs. INo 1/IISER/Pune/2022-23

New Delhi

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE **EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME**

STATION HQ (ECHS CELL), DELHI CANTT

Phone: 011 - 25694821, e-mail: oicechscelldelhi@gmail.com

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT OF AUTHORISED LOCAL CHEMIST FOR SUPPLY OF OF NOT AVAILABLE, EMERGENT LIFE SAVING & ESSENTIAL DRUGS TO 08 x ECHS POLYCLINICS IN DELHI/NCR FOR A PERIOD WEF 01 NOVEMBER 2022 TO 30 OCTOBER 2024

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. 616/CHEMIST/ECHS/2022

For and on behalf of the President of India, Officer Commanding 972 TPT Company, Delhi Cantt invites online bids from reputed Authorised Local Chemists/CGHS empanelled chemists for empanelment for supply of "Not Available Emergent Life Saving and Essential Drungs" on as required basis to 08 x ECHS Polyclinics Delhi Cantt, Shakurbasti, Dundahera (Gurugram), Sohna Road (Gurugram), Lodhi Road, Timarpur, NOIDA & Greater NOIDA located in Delhi/NCR under ECHS. The names of the ECHS Polyclinics and their location and EMD are mentioned in e-tender documents. Bidders should refer to the e-tender published online at

Online bids will be received through the 2-bid system (technical and financial bids) via the Defence e-Procurement Portal (DPP) only. The eligibility criteria and other details including terms and conditions of the e-tender DOCUMENT can be downloaded free of cost from the DPP Portal http://defproc.gov.in/nicgep/app using Tender ID No 2022_ARMY_550391_3 corresponding to the tender of the ECHS Polyclinics from 09 September 2022 to 04 October 2022 till 1600 hours. The e-tender for each of the 08 x ECHS Polyclinics will be separate tender. The bid submission end date is 04 October 2022 at 16:00 hours.

Office Commanding

972 TPT Company, Delhi Cantt (Tender Inviting Authority)



RURAL WORKS DEPARTMENT, WORKS DIVISION, NAVGACHHIYA

(Notice Inviting Re-Tender No.-RWD/NAV/PMGSY/Re-Tender/ET/03/2022-23)

SHORT NOTICE TENDER

 $Executive\ Engineer,\ RWD,\ Works\ Division,\ Navgachhiya\ invites\ on\ behalf\ of\ Governor\ of\ Bihar\ (through\ e-procurement\ system)$ from PMGSY SBD based) from bonafide, approved and eligible Contractors registered with RWD/RCD/CPWD/MES/Railways/Other $State/Central\ Govt.\ departments for\ the\ following\ PMGSY-I\ works\ including\ maintenance\ for\ five\ years\ after\ construction\ of\ roads.$

SI. No.	District	Block	Road Name	Length (in Km)	Const. cost (in lakh)	5 years Maint (in lakh)	Total Cost (in lakh)	BID security (in lakh)	Cost of BOQ	Time of Completion (In month)	Amount Payable to Works Division
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02	Bhagalpur	Ismile pur	MMGSY Chhatu Singh Tola to Idmadpur (BR-06R-327)	2.965	146.55432	13.56582	160.12014	3.20241	10000	31 March 2023	EE, RWD Works Division Navgachhiya Payable at Navgachhiya

Downloading of Bidding Documents

Online Bid Submission end Date

: 23.09.2022 upto 15:00 Hours

Offline Bid Submission end Date

: 23.09.2022 upto 15:00 Hours : 23.09.2022 upto 15:30 Hours

The cost of Package and Earnest Money is Indicative and the actual amount of Earnest Money will be as per Uploaded BOQ. Cost of nor refundable Bid Document (Rs.10000.00 for Bids costing more than Rs.50 lakhs and Rs.5000.00 for Bids costing Rs.15 Lakhs to Ts.50 Lakhs) and Earnest Money will be submitted online (PMGSY e-tender online Account-through PMGSY e-tender portal by Internet Banking only). All Concerned please note that the bidding process will not move onward if the Bid Document's Cost (Tender Fee) and Earnest Money is not paid through PMGSY e-tender Portal by Internet Banking. No other form of Bid Document cost and Earnest Money will be accepted.

Concerned Executive Engineer.

