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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 purposes. 007080444-1

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

I, Sneha Srivastava, W/o Tushar Gupta, D/o Ajay 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 purposes. 0070804400-1

I, Satish, S/o Har Prasad, R/o B-120, Gautampuri Phase-1, Badapur, 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 RAINA, R/O FLAT. No.11019,TOWER-C, 16TH-AVENUE, GAUR,CITY-2, SECTOR-16C,GREATER NOIDA-WEST, GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR, UTTAR- 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 Singh Bhatia. 0070804401-10

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

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

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 Neetu Gupta. 0040632770-3

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 purpose. 0050204783-1

I, LaxmiRani Bag,W/O- JC- 67609L,Sub Chhabila Kumar Bag,Unit-34RR(JAT),R/O- Ganyaspali,Po/Tehsil-Kolaaria, District-Jharsaguda,Odisha,Pin-768213. In my husband service record my name has been wrongly mentioned as LaxmiRani Deheria instead of LaxmiRani 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, Punjab, India have changed my name Gursewak and surname Gursewak. All concerned please note. 0040632768-1

I, Greesh Babu, S/o Gaurae Shanks, 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 Rajput instead of Aarti Rajput. Correct name of my Wife is Aarti Rajput. 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-ul-Islam,S/o Abdul Razi,R/o 75 Chhatta Lal Main Darya Ganj,Delhi-110002,Have Changed My Name To Badrul Islam. 0040632837-10

I, Dharmendra Singh, R/o 505, Bhai Parmanod Colony, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my minor daughter name from Mishtthi Singh to Mishtthi. 0070804452-1

I, Dharmendra Singh Bhati alias Dharmendra Singh Bhati alias Dharmender, R/o 505, Bhai Parmanad Colony, Dr. Mukherjee 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

I,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 Divya, which may be amended accordingly. 0070804407-1

I, Chandrakant Bhardwaj, S/o Jeeshv Bhardwaj, 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 Bhamnati Bai. 0070804471-1

I, Balram Prasad Tripathi, S/o Shiv Prasad Tripathi, R/o Vill- Algotpur, Distt- Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh-273209, have 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 to Babita Kumari. 0040632832-3

I, Aavek Roy, S/o Ajoy Kumar Roy, R/o G-1417, 1st Floor, Near CR Park Police Station, Chittranjan Park, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019, have changed my minor Daughter's name from Aarna Roy aged 09 years to Aradhita Roy forever. 0070804475-1

I, Swati Magdalene Kujur, D/o Late Sh. Dilip Anjulux 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. 0040632864-1

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 Paul 0040632870-1

I, Suman Kumari, D/o Mulkh Raj W/o Harish Chawla, H.No.9,First-Floor, Crescent Drive Vatika, Sector-82, Gurgaon, Haryana-122004 have changed my name to 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. 0040632837-5

I, Sharafat Ali S/o Asgar Khan R/o H.No-W-602-C,Tihar Village, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my to Shaukat Ali. 0040632855-7

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 is wrongly written in my passport as Zubun 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 Kashyap, 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-97/4, GALINO.4-B-BLOCK,SINDHI COLONY,SWAROOP-NAGAR, DELHI-110042.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHEHEL 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, permanently. 0040632770-2

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, 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

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I,Rozila Rajput,W/O-Vikas Kumar,Address-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 actual-name 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,Raghav 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 KAUAR KALRA. 0040632837-2

I,RAMIZ HUSSAIN S/O ZAMEER HUSSAIN,R/O 777,SECTOR-7,JASOLA VIHAR,DELHI-110025,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SYED RAMIZ HUSSAIN. 0040632821-7

I,RAJ KUMAR KASHYAP S/O BALERAM KASHYAP HOUSE NO-130 JATTIWARA MEERUT UTTAR PRADESH,250002. CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJ 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. 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, changed my -minor son name 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 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 Jain,D.O.B- 04/05/1967. 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 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 Shri.Nanu Nair,R/O-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 purposes. 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 BAMOTRA. 0040632855-1

I,NASREEN FATIMA,W/O MOHD SHAHZAD,R/O-A-18,JOGA BAI-EXTN JAMIA-NAGAR,OKHLA,DELHI-110025,have changed my name to NASREEN,for all,future purpose 0040632818-4

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

I,Guddi 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 Malkheet Singh Kooner R/O Flat No, Orange-1201, Gulmohar Residency, Ahinsa Khand - 2, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Tanu Kooner. 0040632613-2

I,MD SHAHNWAZ S/O MD GULAM SAMDANI R/O- HALDWANI MORE, NEAREST NOUR 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, P/O-Behsuma Teh-Mawana, Meerut(UP)have changed my name to MANJEET KOUR. 0040632818-3

I,Kulvinder Kaur Nagi W/o Nawaldev 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 Jawsnt Singh for all purposes 0040632821-3

I,Jagmohan Singh S/o-Indier 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-110024,Declare that My Grandfather Names Jalluddin 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 purposes. 0040632834-2

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

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

I,Jasmeinder Syal W/o Jagmohan Singh Sethi R/O,CA-46C,SF,DDA Flats, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Jasmeinder Kaur. 0040632855-5

I,GIJAN PARKASH,S/O-BISHAN DUTT, R/O-A-217,CHHATARPUR NEAR RAMLLA CHOWK, CHHATARPUR, MEHARAULI, SOUTH DELHI-110074,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GYAN PRAKASH GAUR. 0040632821-1

I,Dilpreet 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 Parmar to Varnika Parmar. 0040632855-10

I,Dilip Kumar,S/o-Bajrang Lal India,R/O-Indoria Ka Mohalla, Dhankoli, Didwana, Nagaur, Rajasthan-341303, have changed my name from Dilip Kumar, to Dilip Kumar India,for all purposes. 0040632864-5

I,Charanjit Singh S/o Sardar Swanderi Singh R/O-170 Jheel Khurenja,Shahdara Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Charanjeet Singh for all purposes 0040632821-2

I,Umed Singh Saini S/o Ramkishan R/o village and post office, Sainipura, Hansi-125033 Haryana have changed my name as Umed Singh permanently. 0040632812-3

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-11, LSC Near Samachar Apartment, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, New Delhi-110091. 0070804450-1

I,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 17/08/1989 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. 0070804408-1

LOST Original Allotment & Possession Letter of RP Dhaundiyal & Sudha Dhaundiyal for Flat no. A2/206, Krishna Apra Gardens, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad. Online police complaint filed with Delhi Police. Call 7678212267. 0040632832-10

