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PERSONAL

I, Sunil Kumar Gupta, S/o C.P. Gupta, R/o H.No: E-225/A, East Vinod Nagar, Kalyan Was, Delhi, have changed my name to Sunil Gupta for all future 0070804444-1 purposes.

I, Sujata Verma, D/o Sunil Kumar, R/o VPO Rajokari, Raiokari, Delhi-110038, have changed my name to Sujata for 0070804474-1 all purposes.

I, Sneha Srivastava, W/o Tushar Gupta, D/o Aiav Kumar Srivastav, R/o C 44, 1st Floor, Parsvnath Paradise, J.P. Garden Estate, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P-201007, has changed my name to Sneha Tushar Gupta for all future 0070804400-1 purposes.

I, Satish, S/o Har Prasad, R/o B-120, Gautampuri Phase-1, Badarpur, South Delhi-110044 declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Harparsad in my 10th Class Certificate. The actual name of My Father is Har Prasad, which may be amended accordingly. 0070804401-1

I, SUJATA, W/O RAJESH NO.11019.TOWER-C. 16TH-AVENUE, GAUR, CITY-2, SECTOR-16C, GREATER NOIDA-WEST, GALITAMBUDH-NAGAR LITTAR-PRADESH-201009, changed my name to SUJATA RAINA

0040632864-11

I, Roopinder Singh Bhatia, S/o Gurmeet Singh Bhatia, R/o House No-336, Block-I, Shikhar Apartment, GH-2, Sector-5. Mansa Devi Complex, Panchkula, Haryana-134109. I have changed the name of my minor Son Riyansh Bhatia aged about 10 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Riyansh 0070804410-1 Singh Bhatia.

I. Ritika Solanki, W/o Deepanshu Chaudhary, R/o 466, Jat Chowk, VPO Nangloi, Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Ritika Chaudhary for all 0040632794-1 purposes.

I, Risabh Dheer, S/o Prashant Sagar Dheer, R/o 1/60, Rai Nagar gzb, Near Hint Chowk 201002, has changed my name to Rishabh Dhir for all future 0070804398-1 purposes.

I, Praveen Kumar Kaushal, S/o Ratan Kumar Sharma, R/o 1/99, Agra Road, Avas Vikas Colony, Hathras, Uttar Pradesh-204101, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Abhay Kaushal. 0070804402-1

I, Neetu W/o Sandeep Gupta,H.No-A-207 1st-Floor.VikasPuri.PO:Tilak Nagar, Sub District: Rajouri Garden, West Delhi-110018, changed my name to 0040632770-3 Neetu Gupta.

I Mandalapu Venkata Reddy F/O Mandalapu Sruthi and Husband of Mandalapu Jyothi Reddy R/O UDAP Nehru Nagar Delhi have changed my name to Venkata Reddy Mandalapu for all future

0050204783-1 purpose. I, LaxmiRani Bag,W/O-JC-672609L,Sub Chhabila Kumai Bag ,Unit-34RR(JAT).R/O-Ganyasipali,PO/Tehsil-Kolaoria, District-Jharsaguda.Odisha.Pin-768213. In my husband service record

my name has been wrongly mentioned as LaxmiRani Deheria instead of LaximiRani Bag as in Aadhaar card. It needs correction. Objections be filled to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020445875-1

I, Krishan Kumar Saini S/o Trilok Chand R/o B-5/77, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name as Krishan Kumar permanently

0040632812-2

I, Gursewak S/o Dev Raj, holder of Indian Passport no-P3608821 and valid until 13.09.2026, R/o Vill. Jogewal, Po. Thopia teh Balachaur, SBS Nagar, Pin: 144521, Puniab. India have changed my name Gursewak and surname Gursewak. All concerned please note. I, Greesh Babu, S/o Gauree

Shankar, R/o Awas Vikas Colony, Aliganj Road, Etah, U.P., confirm that in my Son's school record my Wife name has been wrongly written as Arati Raiput instead of Aarti Raiput, Correct name of my Wife is Aarti Rapjut. 0070804473-1

I, Ekta Jha, W/o Shabham Chauhan, R/o Village-Malakpur, Surajpur, Greater Noida. U.P.. have changed my name to Ekta Chauhan for all future purposes. I,Badar-ulislam, S/o Abdul Rauf, R/o 75 Chhatta Lal Main Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002, Have Changed My Name To Badrul

0040632837-10

I, Dharmendra Singh, R/o 505, Bhai Parmanad Colony, Dr. Muhkerjee Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my minor daughter name from Mishthi Singh to Mishthi.

0070804449-1

0070804452-1

I, Dharmendra Singh Bhati alias Dharmandra Singh Bhati alias Dharmender, R/o 505, Bhai Parmanad Colony, Dr. Muhkerjee Nagar, Delhi 110009, have changed my name to Dharmendra Singh

0070804446-1

I.Aryan Sameer, S/o-Sameer, R/o-A-393,Top Floor,Shastri Nagar,Delhi-110052,have changed my name from Aryan Sameer, to Aryan Mishra, for all future purposes. 0040632864-4 L Devesh Kumar, S/o R. P. Singh. R/o 26/B, Old Willingdon Camp, Mustafa, Kamal Ataturk Marg, Lodhi Road, Central Delhi-110003, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Devesh Bhardwaj.

0070804411-1

I, Danish Malhotra, S/o Dalip Kumar, R/o 2094/95, 11 Cross Road, Kacha Bazar, Ambala Cantt, Haryana-133001, declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Dalip Malhotra and Divya Malhotra in my 10th Class Certificate and 12th Class Certificate. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Dalip Kumar and Divva, which may be amended accordingly.

0070804407-1

I, Chandrakant Bhardwaj, S/o Jeevesh Bhardwai, R/o F-28. Professor Colony, Near Bye Pass Road, Kamla Nagar, Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282004, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Chinmay Bhardwaj. 0070804409-1

I, Bimla Devi, W/o Mukesh

Kumar, R/o Bamanwas Nau (275), Teshil Nangal Choudhary, Mahendragarh, Haryana-123001, have changed my name to Bhanmati Bai. 0070804471-1

I, Balram Prasad Tripathi, S/o Shiv Prasad Tripathi, R/o Vill-

changed my name to Balram Tripathi for all Purposes. 0070804445-1 I, Babita Singh@Babita,W/o Dilip Shekhawat,R/o H.No.566P.Sector-51. South City-II, Gurgaon (Haryana)-

122018, have changed my name

Algatour, Distt-Gorakhour,

Uttar Pradesh-273209, have

to Babita Kumari. 0040632832-3 L Aveek Rov. S/o Aiov Kumar Roy, R/o G-1417, 1st Floor, Near CR Park Police Station, Chittranjan Park, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019, have changed my $minor\, Daughter \hbox{'s name from}$ Aarna Roy aged 09 years to Aradhita Roy forever.

I, Anas S/o Mohammad Tamjeed

Oureshi. R/o 4239, Gali Jatan, Pahari Dhiraj, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006, Have Changed My Name to Mohammad Anas **Qureshi For All Purposes**

0040632800-1

0070804475-1

I, Alok Kumar S/o Hari Nandan Singh, R/o 403, Tower 9, Takshila Height, Sector 37C. Gurgaon, Haryana-122001. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Lavanya Singh aged about 7 Years and she shall hereafter be known as Tanishi Singh. 0070804403-

I Mehaan Singh Baisla, DOB-04/11/2007, S/o Manish Kumar, R/o 1661, Kotla Mubarak Pur, New Delhi-110003.have changed my name to Mehaan Choudhary for all future nurnoses. 0040632802-1

IMOHD SAIF, S/o ANIS AHMED. R/o H. NO. 773, GALI N.24 B VIJAY PARK, MOUJPUR, DELHI PIN:110053, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHAMMAD SAIF.

0070804440-1

l Kayyum Khan S/o-Abdul Majid R/o-A-4/43, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Abdul Kayum for all future purposes. 0040632787-1

I Jatinder Kaur W/O, Harpreet Singh Sohal R/o H-1/35 Vikaspuri New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Jatinder Kaur Sohal for all 0040632828-

I,SANDEEP,S/O.DHROUP MISHRA, ADD-C-218, DEFENCE-COLONY LAJPAT NAGAR, SOUTH-DELHI-110024, changed my name to SANDEEP MISHRA, for all, future Purposes. 0040632818-9

I,Priyanka D/o-Ramesh Kumar Sharma R/o.A-110, Vaisno Dham, Nangla Tashi, Meerut Cantt, Meerut, UP.-250001, have changed my name to Priyanka

Sharma. 0040632832-4 I,MOHD ISLAMUDDIN,S/O.ASHRAF HOUSE.NO-405/19,BLOCK K SANGAM VIHAR,SOUTH DELHI-110062,Changed my name to ISLAMUDDIN,for all,future

Purposes.

I,MAHAVIR PARSAD S/O VASSU RAM R/o.H.NO.1019, WARD, NO.7, MEHRAULI, NEW DELHI-110030, have changed my name to MAHAVIR PRASAD TAGEJA permanently

0040632770-1

0040632818-10

I.Lavneesh Kumar Arora.S/o-Rajesh Kumar Arora, R/o.Flat.No.1102,Tower-8, Pyramid Urban Homes. Sector 70A, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122104, have changed my name to Lovneesh Kumar Arora.

0040632832-2

I,KARAMJEET KAUR W/O JASBEER SINGH R/o D-281. Second-Floor, Ramprastha Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad(UP) have changed my name to KARMJEET KAUR. 0040632832-8

I.BHOPENDER SINGH.S/O-Ram Singh R/o.Saifpur Firojpur,PO-Behsuma, Teh-Mawana, Meerut(UP)have changed my name to BHUPENDER SINGH.

0040632818-2

I,BHANWAR LAL,S/O.MOHAN SINGH GORA, ADD-27/12-**B,VISHWAS-NAGAR** SHAHDARA,DELHI 110032, changed my name to BHANWAR LAL GORA, for all, future Purposes. 0040632818-11

I, Abhinandini D/o Abhilekh Sehdev R/o FA-5, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Abhinandini Sehdev.

0040632855-8

I.BHAGWAT PRASAD. S/O.KISHORI SHAH, ADD-730,GALI.NO-7 GOVIND PURI KALKAJI.AALI.SOUTH-DELHI-110019, changed my name to BHAGWAT PRASAD SHAH, for all, future Purposes

0040632818-8 I,Arjeet Kaur Bhatia,W/o Navneet Singh Bhatia, R/o-12/69A.Third-Floor.Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my minor-son's name

Sagalpreet Singh to Sagalprit Singh Bhatia. 0040632855-4 I, Arjeet Kaur Alias Arjit Kaur Bhatia, W/o Navneet Singh Bhatia, R/o-12/69A-Third Floor, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Arjeet Kaur Bhatia. 0040632855-3

I Zulfgar Ahmed S/O Nazar Mohammed R/O 955, Kucha Rohella Khan, Tiraha Bairam Khan, Daryaganj, Delhi - 110002, Have Changed My Name To "Zulfigar Ahmed" Vide Affidavit IN-DL88602260052525U At Delhi

0050204781-1

I Chetan Lal Kurival S/o Ram Gopal Kuriyal R/o - 1/69 SF Vaishali Ghaziabad have changed my name from Chetan Lal to Chetar 0050204782-1 Lal Kuriyal

I, Wasim S/o Mohd Rizwan, R/o Plot.No.15,Poonam Vihar Gali.No.3.Vikas Nagar.New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Mohd Wasim Alam.

0040632864-7

Ghanshyam Gora, Address-B205, Arihant Arden near panchmukhi hanuman mandir, sector 1Bisrakh,GautamBuddha-Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306, changed my name toVikas Kumar. 0040632864-1

I.Vikas Kumar Raiput.S/O-

I,Swati Magdalene Kujur,D/o Late Sh. Fidel Anjulus Kujur,R/o.F/83,Phase-6, Gali.No.11,Aya-Nagar Ext.Colony,South Delhi,Delhi-110047, have changed my name to Swati Magdaline Kujur.

0040632837-3 I.Suparna Sophia W/o-Rohin Paul R/o-15 and 16 RK-Block Mohan Garden Uttam Nagar, West Delhi-110059 have

changed my, name to Superna I,Suman Kumari,D/o Mulkh Raj W/o Harish Chawla H.No.9, First-Floor, Cresent Drive Vatika, Sector-82, Gurgaon, Haryana-122004

Suman Chawla. 0040632832-6 I,Sripal S/O Krishan R/O,H.No-134, Kami VTC-Kami(95) PO.Tharuoldepur Sonipat Haryana-131001, have changed $my\,name\,to\,Shri\,Pal.$

have changed my name to

0040632837-5 I.Sharafat Ali S/o Asgar Khan R/o H No-WZ-602-C, Tihar Village, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my to Shaukat Ali.

I.Sandeep s/o-Ram Narayan, H.No-A-207 1st-Floor.VikasPuri.PO:Tilak Nagar, Sub District: Rajouri Garden, West Delhi-110018.changed my name to

Sandeep Gupta. 0040632770-4

I,Sagir Ahmad S/o Mohd Basin Ahmad R/o House No.350,D-1A, Sangam Vihar, Delhi-110082, my name is wrongly written in my passport as Sagir Ahmed instead of Sagir Ahmad, And my mother name passport as Zabun Nisha instead of Zaibun Nisha. And my wife name is wrongly written in my passport as

Saviana Begum instead of Sayna Begam. 0040632837-7 I.Sachin Kumar Kashvap.S/O Raju kashyap House.No.130,JATTIWARA MEERUT, uttar predesh-

250002, Changed my name to Sachin kashyap. 0040632770-6 I,SUSHIL KUMAR,S/O VIJAY KUMAR R/O KH-9/7/4

GALINO.4.H-BLOCK.SINDHI COLONY, SWAROOP-NAGAR, DELHI-110042.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUSHEEL KUMAR. 0040632821-8

I,SUNITA RANI,W/O MAHAVIR PRASAD TAGEJA,R/o H.NO.1019.WARD.NO.7 MEHRAULI, NEW DELHI-110030, have changed my name to SUNITA TAGEJA, 0040632770-2

permanently.

I,SULABH SARAOGI,S/o NARENDRA SARAOGI,R/o F-12A,First-Floor,Gali No-4, Mahavir-Enclave Palam-Village, Delhi 110045, have changed my name to RAHUL JINDAL. 0040632832-1

I.STUTI VASHISHTHA.D/o Sanjeev Vashishtha R/o.FLAT.NO.E-106,Aura Chimera, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad(UP)have changed my name to STUTI VASHISTHA.

0040632832-7

I. Kamlesh W/o Krishan Kumar R/o B-5/77, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name as Kamlesh Rani 0040632812-1 permanently

I,SHEEBA KHURSHEED,D/O-KHURSHEED AHMAD,R/O-5295, KUCHA-REHMAN, CHANDNI CHOWK, DELHI-110006, Have Changed My Name From SHEEBA TO SHEEBA KHURSHEED, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040632864-10

I,CHANDER PARKASH ANAND, S/O CHUNNI LAL ANAND,R/O 1411, DR. MUKHERJEE NAGAR, DELHI-110009, declare that CHANDER PRAKASH ANAND/CHANDER ANAND/C.P.ANAND, is the same-person. 0040632864-8

I.Arti Arora.D/o-Krishan Arora Address-A1/9A,Block-AKrishna nagar H.O, East Delhi. 110051, Changed my name to $\,$ Sona Arora. 0040632864-3

I.Rozila Raiput.W/O-Vikas KumarAddress-B205, Arihant Arden, near panchmukhi hanuman mandir.sector 1Bisrakh GautamBuddha-Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306, changed my name to Roza Rajput 0040632864-2

I,Rekha Rani,W/o,Manoj Sharma,R/o,WZ-93,Possingi Pur, Janakpuri, Delhi-58, have declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Usha alias Rekha Rani in the Birth certificate of my minor daughter Dipali Sharma aged about-14-years. The actualname of mine Rekha Rani.

0040632821-6

I,Rakesh Kumar Ahuja,S/o Hari Chand Ahuja R/o, A-44, Shivaji Vihar, Janta-Colony, New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Rakesh Ahuja. 0040632855-11

I.Raghay Gupta.S/o Deepak Gupta,R/o-60,Ram Vihar, Vikas Marg, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Raaghav Gupta. 0040632864-6 I,RAVINDER SALUJA KALRA W/o

MANJEET SINGH,R/o-50,Jagriti Appts, Capt Satish Marg, Sainik Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my minor daughter name AADYA KALRA to AADYA KAUR KALRA. 0040632837-2

I,RAMIZ HUSSAIN S/O ZAMEER HUSSAIN,R/O 77T,SECTOR-7.JASOLA VIHAR.DELHI-110025.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SYED RAMIZ 0040632821-7 HUSSAIN.

I.RAJ KUMAR KASHYAP S/O BALERAM KASHYAP HOUSE NO 130 JATTIWARA MEERUT UTTAR PRADESH.250002. CHANGED MY NAME to RAJU KASHYAP.

0040632770-5

I.Prashant S/o Shri Suresh.R/o.H.No.175.Block-A-II. Madangir Ph-II, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Prashant Meena, for all purposes.

0040632821-4 I,Pooja Jain,D/o Rajesh Garg, R/o-51-D Block-EU Pitampura Delhi-110034.

Parth Goyal to Parth Jain. 0040632837-9 I,Pooja Jain D/o Rajesh Garg R/o-51-D Block-EU Pitampura Delhi-110034 changed my minor daughter name Vedika Goyal to

changed my-minor son name

Vedika Jain. 0040632837-8 I,Pardeep Jain (D.O.B-18/01/1966),S/O-Shri Salek Chand Jain,R/O-H-5/42, Sector-11,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Pradeep

0040632834-1 I,PRADEEP GARG,S/o SHYAM LAL, ADD, F.NO, 202, TOWER-D, GURGAON-21, VATIKA INDIA NEXT, SECTOR-83. GURGAON, HARYANA-122004, changed my name to

Jain, D.O.B - 04/05/1967.

PARDEEP GARG. 0040632818-7 I,OGINDER PAUL KAKAR,S/O GOPAL DASS.R/O-F-22A.VIJAY-NAGAR SINGLE STOREY, DELHI-110009, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JOGINDER PAUL KAKKAR. 0040632770-8

I,Navneet Singh S/o Shran Singh Bhatia R/o-12/69A,Third Floor, Tilak-Nagar, Delhi-110018-have changed my name to Navneet Singh Bhatia.

0040632855-2

I.Nanu Sivasankaran Nair.S/o Nanu Nair.R/ Flat.No.26,DDA-Flats,Phase-II, Katwaria-Sarai, New-Delhi-16, have changed my name, from Nanu Sivasankaran Nair,S/o Shri.Nanu Nair to Narayanan Sivan Nair S/o Shri Narayanan Nair, for all 0040632837-1

I,SHAMMY S/O ASHOK KUMAR.R/o A-106 FF UDAY VIHAR, NILOTHI EXTN NANGLOI DELHI-110041, have changed my name to SHAMMY

0040632855-1 BAMOTRA. I,NASREEN FATIMA,W/O MOHD SHAHZAD,R/o-A-18,JOGA BAI-ΕΧΤΝ ΙΔΜΙΔ-NAGAR,OKHLA,DELHI-110025, have changed my name to NASREEN, for all, future 0040632818-4 purpose

I,Mohit,S/O Shri Pal R/O,H.No-134.Kami VTC-Kami(95) PO.Tharuoldepur Sonipat Haryana-131001, have changed my name to Mohit Sharma.

0040632837-4

LGuddi W/o Sh. Shamsuddin R/o-G.2, 18/160, Sangam-Vihar, New-Delhi, declare that my correct-name is Guddi as per my documents but inadvertently my name was wrongly-written as Sazda in the school-record of my daughter Jinat. 0040632864-9

I, Mangesh Kumar Sunil S/O.Shree Chand R/O.B-11/A, second floor, Raja Garden, Ramesh-Nagar, NewDelhi-110015, have changed my name to Mangesh Kumar,for all purposes. 0040632818-1

I,MOHAMMAD SHAZAD,S/O FAKHRUDDIN,R/o-A-18 JOGA-BAI-EXTN JAMIA-NAGAR. OKHLA DELHI-110025, have changed my name to MOHD SHAHZAD, for all, future purpose 0040632818-5

I,Bavinder Kumar Malhotra,S/O-

Gulshan Malhotra, R/O.A-

1937.4th-floor.Green-Field

Colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121010 have changed my name to Bavinder Malhotra permanently.

0040632818-6

I, Tanu Singh Rana W/o Malkeet Singh Kooner R/o Flat No. Orange-1201, Gulmohar Residency, Ahinsa Khand - 2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Tanu

0040632613-2

I.MD SHAHNWAZ S/O MD GULAM SAMDANI R/O-HALDWANI MORE, NEAREST NOOR MASJID.GREATER NOIDA.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MD ARIF ANSARI FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040632834-3

I,MANJEET KAUR,W/o-Bhupender Singh R/O.Saifpur Firojpur,PO-Behsuma Teh-Mawana, Meerut(UP)have changed my name to MANJEET 0040632818-3

I,Kulvinder Kaur Nagi W/o Nawaldeep Singh, R/o C-15A Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, have changed my name to Kulvinder Kaur.

0040632855-9

I,Krishna Kabir,S/o-Hari Kant Pandey, R/o Amar Nath colony Bhoot Nath Road P.S. Agam Kuan, District Patna informs that my-sons correct name is Vivaan Pandey and his correct-date-of-birth is 10th October 2013. 0040632864-12

I,Jaswant Singh Sokhi S/o Harbhajan Singh R/o-1/2262 Ram Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Jaswant Singh for all 0040632821-3 purposes I,Jagmohan Singh S/o-Inder

Singh Sethi R/o CA-46C,SF,DDA-Flats, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my to Jagmohan Singh Sethi. 0040632855-6 I,JOGINDER PAUL KAKAR,S/O GOPAL DASS.R/O F-22A,VIJAY

NAGAR SINGLE STOREY DELHI-110009 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JOGINDER PAUL KAKKAR. 0040632770-7 I,Imran Khan,S/o Salim,R/o-RZ-E-47,New Roshan Pura Najafgarh South-West, Delhi-

110043.Declare that My

and Zile Singh both Were same and one Person. 0040632837-6 I.lla Suri D/o-Madan Mohan Suri, have changed my surname as ila soni after my marriage to Aman soni DA 87-D,Hari Nagar,ND-64,for all

Grandfather Names Jalludden

purposes. 0040632834-2 I,Harish Kumar,S/o Sh.Prem Nath H No 9 First-Floor Cresent Drive Vatika, Sector 82, Gurgaon, Haryana-122004 have changed my name to 0040632832-5 Harish Chawla.

I,Gurshran W/o Shri Rashpal Singh,R/o House.No.357,3rd Floor, Sector-45, Gurugram, Haryana, have changed my name to Gursharan Kaur for all future purposes. 0040632821-5

LJasminder Sval W/o Jagmohan

Singh Sethi R/o.CA-46C,SF,DDA

Flats, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064

have changed my to Jasminder 0040632855-5 Kaur. I.GIAN PARKASH.S/O-BISHAN DUTT, R/O.A-217, CHHATARPUR NEAR RAMLILA CHOWK, CHHATARPUR, MEHARAULI, SOUTH DELHI-110074, HAVE

CHANGED MY NAME TO GYAN

PRAKASH GAUR. 0040632821-1 I.Dipteek Parmar S/o,Late Amrit Pal Parmar R/o, Flat-No.203, Gaur-Residency, Chander-Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, have changed my-minor daughter's name Varnika Parmaar to Varnika Parmar.

0040632855-10

Dhankoli, Didwana, Nagaur, Raiasthan-341303, have changed my name from Dilip Kumar,to Dilip Kumar Indoria, for all purposes. 0040632864-5 I.Charaniit Singh S/o Sardar Swender Singh R/o-170 Jheel

LDilip Kumar.S/o-Bairang Lal

Khurenja, Shahdara Delhi

my name as Umed Singh

Indoria, R/o-Indoria Ka Mohalla,

110051, have changed my name to Charanjeet Singh for all purposes I, Umed Singh Saini S/o Ramkishan R/o village and post office, Sainipura, Hansi-125033 Haryana have changed

0040632812-3 permanently.

LOST & FOUND Original Certificate of Possession Letter of Flat.No-01114 Tower No-01 ATS-Green Paradiso Sector-Chai-4, Greater Noida, have Lost somewhere. Its use elsewhere would be illegal. Please inform on the given address if found. M/s Pettitts India Tours Private Limited, Suite 302-306, Kanishka Complex, Plot No-II, LSC Near Samachar Apartment, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, New Delhi-

110091.

, Poonam Chawla, W/o Surender Chawla, R/o A-165, Ganesh Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have lost my original House Buyer Agreement Dated 17/08/1983 of my Plot in G-19/10, DLF City Phase-1, Gurugram, Haryana of above mentioned property issued by DLF LTD. in favour of Dhurender Kumar Gupta and some other related Documents have been lost. FIR for the same has been filled vide LR NO. 808277/2022 respectively. Any misuse of these Documents shall be legally punishable. Finder please contact Poonam Chawla-9810161704.

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It is informed to the public at large that my clients Smt.Madhu. Gupta and Ms.Aakanksha. No. F-31. Prashant Vihar Rohini Delhi are purchasing the built up free hold Society Flat no. A-22, Second floor, shown in the layout plan of Cosy Home CGHS Ltd. now known as Cosy Apartments, Sector-09, Plot no. 20, Rohini, Delhi from Mrs. Suman Jaggi. The Property was Initially Allotted to Property and Grant favour of Smt.Kamlesh Rani Then Sh.Mohinder Lal Monga and GPA in favour of Smt.Kamlesh Rani and after the demise of former, Smt.Kamlesh Rani executed Agreement to sell, GPA and WILL in favour of Sh.Anoop Kumar Monga and Sh.Gautam Monga. (En Ley Decame the Joint owners and after the demise of Sh.Anoop Kumar Monga the legal heirs i.e. Smt. Madhu Monga (Wife), Sh. Gautam Monga (Daughter) became the owners and got the property converted from leasehold to Freihold by way of Conveyance deed and sold it to Smt. Suman Jaggi, Now Smt. Suman Jaggi, Now

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Be it known to public at large that my client Smt. Kusum Lata Gupta, wife of Shri Vijay Gupta, aged about 67 years Ro 18, Bank Vihar Rani Bagh, Pitampura, Delhi is the owner in respect of entire property i.e. shops forming part of Property No.559(0ld) and 866-867-865 (New) situated at Ward No.10. Chandni Mahal, Delhi from Grounfoor to Upper Floor. One Smt. Shumaila and Mohd. Shahid forged documents and claiming title in the said property. Matter is subjudice. In case, anybody deal with these persons in respect of the saic property, the same shall be done at his/her own costs, risks and consequences and my client will not be held responsible for the same. (Advocate)

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General Public is hereby informed that my client Pandit Ram Kumar Sharma Son of Rati Ram Sharma, Resident of Flat No. 977. Janta Flats, G. T.B. Enclave, Diishad Garden, Delin-110093, is a senior citizen and he has ended/severed all his concerns and relations with Anjall Sharma, widow of Shiv Charan Sharma (who was the son my client), due to their concerns and relations with Anjall Sharma, widow of Shiv Charan Sharma (who was the son my client), due to the son the son my client, due to the son the son my client disowned, debarred her with all intents and jumposes and from all his movable and immovable properties and also my client declares that even she will not be entitled to any of the properties left by him after his tis will in ot be responsible for any of acts. deeds, conducts and omissions of Anjali Sharma or her manner/behavior in present and future as well as if anybody deals with Anjali Sharma or her father Parmanand Jha, the same shall be at his/her/their own risk, responsibility and consequences. RAVINDER AGGARWAL - ADVOCAT Ch. No. K-155, Near Gate No.2 Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-11005

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Be it known to all concerned that m lientess Smt. Panzy Morgan W/

ANSHUL AGGARWAL **ADVOCATE**

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General public is here by informed that one Male (depicted in the photo) name unknown, residence and family is unknown about 48 years of age was found dead at In front of Shop No. 2602, Nai Sadak, Delhi dated 15.09.2022 at 11.00 PM. In this regard a DD No. 34-A Dated 15.09.2022 has been lodged at

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Khushboo Sharma. वर्तमान निवासी विक्रोली, मुंबई 400083, एवम् Nutan Sharma निवासी नोएड Sector-39 द्वारा फ्लैट संख्या 1711 टॉवर ग्रीनशायर, प्रोजेक्ट Mahagun Meadows, स्थित सेक्टर 150. नोएड यपी में बक कराया था लेकिन दर्भाग्य वर् Nutan Sharma की दिनांक 04 जला 2020 को मृत्यु हो गई है। मृतका Nutan Sharma की Jugal Kishor रिथिति में Khushboo Sharma क नाम बतौर वारिस उक्त फ्लैट 1711 :

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कि Ramashankar Privadarshi

Advocate Mob No. : 9811068866

Public in general is hereby informed that my clients Mr.Ramsaran Rathor 5/0 Shri Rati Ram age 57 yrs & Mrs. Mithlesh Devi W/o Ramsaran Rathor aged 55 yrs R/o D-17/69, Street No.7-8, Shiv Gali Near Rathore Chowk, Ashok Nagar North East Delhi-93 have dis-owned their son namely Vijoin Rathore and about 24 yrs respec-Rathore aged about 24 yrs respectively from all their movable & immov and misbehavior towards them. I future my client shall not be responsible for any of their acts, deeds, etc. Enrl. No. D/4471/2014; M : 9711230627

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From 60% in UPA to 95% in NDA: A surge in share of **Opposition leaders in CBI net**

TMC tops with 30; Cong, RJD, BJD next; trend merely a coincidence: CBI official

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 19

FROM THE "Congress Bureau of Investigation" and a "caged parrot" to a part of the BJP's "jamai" (son-in-law) trinity (the other two being Income Tax and Enforcement Directorate) — the

Central Bureau of Investigation, the country's premier anticorruption agency, has acquired many an epithet for its reputation of acting at the behest of who pulls its political

No wonder then that in the past 18 years, spanning the

strings at the

governments of rivals Congress and BJP, of the close to 200 key politicians the CBI has booked, arrested, raided or questioned, over 80 per cent have been from the ranks of the Opposition. A trend that's got sharply more pronounced since the NDA took charge in 2014 - reveals an investigation by The Indian Express of court records, official documents, agency statements and reports.

Under the Congress-led UPA's

10 years at the helm (2004-2014), at least 72 political leaders came under the CBI scanner and 43 of them (60 per cent) were from the Opposition. Under the BIP-led NDA-II's eight years in power so far, even as the Opposition's political footprint has shrunk, at least 124 prominent leaders have faced CBI probes and as many as 118 of

them are from the Opposition - that's 95 per cent.

And just as

in the UPA,

when a leader

switches sides,

the CBI case

against him is

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The CBI headquarters in New Delhi

THE LIST **OF NAMES**

the UPA and WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM 124 leaders from the NDA in the CBI net has been compiled and published on indianexpress.com. Leaders have been listed under

the political parties to which

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THE CBI'S UNEASY **HISTORY**

- How Numbers Stack Up -

2014 TO NDA-II **PRESENT**

> POLITICAL. LEADERS

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(2004-2014)

OPPOSITION INVESTIGATED PARTYWISE BREAK-UP

DURING NDA-II



TMC **30**, Cong **26**, RJD **10**, BJD **10**, YSRCP **6**, BSP **5**, TDP **5**, AAP 4. SP 4. AIADMK 4. CPM 4. NCP 3. NC 2, DMK 2, PDP 1, TRS 1, Ind 1

DURING UPA



BJP 12, BSP 5, TMC 4, Ind 4, SP 3, INLD 3, JD(U) 3, BJD 2, LJP1, RLD1, MNF1, YSRCP1, AIADMK 1, PMK 1, BSR Cong 1

Note: Data from court documents, agency statements and reports; numbers are of those booked, arrested, raided or questioned; leaders have been listed under the political parties they belonged to when action was initiated against then

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

Misuse of CBI, ED: Don't think PM behind it, BJP leaders are, says Mamata

ATRI MITRA

KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 19

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said Monday that she believed Prime Minister Narendra Modi was not behind the alleged misuse of CBI and ED that was the handiwork of some BJP leaders.

