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Gyanvapi: Mosque panel reply sought on plea for carbon dating of Shivling

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LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 22

THE VARANASI district court Thursday directed the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee to file its objection to a plea seeking carbon dating of a Shivling claimed to have been found inside the Gyanvapi complex.

The court fixed September 29 as the next date of hearing.

"On Thursday, an application was moved before the court by the plaintiff with a prayer for carbon dating of the Shivling. The court directed opposite parties, including Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, to file its objection to the plea and fixed the next date. The committee, which looks after Gyanvapi mosque management, submitted its objection to the court later in the day," said advocate Akhlaq Ahmed who is representing the committee.

According to Sudhir Tripathi, counsel for the Hindu petitioner, the court also said that the application of eight persons, present in court Thursday, to become parties to the dispute would be considered. A total of 15 persons, he said, had submitted applications to become parties to the dispute.

Five Hindu women had filed petitions seeking the right to worship Maa Shringar Gauri on the outer wall of the mosque complex located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple.

On September 12, the district court dismissed the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee's challenge to the civil suits, saying that Hindu groups are not barred by the Places of Worship Act and the suits seeking the right to worship inside the Gyanvapi mosque are maintainable.

Maharashtra turns to TISS for socio-economic study of Muslims

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE MINORITY Development Department in Maharashtra has commissioned a study on the "social, educational and economic status of the Muslim community" in "56 cities in six revenue divisions of the state which have a sizeable Muslim population".

According to a government resolution issued by the department on Wednesday, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)

has been roped in to conduct the study, and Rs 33 lakh has been earmarked for the project.

"The study will analyse the social, educational and economic status of the Muslim community. It will also study the impact of the various state policies that have been drafted by the government in the fields of education, health, employment, housing, credit access and infrastructure on the community," says the resolution.

The Minority Development Department is helmed by Chief



CM Mamata Banerjee inaugurates a Durga Puja, organised by Shreebhumi Sporting Club, in Kolkata on Thursday. TMC minister Sujit Bose is president of the club. *Partha Paul*

The lack of enthusiasm isn't

NIA SPEARHEADS MULTI-AGENCY SEARCH OPERATION

Over 100 held in nationwide crackdown on PFI, Shah chairs high-level meeting

Officials say arrests linked to outfit's alleged support for terror; PFI criticises 'move to silence dissenting voices'

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

LAUNCHING A multi-agency operation spearheaded by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), law enforcement agencies conducted searches across the country Thursday and arrested 106 workers of the Popular Front of India (PFI), including its chairman O M A Salam, for their alleged support to terror activities.

Officials said the searches were conducted almost simultaneously in 15 states by the NIA, Enforcement Directorate and state police forces.

Of the 106 arrested, 45 have been held by the NIA. At least 18 of the 45, including Salam, have been lodged in different police stations of Delhi. The 18 were



PFI activists protest against the searches by law enforcement agencies, in Chennai on Thursday. *P71*

produced before a Patiala House Court which sent them to police custody for four days.

The NIA, sources said, wants

to question the 18 on their leaders, details of money trail, recovery of weapons, explosives.

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Top brass held, PFI calls hartal today in Kerala where it is dominant

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 22

PFI CHAIRMAN O M A Salam, national secretary Nasaruddin Elamaram and Kerala unit president C P Mohammed Basheer were among the organisation leaders arrested by Central agencies during a nationwide swoop Thursday.

Its top brass held, the PFI called for a dawn-to-dusk hartal in Kerala Friday.

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E Been under watch

THE PFI has often been described by officials as a proponent of radical Islam, a description that the organisation has always rejected. With deep roots in Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra, the PFI has been under the watch of Central agencies for some months now, more so after it was accused of fuelling anti-CAA protests and inflaming passions over the Hathras incident.

Economic backwardness can be temporary... does EWS need affirmative action, not quota: SC

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

OBSERVING THAT economic backwardness, unlike caste-based backwardness, "can be temporary", a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court Thursday asked if problems of the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) can be addressed through affirmative measures like providing scholarships and fee concessions instead of reservation.

"When it is about other reservations, it is attached to lineage. That backwardness is not something which is not temporary but goes down centuries and generations. But economic backwardness can be temporary," Chief Justice of India U U Lalit, presiding over a five-judge Constitution Bench, said while hearing petitions challenging the Constitution 103rd amendment by which a 10

per cent quota was provided to EWS categories in government jobs and admissions.

The CJL was responding to submissions by advocate Vibha Makhija, appearing for some EWS category students, who said it was constitutionally permissible to have economic condition as a criterion for providing reservation.

Pointing to the transformative character of the Constitution, Makhija said its makers would never have envisaged a situation where caste remains the sole criterion for providing quota.

The bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, S Ravindra Bhat, Bela M Trivedi and JB Pardiwala, posed questions on the "indeterminability" of the EWS category due to absence of any well-defined guidelines.

"There is indeterminability... CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



WOMEN'S DAY IN UP ASSEMBLY

Girls and women visitors watch SP MLA Ragini Sonkar speak in Uttar Pradesh Assembly on Thursday. The day was reserved for women members to raise their issues in the House. There are only 47 women MLAs in the 403-member UP Assembly. *Vishal Srivastava*

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DGCA raises concern over 5G rollout, writes to telecom department

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

AS INDIA'S telecom operators prepare for rollout of 5G services, the country's aviation safety regulator has written to the telecom department flagging concerns over the likely interference of 5G C-Band spectrum with aircraft radio altimeters. *The Indian Express* has learnt.

A radio altimeter is an instrument that provides direct height-above-terrain information to various aircraft systems. The primary concern of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) emerges from the fact that these altimeters as

well as a part of the 5G telecom services operate in the C-Band.

For telecom service providers, the C-Band presents a sweet spot for rolling out 5G services, ensuring coverage as well as high bandwidth, resulting in faster internet speeds. For aircraft operations, the use of altimeters in this band ensures highly precise measurements of the plane's altitude.

"The DGCA is working in close coordination with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and has apprised it of its concerns over likely interference of 5G C-Band spectrum with aircraft radio altimeters," said a senior government official.

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One-person, one-post is party line: Rahul's signal to Gehlot, Pilot

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

IN ONE line, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday sent a clear message to Ashok Gehlot: that he cannot hope to remain Rajasthan Chief Minister if he is elected as Congress president. But the big question that remains unanswered is the timing of his stepping down — will he resign after filing his nomination later this month or wait for counting day on October 19.

Sources in the Congress said the leadership is in favour of Sachin Pilot succeeding Gehlot, but the Chief Minister is keen that the views of the MLAs — most of them are with him — be taken.

"What we decided at Udaipur (chintan shivir)... that is a commitment of the Congress party. So I expect that commitment will be maintained," Rahul said, responding to a question on the one-person, one-post rule that the party had decided to implement at its conclave in May. His clear signal, at a press conference in Kochi, came hours before the Chief Minister landed in Kerala to meet him.

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UNSC: Jaishankar takes tough stand on Russia, targets Beijing also

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday hit out at Russia and China, without naming them, as he spoke at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) session on Ukraine. This is one of his toughest statements on Russia in the last seven months, since the invasion of Ukraine.

Recalling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's emphasis to Russian President Vladimir Putin that "this cannot be an era of war", Jaishankar said: "Let me emphasise that even in conflict situations, there can be no justification for violation of human

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rights or of international law. Where any such acts occur, it is imperative that they are investigated in an objective and independent manner. This was the position we took with regard to the killings in Bucha, and this is the position we take even today. The Council will also recall that we had then supported calls for an independent investigation into the Bucha incident."

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Organisers in dock over corruption cases, many high-profile Durga Pujas in Kolkata turn low key

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ANCHORATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 22

WITH DAYS left for Durga Puja celebrations to begin, artisans and workers are hard at work at the Naktala Udayan Sangha's pandal, one of the most high-profile pujas in Kolkata. But this year, there's none of the usual buzz — there are no press conferences, no photographs of celebrities and TV stars smiling down from banners and no theme song. At least not yet.

The lack of enthusiasm isn't

without reason: the puja is associated with former state Cabinet minister Partha Chatterjee, who is now under arrest in the teacher recruitment scam. The "brand ambassador" of the Naktala puja committee last year, Arpita Mukherjee, is now a co-accused with Chatterjee in the case.

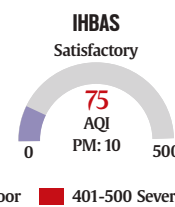
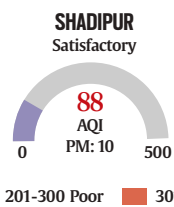
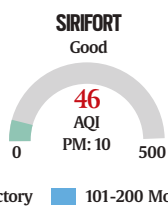
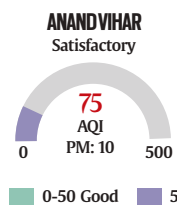
With this year's puja being held in the long shadow of the events of the last few months — that have seen leaders of the ruling Trinamool Congress battle a string of corruption charges — the festival committees, which usually function through a mix of patronage and politics, have set off on a low-key start.

While a cabinet minister (Chatterjee) and a party heavy-

weight (Anubrata Mondal) are under arrest over corruption charges, a number of Trinamool leaders, from national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee to Cabinet ministers Moloy Ghatak and Firhad Hakim are under the glare of central investigation agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate and the CBI.