I,Manu Garg S/o Mukesh Garg R/O Mpl. No.2580/5, PLOT /Khasra no. 274 Block M Nalwala Estate Beadon Pura Karol Bagh , New Delhi 110005, have lost the Original Lease deed,Sanction Plan, Original SPA, GPA, Original Agreement to Sale,If found contact on above address. 0040632834-4

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To, be known to all that my client, Shri Ashok Kumar Wadhwa S/o Shri Pankar Dass Wadhwa R/O C-3/19, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053, is the allottee of Property Bearing Plot No.85, Pocket-1, Block-C, Sector-30, Area Measuring 60.00 Sq. Mtrs., in Rohini Residential Scheme, Rohini, Delhi, vide VOA File No.148/1100/2012/RNH has applied for Certified Copies documents of the said property in DDA. The original documents i.e. Perpetual Lease Deed, Allotment Letter, Possession Letter & Site Possession Slip, of the said property have been lost or misplaced by me and are not traceable inspite of my best efforts. An F.I.R./NCR to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station, Crime Branch, Delhi (LR No.981037/2022 dated 16.09.2022).

Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address. Phone No.971510023 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (AS (Rohini) or Director (Land), Vikas Sadan, New Delhi, vide VOA File No.148/1100/2012/RNH.

My client Shakti Chand Dadwal So Lt. Vids KDA Ram & Mrs. Raksh Kumar Dadwal wo Shakti Chand Dadwal R/o House No.43 First Floor, Left Side, Humayunpur Village, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029, severe all the relations with respect to his property, name ROHIT DADWAL and his wife MEENA DADWAL from all the movable & immovable properties & assets due to his/her misconduct. Anybody dealing with them shall do at their own risk, cost and liability & my client & their other family members shall not be responsible for their any legal illegal acts and deeds. Aditya Gupta (Advocate) Ch.No.130 Saket Courts New Delhi-17

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AN EXPRESS INVESTIGATION- PART 1

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

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

FROM THE “Congress Bureau of Investigation” and a “caged parrot” to a part of the BJP’s “jama” (son-in-law) trinity (the other two being Income Tax and Enforcement Directorate) — the Central Bureau of Investigation, the country’s premier anti-corruption agency, has acquired many an epithet for its reputation of acting at the behest of who pulls its political strings at the Centre.

No wonder then that in the past 18 years, spanning 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 BJP-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 relegated to the backburner.

The entire list of 72 from the UPA and 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 they belonged, along with the

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The CBI headquarters in New Delhi

THE LIST OF NAMES

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HOW NUMBERS STACK UP

NDA-II		2014 TO PRESENT		UPA-I & UPA-II (2004-2014)	
124	POLITICAL LEADERS UNDER PROBE	72	POLITICAL LEADERS UNDER PROBE		
118	OPPOSITION LEADERS	43	OPPOSITION LEADERS		
6	BJP	29	CONGRESS & ALLIES		

OPPOSITION INVESTIGATED PARTYWISE BREAK-UP

DURING NDA-II
THE 95%
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
THE 60%
BJP 12, BSP 5, TMC 4, Ind 4, SP 3, INLD 3, JD(U) 3, BJD 2, LJP 1, RLD 1, MNF 1, YSRCP 1, AIADMK 1, PMK 1, BSR Cong 1
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Misuse of CBI, ED: Don’t think PM behind it, BJP leaders are, says Mamata

ATRIMITRA

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, Banerjee 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 currency.”

She added: “The Prime Minister must look into the

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PRESIDENT AT QUEEN’S FUNERAL

President Droupadi Murmu at the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, in London on Monday. PTI
THE QUEEN’S FINAL JOURNEY, PAGE 14

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

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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

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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 prepare the ground for him to “change his mind”.

to take over as president. Sources said Sonia told him that she — in other words, the family — would “stay neutral” in the coming presidential elections.

Tharoor, one of the G-23 leaders who wants sweeping changes in how the party is run,

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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

of corruption in the public distribution system — NAN is the agency in charge of distribution and procurement of foodgrains.

“Please go through the material. If this comes out in public 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 U U Lalit, as the counsel for the state government took objection to submission of material in a sealed cover.

Senior Advocate Mukul

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

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SAYING THAT a “uniform approach” is needed on “granting real 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/convict, on the issue of sentence,” said a bench of Chief Justice of India U U Lalit and Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia.

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”.

“What is conspicuously absent 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),

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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 Mumbai for over a month now.

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

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

NAVEEDIQBAL
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,” Nabi said.

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



Vijay Dhar heads the project 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

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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 Sanjay 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



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 re-

fused to comment on the direction. 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-

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Low PCR conversion rate

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

conclusion,” a senior police officer, 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 chief’s directions.

BRIEFLY

Man, family booked over ‘dowry death’

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

Fake visa racket busted, 3 arrested

New Delhi: A fake visa racket was busted by arresting three travel agents who have been cheating hundreds of students and job aspirants on the pretext 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 contacted one of them on social media.

Cop shoots self dead

New Delhi: A police officer of Delhi’s Central District committed suicide on Monday morning. Police said head constable Manoj, in charge of summon 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**

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



D B Venkatesh Varma
Former Indian Ambassador to Russia



Shubhajit Roy
Associate Editor The Indian Express

In conversation with

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.

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

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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 officials.

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 three discoms.

“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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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 Raju 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. PPT

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

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
SEPTEMBER 19

THE WAR of words between the 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 re-appointment 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

of universities.

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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Secretary, UGC

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

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & NAVJEEVAN GOPAL
NEW DELHI, CHANDIGARH,
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 BJP, 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 Preetneet 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?"

Kaur and Raninder were not present on the occasion. Union Agriculture Minister 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 BJP and both parties performed poorly. The PLC could

EXPLAINED 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 BJP 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 BJP."

SCHOOL JOBS SCAM

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

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE
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

my life."

"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 had 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."

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

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 be 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." (WITHPTINPUTS)

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Date: 20.09.2022

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Punjab CM calls special Assembly session to bring confidence motion

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
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 Kejriwal 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... I 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.

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 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.





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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 academic year. 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." **ENS**

UTTAR PRADESH
Dalit woman, daughter killed over property

Meerut: A 32-year-old Dalit woman and her minor daughter were bludgeoned to death with a grinding stone at their house in Kankath 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-year-old 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. **ENS**

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 night but vanishes during 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. **ENS**

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. **ENS**

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

end of this month. Last posted as IGP at the CRPF Training College in Coimbatore, Verma had assisted the Special Investigation Team (SIT), appointed by the Gujarat 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 R V S 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

Arunachal Pradesh.