(a) Affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions

(b) Self-attested bid id sheet generated (acknowledgement Slip) when the bid is successfully submitted by the bidder. Original documents must match the scanned copies submitted along with the bids submitted on online

for participating in bids for five years

PR- 7919 (R W D) 2022-23

Dated 12/09/2022

Date

12.9.2022

15.09.2022

15.09.2022

23.09.2022

On Proposal Due Date

Within 7 days of opening of

Financial proposal

Within 7 Days of LOA

90 days of Proposal Due Date

Director of Medical Education

Training & Research Naharlagun

Sd/-

Dr. Hage Ambing

नशे से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है।

Executive Engineer RWD (W) Division, Navgachhiya

Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procu

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of

1.	Name of work with its location	(1) Repair of road surface of L-xings in the section ADEN/ROK. (NIT 32-W-IV-22-23) (2) Repair of road surface of L-xings in the section ADEN/JHL. (NIT 33-W-IV-22-23) (3) Repair of road surface of L-xings in the section ADEN/JHI. (NIT 35-W-IV-22-23)
2.	Approx. cost of work	(1) Rs. 59,99,914.18 (2) Rs. 58,72,442.35 (3) Rs. 58,93,834.35
3.	Earnest money	(1) Rs. 1,20,000.00 (2) Rs.1,17,500.00

(3) Rs. 1,17,900.00 4. Date and Time of submission of tender

Website particulars, published e-tender notice location etc. complete details of

tender form can be downloaded No. 128-W/260//Tender Notice/32,33&35-W-IV/22-23

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Guidance Assessment Implementation and Certification Work of GreenCo Rating at EMU Car Name of the Work Shed Ghaziabad. NIL Approximate Cost Rs. 4,76,618.52 Earnest Money Rs. 9,500.00 (payment mode available on GeM

39 Months Validity of Offer 90 days Date & Time from tender 10.09.2022 advertised on GeM website Date & Time from tender 10.09.2022 to 01.10.2022 (12:00 Hrs.) ubmission start and end Tender Closing Date & Time 01.10.2022 (12:00 Hrs.) Date & Time of tender Opening (immediately when tender submission

documents along with their tender offer. "No post tender correspondence for submission of additional document shall be entertained after opening of the Technical & Commercial offer. Even suo-moto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated as null & void". Note 2: Duplicate documents should not be enclosed/uploaded. Tender Notice is available on website of GEM/2022/B/2508768 Date: 10.09.2022

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

continuation of advertisement Newspaper The Indian Express, The Hind and Jansatta dated 11.09.2022 regarding application for the Govt, aided posts

candidates can apply against these posts. Others terms and conditions are same The application completed with all supporting documents should reach within 21 days of the publication of this advertisement i.e. 03/10/2022. Email address of the college principal trgc@gmail.com. No consideration for postal delay

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION EXTENSION OF NEW SICK LINE SHED e-TENDER NOTICE NO. DRM-BRC 066 OF 2022-23

aled Tenders for and on behalf of th President of India are invited b Divisional Railway Manager (W A/C. Western Railway, Pratapnagar Vadodara-390 004 for the following works, Sr. No.1 : Tender No. DRM BRO 066 of 2022-23. Name of Work Extension of new sick line shed with adjoining existing sick line shed for repairing of BCN wagon at Karachiya yard. **Approximate Cost of the work (ir** ₹): 1.90.67.089.22 Bid Security to be deposited (in ₹): 2,45,300.00. Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Tender is to be submitted on 30-09-2022 before 15:00 Irs. and is to be opened on same date a 15:30 Hrs. Website particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & Address of the office from where the tender form car pe purchased: Website
wwww.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railv Manager (W A/C), Western Railway Pratapnagar, Vadodara-4.

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How to train a champion

The foundation for Alcaraz's rise and eventual US Open triumph was laid on quiet hard courts in Spain

CHRISTOPHER CLAREY

IN DECEMBER, when I visited Carlos Alcaraz and his coach, Juan Carlos Ferrero, at the academy where they are based in the stark countryside of Villena, Spain, both calmly and reasonably explained that the goal for

2022 was to break into the top 15. So much for calm and reason.

On Sunday, Alcaraz became a Grand Slam champion by winning the men's singles title at the U.S. Open and, at 19, the youngest No. 1 player since the ATP rankings were created nearly 50 years ago.

In December, Alcaraz trained on a hard court with Ferrero near the back of the academy grounds with just a few people observing as they picked up their own balls amid the peace and quiet.

So much for peace and quiet.

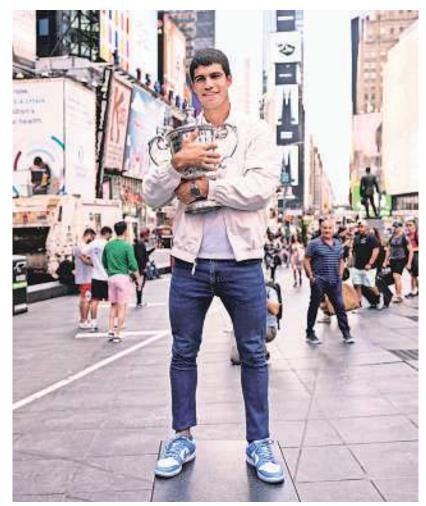
Sunday's four-set victory over Casper Ruud of Norway was secured in a sold-out Arthur Ashe Stadium with the roars of nearly 24,000 fans rumbling off the closed retractable roof as Alcaraz lunged and leaped straight into the winner's circle and the collective consciousness.