"We are facing a severe crisis in getting corporate advertising this year. The dilemma for the sponsor is that if they associate themselves with us, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) or the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) will harass them after the pujas. We have a budget of around Rs 70 lakh, but this year,

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Sketch artist held ‘for posting private photos of DU student’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

A 22-YEAR-OLD sketch artist was arrested in Delhi Wednesday for allegedly circulating objectionable photos of a Delhi University student on social media, said police.

Police identified the accused, as Mohd Tanzeem Ahmad, a native of Jharkhand's Ranchi.

According to police, a 19-year-old woman lodged a complaint at Cyber North police station stating that the duo got acquainted through social media, as he runs an art account. The woman said that she shared some private photographs of herself with the accused at his insistence.

"A few days ago, the complainant met the accused for the first time and during the meeting, while scrolling through his phone, she found her private

photos saved in his phone's Google drive. She also found obscene pictures and videos of other girls in his phone. Infuriated by this, the accused circulated her private pictures," said Sagar Singh Kalsi, DCP North.

Police said a case was registered based on her complaint under sections 66E/67 of IT Act read with IPC section 506 at police station Cyber North and a team was formed for the investigation.

"During the course of the investigation, all the information, including details of social media accounts of the accused, were gathered. After detailed interrogation, the accused was arrested Wednesday. The interrogation revealed that he used to interact with girls on Instagram since he had several followers. Thereafter, he got into an online relationships with them and would ask them to share their private pictures," alleged the DCP.

Get ready for MCD polls in December, BJP members told

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE BJP Delhi has asked its town councillors as well as district and mandal units to be prepared for MCD polls in December, party sources said.

Several councillors *The Indian Express* spoke to confirmed that they have started preparations with December second week in mind. "We have not been given a guarantee of course, but told to prepare accordingly," said a councillor from West Delhi. She said that outreach programmes have been started by the party.

General secretary of Delhi BJP, Harsh Malhotra, said that given the delimitation commission's work is progressing on schedule, it appears that there could be an election in December. "But for us, it hardly matters because we are working 24x7 for people, whether



MCD polls were originally scheduled for April. .Archive

Covid or any other crisis. We have substantial leadership at ward level. We are ready with organisational preparations," he said.

Former mayor Jai Prakash also said it appears elections would be in December, but more clarity would come after the final draft of delimitation is notified. The BJP has been in power for the past three terms in the corporation and

is facing a tough challenge from the AAP this time round.

The MCD polls, originally scheduled for April, were put off hours before the election schedule was to be announced. Elections are now expected in December as the first draft of the delimitation commission has been finalised. The three civic bodies — North, South and East —

were merged into one as part of the MCD's unification. The delimitation committee is targeting completing the exercise before November 8. It has set October 3 as deadline for accepting objections and will hold 2-3 public hearings from this weekend.

Former mayor and BJP leader Narendra Chawla said the party is in process of assigning panch Parmeshwar for booths. There are over 13,000 booths in Delhi.

Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta said party president J P Nadda will address more than 70,000 people mid-October, including five people from each booth.

AAP has, meanwhile, launched a 'Kooda Virodhi Abhiyan' in Delhi to "expose BJP's disastrous garbage mismanagement in MCD". "MLAs will show the reality of landfills of Delhi and how BJP-ruled MCD failed to clear them," said AAP leader Gopal Rai.

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DU PG admission exams to be held from Oct 17 to 21

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THE NATIONAL Testing Agency (NTA) has notified that the Delhi University Entrance Test (DUET) for postgraduate admissions will be conducted from October 17 till October 21, in three slots, one on each day. NTA said the dates of Advanced City Intimation and the

release of admit cards will be announced at a later date.

While DU has adopted Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for undergraduate admissions, it has not done so for postgraduate admissions and is continuing with the NTA-held DUET.

Registration for DUET closed on June 10. Candidates have been waiting for examination dates to be notified.

Manesar civic body demolishes boundary wall of gangster's house

Gurgaon: The Municipal Corporation of Manesar (MCM) on Thursday demolished a boundary wall of a house belonging to gangster Sube Gujjar and his family in Bar Gujjar in Manesar.

Gujjar, 38, a native of village Bar Gujjar, and a key aide of gangster Kaushal, is accused in 42 criminal cases including murder, attempt to murder, extortion, loot and possession of ille-

gal weapons among others. He was arrested by Haryana Special Task Force in May 2021 and is currently lodged in jail.

"A boundary wall that had been built around the house was demolished using JCBs," said an official, requesting anonymity.

Meanwhile, the gangster's family alleged that the authorities had not served any prior notice and claimed that the house was their ancestral property. **ENS**

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Leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation member countries pose for a group photo before attending the 22nd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on Sept 16. LI TAO / XINHUA

Digital trade a driver in group's economic push

By ZHONG NAN

Economic and trade ties between China and other members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation will be enriched by closer collaboration in the digital trade, green development and service sectors despite challenges the recovery of the global economy faces, government officials and experts say.

With all SCO members accelerating the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and reinforcing ties in areas of common interest such as production capacity, transport, finance and telecommunications, they said, these moves will expand the bloc's economic collaboration. Areas covered include trade and investment mainly to do with energy, natural resources, infrastructure and agriculture.

The forerunner of the SCO was established in Shanghai in 2001 by China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India and Pakistan became members in 2017.

With digital trade having emerged as a new growth driver, Li Fei, Chinese assistant minister of commerce, said that because of its importance to the digital economy, it helps countries connect the information nodes across trade chains, and helps cut information asymmetries and transaction costs.

The SCO member economies have followed the trend of digital development and deepened regional economic collaboration in digital fields such as smart cities, telemedicine and smart manufacturing over the past several years, the Ministry of Commerce said.

"We believe that with the support and efforts of all parties, mutually beneficial collaboration in digital trade will help create an atmosphere of extensive



A freight train leaves the China-SCO Local Economic and Trade Cooperation Demonstration Area in Qingdao, Shandong province, in 2020. LI ZIHENG / XINHUA

We believe that with the support and efforts of all parties, mutually beneficial collaboration in digital trade will help create an atmosphere of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits in SCO cooperation, strongly supporting regional stability and sustainable growth."

Li Fei

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consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits in SCO cooperation, strongly supporting regional stability and sustainable growth," Li said at the China-SCO Digital Trade Roundtable Seminar in Beijing earlier this month.

Isaeva Vladimirovna, Kyrgyzstan's deputy minister of

economy and commerce, said the country is willing to work with other SCO members to grow digital trade and build her country into a digital hub in Central Asia in the coming years.

Zhang Ming, secretary-general of the SCO, said that backed by SCO countries' rich human and financial resources, raw materials and technologies, digital trade will help them adapt to and grasp the trend of digitalisation, accelerate post-pandemic recovery and enhance economic resilience.

The value of China's foreign trade with other SCO member countries rose 40 per cent to \$343.3 billion (Rs 274 trillion) last year, a record high and 28 times that when the organisation was established in 2001, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce said.

By July last year, China's total investment in other SCO member countries exceeded \$70 billion and the value of contracted projects by Chinese companies in these countries exceeded \$290 billion.

Because the economic growth of many SCO members relies heavily on trade in commodities and agricultural products, it will be practical for them to work with

companies in China to further improve the trade structure and deepen collaboration on environmental protection, climate change, biodiversity conservation and low-carbon economy to seek new growth points in the next growth phase, said Zhang Shaogang, vice-chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade in Beijing.

They also need to revitalise trade and investment, as well as enhance openness and inter-connectivity especially when the global economy is suffering from a huge pandemic-induced contraction, geopolitical and geo-economic headwinds, said Zhou Mi, a senior researcher at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation in Beijing.

The Belt and Road Initiative will continue to play a vital role in fuelling SCO countries' business growth, he said, because many of them have integrated the BRI with regional collaboration programmes and national development plans.

In addition to drawing up a roadmap for expanding settlement in national currencies to provide better financial services for collaboration on major projects, SCO members should continue to work together to fight the pandemic in various areas, and advance collaboration in services, in particular in logistics, education and green and smart infrastructure development, Zhou said.

Eager to boost the bloc's growth, China established the China-SCO Local Economic and Trade Cooperation Demonstration Area in Qingdao, Shandong province, in 2018.

The area allows investing businesses from SCO countries to work together in one specific location and to share technologies, expertise and product types to develop new areas of collaboration and manufacturing processes, or a type of SCO-incubator.

Xi urges SCO to strengthen cooperation

President calls for members to improve global governance, safeguard international order

By CAO DESHENG and XU WEI

Chinese President Xi Jinping has called for Shanghai Cooperation Organisation countries to strengthen solidarity and cooperation amid volatile changes in the international landscape, uphold true multilateralism and work together to improve global governance to ensure the international order is more just and equitable.

Xi made the remarks in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on Sept 16 when delivering a speech at the 22nd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO. The meeting concluded the same day with a declaration and four statements on upholding international food and energy security as well as secure, stable and diversified supply chains, and responding to climate change.

Leaders of the SCO member states signed a memorandum of obligations on Iran's SCO membership during the meeting. The meeting also launched the procedure for Belarus' accession, and also admitted Bahrain, the Maldives, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Myanmar as new dialogue partners. It adopted the Comprehensive Plan for the Implementation of the SCO Treaty on Long-Term Good-Neighbourliness, Friendship and Cooperation for 2023-2027.