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 dismiss Verma from service.

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."

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

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the Centre, pointed out that the officer had not challenged the dismissal order yet. The bench asked how Verma could approach the HC before exhausting his remedies before the Central Administrative Tribunal.

HATE SPEECH

Yati, 2 Hindu Mahasabha leaders booked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 19

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 Mahasabha on Sunday.

Police have also booked 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). In a video clip that has gone viral, Narsinghanand is seen purportedly using derogatory language against the Quran and also making provocative comments against the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and madrasas.

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



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi participates in a snake boat race exhibition in Punnamada Lake of Kerala, Monday. Gandhi is in Kerala for the Bharat Jodo Yatra. PTI

Rahul: Won't allow BJP-RSS ideology to divide country

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 19

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 control the country". "The BJP spreads hatred and violence and we will not allow the ideology of the RSS to divide our country," he said.

Addressing the party workers at Kanichukulangara in Alappuzha, Rahul said: "An India where millions and millions of people are drowning in poverty, youngsters cannot dream about

being employed, that is the idea behind BJP. We will not allow an India where millions are unemployed or people are drowning in high prices."

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.

Rahul began the day's yatra early in the morning interacting with fishermen at Alappuzha coast. They raised concern about rising fuel prices, dwindling fish stock and lack of social welfare schemes and educational oppor-

tunities for the coastal community.

At Thottappally in Alappuzha, Rahul met local people who have been protesting against sand mining for the last 466 days. Later in the day, he cruised in a houseboat in the backwaters of Alappuzha and met the operators in the tourism industry. Boat owners and employees raised their concerns in the sector.

In connection with Rahul's yatra, a snake boat race was held at the backwaters. When three snake boats ventured into the backwaters, Rahul joined one of them as a rower. He tweeted: "When we all work together in perfect harmony, there is nothing we cannot accomplish." **WITH PTI**

CHANDIGARH UNIVERSITY VIDEO LEAK CASE

Police get seven-day remand of accused



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

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 10-

day 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

Nandigram cooperative election: BJP trounces TMC

SANTANU CHOWDHURY
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 19

ON A continuous electoral slide since its defeat in the Assembly polls last year, the BJP has received a shot in the arm by winning a cooperative body election in Nandigram in Purba Medinipur district. Nandigram is the constituency of Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari.

The BJP on Sunday won 11 of the 12 seats of the Bhekutia Samabay Krishi Samity while the Trinamool Congress (TMC) managed to win just one. The ruling party had won big in the cooperative elections in Nandigram last month, sweeping the polls in Hanubhunia, Gholpukur, and Birulia. The BJP failed to win a single seat in all three combined.

The TMC's victory came in the Nandigram-II block while the BJP's success has come in Nandigram-I, which is dominated by the Opposition's party supporters. In the Assembly polls, the BJP had received a lead of over 4,500 votes from the Bhekutia gram panchayat.

Although success in one cooperative body from among the 14,000 does not signal anything, the BJP has chosen to look at the positives. "I congratulate all our winning candidates and party workers. It will boost the morale of the party rank and file. This will ensure our party's massive success across the state soon. This is just the beginning," said Adhikari.

Will form pact at any cost to defeat BJP in Tripura: Cong

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 with other parties to ensure the state's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) defeat.

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 free people from this misrule."

Roy Barman's comments come in close succession to his previous appeal to opposition

CPIM, TIPRA Motha and other non-BJP political parties to come together.

While no party has officially 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," BJP spokesperson Nabendu Bhattacharya said.

LUMPY SKIN DISEASE

MLA reaches Rajasthan Assembly with cow in tow

HAMZA KHAN
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 went berserk and ran away from

the spot. Later, in a tweet, Rawat said: "Even the cow is angry with this insensitive government."

Talking to The Indian Express, 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 journalists but I was crowded..."

He said he had allotted Rs 10 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



BJP MLA Suresh Singh Rawat with the cow outside the Rajasthan Assembly on Monday. Express

have lost their lives. There are a 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.

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 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

VEDANTA-FOXCONN IMPACT

'Stay' on 183 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, 2022.

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 Fadnis 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 delayed further sanctioning of more than 330 proposals pending with the MIDC. "After clearing earlier ones, work on these pending proposals can begin," he said.

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

BASHAARAT MASOOD
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FORMER JAMMU 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 everyone a right to follow his (or 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 BJP's rabid Hindutva". She added,



Mehbooba Mufti

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

The UT administration has released a schedule for 24-day Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, between September 6 and October 2, and asked schools to organise "all-faith prayer (Ragu Pati Raghav 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

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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 "un-constitutional" 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

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

gressive thinkers have been replaced by introducing communal minds as the idols," Vijayan said at Bagepalli in Kolar on Sunday.

Vijayan, who was in Karnataka to meet CM Bommai to discuss rail connectivity issues in Bengaluru, also attended the CPI(M)'s state-level convention, where he again questioned the textbook revisions.

Asking why BJP government had dropped chapters with writings of reformers such as Narayana Guru, Periyar Ramaswamy and Sara Abubacker, Vijayan said: "Why was Bhagat Singh sidelined from the textbook... Why was a chapter on RSS founder KB Hedgewar introduced?"

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Power Games

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

THE 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

IT 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

THE 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



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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-

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.

The basic structure theory was the response of an anxious and activist court to the experience of the working of India’s Constitution during its first 25 years. It has come to stay more because of political compulsions than acquiescence because initially for a long period, no single political party in India had secured a two-thirds representation in Parliament. (A two-thirds majority is required for the passing of a constitutional amendment).

After the return — since 2019 — to one-party 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 Republic.

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 in-

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 Shah-

era laws restricting the exercise of polygamy and 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.

The 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.

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 sub-inspector 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, H N Bahuguna has lost two of the Democratic Socialist Party’s more vocal members of the

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-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.

THE IDEAS PAGE

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



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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-



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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.”

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You don’t have to be a strategic genius to figure out who the statement is directed at.

Until now, it has been the practice to denounce 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 on restoring its past glory.

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As it took over the chair of the SCO last week, it is abundantly clear that India can’t play a consequential regional role by holding on to the Russian coattails. In the last year or more, Delhi has signalled the desire to develop an autonomous role in the region.