To be honest, a star was already born. Alcaraz ticked that big box quite some time ago when he upset the likes of Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal this season on his acrobatic, gravity-defying way to trophies on tour and early acclaim. He sensed after winning the Miami Open final over Ruud in early April that Grand Slam titles were within his reach. But no matter how clear the potential and how dynamic the game, you never truly know what a tennis player is capable of until they have to fight for the biggest points on the biggest occasions

Sunday was one of those moments, and now he and we know for certain that Alcaraz is the mega-talent that men's tennis was anxiously hoping would surface with the Big Three - Nadal, Djokovic and Roger Federer riding toward the fading light.

"It's crazy for me," he said Sunday night. "I never thought I was going to achieve something like this at 19 years old. Everything came so fast." Alcaraz, as truly exceptional players do, has arrived at some of the usual way stations on the road to success and stepped on the accelerator pedal instead of pulling over. Pete Sampras was also 19 when he rode his supreme serve and running forehand to win the 1990 U.S. Open men's singles title. Nadal, Alcaraz's fellow Spaniard, was 19, too, when he arrived at his first French Open in 2005 and ran the table against his elders without even being pushed

Alcaraz now belongs in the same paragraph even if he never made it look remotely



Carlos Alcaraz poses with the US Open trophy at iconic Times Square.

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that easy in New York. He had to save a match point against Jannik Sinner of Italy in the quarterfinals. That was part of him winning three five-set matches in a row that finished near midnight or well after and kept him from going to sleep until much of the city was starting to wake up.

And all that was just to reach the final. where a letdown would have been entirely understandable. But Alcaraz was having

none of it, even if there were some moments in the second and third sets where his energy levels seemed to dip and his full-cut groundstrokes lacked some of their customary punch. But as champions do, he found a way, and as not all champions do, he did so by attacking when threatened rather than playing the waiting game.

Serving in the 12th game of the third set, he saved one set point by approaching the net and hitting a deft angled forehand volley winner. He saved the next by serving and volleving and finishing off the point with an overhead shot. He won the game with a lunging backhand lob that sent Ruud scrambling back to the baseline, where he hit a tweener that Alcaraz, back at the net, punched away to force a tiebreaker with the crowd giving him nothing but positive feedback.

This was appointment viewing, too, a day when two hungry young men were chasing their first major title and the No. 1 ranking at

This was a first, and what made it better yet was that this was big-time all-court tennis, brimming with risk and reward as roars of approval and occasional disbelief rumbled through the Thunderdome of Ashe Stadium.

Ruud was close to turning it, closer than the four-set score line will indicate, but he lost his edge and his rhythm when he needed it most: mistiming shot after shot in the third-set tiebreaker that gave Alcaraz fresh hope and a much clearer view of the finish line. "He has such an incredible fighting spirit," said Ruud, still searching for his first major title after losing to Nadal in straight sets in this year's French Open final.

Ruud is well placed to note the common thread between the two Spanish champions born nearly 17 years apart. Alcaraz might have grown up admiring Federer's flair and net-rushing skills, but like Nadal, he clearly relishes the fight as he proved again and again in New York. He delights not just in having won a match but in the process that

"It is what makes Carlos special," Ferrero said during my visit in December. "Many players like to compete but not so many look forward to playing the biggest points. Carlos does, and I think that is a very good sign for the future." Ferrero said he sensed some of Alcaraz's joy was missing earlier this summer at the Masters 1000 tournaments in Montreal and Mason, Ohio. Ferrero was intent on recapturing it and urged him to be true to his attacking instincts, to approach the net off short balls and to use his full range of skills. Mission accomplished. "I came here just to enjoy," Alcaraz said. "To smile on court and to enjoy playing tennis.

Ferrero, who clinched the No. 1 ranking by reaching the final of the 2003 U.S. Open won by Andy Roddick, remains an unexcitable sort, but even he was struggling to keep his composure down the stretch Sunday, extending his palms to the team to maintain calm while his strained expression was sending a rather different message.

Who could blame him? He sensed something special in Alcaraz when he saw him in his early teens at a low-level professional tournament in Spain: He saw him hit drop shots and rush the net without fear; sensed his ability to adapt his game to the opposition; sensed that he had extra gears on his

But he also had a long-term view in mind. "Above all, he told me not to be in a hurry," Alcaraz explained in December. "That I'm going to get the experience and play the tournaments and learn the ropes, and that there's no need to get ahead of the process. I need to live all these moments and not be in a hurry for the results right away.

So much for not being in a hurry.

Testing positive in China will be a nightmare: Sathiyan

ANIL DIAS

SEPTEMBER 12

TABLE Tennis World Team Championships have always been one of the most challenging tournaments for the Indian team. This year's edition, though, brings about an unprecedented challenge. And for reasons way beyond table tennis.