Addressing the meeting, Xi said that the SCO, as an important positive force in international and regional affairs, should brave the turbulence of the international situation, keep abreast of the trend of the times and boost partnerships to advance the building of an even closer SCO community with a shared future.

The SCO should remain firm in safeguarding the United Nations-centred international system and international order based on international law, practise the common values of humanity and reject zero-sum games and bloc politics, Xi said.

"Obsession with forming a small circle can only push the world towards division and confrontation," Xi said.

He called on the SCO countries to increase support for each other, expand security and development cooperation, strengthen cultural and people-to-people exchanges and uphold multilateralism.

Xi said that the SCO countries should intensify high-level exchanges and strategic communication, deepen mutual understanding and mutual political

trust, and support each other's efforts to safeguard their security and development interests.

"We should guard against attempts by external forces to instigate 'colour revolution', jointly oppose interference in other countries' internal affairs under any pretext, and hold our future firmly in our own hands," he added.

In terms of security cooperation, Xi called on countries to stay true to the vision of a common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security and build a balanced, effective and sustainable security architecture as well as implement the China-proposed Global Security Initiative to address the peace deficit and global security challenges.

He stressed the need for SCO members to carry out joint anti-terrorism exercises and severely crack down on terrorism, separatism, extremism and drug trafficking as well as cyber and transnational organised crimes. "We should effectively meet the challenges in data security, biosecurity, outer space security and other nontraditional security domains."

Saying that "delivering a better life for people of all countries in the region is our shared goal", Xi called on SCO countries to pursue the China-launched Global Development Initiative, which aims to focus global attention on development, foster global development partnerships, and achieve more robust, greener and more balanced global development.

He stressed the importance of better protecting international food and energy security, saying that China will provide developing countries in need with emergency humanitarian assistance of grain and other goods worth 1.5 billion yuan (Rs 17.1 billion).

Xi also underscored the need to speed up regional economic integration, and called for ensuring implementation of the road-map for SCO member states to expand the share of local currency settlement, better develop the system for cross-border payment and settlement in local currencies as well as work for the establishment of an SCO development bank.

Speaking of the development of the SCO, Xi said that China supports advancing the organisation's expansion in an active yet prudent manner. "An increasing number of countries have applied to join our SCO family. This fully demonstrates the power of the SCO's vision and the widely shared confidence in its future."

Indian traders excited about reopening businesses

By APARAJIT CHAKRABORTY

Sunil Kumar, an Indian businessman, is excited about resuming his business in China after two-and-a-half years of restrictions caused by the pandemic.

Yiwu, a thriving centre of commodities trade in East China's Zhejiang province, is host to many Indian traders.

As many as 107 Indian traders and business people landed in Hangzhou, the provincial capital, on Aug 9 on a China Southern Airlines charter flight from New Delhi. They were greeted at the airport with banners in English and Chinese celebrating their arrival.

It was the first business charter flight from India to China since COVID-19 hit in 2020.

All 107 business people went through a 10-day quarantine in

a small resort near the airport in Hangzhou. When that ended they headed for Yiwu. The passengers spent three days in quarantine in New Delhi before they left for China.

"I have been doing foreign trade business in Yiwu since April 2010 and Yiwu has become my second home," Kumar said. "I am really excited to return to Yiwu. I did not expect that I would return here and begin my old business."

Kumar travelled to India in January 2020 on holiday and had booked a flight back to China a month later. However, the pandemic forced him to stay in India for the next two-and-a-half years.

Du Yuegang, chief executive of Zhejiang Tony Supply Chain Co, took the initiative to bring the Indians back to China. The

company was well known to many Indian business people when they were in China before the pandemic.

India is one of Yiwu's largest export destinations. Last year the city's trade with India was worth 17.58 billion yuan (Rs 200.4 billion), 38.5 per cent more than in 2020, the Commerce Bureau of Yiwu said.

More than 2,000 Indian merchants used to live in Yiwu, Kumar said.

Some of the Indian business people already have long-term visas to stay in China. Others got new business visas valid for the next few months.

"I will work hard and contribute to boost bilateral trade and relations between the two countries," said John Alhat, another Indian who arrived in Hangzhou. He went to India in January last year to get

married and stayed there for more than 18 months.

Business owners in both countries expect that more charter flights will be put on soon.

It will present an opportunity for face-to-face contact that is important to maintain bilateral trade and relations. Many more Indian business people and traders are waiting to return to China.

Ge Qiaodi, deputy mayor of the Yiwu municipal government, said: "We have also launched the second batch of chartered flights, which are scheduled for September."

He added that Yiwu is ready to welcome foreigners to come at any time to conduct business.

The writer is a freelance journalist for China Daily. Ma Zhenhuan contributed to the story.



A foreign customer (right) places orders at a toy store in Yiwu International Trade Market last month. Yiwu is a thriving centre of commodities trade in East China's Zhejiang province. GONG XIANMING / FOR CHINA DAILY
New Delhi

Handicrafts bring villages prosperity

By ZHAO YIMENG

Ethnic arts and crafts have become a profitable rural industry, lifting villages in Hunan province out of poverty and contributing to rural vitalisation.

About 97.5 per cent of villagers in Hequn, Zhangjiajie city, in the province's northwest, are members of the Bai ethnic group. Many of the Bai people are making a living selling cloth made with tie-dyeing, a method that calls for colours or patterns to be applied to textiles that they use to make their traditional clothing.

About half the villagers in Hequn recently took part in a workshop on tie-dyeing organised by Zhang Pihe, 43, a Bai woman born in Dali, Yunnan province.

Zhang inherited the skill from her grandmother.

"Tie-dyeing has been passed on through generations," Zhang said.

Yang Shuchun, 21, Zhang's son, is also involved in tie-dyeing, which he learned as a child from his mother.

Yang said he remembers his parents would start work early in the morning, drawing the patterns they liked, brushing on colours, pinching some areas of the cloth and tying them tightly with thread.

The dye contains *banlangen*, a traditional Chinese medicine.

"I was curious about how the patterns were created by blocking the dye from reaching certain areas," he said.

He is still learning tie-dyeing skills from his parents and plans to start independently making handicrafts in a few years. "I just want to inherit the ethnic arts."

These days handmade clothes, hats, bags, shoes and other products made with tie-dyeing are sold at wholesale markets, on online platforms and via livestreaming. Prices range from 50 yuan (Rs 569) for a bag to 1,200 yuan for a traditional Bai costume.

The Bai ethnic group is one of 55 in Hunan. Combined, there are 7 million people from ethnic minority groups, including the Miao and the Tujia, in the province, accounting for about 10 per cent of its population.

Shi Shunlian, former Party secretary of the village of Shibadong in Xiangxi Tujia and Miao autonomous prefecture, has opened a Miao embroidery cooperative.

Given that women in the village excel at creating Miao embroidery, which is a national intangible cultural heritage, she established the cooperative in August 2014 to sell handicrafts outside the green mountains.

In 2018 women from the village began working with the rail rolling stock manufacturer CRRC Group to make handicrafts featuring high-speed railway designs for the company.

"I never expected that we could earn money from the embroidery that was previously only used to decorate our clothing," Shi said. "The products are now being exhibited to the world, and we can make money by making handicrafts at home."

Shibadong has been able to use its traditional Miao ethnic specialties as well as agricultural products such as kiwi fruit and peaches grown in the mountains, to help lift the village out of poverty.

The per capita income of the villagers had risen from 1,668 yuan in 2013 to 20,167 yuan last year, and their collective income last year reached 2.68 million yuan, the Hunan Bureau of Rural Vitalisation said.



Zhang Pihe and her husband tie-dye textiles. WANG JING / CHINA DAILY



Porcelain sheds light on history and culture

Unearthed items provide vital clues to life in ancient times. **Qu Yingpu** and **Ma Zhenhuan** report

Porcelain, one of ancient China's oldest and greatest inventions, has played a significant role in the country's long history.

The fact that porcelain is also popularly known as "china" or "fine china" in English speaks of the common recognition of its origins and identification with China.

By the late Paleolithic Age the Chinese had already made pottery. Fragments unearthed from the Xianrendong Cave in Jiangxi province are believed to be the world's earliest pottery, dating back about 20,000 years.

About 18,000 years later, with technological advances, such as the use of raw materials, the moulding process and firing techniques, the world's first high-fire ceramics, commonly referred to as primitive porcelain or protoporcelain, emerged during the Shang Dynasty (c. 16th century-11th century BC).

Jiang Yu, director of the Department of Ceramics at the Zhejiang Provincial Museum, said these early protoporcelain items shared some basic attributes and properties with porcelain, including their hardness, glaze and low permeability, but they were not yet sufficiently refined to be recognised as porcelain.

"Unlike pottery, porcelain is made from a special type of clay," Jiang said. "The two are different in terms of raw materials, glaze and firing temperature. Porcelain is much tougher than pottery because it has an extra layer of glaze and is more translucent."

In other words, protoporcelain was the stage during which pottery transitioned to porcelain.

It wasn't until the Eastern Han Dynasty (25-220) that porcelain in its modern form appeared. In the 1970s archaeologists excavated ceramic shards in Shangyu, Zhejiang province, the quality of which was considerably better than protoporcelain.