In November 2021, National Security 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 January prevented their presence in Delhi.

India has long looked at Iran to gain geographic 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 important 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 region. The Eurasian vacuum created by the weakening of the Russian sphere of influence is unfamiliar geopolitical terrain for India, but it is full of new possibilities as well.

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Rethinking universities

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

Are India’s current universities and colleges 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 defined, 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 on-line 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.

Kansal is Principal Secretary, Higher Education, J&K and Sengupta is Professor of Economics, University of Jammu. Views are personal

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 cur-

rencies 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 self-selected 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 regulating 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

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- Name of the work** : Excavation of Narasinghpur Branch Canal from RD 19.565km to RD 22.900km including construction of its structures, Lining & Service road RRIIP
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- Bid Document Cost** : Rs. 10,000.00 (on line)
- Bid Security** : Bid Security Declaration as per proforma
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Chief Engineer, RRIIP, 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

Sd/- Chief Engineer
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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-05/MTPP/2022 is as under:-

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.

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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. No	Name of Work	Est. Amt. Rs.	Tender Fee / E.M.D.	Contractor Class
1	Construction of Katsavan-6, Katsavan-7 and Katsavan-8 Hydraulic structure across Somnath river near village Katsavan Taluka Uchchal Dist. Tapi.	2,64,31,758-67	36000/- 2,64,318.00	"B" Class and above
2	Construction of Karod-2, Karod-3 and Karod-4 Hydraulic structure across nesu river and nesu tributary of nesu river near village Karod Taluka Uchchal Dist. Tapi.	2,57,18,372-53	36000/- 2,57,184.00	"B" Class and above
3	Construction of Sevti-3, Sevti-4 Hydraulic structure across nesu river near village Sevti Taluka Uchchal Dist. Tapi.	1,93,94,490-14	36000/- 1,93,945.00	"B" Class and above
4	Construction of Amalgundi-1, Hydraulic structure across Tributary of Zhankhari river near village Amalgundi Taluka Songadh Dist. Tapi.	96,92,702=71	36000/- 96,927.00	"D" Class and above
5.	Downloading of tender Document	Dt.20-09-2022 to Dt.03-10-2022 up to 18.00 Hrs.		
6.	Date of Tender Uploading (Online Submission)	Dt.20-09-2022 to Dt.03-10-2022 up to 18.00 Hrs.		
7.	Last date of Submission of Physical document as mentioned in tender	Dt. 12-10-2022 up to 18.00 Hrs.		
8.	Date of Opening of Price bid	Dt. 04-10-2022 at 12.00 Hrs.		
9.	Inquiry/ Contact office Address Ph.No.(02624)233221	Executive Engineer, Ukai Division No.1, Ukai		

Further details are also available on website www.nprocure.com **No. INF-Surat/81/2022**



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

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

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 NOIDA**

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

President nod to directors of 8 IITs

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

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.

A five-judge Constitution bench 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 provided for tax exemption.

The bench, also comprising 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 the Maharashtra government's decision to provide 16 per cent reservation for members of the Maratha community in jobs and admissions.

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

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EXPRESSNEWS 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.

The IITs that are set to get new directors include the campuses in Palakkad, Tirupati, Dharwad, Bhilai, Gandhinagar, Bhubaneswar, Goa, and Jamnalu.

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 current-director of IIT Tirupati. Prof Venkappayya R Desai of IIT Kharagpur's Civil 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 Kamalkar of IIT Madras's Department of Electrical Engineering will lead IIT Bhubaneswar. Dr Pasumarthy Seshu, director

of IIT Dharwad, will be the chief of IIT Goa, while acting IIT Jamnalu 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."

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 concluded 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, at-

tempted, advocated and abetted the commission of a 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.

Gold makeover of Kedarnath temple faces priests' resistance

EXPRESSNEWS 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 donate 230 kg gold to the temple, saying it was

his "long-time wish" to see the walls of Kedarnath's 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 required now, costing over Rs 100 crore.

Santosh Trivedi, vice-president, 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."



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

Details may be seen on BSPHCL website: www.bspchl.co.in and may be downloaded.

(Vinod Kumar),
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
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1.	RWD/RANCHI/09/2022-23	खलापी प्रखंड के राय क्षेत्र अन्तर्गत चूना मट्टा पुरानी राय से राय बाजार चौक बस स्टैंड बागा रत्नलाल पटौल पम्प पथ के सुदृढीकरण / निर्माण कार्य (लंबे - 6.000 कि०मी०)	9,59,89,400.00	नौ करोड़ उनस लाख नवासी हजार चार सौ रू० मात्र	18 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 21.09.2022

3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 06.10.2022 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।

4. (क) मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी, राँची अथवा (ख) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची में से किसी भी कार्यालय में निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि जमा करने की तिथि:- 10.10.2022 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।

5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 11.10.2022 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।

6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी चौक, राँची, झारखण्ड, पिन - 834001


7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०- 0651-2207818

8. निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक / अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / अकाउंट से ही निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, राँची के पक्ष में एवं राँची में भुगतये होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

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नोडल पदाधिकारी
ई-प्रोक्युमेंट सेल

PR 278096 (Rural Work Department) 22-23 (D)



Mines & Geology Department
District :- Darbhanga
Notice Inviting E-Auction for Settlement of Sand ghats
(Through E-Procurement mode over <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)

बिहार बालू खनन नीति, 2019 तथा बिहार खनिज (समानुदान, अवेध खनन, परिवहन एवं भंडारण निवारण) नियमावली, 2019 में उल्लिखित प्रावधानों के तहत बालूघाटों की अगामी पांच वर्षों के लिए बंदोबस्ती निम्न कार्यक्रमानुसार करायी जाएगी :-

1. ई-नीलामी कार्यक्रम:-

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1	यूनिट-1 (बागमति नदी में अवस्थित दोनो बालूघाट)	बागमति ब्लॉक-1 बागमति ब्लॉक-2	23.09.2022 समय:- 11:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न, जिला खनन कार्यालय, दरभंगा।	26.09.2022	10.10.2022 समय:- 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक	14.10.2022	17.10.2022 समय:- 11:30 बजे पूर्वाह्न	17.10.2022 समय:- 1:30 बजे अपराह्न तक

2. बालूखण्डों / बालूघाटों की विस्तृत विवरणी जिला के वेबसाइट <https://darbhanga.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