The tournament is scheduled to be held in Chengdu, China, from September 30 to October 9. China is still battling waves of Covid-19 and Chengdu is essentially in lockdown. Essentially, this will be the only international sports competition in China this year after the Beijing Winter Olympics and Paralympics as the country postponed the Asian Games 2022 and relinquished hosting rights of the Men's Asian Cup football scheduled in 2023 because of rising cases of Covid-19. The Indian men's team will face a unique challenge because it will be the first time since 2003 that they will be without veteran talisman Sharath Kamal at a major championship.

In Sharath's absence, G Sathiyan will lead the men's team while Manika Batra will continue to head the women's team.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Sathiyan said that though Sharath's presence will be missed, he's "responsible and happy to lead the side" saying that he's learned a lot from "just being alongside Sharath".

The main challenge though remains to get to China, stay there, and then return back to India. To get to and fro from China, the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), have organised chartered flights from Dubai and Singapore on September 26th. But prior to getting on the chartered flight, players have to undergo three Covid tests and in the last week before the tournament, they have to update their health status on a portal shared

The issue for the Indian contingent is that they have to first compete at the National Games from September 20-24 in Surat, The organisers decided to conduct the table tennis event before the opening ceremony scheduled for September 29 as the players have to go for the World Championships.

The team will fly to Dubai from Delhi on September 25th before taking the chartered ight for Chengdu on the 26th.

While the ITTF have promised the teams great hospitality in Chengdu, the fact remains that the tournament will happen in the strictest of bio-bubbles; no player will be allowed to even step out of the zone. Players will be tested every day and if found showing any kind of symptoms, will be put in strict quarantine. Sathiyan says, that's the biggest fear. "The last time I was in a strict bubble was at the Doha WTT in 2020. The Tokyo Olympics had a bio-bubble but it was quite relaxed. It seems as though China is still in the 2020 phase when it comes to Covid restrictions. "Our biggest fear



For Sathiyan G, China is a prelude to WTT Champions in Macao where a prize purse of \$700,000 awaits.

is testing positive in China. It would be a nightmare for an individual as well as the team. We don't know how strict the quarantine will be or for how long." And what about actually playing table tennis?

"The competition is very difficult, to be honest," says Sathiyan. "We need to do well in this edition to have a better seeding for the next World Championships which will act as a qualifier for the Olympics."

Lure of WTT Champions Macao

Apart from Sathiyan and Manika, the rest of the Indian team will come back to either Dubai or Singapore by chartered flight latest by October 10. Sathiyan and Manika are looking to compete at the WTT Champions in Macao from October 19-23. The top 30 players in the world automatically qualify while organisers can give one player a wildcard while one spot is reserved for the host nation.

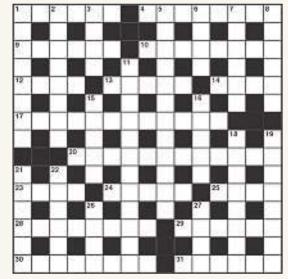
Though Sathiyan is currently ranked 37 in men's singles and Manika is 63rd in women's singles, the rule that not more than four players can play from a country gives at least Sathiyan a good chance of qualifying.

The only issue is that players are asked to be in quarantine for seven days — where they're allowed to train — before going to Macao. To slightly compensate for the restrictions and also to lure players in order to have a competitive playing 32, organisers have hiked the prize money on offer.

While most WTT Champions tournaments offer a prize purse of \$500,000, the Macao tournament's prize purse is \$700,000. There's a significant bump in money for playing in the opening rounds (Rd of 32, 16).

"Just playing the first round guarantees players \$7,250. That's a great lure but when you take into consideration the effort it's going to take to get there, you understand why," Sathiyan said. And while he's yet to sort out his visa and travel itinerary, there's one thing Sathiyan and most of the players can't seem to get off their minds. "We're going to China and there's a Covid-

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the last word (4)28 Completely out of port and unable to explain why? (3,2,3) 29 Outstanding work of art (6) 30 Two music-makers dance (8) 31 Not many people with a dog will keep one indoors (6)

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6 Spoil the sound of an instrument (4) 7 Desire a new T-shirt (6)

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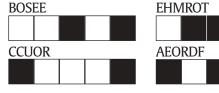
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Answer: It's only after we've lost everything that we're free to do anything - Chuck