In the early 2000s more items were dug up. These pieces have a grey or greenish ceramic glaze, and this type of porcelain is now popularly known as celadon, which dominated ceramics in China for a long period, thanks to its jade-like features.

Production of porcelain — in particular celadon — developed further in Zhejiang and surrounding areas after the Eastern Han Dynasty.

According to *Porcelain: The Story of China*, written by Chen Kelun, a ceramics researcher at



Clockwise from top: Porcelain from the Yue Kiln is exhibited in Guangzhou, Guangdong province, in June last year. XU JIANMEI / FOR CHINA DAILY **A celadon sheep from the Eastern Jin Dynasty (317-420), which was made at the Yue Kiln.** PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY **An artisan in Jinhua, Zhejiang province, prepares to place pottery in a kiln.** YANG MEIQING / FOR CHINA DAILY **Chimes made from mise porcelain are displayed at an exhibition in Beijing.** CHE MEI / CHINA NEWS SERVICE **A boat-shaped water dropper of Longquan celadon made during the Southern Song period (1127-1279).** PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY



Chen writes in his book.

In addition to the Yue Kiln, the Longquan Kiln in Zhejiang emerged in the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms period (907-960). It blossomed in the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127), and from the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279) to the mid-Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) it was China's largest porcelain production centre.

The Zhejiang Provincial Museum is home to one of its most-treasured items, a piece of Longquan celadon made during the Southern Song period.

The piece, 16.7 centimetres long, 6.5 cm wide and 9.3 cm tall, is a boat-shaped water dropper, a device commonly used in ancient China to put water on ink stones when grinding ink sticks.

Carved columns are on the left and right sides of the item, with a pavilion cabin in the centre. A rolled-down shelter is at the back, with the anchor and oars also shown in vivid detail. Two passengers are positioned inside the cabin, as the boatman, standing outside and appearing to be preparing to moor the vessel, leans over to collect his bamboo hat from the roof. His robe flows in the wind.

Cai Naiwu, a ceramics expert at the museum, said: "This piece represents the height of Longquan porcelain-making and shows just how exquisite and unique it is."

The boat-shaped water dropper is likely to have been custom-

made for a member of the literati, a common practice at the time, Cai said.

In September 2009, UNESCO inscribed the traditional firing technology of Longquan celadon on its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

While it may not be among the four great inventions of ancient China — papermaking, printing, gunpowder and the compass — porcelain is an indisputably ingenious creation by the ancient Chinese that combines art and technology, and integrates aesthetics with practicality.

More important, it provides clues to China's past, Cai said.

"Thanks to its durability, porcelain can be likened to a chip that stores countless and invaluable information about China's history, society and culture."

Celadon was favoured by the imperial Chinese court for a long time until the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368), when blue-and-white porcelain came into vogue and its production base gradually shifted to Jingdezhen, Jiangxi, and elsewhere.

Cai said important sources such as ancient works of poetry, calligraphy, painting and classical books help us understand the past, but the most realistic and convincing evidence lies arguably in cultural relics buried deep underground, especially porcelain from the great kilns, "which may have been broken but still looks like new".

After 160,000 porcelain relics, many of them intact, were recovered from *Nanhai One*, a cargo ship believed to have sunk off the coast of southern China during the Southern Song Dynasty, experts thought they had found a "time capsule".

"People often speak of the glory, the splendour, the cultural diversity and the booming trade and commerce of this dynasty," Cai said. "But how can you travel back 800 years and truly feel it? Now, with all the excavated porcelain, including items from *Nanhai One*, a picture of time can be effectively pieced together for people to appreciate."

Jiang, director of the Department of Ceramics at the Zhejiang Provincial Museum, said: "Our ancestors mastered the craft of producing porcelain, which has since been highly regarded, not only by Chinese but by people worldwide. It has become an indispensable part of culture as well as part of people's everyday life."

Special tree branches out to tame the desert

By CHEN NAN

Zhu Dejun's first job after graduating from college was as a road design engineer at an institute in his hometown, Alshaa League, Inner Mongolia autonomous region.

Part of his regular work was patrolling the vast and sparsely populated Alshaa Left Banner, which encompasses 80,000 square kilometres.

In 2011, when Zhu was conducting a road survey along with his colleagues, he saw a plant he did not recognise.

"I wrote down in my notebook: 'It looks like a tree about 2 metres tall, and its diameter is about half a metre, only few leaves.'"

One year later Zhu learned that the plant was a saxaul tree.

Saxaul trees, or *Haloxylon ammodendron*, an ultraxerophytic small tree of the Chenopodiaceae family, are an excellent tree species for sand fixation and afforestation in desert areas. It is commonly seen and thus easily ignored. It is widely distributed in Chinese desert regions such as Inner Mongolia, the Ningxia Hui autonomous region and Gansu province.

Known as a desert guardian, a fully grown saxaul tree can hold together a 10-square-metre patch of desert land, Zhu said.

"To my amazement, the small plant ended up changing my life," said Zhu, 35, who quit his job at the design institute in 2014 and joined a

nonprofit organisation, the Society of Entrepreneurs and Ecology Conservation, or SEE, in the same year, concentrating on tackling desertification.

Over the past eight years Zhu has led a team from SEE to plant saxaul trees in sandy areas in Alshaa League and elsewhere in Inner Mongolia.

Zhu was born in the town of Bayanhot in Alshaa Left Banner.

"As a child, I wondered if the strong winds and sandstorms would ever disappear. I always wanted to do something for my hometown."

Zhu usually drives hours across the desert areas of Inner Mongolia with his team members to do research, plant saxaul trees and check those planted earlier.

"It usually takes four or five years for a saxaul tree to become fully grown," Zhu said. "When the tree is around the same height as me I feel rewarded and excited. It's a great pleasure to me."

The SEE Foundation, set up in 2008, has been providing subsidies for local herders and farmers while also offering technological support to plant saxaul trees in desert areas.

Last year more than 9.5 million saxaul trees were planted in Alshaa League, covering about 14,670 hectares, the foundation said, and this year saxaul trees covering 4,333 hectares have been planted.

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Government Services Reach Citizens' Doorstep

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MUKHYAMANTRI MITAAN YOJANA

- Scheme launched on **May 1, 2022**
- Mitan call center receive over **67,000** inquiries
- About **21,000** appointments booked
- **14,500** certificates delivered across Chhattisgarh

Over 14,500 citizens receive government documents at their doorstep

ANURADHA AND Advik Upadhyay of Bilaspur city in Chhattisgarh were pleasantly surprised when they received the birth certificate of their new-born child within two hours of calling the toll-free number 14545.

The toll-free number was started under the Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on May 1, 2022. Under this scheme, the state's citizens, especially the elderly, disabled and the illiterate, can avail of several services and get important government documents delivered to their home.

Mitaan is a Chhattisgarhi word for friend. Traditionally in India, obtaining necessary government documents like birth-death certificates, income certificates, marriage registration certificates and others is a cumbersome process that entails long queues and several visits to various Municipal Corporations offices.

In the first phase of this scheme, 14 Municipal Corporations have been covered under the scheme where 13 Services are home delivered. These include copy of the domicile certificate, caste certificate, income certificate, physical copy of the land record, death certificate, marriage registration certificate, birth certificate, shop and establishment registration, Land Use Information, correction of birth-death certificates and marriage certificate correction. So far, more than 14,500 people have benefited from this scheme.

Monitoring agencies

The scheme is monitored by a state-level committee headed by the Chief Secretary. At the district level, the Collector heads the monitoring committee to ensure the effective implementation of this scheme.

As per the officials, the state-level monitoring committee includes the secretary of the urban administration and development department, secretaries of revenue and disaster management, labour, food, civil supplies, consumer protection and transport departments.

The committee also includes the CEO of the State Urban Development Agency, the CEO of Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion



Anuradha and Advik Upadhyay receive certificates from a Mitaan

Society and the State Information Officer of the National Informatics Science Centre, Chhattisgarh.

At the state level, the State Urban Development Authority (SUDA) has been appointed as the nodal agency which selected the service provider agency.

How it works

Once a Citizen calls on 14545 to request a service, a Mitaan reaches the person's home and completes the required paperwork and uploads it on the web portal and collects a fee of Rs 50 from the user, either through online modes or in cash.

The collected documents are submitted at respective offices for processing. Once it is completed, the certificates/documents are delivered to the citizen's home. This process saves a lot of time and energy for citizens.

The scheme for 'young blood'

THE MUKHYAMANTRI Mitan Yojana will also benefit unemployed youth of the state by deploying them as agents who visit the applicants' homes to collect the required documents and deliver the certificates. The scheme is set to create new employment opportunities for young people and provide citizens with Government services at their doorsteps. In the second phase of the scheme the government is all set to roll out home delivery of Child Aadhar, Ayushman card, pan card and e-shram card.

Mitaan helps in securing scholarship

JAGAT RAM Chauhan - father of two daughters, living in Raigarh town of Chhattisgarh needed domicile certificate for getting scholarship for his daughters studying in the school. The last day of document submission was approaching quickly and he had very little time to get the domicile certificate. His friend told him about Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana and he called the toll free number 14545, then he was connected to Mitaan Call Agents who helped him with the necessary information for generating the domicile certificates. As soon as he submitted all the required documents to the Mitaan Agent, both of his daughters got domicile certificate and he was able to submit their certificates for School Admission.