3. बालूघाटों की बंदोबस्ती ई-नीलामी प्रक्रिया ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> से करायी जाएगी।

4. ई-नीलामी द्वारा कराई जा रही बंदोबस्ती में भाग लेने वाले व्यक्तियों / कम्पनी / फर्म को ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> पर निबंधन कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

5. एनर्ज संबंधी समस्त सूचना (यथा- नीलामी कार्यक्रम, सुरक्षित जमा राशि, अग्रधन राशि, नीलामी प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क इत्यादि) विस्तृत रूप से जिला के वेबसाइट <https://darbhanga.nic.in> निम्नांगी वेबसाइट <https://state.bihar.gov.in/mines/CitizenHome.html> एवं ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

6. एनर्ज संबंधी समस्त सूचना हेतु ई-टेंडरिंग / ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट हेल्पडेस्क, प्रथम तल, ब्लॉक नं०- 05 / 22, रोड नं०-25, श्री कृष्णनगर, पटना-800001, दूरभाष संख्या: 0612-2523006, 754028164, समाहर्ता द्वारा प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी, मो० नं० 9835447915, 6207538591, आईटीडी नं० 9835447915, संबंधित जिला, मो० नं०-7033161411 से सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

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

EOI Notice No.CE(AM)/AP/GNT/19/2022-23, Dated:17-9-2022

(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 for 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 individual consultants with post graduate in M.B.A to provide consultancy services for AP HRDI and the document can be had from website <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 Chief 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.1269P/CL/ADVT/11/2022-23



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

2) Nature of work	: Building/ Road Works
3) No. of work	: 06 Nos.
4) Tender Cost	: Rs. 10,000/- (online)
5) Class of Contractor	: "B" Class & "A" Class
6) Availability of Bid document in the website	: From 27.09.2022 10.00 AM to 12.10.2022 4.00 PM
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 can be seen from the website: <https://tendersorisssa.gov.in>.

9) Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/-(D.C.Behera)
Chief Construction Engineer
Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur
OIPR-34103/11/0010/2223



NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
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(2) Description of works : Various Signalling execution and commissioning work in connection to replacement of defective signalling cable in station yard and interlocked LC gate along with supply of Tool kit in IZN Div. Approx Value : ₹ 68,12,213.16, Earnest Money : ₹ 1,36,300, Completion period : 12 Months.

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SC quota for Dalit Muslims and Christians: story so far

SHYAMLAL YADAV
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

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 benefits?

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 among SCs?

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 high-level 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 origin. 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

SANSKRITI FALOR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

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 Saez, where the funeral was held on Saturday. Viral videos showed several women protesters in Saez 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

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

The *Guardian* recently reported that Iranian authorities were planning to use facial recognition in public transport to enforce hijab rules.

The Kurdish issue

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

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.

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

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 master's voice".

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 of the agency.

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 in detail.

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 selected.

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 Training.

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 doing nothing. And it is happening blatantly. The entire struggle for independence of CBI 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-BJP leader Suwendu 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 government came to power and a new Governor, C

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 from investigating officials of joint secretary level and above without permission from the government.

This was struck down by *Vineet Narain*, 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 gov-

ernments. 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 JH 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

THE 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 carried out?

In a recently-published white paper, co-authored 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

GRADE-WISE			
Grade	Universities	Colleges	Total
A	224	1,778	2,002
B	165	5,831	5,996
C	17	1,077	1,094
Total	406	8,686	9,092

TOP FIVE STATES (Accredited)			
UNIVERSITIES			
Tamil Nadu	43		
Uttar Pradesh	37		
Maharashtra	35		
Karnataka	33		
Rajasthan	31		
COLLEGES			
Maharashtra	1,834		
Karnataka	881		
Tamil Nadu	829		
Uttar Pradesh	604		
Gujarat	492		

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?

From the prevailing "input-based" approach, 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 and academic abilities.

Rather than relying exclusively on the 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

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.

MEANWHILE
WOODY ALLEN TO RETIRE AFTER NEXT FILM

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

TOPOF THE WORLD



Imran Khan was facing contempt proceedings

PAKISTAN

Court quashes terrorism 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

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.

AP

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-to-skin contact with foreigners," Wu Zunyou, chief epidemiologist at China Centre for Disease Control and Prevention said.

REUTERS

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

MONARCHS AND LEADERS
gather in London for state funeral

THOUSANDS GATHER ON STREETS
for display of pomp and pageantry

1ST STATE FUNERAL SINCE CHURCHILL
filled with spectacle and silence

World bids farewell to Queen

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

AGENCIES

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,

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 included over 100 world leaders, among them President Biden and Emperor Naruhito of Japan.



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

WORLD LEADERS AT THE EVENT



US President Joe Biden with First Lady Jill Biden



French President Emanuel Macron and wife Brigitte



New Zealand PM Ardern with partner Clarke Gayford



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

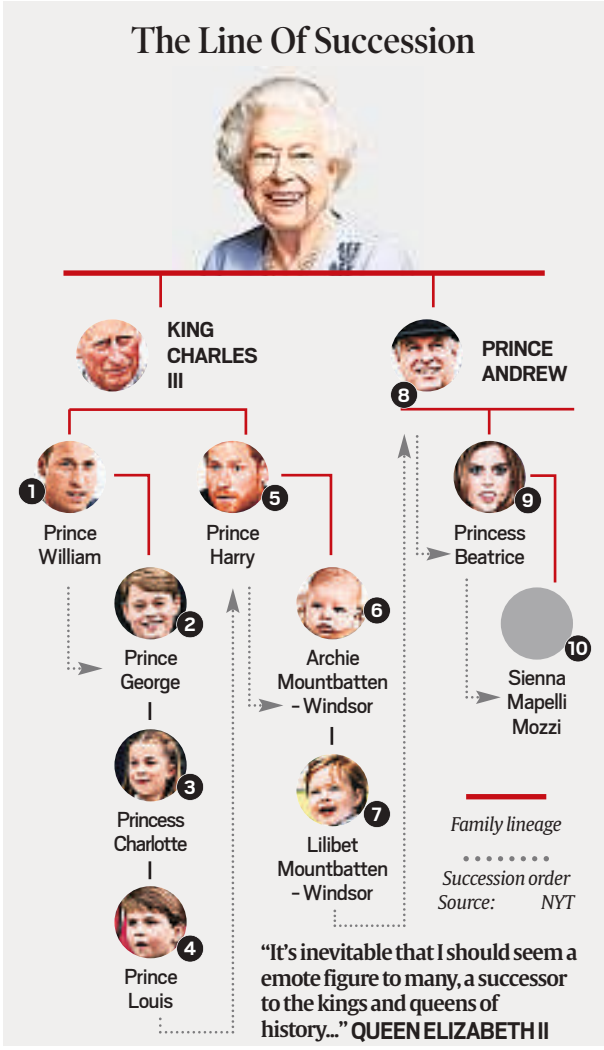
PRESIDENT DROUPADI Murmu on Monday joined 500 world leaders, including US President Joe Biden, and royals from across the world at Westminster Abbey for a sombre ceremony to bid farewell to Queen Elizabeth II.