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) One set of planetary patterns is reckless,

another is optimistic The end result could be interesting to say the least. If you feel like taking a moderate risk then go ahead, as long as your timing is right and you've consulted all the experts. After all, sometimes life is just too short to stay in one place.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Challenging relationships between Mercury

and a number of other planets mean that you may be forced to shift your position a little this week. In fact, you may as well give a mile as an inch, and resolve a long-term difficulty while you're about it. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Everything revolves around your attitudes and opinions. The big question is, are you prepared to be more flexible? If not, you may find that you lose the

advantage and perhaps sacrifice a friendship. The last thing you want to do now is drift apart from somebody who has been so special. CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Jealousy is not a pleasant emotion, but you do find it far too easy to become envious of others' apparently marvellous situations. Stop for a moment and think about just exactly how much you have going for you. Perhaps, you

might discover, they think it's

you who has got it made. LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You may be on tenterhooks as generous Jupiter approaches a fresh relationship with your chart. You're on a long-

term cycle of emotional exploration and it's possible that you're already looking forward to an engagement that's not scheduled to take place until next year.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) You can pay a bit more attention than

usual to professional qualms and queries. You're bound to feel a little

emotional about your place in the world, but nothing will suffice except commonsense and an appreciation of reality. their heads in the clouds, that doesn't mean that you should

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Surprises await, I cannot promise that everything will be assure you that in amongst the

thorns, roses will bloom. Be patient and wait until next week for the real magic, though. But, then, at the risk of sounding trite, magic is all around you, all you have to do

May I remind you that pride is one of the seven deadly sins? I'm pointing this out now because you're currently quite prepared to

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

listen to other people, but I hope you'll remember this piece of advice in about a month's time when you'll be convinced you're number one. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

You are having to do a tricky juggling act, and it seems as if you have taken on

one commitment too many. You must decide what is to go and what is to stay. If you don't make up your mind, then the choice may be made for you. And if that happens then you may not be able to influence the outcome.

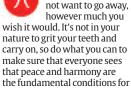
CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) I know that when events move fast it may all be a little scary, but

everything in astrology comes in phases. If you deal well with current tension then you'll be in an ideal position to enjoy relaxed conditions next month. You may also be feeling somewhat more affluent.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) As things are starting to go right in



at this stage, at least not until you can see the lie of the land. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) One particular disagreement does



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PLAYING TONIGHT

UEFA Champions League

10.15pm: Sporting Lisbon vs Tottenham; Viktoria Plzen vs Inter
12.30am: Bayern Munich vs Barcelona; Liverpool vs Ajax;
Bayer Leverkusen vs Atletico Madrid
Live on Sony Sports Network

Fingers crossed, prayer on lips

Inconclusive experiments, leap of faith makes India's familiar-looking squad for next month's T20 World Cup fragile

SRIRAM VEERA

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 12

INDIA'S MAIN hope at the T20 World Cup in Australia is Hardik Pandya and he will rightly be cotton-wooled at National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bangalore when his team mates take on Australia and South Africa. The worry of what if he gets injured is too risky to even contemplate.

The rest of the T20 World Cup squad has no surprises; just reactions to the long yet conservative experimental phase which has unsurprisingly thrown up more questions than answers. It's been a kind of experimentation that has left India still punting and hoping at the World Cup.

A couple of observations stick out from this last one year. The Indian batting seems to be in second gear. The Indian bowling is on the other spectrum; if everyone is not at their utmost best, this attack can be taken apart.

Since no new pacer has really turned in astounding performances, Mohammad Shami gets a comeback in those two series and has been named as a standby. Shami hopefully isn't too rusty after sitting out for so long to produce a couple of performances that can make the team management and selectors introspect.

Since they didn't experiment with Rishab Pant as an opener — who could have done the job what Rohit Sharma did against Pakistan: provide a breezy start, India are now seemingly stuck with KL Rahul, Rohit, and Virat Kohli as their top three.

A Pant at the top could have freed Rohit to play his T20 style when in form; now he is reduced to providing the fiery start and hope he doesn't get out in the process. It is now known that Pant would have been successful at all as the conservative experiment didn't try it out consistently. With Dinesh Karthik and Hardik in the line-up, and especially with Pant not quite nailing the lower-order position, it would have been worth a try.

Since RAshwin wasn't given many chances, there is no overwhelming evidence to show that he is good enough to take one spinner's spot. It is not even known that Ashwin would be bowling more off breaks, which he did in the one Asia Cup game, or be a carrom-ball bowler like he has consistently doing in the IPL, making his coach Kumar Sangakkara politely sigh when their campaign ended.

Since Ravindra Jadeja reportedly had a water-skiing incident in a desert, India will be without their second man who offered them balance after Pandya. And it's all like-for-like replacements these days, Axar Patel gets into the team even though the same management preferred Ravi Bishnoi over him at Asia Cup and who did rather well. Of course he was dropped as one couldn't risk his inexperience for the big tournament. That doubt over his temperament and talent could have been answered had the experimental phase of the last

Since Harshal Patel was injured, India were lucky to unearth Arshdeep Singh but can both play in a T20 XI? Highly doubtful. The hope is Jasprit Bumrah picks up his form and skill post return from injury from two series just ahead of the World Cup. Even then it leaves a bowling attack, vulnerable to be taken apart on their less-than-best day, never mind their bad days. Can Harshal's style be conducive on Australian pitches? And what if Bhuvneshwar Kumar doesn't get thenew ball to move around there?