Nomad receives help from 'Mitaan'

'MITAAN' SCHEME works in a non-discriminatory manner. Arjun Pawaria a nomadic Ayurvedic medicine seller from Rajasthan was in Bhilai city of Durg district when his wife gave birth to a baby girl in a private hospital.

For getting the birth certificate, he contacted Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana via toll-free number, Mukhyamantri Mitaan call agent provided a list of required documents and scheduled their appointment. After few hours of document collection, the birth certificate was delivered.

Pawaria recalled that in the past, the process of getting birth certificate was very time consuming and tedious. Arjun expressed his gratitude towards the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel and thanked team Mitaan for quick delivery of the service.

Newlywed couples receive marriage registration certificates from Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel

The CM launched the Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana on May Day this year and it is currently is effective in 14 municipal corporations of the state

CHIEF MINISTER Bhupesh Baghel showered his blessings on two newly married couples and handed over their marriage registration certificates under the Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana. He gave marriage registration certificates to Ahnan Turkey and Saju Turkey and Abhishek Jaiswal and Sapna Jaiswal, who are residents of Ambikapur Municipal Corporation.

Baghel launched the scheme on May Day this year.

Urban Administration Minister Dr Shiv Kumar Dahariya, Food and Culture Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, MLA Dr Pitam Ram, State Women's Commission President Kiranmayee Nayak, along with other officials and citizens were present on the occasion.



Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel handing over marriage certificates

Surprise guest delivers marriage certificate

ANURAG GUPTA and Suman Mittal of Raigarh city in Chhattisgarh had never thought that they would receive their marriage certificate at the hands of the Divisional Commissioner.

The newlywed couple had applied for a marriage certificate under the Mukhya Mantri Mitaan Yojana on June 1 and on June 2, the Commissioner, District Collector and Commissioner of Raigarh Municipal Corporation reached their home to deliver the certificate. The senior officers also blessed the couple, who said they had never thought that the top officials would visit their home to provide



Divisional Commissioner hands over the marriage certificate to the couple

their marriage certificate.

The Commissioner said that this scheme is delivering civil service to people's doorstep and minimising their effort in receiving important government documents.

Mitaan wins accolades in Digital India Week in Gujarat

THE MUKHYAMANTRI Mitaan Yojana, one of Chhattisgarh's flagship schemes, received wide appreciation from the Digital India Week (DIW) held in Ahmedabad in Gujarat a few months back.

DIW was held in Mahatma Mandir at Gandhi Nagar town of Ahmedabad from July 4 to 9, 2022. Special Secretary Chhattisgarh Electronics and IT department and CEO Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society (CHIPS) gave a detailed presentation about the Godhan Nyay Yojana and Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana that received appreciation from the audience.

The CEO of CHIPS, in his address, said that Mitaan Scheme was launched to extend the reach of home delivery services while improving the government service



CEO CHIPS with his team in Gujarat

delivery system.

Union Secretary, Ministry of Information and Technology, Rajendra Kumar who was also present on occasion, lauded the efforts of the Chhattisgarh government and its novel initiatives. Dr Dinesh Tyagi, CEO, CSC e-governance Services India Limited said the scheme is using information technology (IT) for citizen empowerment. Many other nations are also working in this direction, he remarked.

Beneficiary Window



Ukesh Kumar Nayak
Need not to visit different offices for different certificates, all documents collected from my home and all 3 certificates delivered to my home within 2 days

Ashutosh Rajput

I saw an article about Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana in the local newspaper. I immediately dialled the toll-free number 14545 to obtain a domicile certificate without visiting any offices. Thankyou Mitaan !



Charyush Sahu
This scheme will help the people in getting their certificates without any hassle and will also save time which they spend on travelling from one place to another for getting these certificates.

Yamini Sahu

I am very happy to get my income certificate in one day by using mitaan. I just needed to provide my details and my income certificate was ready for me in one day.



Tikeshwari Sahu
This government aims to provide better services to the public through Mitaan Scheme. Mitaan ensures that citizens get what certificates they need without any problems or delays.

Over 67K inquires on toll-free number 14545

■ More than 67,000 people have called on toll free number 14545 issued under the Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana and inquired about the same. More than, 14,500 people living in urban regions of state have used the scheme to get necessary certificates/documents.

■ Currently, the Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana covers 14 municipal corporations and provides 13 kinds of certificates/documents.

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THE PUSH

IN HIS second letter to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in little over a month, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday sought her personal intervention in resolving “long-pending” land acquisition issues holding up the setting up of two Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the state. While one JNV was sanctioned in 2007, another got approved in 2016, Pradhan pointed out. In his previous letter, written on August 2, Pradhan had raised the issue of “irregularities” in the state’s teacher recruitment process. Incidentally, the Centre had told Lok Sabha in the last session that West Bengal and Tamil Nadu are the only states, which have not shared the status of implementation of the National Education Policy with it. Earlier this year, West Bengal set up a panel to examine the policy.

VIP PROTOCOL

WHAT KIND of courtesy or importance VIPs must get is enshrined in directives from the government from time to time. Of late, the government has circulated among all ministries and departments the official line on the courtesy to be extended to former Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Prime Ministers. The policy is that when these VIPs visit states and Union Territories, even during a night halt or transit halt, after demitting office, they should be given the same protocol and courtesy that is reserved for Union Cabinet Ministers.

PANEL SCRUTINY

THE PUBLIC Accounts Committee of Parliament headed by Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has selected additional subjects for its scrutiny this year, based on audit reports of several ministries and departments. The additional matters the panel will now look into includes, among others, management of spectrum assigned to government departments, reliability of GST data, preservation and conservation of monuments, procurement and supply of drugs in the CGHS, and even waste management in Indian Railways.

Denied spl sitting, Mann govt calls House session on Sept 27, to challenge Governor’s move in SC

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 22

DENIED PERMISSION by the Governor to hold a special sitting of the Vidhan Sabha to table a confidence motion, the Bhagwant Mann-led AAP government in Punjab Thursday decided to summon a regular Assembly session on September 27. The state government will also move the Supreme Court over the Raj Bhavan move’s to withdraw the permission for the special session that was earlier scheduled for Thursday.

The decision to call a regular Assembly session, likely to be day-long, was taken in an emergency meeting of the Cabinet called and chaired by Chief Minister Mann. “It was unanimously decided that the Vidhan Sabha session will be summoned on September 27 to discuss issues like paddy stubble burning and electricity,” said Mann.

Functionaries with the ruling party, however, hinted that the government could also bring a motion to “prove” that it enjoys a majority in the House, despite



Kamleshwar Singh
AAP MLAs protest in Chandigarh on Thursday

the alleged attempts by the BJP to “poach” its legislators under ‘Operation Lotus’.

Asked about it, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said the business advisory committee of the House will decide which business is to be taken up on that day.

Later, in a statement, Mann the state government will approach the Supreme Court against the “arbitrary and anti-democratic” decision of the Governor, by which he withdrew the permission to hold the special session. “It is an attack on democracy,” he said.

Shah set to hold Purnia rally, Bihar BJP looks to target Nitish over PFI rise

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, SEPTEMBER 22

IN THE first major BJP events in Bihar following the NDA split early last month, which saw Chief Minister and JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar cutting his ties with the BJP and joining hands with the Mahagathbandhan to form a new government, Union Home Minister Amit Shah will address a rally at Purnia on Friday and hold a meeting of the state BJP core committee in Kishanganj on Saturday.

The choice of the venues for Shah’s rally and the BJP meet has got the Mahagathbandhan target the saffron party for allegedly making attempts to “disrupt communal harmony” in the state whose Seemanchal region com-

prising Araria, Purnia, Katihar and Kishanganj districts account for a substantial concentration of the Muslim population. While Kishanganj has over 67 per cent Muslim population, each of the other three Seemanchal districts has over 40-45 per cent Muslim population.

These four parliamentary constituencies would often see religious polarisation during the elections. At present, the BJP represents only the Araria Lok Sabha seat while the JD(U) holds Katihar and Purnia seats with Kishanganj represented by the Congress. In the 2015 Assembly polls, the BJP could manage to win just eight seats in the Seemanchal region with most of the seats picked by the Mahagathbandhan. From the Purnia rally, the BJP

‘Leader with 2 posts won’t be able to do justice to Cong presidency’

HOURS BEFORE Congress leader Rahul Gandhi reiterated that the party’s one-person-one-post commitment was expected to be maintained for the presidential polls, Rajasthan Chief Minister **ASHOK GEHLOT** told **MANOJ CG** that the principle laid down in the Congress’s Udaipur Declaration was meant for nominated posts and not for the ones for which elections are held. However, he added that a leader who gets elected “will not be able to justify the Congress presidency” if he or she holds two posts. Excerpts:

You met Congress president Sonia Gandhi Wednesday. She told you nobody from the Gandhi family would contest the Congress president poll

She has been saying that. She said ‘we want to remain neutral’, that nobody from the Gandhi family will contest. *Aur non-Gandhi ki baat hai toh phir achha rahega ki jo bhi maidan main utarna chahe utar jaaye* (those who want to contest the election should enter the fray). It is good for inner-party democracy. They will also not sign as proposers. I met her because I wanted to take her blessings.