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.



'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 queen. "She was a one-off."

Maxine Harris and her friend



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

with this political climate it's nice that we can all be together."

Jeff McNally, 63, wore a medal 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.



King Charles with members 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.

CHINA

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 Queen Elizabeth II. "Let me stress that the DPP (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.

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 op-

erator 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.

The ministry and 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

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.

"We strongly condemn the violence perpetrated against the Indian community in Leicester and vandalisation of premises and symbols of Hindu religion," a 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

on Sunday afternoon in the 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 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.

PTI



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₹49,571



RUPEE

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OIL

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SILVER

₹57,090

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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International market data till 1900 IST

POLICY WATCH
DATA PROTECTION BILL

Efficient data usage by industry, cyber safety: Thrust areas in latest draft law

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
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 the 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

EXPLAINED
Law hanging fire

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 Vaishnav 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.

WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 16

IBBI amends norms: Maximum value of co, mkt-linked solution

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

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 other changes.

Moreover, the company's committee of creditors (CoC) can now examine whether a compromise or an arrangement can be explored for a corporate debtor during liquidation period.

The insolvency regulator has amended the regulations, which came into effect from September 16, with the "objective to maximise value in resolution".

It has permitted a resolution

CORPORATE DEBTOR'S ASSETS

■ The new norms will enable a "resolution plan to include sale of one or more assets of Corporate Debtor to one or more successful resolution applicants submitting resolution plans for such assets and providing for appropriate treatment of the remaining assets"

professional and the CoC to look for sale of one or more assets of the corporate debtor concerned in cases where there are no resolution plans for the whole busi-

ness. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) provides for a market-linked and time-bound 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

wider and targeted audience of potential resolution applicants.

"The amendment also enables 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 ensure 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 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. **WITHPTI**



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

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 growth for APAC in air passenger traffic in 2022 over 2021

OYO posts ₹414-crore loss in Q1; 'targets IPO in early 2023'

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 addendum 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.

OYO claimed its maiden adjusted Ebitda during Q1FY23 at Rs 7 crore. The company's revenue from operations during the April-June stood at Rs 1,459.3



An OYO partner hotel in Delhi. Reuters file

crore. In FY22, with the lifting of Covid-led curbs, revenue from operations rose 20.7 per cent to

Rs 4,781.4 crore from Rs 3,962 in FY21. However, OYO was still far behind its pre-Covid annual revenue of Rs 13,413 crore in FY20. It had registered a net loss of Rs 10,419 crore during that year.

According to Bloomberg, the company is now targeting an initial public offer (IPO) in early 2023 if the market conditions are favourable. In FY22, OYO's total 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**

Sebi puts Go Digit's IPO in 'abeyance'

New Delhi: Capital markets regulator Sebi has kept in "abeyance" the proposed initial share sale of Canada-based Fairfax Group-backed Go Digit General Insurance Ltd.

However, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) did not clarify further. Go Digit had filed preliminary IPO papers with the capital markets regulator on August 17.

Cricketer Virat Kohli and his wife Anushka Sharma are among the investors in the firm. Going by the draft papers, the company's proposed initial public offering (IPO) comprised fresh issuance of equity shares worth

Rs 1,250 crore and an offer for sale of 10.94 crore equity shares by a promoter and existing shareholders.

Proceeds from the fresh issuance were to be utilised for the augmentation of the company's capital base and maintenance of solvency levels and general corporate purposes.

Without disclosing the reason, the capital markets regulator said "issuance of observations (has been) kept in abeyance" with regard to the IPO of Go Digit, an update on the regulator's website showed on Monday. The information was updated on September 16. **PTI**

Dish TV chief Jawahar Goel quits board

New Delhi: Direct-to-Home operator Dish TV said Monday its chairman Jawahar Lal Goel has resigned from the company's board. In a filing, Dish TV said, "Jawahar Lal Goel, Director... has tendered his resignation from the company's board of directors and committee/s thereof with effect from the close of business hours of September 19, 2022."

Consequently, he shall cease to be the chairman of the board, it added. The company's largest shareholder Yes Bank and the promoter family led by its chairman Jawahar Lal Goel were engaged in a legal battle over board representation in Dish TV. **PTI**

'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 already 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**

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

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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 increase.

BRIEFLY

Porsche IPO

Frankfurt: Volkswagen has set the price range for the sale of a minority stake in luxury brand Porsche as it 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. Volkswagen 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 double cement manufacturing capacity and become India's most profitable manufacturer. In a speech made at an event to mark the completion of the acquisition on September 17, the Adani Group founder and chairman said the ports-to-energy conglomerate has in a single stroke become the second largest cement manufacturer in the country.

Oil Min, windfall

New Delhi: The Oil Ministry, as per a letter on August 12 seen by PTI, has sought a review of the windfall profit tax on domestically produced crude, saying it goes against principle of fiscal stability provided in contracts for finding & producing oil. **PTI**

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 maintenance 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)

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Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur

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(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, MESCOM BHAVANA, Kavor Cross Road, Bejai, Mangaluru - 575 004.
Ph: 0824-2885795, CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No. File No. MESCOM/PROC/PURC/150/2022-PROC Date: 15.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites tender for Manufacture & Supply of following material:

Tender No.	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/2022-23/IND891	LT Wiring Kits for 63KVA Distribution Transformers	1000 Sets

The interested eligible bidders may log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after **20.09.2022**.