Banerjee's remarks were made in the State Assembly where the ruling TMC passed a resolution against what it said was the "partial role of CBI, ED, IT and other Central agencies".

During the debate on this motion, Baneriee said, "I don't believe the Prime Minister is doing all this (misusing the agencies). CBI and ED are not under him...All are under Home Ministry...all is being done by BJP leaders."

She said the fear of these agencies were driving businessmen away, and accused the BJP of adopting a "dictatorial approach". "Businessmen are leaving the

country and running away. They are running away because of fear and misuse of ED and CBI. I don't believe Modi is getting this done," she said.

Targeting the BJP, Banerjee said, "They (BJP) are more than dictators, more than Hitler, more than Stalin, more than Mussolini and more than what not... If the agencies raid the homes of BJP leaders, they will find piles of

She added: "The Prime Minister must look into the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

CALCUTTA HC JUDGE: ORDERED CBI PROBES DUE TO RAMPANT **CORRUPTION PAGE 7**

PRESIDENT AT QUEEN'S FUNERAL

 $President\ Droupadi\ Murmu\ at\ the\ funeral\ of\ Queen\ Elizabeth\ II, in\ London\ on\ Monday.\ \textit{PTI}$ THE QUEEN'S FINAL JOURNEY, PAGE 14

Tharoor tells Sonia he may contest party poll, Gehlot may step in if Rahul stays away

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE COMING election for the post of Congress president could see a contest with Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor on Monday conveying to Sonia Gandhi that he was considering contesting and she assuring him that she would remain "neutral" in the event of a contest.

Sources said Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is still hoping that former party president Rahul Gandhi will change his mind and contest. In the event of Rahul remaining firm on his decision, sources said Gehlot could enter the fray — and the party could witness a contest for the top post after 22 years.

Tharoor's meeting with Sonia - who returned from abroad on Friday – came even as more Congress state units passed resolutions urging Rahul

Resolutions raise concern

WHILE THE Congress insists the resolutions backing Rahul Gandhi as party chief won't have any bearing on the party election, the concern, as voiced by G-23 leaders, is this might be at the leadership's behest, to pre-

to take over as president. Sources said Sonia told him that she - in other words, the family – would 'stav neutral" in the coming presidential elections.

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to "change his mind".

Tharoor, one of the G-23 leaders who wants sweeping changes in how the party is run, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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FORMER PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER AMARINDER SINGH JOINS BJP

SC STAYS IPS OFFICER'S DISMISSAL **FOR A WEEK PAGES 7, 8**

CHHATTISGARH PDS SCAM

ED to SC: Sitting HC Judge in touch with accused via officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, RAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 19

SEEKING TRANSFER of the investigation related to the alleged Nagrik Apurti Nigam (NAN) scam in Chhattisgarh, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) told the Supreme Court on Monday that "a sitting judge of the High Court was in touch with constitutional authorities who were helping the accused".

Two senior IAS officers, Anil Tuteja and Alok Shukla, are among those charged in the alleged multi-crore NAN scam which emerged in 2015, during the previous BJP government in Chhattisgarh, A probe was launched following allegations

agency in charge of distribution and procurement of foodgrains. "Please go through the material. If this comes out in public

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domain, it might shake people's faith in the system because of individuals involved... A sitting judge of the High Court was in touch with constitutional authorities who were helping the accused... Would Your Lordships like to make it public," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was appearing for the ED, told a bench led by Chief Justice of India UULalit, as the counsel for the state government took objection to submission of material in a sealed cover.

Senior Advocate Mukul CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



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UKRAINE SAYS RUSSIAN MISSILE STRUCK NEAR **NUCLEAR PLANT**

Meaningful chance to those on Death Row: SC refers case to 5-judge bench

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

SAYING THAT a "uniform apreal and meaningful opportunity" to convicts on Death Row, and noting "a clear conflict of opinions" between some of its earlier decisions on granting hearing in such cases, the Supreme Court on Monday referred the matter to a five-judge

Constitution bench. "...it is necessary to have clar-

ity in the matter to ensure a uniform approach on the question of granting real and meaningful opportunity, as opposed to a formal hearing, to the accused/consaid a bench of Chief Justice of India U U Lalit and Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu

Recalling the court's earlier rulings on the issue of death sentence, the bench said: "The common thread that runs through all these decisions is the express acknowledgment that meaningful,

real and effective hearing must be afforded to the accused, with the opportunity to adduce material relevant for the question of sentencing".

sent is consideration and contemplation about the time this may require. In cases where it was felt that real and effective hearing may not have been given (on account of same day sentencing), this court was satisfied that the flaw had been remedied at the appellate (or review stage), CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Delhi boy who 'came to see Mumbai': Body in morgue, police try to trace kin

SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 19

PARAS SCHOOL... Bastipada... Star Chowk... and a sister named Soni - patchy clues as the Mumbai Police attempt to trace the family of Haswan Nishad, who said he was 16, and whose body has been lying in the mortuary of Sion Hospital in

On August 6, Haswan, who is believed to have taken a train from Delhi to Mumbai — "to see

the city" — was brought to a children's home after he was found loitering in a south Mumbai locality. Ten days later, on the evening of August 16, he was beaten to death, allegedly by his fellow inmates. Six of the inmates in the juvenile home were taken into custody on the charge

of murder. Police now have an unfinished task on their hands: tracing the boy's family in Delhi. On September 16, a Mumbai Police team left for New Delhi to look for Haswan's sister 'Soni'.

Mumbai Commissioner of Police (Zone V) Pranaya Ashok said, "So far, we have arrested two of the accused as they turned out to be over 18 years old. Besides, we are trying hard to identify and locate the boy's family members. He appeared to be suffering from some mental illness due to which he could not give us the exact details about his family. And we have checked cases and missing-persons records but we could not find anything about him."

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Mumbai for over a month now.

After an interval forced for over 30 years, Kashmir Valley is going back to the movies

ANCHOR

NAVEED IQBAL SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 19

ON MONDAY, Ghulam Nabi was hard at work, applying finishing touches to the tiles on the path outside. He was happy, too.

Nabi is one of the workers engaged in getting the Inox complex in shape for Srinagar's first multiplex to screen its inaugural movie show. It will also mark the return of movies to a theatre in

the Valley after over 30 years. "I am excited for this to open. I will bring my children here,"

The project, with theatre chain Inox and a Srinagar-based family business joining hands, was over four years in the making and is set to be inaugurated on Tuesday. First up is Aamir Khan's Laal Singh Chaddha, which was partly shot in Kashmir, followed on September 30 by Vikram Vedha, starring Saif Ali Khan and Hrithik Roshan, which will be the multiplex's

first premier. Bringing back people of the



and owns the land on which the complex has come up

Valley to the movies has been the "dream" of Vijay Dhar, who heads the project and owns the land on which the complex has come up. On Monday, he took stock of the screens, expressing a sense of relief and excitement. "I am already thinking about my next project," Dhar told The Indian Express. Nearby, workers rushed to

wrap up last-minute work at the ticket counter and the exterior of the complex that houses three screens. After the inaugural show, two of the three screens will start full-fledged shows from September 30 followed

later by the third screen. "The staff of about 60 have been trained in-house by Inox. This includes cooking, cleaning, serving and ushering," Dhar said.

The plan is to start with three shows a day -- 9 am, 12 noon and 6 pm — with more in line depending on the response. Cinema is in my blood. My family owned one of the oldest cinema halls in Kashmir -Broadway. We cherished it. So it was a dream to bring people back to cinemas in Kashmir,' Dhar said

In 1990, before the militancy **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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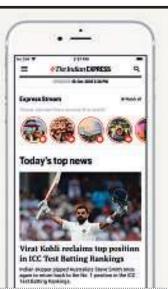
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FINDING CHENNAI THROUGH TAMIL CINEMA: A STORY OF CRIME, CHARACTER AND REDEMPTION

Is there more to Chennai and Tamil cultural experience than filter coffee, Carnatic music and Rajinikanth? After exploring Delhi and Mumbai, we focus on Chennai and let its cinema provide some answers

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TECHNOLOGY



APPLE'S LOCKDOWN

Apple calls Lockdown "extreme" which disables many features

EXPRESS Q AUDIO

Lakhimpur Kheri, AAP MLA in custody, and anti-conversion law

In today's episode, we talk about the rape and murder of the two Dalit sisters in UP's Lakhimpur Kheri, the Delhi Waqf board case against AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan and we give an update on the first conviction under UP's anti-conversion law



SP chief Akhilesh Yadav in Lucknow, Monday. Vishal Srivastav

With march to House, Akhilesh's big day out as Assembly begins

Stopped, SP chief asks what is Yogi govt afraid of; Maya says don't malign Opp

ness when it came to the SP.

With the SP legislators away,

the Monsoon Session began

with empty Opposition benches,

and an early adjournment after

offering condolences to the de-

parted members. The SP chief ac-

cused the government of run-

ning from facing these questions and asked, "Why does the gov-

ernment not want to face us?"

Denying the SP's claims, CM

Adityanath said all parties could

raise their issues, "but in a dem-

ocratic way". "If they had sought

permission as per rules, police

from the SP that it would follow

any kind of rule or decorum,

would just be wishful thinking.'

Mayawati responded strongly to

Adityanath's statement regarding

the SP, saying: "The BJP's claim be-

fore the start of the Monsoon

Session that the Opposition is un-

employed exposes their arrogant

thinking and irresponsible atti-

tude." She also urged the govern-

ment to speak about "any evident

change brought in the condition

of inflation, poverty, unemploy-

ment, poor education, health, law

and order etc, and whether mi-

Lucknow Commissioner of

Police S B Shiradkar refuted that

MLAs were stopped from going

to the Vidhan Sabha. "It is wrong

that they were not given permis-

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gration has been stopped".

In a surprise, BSP chief

He added: "But to expect

would have given the same."

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 19

SEIZING the initiative ahead of the start of the Monsoon Session of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Monday took out a foot march from the party office to Vidhan Sabha. The second such high-profile bid by Akhilesh to take out a protest in the past few days, ending similarly with the government foiling it, gives the former chief minister some visibility and momentum ahead of the House session, apart from countering claims by dissidents that he is absent from the

ground bar elections. Stopped by police from proceeding towards the Assembly, which began its short, five-day session from Monday, Akhilesh sat on a dharna on the road along with his MLAs and former legislators, holding black placards and raising slogans. The leaders then went on to hold a "mock Assembly session" on the road, offering condolences to sitting or former MLAs, who had passed away since the last session.

Barricades and heavy police were put up near Akhilesh's residence, near the SP office as well as the route leading to Raj Bhavan to stop the march. The party used the show of force to question the "highhandedness" of the Yogi Adityanath government and claim that it showed its nervous-

ED attaches Rs 48 cr assets, says 'beneficially owned by Partha' of questioning

PRESS TRUST OF DELHI NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate on Monday said it has attached assets worth Rs 48.22 crore "beneficially owned" by former minister Partha Chatterjee and his alleged associate Arpita Mukheriee as part of a money laundering probe into West Bengal teachers' re-

The attached properties include 40 immovable assets such as a farmhouse, flats and "prime land" located in Kolkata worth a total of Rs 40.33 crore, apart from Rs 7.89 crore worth deposits kept in 35 bank accounts, the federal agency said in a statement.

"The attached properties are found to be beneficially owned by Partha Chatterjee and Arpita Mukherjee," it said

According to the agency, several of the attached properties were registered in the name of shell companies and people acting as "proxies" for Chatterjee.

The former minister in the Trinamool Congress-led government in West Bengal and his "close associate" were arrested by the ED in July.

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From 60% in UPA to 95% in NDA

posts they held, when the CBI initiated action against them.

The CBI didn't respond to a question from *The Indian Express* on this trend but an agency official called it "merely a coincidence" and denied that Opposition leaders were targeted.

However, the key patterns in the list are telling:

■ With a number of scams clouding the UPA rule, from the 2-G spectrum case to the Commonwealth Games and coal block allotment cases, of the 72 key leaders the CBI probed from 2004 to 2014, 29 were either from the Congress or its allies such as DMK.

■ Under the NDA-II, the tilt is overwhelmingly against non-NDA parties with just six leaders of note from the BJP facing a CBI probe.

■Of the 43 Opposition leaders under probe by the CBI during the UPA, the BJP had the largest share with 12 of its leaders being questioned, raided or arrested. They included Union Home Minister Amit Shah, then a Gujarat minister, who was arrested by the agency in connection with the alleged encounter killing of Sohrabuddin Sheikh. Other key NDA leaders under probe included former Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa; Bellary mining baron Gali Janardhan Reddy and former Defence Minister George Fernandes. The CBI continued its probe against Pramod Mahajan even after his death, when it named him in a chargesheet related to the 2G spectrum alloca-

tion probe in 2012. ■Under the NDA-II beginning 2014, CBI probes against political leaders gained momentum. Of the 118 key Opposition politicians under probe, top of the list is TMC(30)and Congress (26), Besides, the CBI probed close relatives of key Congress politicians such as party president Sonia Gandhi, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath and former Punjab Chief Minister Captain

Amarinder Singh $\blacksquare \textit{For the TMC}, \textit{the Saradha chit}$ fund case and the Narada sting operation case have made it the largest party in terms of key political leaders under the CBI scanner. Over the past two months, TMC Minister Partha Chatterjee was arrested for his alleged involvement

OPPOSITION IN CBI NET

DURING NDA-II*

CM 1, EX-CMs 12, MINISTERS 10, MPs 34, MLAs 27, **EX-MLAs 10**, EX-MPs 6

ACTION Arrests 22, chargesheet 43, closure report TAKEN 1, convicted 1, acquitted/discharged 0

DURING UPA*

EX-CMs 4, MINISTERS 2, MPs 13, MLAs 15, EX-MLA 1, EX-MPs 3

ACTION \(\sqrt{} \) Arrests 12; chargesheet 30; closure report **TAKEN** 6, convicted 6, acquitted/discharged 7

* INCLUDES THOSE WITH CLOSE RELATIVES UNDER PROBE

Note: Data from court documents, agency statements and reports

in the "school jobs for cash" case. And party leader Anubrata Mondal was held for his alleged role in a cross-border cattle-smuggling racket.

■ After these two parties, the highest number of non-NDA politicians under probe were from the RID and BID, 10 each. Incidentally, these two Opposition parties are in power in Bihar and Odisha, respectively. ■The Opposition's partywise

break-up of prominent leaders is: TMC(30), Congress (26), RJD(10), BJD (10), YSRCP (6), BSP (5), TDP (5), AAP (4), SP (4), AIADMK (4), CPM (4), NCP (3), NC (2), DMK (2), PDP(1), TRS(1), Independent(1). Beyond these numbers, the

timing of the CBI's raids under the UPA and the NDA-II have been repeatedly raised by Opposition leaders, both inside Parliament and in protests outside.

In 2013, two days after DMK walked out of the UPA, the CBI raided party leader and current Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin's house in Chennai in a case related to the import of luxury cars. According to officials at the time the Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) had provided information about the case involving 33 cars to CBI a month before the raid — but the agency registered a case only after the DMK broke its alliance with the

Similarly, last month, the CBI

raided multiple premises associated with RJD leaders, including one allegedly linked to Bihar's current Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav, on the day the new JD(U)-RJD government was facing a trust vote in the Assembly. Days earlier, the JD(U) had snapped ties with the

Then again, during the UPA regime, the ruling coalition was accused of "misusing" the CBI to bully potential allies. In 2007, a Preliminary Enquiry (PE) was raised against SP leader and former UP Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav and his family in a case of alleged disproportionate assets. A year later, the SP helped the coalition survive after the Left pulled out over the US nuclear deal. The disproportionate assets case was closed in 2013.

Similarly, the CBI began an instigation into alleged corruption cases against Y S Rajasekhara Reddy's government in Andhra Pradesh after his son Y S Jagan Reddy rebelled against the Congress following his father's death in 2009.

Under NDA-II, the CBI's action against the AAP, which came to power in Delhi in 2015, has drawn criticism. In 2015, the agency raided the offices of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's principal secretary Rajendar Kumar in a case of corruption.

Ahead of the Punjab polls in 2017, the agency initiated multiple

probes against AAP leaders, including Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Health Minister Satyendar Jain. Last month, with the Gujarat elections around the corner, the CBI booked Sisodia and raided his residence in connection with a case of alleged corruption related to Delhi's liquor policy.

Under NDA-II, the agency has also been accused of going soft on past cases against senior leaders of the ruling dispensation. The CBI did not file an appeal against the discharge of Amit Shah by a special court in the Sohrabuddin Sheikh case. While the agency raided premises associated with then Congress leader from Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, in the Saradha chit fund scam and questioned him, there was no action against Sarma after he joined the BJP. Sarma is now Assam Chief Minister and a key leader for BJP in the North East. In May 2021, the CBI filed a

chargesheet in the Narada sting operation case but did not name West Bengal leaders Suvendu Adhikari and Mukul Roy as accused along with TMC leaders. Moreover, Roy's name did not figure on the list sent by the agency to the Lok Sabha Speaker seeking sanction for prosecution in the case. By then, Roy and Adhikari had joined the BJP and were key players in managing the state polls for the party that year. Roy later returned to TMC The CBI official, who spoke to

The Indian Express, denied that the agency is "targeting Opposition leaders specifically". "A large number of our cases

have been ordered by the courts. Be it the case against NCP's Anil Deshmukh, the Saradha and Narada cases, or TMC leaders such as Partha Chatteriee or the West Bengal poll violence case, all have court orders behind them. A large number of cases have been recommended by state governments where politicians of the previous dispensation are under probe. As an agency, it is our duty to follow court orders and legitimate recommendations made by the state government or the Centre. The disproportionate share of Opposition leaders under any regime is merely a coincidence," the official said.

Tharoor tells Sonia he may contest

refused to give details of the 40minute meeting. Some leaders who spoke to him told *The Indian* Express that Sonia assured him of her neutrality, which was seen as a signal that she will not endorse or back any candidate, and there will be no official or establishment nominee

The impression Tharoor got is that she was in favour of "a free and fair election" and believed that the party would be strengthened by an energetic contest, said a party

Sources in the Congress had earlier signalled that Sonia had asked Gehlot to lead the party. Her indication to Tharoor that she will stay neutral is significant given that backdrop. It is seen as an attempt to send a message that the elections will be free and fair, given the fact that the G-23 leaders have been raising questions on the fairness of the process.

Party leaders also said Sonia did not discourage Tharoor from contesting when he said he was considering it, and told her why. "Anybody who wants to con-

test is free and welcome to do so. This has been the consistent position of Congress president and Rahul Gandhi. This is an open, democratic and transparent process. Nobody needs anybody's nod to contest." AICC communications head Jairam Ramesh said.

Sources said Tharoor wanted to gauge Sonia's mind on the elections. This is in light of the fact that G-23 leaders believe resolutions backing Rahul are being passed by the PCCs at the behest of the leadership to prepare the ground for him to "change his mind".

Adding to the buzz over the possibility of his contesting the party polls, Tharoor on Monday endorsed a petition by a group of Congress members seeking "constructive reforms" and implementation of the Udaipur Declaration in entirety, if elected. "I welcome this petition that is being circulated by a group of young @INCIndia members, seeking constructive reforms in the party. It has gathered over 650 signatures so far," Tharoor tweeted.

The petitioners have said that as Congress members, they wanted "to strengthen the party to reflect the hopes and aspirations of our nation", and referred to the Udaipur Declaration, at the party's Chintan Shivir on May 15. "We appeal to each candidate in the election for the president of the All India Congress Committee to undertake a public pledge to involve party members from block committees up to the CWC and implement the Udaipur Declaration in entirety in the first 100 days of assuming office," said the petition.

On Monday, four more PCCs of Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra — as well as the Mumbai Regional Congress Committee joined Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat in passing resolutions backing Rahul as party chief.

Those close to Rahul continue to insist that he is not interested in the post.

However, a G-23 leader countered: "How can such things happen without the knowledge of the Gandhis? We all have been in the Congress long enough to understand how these things work."

• ED to SC: Sitting HC Judge...

dents, said a judge was not above the law.

Mehta said he was leaving the decision to the court, adding, "I will not oppose if it is to be made public". He said the ED had material which showed that the prime accused in the case "were in touch with a constitutional functionary through an intermediary before being granted anticipatory bail" in the corruption cases against them.

"It has emerged that a senior functionary of the government of Chhattisgarh" is "actively involved in weakening of the predicate offence, i.e. case of corruption, against both the prime accused during the trial" and the accused "continues to occupy senior administrative position in the present government and continues to look after General Administration Department," he said.

Listing other charges, Mehta said: "When I (ED) realised" that two of the accused "were in close contact with the two constitutional functionaries who played a role in grant of anticipatory bail and I (ED) came to know they are preparing typed statements of the witnesses to be filed, I(ED) moved this court".

The SC issued notice in December 2021, but the matter did not come up for hearing after that though he had mentioned it "not less than six times" and filed

Rohatgi, appearing for the respon-written notes "not less than 10 times" saying the trial was proceeding and the matter was get-

ting infructuous, said Mehta.

Countering the submissions, Rohatgi said: "You have read this out to prejudice my case. But you don't file the material. This is not material which can be kept back from me if you are going to rely on

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal said the chargesheet in the case was filed when the BIP government was in power in the state, and no fresh investigation was conducted under the Congress government. He said if the ED files material in sealed cover, the state would also like to place on record some evidence relating to 2011. Allowing the two sides to place

the material before it, the bench, also comprising Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Ajay Rastogi, said: "In case we find the material can be made public, we will certainly give the copies to the other side. At this point of time, it appears that the submission was made that the investigation needs to be transferred and this court issued notice in November 2021. We are in the month of September which means 10 months have gone by. So therefore in our view, before we allow the trial to conclude, at least we must apply our mind whether we accept or not accept this sub-

CBI arrests ex-chairman of SSC after 6 hours

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 19

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday arrested North Bengal University vice-chancellor and School Service Commission (WBSSC) former chairman Subiresh Bhattacharya in connection with the school jobs scam case. Bhattacharya, who remained

SSC chairman from 2014 to 2018, was questioned by the agency at its Nizam Palace office in Kolkata for nearly six hours before being arrested. Sources said Bhattacharya was not cooperating with the agency and had been evading questions. He will be produced in court on Tuesday, where the agency will seek his custody.

On August 24, the CBI had raids Bhattacharya's residences in Kolkata and north Bengal's Siliguri. At that time, he had claimed that there was no corruption in the recruitment of school staff in the state. The CBI is probing the alleged scam in the recruitment of teaching and nonteaching staff in schools on directions of the Calcutta High Court.

Mamata

excesses of Central agencies. The Prime Minister must ensure that the functioning of the Union Government and the interests of his party do not get mixed up."

The Chief Minister also hit out at Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari, who had switched from the TMC to the BJP before the state polls last year.

Referring to Adhikari's reported remark during BJP's faceoff with police at the party's Nabanna Abhiyan protest, she said, "He is saying don't touch me to the Central agencies. What has he not! How many petrol pumps, flats, property he has, disclose it. He has become a sadhu after joining that camp(BJP)

Defending the resolution, which was passed with 189 MLAs in favour and 69 against, Banerjee said it was not aimed at anyone but the "biased functioning" of Central investigative agencies like the ED.

Opposing the motion to pass the resolution. Adhikari said it was against the rules and regulations of the Assembly. "This Assembly passed a resolution that the name of the state will be changed to Banga. But that has not happened. This Assembly passed a resolution against the BSF, which we opposed, but it has not affected the work of BSF. This resolution also will not make any impact on CBI and ED. The chor dhoro, jail bhoro (catch thieves, fill jails) operation will continue," he said.—WITHPTI

Delhi boy who 'came to see Mumbai'

Valley is going back to the movies

At 10 am on August 6, a physical trainer had found Haswan he looked new, somewhat lost.

"When the boy gave no clear answers, the trainer took him to the police chowki nearby," said a police officer. On the suggestion of the

chowki constables, the trainer brought the boy to the police station, where the personnel counselled him for over four hours, gave him food and tried to get him to talk about himself and his family. "He looked scared. We would ask him multiple questions and after a lot of prodding, he would reply to one," said an officer.

The little they could glean

led to the shutting down of cin-

ema halls in the city, Dhar recalls

that the Sunny Deol-starrer

Yateem was the last movie to be

screened at Broadway. "That was

over 30 years ago, and I still re-

member that after the last show,

as we announced that the the-

atre will be shut down, the staff

said, 'Ab hum vateem ho gave

(Now, we have become or-

Dhar hails from a prominent

Kashmiri Pandit family that is en-

gaged in a variety of businesses, in-

cluding running the Delhi Public

phans)," he said.

School in Srinagar.

from Haswan was this: that he is from "Bastipada" near "Star Chowk in Delhi", that his parents are no more and he lived with his sister Soni, and that he left his backpack in a bin at the Delhi station before boarding the train.

The police contacted some of their counterparts in the Delhi Police who advised them to make a video of the boy and send it to them. "We sent the boy's video to the ACP, who forwarded it to multiple police groups on WhatsApp. But we have got no further clues," said the officer.

In the video, Haswan, the hint of a smile and a quizzical look on his face, can be heard saying that

Asked about the choice of Laal

Singh Chaddha to launch the mul-

tiplex project, Dhar said, "We were

Aamir is a very good friend."

eting services available soon.

most of which were later turned

into camps to house security

he came to Mumbai two to three days ago on a train - "ghoomne (to see the city)". Around 4 pm that day, the po-

lice took Haswan to the children's home, where he was, as per Covid norms, sent to the centre's 'isolation room'. According to officials at the centre, on the evening of August 16, Haswan defecated inside the isolation room, following which some inmates manhandled him. Officials of the children's home rushed the injured boy to Sion Hospital, where he was declared brought dead.

Following an inquiry by the children's home, a guard was booked under Juvenile Justice Act.

Meaningful chance to those on Death Row...

by affording the accused a chance to adduce material, and thus fulfilling the mandate of Section

hoping to be ready by the release of 235(2)," said the bench. the film, but we weren't able to. Section 235(2) of the Criminal Also, the film was partly shot at the Procedure Code says that "if the school run by my family. And accused is convicted, the Judge shall, unless he proceeds in accor-For now, tickets will be availdance with the provisions of able at the counter. According to Section 360 (order to release on Dhar. Inox will make online tickprobation of good conduct or after admonition), hear the accused In the 1980s, Srinagar city had on the question of sentence, and at least eight functioning theatres, then pass sentence on him ac-

> The bench, however, pointed out that its May 1980 decision in

cording to law".

the Bachan Singh vs State of the report of a "mitigation investi-Punjab case — wherein it had upheld the constitutional validity of

death penalty for murder while stating that it will be imposed only in the rarest of rare cases - said "the question of what constitutes 'sufficient time' at the trial court stage, in this manner appears not to have been addressed..." and "this, in the court's considered opinion, requires consideration and clarity".

Earlier this year, the court, while reducing the death sentence awarded to a Madhya Pradesh man for raping a minor to life imprisonment, had taken on record

gator" who went into the background of the convict. The top court also registered

a suo motu petition titled 'In reframing guidelines regarding potential mitigating circumstances to be considered while imposing death sentences' to streamline the process of considering mitigating circumstances in such matters.

Referring to this, the bench said it had initiated the suo motu writ petition "noticing the lack of a uniform framework in this regard...'

AT CRIME REVIEW MEETING

Not enough PCR calls being turned into FIRs, police chief takes note

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

DELHI POLICE Commissioner Saniay Arora has directed all district DCPs to brief their staff to register FIRs under proper sections of law when they receive a PCR call, to ensure there is no "burking" – or a bid to suppress – any citizen's complaint, it is learnt.

The directions came from the police chief in a crime review meeting held on September 15 in Vimarsh hall at Delhi Police headquarters. In the meeting, the Special Commissioner of Police (Operations) informed Arora that 478 PCR calls of robbery were received between August 17 and August 31, but only 21% calls were converted into FIRs under sections of robbery.

He also informed Arora that instead of registering FIRs of robbery, more than 50% of the calls

BRIEFLY

Gurgaon: After a 35-yearold woman was found dead under suspicious circumstances in Badshahpur, police booked her husband and five members of her inlaws' family on charges of dowry death and criminal conspiracy, after her family alleged harassment over

dowry.

Fake visa

3 arrested

racket busted,

New Delhi: A fake visa racket was busted by ar-

resting three travel agents who have been cheating hundreds of students and job aspirants on the pre-

text of sending them to foreign countries. Police

said the accused were held

with more than 2,000

blank visas from different countries, 165 forged visa

stamps, and 127 dyes used

to make visas, among

other documents and

equipment. The matter

came to light after a student from Punjab and five

of his friends from an

IELTS institute alleged they

were cheated of Rs 18 lakh

by the agents who con-

tacted one of them on so-

New Delhi: A police officer

of Delhi's Central District

committed suicide on Monday morning. Police

said head constable

Manoj, in charge of sum-

mon cell 5b of the Prasad

Nagar station, shot himself

dead with a firearm. They

added that a post-mortem

has been completed, and

his body was handed over

to his family for last rites.

He is survived by his wife,

son, and daughter. **ENS**

Cop shoots

self dead

cial media.

Man, family booked over 'dowry death'



478 PCR calls of robbery received between Aug 17 and 31, only 21% were converted into FIRs under relevant section. Archive

were instead registered as e-FIRs or found wrongly registered under other heads of crime by police in several districts.

Data provided by the Delhi Police shows that 1,221 robbery cases have been reported this year until July 15 as compared to 1,110 in the same time last year.

When contacted, Delhi Police spokesperson Suman Nalwa refused to comment on the direc-

Arora has conveyed to all Additional CPs and JCPs that ensuring quality of investigation is their prime responsibility and they should monitor heinous and important cases and issue necessary directions to all those concerned in this regard.

"Arora also directed that dis-

conversion

EARLIER THIS year, the Delhi Police released data suggesting only 40% of PCR calls of robbery were being converted to FIRs. Making a PCR call can take minutes and depends on the line and connection. Officers also claimed the PCR conversion rate is low because of fake calls, double calls, calls being diverted from one district to another etc.

trict DCPs should ensure full recovery in all the solved cases and also ensure that substantial evidence, particularly scientific evidence, is collected so that the case can be taken to its logical cer, who was present in the meeting, said.

In a recent crime review meeting with all the DCPs, Arora had directed them that in robbery and snatching cases, recovery made properly under Section 27 of The Indian Evidence Act is the primary determinant of quality investigation. However, this must be followed-up with the judicial TIP(test identification parade) of the case property and wherever possible, of the accused.