QUESTIONS STARING TEAM INDIA

- Could Virat Kohli's No. 3 spot, which now has a hint of uncertainty, be otherwise given to Suryakumar Yadav?
- Can KL Rahul rediscover his past form from pre-IPL captaincy years where he used to go and hit?
- Given that Ashwin hasn't been given many chances, will he be good enough to take one spinner's spot?
- Can India play both Arshdeep and Harshal? And will the latter's style be conducive on Australian pitches?
- What if Bhuvneshwar Kumar doesn't get the new ball to move

Since Yuzvendra Chahal has had no contenders been given chances consistently, including Ashwin or Bishnoi, India will go with the hope that he can strike form in Australia with longer boundaries. If he doesn't get much turn, it's easy to visualise what he would do: bowl more floaters well outside off, bowl really full front-of-hand ones on the middle and leg, try the occasional googly. A decently prepared team should be able to tackle it, if he doesn't get purchase off the tracks.

Virat Kohli at No. 3

Since Virat has now hit a hundred, India will play him at No.3 and hope he does the job. What did we learn about his T20 form by the end of the Asia Cup? That he has rediscovered his old style? Is that the approach where he proceeds relatively serenely before going for his shots? One positive thing that stood out from the Afghanistan game was his aggressive approach to the spinners. It's still not clear despite a few hits in the desert, if he can do the same against pacers, early in his knock. A crucial spot which otherwise would have gone to Suryakumar Yadav will now be with Kohli with a hint of uncertainty.

Since KL Rahul was injured for a few series, he didn't hamper his chances by playing too much. Now the hope remains that he can rediscover his past form from pre-IPL captaincy years where he used to go and hit. Again, that uncertainty. If the last year was used more wisely, perhaps, India could have made a well-reasoned decision on Pant or one of the other opening contenders over Rahul. Now, they won't know but will still be punting.

For India to do well at the T20 World Cup, the players will have to be playing out of their skin, extending themselves more than they have shown this last year. Indian batting has to shed their second-gear approach, and Indian bowling has to be always on their top form. Something that's normally tough to produce consistently through a long tough tournament like the world cup. Time will tell.

SQUAD: Rohit Sharma (captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicketkeeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicketkeeper), Hardik Pandya, R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh

STANDBY PLAYERS: Mohd. Shami, Shreyas Iyer, Ravi Bishnoi, Deepak Chahar



Rohit Sharma-led India have their task cut out ahead of the T20 World Cup, scheduled to be held in Australia next month. AP

After social-media trolling, Arshdeep has something to cheer with ticket to Australia

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INTHE morning after Arshdeep Singh dropped a vital catch before almost defending seven runs in the last over of the Asia Cup Super-Four match against Pakistan, the 23-year-old pacer had a chat with coach Jaswant Rai.

Arshdeep, who was trolled on social media over the dropped catch of Asif Ali, could not sleep that night thinking about his full toss that resulted in the match-deciding boundary. On Monday, when he was named in the 15-member Indian squad for the T20 World Cup in Australia, Rai had something to celebrate at his Chandigarh Academy.

"Like any player, Arshdeep was a bit tense but then we told him that he has done all the hard work and does not have to worry. After he dropped the catch against Pakistan and almost defended seven runs in the last over, I had a talk with him and he told me that he could not sleep that night. He shared that he does not care about trolls but his thoughts were only about not his attempted yorker turning into a full toss. The T20 World Cup is the biggest stage for any cricketer and Arshdeep's attitude of rectifying his mistakes will only help him and India," Rai told *The Indian Express*.

It was in 2015 that Rai first saw Arshdeep, who had come with his parents Darshan Singh and Baljeet Kaur to his Sector 36 academy. Since then, the youngster has risen to become one of the best death overs bowlers in the IPL. The last one year has seen him being the bowler with the best economy rate in the death overs (7.58), claiming 10 wickets in 14 matches for Punjab Kings. Last year,

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Arshdeep had picked 18 wickets and had the second-best strike rate of 13.77 among the top 10 wicket-takers. "The best thing about Arshdeep as a youngster was he could think or bowl six balls with six different variations. But I knew that it could only be mastered after he practised each one of the variations. So, we came with a plan where I would stand near the wickets and would ask him to bowl 5m or 6m or 7m length balls aimed at boxes on the pitch as he entered his delivery stride in an effort to train his mind about making last-second changes," remembers Rai.