So it has become very clear that Rahul Gandhi is not



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RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER

contesting. Jairam Ramesh said so on Wednesday.

It has come to my knowledge that he (Jairam) has said that. Even then I have been demanding that Rahul Gandhi should become Congress president. In Rajasthan, it was I who first raised this demand. It is still my responsibility to talk to him one last time.

So you will enter the fray and file the nomination paper since Rahul is not in the race?

If he doesn’t agree, *phir toh form bharengi* (I will have to file the nomination form). When there is a mood in my favour in the state and in the country, I will have to file the nomination, respecting and honouring the sentiments of everybody.

Digvijaya Singh said you cannot hold two posts.

There are two things. In my view, I am not saying it for myself, this is an election for the post of Congress president. The two-posts issue cannot come up in an election. Anybody can contest in an election. Any state minister, who is a delegate, can also contest. It is not necessary that he resign first. But the person who becomes the Congress president, his area is the entire country. There has never been a case when a person is both Congress president and a chief minister. That person will not be able to do justice to the Congress presidency. So, it is natural that *woh* Congress president *rahke kaam kare* (the person chosen helm only the party), even though the two-posts issue may not apply in this case. It is also important for us to win the Rajasthan election. Then only the Congress’s revival will begin. So, I would also like that if I become Congress president then how

should we work to win in Rajasthan? So, Digvijaya Singh or whoever says these things... I think their sentiments should be the same as mine. There can be different ways of saying it. He made Udaipur Declaration the basis ... I believe Udaipur Declaration is for two nominated posts. This is an election. Had this post also been nominated, then the two posts issue would be relevant ... that how can you be nominated for two posts?

So you believe that you should continue as Rajasthan CM till the elections even after you become Congress chief, that you have to make the party win as a CM?

It is not necessary that I stay on as CM till the elections, remain for a month or six months, or not stay at all. *Yeh depend karge ki hamari exercise wahan kis prakar se hai* (how things unfold in Rajasthan). What is the view of the MLAs? How should we go about it? So that there is unity in the party. After the crisis we underwent there, we would like everybody to move forward unitedly. The biggest challenge before us is to strengthen the Congress and move forward unitedly.

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As Rahul, Yatris move through Kerala, a voice on ground: ‘no fatigue, just move legs’

SHAJU PHILIP
DESOM, SEPTEMBER 22

IT’S 6 am and Desom junction in Kerala, 19 km from Kochi, resembles a police outpost. As the day unfolds, men clothed in white — Congress members — trickle in among the scores of police personnel. At 6.30, an announcement goes out, sparking a sudden flurry of activity: “Rahulji has left from Aluva UC College (the previous night’s campsite), he is arriving soon.”

Policemen pull out ropes from their vehicles to control the crowd. Congressmen bring in bundles of party flags, tricolour balloons start fluttering, and a few people pull on their knee sleeves. In no time, Desom is all set to kick-off the 15th day of the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Rahul keeps the swelling crowd waiting for 15 minutes, before alighting in the midst of a teeming mass of Congress workers. Flanked by senior leaders, he starts marching.

PM visits Japan on Sept 27 for Abe funeral

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will visit Japan on September 27 to attend the state funeral of former Japanese premier Shinzo Abe.

Abe, Japan’s longest-serving prime minister, was shot dead on July 8 while delivering a campaign speech in western Japan ahead of the House of Councillors election on July 10.

Modi will visit Japan on September 27 to attend the funeral, the Ministry of External Affairs said. He will also meet Japanese PM Fumio Kishida.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during his Bharat Jodo Yatra in Ernakulam, Kerala, on Thursday. PTI

The crowd grows as the yatra moves along the national highway. There are yatris for the Kerala days, for the two-day Ernakulam district stretch and for the day’s leg, apart from the 120-odd who will complete the full 151-day journey.

E Nisarudheen, a Youth Congress worker from Kollam says: “I have joined the yatra from Kanyakumari but have to stop at

the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border. I am allowed only in the Kerala leg. I have requested the party to allow me to walk till Kashmir.”

Nisarudheen, who runs a catering firm, said many yatris including him felt strained during the initial days. “But things have changed now. We draw energy from the huge turnout of the people. Rahul takes care of all of us. Everyday, he interacts

with us and looks into our welfare. We need not worry about any logistics. We wake up at 4 am and get ready for the day’s walk. All you need to do is to move your legs,” said the local Youth Congress leader at Kundara in Kollam.

Both sides of the road are splashed with banners and billboards of the yatra. There is only one face on the posters, and one name on the lips of the marching crowd: Rahul. Slogans which occasionally go up are not against the CPI(M) but against the BJP and its “divisive politics”. No slogan is raised for any Congress Kerala satrap, an otherwise ubiquitous practice at any party event.

Varun Alappad, a fisherman and Congress worker, has abandoned his work to join the yatra. “This is the best season for fish and making some money for the family. But I decided that I should join this yatra for the cause of the country and its future. I being the lone breadwinner, my family is not happy with the idea.”

Five Cong workers arrested over ‘PayCM’ posters; BJP says will file defamation case

AKRAM MOHAMMED & KIRAN PARASHAR
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 22

A DAY after ‘PayCM’ posters targeting Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, over alleged corruption under his guard, were found pasted in different parts of Bengaluru, the city police on Thursday said five people have been arrested in connection with the case.

The ruling BJP, meanwhile, threatened to file a defamation case against those responsible for the posters, while the opposition party slammed the police action and called it BJP’s



CM Basavaraj Bommai; state Cong chief D K Shivakumar

vendetta politics.

Police had registered five FIRs by Thursday morning and detained many people, including Congress IT cell coordinator B R Naidu, and a member of the party’s IT cell, Gagan Yadav.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) R Srinivas

Gowda confirmed five arrests and said three others were detained for questioning. They have been served notice of appearance to cooperate with the probe, he said.

State BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Thursday said, “We will file a case against the agency (behind the PayCM campaign).” He accused the Congress of making false allegations since the party has no answer to “development activities” under the BJP.

The Congress, Kateel alleged, had “concealed several scams” during its government from 2013 to 2018, “which will be investigated by our government”.

The state BJP unit released a

Gandhis neutral, other leaders consider shot at party chief post

Besides Tharoor, names of Tewari, Nath, Kharge and Digvijaya doing the rounds

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

CONGRESS PRESIDENT Sonia Gandhi’s signal that she and her children, Rahul and Priyanka, would remain neutral in the event of a contest for the Congress presidential election has prompted several leaders to at least weigh the options of entering the fray. A few are looking at the electoral college carefully, some are testing the waters while others are hoping for limelight.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor are expected to contest for the polls. While Manish Tewari is said to be examining the pros and cons, Digvijaya Singh is testing the waters. The names of Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath and Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge too are doing the rounds.

Interestingly, even Tharoor’s fellow G-23 leaders are suggesting that he should not be seen as the consensus candidate of the ginger group.

With Sonia telling Gehlot that the family would stay neutral and not sign the nomination papers of any candidate as proposers, some party leaders are now wondering “why Ashok Gehlot then” if he is not the official or establishment candidate. This even as at least one Congress leader today came out in open support of Gehlot.

Sonia had said the same to Tharoor, but he is seen more as the “underdog” who is mounting a challenge to the entrenched leaders and the system. It is more of a “statement,” one leader said.

Party national spokesperson Gourav Vallabh even took to Twitter to compare Tharoor and Gehlot to say that “if one has to choose between the two names that are appearing in public discussion, then there is no comparison between the two.”

He added: “On one hand, there is Ashok Gehlot who has the experience of being a Union minister, three times chief minister, five times MP, five times

MLA, and who has defeated Modi-Shah in a direct contest and who has had 45 years of “spotless” political life... On the other hand, there is Shashi Tharoor sahib who has only one major contribution to the party in the last 8 years — sent letters to Congress President Sonia Gandhi ji when she was hospitalised.”

About the other names doing the rounds, a leader told *The Indian Express*: “With the Gandhis professing neutrality... a lot of other people who have aspirations may ask why Ashok Gehlot. Kamal Nath is as senior as Gehlot. Same is the case with Digvijaya Singh. Kharge, the leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, is a veteran. He has been leader of the party in the Lok Sabha, a nine-time MLA and belongs to the Dalit community. It is not going to be so easy that you say Gehlot’s name and everybody will roll over and play dead... Everybody has a legitimate claim.”

Sources close to Kamal Nath said there was “pressure” on him from Congress leaders of several states to contest. He, however, is reportedly not keen on leaving Madhya Pradesh, where he wants to bring the Congress back to power in the Assembly elections due next year. Kamal Nath’s stint as CM after the last Assembly elections was short-lived following the exit of Jyotiraditya Scindia from the party in 2020, with over two dozen MLAs.

Tewari, on the other hand, is said to be keenly observing the fast-paced developments within the organisation. Having been privy to the inner workings of the Congress system, Tewari knows well that a serious assessment of the support that he could potentially garner is important before making a serious bid.

Sources close to Kharge said he is not keen to enter the race. The one person, one post principle will apply to him too. Kharge, anyway, is said to be planning to reach Delhi next week and is likely to meet Sonia Gandhi.

Kharge is said to be very clear that he could even think about entering the fray only with the backing of the Gandhis.