"In all the cases shown as worked out, without recovery, there must be supporting/corroborating evidence like CCTV footage, call details record, IP detail record (IPDR), establishing the presence of the accused at the scene of crime, forensic exhibits like fingerprints of the accused, in the least, statements of eyewitnesses of the crime," an officer said, recounting the police

Latest in EV push: Charging points on side of 100 PWD roads

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 19

IN ORDER to strengthen the electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, the Delhi government is planning to install 'kerbside EV chargers' on all roads maintained by the Public Works Department (PWD). Around 100 such chargers will be installed on a pilot basis and 3,000 more in the next three years, said

Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah convened a meeting on implementation of the project, which was attended by all agencies concerned, including PWD, transport and

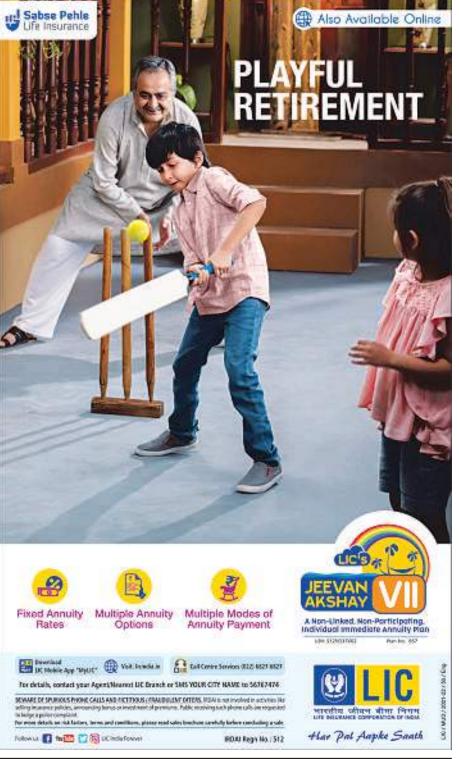
"Delhi has already installed over 2,500 EV charging points the highest in India. This has happened on the back of several innovations. Similarly, Delhi will take the lead in setting up kerbside charging facilities for EVs on all major roads. Kerbside charging is another innovative concept that Delhi is bringing to provide 24x7 access of EV charging to two- and three-wheelers, which

have remained the priority seg-

ments for us." Shah.

According to officials, it was decided at the meeting that kerbside charging will leverage lamp posts and substation spaces which have or are close to sites of on-street parking. The process will start with a pilot for 100 chargers spread equitably across all the three discoms.

The pilot project will be monitored by DDC and the discoms will work on the installation process and identify stretches to install charging points. PWD manages 1,400 km of major roads in Delhi with approximately 1 lakh lamp posts.



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Ukraine war, where it's headed and what's next



Former Indian Ambassador

to Russia

In conversation



Shubhajit Roy Associate Editor The Indian Express

The Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24 disrupted the post-World War II global order. In the months that followed, the shock waves from the war travelled to virtually every corner of the world.

Energy and food prices have risen, and economies everywhere have been impacted. Much of Europe is facing a cost-of-living crisis of a magnitude that has not been seen in decades.

There is growing industrial unrest, and the spectre of a long, cold winter haunts the continent, should President

Vladimir Putin cut off gas supplies.

Where does the conflict stand right now, where is it headed, and how far is it from its end?

Where does India stand in the current situation? What impact does it have for India's ties with Europe and

How does China look at the war, and how does it impact the Indo-Pacific, where India has deep interests? For answers to some of these questions, listen to D B Venkatesh Varma, former Indian Ambassador to Russia, in

conversation with The Indian Express's Shubhajit Roy at the next Explained. Live event









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DELHI EXCISE POLICY PROBE

ED summons AAP's Durgesh for questioning

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

AAP MLA Durgesh Pathak was called in by the Enforcement Directorate for questioning on Monday in relation to the nowscrapped liquor policy. The CBI and ED are investigating allegations of corruption in the imple-

mentation of the policy. Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, along with 14 others, has been named in the CBI FIR filed in the matter. Pathak is not an accused. The ED registered a case of money laundering in the first week of

September based on a CBI FIR. Pathak reached the ED office

Capital faces

rainfall deficit

New Delhi: The monsoon, which

is set to withdraw soon from

northwest India, has left a deficit

sidered to be from June 1 to

September 30, said an IMD offi-

cial. From June 1 to September 18.

the Safdarjung weather station,

which serves as a marker for the

city, has recorded 398.6 mm of

rainfall, 35% short of the normal of

615.8 mm. Safdarjung has seen no

heavy rain spells in August and

September so far this season. In

2021, Safdarjung recorded a large

IMD considers for rainfall distri-

bution in Delhi, only East Delhi

has recorded rainfall in the 'nor-

mal' range, having recorded 736.6

mm of rainfall from June 1 to

September 19. Northeast Delhi

and West Delhi have recorded

large deficits, having recorded

only 248.5 mm and 215.4 mm re-

spectively. All other districts have

recorded deficits in rainfall. ENS

Of the nine districts that the

excess in rainfall for monsoon.

The monsoon season is con-

in rainfall in Delhi so far.

at 11 am and left at 8.45 pm, offi-

His questioning comes after Sisodia's house was raided by CBI officials last month. Later, his bank locker was also searched.

Hours after Pathak was summoned for questioning, senior AAP leaders lashed out at the BJP, alleging that it was just an "excuse" and the rising political graph of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal amid preparations for Gujarat Assembly and Delhi MCD elections.

Questioning the ED's summons, the AAP said that Pathak was being "targeted as the BJP is scared of defeat" in the civic polls in Delhi, which are expected soon.



Pathak reached the ED office at 11 am and left at 8.45 pm. PTI

Pathak, who is AAP MCD incharge as well as the in-charge in poll-bound Himachal Pradesh, could not be contacted for comment. He is not part of the government and officials said he was not involved in the formulation of the policy.

Sisodia, who is also under the scanner of CBI and ED in the same

summoned the AAP's MCD election in-charge Durgesh Pathak. What do the MCD polls in-charge have anything to do with the Delhi government's liquor policy? Is their target the liquor policy or MCD polls?'

A day earlier, speaking at an AAP event, Pathak referred to CM Arvind Kejriwal's statement that party leaders should be ready to go to jail in the coming months till elections in Gujarat are over. He said, "The CM has asked us for four months and I think that we are ready (to go to jail) for even a

After Pathak was taken in for questioning, AAP MLA and naBharadwaj tweeted, "Now, the BIP-ED-CBI alliance will contest elections in Gujarat and Delhi. ED summoning brother Durgesh Pathak clearly shows that MCD elections are going to happen."

Atishi, the chief spokesperson of the party, tweeted, "The ED's summon... makes it clear that investigation on liquor policy is just an excuse, the growing political graph of Kejriwal is the target."

The BJP hit back at AAP and claimed that the revelation of Pathak's connection with Vijay Nair who is also one of the accused in the liquor policy case indicates that the entire "party is involved in the liquor scam".

2nd phase of Chandni Chowk project in the pipeline

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

IN A review meeting to discuss the second phase of the Chandni Chowk redevelopment project, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the project will soon be kicked off and the facade of the heritage buildings will be refurbished with historical and architectural elements.

The restoration under the project was supposed to start in March this year but was delayed due to various reasons, said offi-

The first phase of the project was completed last year, under which a 1.4 km stretch from Red Fort to Fatehpuri Masjid was developed. The entire stretch was redeveloped with red sandstone and granite stones, the pavement was decked up with street furniture, and it was made pedestrianfriendly with a no-traffic zone from 9 am to 9 pm.

According to officials, the PWD, the executive agency of the project, has appointed consultants for the redevelopment un-

der the second phase. cerned. Sisodia said. "The Delhi government completed the first phase of the redevelopment of Chandni Chowk in 2021, and the response of the public was overwhelming. In the first phase, we focused on decongesting the area and landscaping to improve the shopping experience for visitors. Now, the government will focus on reviving the architecture of historical buildings and shops, to enrich and elevate the buildings in the area to provide a unique ex-

Officials said maintaining a balance between historical and modern architectural designs, the government will restore the heritage structures using original material and construction techniques such as structural retrofitting, restoration and unification of the facade of heritage structures. It also has plans to give colour and signage schemes for shops and illuminate buildings

To attract tourists, both inter-

case against Jain stayed by court **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

'money laundering'

Proceedings in

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

A DELHI court Monday stayed the proceedings in an alleged money laundering case against AAP minister Satyendar Jain following an application filed by the Enforcement Directorate seeking transfer of the entire proceedings from a special court.

On September 15, ED Additional Solicitor General SV Raju had moved an application seeking transfer of the proceedings from the court of Special Judge Geetanjli Goel. The bail hearing was in its final stages with Jain's lawyers wrapping up their arguments, and the ED seeking an additional date to address further arguments. On Monday, Raju apprised Principal District and Sessions Judge Vinay Kumar Gupta about the application, following which a notice was issued to the respondents. The matter will be heard on September 30. Advocate Sushil Kumar

Gupta, who represents accused Vaibhav and Ankush Jain, accepted the notice on behalf of his clients expressing surprise over the fact that the ED sought transfer of the entire trial in this case. "We were given the impression that this was on transfer or bail application," said Gupta while asking the court to provide a short date since the bail application was being heard for 40 days and was

The ED had arrested Jain in connection with a case based on a CBI FIR lodged in 2017 under the Prevention of Corruption Act. Jain



The ED had arrested Jain in connection with a case based on a CBI FIR lodged in 2017

was accused of having laundered money through four companies allegedly linked to him.

Special Judge Goel had, in the past few hearings in the bail proceedings, pulled up the agency over its probe. On September 8, she had asked the ED why it went beyond the CBI case by investigating alleged proceeds of crime not mentioned in the chargesheet. She had also sought an explanation on what the criminality was, remarking at one point that the companies said to be cheated by the AAP leader were also named as accused.

On September 13, the ED had sought an adjournment to address further arguments. The bail hearing started on August 20 when the agency filed its written submissions opposing Jain's plea.

Apart from Jain, the court is hearing the bail applications of coaccused, Vaibhav and Ankush Jain. The CBI had chargesheeted Jain for allegedly amassing assets to the tune of Rs 1.47 crore in the disproportionate assets case. Later, ED attached properties worth Rs 4.81 crore related to the money laundering probe.

Jamia won't open fresh window for students to apply under CUET

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 19

WITH JAMIA Millia Islamia having closed registrations for its CUET-based undergraduate admissions after a short window this month, many aspirants are anxious about having missed their opportunity for applying.

Registrar Nazim Jafri said that the university is not planning to open another window for registrations for aspirants who have failed to register.

While other universities conducting undergraduate admissions through CUET opened their registration portals last week and will keep them open till October, Jamia had invited applications for a short window between August 27 and 29. According to Jafri, an extension had remained open till September 10. The CUET was con-

ducted from July 15 to August 30. "At the time that the applications were open in Jamia, many candidates were still caught up with the exam and there was a lack of awareness. We didn't even realise when it opened and when it closed. If there was a separate admission process for Jamia completely, we would have been able to keep track better, but since it is largely a centralised process this year, we thought that the universities would follow a similar schedule," said Zakaria Khan, who wants to apply for BSc (Honours) Physics programme.



The registrar said an extension had remained open till September 10

Some candidates said they had only listed Jamia as one of their universities of choice in their CUET forms when the NTA opened a correction window for candidates to make changes in forms between September 13 and 15, but the university had already closed registrations by then.

"I filled Jamia as a choice only when the correction window opened. If the NTA gave us a chance for it, registrations closing before that is a contradiction. I and other applicants have mailed the university authorities asking for another window," said Varun Sudhanshu, who wants to apply for Iamia's BA (Honours) History programme. However, Jamia wants to start the academic session for the 10 courses in which it is admitting students based on CUET because its academic year has begun for 59 undergraduate courses, for which it had conducted admissions through its

EXPRESS INTERVIEW: RAGHAV CHADHA

Visitors at Kartavya Path. The Safdarjung weather station recorded 5.8 mm of rainfall on Monday. Very light rainfall is

expected from September 20 to 24. The IMD said in an update that conditions are becoming favourable for the withdrawal of

'Gujarat an election like no other, BJP a well-oiled machinery there'

MALLICAJOSHI

the southwest monsoon from parts of Northwest India. Praveen Khanna

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE AAM Aadmi Party Sunday MP from Punjab Raghav Chadha will be the co-in-charge of the organisation in poll-bound Gujarat, alongside MP Sandeep Pathak, both of whom had managed the party's campaign in Punjab as well. The Indian Express spoke to Chadha about his appointment.

It seems like you have become the go-to person for AAP when it comes to elections and organisational work...

I would like to thank my mentor and party head Arvind Kejriwal *ji* for finding me worthy of the job. I pray to god to give me the strength to complete the task. Electioneering is teamwork. No one person can be a go-to guy. There is a go-to team and everyone has a role to fulfil in that machinery. The chief architect of our campaign is Kejriwal ji. Many people have come together under his leadership. Of these, many may have never heard a majority of names. People know me, they know Sandeep, but there is a whole team behind this, especially people from Gujarat. Many have been working there for years and everyone has a role to play.

How involved have you been in the campaign in Gujarat?

I have been involved on and

off as a party leader. I visited Surat a few weeks ago when AAP member Manoj Sorathiya was at-

Will you be shifting your base from Chandigarh to Gujarat?

What is the biggest challenge vou face there?

machinery with unlimited muscle, media and money power. It is like no other election. All media outlets have been given directions to blackout AAP... We understand that with BJP, no election is a level playing field, but this is at a different level. As a young leader, who resonated with the youth, I see that desire for change. Imagine, a 26-year-old girl in Gujarat has only ever seen one administration. AAP is a ray of hope. It brings a tried and tested model which

has been welcomed by people of

Delhi and Punjab. BIP is just offer-

ing more of the same. The fight is

just between BJP and AAP.

Congress is not in the picture.

This is a classic case of abuse of power with the aim of eliminating the only leader (Kejriwal) who has emerged as the principal challenger to BJP. Today, they

have called Durgesh, who has no connection with the liquor policy. He was elected as an MLA only a few months ago. He was called only because he is in charge of the MCD. The issue is not any irregularity or illegality, but the elimi-I will be spending much more nation of a leader who has time in Gujarat now, yes. emerged as the principal chal-

lenger, especially after Punjab. You have been working with BJP in Gujarat is a well-oiled the Punjab CM for the past six months and before that, you

> government. How different are the two environments?

were a part of the Delhi

Several AAP leaders in Delhi

questioned by investigating

agencies. Durgesh Pathak was

questioned on Monday. How

have been arrested or

The similarity is in the quest for basic amenities like bijli, paani, education and health. The difference is that Punjab, unlike Delhi, is a full state. As far as police or bureaucracy is concerned, there is greater authority and, therefore, greater responsibility. Punjab is also a border state, which comes with its own challenges. The law and order situation we inherited from our predecessors was in shambles. Brick by brick, we are rebuilding. Delhi suffers because of the multiplicity of authorities.

perience to visitors."

and shops. national and local, the government has plans to install plaques and QR codes through which one can view the story and details about the sites. Besides the facade development, the government has plans to redevelop and revamp six arterial roads in the Shahjahanabad area, said officials.

Let DTC keep its own drivers: Transport dept writes to CESL

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

TO DELIVER smooth services to After holding a meeting with the public as well as keeping in officials and departments conmind the thousands of drivers working under the Delhi Transport Corporation, the transport department intends to employ its own drivers for 2,000 ebuses that will be inducted going forward. The department has sent a request to Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL), to induct buses through Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME)II, a scheme of the government of India, by which the Centre supports the states in buying e-buses.

According to officials, the 250 e-buses inducted in the last three months have DTC conductors, but the drivers are hired by the concessionaire. "The concessionaire who has the contract to maintain and operate the buses for a 12-year period also hires drivers on a contractual basis. Now, the department has decided to induct 2.000 buses under a system that will allow DTC drivers to take the wheel," said a transport official.

The AAP government has set a target to buy only e-buses in the future for the public transport fleet. CM Arvind Kejriwal, while inaugurating the second batch of e-buses, recently said 80 per cent of buses that will be procured in the coming years will be electric

Officials said the main reason

behind the transport department's move is to prevent unemployment and ensure that drivers working under DTC still

"Almost all DTC buses have crossed the running... With the arrival of new buses, older ones will be phased out gradually, and if the concessionaire brings their own drivers for new buses, the DTC drivers, especially those on a contractual basis, will be jobless. Plus, when DTC will have its own drivers and conductors in its buses, it will deliver 100% services and service utilisation will be better," said another sen-

ior DTC official. Officials said that they have a target to procure 6,300 e-buses

2025. f this, a tender for inducting about 4,000 will be floated within a month. "Of the total, 2,300 buses will be 9 metres in length and will be for last-mile connectivity in places where standard buses cannot reach, such as rural parts of the city,"

said an official. According to an RTI reply by the DTC, it had 8,441 permanent drivers in 2015 and 5,344 in 2022, while the number of conductors went from 5.745 to 185.

DTC Karamchari Ekta Union has welcomed the government's decision. "It is a good step because currently, the companies delivering the buses hire their own drivers. If this continues, we DTC drivers will be jobless," said Manoj Sharma, the union gen-

'TATAS UBIQUITOUS ACROSS ALL BUSINESS'

Tata vs Hakunamatata: HC allows appeal by group against cryptocurrency

MALAVIKA PRASAD NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE DELHI High Court Monday allowed an appeal by Tata Sons Private Limited against a UKand US-based business found to be selling and exchanging cryptocurrency by the name of 'TATA' coin, granting an ad-interim injunction against the respondents from using its registered trademark 'TATA' for business purposes.

A division bench of Justice Mukta Gupta and Justice Manoi Kumar Ohri set aside the impugned order passed by a single judge bench dated October 26, 2021 and observed that the appellant and its group companies have an all-pervasive presence across various businesses - automobiles, telecom, agriculture, hospitality, power, defence manufacturing, heavy industries, retail – and that "TATAs are

believed to be ubiquitous across all business". "At this stage, we do not have

any reason to doubt the appellant's right to protect its IP against a very obvious case of infringement by the respondents, intended or otherwise. As stated above, people behind the website... are stated to be people of Pakistani origin in the UK. Their awareness of 'TATA' brand cannot be ruled out, which makes their motive suspect. The way

lifted and adopted as it is, without even an attempt to disguise it with a prefix or a suffix to claim distinctiveness, appears to be unscrupulous. It cannot further be ruled out that it could be an attempt by respondent No. 1 to deceive the public by selling inferior and dubious products in the name of TATAs."

the trademark 'TATA' has been

But with respect to the domain name, www.hakunamatata.finance, the court held that it did not have a prima facie ground to agree with the appellant that it infringes its 'TATA' trademark.

The court observed that Hakunamatata is a generic word and the word 'TATA' is fully coalesced in it: it did not cause any deception or confusion; and there was only partial phonetic overlap with the word 'TATA' in Hakunamatata.

The single judge had examined the question of territorial jurisdiction at the threshold itself and did not agree with the appellant that courts in Delhi could have jurisdiction over the respondents who are registered and located overseas.

The court held that the appellants have a good prima facie case to seek injunction as far as

website www.tatabonus.com, crypto products by the name of \$TATA, or any other product of respondent being sold on the website,

www.hakunamatata.finance, under the name TATA is concerned, in order to avoid any confusion likely to be caused in the mind of the Indian public who might be deceived to believe that the respondents' website in question and products sold therein are the TATA group's own website or have an association with TATA group.

Allowing the appeal, the court held that not-granting adinterim injunction can cause "ir-

reparable harm to the goodwill enjoyed by the appellant's trademark" and that any dubious or inferior products sold through the respondent's website can seriously damage its credibility. Disposing of the appeal, the

court directed that the suit be listed before the single judge for issuing notice on the appellant's application for interim relief to the respondents on September 26, 2022.



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GOING INTO DETAIL

UNION URBAN Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri on Monday spent a long time going over almost every stall at the Swachh Startup Conclave in Delhi, where entrepreneurs are showcasing their ideas and innovations. While ministers and chief guests usually make a cursory round of the stalls, mainly for photo-ops, Puri stopped by each stall for a long time, poring over the details. He held unhurried conversations with the founders and asked questions about marketability and opportunities to scale up the innovative products. Impressed by the young entrepreneurs, Puri even offered suggestions to many, asking them to do more marketing and said that if the product is good, it would find CSR funds as well.

RESOLUTION AND MORE

THE MAHARASHTRA unit of Congress Monday joined several states in demanding that Rahul Gandhi return as the party president. But the meeting of the PCC general body saw some behind-the-scenes activities. Former CM Prithviraj Chavan wanted to move a small resolution thanking party chief Sonia Gandhi for accepting the request of the leaders (of G-23) who had written to her in August 2020, urging the party should have a full-time president. He told Pradesh Returning Officer M M Pallam Raiu that through a resolution he wanted to thank Sonia for calling elections for the top post, but Raju was hesitant, Finally, PCC delegates passed only two resolutions: one urging Rahul to take over, and a second authorising Congress chief to decide on appointment of the state chief and nominate AICC delegates.



Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan addresses the media at Raj Bhavan in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. PTI

Governor slams Pinarayi over V-C row; CM says Khan's loyalty with RSS

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 19

Kerala government and Governor Arif Mohammed Khan continued Monday: Khan accused Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan of playing a role in the controversial reappointment of Kannur University V-C and the CM hit back saying the Governor's "loyalty is with the RSS".

Addressing a press conference at Raj Bhavan, Khan alleged Vijayan had met him to seek reappointment of Dr Gopinath Ravindran as V-C of Kannur University. The issue has been at the heart of a turf war of sorts between Raj Bhavan and the government since December last year.

"I told the CM that I would give due weightage for him," Khan said as he showed a few letters purportedly written by the CM stating the government has no plans to dilute the academic autonomy

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Khan also alleged Vijayan's private secretary K K Ragesh, also a CPI(M) leader, had conspired to create an unruly scene at the inauguration of the Indian History Congress in 2019, where Khan was present, and prevented the police from acting against the protestors.

Hours later, while addressing a party function in Kannur, the CM hit back saying while Khan may have political leanings "he should not speak politics while holding the post of Governor".

"He should not think that Communists have come to power using muscle power. He should not become the embodiment of anti-communism. He is struggling to belittle the Communist movement." Vijayan said.

Other senior CPI(M) leaders also hit out at the Governor, with the ruling LDF convener E P Jayarajan demanding Khan vacate the office "as he has proved he is not fit to hold the post".

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Amarinder joins BJP: 'Time to go to party looking after India's interests'

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SEPTEMBER 19

FORMER PUNJAB Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh joined BJP on Monday and merged his Punjab Lok Congress, the party he had floated last year before the state Assembly polls, with the saffron party.

Stating that "we have seen the Congress for many years", Amarinder said, "Now it is time to go to a party that is looking after the interests of the country. And that is BJP.'

Amarinder's daughter Jai Inder Kaur, who has been politically active of late, and son Raninder Singh, who had contested 2009 Lok Sabha polls from Bathinda and 2012 Assembly elections from Samana, also joined BIP, as did his grandson (Jai Inder Kaur's son) Nirwan Singh, who handled public relations and media affairs for Amarinder during his stint as CM from 2017 until September 2021.

Jai Inder is tipped to make her electoral debut in the 2024 General Election from Patiala.



Captain Amarinder Singh joins BJP in the presence of Union ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and Kiren Rijiju at the party's head office in New Delhi on Monday. Prem Nath Pandey

considered the family borough, on a BJP ticket. Amarinder's wife Preneet Kaur currently represents Patiala as a Congress MP. Asked by the media about Kaur continuing with his old party, he said on a lighter note, "Is it necessary what the husband does the wife is also supposed to do?"

present on the occasion. Union Agriculture Minister

Kaur and Raninder were not

Narendra Singh Tomar and Law Minister Kiren Rijiju welcomed Singh into BJP. Among those who joined the party along with Amarinder are former Lok Sabha MP Amrik Singh Aliwal, former MP Kewal Singh, former deputy speaker of Punjab Assembly Ajaib Singh Bhatti, former MLAs Harjinder Singh Thekedar, Prem Mittal, and Harchand Kaur.

Amarinder's Punjab Lok Congress (PLC) had contested this year's Assembly polls in alliance with BIP and both parties performed poorly. The PLC could

Where Capt went wrong in Congress

THINGS SEEMED to be going his way in the months after March 2017, when he spearheaded Congress's Assembly poll campaign. But Amarinder, who had often made virtue of his disinclination to keep an open house, unlike his predecessor Parkash Badal who started "sangat darshan", seemed to have put a foot wrong in distancing himself from party leaders and MLAs. Working out of his farmhouse outside Chandigarh, he grew distant from the cadre.

not open its account and lost deposit in 27 of 28 seats it contested. The BIP won two of 73 seats it contested. Welcoming Singh into BJP, Tomar said, "Captain-sahab has always kept the nation above all. I am delighted to welcome him into BIP."

Punjab CM calls special Assembly session to bring confidence motion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 19

AMID CLAIMS by the Aam Aadmi Party that the BJP tried to poach its legislators in Punjab, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann Monday said a special session of the Vidhan Sabha will be called on September 22 to bring a confidence motion and prove "people's trust in the government".

The move by Mann comes nearly three weeks after the Delhi Assembly passed a confidence motion tabled by Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal amid similar allegations by the AAP against the BJP.

Mann made the announcement after meeting Kejriwal on Monday afternoon. "We will show how much people believe in us. Punjab MLAs are standing like a rock behind the people of the state," he said in a video.

"We will maintain that trust....l want to show the confidence of people through this session and confidence motion,"he added.

Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema had recently alleged that at least 10 AAP MLAs were approached by BJP under its "Operation Lotus" with an offer of Rs 25 crore to each.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

MANN WAS DEPLANED FOR BEING DRUNK: OPP

Chandigarh: Opposition alleged on Monday that CM Bhagwant Mann was deplaned from a Delhi-bound flight at Frankfurt airport as he was drunk, a charge denied by the ruling AAP as bogus and baseless. On its part, the Lufthansa Airlines issued a statement that their flight from Frankfurt departed late for Delhi "due to a delayed inbound flight and an aircraft change". KANCHAN VASDEV

Cheema had alleged that BJP leaders were trying to poach MLAs by instilling fear of central agencies.

With 92 MLAs, AAP has an overwhelming majority in the 117-member Assembly, while Congress has 18, SAD three, BJP two, BSP one. The Assembly also has an an Independent member.

Cheema and other MLAs had submitted a complaint with Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav following which an FIR was registered.

Punjab BJP has urged Governor Banwarilal Purohit to get a probe done by a sitting HC judge into AAP's accusations.

"Public Notification"

Date of Charging

SCHOOL JOBS SCAM

There was rampant corruption, so I had to order CBI probe: Calcutta HC judge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 19

JUSTICE ABHIJIT Gangopadhyay of the Calcutta High Court, who had ordered CBI probe into alleged irregularities in appointment of teachers and non-teaching staff in government schools in West Bengal, on Monday said "rampant corruption took place", and, therefore, he had to order probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

In an interview to a TV news channel, ABP Ananda, the sitting judge said: "There has been rampant corruption, that's why I had to order so many CBI investigations. I had never imagined this in

"When I sat to give justice, I

could see corruption... So, I thought who should investigate it. I have enough faith in the police, but they are controlled by different forces. Therefore, I gave it to CBI. I am not saying that CBI is not controlled, but may be less. May be, they will reveal something... At that time, I had to see that I have to take very strict action against corruption.. Aami toh ekhane bosey chup kore thaakbo na (I will not sit here quietly)," he added.

Stating that he is emotional, Justice Gangopadhyay said, "I cannot see tears in the eyes of people... I was also unemployed once. So, I could see the weeping face of the unemployed youth."

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Justice Gangopadhyay has ordered 10 investigations by the CBI in connection with the school jobs

On remarks made by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's nephew, Abhishek Banerjee, against the judiciary, Justice Gangopadhyay said that he is in favour of "strictest action" against anyone "who points a finger at the judiciary, otherwise people will lose faith in the justice system".

"He (Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee) once commented on the judiciary. I was not in Kolkata then. I was in Ladakh. Sitting there, I thought I will issue a rule against him. I will summon him. I will take action after that. But back in Kolkata, I found that

a petition was filed in the Division Bench in this regard, who did not consider it. They thought he would get extra importance. But, I have a different opinion."

"Abhishek Banerjee said that a group of judges has BJP's protection. If I call him to prove it, will he able to prove it? Otherwise, he should be jailed for three months for lying. Later, he may get me killed, but that doesn't bother me."

In the backdrop of HC ordering CBI probe, the Trinamool MP said on May 28: "I feel ashamed to say that there are one or two people in the judiciary who are in hand in gloves (with Centre)... and are ordering CBI investigation in every case." (WITHPTIINPUTS)

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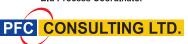
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KARNATAKA Gita lessons from this year: State minister

Bengaluru: Karnataka School Education Minister BC Nagesh, responding to a question by legislative member MK Pranesh during the ongoing Assembly session at Vidhana Soudha Monday, said the government would introduce Bhagavad Gita in schools and colleges from this academicyear. He said the Gita would be part of moral education and a committee would be formed to take a decision on it. Ajay Kamath, secretary, All India Democratic Students Organization, said: "In the name of moral education, the government is trying to sneak religious matters into education."

UTTAR PRADESH Dalit woman, daughter killed over property

Meerut: A32-year-old Dalit woman and her minor daughter were bludgeoned to death with a grinding stone at their house in Kankather village of Amroha district late Saturday night. A neighbour, Sumitra Devi, spotted the bodies and informed their relatives and police. An FIR has been lodged by the woman's brother, saying the duo was killed by her in-laws who wanted to grab their share in the family property. Her 14-yearold son lives with his maternal uncle. Police said the woman was married to Pawan Kumar Singh in 2008 but he died in 2013 due to illness.

GUJARAT

Elusive leopard keeps Diu locals, officials on toes

Rajkot: An elusive leopard has kept residents of the Union Territory of Diu and its forest department on toes for the past 11 days as the big cat has been straying into residential areas at the daytime. The forest department, with the help from Gujarat, has placed cages but the leopard still remains at large. The leopard was first sighted near the water treatment plant in Ghoghla village of Diu on September 7.

MAHARASHTRA

Man makes hoax bomb calls to police, held

Mumbai: A 24-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly making hoax bomb calls to police after his girlfriend broke up with him. Dinesh Sutar from Sangli was in a relationship with a woman who resides in Nanaj in Ahmednagar. "When their relationship ended a month ago, he decided to take revenge. After getting drunk, he called police and alleged there will be a bomb blast in Nanaj area and Zaveri Bazaar. said an officer.

SC stays IPS officer's dismissal for a week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 19

PROVIDING INTERIM relief to IPS officer Satish Chandra Verma. who was dismissed from service a month before his retirement, the Supreme Court on Monday granted a week's stay on the dismissal order.

The court made it clear that after a week, it will be up to the Delhi High Court to decide whether or not to continue with the stay. The bench of Justices K M Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy allowed Verma to make suitable changes to his petition pending before the Delhi HC challenging the disciplinary proceedings initiated by the Union Home Ministry in 2016.

Verma, a 1986-batch IPS officer who has had several run-ins with the Gujarat government and the Centre, was due to retire at the

Nandigram

cooperative

election: BJP

trounces TMC

SANTANU CHOWDHURY

ON A continuous electoral slide

since its defeat in the Assembly

polls last year, the BJP has re-

ceived a shot in the arm by win-

ning a cooperative body election

in Nandigram in Purba

Medinipur district. Nandigram

is the constituency of Leader of

The BJP on Sunday won 11 of

Opposition Suvendu Adhikari.

the 12 seats of the Bhekutia

Samabay Krishi Samity while the

Trinamool Congress (TMC) man-

aged to win just one. The ruling

party had won big in the cooper-

ative elections in Nandigram last

month, sweeping the polls in

Hanubhunia, Gholpukur, and

Birulia. The BJP failed to win a sin-

the Nandigram-II block while

the BIP's success has come in

Nandigram-I, which is domi-

nated by the Opposition's party

supporters. In the Assembly

polls, the BJP had received a lead

of over 4.500 votes from the

Although success in one co-

operative body from among the

14,000 does not signal anything,

the BIP has chosen to look at the

positives. "I congratulate all our

workers. It will boost the morale

of the party rank and file. This will

ensure our party's massive suc-

cess across the state soon. This is

just the beginning," said Adhikari.

DEBRAJ DEB

AGARTALA, SEPTEMBER 19

FIVE MONTHS before the next

Assembly elections in Tripura,

senior Congress leader and MLA

Sudip Roy Barman today said his

party would strike an alliance

will other parties to ensure the state's ruling Bharatiya Janata

Speaking to reporters on the

sidelines of a party event at South

Tripura district Monday, Roy

Barman said, "Alliance will be

fixed at any cost. Whatever is

needed to defeat BJP, will be done.