Post his debut for India earlier this year, Arshdeep has picked 14 wickets in 11 T20Is at an average of 20.14 and a strike rate of 16.3. His economy of 7.38 has impressed coach Rai. In UAE, he got two wickets against Pakistan in India's opening match before he picked three more in the tournament. "Earlier in his career, I would also make him bowl with a tennis ball so that he learnt better control of length. As he matured, we worked on his wrist position as well as seam

position. While his wrists are the main tool behind his slow and fast bouncers, we worked on his posture including his arm closer to the ear for in-swing and far from ear for out-swing."

Looking ahead

In Australia, Arshdeep will be part of India's pace quintet along with Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel and Hardik Pandya. With Australian grounds being bigger than most in India, Rai has been working with him to adjust to Australian pitches. "His yorkers are almost perfect. What we are aiming now is to work on length balls according to Australian pitches. He can't pull back or extend the length as batsmen can counter them with pull or straight shots. The bigger ground gives him the advantage of bowling the slow bouncers and bouncers effectively as in UAE and IPL with small boundaries, these don't work sometimes. If the wicket is slow in Australia, he should aim for a slower one where the ball grips on the pitch and use more yorkers and length balls. On green-tops, he has to utilise

Arshdeep's performances have certainly caught the attention of those who know a thing or two about left-arm pace bowling., "He told me that post the match against Pakistan, Wasim Akram told him, 'Well done, sardar ji, Bahut achha ball dal rahe ho (you are bowling very well),'. In the last one week, a lot of former players told him that he made both the matches against Pakistan and Sri Lanka close with his bowling in the slog overs. What more can I ask as a coach from Arshdeep?" Rai signed off.

BRIEFLY —

Long jumper Jeswin Aldrin wins gold

New Delhi: Indian long jumper Jeswin Aldrin won gold in the 3rd Golden Fry Series athletics meet at Schaan in Liechtenstein, with an impressive effort of 8.12m. It was the first time Aldrin had jumped more than 8m outside India. He had failed to touch 8m in his last five meets. Radek Juska of Czech Republic was second with 7.70m while Henrik Flatnes of Norway was third with 7.66m in the event on Sunday. Triple jumper Praveen Chithravel, competing in long jump, was fourth with 7.58m.

Hyderabad FC in Durand Cup semis

Kolkata: Indian Super League champions Hyderabad FC entered the semifinals of the Durand Cup football tournament, defeating Rajasthan United FC 3-1 in the quarterfinals here on Monday. Nigerian goal-machine Bartholomew Ogbeche (sixth minute) opened the scoring for Hyderabad, with Akash Mishra (45th) and Javier Siverio (69th) getting the other two. Uruguayan Martin Chavez scored off a penalty for Rajasthan in the 29th minute. Mohammedan Sporting take on Mumbai City FC in the first semifinals on Wednesday while Hyderabad go up against Bengaluru FC a day later.

Bouchard beats Zuger in Chennai Open

Chennai: Canada's former world no.5 Eugenie Bouchard, who is on a comeback trail, began her campaign in the Chennai Open WTA 250 tennis tournament with a 7-5 6-2 win over Joanne Zuger of Switzerland here on Monday. Results (1st round): Eugenie Bouchard (Canada) beat Joanne Zuger (Switzerland) 7-6, 6-2, Katarzyna Kawa (Poland) beat Astra Sharma (Australia) 6-4, 6-3; Nao Hibino (Japan) beat Jana Fett (Croatia) 6-0, 6-4; Rebecca Marino (Canada-X7) beat Anna Blinkova (Russia) 7-5, 6-2

India enter SAFF U-17 C'ship final

Colombo: India defeated Bangladesh 2-1 in the SAFF U-17 Championship semifinal here on Monday to book their spot in the summit clash. Striker Thanglalsoun Gangte (51st, 59th) netted a second-half brace to win the match for India. Bangladesh pulled one back through a Mirajul Islam penalty in the 62nd minute.

England beat SA, win Test series 2-1

London: England returned to the Oval on Monday to speedily knock off the 33 runs required to win the deciding third test against South Africa, completing a sweep of series victories this summer in a successful start to the new era under captain Ben Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum. **Brief scores:** South Africa 118 & 169 lost to England 158 & 130 for 1 (Crawley 69*, Lees 39) by nine wickets

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ASIA CUP

Stars who scripted the story: Understated names lead Sri Lanka's fairytale run



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TWO FAMILIAR names—Wanindu Hasaranga and Bhanuka Rajapaksa—were the chief protagonists of Sri Lanka's fairytale Asia Cup triumph. But there were unfamiliar names that played an equally pivotal role in scripting a triumph that could potentially restore the old glory of Sri Lankan cricket.