Youth Cong man held for attack on CPM Kerala office

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 22

NEARLY THREE months after an explosive substance was thrown at AKG Centre, the CPI(M) state headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram, a Youth Congress worker was arrested on Thursday in connection with the incident.

The arrested accused has been identified as Jithin Kalathur, who is mandalam president of the Youth Congress at Attipira, in Thiruvananthapuram district.

Crime Branch officials said Jithin has confessed to the crime, and that he will be produced before a magistrate court and taken into custody for further interrogation.

Congress vice-president V T Balram claimed the arrest was meant to divert attention from the party’s Bharat Jodo Yatra, currently traversing Kerala. CPI(M) state secretary M V Govindan, on the other hand, claimed the investigation is going in the right direction and arrest exposes the Opposition’s false propaganda.

CCTV footage of the incident had shown a person riding a motorcycle to the AKG Centre’s gate late June 30 night and speeding off after hurling an object.

The attack had sparked protests, as it took place a day before Congress leader Rahul Gandhi’s three-day visit to his Lok Sabha constituency, Wayanad.

EXPLAINED
Nitish to be in BJP’s firing line

Union Home Minister Amit Shah’s Friday rally assumes significance as it would involve messaging from the BJP top brass in the wake of the NDA breakup in Bihar. Though the RJD is usually in the line of the BJP’s fire in Bihar, this time CM Nitish is likely to be the latter’s principal target.

Santosh Pathak told *The Indian Express*: “Our leaders would surely expose Nitish Kumar over PFI,

which had its office in Patna for several years and state police hardly kept a watch over its activities. Our senior leaders have been speaking about how Nitish Kumar would often feel uncomfortable whenever BJP would take up threat of terror surge in states that have seen growth of organisations like PFI. Though some people may attack us over our ‘jungle raj’ charge, random police firing in Begusarai is only suggestive of a return of jungle raj”.

Meanwhile, central agencies like the NIA and the ED Tharoor conducted searches at the PFI offices and its leaders’ premises across 10 states, including Bihar, over their alleged involvement in terror activities, detaining or arresting scores of them. It was described as the “largest-ever in-

vestigation process till date”.

The Bihar BJP has appointed Union minister and Begusarai MP Giriraj Singh as the in-charge of the BJP’s two-day Seemanchal events, entrusting ex-Bihar minister Mangal Pandey with the responsibility of managing the Purnia rally.

Amit Shah is also reportedly scheduled to hold a security forces meeting at Kishanganj on Saturday to assess challenges and infiltration threats in Bihar districts bordering Bangladesh and Nepal. This official meeting was scheduled before the NDA split, although the BJP has now sought to capitalise on Shah’s presence in the region by holding its events there.

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- ◉ Work in progress in the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail project. Approval granted by Government of India for survey of Gangotri-Yamunotri rail line from Tanakpur, Bageshwar and Doiwala along with doubling of Haridwar-Dehradun rail line.
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- ◉ More than 48.42 lakh card holders under AyushmanYojana, free treatment of more than 5.65 lakh patients, more than Rs 978 crore spent.
- ◉ Interest free loan of uptoRs 3 lakh for farmers and uptoRs 5 lakh for women selfhelp groups.
- ◉ Work has been started on 3,900 organic clusters, budgetary provision for establishing GauSadans increased by six times to Rs 15 crore.
- ◉ Provision for 80 per cent subsidy in farm machinery banks.
- ◉ One District One Product' started based on vocal for local concept. Geo-tagging of local products.
- ◉ Approval granted for AIIMS Rishikesh satellite centre in Udham Singh Nagar.



Bhagwat, Sangh on the same page as us on Hindu-Muslim reconciliation: Jung

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

RSS CHIEF Mohan Bhagwat feels “a complete need for reconciliation” between Hindus and Muslims is imperative for India to march ahead, former Delhi Lt Governor Najeeb Jung, who was among the five intellectuals from the Muslim community who met Bhagwat last month, said on Thursday.

In an exclusive interview to *The Indian Express*, Jung said Bhagwat’s visits to mosques and madrasas in Delhi during the day also reflects that spirit.

He emphasised that Bhagwat and the RSS’s top leadership are “on the same page that this cannot be allowed to continue”, and there should be steps to improve relations.

He said: “We came out with these words from the Sarsangchalak (Bhagwat) that there is a complete need for reconciliation. He endorses this view... I am repeating his words that India has to go forward, and that can happen when there is reconciliation, when all communities go hand in hand.”

Jung said he met Bhagwat two years ago as well but was unable to carry forward the di-



Former Delhi Lt Governor Najeeb Jung

alogue on account of the pandemic. So, “we thought this was the right time to go ahead,” he said. “We had very free and frank discussions on all kinds of things. I think he and the senior hierarchy of the Sangh are on the same page as us — that we need reconciliation and rapprochement; that this cannot be allowed to continue; and so steps should be taken to improve relations.”

The meeting, described as the first of many, took place in the RSS’s makeshift Delhi office, Udaseen Ashram. Besides Jung, former chief election commissioner S Y Quraishi, former Aligarh Muslim University vice-chancellor Lt Gen Zameer Uddin Shah (ret’d), Rashtriya Lok Dal vice-president Shahid Siddiqui and businessman Saeed Shervani took part in it.

Asked if future engagements will be held in a more structured form, Jung replied in the affirmative. He said they will also meet clerics of all faiths.

RSS chief is ‘rashtra pita’, says AIOO chief imam after meeting

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

DAYS AFTER he met eminent people from the Muslim community, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat Thursday visited Masjid Kasturba Gandhi Marg, headquarters of the All India Imams Organisation (AIOO), and met its chief, Imam Umer Ahmed Ilyasi, who called Bhagwat “rashtra pita (father of the nation)”.

While Ilyasi said they “meet often”, RSS insiders said the meeting materialised because

both sides “felt the need for a dialogue”.

The AIOO claims to represent half-a-million imams across 3 lakh mosques in India.

Ilyasi said, “It was a great honour for us that Bhagwat-ji came for tea in the morning.... Woh hamare rashtra pita hai aur desh ke rashtriya nishi hai (he is father of the nation and India’s chief saint).”

Asked whether problems of the community and issues such as the Gyanvapi mosque matter were discussed, Ilyasi said, “Why should we focus on negatives? We should create harmony.”

Soren seeks EC opinion sent to Gov, poll panel says ‘privileged’ info

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) has turned down Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren’s request to disclose its opinion shared with the state Governor in the disqualification matter against him.

Soren’s legal counsel had written to the EC on September 15 stating that the hearings held before the poll panel were judicial in nature, so a copy of the opinion tendered to Governor Ramesh Bais should be shared with his client.

In its reply, EC said any communication between the EC and a Governor is “privileged” under Article 192 (2) of the Constitution and revealing it before an order is



Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren

passed by the Governor would amount to “breach of constitutional propriety”.

The Commission is also learnt to have cited a recent case before the Supreme Court (DD Thaisii Vs Election Commission of India) regarding the EC’s opinion on a complaint seeking disqualification of 12 BJP MLAs from the Manipur Assembly. In this matter, the EC has said, the apex court did not order it to disclose its opinion after the counsel for the poll panel informed the court that disclosure of privileged com-

munication would be improper. The EC also said that any document pertaining to a reference received from the Governor under Article 192 (2) is also exempt from disclosure under the RTI Act unless a final order is passed by the Governor.

On August 25, the poll panel, in its opinion sent to Bais, had recommended Soren’s disqualification under Section 9A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, for allegedly misusing his position to allot a stone-mining lease to himself last year. Section 9A prohibits elected representatives from entering into any contract with the government for “supply of goods” or “execution of any works undertaken” by it.

The state is in political turmoil as Bais hasn’t officially apprised the state government of

the EC’s view on Soren’s eligibility to continue as MLA. Meanwhile, the JMM has alleged attempts by the BJP to poach the ruling alliance’s MLAs.

Before writing to the EC, the party had asked the Governor to announce his decision based on the Commission’s opinion. The JMM memorandum to the Governor had stated that “purported selective leaks from your (the Governor’s) office” on the issue have led to a “state of chaos, confusion and uncertainty, which vitiates the administration and the governance of the State”.

“This also encourages political brinkmanship to destabilise the democratically elected government headed by CM Soren by illegal means... disqualification, if any, of the CM will not have any effect on the government.”

India objects to ‘referendum’ on Khalistan in Canada

New Delhi: India Thursday said the “so-called Khalistan referendum” in Canada was “deeply objectionable” and that such a “politically motivated” activity by extremist elements was allowed to take place in a “friendly country”. This issue has been raised by New Delhi with their counterparts in Canada.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India had taken up the matter with Canadian authorities through diplomatic channels and would continue to press Canada in this regard. Bagchi said Canada has reiterated it will not recognise the “referendum”. ENS



Jaishankar with UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly. PTI

Jaishankar meets Cleverly, raises UK violence issue

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DAYS AFTER incidents of violence targeting the Indian community were reported in Leicester and Birmingham, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met newly-appointed British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly and shared his concerns about the security and welfare of the Indian community in the UK.

Ministry of External Affairs official spokesperson Arindam

Bagchi said on Thursday that Jaishankar raised this issue with his British counterpart and welcomed his assurances on the same. “A warm conversation with UK Foreign Secretary @JamesCleverly. Discussed taking forward Roadmap 2030. Appreciate his commitment to deepening our partnership,” Jaishankar tweeted Wednesday.