Sd/- SuperIntending Engineer (Ele.) (Proc.) Corporate Office
For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
Sankaramangalam, Chavara - 691 583
Kollam, Kerala, India. Phone: 0476-2686722 to 2686733 (12 Lines), E-mail: contact@kmmil.com

TENDER NOTICE

Competitive Tenders are invited for the following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> or www.kmmil.com

No.	Tender ID	Items
1	2022_KMMIL_508656_1	For Fabrication and Supply of Filter head for Bag Filter S304-305
2	2022_KMMIL_508605_1	For Supply of Inconel Hair Pin Bend & Inconel L Bend

Chavara, 19.09.2022 Sd/-, DGM (Mts), For the Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd
Our products: Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Tetra Chloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge, Rutile, Zircon & Silimanite

CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF ROAD TRANSPORT
Post Box No 1897, Bhosari, Pune-26.
Ph: 020-67345300 Fax: 020-67345407

TENDER NOTICE

CIRT, Pune invites tenders from reputed and experienced firms for following : Supply, Installation and commissioning of :

1. Air Circulating Oven;
2. Salt Spray Chamber;
3. Climate Chamber;
4. Humidity Chamber;
5. Cold Chamber;
6. Abrading Instrument;
7. Upgradation of existing test facility for testing of Automotive Air Filter
8. Universal Testing Machine (UTM) 10 KN

Interested firms are requested to view and download detailed tender document from our website
www.cirtindia.com/tendernotice.html;
www.tenderwizard.com/CIRT



New Delhi



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ACROSS

1 It's hard to get as low as this (4,6)
6 A mother and father to him (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 actions (7)
17 Retire from the contest - not up to it? (7)
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)

DOWN

1 People in the running (4)
2 The festive season displays its charms randomly (9)
3 Feel depressed and inferior? (5)
4 Fears mischievous children? (7)
5 Found in bed they're eaten alive (7)
7 Treated ill (5)
8 Charm is not radiated by a king's man (10)
9 Asks how paper may be sold (8)
14 Subject for those who have the mind to study (10)
16 Took off (8)
18 One way of handling therapy (9)
20 One better (7)
21 Sport for which transport is not readily available (7)
23 Its downfall may help those in retirement (5)
25 Girl gets lad in trouble (5)
26 Outright order for a European banker (4)

Solutions Crossword 4850: Across: 1 Terrace, 8 Donatello, 9 Nil, 10 Last, 12 Eclogists, 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 Ready, 20 Bill, 23 Una.

JUMBLLED WORDS

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

We carry our __ within us which enables us to _ - John Cage (5,,3)

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Answer: We carry our **h**omes within us which enables us to **fly** - John Cage

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

SUDOKU 4963

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4962

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NMDC Limited

(A Government of India Enterprise)
'Khanji Bhavan', 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500 028
CIN:L13100TG1998GOI001674

CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

Tender 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:
1. NMDC website - <https://tenders.nmdc.co.in/nmcdctender/>
2. Central Public Procurement portal - <https://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app> and search tender through tender enquiry number
3. MSTC portal - https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocure/nmcd/buyer_login.jsp
For further 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)
The 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 basis 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. +91-040-2353 2800, email: contracts@nmdc.co.in
For and on behalf of NMDC Ltd
Chief General Manager (Contracts)

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Varthana Finance Private Limited
(Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.)
Registered Office at : No. 58C-110, Varasidhi, Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website www.varthana.com.
Email: care@varthana.com, Phone: 080-68455777, Branch Office : No. 1162 & 1163 Tower B-1, 11th floor, Space Itch 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 the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest 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-Aplicants/ Mortgagees, 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 Yadav, 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 notice.
However the Applicants/ Co-Aplicants/ Mortgagees herein above having failed to repay the full amount with interest/other charges, notice is hereby given to the Applicant/ Co-Aplicants/ Mortgagees 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 the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this day of 17th September 2022.
The Applicants/ Co-Aplicants/ Mortgagees 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 herein above until the date of payment together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges. The Applicants/Mortgagees 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 Immoveable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khewat/Khata No. 35/43 Mustali No.96, Killa No. 8/32 (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, Dist 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, Sd/- Varthana Finance Private Limited

GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)
Regd. Office : Block No. 14/1,
Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar
☎ 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.gujarat.gov.in> All tender documents can be downloaded free on the website: <https://gmscl.nprocure.com> Interested bidders are requested to 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 remain 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 representative from eah Manufacturer carrying authority letter would be allowed to participate in the pre-bid.

INF/1450/22-23 MANAGING DIRECTOR

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग

हरियाण
फिल कोड:- 249404

संख्या : 492/04/E-4(DR)/E/2021-22 दिनांक : 18 सितम्बर, 2022

विज्ञापित

"उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य कनिष्ठ अभियन्ता सेवा परीक्षा-2021" एकादशसु सुचित किया जागा है कि: उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य कनिष्ठ अभियन्ता सेवा परीक्षा-2021" हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या : A-3/E-4/2021-22 दिनांक 26.11.2021 के सापेक्ष आयोजित मुख्य परीक्षा का गणिता विज्ञापित संख्या : 174/04/E-21/G-02/2022-23 दिनांक 31.08.2022 द्वारा घोषित किया गया है।
2. उक्त परीक्षा में औपचारिक रूप से साफल घोषित अभ्यर्थियों को पदों/विभागों की ऑनलाइन परीक्षा (Online Preference) पर जाने हेतु निम्न आयोग की वेबसाइट www.gpsc.ug.gov.in पर दिनांक 20 सितम्बर, 2022 से खोला जा रहा है। अभ्यर्थी दिनांक 06 अक्टूबर, 2022 तक ऑनलाइन परीक्षा (Online Preference) भर सकते हैं।
3. अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा उक्त लिंक का प्रयोग करते हुए पदों/विभागों की ऑनलाइन परीक्षा (Online Preference) भरने के पश्चात ऑनलाइन परीक्षा का प्रिंट आउट (जिसमें ऑनलाइन परीक्षा के सफल हो जाने के बाद ही प्रकाशित होगा) तथा आयोग की वेबसाइट में उपलब्ध वेकलिस्ट के अनुसार समस्त वैधता, आरक्षण, अधिमात्रा अर्द्धा इत्यादि संबंधी अभिलेखों को स्वच्छतासहित प्रामाणिक सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, हरियाण, पिन-249404 के कार्यालय में डाक द्वारा अथवा अन्य किसी माध्यम से दिनांक 06 अक्टूबर, 2022 (साम 06:00 बजे तक) तक उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित करें। उपाधिकांत निर्धारित अंतिम तिथि एवं समय के पश्चात प्राप्त ऑनलाइन परीक्षा (Online Preference), आवेदन पत्र एवं अभिलेखों को आयोग द्वारा स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा। अभ्यर्थी अभिलेख जमा करने हेतु प्रयुक्त किए जाने वाले लिफाफे के ऊपर "उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य कनिष्ठ अभियन्ता सेवा परीक्षा-2021" तथा लिफाफे के तल पर अपना नाम एवं अनुक्रमांक अवश्य अंकित करें।
4. अभ्यर्थियों को ऑनलाइन परीक्षा (Online Preference) भरने एवं अभिलेख जमा किए जाने के संबंध में डाक द्वारा सूचना से सूचना प्रेषित नहीं की जायेगी। अभ्यर्थी समस्त अभिलेखों/प्रमाण पत्रों को साक्षात्परीक्षा के लिए अपने के पश्चात ही आयोग कार्यालय को उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित करें तथा किसी भी दशा में अपूर्ण व अस्थायी अभिलेख प्रेषित न करें।
"उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य कनिष्ठ अभियन्ता सेवा परीक्षा-2021" के सापेक्ष साक्षात्परीक्षा कार्यक्रम एवं साक्षात्परीक्षा प्राप्ति संबंधी सूचना प्रत्येक से आयोग की वेबसाइट व दैनिक समाचार पत्रों के माध्यम से प्रसारित की जायेगी। अभ्यर्थी इस संबंध में आयोग की वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध विस्तृत विज्ञापित का अवश्य अनुक्रमण करना सुनिश्चित करें।
(जीएसएस रावत) सचिव।