Captain Cool Shanaka

The all-rounder was never earmarked as a future captain. When he became the captain last year, he was not even a permanent fixture of the team. But there, practically, were few other alternatives. Kusal Perera, the captain, and senior player Kusal Mendis, were banned for breaching Covid-19 protocol. Rajapaksa too was banished for giving interviews blasting selectors and the board. Hasaranga was reluctant. The crown of thrones fell on Shanaka's head. The early days

were tumultuous, a public spat over tactics with then coach Micky Arthur, became scandalous. Defeats piled on—before the Asia Cup, Sri Lanka had lost 10 off their last 14 games. An economic crisis was blowing in his country. There was an all-round disillusionment.

But throughout all the mess, Shanaka remained cool. He gradually built a team, picking the players he wanted, instilling confidence and leading from the front. The Afghanistan game aside, he made all the right moves. Like drafting, Dhananjay de Silva and handing out debut to Pramod Madushan in the last super four game against Pakistan. Madushan was to pick four wickets in the final, de Silva cracked a glorious 24 to allay the early pressure. Even when some of the senior players were going through a rough patch, he kept faith. Like Kusal Mendis, Sri Lanka's top-scorer in the tournament, or his partner Pathum Nissanka. When bowlers got hit or the fielders dropped catches, he would wrap an arm around them. After a long time, Sri Lanka have looked like a team.

Even in the press conference, he stood for the players and requested that the media spared their personal lives. "Believe in our cricketers," he said. "A lot of bad things are going around. As cricketers, they too should enjoy their lives as well, not spreading bad things. They have private lives too."

But at the same time, he is stern when he has to be. After the shoddy batting display against Afghanistan, he sounded out the batsmen to lift their game. He spoke to them



 $Sri\,Lanka\,defied\,odds\,to\,win\,the\,Asia\,Cup\,after\,beating\,Pakistan\,in\,the\,final.\,\mathit{AP}$

individually and told them that none of their spots in the World Cup was secure.

Dilshana, the pace-setter

The left-armer is fast, can seam the ball either ways, can generate awkward bounce though he is not a beanpole and has a streak of aggression that some Sri Lanka's pacemen have been bereft of. He got the wicket of Virat Kohli, troubled Babar Azam in Super Four and the final, won the admiration of Wasim Akram, who likened him to a young Chaminda Vaas.

His emergence caps a memorable back

story. From a fishing village in the port city of Hambantota—when at home he still accompanies his father to the sea—he had not seen a leather ball until he was 17. He used to play soft ball cricket in the locality, not because he was too fond of the game but because he could earn some money and support his father. "Until the day I came to Colombo for Sri Lanka under-19 practices, all I did was play soft-ball cricket. We went for all the tournaments around. We were never at home during weekends. At times we played tournaments through the night and

returned home only in the evening of the following day," he told papare.com

For most of the soft-ball career, he played barefoot and almost quit the game because he could not afford the equipment. But one day, he saw a notification of the country's U-19 trials and decided to attend it. He borrowed a ragged pair from his friend and bowled his heart out at the trials. The next day, he got a call from an unknown number on his rickety third-hand cell-phone. Turns out to be Chaminda Vaas, the then U-19 coach. Two days later, he joined the U-19 team and two years later, transitioned to the national side, living a dream beyond his wildest dream.

Old kid on the block

The right-arm seamer's story is one of persistence, his journey the exact opposite of Madushanka. A medium pace rather than pace bowler in his early days, he barely got a decent string of chances on the spinner-friendly tracks in his country. He made his first-class debut in 2015, but in seven years has featured in just 31 games. He changed clubs, but the fate remained the same. So much so that he had made up his mind to quit the game, only to be persuaded back by his friends.

Side by side, he amped up his pace, became a skiddy operator, developed variations like the slow bouncer and worked on his batting too. The breakthrough came after Galle Gladiators drafted him and harnessed his

white-ball potential. "Before this I did not know that I was this good a T20 bowler. My life changed," he said in an interview on the club's website. Soon, a four-wicket haul against Australia A helped as did an improved haul in domestic cricket. Picking him was a risk, Shanaka admitted, but one that paid glorious rewards as he snaffled four wickets in the final, including those of Babar Azam and Fakhar Zaman off successive balls.

Fire and ice combo

Both are not exactly unfamiliar names, but both had reasons to prove themselves. Mendis, once considered the future of Sri Lankan batting, was besieged by inconsistency and injuries, his career not progressing as it was expected to be. Nissanka's troubles were different, he could not crack the T20 batting code, as a strike rate of 115 in 29 games testify. But Shanaka said he wanted someone to give stability at the top of the order and Nissanka gave exactly that this Asia Cup, notching up two vital half-centuries, against India and Pakistan in the Super Four, besides a valiant 35 against Afghanistan.

From the other end, Mendis would provide fast starts, exemplified by his strike rate of 156.56, the highest among all batters.

Thus, Sri Lanka has developed a core of men who could restore the team's lost glory. "This could be the turnaround in our cricket," Shanaka said. "This lot can continue to play for five-six years, which is a very good sign as well."

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