We will do everything needed to

come in close succession to his

previous appeal to opposition

Rov Barman's comments

free people from this misrule."

Party's (BJP) defeat.

Will form pact at any cost to

defeat BJP in Tripura: Cong

Bhekutia gram panchayat.

The TMC's victory came in

gle seat in all three combined.

KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 19

IGP at the CRPF Training College in Coimbatore, Verma had assisted the Special Investigation Team (SIT), appointed by the Guiarat High Court to probe the 2004 Ishrat Jahan alleged fake encounter case.

Based on his report, the SIT had held that the encounter was "fake". The Gujarat High Court subsequently entrusted the investigation of the case to the CBI.

Verma was dismissed from service on August 30, a month before his superannuation, on several counts including speaking to the media "unauthorisedly" in 2016 on the Ishrat Jahan case and interrogation of RVS Mani, former Under Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In July 2016, months after an interview to The Indian Express in which he called the Ishrat Jahan killing a "premeditated murder", Verma, then Chief



Satish Chandra Verma

Vigilance Officer (CVO) of the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO), was removed from the post.

In December 2016, The Indian

Express also published details of a report by Verma that included charges of an "elaborate conspiracy", allegedly involving a relative of the then Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju, contractors, NEEPCO officials and local officials, in the construction of two dams for the 600-MW Kameng Hydro Electric Project in

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi participates in a snake boat race exhibition in Punnamada

Rahul: Won't allow BJP-RSS

being employed, that is the idea

behind BJP. We will not allow an

India where millions are unem-

ployed or people are drowning

Rahul said when the idea came

up there was a suggestion that he

should go by car. "I said clearly that

if you are going to do this by a car,

Rahul Gandhi would not go by car.

If you want to do a yatra, you

should have respect for people

who cannot drive a car," he said.

with fishermen at Alappuzha

coast. They raised concern about

rising fuel prices, dwindling fish

stock and lack of social welfare

Rahul began the day's yatra

ideology to divide country

in high prices.'

Lake of Kerala, Monday. Gandhi is in Kerala for the Bharat Jodo Yatra. PTI

In that report, Verma had alleged that highly inflated bills were submitted to defraud the PSU and the government of funds. Rijiju and the Power Ministry denied the charges.

In September 2021, the Delhi High Court, which had been hearing Verma's challenge against the chargesheet issued to him, allowed the disciplinary authority to go ahead with its proceedings but ordered it not to take any "precipitative steps" against him.

On August 30 this year, a division bench of the High Court permitted passing of the final order after the Centre said the disciplinary proceedings had been concluded

On September 6, the Centre moved an application before the High Court, seeking to be permitted to impose the disciplinary authority's decision to dis-

tunities for the coastal community.

Rahul met local people who have

been protesting against sand

mining for the last 466 days. Later

in the day, he cruised in a house-

boat in the backwaters of

Alappuzha and met the opera-

tors in the tourism industry. Boat

owners and employees raised

tra, a snake boat race was held at

the backwaters. When three

backwaters, Rahul joined one of

them as a rower. He tweeted:

"When we all work together in

perfect harmony, there is nothing

In connection with Rahul's ya-

their concerns in the sector.

At Thottappally in Alappuzha,

Permitting the Centre to implement the order, the division bench said, "it is directed that the order shall not be implemented till 19.09.2022, to enable the petitioner to avail of his remedies in accordance with law against the order of dismissal."

had adjourned his plea for January next year. Stating that his petition would become infructuous by then, he urged that the matter be either transferred to the SC or the hearing in the HC be advanced.

ficer had not challenged the dishis remedies before the Central Administrative Tribunal

HATE SPEECH

Yati, 2 Hindu Mahasabha

ALIGARH POLICE on Monday booked Dasna Devi temple priest Yati Narsinghanand for allegedly giving inflammatory speeches against a particular community at an event organised by Hindu

Police have also booked

In a video clip that has gone viral, Narshinganand is seen purportedly using derogatory language against the Quran and also making provocative comments against the Aligarh Muslim

According to police, a religious function was organised by Pandey wh Narsinghanand and several others took part. Police said Pandey did not take permission from concerned authorities to host the event

Appearing for Verma on Monday, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal said he was due to retire on September 30 whereas the HC

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the Centre, pointed out that the ofmissal order yet. The bench asked how Verma could approach the HC before exhausting

leaders booked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW. SEPTEMBER 19

Mahasabha on Sunday.

Hindu Mahasabha national secretary Pooja Shakun Pandey and husband Ashish Pandey, who is also the spokesperson of the outfit. The three have been booked under various sections of the IPC, including 295-A (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs), 298 (uttering words with deliberate intent to wound the religious feelings of any person), 505(2) (statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes) and 506 (criminal intimidation).

University (AMU) and madrasas.

'Stay' on 183

VEDANTA-FOXCONN IMPACT

of 191 industry proposals lifted

ALOK DESHPANDE MUMBAI. SEPTEMBER 19

THE MAHARASHTRA government on Monday vacated the 'stay" on 183 industrial projects out of 191 for which land was allotted by the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) after June 1,

The decision comes in the wake of criticism levelled against the state government after the Vedanta-Foxconn semiconductor plant worth Rs 1.54 lakh crore shifted out of the state to Gujarat.

A senior official from the Chief Minister's Office confirmed to The Indian Express that the "stay" in 183 land allotment cases has been lifted and 191 cases were being reviewed by the state government. "We are working on the remaining cases as well and hope to issue directions regarding the same in the coming time," he said. The total investment on hold due to review of 191 cases is as much as Rs 12,000 crore.

On August 3, 2022, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's office

had put on hold land allotment decisions for various projects announced after June 1, 2022. A government resolution to this effect was issued on August 8. It was directed that all such proposals cleared by MIDC should be presented to the industries department for review. Both Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had said the decision was taken to ensure that no decision in haste was taken while making land allotment for the projects.

According to sources in industries department, the review process did not yield wrongdoings in the allotment of land parcels for 183 projects. "The process is online. There is hardly any scope of illegality while distributing. The real challenge is to ensure that once distributed, the land parcels are put to the intended use and industry is set up at the earliest," said the official.

The review process had delaved further sanctioning of more than 330 proposals pending with the MIDC. "After clearing earlier ones, work on these pending proposals can begin,'

Mufti: J&K directive on 'all-faith prayer' attacks our religion

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 19

FORMER IAMMU and Kashmir CM Mehbooba Mufti Monday criticised the administration's directive asking schools to organise "all-faith prayers" during Gandhi Jayanti celebrations and said forcing Muslim students to chant Hindu hymns is a "direct attack on the religion".

Stating that "we don't make a difference between a Hindu and a Muslim", the PDP chief said, "our Constitution has given her) religion.... I think this is a direct attack on our religion".

Mufti said that J&K is being turned into a "laboratory to test BIP's rabid Hindutva". She added,

the court that the cell phones had

been sent for forensic examina-

that the preliminary investiga-

tion indicated that the woman

had sent her own video to her

friend in Shimla, but the stu-

dents who were protesting in-

side the university alleged that

On Sunday, the police said

tion," Sharma said.



"This is absolutely wrong and would not be allowed. The people of I&K have been patient but this will not work.'

The UT administration has released a schedule for 24-day Gandhi Jayanati celebrations, between September 6 and October 2, and asked schools to organise Raja Ram, Ishwar Allah Tero Naam)". Mufti said: "We respect Gandhiji and it is in his name that the government is forcing students to chant Hindu hymns.'

Bill empowering police to obtain convicts' physical samples notified

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE GOVERNMENT has notified the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, which empowers police to obtain physical and biological samples of convicts and those accused of crime.

As per new notification, measurements of protesters violating Section 144 and arrested during protests can be taken if they are charged with any other offence punishable under any other law for the time being in force.

Earlier, former President Ram Nath Kovind had given his assent to the Bill. The Act. which replaces the Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920, was passed by Lok Sabha on April 4 and Rajya Sabha on April 6.

Several Opposition parties

slammed the legislation as "unconstitutional" and "draconian" and claimed it could be misused as it authorises law enforcement agencies to take measurements of an arrested person. Some of the measurements are finger-impressions, palm-print impressions, foot-print impressions, photographs, iris and retina scan, physical, biological samples and their analysis, behavioural attributes, including signatures and handwriting. A notification said: "The authorised user or any person skilled in taking the measurements or a registered medical practitioner... may take the measurements, but with prior approval from a police officer not below the rank of superintendent of police..."

Pinarayi: Karnataka being turned into communal lab

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 19

KERALA CHIEF Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has expressed his concern over what he said were attempts to turn Karnataka into a "communal laboratory", slamming particularly the Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP government for "changing history" through textbook revisions. Vijayan also attacked the

Centre for "sowing seeds of hatred" among communities.

"There have been a lot of efforts to saffronise the next generBagepalli in Kolar on Sunday.

to meet CM Bommai to discuss rail connectivity issues in Bengaluru, also attended the CPI(M)'s statelevel convention, where he again questioned the textbook revisions.

Asking why BJP government had dropped chapters with writings of reformers such as Narayana Guru. Perivar Ramaswamy and Sara Abubacker, Vijayan said: "Why was Bhagat Singh sidelined from the textbook...Why was a chapter on RSS founder KB CPIM, TIPRA Motha and other non-BJP political parties to come together. While no party has officially

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

CONTINUING THE Kerala leg of

the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Congress

leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday

said "BJP wants to build an India

where a handful of people con-

trol the country". "The BJP spreads

hatred and violence and we will

not allow the ideology of the RSS

ers at Kanichukulangara in

Alappuzha, Rahul said: "An India

where millions and millions of

people are drowning in poverty.

youngsters cannot dream about

to divide our country," he said.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

SEPTEMBER 19

made any attachment regarding his appeal so far, CPIM recently appealed to Congress and other non-BJP political parties to join hands and offer a unified fight against the saffron party in Rajya Sabha polls this month.

BJP, meanwhile, has expressed confidence over its poll prospects and said dreams of defeating it would not materialize since people are with them.

"CPIM has perpetrated hundreds of attacks on Congress supporters before 2018. Now their leaders are trying to shake hands with the communists." BIP spokesperson Nabendu Bhattacharya said.

we cannot accomplish." WITHPTI schemes and educational oppor-

CHANDIGARH UNIVERSITY VIDEO LEAK CASE

Police get seven-day remand of accused

JAGDEEP SINGH DEEP MOHALI, SEPTEMBER 19

A LOCAL court Monday remanded in seven-day police custody the three accused in the Chandigarh University video leak case. The district police told the

court of Nidhi Saini, Civil Judge (Junior Division) at Kharar, they wanted to interrogate the accused as they apprehend that there could be one more video of a woman student which might have been deleted from the cell phone of the accused.

The police also informed the court that for recovering the video, the cell phones had been sent for a forensic examination and that they wanted to confront



One of the three accused being produced in a court in Kharar, Punjab, on Monday. Jasbir Malha

the trio so that it could be found whether the accused had made any video viral or not.

Advocate Sandeep Sharma, the counsel for the accused, said that the police had demanded 10day remand but the court granted seven-day police remand. "The police informed the court about their apprehension about more video on the cell phone of the woman student. They also told

the matter should be thoroughly probed as the woman student might have shot other hostel The police on Monday

> formed a three-member allwomen special investigation team to probe the matter. An FIR Section (voyeurism) of the IPC and Information Technology Act has been registered and further probe is on, the police said.

LUMPY SKIN DISEASE

MLA reaches Rajasthan Assembly with cow in tow

HAMZAKHAN

JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 19

BJP MLA from Ajmer's Pushkar, Suresh Singh Rawat, reached the Rajasthan Assembly on Monday with a cow in tow to draw the state government's attention towards the lumpy skin disease.

However, as Rawat, 39, was moving towards the Assembly gate, he and the cow were crowded by journalists on the road itself. Rawat started talking to journalists but amid the crowding, passing traffic, and whistles by traffic police, the cow the spot. Later, in a tweet, Rawat said: "Even the cow is angry with

Rawat blamed the journalists who rushed towards him for quit exit of the cow. "When the Gau Mata came, you shoved all the cameras in her face. You all should also maintain some distance. I was anyways coming towards the gate to talk to journal-

lakh from his MLA Fund towards relief for the cows but even half of that couldn't effectively reach the needy farmers. "Due to the lumpy virus, lakhs of Gau Matas

with the cow outside the Assembly on Monday. Express

lot of farmers who earn their livelihood by selling milk. If someone's all Gau Matas die,

where will he go? So these (dead cows) should be counted and the farmers be given compensation," he said Monday was not the first

time that Rawat, currently in his second term as an MLA, took such a step to draw the government's attention to an issue.

Congress government to fulfil its promise of waiving farm loans. In March 2020, he reached the Assembly with an electric pole on his shoulder to protest against

'We speak in Assembly, write letters, but even then we are not heard. So I got this idea in the morning, people around me told me that since the lumpy virus (is spreading), Gau Mata ko le chalo take the cow along)," he said.

steep electricity bills for farmers.

Rawat is also known for briefly acting in television serial 'Pehredaar Piya Ki' a few years ago. "We get a lot of people in Pushkar so they asked me to act and I too had an interest," he said. As per Rawat himself, he played the character 'Raja' in four

Rawat has a BA degree, is

New Delhi

ation and textbooks are being used as a tool. The thoughts of pro-

placed by introducing communal minds as the idols,"Vijayan said at Vijayan, who was in Karnataka

gressive thinkers have been re-

Hedgewar introduced."

went berserk and ran away from

this insensitive government." Talking to The Indian Express.

ists but I was crowded... He said he had allotted Rs 10

BJP MLA Suresh Singh Rawat

have lost their lives. There are a

In January 2019, a month after Ashok Gehlot led Congress came to power, he reached the Assembly with a plough on his shoulder demanding the

episodes of the series.

married and has two sons.

Former SP MLA held for **'threatening** to blow up Parliament'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

FORMER SAMAJWADI Party MLA Kishore Samrite has been arrested by Delhi Police's Crime Branch for allegedly threatening to blow up Parliament House. He had allegedly sent a package and a letter to the Lok Sabha Speaker's office in Parliament on Saturday and warned the authorities that he would blow up the building on September 30 unless his demands

were met, police said on Monday. Samrite, 59, lives at a rented accommodation in Bhopal and is involved in more than 17 criminal cases, police said. In 2014, the Supreme Court had slapped a Rs 5 lakh fine on him for filing a petition against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and accusing him of kidnapping a minor in Uttar Pradesh. The court had said the allegations were without any substance and evidence. Around the same time, Samrite had allegedly announced a Rs 1 crore supari (contract) to kill MNS leader Raj Thackeray.

Delhi Police said Samrite has been sending threats to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha officials for "publicity". On Saturday, a package along with a letter, national flag and gelatin sticks was received at the Speaker's office, officers said.

Special Commissoner of Police (Crime) Ravindra Yadav said, "He wrote 70 demands in his letter and threatened to blow up Parliament with a bomb. We arrested him on Monday with help of Bhopal Police."

Samrite is the founder of Samyukta Kranti Party at Lanji, Madhya Pradesh, Sources said he had written about government schools, roads, government policies, expenditure on schemes, farm laws in his 70-point letter. He will be questioned by police to ascertain whether he was using real explosives or fake ones.

Indians prefer religious organisations, beggars for making donations: survey

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

INDIANS DONATED Rs 23,700 crore in cash between October 2020 and September 2021, a new survey on household givings has found, with the lion's share - 64% - going to religious

organisations. The report, titled "How India Gives 2020-21", was released by the Centre for Social Impact and Philanthropy (CSIP), Ashoka University, on Monday.

The findings show that while most Indians prefer cash over kind for donations, urban India donates more in quantum than the country's rural areas, which account for a higher number of donations.

Overall, the report says, the highest number of donations were made by the middle-class and the lower-income households.

The findings are based on a survey of 81,000 households across 18 states, over telephone or face to face.

The findings show that spurred by religious belief and "family tradition" Indians give mostly to religious organisations - an estimated total of Rs 16,600 crore in cash, constituting 70% of the market share.

The survey period coincided with the peak Covid period. However, according to the report, only 15% of the total 5% households that donated Rs 1.100 crore to "non-religious organisations" cited Covid as the motivation.

Instead, beggars were the preferred recipients, receiving cash donations totalling Rs 2,900 thousand crore. "Family and friends' came next, receiving Rs 2,000 crore. Giving to household staff makes up the tail-end of the distribution, with Rs 1,000 crore.

CSIP Research Director and the report's lead author Swati Shresth said it is difficult to gauge whether the trend in donations was a year-on-year norm "as such an extensive survey on donations has so far not been carried out".

"The findings of this study

How India gives, at a glance

Ashoka University's CSIP surveyed 81,000 households from October 2020 to September 2021 to study giving patterns. It released the report on Monday

HOW MUCH WAS DONATED ₹2,37,00,00,00,000



₹23 700 crore is the estimate of monetary givings by households based on the sample size

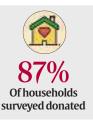
MAJOR RECIPIENTS AND TOTAL MARKET SHARE

Religious Organisations

12% Beggars **Extended Friends** and Family

Non-Religious Organisations

SURVEY IN 18 STATES COVERED BOTH URBAN & RURAL AREAS



of these donated only in cash

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CASH DONATIONS

recipient groups.

cheques or cards.

Digital wallets were

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*For the study, 'cash' payments

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WHY DIDN'T MANY HOUSEHOLDS GIVE?

31% **37**% Did not have Nobody enough approached resources for support

COVID DONATIONS

Only 15% of the Rs 1,100 crore donated to 'nonreligious groups' was given with Covid as a key motivation

EXTENDED FRIENDS HOUSHOLDSTAFF **AND FAMILY** AND BEGGARS RFI IGIOUS ORGANISTIONS

PREFERENCES

Source: Centre for Social Impact and Philanthropy, Ashoka University

will form the baseline as we continue to carry out the survey on a year-to-year basis to understand the trends of donations in the country," she said. "What was surprising to me personally is that I had expected Covid 19 to be a driving force in donations in this particular study period which was not the case.

According to the study, giving to 'non-religious organisations' was more prevalent in south and east India and in urban areas. Households in the higher-income groups also donated more to non-religious

Of the donations to 'non-religious organisations', the study says, 51% was received by NGOs, trusts, foundations, and schools: followed by PM CARES, CM CARES and UNICEF.

Monsoon to withdraw from Northwest India, **Kutch regions** in two days: IMD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, SEPTEMBER 19

AFTER ITS four-month-long sojourn, the Southwest monsoon will start withdrawing from northwest India and Kutch regions of Gujarat in the coming two days, the India Meteorological Department said on Monday.

The Met department said that dry weather is likely to prevail over northwest India covering Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana along with the anti-cyclonic wind flow to prevail over this region.

As a result, "Conditions are becoming favourable for the withdrawal of the Southwest monsoon from parts of Northwest India during the next two days," an IMD official said.

This year, the northwest India region has received 538.7mm which was quantitatively 4 per cent below normal rain till September 18. Barring Punjab, most states in this region including Rajasthan, Haryana, Chandigarh, have received either normal or above rain.

Meanwhile, some parts of eastern central India are yet again bracing for a wet spell in view of the formation of a fresh low pressure system in the Bay of Bengal on Monday. "The system will move

north-westwards and move towards the Odisha coast and intensify during the next 24hours," the IMD said in its latest bulletin issued on Monday. With the strengthening of

the low pressure system, Odisha will receive very heavy rain spells (115.5 to 204.4mm in 24 hours) till Wednesday. Coastal Andhra Pradesh and

Yanam, too, will experience enhanced rainfall during the next two days, the Met department said. These three regions remain on 'orange' alert till September 21.

HEARING ON HIJAB ROW

Ban part of pattern to marginalise minorities, SC told

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G. NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

MUSLIM APPELLANTS who have challenged the Karnataka hijab ban told the Supreme Court on Monday that the "directive" against wearing the apparel in schools is "part of...pattern...to marginalise minority communities"

is

not about

"This

uniform...by series of acts of commission and acts of omission that have happened, unfortunately...I'm not blaming any individual or anything, but these acts of commission and omission show that there is a pattern to marginalise the minority communities. Part of this pattern is this directive," senior advocate Dushyant Dave, representing some of the appellants, told a bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia.

Dave referred to controversies such as "love jihad" and said, "this has to be considered in the light of the kind of atmosphere that we are seeing today, which is going far from being liberal that we have been for 5.000 vears"

He said the Karnataka government circular says that "we are trying to bring unity in the country", and asked "you want unity, then how is that you are prohibiting a Hindu girl from marrying a Muslim boy? They have fallen in love...'

Dave added, "You have to today ask permission from a District Magistrate. He takes his own sweet time, calling families to find out, everybody puts pressure on family, don't marry, all kinds of fringe elements will come into play". He asked, "Is this the democ-

racy our forefathers fought for?"

Dave said what was done is "malice in law". "You are passing this resolution ostensibly saying uniform. Actually it's for some other purpose. The whole idea is that how do I tell the minority community that you are not allowed to profess your beliefs, your are not allowed to follow your conscience. You will do what I tell you to do.'

Dave said that "just like turban for Sikhs, hijab is important for Muslim women. Nothing wrong with that. It is their faith. Somebody wants to wear tilak, somebody wants to wear a cross, everybody has the right. That is the beauty of social life.'

He asked if wearing of hijab threatens the unity and integrity of India.

Justice Dhulia responded, 'Nobody is saying that. Even the (High Court) judgment does not (say that)." Dave said that the Bar

Council of India prescribes a $dress\,code\,for\,lawyers\,and\,asked$ if the court will stop a lawyer if he comes wearing a cap. Justice Gupta pointed out

that it was a tradition to cover the head whenever one goes to respectful places. Dave replied that the class-

room is a respectful place. "Look at our Prime Minister. How beautifully he wears turbans on important days.... It is a way to respect the people," he said. Quoting from speeches of

Sardar Vallabhai Patel as chairman of the Minorities Committee, he said "nothing is better than to minority to place a sense of confidence in majority, and also on the majority to think who we will feel if we are treated like them." The arguments remained in-

conclusive and will continue Tuesday.

Cabinet promise 'not kept', Eshwarappa gives House session a miss in protest

KIRAN PARASHAR

BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 19

WHILE FISSURES have come to the fore in the Karnataka unit of Opposition Congress months before the state is scheduled to go for Assembly elections, all may not be well even in ruling BIP in the state, it appears. On Monday, former state minister and senior BJP leader KS Eshwarappa expressed disappointment at not being reinducted in the Cabinet and said he is not attending the ongoing Assembly session in protest.

former Development and Panchayat Raj minister and an MLA from Shiyamogga City, Eshwarappa had resigned in April this year after a contractor and BJP worker, Santosh Patil, committed suicide, accusing Eshwarappa and others close to him of allegedly demanding a commission to clear the bills for works he had

SC refuses plea seeking probe into '89 killing of Kashmiri Pandit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 19

THE SUPREME Court on Monday rejected a plea urging it to order an investigation into the killing of prominent Kashmiri pandit leader Advocate Tikalal Taploo by militants in September 1989.

The plea refused by a bench of Justices B R Gavai and C T Ravikumar was filed by Taploo's son Ashutosh Taploo, Taploo was gunned down by militants near his home in Srinagar.

The court noted that it had turned down a similar petition earlier this week.

On September 2, the bench had refused a plea seeking directions to set up an SIT "to identify the perpetrators who were involved (in)..., aided and abetted" alleged killings "of Hindus and

Sikhs in J&K from 1989-2003". Senior Advocate Gaurav Bhatia appearing for Ashutosh had told the court his case is unlike the one by the NGO and there is "not even a whisper of investigation" though 32 years have passed.

carried out as contractor.

While CM Basavaraj Bommai has given hints of expanding the Cabinet ahead of Assembly polls, scheduled next summer, sources said Eshwarappa is trying to pressure Bommai to take him back.

Addressing the media in Shiyamogga on Monday, he said. "I am disappointed (at not being inducted back in the Cabinet). which is why I am not attending the (Assembly) session... I am relieved that I was cleared of the allegations...I thought I would be taken back into the Cabinet, and I am disappointed."

Stating he is sure his protest will "come to the notice of state and Central leaders" of the party, he claimed that besides Bommai, former CM B S Yedyiurappa and state BJP chief Nalin Kumar Kateel had promised he would be reinducted once he got a "clean chit in the suicide case". "They are yet to do so," he told the media.

EC recommends limit on cash donations to political parties

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 19

THE ELECTION Commission has proposed bringing down anonymous political donations from Rs 20,000 to Rs 2,000 and cap cash donations at 20 per cent or at a maximum of Rs 20 crore to cleanse election funding of black

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar has written a letter to Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju recommending a slew of amendments in the Representation of the People (RP) Act, government sources said.

money, sources said on Monday.

The move comes in the backdrop of the poll panel recently delisting 284 defaulting and non-compliant registered unrecognised political parties (RUPPs), declaring more than 253 of them inactive.

The Income-tax department recently raided a number of such entities across the country on charges of tax evasion after the EC shared its report with its administrative authority, the CBDT.



Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran Offers Mega e-Auction of

Institutional Sites, High School, Hospital and Commercial Complex Sites in All Zones

On 30th September 2022

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THE BATTLES OVER WOMEN'S BODIES CAN BE WON ONLY BY A REVOLUTION OF THE MIND.

- Mona Eltahawy

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

POWER GAMES

Plans to shift to a centralised market in power sector must take into account concerns of all stakeholders

HE POWER SECTOR in India is increasingly becoming a site of contestation between the Centre and the states. Much of the recent confrontation between the two can be traced to the distribution segment — the weakest link in the power chain. Over the years, the central government has formulated various schemes to turn around the financial and operational position of state power distribution companies (discoms). But despite these multiple attempts, the financial position of discoms continues to be precarious. Their mounting losses have increased the fiscal risks at the general government level (Centre and states). As per a recent study by the RBI, a bailout of discoms in 18 large states is likely to impose a burden equivalent to around 2.3 per cent of the GSDP of these states. Considering that their weakening finances pose a threat to the entire power chain, the government has, of late, been increasingly adopting a tough stance. Earlier, the Power System Operation Corporation, the national grid operator, had asked power exchanges to restrict buying and selling by discoms from 12 states and Jammu and Kashmir on account of their dues to power generating companies. Now, another site of confrontation has opened up.

The Union government plans to shift to a market-based economic dispatch (MBED) mechanism. This shift to a centralised framework marks a radical departure from the current decentralised, voluntary pool-based electricity market. The arguments in favour of the move are straightforward. Under the MBED framework, the cheapest power from across the country will be dispatched to meet the system wide demand. The architecture would also lead to a "uniform clearing price". Sellers and buyers will place their bids for the day ahead market, and an outcome of this will be the discovery of the market clearing price. This process is expected to generate significant savings for consumers.

However, as reported in this newspaper, the shift to this new framework is creating apprehensions that it could "strip states of their freedom". Some analysts have also argued that as "inefficient plants" are likely to be adversely impacted by this move, it may impact state generators disproportionately. Moreover, as an official said, the market trends "necessitate greater decentralisation of markets and voluntary pools for efficient grid management and operations". Considering the system-wide ramifications of this move, the changes to the operations, systems and infrastructure of the players involved, and that this framework is under scrutiny around the world, there is need to tread cautiously. All stakeholders – from state governments to load dispatch centres to power exchanges and others – need to be consulted at each step in this process. Their comments/suggestions must not only be sought, but the desirability of the policy itself needs to be discussed threadbare.

LIFTING THE VEIL

The headscarf becomes a symbol of dissent in Iran as women challenge the Islamic order

T IS DIFFICULT to predict the direction of the two day-old "hijab" protest in Iran against the death in custody of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini after she was arrested by the country's "morality police" for allegedly violating the strict headscarf rule. . Women have been posting pictures of themselves burning their headscarves and cutting off their hair to express their anger. Iran's authoritarian rulers have managed to keep the rule in place since the theocratic revolution in 1979, but over the decades, as the black headscarf came to symbolise the repression of many personal freedoms and civil rights of women as well as men, it has been inspiring to see Iranian women refusing to be cowed down, refusing to be "victims". They have been at the forefront, challenging and pushing back at the restrictions at every opportunity.

This year, on July 12, designated by the regime as the National Day of Hijab and Chastity, women across Iran took off their headscarves in an act of rebellion and protest. An overall atmosphere of civil society discontent over the economy and other issues has also seen an increase in the number of individual acts of rebellions against the dress code. The response of the policing authorities has ranged from a ticking off to arrests, but of late, there have been signs of more severe crackdowns. Last month, the Minister for Promoting Virtue and Preventing Vice said the government would use face recognition technology to track down such protestors. The regime's determination to stamp out these protests with surveillance technology shows the high levels of insecurity among those who rule Iran vis a vis their own citizens — labelling the hijab burners as participants in a "Western conspiracy" has been easier than to address the demands of the women.

What is also clear from the Iranian protest is that the hijab has taken on different meanings in different countries across the Islamic world and in other countries with significant Muslim populations. While Iranian women have been protesting this item of clothing for years, in Turkey, for instance, it was the opposite. In 2013, the Erdogan government lifted a decades-long ban on wearing the headscarf in public spaces as a reaction to what many had started viewing as a denial by the previous military regime of their right to practise religion. The headscarf became a powerful symbol of political assertion by religious conservatives, but it was also welcomed by liberal activists and civil rights defenders as restoring individual choice at long last. Context is everything, but the bottom line is this: When a powerful state gets into citizens' wardrobes, there is usually a reaction from those who are affected. There are some valuable lessons here for India to learn.

EVERYBODY'S QUEEN

As the second Elizabethan Era ends, the world is witnessing a nation grappling with the loss of a defining aspect of its identity

HE BRITISH TRADITION of the Queue, always in uppercase, might have once meant the decades-old Wimbledon practice, with thousands of spectators lining up to get tickets for the Grand Slam event. Since Elizabeth II's coffin was placed in Westminster Hall on September 14 for the lying-in-state, the Queue now refers to the 10-mile-long line of people, who waited for upto 24 hours in some cases, to catch one final glimpse of the late queen. Thousands of British citizens, and several visitors, bore cold weather, exhaustion and aching legs, to become part of a phenomenon that is unlikely to ever occur again.

Elizabeth II was, without doubt, a popular monarch. And the Queue — more than the pomp and ceremony of the funeral event — represents the unique place she occupied in the country's imagination. She became Queen at a time when the Empire was fast losing its dimensions as well as its relevance, and the monarchy itself started to seem increasingly antiquated during her long reign. While the wave of grief that has swept through the country since her death on September 8 says much about the affection that Elizabeth II inspired, it also says a lot about the country itself.

Several of the scenes that have come out of the UK this past week — the Queue, of course, but also museums, theatres and even food banks closing to mourn the late queen; hospital appointments cancelled and funerals put off, protestors arrested — are astonishing to the 21st century mind. Who would have imagined that a monarch would have such a strong hold over a modern democracy that its life practically grinds to a halt? But perhaps it's not just the loss of a queen that is being mourned. As the second Elizabethan Era ends, what the world is witnessing is a nation grappling with the loss of a defining aspect of its identity.

Securing basic structure



It constitutes a high point in the assertion of SC's judicial power in the teeth of a determined majoritarian regime

Fali S Nariman

OVER THE PAST week, the media has been faithfully reporting proceedings before a Bench of five judges of the Supreme Court as to whether the Constitution 103rd Amendment Act, 2019 violates the "basic structure of the Constitution". After the hearing is over, the judges will render their decision. But in the meanwhile, here are some ideas about the origin of the Constitution's "basic structure".