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED

VIDYUTH SOUDHA : VJAYAWADA
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 Liability and Terrorism policies for entire Plant of RTPP on reinstatement values, for the period from 00.00 Hrs on 23.11.2022 to 24.00 Hrs of 22.11.2023" through APGENCO e-procurement platform.
Estimated value of Contract : Rs. 5,56,36,174/-
Bid Schedule available Date & Time : From 18.00 Hrs on 16.09.2022 onwards
Bid Submission Closing Date & Time : upto 13.00 Hrs on 28.09.2022
For further details visit website: www.apgenco.gov.in or <http://etender.apgenco.gov.in/portal>

प्रतिभूति कागज कारखाना, नर्मदापुरम-461005 (म.प्र.)

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Adv. 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 purchase. Interested Manufacturers/Suppliers may visit our website <http://spmnarmadapuram.spmcil.com> or <http://eprocure.gov.in> for detailed tender specifications/terms and conditions of tender enquiry.

Tender No.	Description/work of Item	Quantity	Last Date/Time for receipt of 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 SHRED - 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 Wire 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.
600001776 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> or <http://eprocure.gov.in> for details & submission of bid.
(**) Please visit Gem Portal <http://gem.gov.in> for details & submission of bid.
Any updates, Corrigendum, etc against the above tenders shall be published on said website only. Those shall not be published in any other newspaper or media.
SD/-
Manager (Material)
For- Chief General Manager

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It is still a fact of life that little will go your way unless you make a leap of the imagination and try to see the world through fresh eyes. There is a lot to recommend the perspective which a close partner has now adopted, and you have much to learn.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You have little reason to feel hurt or betrayed, the reason being that you are as responsible as anyone else for the direction that events have taken. The solution is to be more aware of your own motives in future, for self-awareness leads to self-discipline, and great success.

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 current twists and turns lies in a dimension of astrology more subtle than that 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 your companions.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Many of you have not had much luck communicating clearly in recent 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.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

A little-known characteristic of your sign is its 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 yourself to protect their interests. They would expect no less.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)

Make partnership the key to your success over the next two weeks. You must take on board a few simple home truths particularly that, if you collaborate, you may seriously enhance your prospects. Also, if you still have a long-held but undeveloped creative talent, now is the time to let rip.

CAPRICORN (Dec 24 - Jan 20)

In no circumstances must you be pressurised into abandoning your personal career or worldly ambitions, no matter if partners do try a little emotional blackmail. The people who try to pressurise you might have little idea of your actual needs, so you may have to sit down and tell them once again.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Believe it or not this is now the 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)

There are sound 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.

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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 USD1.6 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 17-year old Chennai 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 set-back against Praggnanandhaa to win his next three rounds.

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 medalists 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 steeplechaser 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, Bhiaichung 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 secretary general

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INDIA VS AUSTRALIA: 1ST T20I

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 six-week 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

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 25-ball 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.

Sanju did his chances no harm with 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 off-spin 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 50-ball 70.

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," Rohit has said before the Asia Cup.

Kohli has to open

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 is going to open for India.

"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 fast bowlers.

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 crucial.

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.

Gurjit argued that divulging such confidential information amounts to violation of the Code of Conduct and Sanctions of Hockey India

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 quarrel 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 Marjine) in the present appeal are restrained by an ad-interim injunction from publishing the subject

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 standbys 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 play 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.

'What criticism?': Rahul shrugs off strike rate debate

Mohali: "What criticism?" KL Rahul shot 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, saying 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 strike-rate, 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 of 137.35.

Rahul said that the current team management 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 anyone 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

Clues from nets: Kohli the sixth bowler, Axar Patel the floater

PRATYUSH RAJ

MOHALI, SEPTEMBER 19

VIRAT KOHLI, who has been called India's back-up opener by captain Rohit Sharma, might also become the team's sixth or seventh bowling option in the upcoming T20I series against Australia and South Africa ahead of the T20 World Cup.

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 Umesh Yadav in the nets.

Kohli, who bowled a solitary over against Hong Kong in the recently-concluded Asia Cup, was seen rolling his arm over, watched by coach Rahul Dravid. There was also a Kohli celebration after he troubled Axar Patel a couple of times.

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 dabbly-dobbles.

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 six-seven 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

Delhi HC restrains release of ex-hockey coach's book

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 Marjine, 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 single 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 Marjine'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

Ali returns to roots as England faces Pakistan in T20 series ahead of WC

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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.

"Maybe in the back end of the tour he will

Valverde on target again as racist chants mar Madrid derby

REUTERS
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 1-0.

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
SEPTEMBER 19

WHEN LAKSHADWEEP'S Mubssina Mohammed won the long jump 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 Minicoy 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 Enakulam 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

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

"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 three-month suspension.

The 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 methylhexanamine, a specified substance under World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code. The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel in a June order had handed her just three months suspen-

sion. 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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(For Immovable Property)

Whereas,
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 Paise 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 payment in full.

The Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of subsection (8) of 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
Place : Arrah

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