Courts are empowered under our Constitution to invalidate not only executive orders, but also legislative enactments that violate any part of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed in Part III of the Constitution (Bill of Rights). But as to whether they are also empowered to adjudicate on the validity of constitutional amendments - passed with the requisite special majority and following the procedure prescribed in Article 368 – the Constitution is silent.

Up to the year 1989, with one single political party almost consistently returned to power at every election, the judges had plumbed the depths of silence in the world's longest Constitution searching for some limitations on the amending power. They found none; and they said so, emphatically, in 1951 in a Bench decision of five judges (Sankari Prasad vs. Union of India). Fourteen years later — a different Bench of five judges — said no again (Sajjan Singh vs. State of Rajasthan), but this time with some hesitancy. Ultimately, in 1973 in Kesavananda Bharati, a larger Bench of 13 judges sat for the longest time (several months) listening to arguments on what was described as "an issue of grave moment, not only to the future of this country but to the future of democracy itself!" In a fractured verdict, by a 7:6 majority, it held that though under Article 368 Parliament's power to amend the Constitution was plenary, extending to each and every article of the Constitution includ-

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ing the articles enumerated in the Fundamental Rights Chapter, no amendment was permissible if it altered "the basic structure or framework of the Constitution".

By reading implied limitations in the amending power, the Supreme Court established a new precedent (overriding two prior judicial precedents). But the majority view was roundly criticised. It was said that by propounding the basic structure theory, the guardians of the Constitution had at one bound become guardians over the Constitution — constitutional adjudicators had assumed the role of constitutional governors! With the Congress party having secured an overwhelming majority in Parliament (after the general elections of 1971), the country might have moved into a period of grave constitutional crisis. But then, fortuitously, fate intervened: On June 12, 1975, in the High Court of Allahabad, Indira Gandhi lost the election petition filed against her by Raj Narain (he had contested against her in the 1971 elections from Rae Bareilly). The unthinkable had happened — a prime minister in office had been unseated in Parliament.

And whilst her appeal to the Supreme Court was pending, an Internal Emergency was first imposed from June 25, 1975. Then, in August 1975, Parliament hurriedly passed the Constitution 39th Amendment Bill. It provided (amongst other things) that no law made by Parliament (that is, existing election laws) would apply to the election of a person appointed as Prime Minister; the election of such person shall not be deemed to be void or ever to have become void; it would continue to be valid in all respects.

In effect, the judgment of Justice Jagmohan Lal Sinha of the Allahabad High Court — holding Mrs Gandhi guilty of "corrupt practice" under then existing election

laws – was attempted to be reversed by a constitutional amendment. This crude attempt was resisted by a Constitution Bench of five judges, relying for the first time after Kesavananda Bharati, on the basic structure theory of the Constitution. In Indira Gandhi vs. Raj Narain (1975), a Constitution Bench of the highest court held — under compulsion of a monstrous law - that free and fair elections were a fundamental part of the Constitution, so fundamental as to be beyond the reach of the amending power, all the five judges on the Bench having been a part of the Bench of 13 judges in Kesavananda Bharati. It was this decision (in Indira Gandhi vs. Raj Narain, 1975) that helped to cement the "basic structure theory". The decision constitutes a high watermark in the assertion of the Court's judicial power in the teeth of a determined majoritarian regime. Much later, in 2007, a different Bench of nine judges in I.R. Coelho vs. State of Tamil Nadu, in a unanimous decision, authoritatively upheld the narrow majority view (of 7:6) in Kesavananda Bharati, and gave it permanent constitutional validity.

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After the return – since 2019 – to oneparty super-majoritarian rule, it remains in force today only because it has not been successfully invoked on too many occasions.

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TAKING OFF THE HIJAB

Recent protests are led by a generation of women without ties to Islamic Revolution

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THE CUSTODIAL DEATH of Mahsa Amini, a young woman who was arrested by the morality police in Tehran, has sparked widespread protests in Iran. Under the scanner are the police who patrol public places to enforce the headscarf law and other Islamic rules. Conversations are also taking place on the situation of women in the Islamic

Since the Islamic revolution in 1979, women have been required by law to wear a veil covering their head and neck and conceal their hair. Over the past two decades, however, more and more women in Tehran and other major cities of Iran have been letting strands of hair outside their veil as a form of protest. More recently, some women have been sharing photos that show them taking off headscarves in opposition to the hijab rules

The struggle against compulsory headscarves first made headlines in December 2017 when a young woman, Vida Movahed, waved her hijab on a stick at Tehran's Revolution Street. Then, on July 12, this year — the Hijab and Chastity Day on the Islamic Republic's calendar – different groups of women took part in a national civil disobedience campaign against the mandatory headgear. More and more women, many of whom have not experienced the 1979 revolution, have been risking fines and even prison sentences for violating the hijab rules.

The Iranian Revolution, which ended with the victory of the Islamists and the creation of the Islamic Republic, was marked by a noticeable presence of women. Thousands of young women joined the Islamist and leftist political groups. In his inThe most significant action of this new generation of activists was the 'One million signatures for the repeal of all discriminatory laws against women in Iran' campaign in 2006. From the Green Movement against electoral fraud in 2009 to the protests against acid attacks on women in the streets of Esfahan in 2014, women's resistance movements have caused social and political tension in Iran.

terviews with foreign journalists before returning to Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini praised women for their involvement in the revolution.

Earlier, however, Khomeini had taken a firm stance against the Shah's "White Revolution" — one of the axes of which was women's access to the Iranian public space. Since the beginning of the 20th century, especially during the Constitutional Revolution of 1906-1911, avant-garde Iranian women demanded access to schooling and the right to expression. Before the end of Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi's reign in 1978, 30 per cent of students in Iranian universities were women. Though many Iranian women were attracted by the revolutionary language of radical Islam in 1979, under the influence of religious intellectuals such as Ali Shariati, the country's public space became a field of social and political confrontations between the sexes.

In March 1979, after the new Islamic law on veiling at workplaces came into force, massive demonstrations took place in the capital and major cities of Iran. Thousands of women took to the streets shouting slogans such as: "We did not make the revolution to go backwards." The demonstrators were attacked and injured by Islamist stormtroopers. They were not supported by the secular opposition groups, who advised them to remain calm, so as to strengthen the anti-revolutionary forces and imperialists.

Along with the introduction of compulsory veiling, the Islamic Republic abolished the modernising reforms in the field of civil liberties for women and family law introduced during the Pahlavi regime. The Shahand raising the legal age of marriage to 18 were abolished.

After the death of Khomeini in 1989 and the end of the eight-year war with Iraq, new ideological currents emerged among women who demanded reforms while supporting the Islamic regime. Reformist women stood firm against some of the ideological frameworks of the Islamic regime in the 1990s, but they were gradually overtaken in the first decade of the 21st century by a younger generation, the carriers of new demands.

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In one of its recent reports on the country, Amnesty International noted that the Iranian authorities have not taken any initiatives to combat violence against women and girls in the private sphere or the public sphere. Recent history shows us that Iranian women have been present at all the major points in the country's destiny. They have contributed to the evolution of the Iranian public sphere while building a new future for their country.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

Maneka's Amethi Bid

MANEKA GANDHI, WIDOW of the late Sanjay Gandhi, has decided to contest the next Lok Sabha election from the Amethi parliamentary constituency, which is presently represented by Rajiv Gandhi. She ruled out the possibility of returning to Mrs Gandhi's house or working for the Congress (I).

ASIAD FURNITURE FIRE

A BIG FIRE broke out in a group of furniture workshops on Panchkuian road, causing over Rs 1 crore of damage and destroying several

lakhs worth of furniture earmarked for the Asiad Games. Hari Dev, assistant commissioner of police, Parliament Street, and subinspector Bhoop Singh of the police control room, have been suspended with immediate effect for not taking timely action.

HORSE-TRADING

THE NON-COMMUNIST, NON-BJP opposition parties have renewed their efforts to snatch each other's men despite their publicly proclaimed bid for unity. In the latest round, HN Bahuguna has lost two of the Democratic Socialist Party's more vocal members of the

New Delhi

Lok Sabha to the Lok Dal, Mani Ram Bagri and Jalpal Singh Kashyap, who had come to the DSP via Raj Narain's Lok Dal, went to Charan Singh's fold.

AZAD'S REPLACEMENT

TARIQ ANWAR WAS named by PM Indira Gandhi as the new president of the Youth Congress-I in place of Ghulam Nabi Azad, who had recently joined her council of ministers. Tariq Anwar, like his predecessor, was an active and vocal follower of Sanjay Gandhi and had remained loyal to Mrs Gandhi when Maneka Gandhi fell out with her mother-in-law.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"King Charles has said that he will abide by the 'precious principles of constitutional government which lie at the heart of our nation'. That was read as a reassurance that he would not speak out when he disagrees with the government. But it may also be a threat that he would." - THE GUARDIAN

Rethinking

universities

Higher education institutions need to restructure themselves into educational services providers to

India and the Eurasian vacuum

Weakened by the conflict in Ukraine, Moscow's influence in its neighbourhood is declining. For Delhi, which has long hitched its star to Russia in the region, this is both a crisis and an opportunity



BY C RAJA MOHAN

AS MOSCOW MUDDLES through with its Ukraine invasion, the implications of a weakened Russia are coming into bold relief. With Russia's traditional sphere of influence now under growing contestation, India will have to find new ways to secure its interests in Eurasia. After all, India has long hitched its Eurasian wagon to the Russian star. The Kremlin's star, however, is dimming and it is not within India's power to alter that dynamic.

Thanks to its close ties to the Soviet Union, India had privileged access to the Central Asian Republics in the Cold War era. But Delhi could not do much with that since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Absence of geographic access and limited trade and investment ties meant Delhi's salience in the region has been underdeveloped.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Delhi has largely relied on Moscow to buttress its role in the region. India worked with Russia and Iran, for example, to counter the Taliban in Afghanistan in the second half of the 1990s. Russia had also actively campaigned for India's membership of the SCO despite China's reservations. Moscow bet that having India in the SCO will produce a better regional balance of power. Russia was also ready to supply arms to India during its military confrontation with China in eastern Ladakh in the summer of 2020.

China's rapid rise in the new millennium, however, has begun to change the regional equations. China has not only become a leading economic partner for the Central Asian states, but its security ties with Moscow have deepened amidst the sharpening conflict between Russia and the West. And Moscow's inability to quickly wrap up the Ukraine invasion is making matters worse.

Many in the Indian strategic community have long complained about the West "pushing" Russia into China's arms. But the Russian state has been around for more than a thousand years, and it is quite capable of making choices based on its perceived interests. Russian President Vladimir Putin did his sums on Ukraine — in retrospect, it is quite clear that he got them wrong.

Whether Putin was "pushed" or "jumped" into Chinese arms, the consequences for India are the same. Putin's Ukraine war has set off three negative trends. First, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has alarmed its close neighbours. If Russia can claim that Ukraine had no right to independent existence and invade it. Moscow could do much the same to other republics that were part of the Soviet Union.

In early August, former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev posted a tweet proclaiming that after defeating Ukraine, Moscow should take back lost lands to revive the "mighty and invincible Russia". "Under Moscow's indivisible hand, with the Slavic people at the head, we will proceed to the next campaign to restore our motherland's borders, which, as you know, do not end any-



where," Medvedev said. He claimed that Georgia "didn't exist at all" before becoming part of the Russian empire in the 1800s and that Kazakhstan is an "artificial state".

Kazakhs did not need Medvedev's tweet which was pulled down a few minutes after it was posted — to remind them of the potential implications of Russian aggression against Ukraine. Kazakhstan has been wary ever since the Russian invasion of Georgia in 2008 and the occupation of Crimea in 2014. The war in Ukraine has intensified its efforts to enhance its "strategic autonomy" from Russia.

The Kazakh president Kassym-Jomart Tokayev took Russian help to put down a revolt in January. But he refused to support the Russian invasion of Ukraine a month later and recognise the "independent" republics that Moscow set up in eastern Ukraine. Nor is he willing to break international sanctions to help Russia. Tokayev is stepping up the engagement with Europe, Turkey, and China to reduce the traditional dependence on Russia.

Second, as Russia weakens, conflicts are breaking out within its Eurasian sphere of influence. In the last few days, two founding members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation - Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan have been at each other's throats on their disputed border. The dispute has been there for long; what is new is Russia's declining capacity to control and mediate such conflicts.

Equally important have been the clashes between Azerbaijan and Armenia - two dialogue partners of the SCO. This conflict has raged for a while. Although Armenia is one of the closest allies of Russia, Moscow has been unable to counter the offensive by Azerbaijan and Turkey against Yerevan. There is much sympathy for Armenia in the US and Speaker Nancy Pelosi rushed there last week to express solidarity, including potential military assistance.

But no one is better placed to capitalise on Russia's vulnerabilities than China. On his way to the Samarkand summit last week, Xi Jinping stopped at Nursultan, the capital of Kazakhstan. In a joint statement issued at the end of his meetings with Tokayev, Xi announced China's strong support for Kazakhstan "in safeguarding national independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and in taking reform measures to preserve national stability and development."

lead India's transition into a knowledge economy

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THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS Commission recently unveiled its guidelines for transforming Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) into autonomous institutions. Drawing on the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020, the guidelines lay out a roadmap to transform colleges to either multidisciplinary universities or degree-awarding autonomous institutions by 2035. While there is little to disagree with in the ambitious objectives of the policy, the challenge is to restructure the institutional framework in the existing universities and structure a new framework for the potential universities that will make this transformation meaningful.

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You don't have to be a strategic genius to fig-

nounce the US itch for intervention and

regime change in the name of promoting

democracy through "colour revolutions".

After Ukraine, the region's fears of meddling

are not focused on the distant power, the US,

but on Russia next door which seems intent

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engagement with the region. The new real-

ity is very different. Whether Delhi likes it or

not, Russia is locked in an unwinnable war

with the West, is increasingly beholden to

China, and struggling to retain its traditional

week, it is abundantly clear that India can't

play a consequential regional role by hold-

ing on to the Russian coattails. In the last year

or more, Delhi has signalled the desire to de-

Adviser Ajit Doval convened a meeting of his

counterparts from Central Asia in Delhi to

discuss the Afghan situation. Last January,

Delhi invited the five Central Asian leaders to

participate as special guests at the Republic

Day celebrations but the Covid surge in

India has long looked at Iran to gain geo-

graphic access to inner Asia. It must now tie up

with its Arab friends like Saudi Arabia and the

UAE to pursue large-scale regional projects in

Eurasia. India is also renewing its engagement

with Turkey, which is emerging as an impor-

tant force in Central Asia, which was once

known as Turkestan. The European Union,

which is stepping up its engagement with the

region through its eastern initiative, could also

be an important partner for India in the re-

gion. The Eurasian vacuum created by the

weakening of the Russian sphere of influence

is unfamiliar geopolitical terrain for India, but

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it is full of new possibilities as well.

January prevented their presence in Delhi.

In November 2021, National Security

velop an autonomous role in the region.

As it took over the chair of the SCO last

For India, the ideal situation would be one

on restoring its past glory.

primacy in inner Asia.

Until now, it has been the practice to de-

ure out who the statement is directed at.

Are India's current universities and col $leges\,up\,to\,the\,task\,of\,producing\,workers\,for$ the knowledge society? Whichever prism one looks through - employability, quality of research or instruction — the results are underwhelming. Global employability surveys see fewer than 10 Indian institutions in the top 500 while local surveys routinely report a disproportionately large number of unemployable graduates.

It is then only natural that our own HEIs — the sword arm of our efforts to transform ourselves into a knowledge economy should subject themselves first to a transformative process in line with the demands of the new policy so that their institutional weaknesses do not impair their critical role in fructification of the policy.

While the problems of poor instruction and the inability of most of our institutions to offer relevant skills are often cited as their weaknesses, these are in fact emblematic of a deeper malaise — the inability to upgrade or create knowledge, which otherwise should be the most crucial tasks of teachers in any institution. This inability is further situated in structural weaknesses.

Universities in India are largely autonomous when it comes to appointments of faculty. Logically, if autonomous institutions are accountable for delivering certain goals, they must have the authority to take actions which fulfill that mandate. However, unlike in many developed nations, higher educational institutions in India are largely state funded. Consequently, they suffer little in terms of resources when they hire poor quality faculty or when the selected faculty does not upgrade their skills. While regulatory bodies like the UGC have introduced grading systems, made financial grants dependent on grades obtained and introduced faculty monitoring and career advancement schemes, there is as yet no binding mechanism preventing non-performers in universities from free-riding on the efforts of performing colleagues. Thus the mode of appointments of teachers in universities has to be re-examined and mechanisms devised so that universities in their own interest appoint the best possible candidates. The exact mechanism as well as the matrix of incentives and disincentives for faculty performance may be left to the universities. But the current system where universities have the

autonomy to appoint but no binding obligation to deliver is not serving India's quest to transit to a knowledge economy.

In the same vein and closely related is the issue of curriculum. In a knowledge society, wealth is created primarily by the exploitation of knowledge as distinguished from societies where such improvement comes mainly from the application of tangible resources such as capital and labour. Therefore, knowledge creation and upgradation has ipso facto to be participatory.

Alternative institutions, business associations as well as practitioners and social entrepreneurs will cooperate as well as compete with formal bodies like universities and research institutes to produce knowledge. Institutional rigidities in formal institutions of learning have the tendency to block the free adaption of this knowledge. The UGC's recent proposal of allowing educational institutions to hire experts as "Professors of Practice" is a recognition of this fact and an attempt to rectify this problem. But HEIs must do much more. They must engage and involve that section of experts who have the latest expertise and be innovative about how to involve them their demands for scheduling, compensation and examination may need non-traditional solutions. But beyond appointments and as a general approach, administrators of India's formal educational institutions must adopt an "Open Source" strategy and task their institutions to coordinate, evaluate and assimilate this "peer production/mass collaboration" of knowledge creation. This in turn will call for dismantling silos between academics and outsiders. Current straitjacketed recruitment norms have to give way to a more flexible architecture affording lateral entry to non-traditional creators and disseminators of knowledge to "plug in and play" in the higher education ecosystem. In the same spirit traditional academics can be encouraged to step out in the real world from time to time to practice through a de-

fined, maybe temporary, lateral exit system. While the NEP emphasises the significance of autonomy, the issue of accountability cannot be wished away. Considering that state universities and institutions are largely publicly funded, the accountability of the market is not imposed upon them. Perhaps it is not desirable either. However, quasi market accountability is already underway. Universities and HEIs will increasingly compete for learners not just with online courses delivered by peer institutions through the Academic Bank of Credits programme but with numerous Edtech companies, digital learning providers, employer

schemes and industry bodies. As the monopoly of traditional institutions over content delivery and as quality signalling agencies withers, learners will hold institutions accountable for results. Universities will find it increasingly difficult to ask governments to fund them with no questions asked and funding bodies including the state will progressively introduce performance-based funding and funding support may shift to the learners rather than the institutions. Only such universities and HEIs that will restructure themselves into nimble and modern educational services providers will survive this creative destruction.

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For India, the ideal situation would be one in which Russia is at peace with the West, manages the turbulence in inner Asia. keeps Chinese power in check, and facilitates India's engagement with the region. The new reality is very different. Whether Delhi likes it or not. Russia is locked in an unwinnable war with the West, is increasingly beholden to China, and struggling to retain its traditional primacy in inner Asia.

Time for global digital governance India's G20 presidency is a chance to address challenges of regulating Big Tech

Mansi Kedia

IN AN INTERVIEW earlier this month, Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw spoke about a comprehensive policy roadmap for India's digital economy. Crucially, he mentioned a Digital India Act that was being prepared to replace the Information Technology Act, 2000. The new law will encompass the whole menu of regulatory challenges facing the digital economy including anti-trust, data governance, intermediary liabilities, consumer protection and the ethical use of technologies.

In the past few years, policies and regulations in India have been tweaked and amended to expand their scope and bring within their ambit internet companies, especially Big Tech. In the new wave of regulation and enforcement, some countries have become trendsetters. The European Union led the way on privacy with its General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) followed, more recently, by the Digital Services and Digital Market Acts. In the UK, the Digital Regulation Cooperation Forum is bringing together regulatory cooperation between the competition authority, privacy regulator and telecom and financial services regulators. The US and Australian initiatives are still brewing, as are those in several other parts of the world. The principles of regulation are mostly aligned, reflecting their unease with the inconceivable growth and influence of Big Tech.

In 2019, Kashmir Hill, a journalist, wrote about her experiment with cutting out the "Big Five Tech Giants". It explained her challenges of not knowing how to get in touch with people without the tech giants and in the following weeks of not being able to find easy digital replacements for sending huge files on the internet, searching the web, using maps, video calling, etc, without trespassing on the territory of the Big Five.

In a post-Covid world, one can imagine that this is much more pervasive. Hill made a point, which is now better understood and academically packaged as the doctrine of essential facilities. Digital platforms have now become our gateway to the internet. Many arguments support why private digital platforms are now seen as infrastructure and until regulations are future-proofed, the essential facilities theory offers a method to carry out anti-trust investigations. This also resonates with the EU's Digital Markets Act, which refers to gatekeeper firms.

The platform economy is global. While convergence may not be possible across the spectrum of regulatory challenges, Robert Fay from the Centre for International Governance and Innovation suggests that a patchwork deal may be possible among countries. Under the G20, the International Labour Organisation has already placed a proposal in the employment working group for digital labour platforms to develop an international governance system determining minimum rights and protections for platform workers. Similarly, on digital money, a reincarnated Bretton Woods is being advocated to address the distrust in private currencies and to coordinate the implementation of central bank digital currency projects.

Leaders from the financial sector including governments have emphasised the need for regulation of digital money at the international level. The envisioned Digital Bretton Woods is said to become the thinking pad for key questions related to the interoperability of digital asset wallets across countries, among other issues of cross-border financial transactions. This conversation is already happening at the bilateral level and within the small selfselected group of countries. Finally, in the deeply contested area of digital taxation, the OECD facilitated Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) negotiations and helped arrive at a global solution. The Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 proposals attempt to address the distribution divides in profit that accrued to big multinational internet companies and largely remained within the territory of their resident countries.

Another emerging area of cooperation is anti-trust enforcement. As countries including the US move away from traditional competition tools, there is an implicit agreement on regulatory responses that include ex-ante regulations and new guidelines for merger analysis. Faced with common challenges, countries are learning from each other. EU regulations, as mentioned above, have already become a global benchmark in this area.

The internet is splintering and digital sovereignty is now commonplace; yet, there is no better time for countries to come together and

build a framework for global digital governance. As in every negotiation, countries will come to the table with their own vested interests — China's great firewall, US's national champions, EU's focus on strategic regulation. Not every regulation will see consensus and those that do might be a compromise. But the world is accepting of the theory of the second best, India's G20 presidency is a chance to propose a global governance framework that brings together common challenges of regu lating Big Tech.

A common minimum digital governance framework can become a win-win for both governments as well as internet companies. Most countries are currently struggling to strike a balance between reining in Big Tech versus boosting their digital economy. On the other hand, companies are burdened with the idiosyncratic regulatory requirements of the different countries they operate in. While such frameworks will allow for room to accommodate different values and cultures, there may still be countries that don't feel compelled to operate within a global framework – the digital counterpart of tax havens. For the majority, however, a global response to the risks and challenges of a borderless digital economy dominated by Big Tech will work much more effectively than independent unilateral efforts. The timing is perfect.

> The writer is Senior Fellow, ICRIER. Views are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHEETAH POLITICS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The Cheetah moment' (IE, September 19). The decision to translocate African cheetahs to India has been hotly debated in wildlife circles even before their arrival in the country. While talks on such issues need to be welcomed, the conversation is now being pervaded by politics. The BJP wants to gain mileage out of the Cheetah moment by castigating the parties previously in power (Read: Congress) for not taking any such measures during their tenure.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

SCO OPPORTUNITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Samarkand churn' (IE, September 19). India definitely missed an opportunity it could have capitalised on in this year's SCO summit. There is no harm in encouraging self-reliance. However, we cannot just cut off our trade ties with China. A gradual reduction in the volume imported is a better strategy. We may have overtaken Britain in terms of the size of our economies, but there is a huge gulf between us and China, which can not be bridged overnight.

Bal Govind, Noida

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Samarkand churn' (IE, September 19). The SCO summit concluded on a positive note with India holding the baton to guide the organisation ahead. The summit was held in the shadows of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. In keeping with its independent foreign policy, India emphasised the importance of dialogue, diplomacy and mutual respect of territorial integrity to Russian president Vladimir Putin. Hopefully, India will have greater avenues for connectivity during its tenure.

Ravi Mathur, Noida

FEDERAL CHALLENGE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Centre vs state vs state' (IE, September 19). The idea of competitive federalism entails states cooperating and competing among themselves to bring home development and overall prosperity in their respective regions. This spirit needs to be kept alive to keep the administration in various states on their toes, thereby ensuring collective development for the country. However, the central government, on its part, is expected to be a neutral facilitator for the states to compete among themselves in a healthy environment.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE FFICER/CONTAC DETAILS/EMAIL 21.09.2022 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in 12710/HRY



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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER. RENGALI RIGHT IRRIGATION PROJECT, DHENKANAL Email Id:- cerripdkl@gmail.com

'e' Procurement Notice

The Chief Engineer, Rengali Right Irrigation Project, Mahisapat, Dhenkanal on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites **on line** entage rate bids in double cover system for construction of the work as detailed below

1. Name of the work Excavation of Narasinghpur Branch Canal from RD 19.565km to RD 22.900km incuding construction of its structures, Lining & Service road RRIF

Rs. 1110.98 Lakh 2. Tender Cost

3. Bid Document Cost Rs. 10,000.00 (on line) Bid Security Bid Security Declaration as per proforma

Class of Contractor "A" and "Special" Class Period of Completion

Other details are as follows:

Procurement Officer Bid Identification No. Availability of Tender Date of Opening of On-line for bidding (Cover-I) Chief Engineer, RRIP, Dhenkanal CERRIP- 01/2022-23 21.09.2022 10.00 AM 11.10.2022 5.30 PM 12.10.2022 11.00 AM Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in Any addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation to the above notice will be published in the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Rengali Right Irrigation Project, Dhenkanal OIPR-32351/11/0001/2223

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No. INF-Surat/810/2022

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CORRIGENDUM FOR NOTICE INVITING MEDIUM TERM TENDER AGAINST TENDER SPECIFICATION No. 05/CE (COMM)/UPCL-05/MTPP/2022

The slight modification have been made against tender specification No. 05/CE (COMM)/UPCL

The timelines for medium term procurement/ bid process and activities thereafter are as under:

S. No.	EVENT	DATE & TIME				
1.	Last date and time of submission of Application and Bids & EMD	26.09.2022 at 12:00 Hrs				
2.	Opening of Application	26.09.2022 at 15:00 Hrs				
3.	Intimation to Qualified Bidders for opening of their Bids	29.09.2022				
4.	Opening of Bids of those Qualified Bidders	29.09.2022				
5.	Start of e-Reverse Auction	29.09.2022				
6.	Close of e-Reverse Auction	29.09.2022				
7.	L-I Matching	29.09.2022				
8.	Letter of Award (LOA)	After the approval of UERC				
9.	Validity of Bids	120 days from Bid Due Date				
10.	Signing of APP	Within 10 days of issue of LOA				
Hard Copy of B.G/ proof of EMD should reach UPCL by 26.09.2022 at 12:00 Hrs						

All other terms and conditions shall remain as per bid document of Tender No. 05/CE (COMM)/UPCL-05/MTPP/2022 Superintending Engineer No.: 377/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Date :19.09.2022

GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT NARMADA WATER RESOURCES WATER SUPPLY & KALPSAR DEPARTMENT

Short 'E' procurement Notice No.21 of 2022-23

On behalf of Governor of Gujarat, on line (E-Tendering) tenders for the One work is invited by The Executive Engineer, Ukai Division no.1 Ukai phone no (02624) 233221) from the contractor registered in Appropriate class approved by Govt. of Gujarat in form B-1.

Sr.	Name of Work		Est. Amt. Rs.	Tender Fee	Contractor
No				/ E.M.D.	Class
1	Construction of Katasvan-6, Katasvan-7 and	f Katasvan-6, Katasvan-7 and Katasvan-8			"B" Class
	Hydraulic structure across Somnath river n	ear village		2,64,318.00	and above
	Katasvan Taluka Uchchal Dist. Tapi.				
2	Construction of Karod-2, Karod-3 and Karod	l-4 Hydraulic	2,57,18,372=53	36000/-	''B'' Class
	structure across nesu river and nesu tributa	,		2,57,184.00	and above
	river near village Karod Taluka Uchchal Dist	. Tapi.			
3	Construction of Sevti-3, Sevti-4 Hydraulic s	tructure	1,93,94,490=14	36000/-	"B" Class
	across nesu river near village Sevti Taluka l	Jchchal		1,93,945.00	and above
	Dist. Tapi.				
4	Construction of Amalgundi-1, Hydraulic str	ucture	96,92,702=71	36000/-	''D'' Class
	across Tributory of Zhankhari river near vill	age		96,927.00	and above
	Amalgundi Taluka Songadh Dist. Tapi.				
5.	Downloading of tender Document	Dt.20-09-20	22 to Dt.03-10-20	22 up to 18.00	Hrs.
6.	Date of Tender Uploading	Dt.20-09-20	22 to Dt.03-10-20	22 up to 18.00	Hrs.
	(Online Submission)				
7.	Last date of Submission of Physical	Dt. 12-10-20	022 up to 18.00 H	rs.	
	document as mentioned in tender				
8.	Date of Opening of Price bid Dt. 04-10-20		-2022 at 12.00 Hrs.		
9.	Inquiry/ Contact office Address	Executive E	ngineer, Ukai Divis	sion No.1, Uka	i
	Ph.No.(02624)233221				



Further details are also available on website www.nprocure.com

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B Nagar, (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors / firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened / downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website www.noidaauthorityonline.com & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes / amendments & corrigendum etc. A) Fresh-Tender Work

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S. N	Jobs No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)				
1	17/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-IV/ 2022-23	Providing Lighting arrangement of Part of 5% Plot in sector-130, Noida.	32.56				
2	18/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-IV/ 2022-23	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Incinerator Plant for Big/Fallen dead Animals in area of E&M-IV area, Noida (Including 1 year Maintenance)	60.12				
3	31/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-III/ 2022-23	Shifting of 11 KV overhead line passing to centre of Shivalik park sector-33A, Noida.	44.11				

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 06.10.2022 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on dated 07.10.2022 at 11.00 AM. B) Re-Tender Work

	b) No Tondor Work						
S. N.	Jobs No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)				
4	22/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-III/ 2022-23	M/o Park Light (Strengthening /Providing of park light pole instead of damage & broken pole in different block park sector-15 & 15A, Noida.	77.65				
5	28/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-III/ 2022-23	Annual Maintenance and repairing of fountain in sector-39, 40, 47 and 48, Noida.	38.10				
6	07/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-II/ 2022-23/ET	Maintenance of Fire Alarm, PA & CCTV work for Multilevel Car Parking sector-1, 3 & 5, Noida.	35.13				
7	20/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-II/ 2022-23/ET	AMC and Servicing of 380 KVA, 500 KVA, 750 KVA DG set for Noida Stadium, Sector-21A, Noida.	30.47				
8	36/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-II/ 2022-23/ET	Providing of High Mast light and street light in village Garhi Chaukhandi, Noida.	55.64				

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 26.09.2022 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on dated 27.09.2022 at 11.00 AM. Principal General Manager

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Majority view of larger bench to prevail over smaller bench, says SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER

THE SUPREME Court on Monday ruled that a majority verdict by a larger bench will prevail over even a unanimous decision by a bench of lesser strength, although the number of judges in the latter may be more than or equal to the number constituting the majority in the former.

What this means is that a 4:3 ruling by the court will prevail over a unanimous five-judge bench verdict.

five-judge presided by Justice Indira Banerjee said this while deciding a clutch of petitions that challenged certain provisions of the Delhi Sales Tax Act, and exceptions

prising Justices Hemant Gupta, Surya Kant, M M Sundresh and Sudhanshu Dhulia, said that the court had gone into the issue in its judgment wherein it struck down Maharashtra government's decision to provide 16 per cent reservation for

community in jobs and admissions. "The view of Bhat, J. was expressly concurred by Rao, J. and Gupta, J. There was no dissent to

provided for tax exemption. The bench, also commembers of the Maratha

the view," the bench said. The court said that "in

view of Article 145(5) of the Constitution, concurrence of a majority of the

judges at the hearing will be considered as a judgment or opinion of the court.... It is settled that the majority decision of a Bench of larger strength would prevail over the decision of a Bench of lesser strength, irrespective of the number of judges constituting the majority."

Bombay HC rejects Hany Babu's bail plea

OMKARGOKHALE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE BOMBAY High Court Monday turned down an appeal filed by Elgaar Parishad case accused and former Delhi University associate professor Hany Babu, challenging rejection of his bail plea by a special

NIA court. The court contempted, advocated and abetted the commission of cluded hearing on August 29 before reserving verdict.

"Having considered the totality of the material on record indicating accusations against the appellant, we find that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accusations of the NIA against the appellant having conspired, ata terrorist act/s and the act/s of preparatory to the commission of a terrorist act, are prima facie true," HC said.

Babu was arrested in 2020 for being "actively involved" with banned CPI (Maoist) and booked under charges including criminal conspiracy and UAPA.

Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Limited (A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)

Expression of Interest

Short Notice

E.O.I. No. 03/BSPHCL Society/2022

Resident Welfare Society of BSPHCL, Patna invites sealed E.O.I. from reputed and experienced Company/Agency/Individual to Construct and run the purposed Astroturf Football Sports Centre and Chatth Ghat on OPEX Model situated at BSPHCL Colony, Punaichak, Patna for the benefits of employees of BSPHCL as well as nearby location.

Last Date to submit E.O.I. is 01-10-2022 up to 03:00 PM.

Details may be seen on BSPHCL website: www.bsphcl.co.in and may be downloaded. (Vinod Kumar),

PR-8256 (Ni Ni) 2022-23

Joint Secretary, नशे से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है। BSPHCL Resident Welfare Society, Patna

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WAZIRABAD WATER WORKS, TIMARPUR, DELHI-110054 E-mail: djbeeemii@gmail.com PRESS NIT No. 13 (2022-23)

Estimate Earnest Date of release of Tender Last date/Time receipt of Tender Cost Money (Rs.) in e-procurement solution through e-procurement solution 2022 DJB 229443 1 upto 01.15 PM 2nd 40MGD Plant Sub-Rate division under EE(E&M)II at 06.30 PM onward Wazirabad Water Works.

NIT along with all terms & conditions is available on DJB website https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in Sd/- (Yogesh Lohchab)

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ई-अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई–अल्पकालीन निविदा संख्या:- 48/2022-23/RWD/RANCHI दिनांक :- 16.09.2022 मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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ई—निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समयः— 06.10.2022 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।

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नोडल पदाधिकारी ई—प्रोक्युर्मन्ट सेल

President nod to directors of 8 IITs

EXPRESS NEWS

SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPT 19

PRESIDENT DROUPADI Murmu has approved the appointment of directors to eight Indian Institutes of Technology, the Ministry of Education announced on Monday.

These are the first major set of appointments in higher education institutes approved by President Murmu after she took charge in July.

new directors include the campuses in Palakkad, Tirupati, Dharwad, Bhilai. Gandhinagar,Bhubaneswar, Goa, and Jammu.

The IITs that are set to get

The new appointees are all serving directors or professors at IITs. For instance, Prof A Seshadri Sekhar, currently attached with the

Department of Mechanical Engineering at IIT Madras, will be the new director of IIT Palakkad.

IIT Tirupati will be headed by Prof K N Satyanaryana, the currentdirector of IIT Tirupati. Prof Venkappayya R Desai of IIT Kharagpur's **Engineering Department** will head IIT Dharwad.

Among others, the current director of IIT Bhilai, Prof Rajat Moona, will next head IIT Gandhinagar. The previous director of IIT Gandhinagar has been appointed vice-chancellor of Banaras Hindu University.

IIT Bhilai will be headed by Prof Rajiv Prakash of the School of Material Science and Technology, IIT (BHU). Prof Shreepad Karmalkar of IIT Madras's Department of Electrical Engineering will lead IIT Bhubaneswar.Dr Pasumarthy Seshu, director

chief of IIT Goa, while acting IIT Jammu director Prof Manoj Singh Gaur will now be the full-time director.

Many of these institutions have been without directors for years, which is seen as having made government go against usual practice and notify appointments in bulk. Incidentally, former President Ramnath Kovind had, in July 2021, appointed vice-chancellors to 12 universities.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday said at an event in IIT Madras: "IITs are not just educational institutions, they are the temples to create a scientific temper and shape humanity's future. Our society has great expectations from IITs. Our IITians have to be torchbearer's of growth and development.

Gold makeover of Kedarnath temple faces priests' resistance his "long-time wish" to see

the walls of Kedarnath's

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

DEHRADUN, SEPT 19

THE BADRI Kedar Temple Committee (BKTC) and Uttarakhand government's decision to replace silver plates covering the walls of Kedarnath's sanctum sanctorum with gold donated by a "mysterious" Mumbai-based businessman is facing opposition by some local priests.

The decision was taken by the BKTC and approved by the state government after a businessman offered to donated 230 kg gold to the temple, saying it was

sanctum sanctorum covered in gold. A few local priests oppose the move. claiming gold is a symbol of wealth and worldly pleasure and is against the ancient values of the temple, which symbolises detachment from physical world. In 2017, the sanctum sanctorum walls were

covered in silver. Around

230 kg silver was used

back then and same

amount of gold will be re-

quired now, costing over

Rs 100 crore. Santosh Trivedi, vicepresident, Char Dham Tirth Purohit Samaj (a

body of Char Dham pilgrimage priests), said, "For centuries, our lord is in the form of stones and 'praan pratishtha' is done there. Adding gold plates might be an important renovation for the world but for Lord Shiva it is just like a plastic surgery, Kedarnath is the Moksha Dhaam (place of salvation) and symbolises vairagya (detachment). Lord Shiva left everything to come to Himalayas. Even when the doors of temple are closed every year, we only use bhabhooti (ashes) and nothing else. In that case, there is no need of gold or

anything materialistic.'

Office of the Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing Government of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

EOI Notice No.CE(AM)/AP/GNT/19/2022-23, (i) Walk-In interview on 30-9-2022 for the appointment of individual consultants to provide services to the A.P.Vigilance Commission (APVC) to update / scrutinize the draft copies of Vigilance Manuals - I, II, III, IV & Hand Book for D.As., I.As, P.Os and preparation of Training Modules and Study Material fo training. Qualification required is that the candidate shall worked not below the cadre of Asst. Secretary in Govt. (Retired) with 5 years experience in dealing with vigilance and legal matters (ii) Invitation of applications for the appointment of individua consultants with post graduate in M.B.A to provide consultance services for AP HRDI and the document can be had from websit http://market.ap.nic.in. from Dt.21-9-2022 @ 11.00 A.M Any other information can be had from the office of the Chie Engineer, O/o the Commissioner and Director of Agrl. Marketing Govt. of A.P. Guntur.

For scope work or any clarifications contact No.9032012772 Sd/-Chief Engineer (AM). O/o Commissioner and Director of Agrl. Marketing Govt. of A.P, Guntur. RO.No.1269PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2022-2

the said website only.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, SOUTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR Phone: 0680-2281582,

e-mail: ccescbam@gmail.com INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement] Bid Identification No. CCE, S.C (R&B)-BAM-09/2022-23

No. 3585// Dated: 13.09.2022 1) The Chief Construction Engineer, Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **percentage rate bid** in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible contractors for construction

of Building/ Road Work as detailed in the table below. : Building/ Road Works

2) Nature of work 3) No. of work : 06 Nos. : Rs. 10.000/- (online) 4) Tender Cost

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7) Date of Opening of Bid : 13.10.2022 at 11.30 A.M 8) The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details

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SC quota for Dalit Muslims and Christians: story so far

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THE CENTRE is likely to soon decide on setting up a national commission to study the social. economic and educational status of Dalits who converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. Several petitions are pending before the Supreme Court seeking Scheduled Caste (SC) reservation benefits for Dalits who converted to Christianity or Islam.

Why don't Dalits who convert to Christianity and Islam get quota

The original rationale behind giving reservation to Scheduled Castes was that these sections had suffered from the social evil of untouchability, which was practised among Hindus. Under Article 341 of the Constitution, the President may "specify the

castes, races or tribes or parts of or groups within castes, races or tribes which shall...be deemed to be Scheduled Castes".

The first order under this provision was issued in 1950, and covered only Hindus. Following demands from the Sikh community, an order was issued in 1956, including Sikhs of Dalit origin among the beneficiaries of the SC quota. In 1990, the government acceded to a similar demand from Buddhists of Dalit origin, and the order was revised to state: "No person who professes a religion different from the Hindu, the Sikh or the Buddhist religion shall be deemed to be a member of Scheduled Caste."

Does this religion-based bar apply to converted STs and OBCs as well?

It does not. The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) website states, "The rights of a person belonging to a Scheduled Tribe are independent of his/her religious faith." Following the implementation of the Mandal Commission report, several Christian and Muslim communities have found place in the Central and state lists of OBCs

What efforts have been made to include Muslims and Christians of Dalit origin

After 1990, a number of Private Member's Bills were brought in Parliament for this purpose. In 1996, a government Bill called The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill was drafted, but in view of a divergence of opinions, the Bill was not introduced in Parliament.

The UPA government headed by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh set up two important panels: the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities, popularly known as the Ranganath Misra Commission, in October 2004; and a seven-member highlevel committee headed by former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court Rajinder Sachar to study the social, economic, and educational condition of Muslims in March 2005.

The Sachar Committee Report observed that the social and economic situation of Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians did not improve after conversion. The Ranganath Misra Commission, which submitted its report in May 2007, recommended that SC status should be "completely de-linked...from religion and...Scheduled Castes [should be made] fully religion-neutral like...Scheduled Tribes'

The report was tabled in both Houses of Parliament on December 18, 2009, but its recommendation was not accepted in view of inadequate field data and corroboration with the actual situation on the ground.

A report by a team of sociologists led by Satish Deshpande, titled Dalits in the Muslim and Christian Communities — A Status Report on Current Social Scientific Knowledge, said in January 2008 that there was a strong case for extending SC status to Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims. However, the study, which was commissioned by the National Commission for Minorities, was also not considered reliable due to insufficient data

What view did the BJP take before it came to power?

In February 2010, the BJP national executive passed a resolution criticising the Misra Commission. It said that the "Commission cannot dictate or thrust its opinion on the Christian Pope or Muslim maulvis... Reservation would amount to a formal introduction of a caste system in Islam and Christianity, thus changing the basic tenets of these religions, which is outside the jurisdiction of both Parliament and the judiciary and also contrary to the provisions of the Koran and the Bible.'

Back in 1961, the Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha (ABPS), the highest decision making body of the RSS, had said: "If any scheme of separate reservation...of different sects is sought to be envisaged for political purposes, it will prove highly detrimental to national unity..." In 1990, in response to Christian demands for reservation on the lines of neo-Buddhists, the ABPS said "the Constitution makers envisaged these concessions only to remove caste-based discrimination and inequality prevalent in Hindu society...".

What happens here onward?

Based on the recommendations of the Ranganath Misra Commission, there are some petitions pending before the Supreme Court, seeking reservation benefits for Christians and Muslims of Dalit orgin. In the last hearing on August 30, a three-judge Bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul gave Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta three weeks' time to present the stand of the Union government on the issue. The next hearing is scheduled for October 11.

In a 22-year-old's death, focus on Iran's hijab law, its Kurdish problem



Amini died after she was detained by Iran's morality police. AP

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THE DEATH of a 22-year-old Kurdish woman, Mahsa Amini, after being detained by Iran's morality police has sparked widespread uproar in the country. The circumstances of Amini's death remain contested. Authorities have claimed she suffered a heart attack while in custody, while her family has alleged that she was beaten during her detention. Amini was detained for not wearing her

hijab properly — a punishable offence in Iran.

Detention and death

Amini was detained for 'bad hijab' during her visit to Tehran along with her brother. Iran's security forces have claimed that Amini suffered a heart attack during "educational training" on hijab rules. However, Amini's family has said that she was in good health before her detention.

After her death, protests were first witnessed outside the hospital, and later spread to her hometown Sagez, where the funeral was held on Saturday. Viral videos showed several women protesters in Saqez taking off their hijabs in solidarity with

Amini. In another form of protest, several women posted videos on social media chopping off their hair.

Iran's hijab law

women posting protest videos on social media while removing their hijabs in public.

Iranian authorities were planning to use facial recognition in public transport to enforce hijab rules.

The Kurdish issue

According to the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organisation, Kurds form over 11% of Iran's population.

Iran has long been accused by the Kurds of oppressing them. A major flashpoint has been the demand for a separate state by several Kurdish groups. Iranian authorities have time and again arrested many Kurdish activists, writers, students, among others.

Iran passed a mandatory hijab law in 1981, making it a crime for women to appear in public without a hijab. In July, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi passed an order to enforce the hijab law with new restrictions. The month also saw

The Guardian recently reported that

Amini was a Kurdish woman belonging to Iran's western Kurdistan Province.



The CBI's uneasy history

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The SC has called it a caged parrot, and CJIs have expressed doubts over its credibility and said it is no longer trusted. Attempts to secure its independence have been opposed or overturned by successive governments

The struggle to secure independence

of elite agencies like the CBI has been

ongoing since the 1990s. File

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IN MAY 2013, as multiple corruption scandals dogged the UPA government, the Supreme Court made an observation about the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) that has stuck to the agency ever since. A Bench headed by Justice R M Lodha described the CBI as "a caged parrot speaking in its mas-

The observation was made in the context of government interference in the functioning of the CBI in its investigation of the coal blocks allocation cases. The apex court has since criticised the CBI for its "actions and inactions" on several occasions, and flagged fundamental problems with the functioning

Doubts over credibility

Delivering the D P Kohli Memorial Lecture at the CBI on April 1 this year, then Chief Justice of India (CJI) N V Ramana lamented that the agency had gone from being the people's most trusted to the subject of deep public scrutiny.

"When it comes to the CBI, it possessed immense trust of the public in its initial phase. ... But with the passage of time, like every other institution of repute, the CBI has also come under deep public scrutiny. Its actions and inactions have raised questions regarding its credibility in some cases," Justice Ramana had said.

Earlier in 2019, then CJI Ranjan Gogoi had questioned the role of the CBI in "politically sensitive" cases, and said that it reflected "a deep mismatch between institutional aspirations" and "governing politics". Justice Gogoi was nominated to Rajya Sabha soon after he demitted office as CJI.

Struggle to fix processes

The struggle to free elite law-enforcement agencies such as the CBI and Enforcement Directorate (ED) from the stranglehold of governments and political parties has been ongoing since the 1990s. The landmark 1997 Vineet Narain judgment of the Supreme Court (Vineet Narain & Others vs Union Of India & Anr) dealt with this issue

The Supreme Court fixed the tenure of the CBI Director at two years, gave statutory status to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), and stipulated that a panel headed by the CVC and including top secretaries to the Union government would draw up a panel from which the Director of the ED would be The Lokpal Act, 2013, laid down that the

CBI Director should be chosen, unanimously or by majority vote, by a search committee headed by the Prime Minister and also comprising the Leader of Opposition and the CJI or his representative, from a list of candidates drawn up by the Home Ministry and examined by the Department of Personnel and

Despite these changes, very little has changed, said journalist Vineet Narain, who has long campaigned for the independence

of the two agencies. "The SC judgment and the CVC Act (of 2003) have been progressively diluted by various governments over the years. The advent of Lokpal diluted it even more. The current situation is that central agencies such as CVC, CBI, and ED have become completely defunct. Apart from following instructions from the government, they are

The entire struggle for independence of CBI permission from the government. and ED is being defeated," Narain told *The* Indian Express.

Structurally constrained

The CBI has been stymied both by the legal structure within which it functions, and by the changes made by governments in the Rules governing it. Over the years, these have progressively made the agency subservient to the Union government.

To prosecute any MLA, state minister, or MP, the CBI needs sanction from the Speaker of the state Assembly (in case of MLAs) or the Governor (for state ministers). In the case of an MP, sanction is sought from the Speaker of Lok Sabha or Vice Chairman of Rajya Sabha. Since all these sanctioning authorities have links to the ruling dispensation, Opposition parties feel they are unfairly targeted.

■ In the Narada Sting Operation case, the CBI chargesheeted Firhad Hakim, Subrata Mukherjee, Madan Mitra, and Sovan Chatterjee – all ministers in the TMC-led West Bengal government at the time of the offence – after getting sanction from the Governor. However, other MLAs and MPs have not been chargesheeted, including TMC-turned-BIP leader Suvendu Adhikari, for lack of sanction from the West Bengal Assembly Speaker and Lok Sabha Speaker. Adhikari was an MP when the sting operation was conducted.

■ In 2012, CBI sought sanction to prosecute former Maharashtra Chief Minister Ashok Chavan in the Adarsh Cooperative Housing case, which was denied in 2013 by then Governor K Sankarnarayanan. In February 2016, after the Narendra Modi gov-

ernment came to power and a new Governor, Vidyasagar Rao, was appointed, the sanction came through.

■ The Rajiv Gandhi government, through what is known as the 'single directive", introduced a provision in The Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946, (from which the CBI derives its powers) which barred CBI

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but was reintroduced by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. After it was struck down again by the Supreme Court in 2014, the Modi government introduced Section 17A into the Prevention of Corruption Act through an amendment. This amendment went far ahead of reintroducing the "single directive", and barred the CBI from probing any public servant without the consent of the concerned government.

"It's very clear that the agency has no freedom to probe anyone on its own. It is the government, at the Union or in states, or the court, which will decide who will be investigated," a CBI official said.

Political tug-of-war

The work of the agency has been further constrained by the increasingly hostile relations between the Centre and the state governments. As many as nine states have withdrawn general consent to the CBI. Most of these are Opposition-ruled states, which have alleged that the CBI is being used by the Centre to target the Opposition. In March this year, Meghalaya, where the BJP is in a coalition government, withdrew general consent.

Since CBI needs consent of a state to probe offences in the state's jurisdiction, a general consent is given to the agency so that consent is not required for every individual case. Withdrawal of consent means CBI cannot investigate even a central government employee stationed in a state without the consent of the state government. However, this is not unique to the NDA

regime. Throughout the history of the agency, several states — including Sikkim, Nagaland, Chhattisgarh, and Karnataka have withdrawn general consent. In 1998, the Janata Dal led government led by J H Patel in Karnataka withdrew general consent, a decision that was not revoked by SM Krishna's Congress government that came to power the following year.

Dangling job carrots

Critics have also pointed to the way in which successive governments have used the lure of post-retirement jobs to make CBI Directors toe their line. Former CBI Director Ashwini Kumar was appointed Governor of Nagaland by the UPA in 2013. Other former CBI chiefs got post-retirement jobs as members of the National Human Rights Commission under the UPA.

The NDA government last year amended the DSPE Act to give the CBI Director a tenure of five years, but added a caveat that after completion of the SC-mandated two-year tenure, the Director would get an extension of tenure each year at the pleasure of the government. Many saw this as dangling a carrot before the Director.

Narain says it is now for the judiciary to step in. "The judiciary has to decide what it wants to do with the hopes of 135 crore Indians for transparency and probity in public life. The court must ensure that the Vineet Narain judgment is implemented in letter and spirit. All the dilutions that have been brought in should be rectified. Any government which dangles carrots before judges in terms of post-retirement appointments is damaging the institution. SC judges also must refuse such offers in the interest of the integrity of the institution," he said.

The controversy over NAAC's system for assessing higher education

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

NATIONAL Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), which carries out quality checks or assessments of Indian Higher-level Educational Institutions (HEIs), courted controversy recently over the rating of the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda and allegations of

bribery in the process. When the NAAC released the ratings, the institute's score changed from A to A+ on the back of improvement across parameters. The allegations have surfaced at a time when the NAAC is exploring changes in its approach.

What is NAAC?

The NAAC, an autonomous body under the University Grants Commission (UGC), assesses and certifies HEIs with gradings as part of accreditation. Through a multi-layered process, a higher education institution learns whether it meets the standards of quality set by the evaluator in terms of curriculum, faculty, infrastructure, research, and other parameters. The ratings of institutions range from A++ to C. If an institution is graded D, it means it is not accredited.

How is the accreditation process

In a recently-published white paper, coauthored by NAAC executive committee chairman Bhushan Patwardhan and former Indian Institute of Science Education and Research professor KP Mohanan, the current approach has been described as "input-based". In other words, NAAC relies heavily on self-assessment reports of applicant institutions.

The first step has an applicant institution submitting a self-study report of information related to quantitative and qualitative metrics. The data is then validated by NAAC expert teams, followed by peer team visits to the institutions. This last step has sparked controversy.

What is the latest controversy about?

NAAC had reportedly withheld the grading of the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda after receiving an anonymous complaint that the university unduly tried to influence the peer review team with gold, cash and other favours.

However, on September 15, NAAC released the improved grading, terming the

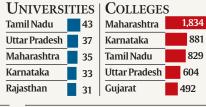
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C	17	1,077	1,094
Total	406	8,686	9,092

allegations as "false". Interestingly, the controversy has surfaced at a time when the council is considering reducing the role of the peer team visits in the overall scheme of things. "The process of Peer Team Visits adds substantial effort on the part of both NAAC and the HEIs. Hence, we recommend that the role of Peer Team visits be facilitatory in nature and not have a significant weightage in assessment and accreditation," according to the white paper published on July 13 following its review and endorsement by the NAAC academic advisory committee and the advisory council.

What are the alternatives being explored?

TOP FIVE STATES (Accredited)



From the prevailing "input-based" apand academic abilities. Rather than relying exclusively on the

proach, the NAAC plans to adopt an "outcome-based approach". The white paper states the current system is akin to accepting the claim of a PhD candidate that his thesis is of high quality. Instead, it suggests that emphasis should be on finding out if students are equipped with relevant skills

self-study reports of the HEIs, the NAAC should ask institutions to provide evidence such as samples of learning materials, continuous assessment tasks and final examinations to show they have outcomes of learning specified in the syllabus, according to the white paper.

How many institutions in India are accredited?

There are 1,043 universities and 42,343 colleges listed on the portal of the All India Survey on Higher Education. As per the latest data from June 21, there were 406 universities and 8,686 colleges that were NAAC-accredited. Among the states, Maharashtra accounts for the highest number of accredited colleges at 1,869 - more than twice as many as Karnataka's 914, the second highest. Tamil Nadu has the most accredited universities at 43.

Can all higher educational institutes apply for accreditation?

Under the rules, only higher education institutions that are at least six years old, or from where at least two batches of students have graduated, can apply. The accreditation is valid for five years. Aspiring institutes need to be recognised by the UGC and have regular students enrolled in their full-time teaching and research programmes. There are only 19 universities and 121 colleges that have been reviewed by the NAAC four times, with a gap of five years between each grading. When an institution undergoes the accreditation process for the first time it is referred to as Cycle 1, and the subsequent

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five-year periods as Cycles 2, 3 and so on.

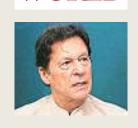
Why are so few institutes accredited?

According to current and former officials of the NAAC, the fear of obtaining a poor grade or no accreditation at all holds back higher education institutes from voluntarily applying for evaluation. This is despite accreditation having been made mandatory through the UGC (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012.

Earlier this year, NAAC explored the possibility of a new system of Provisional Accreditation for Colleges (PAC) under which even one-year-old institutions could apply for accreditation. The provisional certificates would be valid for two years, it suggested. But the committee that drew up the white paper, which also underwent multiple rounds of revisions, observed that such a system can lead to compromise with quality. "The PAC proposal implies a lowering of standards so that a greater number of colleges can gain Provisional Accreditation. Instead, it would be wiser on the part of NAAC to help the colleges improve the quality of education they provide, such that they can be successful in meeting the standards that NAAC accreditation calls for," it said.

Embattled director Woody Allen has announced that he will hang his boots after the release of his next film, "Wasp 22". The 86-year-old filmmaker told Spanish newspaper La Vanguardia that he is set to begin production on his swan song later this year in Paris with an all-French cast. "My idea, in principle, is not to make more movies and focus on writing," Allen said

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Imran Khan was facing contempt proceedings

PAKISTAN

Court quashes terror charges against Imran

Islamabad: A Pakistan high court on Monday quashed terrorism charges against former Prime Minister Imran Khan, his defence lawyers said, a relief for the former cricket star who has faced a spate of legal woes since being ousted from office. The court said Khan's alleged offence didn't attract terrorism charges, Faisal Chaudhry, one of his lawyers said. The charges are related to a speech by Khan in which he allegedly threatened police and judicial officers after one of his close aides was denied bail in a sedition case. "The case against Imran Khan, however, will remain intact, that will now be tried in an ordinary court, instead an anti-terrorism court," Chaudhry said. **REUTERS**

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World bids farewell to Queen

Queen's coffin lowered into the royal vault at Windsor Castle

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LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19

BRITAIN AND the world said a final goodbye to Queen Elizabeth II at a state funeral Monday that drew presidents and kings, princes and PMs - and crowds who massed along streets of London to honour a monarch whose 70-year reign defined an age

Queen Elizabeth II's coffin was lowered into the royal vault of St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle on Monday afternoon, signifying the end of a state funeral that began with a majestic service at Westminster Abbey, and a procession in London, before closing with a more intimate service at the place where the queen lived in the twilight years of her life.

If anything, this ceremony in Windsor was even more filled with ritual than the funeral service. Before the final hymn, the crown jeweler removed the imperial state crown, the orb and the scepter – precious symbols of the crown — from the queen's coffin,

and placed them on the altar. "Here, where Queen Elizabeth was married and crowned, we gather from across the nation,

First Lady Jill Biden

THE KEY EVENTS

- The 'instruments of state' with which the Queen was crowned in 1953 were removed from the coffin
- King Charles III placed The Queen's Company Camp Colour of the Grenadier of Guards on the coffin
- ■The queen's titles were read publicly for the last time
- ■The final, and private, event of the day took place in about 90 minutes
- ■The Queen will be laid to rest in the King George VI memorial chapel with her husband, Prince Philip

from the Commonwealth and from the nations of the world," the Rev.David Hoyle, the dean of Westminster, said to an assembly that includedover 100 world leaders, among them President Biden and Emperor



The coffin of Queen Elizabeth II being carried into St Georges Chapel for her Committal Service, in Windsor Castle, Monday. AP

TALIBAN US engineer

released in prisoner swap

Kabul: Afghanistan's Taliban on Monday freed American engineer Mark Frerichs in exchange for an Afghan tribal leader linked to the Taliban who the US had held on drugs charges since 2005, the group's acting foreign minister said. Frerichs was exchanged at the airport in Kabul with Bashir Noorzai, acting foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi said.

MYANMAR

Air attack kills 13, including 7 kids

Bangkok: Government helicopters have attacked a school and village in north-central Myanmar, killing at least 13 people, including seven children, a school administrator and an aid worker said Monday. Civilian casualties often occur in attacks by the military government on pro-democracy insurgents and their allies, AP

CHINA

Monkeypox: Don't touch foreigners

Beijing: A senior Chinese health official advised people to avoid contact with foreigners to prevent monkeypox infection after the first known case of the virus on mainland."To prevent possible infection, it is recommended that 1) you do not have direct skin-toskin contact with foreigners,"WuZunyou, chief epidemiologist at China Centre for Disease Control and Prevention said. REUTERS



US President Joe Biden with French President Emanuel



WORLD LEADERS AT THE EVENT

New Zealand PM Ardern with



Canada PM Justin Trudeau at the state funeral and burial

President Murmu meets Bangladesh PM, others



President Droupadi Murmu with Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana in London. PTI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LONDON. SEPTEMBER 19

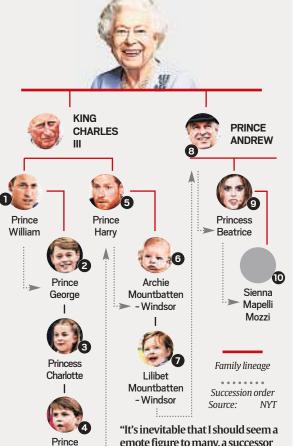
PRESIDENT DROUPADI Murmu on Monday joined 500 world leaders, including US President Joe Biden, and royals from across the world at Westminster Abbey for a sombre ceremony to bid farewell to Queen Elizabeth II.

President Murmu and Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra formed the official Indian delegation at the state funeral of the British monarch at Westminster Abbey.

They arrived at the Abbey in a procession alongside other Commonwealth heads of state and government. President Murmu met with Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her sister, Sheikh Rehana, before joining the 2,000-strong congregation at the Abbey.

She also met with Tanzania President Samia Suluhu Hassan in an official reception at the state funeral of the monarch. "President Droupadi Murmu attended the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Abbey, London," Rashtrapati Bhavan tweeted. The queen's funeral began as chimes of the Big Ben fell silent and hymns rang out as the coffin of the late monarch was carried into Westminster Abbey on Monday morning.

The Line Of Succession



emote figure to many, a successor to the kings and queens of history..." QUEEN ELIZABETH II

'They don't make them like her anymore': Crowd at Hyde Park

THE NEW YORK TIMES LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19

TENS OF thousands of people gathered on Monday in Hyde Park to watch Queen Elizabeth II's funeral, video of which was displayed on large screens. They sat on camping chairs, blankets, ladders and stools, brought their own breakfast or bought sausage and fish and chips from several food trucks installed for the occasion.

The initial atmosphere became somber when the service at Westminster Abbey started, with the huge crowd watching in silence. "I have cried my eyes out all the way through," Jess Parsons, 36, wrapped in a British flag, said as she watched the funeral

Parsons came back to London from Paris just for the funeral. "They don't make them like her anymore," she said, referring to the gueen, "She was a one-off," Maxine Harris and her friend



Ellie Curran, both 28 and wearing black, came to Hyde Park and joined a thunderous applause when the screen showed the fu-

neral procession. "Especially

The coffin of the Queen outside Windsor Castle. as the crowd mourn. Reuters



embossed with the queen's likeness that he was awarded in the 1970s. "I want to say goodbye to my boss," he said. "PMs come and go, but she has been the one constant thing in my life.'

In Short

UK

'In loving and devoted memory'

BRITAIN'S KING Charles paid tribute to his late mother Queen Elizabeth on Monday with a handwritten note laid on top of her coffin reading: "In loving and devoted memory, Charles R." The note was placed amid a colourful wreath for the late monarch that Buckingham Palace said contained, at Charles's request, rosemary, English Oak and myrtle, which had been cut from a plant grown from myrtle used in Elizabeth's wedding bouquet.



of the Royal family. Reuters

Two-minute silence observed across UK

A TWO-MINUTE silence was observed across the UK in memory of Queen Elizabeth II as the late monarch's state funeral service drew to a close in Westminster Abbey.

Disgraceful: Taiwan signing Queen's book

China on Monday termed as "disgraceful" the British government's permission for a Taiwan representative in the UK to sign the condolence book of Oueen Elizabeth II."Let me stress that the (ruling Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan) authorities make use of the occasion to seek political manipulation," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said."This is disgraceful. This doesn't change the fact that Taiwan is part of China," Mao said.

REMARKS VIOLATE WASHINGTON'S COMMITMENT: CHINA

Biden says US forces will defend Taiwan against Chinese invasion

AGENCIES

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 19

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden said US forces would defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion. his most explicit statement on the issue, drawing an angry response from China that said it sent the wrong signal to those seeking an independent Taiwan.

China's government on Monday criticised President Biden's as a violation of US commitments about the self-ruled island, but gave no indication of

possible retaliation.

Biden said "yes" when asked during an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS News's "60 Minutes" program whether "U.S. forces, US men and women, would defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion."

The CBS interview was just the latest time that Biden has appeared to go beyond long-standing stated US policy on Taiwan, but his statement was clearer than previous ones about committing US troops to the defend the island.

Without citing Biden by name, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said the "US remarks" violate Washington's commitment not to support formal independence for Taiwan, a step Beijing has said would lead to war. "China strongly deplores and rejects it and has made solemn complaints with the US side," said the spokeswoman, Mao Ning.

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry expressed "sincere gratitude" to Biden for "affirming the US government's rock-solid promise of security to Taiwa. "Taiwan will resist authoritarian expansion and aggression" and 'deepen close security partnership' with the US"

Ukraine warns of 'nuclear terrorism' after missile strike

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, SEPTEMBER 19

A RUSSIAN missile struck close to a nuclear power plant Monday in southern Ukraine without damaging the three reactors but hit other industrial equipment in what Ukrainian authorities denounced as an act of "nuclear terrorism."

The missile made impact within 300 meters (328 yards) of the reactors at the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant, blasting a crater 2 meters (6 1/2 feet) deep and 4 meters (13 feet) across, according to Ukrainian nuclear operator Energoatom.

The reactors were operating normally and no staff members were injured, the agency said.

The nuclear power station is Ukraine's second-largest after the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, which has repeatedly come under fire. The two facilities' reactors are of the same design.

ministry Energoatom called the strike "nuclear terrorism." The Russian Defence Ministry made no immediate comment. The United Nations' nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Indian High Commission condemns violence in UK's Leicester, seeks action

"We strongly condemn the

violence perpetrated against the

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19

THE INDIAN High Commission in London on Monday condemned the "violence perpetrated against the Indian community" in the English city of Leicester, and sought immediate action against those involved in these attacks.

There have been reports of what the police described as "serious disorder" in the city since fans clashed following an India-Pakistan Asia Cup cricket match that took place in Dubai on Aug 28.

Indian community in Leicester and vandalisation of premises and symbols of Hindu religion," statement by the High Commission read. "We have strongly taken up this matter with the UK authorities and have sought immediate action against those involved in these attacks. We call on the authorities to provide protection to the affected

people," the statement added. Leicestershire Police said it arrested 15 people in connection with the disorder.

"Officers became aware of groups of young men gathering

New Delhi

North Evington area of the city. Officers spoke to them and took steps, including putting in place a temporary police cordon, to minimise harm and disturbance to communities," police said. It followed clashes on Saturday, when police said they

on Sunday afternoon in the

became aware of a video circulating showing a man pulling down a flag outside a religious building on Melton Road, Leicester, and said the incident would be investigated. "The impact this disorder is

having on our local communities is not acceptable," police said in a statement.

15 ECONOMY

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) per barrel as of September 16



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POLICY WATCH DATA PROTECTION BILL

Efficient data usage by industry, cyber safety: Thrust areas in latest draft law

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE NEW draft of the Data Protection Bill, which is currently being worked on by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), will enable "efficient usage" of data with necessary safeguards since businesses in the country may use it, a senior official of the ministry said Monday.

Speaking at International Technology Summit 2022 organised by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Additional Secretary at MeitY Rajendra Kumar said, "...the new draft is being worked on for the Data Protection Bill to augment efficient usage of data with confidence that data would be protected while allowing that data may be used by the industry.'

He added that the digital makeover across government, industries, and MSMEs is at varied levels of maturity, with most MSMEs being behind in tech adoption. As digital services penetrate rural areas, cyber-related threats could increase, he said.

"The government has put in place the long-term vision and has a proactive approach to deal with emerging tech

TUSHAR GOENKA

BENGALURU. SEPTEMBER 19

HOTEL AGGREGATOR OYO saw

a loss of Rs 414 crore during the

April-June quarter of this fiscal,

according to the latest adden-

dum filed by the company with

the Securities and Exchange

Board of India (Sebi). During

FY22, the company's loss from

operations narrowed to Rs 2,140

crore from Rs 4,103 crore in FY21.

justed Ebitda during Q1FY23 at

Rs 7 crore. The company's rev-

enue from operations during the

April-June stood at Rs 1,459.3

Porsche IPO

Frankfurt: Volkswagen has

set the price range for the

sale of a minority stake in

luxury brand Porsche as its

prepares an IPO. The price

range per preferred share

was set at €76.50-82.50,

translating to €8.71 billion

to €9.39 billion. Volkswa-

gen aims for a listing on the

Frankfurt stock exchange

on September 29. AP

Adani, cement

New Delhi: Days after the

\$6.5-billion acquisition of

Ambuja Cements and ACC,

Gautam Adani said his

group has planned to dou-

ble cement manufacturing

capacity and become India's

most profitable manufac-

turer. In a speech made at an

event to mark the comple-

tion of the acquisition on

September 17, the Adani

Group founder and chair-

man said the ports-to-en-

ergy conglomerate has in a

single stroke become the

second largest cement man-

Oil Min, windfall

New Delhi: The Oil Ministry,

as per a letter on August 12

seen by PTI, has sought a re-

ufacturer in the country.

BRIEFLY —

OYO claimed its maiden ad-

THE DATA protection law has been hanging fire for some time now, having previously faced criticism over aspects of local storage of data and data sharing among different government agencies.

and subsequent threat levels," Kumar said.

Last month, the Centre had withdrawn the previous Data Protection Bill from Parliament and said it would soon come out with a "comprehensive legal framework" for the online ecosystem which would include separate legislations for data privacy, social media companies, telecom sector, and non-personal data, among other things.

In an interview to government-run Sansad TV. Union Communications and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had said that the drafting of the new Data Protection Bill is nearly complete and the Ministry is aiming to introduce it in Parliament by next year's Budget Session.

OYO posts ₹414-crore loss in

Q1; 'targets IPO in early 2023'

An OYO partner hotel in

crore. In FY22, with the lifting of

Covid-led curbs, revenue from

operations rose 20.7 per cent to

Delhi, Reuters file

WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 16

IBBI amends norms: Maximum value of co, mkt-linked solution

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

AIMING TO provide better market-linked solutions for stressed companies, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has amended its regulations to allow sale of one or more assets of an entity undergoing insolvency proceedings, besides

Moreover, the company's committee of creditors (CoC) can now examine whether a compromise or an arrangement can be explored for a corporate

amended the regulations, which came into effect from September 16, with the "objective to maximise value in resolution".

CORPORATE DEBTOR'S ASSETS

■ The new norms will enable a "resolution Corporate Debtor to one or more successful submitting resolution plans for such assets and providing for appropriate treatment of the remaining assets"

in cases where there are no resolution plans for the whole busi-

1.84 billion

Estimated flyers in APAC in 2022,

Air passengers in APAC in 2021, with

New Delhi: Capital markets regu-

lator Sebi has kept in "abeyance"

the proposed initial share sale of

Canada-based Fairfax Group-

backed Go Digit General

However, the Securities and

Exchange Board of India (Sebi)

nary IPO papers with the capital

markets regulator on August 17.

wife Anushka Sharma are

among the investors in the firm.

company's proposed initial pub-

lic offering (IPO) comprised fresh

issuance of equity shares worth

Cricketer Virat Kohli and his

Going by the draft papers, the

Insurance Ltd.

did not clarify further.

region's share in global passenger

volume at 33% from 37% in 2019

taking it down to 2nd in terms of

share of global passenger traffic

1.50 billion

Sebi puts Go Digit's

IPO in 'abeyance'

Bankruptcy Code (IBC) provides for a market-linked and timebound resolution of stressed assets. As many as 1,703 corporate insolvency resolution processes (CIRPs) ended up in liquidation till the end of June 2022.

The amended regulations will also enable a "resolution plan to include sale of one or more assets of CD (Corporate Debtor) to one or more successful resolution applicants submitting resolution plans for such assets and providing for appropriate treatment of the remaining assets.'

With the amendments to IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, marketing of assets of a corporate debtor can be done that will help in wider dissemination of information to a

potential resolution applicants. "The amendment also en-

ables a longer time for the asset in the market...," IBBI said. Gaurav Gupte, partner, Cyril

Amarchand Mangaldas, said the amendments will provide an impetus to better market-led solutions for insolvency resolution. "The amendments will en-

sure that better quality information about the insolvent company and its assets is available to the market, including prospective resolution applicants, in a timely manner," he added. According to Gupte, a resolution professional will have to actively actively seek claims from known (based on the books of accounts) creditors of the company concerned, a move that will help in making available a clearer picture about the debt. WITH PTI

Ola to cut 200 engineering jobs

TUSHAR GOENKA

BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 19

IN A fresh round of layoffs, cab aggregator and electric twowheeler manufacturer, Ola has handed over pink slips to 200 of its staff from its 2,000-strong engineering workforce. Most of these staff were working on developing different aspects of apps. The company termed the move as "a restructuring exercise" to minimise redundancy.

In a statement on Monday, the company said, "Ola Electric has been increasing its focus on non-software engineering doneering streams and others."

tions and is undertaking a restructuring exercise to minimise redundancy and build a strong



BHAVISH AGGARWAL

CEO, Ola

ens relevant roles and functions.' The Bhavish Aggarwal-led

company had earlier laid off around 1,000 employees due to the closure of its pre-owned car business Ola Cars and quick commerce unit Ola Dash, Apart from Ola, many other start-ups. mainly in the edtech sector, have been laying off staff since early

crease its engineering talent pool to 5,000 over the next 18 months and therefore certain redundancies need to be minimised. **FE**

INSIDER TRADING CHARGES

SC upholds Gammon India promoter's acquittal Infrastructure by way of which the

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

the top court challenging Rajan's acquittal in 2019 by the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT).

In its order, the SC dismissed Sebi's appeal on the grounds that the information based on which Rajan traded shares of Gammon India (GIPL) resulted in a gain in share price when stock exchanges were intimated about it and that his act of selling shares in advance did not meet the criteria of "profit motive" essential to establish an insider trading charge; and that the proceeds from the share sale were used to meet funding requirements for restructuring the company's debt.

In its plea, Sebi had argued that Gammon had terminated a sharetwo companies would have taken 49 per cent stakes in each other's

highway projects. "...we are of the view on Ouestion No.1 that the information regarding the termination of the two contracts can be characterised as price sensitive information, in that it was likely to place the existing shareholders in an ad-

vantageous position, once the information came into the public domain. In such circumstances, our answer to Ouestion No.2 would be that the sale by the respondent, of the shares held by him in GIPL would not fall within the mischief of insider trading, as it was somewhat similar to a distress sale, made before the information could have a positive impact on the price of the shares... Our answers to Question Nos. 1 and 2 are sufficient to hold that the impugned order of the Tribunal does not call for any interference. Therefore, the appeal is dismissed," a two-judge SC bench of Justice Indira Banerjee and Justice

V Ramasubramanian noted.



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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

other changes.

debtor during liquidation period.

The insolvency regulator has

It has permitted a resolution

'APAC may not stay

market in 2022'

Rs 4,781.4 crore from Rs 3,962 in

FY21. However, OYO was still far

behind its pre-Covid annual rev-

enue of Rs 13,413 crore in FY20.

It had registered a net loss of Rs

company is now targeting an ini-

tial public offer (IPO) in early

are favourable. In FY22, OYO's to-

tal costs went up to Rs 6,984

crore from Rs 6,937 crore in FY21.

General administrative expenses

at Rs 515.4 crore fell 44.4 per cent

from Rs 927 crore in FY21. The

employee expenses, net of ESOP-

based compensation fell 26.5 per

cent in FY22 to 1,117.2 crore. FE

2023 if the market condition

According to Bloomberg, the

10,419 crore during that year.

largest air passenger

plan to include sale of one or more assets of resolution applicants

professional and the CoC to look for sale of one or more assets of the corporate debtor concerned

China's tough border measures and Japan's cautious approach in relaxing inbound travel curbs may displace

Asia-Pacific (APAC) as the world's largest air passenger

market for 2022, an ACI-Asia Pacific report said

Asia-Pacific likely to finish second behind Europe in terms of passenger share and at a comparable level with North America

Passenger traffic in APAC will recover to only by about 55% by the end of 2022 as compared to pre-pandemic levels, as per latest forecast

Rs 1,250 crore and an offer for

sale of 10.94 crore equity shares

by a promoter and existing

Proceeds from the fresh is-

suance were to be utilised for the

augmentation of the company's

capital base and maintenance of

solvency levels and general cor-

son, the capital markets regula-

tor said "issuance of observa-

tions (has been) kept in

abeyance" with regard to the IPO

of Go Digit, an update on the reg-

ulator's website showed on

Monday. The information was

updated on September 16. PTI

Without disclosing the rea-

shareholders.

3.38 billion Flyers who travelled in the APAC (Asia-Pacific) region in 2019, accounting for 37% of the global volume of 9.16 billion, as per report by Airports Council International-Asia Pacific (ACI-Asia-Pacific)

22% Predicted growtn ror APAC in air passenger traffic in 2022 over 2021

Hong Kong-based ACI-Asia-Pacific represents airport operators in APAC and the Middle East region with 131 members operating

quits board

chairman Jawahar Lal Goel has

resigned from the company's

board. In a filing, Dish TV said,

hours of September 19, 2022."

promoter family led by its chair-

man Jawahar Lal Goel were en-

gaged in a legal battle over board

representation in Dish TV. PTI

618 airports in 49 nations/territories across the region. The report does not include data from Middle-East Source: ACI-Asia Pacific/PTI

Dish TV chief Jawahar Goel New Delhi: Direct-to-Home operator Dish TV said Monday its

"Jawahar Lal Goel, Director.... has tendered his resignation from the company's board of directors and committee/s thereof with

holders agreement with Simplex

Consequently, he shall cease to be the chairman of the board, it added. The company's largest shareholder Yes Bank and the

'Google faces pressure to help curb illegal lending apps'

NUPUR ANAND &

IRA DUGAL MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 19

ALPHABET INC'S Google has been asked by the Indian government and the central bank to introduce more stringent checks to help curb the use of illegal digital lending applications in India,

according to sources.

Even though Google doesn't fall under the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) ambit, the US tech giant has been called several times in the last few months to meetings by the central bank and the Indian government and urged to introduce tougher checks and balances that can help in weeding out such apps,

according to four sources. Indian regulators have al-

ready asked lenders to step up checks against illegal lending apps. Google said that last year it revised its Play Store developer program policy for financial services apps, including requiring additional requirements for personal loan apps in India effective September 2021. **REUTERS**

SOLAPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, SOLAPUR CORRIGENDUM-02

Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur has invited e-Tender for the work of Selection of Operator's for Supplying, Installing, Providing, Commissioning and Providing 05 years of maintainance for Domestic Mechanical and Ultrasonic/ Electro magnetic AMR water meters by Tender ID No. 2022 SMC 820016 1. Due to improper response to the tender process, the Second extension to the tender process is being given up to date of 06/10/2022. All relevant dates will be as per the tender published on web portal www.mahatenders.gov.in Technical bid will be opened on date 11/10/2022 (if possible) Date 19/09/2022 Sd/

> **Public Health Engineer** Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur

Wall Street choppy, vaccine stocks slide

REUTERS

BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 19

WALL STREET'S main indexes slipped in choppy trading on Monday, extending declines for a third straight session, on worries that the US Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes could tip the US economy into recession.

Five of the 11 S&P 500 sectors were lower.

Healthcare stocks fell 1.6 per cent, weighed down by a 9.5 per cent fall in shares of Moderna Inc and similar declines in those of other vaccine makers, a day after President Joe Biden said in a CBS interview that "the pandemic is over".

The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq logged their worst weekly percentage drop since June last Healthcare stocks fell

1.6%, weighed down by a 9.5% fall in shares of Moderna Inc and similar declines in those of other vaccine makers, a day after President Joe Biden said in a CBS interview "the pandemic is over"

Friday as markets fully priced in at least a 75-basis-point rise in rates at the end of the US central bank's September 20-21 policy meeting, with the Fed funds futures showing a 15 per cent chance of a whopping 100 bps

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mains with a clear focus on building engineering and R&D capabilities across — vehicle, cell, battery, manufacturing and automation, autonomous engi-"In light of these efforts, the company is centralising opera-

lateral structure that strength-

this year as funding has dried up. Ola said it is looking to in-

THE SUPREME Court has upheld the acquittal of Gammon India promoter Abhijit Rajan on insider trading charges after market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) had moved

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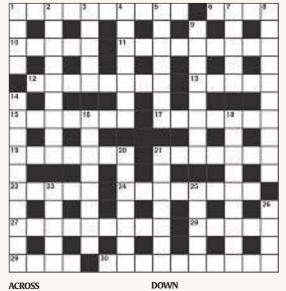
1. Air Circulating Oven; 3. Climate Chamber; 4. Humidity Chamber; 5. Cold Chamber;

New Delhi

ed crude, saying it goes against principle of fiscal stability provided in contracts for finding & producing oil. PTI

view of the windfall profit tax on domestically produc-

CROSSWORD 4851



1 People in the running (4) 2 The festive season displays its

3 Feel depressed and inferior?

4 Fears mischievous children?

5 Found in bed they're eaten alive

8 Charm is not radiated by a king's

9 Asks how paper may be sold

14 Subject for those who have the

18 One way of handling therapy

21 Spice for which transport is not

23 Its downfall may help those in

26 Outright order for a European

retirement (5) 25 Girl gets lad in trouble (5)

charms randomly (9)

(7) 7 Treated ill (5)

mind to study (10)

20 One better (7)

banker(4)

readily available (7)

16 Took off (8)

man(10)

ACROSS

1 It's hard to get as low as this (4,6) 6 A mother and father to all (4) 10 Lyric is rewritten by him (5) 11 Dawn of Japanese standardisation (6,3) 12 Collectively how a sale may be arranged (2,1,5)

13 French and German articles appear below (5) 15 Tops two thousand in legal

17 Retire from the contest - not up 19 Method of arranging all the parts(7) 21 Lettuce goes down for pets (7)

22 Musical work taking a long time to produce (5) 24 The virtue of having spoken it in my presence (8)

27 Strange man in society (9) 28 Donne has been translated quite a lot (2,3) 29 Times in distant past or in the old style (4)

30 It's rather a colourless affair, mind(4,6)

Solutions Crossword 4850: Across: 1 Terrace, 5 Fable, 8 Donatello, 9 Nil, 10 Last, 12 Egotists, 14 Rather, 15 Sewers, 17 Virginia, 18 Tsar, 21 Obi, 22 Institute, 24 Irene, 25 Lullaby. Down: 1 Tidal, 2 Run, 3 Alto, 4 Eulogy, 5 Frontier, 6 Banisters, 7 Enlists, 11 Saturnine, 13 Definite, 14 Ravioli, 16 Tinsel, 19 Reedy, 20 Bill, 23 Una.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis





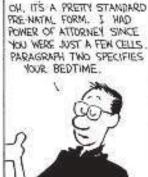


CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

I DON'T HAVE TO GO TO BED NOW! I DON'T HAVE ! MAZ DOF TAHIN OD OT









THIS 7:30 BED

DAD SAYS

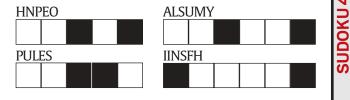
MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





JUMBLED WORDS

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



Answer: We carry our \mathbf{homes} within us which enables us to $\mathbf{fly}.$ - John Cage SOLUTION: PHONE, PULSE, ASYLUM, FINISH

Difficulty Level 5s Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the

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

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	5	6					1	3

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4962 2 3 4 7 6 9 1 8 5 1 4 5 3 2 6 8 9 7 6 1 5 3 2 8 4 7 9 981237 3 5 6 8 1 4 7 4 2 9 5 6 8 1 3 1 2 8 4 9 3 5 6 5 7 1 2 3 8 4 6 9 5 7 3 6 8 2 9 4 1

DAY TODAY

vou make a leap of the imagination and try to

see the world through fresh

recommend the perspective

which a close partner has

now adopted, and you have much to learn.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
You have little real

you are as responsible as anyone else for the direction

that events have taken.

great success.

The solution is to be more

aware of your own motives

in future, for self-awareness

leads to self-discipline, and

reason to feel hurt

or betrayed, the reason being that

eyes. There is a lot to

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) It is still a fact of life A little-known that little will go characteristic of your sign is its your way unless

connection with generals and military men. This is of interest now because over the next two weeks you still have the opportunity to fight and win an important battle. But you need allies who will stick by you, no matter what.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Almost everything,

from the initial planning stage until the final act, seems to be taking place with a degree of secrecy. If other people are unaware of what is going on you must take it upon vourself to protect their

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
It is pleasant to be praised by people who are more

accomplished than you. The way forward lies in restoring old friendships. thanks to Venus' dominant position. Try to focus on the bigger picture, on what partners actually mean, rather than on what they've said.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The overall planetary position is calm, yet these are still exciting times for Cancerians. Therefore, you can, indeed must, continue to push for the fulfilment of your personal ambitions with no hint of compromise. And if you meet major obstacles, slow down, pause for thought and then redouble your efforts.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) The real key to



revealed in your solar chart. The really important developments are not yet clear, and that's why you should tread with care, caution and consideration for

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Many of you have



months, all of you can point to some situation or other where you could have been more persuasive. One option now is to distinguish what is useful on a practical level from your emotions and irrational fears

interests. They would expect

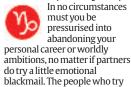
SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Make partnership



time to let rip. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

a long-held but undeveloped

creative talent, now is the



and tell them once again. AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

to pressurise you might have

little idea of your actual needs, so you may have to sit down



astrologically ideal moment for a journey into the unknown. This may not fit in with other pressures, but perhaps you can make a start on future plans. Actually, it's a day which could bring new responsibilities and professional opportunities.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



astrological reasons why you should not be too hasty in your financial judgments. However, there is plenty of time for you to search out different

information and assess the options. You've got a good financial sense, and you may be ready to make a firm decision.

NMDC Limited

ment of India Enterprise) , Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500 028

CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

ender Enquiry No: HO(Contracts)/Shiv Mandir/KDL/2022/882, Dt:20/09/2022 MSTC Ref. No.: NMDC/HO/52/22-23/ET/394 Estimated cost including GST is Rs 255.82 Lakhs

NMDC Limited, A"NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids from prospective bidders for the work of "Expansion of Shiv Mandir at Kailash Nagar, Kirandul, Dantewada District, Chhattisgarh".
The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and/or downloaded from

20,09,2022 to 17,10,2022 from following website links; .NMDC website - https://tenders.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/

.Central Public Procurement portal – https://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app and ider through tender enqu**i**ry number

3.MSTC portal - https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp Forfurther help refer to 'vendor guide' given in MSTC website.

Virtual Pre-bid meeting will be held on 01.10.2022/11:30AM(Refer clause:5 of NIT) he bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC Limited website The details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT. The Bidders on regular pasis are required to visit the NMDC's website/CPP Portal/MSTC website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

For further clarification, the following can be contacted – Chief General Manager (Contracts), NMDC Limited Hyderabad, Tel no. +91-040-235

For and on behalf of NMDC Ltd Chief General Manager (Contracts)

हर एक काम देश के नाम

Varthana Finance Private Limited varthana ormerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ligistered Office at : No. 58C-110, Varasiddhi. Outer Ring Road, Service Lt, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website www.varthan. Phone: 080-68455777, Branch Office : No. 1162 & 1163 Tower B-1, 11th paze itech Park Sector 49, Sohna Road, Gurugram- 122018.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable property) Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd., (Formerly Known as M/s. Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.,) Gurugram Branch, Under curitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interes 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** dated: 28.06.2022 calling upon the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors, in Loan Account No. S19GUR-GUR-007716, S18GUR-GUR-003260, S21GUR-GUR-016319, S20GUR-GUR-015573, 1). M/s. Ashoka International School, Represented by its Authorised Signatory, 2. M/s. Shashi Ashok Educational And Welfare Society, Represented by its Authorised Signatory, No. 1 and 2 are having office at Kadarpur Road, Badshahpur, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122101., 3). Mr. Ashok Yaday, S/o. Chunhi Lal Yadav, 4). Mrs. Shashi Bala, W/o Ashok Yadav, No. 3 and 4 are residing at 3rd Block, No. 7, Kadarpur Road, Badshahpur, Gurgaon,

Haryana - 122101., to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being a sum of Rs. 3,12,93,676/- (Rupees Three Crore Twelve Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Six Only) 25-06-2022, to pay agreed contractual rate of interest together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges etc., as details mentioned in the Demand Notice, till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said

However the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors herein above having failed to repay the full amount with interest/other charges, notice is hereby given to the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned being Authorized Officer of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Gurugram has taken POSSESSION of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of he said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this day of 17th September 2022.

The Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Gurugram, for an amount of Rs. 3,12,93,676/- (Rupees Three Crore Twelve Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Six Only) as on 25-06-2022 with agreed contractual rate of interest, as mentioned nerein above until the date of payment together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges. The Applicants/Co-Applicants/Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured Assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khewat/Khata No. 35/43 Mustatil No.96, Killa No. 8/3/2 (2-12), Admeasuring Area 1 Kanal 14 Marla 3 Sarsai (1038 Sq Mtr) out of Share 2 Kanal 12 Marla of Share 309/468, Village Badshahpur, Tehsil Badshahpur, Distt Gurugram (Haryana) and bounded as under, East By Road, West By: Other Property, North By: Other Property, South By: Other Property.

Date: 20-09-2022, Place: Badshahpur.

Authorised Officer, Sdl- Varthana Finance Private Limite

GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED (A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)



Regd. Office: Block No. 14/1, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar **2** 079-23250767, 23250766, 23257698

TENDER NOTICE: GMSCL/D-06/2022-23

Tenders are invited online form reputed Manufacturers / formulators / direct importers for Purchase of Intra Ocular Lens (Foldable) on Rate contract basis and details of specification, quantity is available on https://gmscl.qujarat.gov.in All tender documents can be downloaded free on the website: https://gmscl.nprocure.com Interested bidders are requested submit the tender through e-tender process

Duration of downloading of Tender document (online):-19/09/2022 to 11/10/2022 up to 18.00 Hrs.

Last date for Submission (online): 11/10/2022 up to 18.00 Hrs. Last date for Submission of Physical document: 12/10/2022 up to 18.00 Hrs.

Opening of Technical Bid Date (online): 14/10/2022 At 15.00 Hrs

Pre-Consultation meeting (Pre-Bid)

Intereted Manufactures/formulators/Direct Importers are requested to remin present for pre-Consultation meeting to be held on 27/09/2022 at 13.00 Noon at Committee room at above mentioned address. Only one representtive from eah Manufacturer carrying authrity letter would be allowed to participate in the pre-bid.

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग

विद्यपित

'उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य कनिष्ठ अभियंता सेवा परीक्षा-2021'

एतद्धारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उताराखण्ड सम्मितित राज्य कनिष्ठ अभियन्ता

सेवा परीवा-2021' हेतु प्रकाशित विद्वापन संख्या : A-3/E-4/2021-22 दिनांक

26.11.2021 के सापेश आयोजित मुख्य परीक्षा का परिणाम विज्ञानि संख्या

174/04/JE-21/G-02/2022-23 दिनांक 31,08,2022 द्वारा घोषित किया गया है।

 एक्त गरीला में औपवन्धिक रूप से सफल घोषित अन्यर्थियों को पर्दो / विभागों की ऑनलाइन वरीयता (Online Preference) भरे जाने हेतू लिंक आयोग की

वेबसाइट www.psc.uk.govin पर दिनांक 20 सिताम्बर, 2022 से खोला जा रहा

है। अन्पर्धी दिनांक 06 अक्टूबर, 2022 तक ऑनलाइन परीयता(Online Preference)

जम्यवियों द्वारा उक्त लिंक का प्रयोग करते हुए पदों / विभागों की ऑनलाइन

वरीयता (Online Preference) मरने के पश्चात ऑनलाइन वरीवता का बिंट जाउट

[जिसमें ऑनलाइन वरीयता के राज्य ही आवेदन पत्र मी रामाष्टित होगां) तथा

आयोग की वेबसाइट में उपलब्ध सैकलिस्ट के अनुसार सगस्त शैक्षणिक, आरक्षण,

अधिमानी अर्डता इत्यादि संबंधी अभिलेखों की स्वडस्ताक्षरित प्रायाप्रति सिवेव,

जतराखण्ड लोक सेवा आगोग, हरिद्वार, पिन-249464 के कार्यालय में डाक

द्वारा अथवा अन्य किसी माध्यम से दिनांक 📭 अक्टूबर, 2022 (साथ 06:00 वजे तक)

तक उपलब्ध कराना सुनिरिचत करें। उपताकित निर्वारित अंतिम तिथि एवं समय

के परचात प्राप्त ऑनलाइन वरीयता (Online Preference), आवेदन पत्र एवं

अभिलेखों को आयोग द्वारा स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा। अध्ययों अभिलेख जगा

करने हेतु प्रयुक्त किए जाने वाले लिफाफें के ऊपर 'उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित

राज्य कनिष्त अभियन्ता सेवा परीक्षा-2021' तथा तिष्काफे के तल पर अपना

अभ्यर्थियों को ऑनलाइन वरीयता (Online Preference) भरने एवं अभिलेख जमा

किए जाने के संकंध में डाक द्वारा पृथक से सूचना प्रेषित नहीं की जायेगी। अध्यक्षीं

समस्त अभिलेखों/प्रमाण पत्रों की सावधानीपूर्वक जीय करने के परचात ही

आयोग कार्यालय को उपलब्ध कराना सुनिहितत करे तथा किसी भी दशा में अपूर्ण

'उत्तराखण्ड सम्मितित राज्य कनिष्ठ अभियन्ता सेवा परीक्षा-2021' के सापेत

साक्षात्कार कार्यक्रम एव साक्षात्कार झाप संबंधी सूचना पृथक से आयोग की

वेवसाइट व दैनिक समाधार पत्ने के मध्यम से प्रसारित की जायेगी। अभ्यर्थी इस

संबंध में आयोग की वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध विस्तृत विव्रप्ति का अवश्य

नाम एवं अनुक्रमांक अवस्य अकित करें।

व अस्पाद अमिलेख प्रेषित न करें।

अनुश्रवण करना सुनिश्चित करें।

INF/1450/22-23

भर सवाते हैं।

HOUT: 492/04/E-4/DRUEV2021-22

MANAGING DIRECTOR

दिनांक : 19 शितम्बर, 2022

(जीवएसक रावत) सचिव

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED **VIDYUTH SOUDHA: VIJAYAWADA** NIT No. 610001081 / APGENCO / 2022

APGENCO invites open tender for "Providing Insurance Coverage to the assets of Units-1 to 6 /RTPP, under "Industrial All Risk Policy" and arranging Standalone Public Llability and Terrorism policies for entire Plant of RTPP, on reinstatemen values, for the period from 00.00 Hrs on 23.11.2022 to 24.00 Hrs of 22.11.2023' hrough APGENCO e-procurement platform

: Rs. 5,56,36,174/-Estimated value of Contract Bid Schedule available Date & Time : From 18.00 Hrs on 16.09.2022 onwards Bid Submission Closing Date & Time: up to 13.00 Hrs on 28.09.2022

For further details visit website: **www.apgenco.gov.in** or https://etender.apgenco.gov.in/irj/portal

🛮 प्रतिभूति कागज कारखाना, नर्मदापुरम–461005 (म.प्र.) 🏸 🚙 (भारत प्रतिभूति मुद्रण तथा मुद्रा निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड की इकाई) भारत सरकार के पूर्ण स्वामित्वाधीन मिनीरत श्रेणी – 1 सीपीरसई एवं आई.एस.ओ. 9001 : 2015, 14001:2015, 450 मिनीरत्न श्रेणी - 1 सीपीप्रसई एवं आई. एस.ओ. 9001 : 2015, 14001:2015, 45001:2018, 50001:2018 एवं आईर्डसी 17025:2017 प्रमाणित

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Tel. No.: 07574-255259, Fax No.: 07574-255170, Email: gm.spm@spmcil.com, Website: http://spmnarmadapuram.spmcil.com Advt. No. 129 Dated: 20.09.2022

TENDER INVITING NOTICE

The Chief General Manager, Security Paper Mill, Narmadapuram (M.P.) Pin 461005 invites sealed tenders for following work/material urchase. Interested Manufactures/Suppliers may visit our website http://spmnarmadapuram.spmcil.com or http://eprocure.gov.in for detailed tender specifications/terms and conditions of tender enquiry.

			tenders	
6000017692 /Civil/shed	Construction of Shed for 132/33 KV substation (*)	As per E- Tender Enquiry	04.10.2022 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	
600001772 0/ Civil/ Hydrant	Providing & Laying of 150 mm dia CI Pipe Line for Fire Hydrant near Godown and Scrap Yard Area (*)	As per E- Tender Enquiry	04.10.2022 Upto 15:00 Hrs.	
GEM/2022/B /2481352	Procurement of Structural Steel (**)	23450 KG	05.10.2022 Upto 18:00 Hrs.	
EOI/ PROC / P B W C S H R E D - MAC / 820 d a t e d 05.09.2022	Procurement of Shredder Machine/ Melting Furnace for Destruction of Mould Covers for P M # 5 W i r e Workshop & MCMP	As per EOI	04.10.2022 Upto 11:00 Hrs.	
GEM/2022/ B/2410447	Procurement of Refiner Tackle Set(**)	As per N.I.T	03/10/2022 Upto 19:00 Hrs.	
600001772 8/purchase/ 28/22-23/ ET/183	Upgradation of CCTV(*)	As per E- Tender Enquiry	04.10.2022 Upto 15:00 Hrs.	
600001766 8/ Safety / PPE	Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment Items (*)	As per E- Tender Enquiry	07.10.2022 Upto 15:00 Hrs.	
GEM/2022/ B/ 2489679 d a t e d 13.09.2022	Hiring an Agency to Provide 03 Cook & 06 Attendants at Guest House of SPM, Narmadapuram, for the period of 12 Months (**)	As per Tender Enquiry	12.10.2022 Upto 18:00 Hrs.	
6000017637	Different Types of Paper Machine Rolls of Dryer Fabric Roll and Master Sizer (*)	As per E- Tender Enquiry	18.10.2022 Upto 15:00 Hrs.	
GEM/2022/ B/2444251	2 Ton Battery Operated Lifters (**)	As per Tender Enquiry	07.10.2022 Upto 18:00 Hrs.	

Please visit http://www.mstcecommerce.com.epro o http://eprocure.gov.in for details & submission of bid. **) Please visit Gem Portal <u>http://gem.gov.in</u>for details & submission of bid.

published on said website only. Those shall not be published in any other newspaper or media

ipate in the pre-bid. INF/1451/22-23

LIS PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office.: PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala:147001 CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-22185) Tender Enquiry No.: 265/SSD-141/S-1/2022 Dated: 20.09.2022

SE/Substation Design/ TS Organization, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for manufacturing, Testing and Supply of 15 nos. 25/31.5 MVA 66/11KV Power Trransformers. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 20.09.2022 (11.00 AM onwards).

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in C-358/22

Plot No.7, Sector 24, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur - 493661, (C.G.), India

E-TENDER NOTICE

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Clues from nets:

Patel the floater

VIRAT KOHLI, who has been called India's

back-up opener by captain Rohit Sharma,

might also become the team's sixth or sev-

enth bowling option in the upcoming T20I series against Australia and South Africa

On the eve of the first T20I against

Australia in Mohali, the former India captain

bowled with his cross-legged action for at

least 30 minutes after facing a barrage of

short deliveries from Jasprit Bumrah and

by coach Rahul Dravid. There was also a Kohli

celebration after he troubled Axar Patel a

Kohli the sixth

bowler, Axar

PRATYUSH RAJ

MOHALI SEPTEMBER 19

BRIEFLY -

Prag posts 3 wins before losing to Yoo

New York: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa began his campaign in the star-studded Julius Baer Generation Cup online rapid tournament, the seventh leg of the USD 1.6 million Meltwater Champions Chess Tour, with wins over veteran Vasyl Ivanchuk and Jan Kryzstof Duda of Poland. He then beat another veteran Boris Gelfand in the third round before losing to American 15-year old Christopher Yoo on Monday. The 17year old Chennnai prodigy came up trumps against 53-year old Ukrainian legend Ivanchuk in a battle of generations to pick up three points. Ivanchuk bounced back from the setback against Praggnanandhaa to win

Youth boxers clinch 19 medals in Serbia

New Delhi: Indian youth boxers bagged 10 gold medals on the final day to conclude a successful campaign with 19 podium finishes in the 40th Golden Glove of Vojvodina Youth Boxing Tournament in Serbia on Monday. Bhawna Sharma (48 kg), Devika Ghorpade (52 kg), Kunjarani Devi (60 kg), Ravina (63 kg) and Kirti (+81 kg) finished on top of the podium. Muskan (75 kg) and Pranjal Yadav (81 kg) secured silver medals after losing in the finals. Kashish (50 kg), Neeru (54 kg), Aarya (57 kg), Priyanka (66 kg) and Lashu (70 kg) were the other five Indian medallists in the women's section, who signed off with bronze medals each. Vishwanath (48 kg), Ashish (54 kg) and Sahil (71 kg) won men's gold along with Jadumani (51 kg) and Bharat Joon (92 kg) bagged gold medals. Nikhil (57 kg) and Deepak (75 kg) claimed bronze medals

Top T&F athletes for **National Games**

New Delhi: A host of the track and field stars, including steepleschaser Avinash Sable and long jumper Murali Sreeshankar, will take part in the upcoming National Games with athletics set to field most number of participants among the 36 sports. The Games are scheduled to be held in Gujarat from September 29. Though Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and Commonwealth Games triple jump gold medallist Eldhose Paul have decided to give the Games a miss, there are still some top athletes taking part in the multi-sport event, held after a gap of seven years.

FIFA chief Infantino likely to visit India

Kolkata: World football governing body president Gianni Infantino might visit India next month and call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss the way forward for Indian football. This was revealed during the executive committee meeting of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) here on Monday. Infantino's visit, if it takes place, will coincide with the final leg of the FIFA Women's U-17 world Cup, which is to be held in the country from October 11 to 30. Meanwhile, Bhaichung Bhutia on Monday said he might explore legal options after the AIFF turned down his request for a discussion on the appointment of Shaji Prabhakaran as

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Focus on Kohli's 'template'

Former captain's recent run of form can work if he opens with Rohit, leaving Rahul's place in jeopardy

PRATYUSH RAJ MOHALI, SEPTEMBER 19

BEFORE EIGHT cheetahs from Namibia arrived, Virat Kohli was one of the most trending topics in India. Kohli's lean patch, his sixweek break from international cricket, the way he opened up about his "mental health," how he was "disturbed" to find he "wasn't excited to play or practice," and then finally, the century No 71, which ended the three-years-long drought.

India have thrown their lot behind Kohli after they went through a very conservative 'experimental' phase which lacked real experiments. India didn't quite explore trying Rishab Pant as opener or even giving Prithvi Shaw a go to see how he does. Or give Suryakumar Yadav the No.3 position. In fact, they demoted Deepak Hooda after he had done well at the top. So, after going around in circles, India have come back to Kohli.

Kohli finally got his 71st international hundred in the inconsequential final Super 4 Asia Cup game against Afghanistan. He did give a glimpse of him coming back to his pomp. But at the same time, one must not forget that his 61-ball 122 came against a tired and jaded Afghanistan side, who were playing back-to-back games in the Dubai heat after their soul-sucking loss to Pakistan.

Afghanistan's captain Mohammad Nabi revealed that their players took sleeping pills after their defeat against Pakistan. Afghanistan were ahead in the game until Naseem Shah struck two match-winning sixes to shatter their hopes.

Yes, Kohli's authoritative pull shots through mid-wicket were back, but so was his habit of chasing the ball outside the off stump. In the first game against Pakistan, he faced a brute of a delivery from Naseem Shah; Kohli gave a wry smile after leaving the bowl. Next ball, Kohli was lulled into a loose drive and got a thick edge only for Fakhar Zaman to drop it at the third slip. Against Shah, in particular, he could have got out at least three times before he was eventually

dismissed. He hardly looked at ease even against a weaker Hong Kong during his unbeaten 59. India would have been in trouble if not for Suryakumar Yadav's 25ball 68. Against the quality bowling attack of Pakistan in the Asia Cup, Kohli never looked settled. One can cut him some slack as he was coming after the break, and

it is not easy to get going right from the word go. But at the same time, with Kohli in the team, the management had to drop Sanju Samson and Deepak Hooda.

Saniu did his chances no harn whatever opportunities he got in the last twelve months. On the other hand, Hooda scored a brilliant century against Ireland while batting at 3. Hooda can bring more balance to the team with his valuable offspin and it would give Rohit the option to bring in Dinesh Karthik, the only finisher India have got in their fifteen.

In his free-wheeling chat to Rohit Sharma after India's ouster from the Asia Cup, Virat Kohli said he has realised that he should stick to his tried and tested 'template' where six-hitting isn't always a priority.

Indeed, no one can forget the Virat Kohli masterclass against Tuesday's opponent at the same venue in Mohali. But that was 2016 and we are in 2022. Since then, the T20 has evolved, where a 10-ball 25 can significantly impact the game more than a

Ever since Rohit Sharma took over as captain of India in the shorter format, he has



Virat Kohli during a training session at the PCA Stadium in Mohali on the eve of first T20I vs Australia. Kamleshwar Singh

been bullish about the aggressive approach. "We have made it very clear after the T20 World Cup in Dubai when we didn't qualify (for the semi-final). We felt that there needs to be a change in our attitude, in our approach to how we play the game.

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Rohit has said before the Asia Cup.

With Virat returning to his old template, will it work for Rohit Sharma? It can only work if he opens the innings with Rohit Sharma, where he can play the anchor role. But for that, India will have to drop KL Rahul, whose timid approach in the T20Is in the

recent past has been questionable. So in a game of 120 balls, having two anchors in their top three is a considerable risk that India's selectors have taken for the T20 World Cup. Virat's template can only work, if KL Rahul can manage to rediscover his past form from pre-IPL captaincy years where he used to go berserk from ball one. Otherwise, it will be a Dubai deja vu for Rohit

Sharma and co in Down Under. However, Rohit has confirmed that Virat Kohli is going to be the third opener but at the same time, he maintained that KL Rahul

"Since we have not taken the third opener, he can obviously open. I don't think we are going to experiment. KL Rahul is going to be our opener in the World Cup for sure," Rohit said. Now the dust has settled, and the monkey is off Virat's back. But against Australia and then South Africa, he will be up against probably the world's best

Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood must have seen the way Naseem and co bowled to Virat in the Asia Cup. The Australian duo will test him again with that probing length.

Rohit emphasised during his chat with Virat that for India to do well at the T20 World Cup, the form of Kohli would be

One hopes that in the six T20Is (three each against Australia and South Africa), Kohli will find his consistency for himself, for India, and his fans and only time will decide if he is back or not.

India to go to Australia early for match practice before T20 WC

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE INDIAN team will travel to Australia a week prior to their proposed schedule for the T20 World Cup for acclimatisation and match practice. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has decided to send the full T20 squad, net bowlers and standbyes after the team plays its third T20 International against

South Africa in Indore on October 4. The Indian team is playing three T20 Internationals each against Australia and South Africa at home in a span of two weeks before departing for Australia. The Indian Express understands that the squad will fly to Australia on October 5 and the BCCI is planning at least three warm-up games there in addition to two matches organised by the ICC against New Zealand (Oct 17) and Australia (Oct 18).

The Board, after consultation with head coach Rahul Dravid, has decided to give more match practice to its players before they open their World Cup campaign against Pakistan in Melbourne on October 23.

"We are in talks with a few teams who will olay games with us besides warm-up games kept by ICC. The entire T20 World Cup squad will travel to Australia on October 5 along with Dravid and his support staff. The Indian team which will play ODIs here against South Africa will be a second-string side coached by VVS Laxman," a BCCI official said.

Dhawan likely to lead Indian team in ODIs Opener Shikhar Dhawan is likely to lead the second-string Indian team in the ODIs against South Africa. The support staff of the India A team will be asked to work with the Indian senior team for the ODIs. The Indian team will play three ODIs - in Indore on October 6. Ranchi on October 9 and Delhi on October 11.

It's not the first time Laxman has been asked to coach the Indian senior team. He was on duty during India's tour of Ireland followed by a T20 game against England and on the short tour of Zimbabwe

Kohli, who bowled a solitary over against Hong Kong in the recently-concluded Asia Cup, was seen rolling his arm over, watched

Umesh Yadav in the nets.

couple of times.

ahead of the T20 World Cup.

Spotlight on Axar Patel Axar Patel, who has replaced the injured Ravindra Jadeja, had an extended batting session. The 28-year old has always been Jadeja's back-up, and has lived up to the challenge whenever he was called into action. Axar mostly faced spinners R Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal, apart from Kohli's

dibbly-dobblies. With the way India have been experimenting, we might see the left-hander used as a floater in the batting order to have a go at the spinners. Against South Africa earlier this year in Cuttack, India had sent in Axar in the 13th over ahead of Dinesh Karthik to allow the finisher to come in later during the death overs.

Bumrah cranks up the pace

Jasprit Bumrah, who is returning from a back injury, was doing what he does best, troubling batters for fun. Bumrah found the outside edge of both Kohli and KL Rahul's bats on several occasions before he had a go at Hardik Pandya.

In between, he also shared a good 30 minutes with the Punjab Cricket Association's net bowlers. "Ye wala acha tha, thoda aur aagey daalo (This one was good, pitch it up further)," he advised the sixseven pacers.

Then he moved to the last net, where Bhuvneshwar Kumar was batting and gave a few throwdowns to his fellow pacer before calling it a day.

Dinesh Karthik didn't have much of a hit, while Deepak Hooda skipped the net session. Rishabh Pant practised his power-hitting and was the one who donned the wicketkeeping gloves during the fielding session.



KL Rahul and Jasprit Bumrah during nets at the PCA Stadium in Mohali on Monday. Kamleshwar Singh

'What criticism?': Rahul shrugs off strike rate debate

Mohali: "What criticism?" KI Rahul shot Rahul said that the current team man back when he was asked about the ongoing debate over his T20 strike-rate. Rahul shrugged off questions surrounding the pace at which he bats in the shortest format, saving that strike-rate doesn't tell you the entire story, but added that "it is something" he is working on.

"Strike-rates are taken on an overall basis. You never see when that batsman has played at a certain strike-rate, whether it was important for him to play at 200 strikerate whether the team could still have won (by) striking at 100 and 120," Rahul said. "Strike-rate is something I am working at. I am working towards it, on how I can improve myself as an opening batter and see how I can have the most impact for my team when I go out to bat," he added.

Rahul strikes at 140.91 in T20Is, which is slightly above his overall T20 strike-rate

agement has created a kind of environment where players are not afraid to fail, and that he has received an enormous amount of support from coach Rahul Dravid and captain Rohit Sharma. The most important thing for a

player in that dressing room is what his captain, coach and teammates think of him. Not every time a player will succeed. We have created a kind of environment where players are not afraid to fail and afraid to make mistakes," Rahul said. "We criticise ourselves more than any-

one else because we are representing our country. So when we don't do well, it hurts the most. I have a leader, coach, and support staff, who encourage players who are going through a rough patch. Every individual wants to see a little bit of support, and that is what I have received."

PRATYUSH RAJ

Delhi HC restrains release of ex-hockey coach's book Ali returns to roots as England faces Pakistan in T20 series ahead of WC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

THE DELHI High Court on Monday granted an ad interim injunction against the release of the book Will Power, authored by Sjoerd Marijne, former coach of the Indian women's hockey team, and publisher HarperCollins Publishers India Private Ltd after a player, Gurjit Kaur, claimed it contains information pertaining to her medical condition. Gurjit appealed against the order of a sin-

gle judge of the high court who had allowed the release of the book on Thursday. In her appeal, the appellant claimed that the author had divulged certain confidential information that was shared by the appellant with him in confidence while he was the coach of the Indian hockey team, pertaining to a medical condition that the appellant has said she was suffering from.

Gurjit argued that divulging such confidential information amounts to violation of the Code of Conduct and Sanctions of Hockey India, to which the author of the book was a signatory. The appellant referred to Clause 20 of the Code which states, "The Members, Volunteers, and staff of Hockey India and



Gurjit Kaur has claimed Sjoerd Marijne's book contains confidential information pertaining to her medical condition. File

Hockey India League shall not disclose information entrusted to them in confidence. Disclosure of other information shall not be for personal gain or benefit, nor be undertaken maliciously to damage the reputation of any person or organization"

Gurjit's counsel argued that firstly, the nature of the information is confidential since

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it pertains to her medical condition. Secondly, there is nothing to show that the information regarding the appellant's medical condition was out in the public, and thirdly, the author who was the coach of the women's hockey team, along with Gurjit's teammates, were also bound by the code of conduct and sanctions issued by Hockey India.

Right to protection of data

The court observed that there can be no guarrel with the decision of the Supreme Court that the right to protection of data... such as medical information... falls within

the reasonable expectation paradigm. "In view of the foregoing, the publishers as well as the author arrayed as Respondents 1 and 2 (HarperCollins and Marijne) in the present appeal are restrained by an ad-interim injunction from publishing the subject

book or any other matter incidental thereto or any other matter related to the subject book in so far as it relates to Gurjit Kaur's medical condition," the bench ordered.

The single judge, in his order passed on Thursday, had observed that "there cannot be any confidentiality or privacy with regard to a medical condition of a sports personality. On a regular basis, there are news reports about injuries and medical conditions of sports personalities. If the plaintiff has been playing with this medical condition for many years, the medical condition cannot remain confidential. The manuscript of the book reveals that the plaintiff told all other teammates of this medical condition and they all rallied around her."

The single judge had further observed that the book praised the appellant that "despite the medical condition of the plaintiff, she has

achieved success in the international field". But on Monday, the Division Bench of Justice Siddharth Mridul and Justice Amit Sharma granted an ad interim injunction restraining Marijne and the HarperCollins from publishing the book or any other matter related to the book pertaining to Gurjit's medical condition. Issuing a notice on the appeal, the court listed the matter for December 7.

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KARACHI, SEPTEMBER 19

MOEEN ALI returns to his roots in Pakistan to lead England in a seven-match series as both nations fine-tune for next month's T20 World Cup. Ali will captain England because Twenty20 skipper Jos Buttler is recovering from a calf injury and is expected to play in only one or two games toward the end of the series, which begins Tuesday.

"Captaining England in any game, anywhere in the world, is a huge honor," Ali said. Obviously, with my roots being from here and to lead England ... it's huge and it's (a) very proud moment for me and my family, my mum and dad and everybody."

England's first tour to Pakistan since 2005 starts in Karachi, which will host four games. The remaining three will be played in Lahore from Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Buttler is with the squad and has been undergoing rehabilitation, but Ali said the recurring of the injury during the Hundred back home has forced the England captain to be extra careful.

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MOEEN ALI CAPTAIN, ENGLAND

play one or two games, but we're not sure yet," Ali said. "Obviously with the World Cup in Australia, it's huge for us and we want him fully fit for the whole competition there."

The T20 World Cup begins on October 16 and ends on November 13.

At least eight members of the England squad like Ali himself, Harry Brook, Alex Hales and Phil Salt have experience playing in Pakistan for various franchises in the Pakistan Super League. That experience could come in handy for an England team that is without its key T20 World Cup player

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Valverde on target again as racist chants mar Madrid derby

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MADRID. SEPTEMBER 19

FEDERICO VALVERDE on track to ensure Carlo Ancelotti doesn't have to rip up his coaching badges, while racism once again rears its ugly head and the top four battle is as open as it ever has been. Here are the talking points from the weekend's action in La Liga:

Valverde delivers

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti joked in midweek that he had told midfielder Federico Valverde that he would rip up his coaching badges if the Uruguayan did not score at least 10 goals this season. It appears the 24-year-old took the threat literally as he bagged his third goal in his last three games in Real's 2-1 win over Atletico on Sunday, taking his tally to four for the season already. If he keeps up this kind of form, Ancelotti will breathe easily.

Vinicius racially abused

A video emerged in the build up to the game of hundreds of Atletico fans chanting "Vinicius you are a monkey" about the Real Madrid forward - just days after the Brazilian had released a statement condemning the amount of racist abuse he has received thus far in his career. Spanish football has long had problems with racism, with former Barcelona defender Dani Alves famously eating a banana that was thrown at him when on the pitch in 2014, while last season an Atleti fan who was filmed making monkey gestures at last season's Champions League tie with Manchester United was arrested by police and fined for his behaviour. La Liga must act swiftly and strongly in response to what occurred.

Top-four battle open as ever

In the past couple of seasons, the top four in Spain has been a closed shop, with Real, Barca, Atleti and Sevilla making the Champions League spots their own. However, with Atleti and Sevilla both enduring stuttering starts to the season while the likes of Real Betis and Athletic Bilbao flourish, there is every chance the two regulars could miss out on qualification for the European Cup next season unless they find form soon.

Big teams fall in Serie A

For the first time since February 1955, Juventus, Inter, AC Milan and Roma lost on the same day in the Italian league. Promoted Monza probably didn't expect its first-ever Serie A win to come against Juventus but it managed to beat Massimiliano Allegri's side

Big leap: From Lakshadweep to long jump youth nat'l gold

No synthetic track, and just two weekly ships to reach competitions on mainland India, yet Mubbsina is India's best youth in heptathlon

ANDREW AMSAN

WHEN LAKSHADWEEP'S Mubssina Mohammed won the long iump gold at the National Youth Championships on Sunday, her mom was over the moon. "Bhayngra, bhayngra (very, very) happy," Dubina Bano said in a tone that matched the excitement of winning a World level medal. But for Mubssina, who comes from a place that doesn't even have a 400m track, let alone a synthetic surface, the achievement is no mean feat.

A day after winning Lakshadweep's first ever national-level athletics medal (long jump gold), 16-year-old Mubssina (4649 points) finished first in heptathlon at the ongoing Youth National Championships in Bhopal. The prodigious teenager has now qualified in both events for the Asian Youth Championships to be held in Kuwait next month.

Mubssina was first spotted by coach Ahmed Jawad Hassan, a Lakshadweep Youth and Sports Affairs official and coach, during a sports festival in the Minicov islands. The youngster was a middle- and long-distance runner back then. "She had the quality of a good long jumper and that is why I asked her to switch. She had that explosiveness in her strides," says a proud Hassan who is also the secretary of the Lakshadweep athletics association. Athletics is never a first choice among boys in football-loving Lakshadweep. The handful of youngsters that train under Hassan had to be coaxed into trying the sport. For women, it is a battle to convince their parents.

"The boys hardly show any interest. Even at zonal level events, only girls have won medals so far. But the biggest hurdle is convincing their parents to send them for training. Here the focus is entirely on studies and sports is often seen as a distraction or a futile career path," says Hassan.

Another hurdle is the lack of basic facilities. The 10 inhabited islands don't have a single 400m or synthetic track. Mubssina and the others have to make do with mud tracks for their workout and training. High-end gymnasiums and other recovery facilities are distant dreams for Lakshadweep youngsters at the moment. If infrastructure inadequacy wasn't a hurdle big enough, the region also lacks personnel power in athletics. "I am the only athletics coach in the inhabited 10 islands here. I take care of coaching, paperwork, and organising events and have even done the markings at competitions. There is virtually no one to help me out here and barely any funds. I put money from my own pocket to organise competitions," says Hassan who was a university-level middle-distance runner.

Out of the mainstream

But the biggest obstacle for athletes from the region remains travelling to competition venues. The weekly ship from Kavaratti, the capital of the union territory, is the only viable option for youngsters to travel to the mainland. "The only major competition we have here is the school games. For the rest, we have to travel. Since we have one or maximum two ships from here to Ernakulam in a week, we have to spare at least a week to travel and return from any competition," explains the coach.



Long jump champion Mubssina Mohammed with her mother Dubina Bano. Express

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"That is one of the reasons parents don't want their kids to do athletics. They feel all this travel will ruin their schooling.'

But Mubssina's mother, in her own words "thinks differently." Dubina Bano is very passionate about any kind of sport. As a kid, she wanted to pursue sports herself but her parents did not approve. "It is the case now also. I see so many parents refusing to send their kids to sports but I think differently. I am very, very happy that my daughter has won the first medal from this region. I really hope it will change the outlook of people now," says Dubina who runs a small clothing store in Minicoy.

Mubssina's father does not have fixed employment and the family is dependent on Dubina's earnings. "She is her biggest supporter and fan. They have limited financial resources but her

mother never lets that affect Mubssina's sport," says Hassan. Meanwhile, Deepika of Bangaon, Haryana, rewrote her own Youth(U-18) national record with a best effort of 51.84m (previous mark 51.37m) in the javelin throw.

The teenager, who was the only thrower to breach the 50m mark on Monday, also achieved the cut for the event in Kuwait. Deepika is also the national record holder in the U-16 category and trains under coach Hanuman, who is credited for producing several young and promising talents from the Fatehabad region.

Asian medallist handed two-year ban

NEW DELHI: Senior India quarter-miler and Asian Games medallist MR Poovamma has been handed

a two-year ban for flunking a dope test last year as the Anti-Doping Appeal Panel (ADAP) of the NADA overturned a disciplinary panel decision to hand her a threemonth suspension.

32-year-old Poovamma's dope sample collected on February 18 last year, during the Indian Grand Prix I in Patiala, had returned positive for stimulant methylhexaneamine, a specified substance under World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code. The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel in a June orsion.On appeal by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) against the disciplinary panel decision, the ADAP handed Poovamma a two-year ban."We set aside the impugned order dated 16.06.2022 as passed by Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel and allow the appeal of NADA and consequently impose a sanction of 02 years under Article 10.2.2 ineligibility upon the Athlete," the Anti-Doping Appeal Panel headed by Abhinav Mukerji said in its order dated September 16.

"We also direct that under Article 10.10 all other competitive results obtained by the athlete from the date of sample collection i.e., 18.02.2021 shall be disqualified and all resulting consequences including forfeiture of medals, points and prizes shall follow."

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der had handed her just three months suspen-

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Punjab National Bank**, Circle SASTRA Ara 1st Floor, Mahuli Kothi, Near Peer Baba More, Ara-802301 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 25.05.2021 calling upon the Borrower M/S Akshay Rice Mill, Prop. Sh Awadesh Kumar Singh, S/o Shri Krishna Singh, R/O-Vill - Dudhara, PO Akorhi, Thana-Mohania, District-Kaimur, Bihar-821109 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 63,74,983.24 (Rupees Sixty Three Lacs Seventy Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three and Paisa Twenty Four Only) and interest thereon from 01.04.2021 within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the

said Rules on this 15th day of September, 2022. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank of Rs. 78,98,977.00 (Rupees Seventy Eight Lacs Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on 31.08.2022 with further interest and charges from 01.09.2022 until

The Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of subsection (8) or section 13 of the Act in respect to time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property

(1) All that Part and Parcel of Property (Land and Building) situated at-

Mauza- Dudhara, Thana No.- 140 (Mohania), Khata No. 10, Plot (Khesra) No.83, District-Kaimur Area-22 Decimal & Khata No.68/87, Plot (Khesra) No. 119, District-Kaimur, Area 18 Decimal. Total Area 40 Decimal, Sale Deed No. 6943 dated 19.08.2013, Owner/Mortgagor- M/s Akshay Rice Mill (Prop.) Sh. Awadesh Kumar Singh, Boundary:-North-Rambharosha Pandey Others, South Rest of Plot No.83 and 119 Nij Manmokir, East-Rama Nand Singh, West-Road

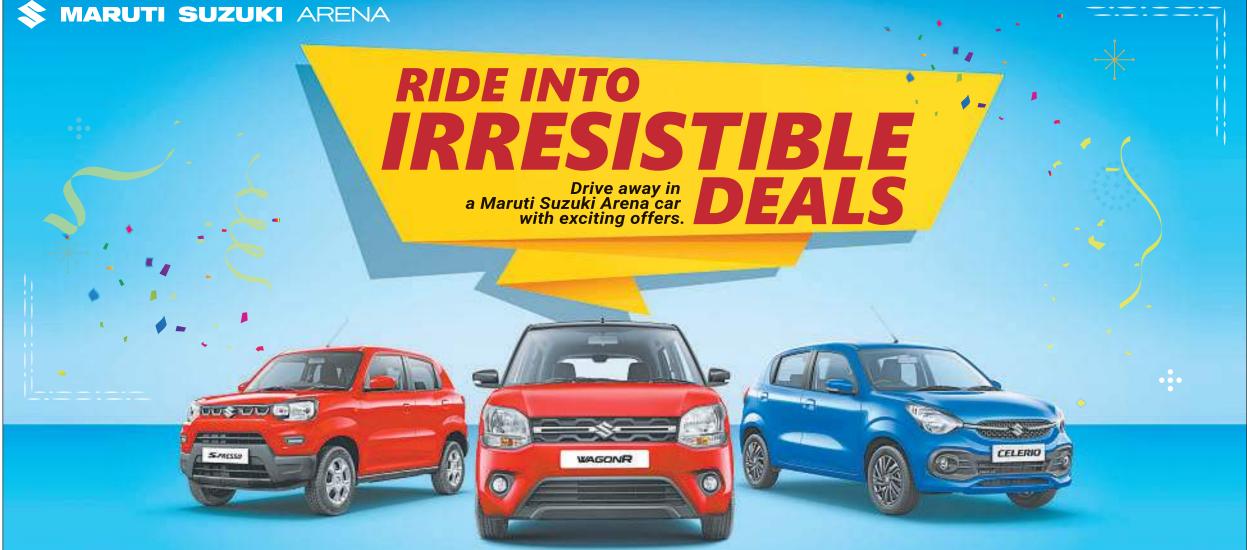
(2) All that Part and Parcel of Property (Land and Building) situated at-Mauza- Dandwa, Pragna- Chainpur, Thana No.- 535, Khata No. 322, Plot (Khesra) No.1241

Halka No.- 9, Bhabhua, District- Kaimur, Area- 2.50 Decimal, Sale Deed No. 3001 dated 08.04.2008, Owner/ Mortgagor- Sh. Awadesh Kumar Singh, Sh Surendra Kumar Singh and Sh Birendra Kumar Singh, all are S/o Sh Krishna Singh, Boundary:- North- Rasta 6 Feet., South Smt. Lalita Devi, East-Rasta 6 Feet, West-Rasta 6 Feet.

(3) All that Part and Parcel of Property (Land and Building) situated at-

Mauza- Mohaniya, Thana No.- 131, Khata No. 573/55, Plot (Khesra) No.1177/781, Bhabhua, District Kaimur, Area- 2.50 Decimal, Sale Deed No. 2237 dated 17.03.1989 and 2239 dated 17.03.1989. Owner/ Mortgagor- Sh. Awadesh Kumar Singh, Sh Surendra Kumar Singh and Sh Birendra Kumar Singh, all are S/o of Sh. Krishna Singh, **Boundary:-North-** Janardhan Singh and Other, **South-**Shiv Pujan Singh and Others, **East-**Mistri, **West-**Koli, Badhu Ram Sakal Singh.

Date: 15.09.2022 (Authorised Officer)



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