The MEA spokesperson said on Thursday that the Indian High Commission is in touch with the UK side to prevent attacks and take action against perpetrators.



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

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

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

ARGUMENTS OVER, SC RESERVES VERDICT
State linked PFI to hijab ban to prejudice case: appellants to SC

ANANTHAKRISHNANG
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

MUSLIM APPELLANTS who have challenged the Karnataka hijab ban before Supreme Court on Thursday objected to the state government linking protests over the issue to the Islamic outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) and claimed that it was being done to prejudice their case.

The bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia completed the hearing of arguments and reserved its verdict on Thursday.

“I regret to say that the Solicitor General raised that issue,” senior advocate Dushyant Dave, appearing for some of the appellants, told the court. “It is not an issue which is relevant at all for the purpose of determination here. I further regret to say that he (S-G Tushar Mehta) having raised it, the entire media picked it up.”

Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi also took exception to the State invoking PFI’s name and said this was not pleaded before the High Court, and is not there in the circular.

The bench said “the High Court deals with it”. Ahmadi responded that it was only “one line”.

Pointing out that the State had consciously not filed a rejoinder before SC, he argued, “If they want to rely on something, they cannot do it orally. First they consciously said they don’t want to file a counter... now the attempt is to bring in facts which are not part of the record at all before the court... by saying there is an

overarching conspiracy.” Stating that there was “nothing in the circular with regard to PFI”, Ahmadi said the argument is being “sought to be introduced only... to prejudice”.

Their reference was to Mehta’s submissions that the protests over restrictions on wearing of hijab were “part of a larger conspiracy”. He had said that “at least from 2013, nobody was deviating from the prescribed uniform, which did not include hijab”.

He submitted that “in 2022, a movement started on social media by an organisation called the Popular Front of India and the movement — as the FIR which was lodged subsequently suggested — was designed to create a kind of an agitation based on religious feelings of the people, and as a part, there were continuous social media messages — (to) start wearing hijab...”

Dave sought to link it to comments on Wednesday by an SC bench headed by Justice K M Joseph about alleged hate speech through visual media.

He said that “Justice Joseph’s bench yesterday rightly remarked... they have now started hearing a matter as to how media is used by political parties to spread hatred in the country”. He said that after Mehta’s remarks, “the headline was Popular Front of India, although it is not part of the arguments at all”.

Justice Gupta pointed out that Mehta had said this in the context of explaining the background. Dave said the state government’s “circular” under challenge “does not refer to that”.

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		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore	N.C.B. No.- 355	Dt. 23.09.2022 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt. 12.10.2022 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt. 11.10.2022 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt. 13.10.2022 at 11.00 AM.	Will be intimated letter

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Sd/- Dr. S.K. Mishra
Chief Construction Engineer,
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Bid Identification No. Online Tender/ 40-2022-23/BPR

Identification No	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender/ 40-2022-23/ BPR	Road Works (SCA)	01 No.	Rs. 473.23 Laksh	"A" Class as applicable	09 (Nine) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur	Online Tender/ 40-2022-23/BPR	27.09.2022 at 10.00 A.M.	12.10.2022 upto 3.00 P.M.

(i) No EMD is required as per O.M. No. 8484 Dt. 05.04.2022 of Finance Department, Govt of Odisha. But Bid Security declaration should be furnished by the bidders as mentioned in the DTGN.

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Sd/- P.K. Jene
Chief Construction Engineer
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Union Finance Minister Niramala Sitharaman at a college in Pune on Thursday. Oshwin Kadhao

3-DAY TOUR OF BARAMATI

Opp shedding crocodile tears over loss of plant to Gujarat: Sitharaman

AJAY JADHAV
PUNE, SEPTEMBER 22

HITTING OUT at Maha Vikas Aghadi in Maharashtra for criticising the newly formed state government led by Eknath Shinde and Devendra Fadnavis over losing the Vedanta-Foxconn plant to Gujarat, Union Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the opposition parties 'shedding crocodile tears' now were the same political parties, who created hurdles for at least five mega projects in the state during their tenure in power.

"Who were the people who stopped the bullet train project in Maharashtra; who were the people who stopped a Rs 65,000 crore Wadhwan project in Palghar dis-

trict; who stopped the Nanar refinery project and who created hurdles for the Metro car shed project...," Sitharaman asked on Day 1 of her three-day tour of Baramati Lok Sabha constituency. "Were these projects not beneficial for Maharashtra? Were all these projects benefitting Gujarat? When you were in power, you stopped not one or two projects, but created hurdles for five projects. Now you are shedding crocodile tears in the name of Maharashtra's interest and for sake of doing politics," she said.

Responding to a possible tussle with NCP in Baramati to end the stronghold of Pawar family, she said, "I am here only to strengthen BJP and not to think about any one family."

SC gives six-month jail term to Fortis Healthcare ex-promoters

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday awarded six-month jail term to former promoters of Fortis Healthcare Ltd, Malvinder Singh, and Shivinder Singh, in a case related to the sale of shares of Fortis to Malaysia-based IHH Healthcare. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India U U Lalit and Justices Indira Banerjee and K M Joseph also ordered a forensic audit of

the share sale in Fortis Healthcare Ltd. The former promoters of Fortis Healthcare Ltd were facing the court battle after a Japanese firm, Daiichi Sankyo, had challenged the Fortis-IHH share deal to recover the Rs 3,600 crore arbitration award that it had won before a Singapore tribunal against the Singh brothers. PTI

NMC seeks to ease norms for new med colleges

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

SEEKING TO ease the norms for setting up new medical colleges, the National Medical Commission (NMC), the country's apex medical education regulator, has proposed a relaxation in the mandatory requirement of having a "fully functional" hospital for at least two years before starting a medical college. This exemption will apply only to organisations that have experience in running a medical college and 1,000-bed multi-specialty hospital elsewhere in the country.

According to the existing Establishment of Medical College Regulations, the person setting up the college must "own and manage a fully functional minimum 300-bedded

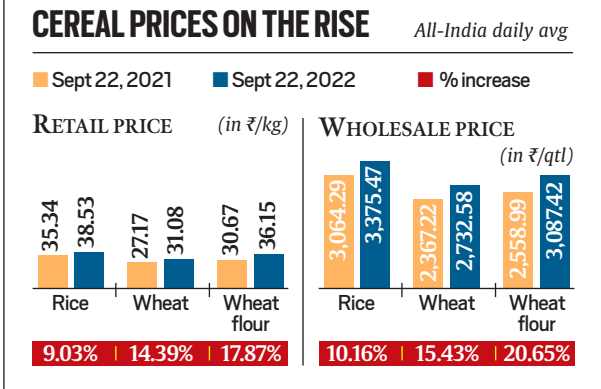
hospital with necessary infra-structural facilities capable of being developed into a teaching institution... the hospital should be fully functional for a minimum period of two years." Now, in a draft notification, the NMC has said that "the condition of 'fully functional hospital for a minimum period of two years' shall not apply in case of universities and deemed universities having experience of establishing and running fully functional recognised medical colleges and hospitals of 1,000 bed or more, for at least two years, anywhere in India." It adds certain riders: "The building of both the hospital and medical college is owned and managed by the same organisation; the building of the proposed medical college has not been used for any other purpose

Food Ministry: Domestic prices of rice may continue to increase

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

A DAY after the Agriculture Ministry pegged kharif rice output at 104.99 million tonnes – lower than 111.76 mt in the last kharif season – the Food Ministry on Thursday said the domestic prices of rice are showing "increasing trend" and it may "continue to increase" due to the lower production forecast and the higher non-basmati export.

The Food Ministry's statement came on a day when the all-India daily average retail and wholesale prices of rice, wheat, wheat flour recorded 9-20 per cent rise than the prices a year ago. According to data available on the Department of Consumer Affairs portal, the all-India daily average retail prices of rice were higher by 9.03 per cent, wheat by 14.39 per cent and wheat flour by 17.87 per cent as compared to their prices a year ago. The all-India daily average wholesale prices of rice were higher by 10.16 per cent, wheat by 15.43 per cent and wheat flour by 20.65 per cent as compared to their prices a year



ago (see chart). The Agriculture Ministry on Wednesday had released the First Advance Estimates of production of major kharif crops for 2022-23 that pegged kharif rice production at 104.99 million tonnes during the current season in wake of uneven monsoon, which is 6.77 mt – or 6 per cent – lower than the 111.76 mt production in the last season. The kharif rice production estimates are lower than the target of 112 mt set for the current season and production of 105.21 mt for 2020-21. The dip in kharif rice

production is significant in view of the requirement of rice for distribution under the National Food Security Act 2013. On Thursday, discussing the domestic rice production scenario, the Food Ministry in a statement said, "The likely shortfall in area and production of paddy for the kharif season 2022 is 6%." "In domestic production, 60-70 LMT estimated production loss was earlier anticipated. Now, production loss of 40-50 LMT is expected and production output is not expected to be higher this year but only on par with previ-

BMC denies permission to Sena factions to hold Dussehra rally at Shivaji Park

PRATIP ACHARYA & VALLABH OZARKAR
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

CITING LAW and order situation, the BMC on Wednesday denied permission to both the factions of the Shiv Sena to hold the party's annual Dussehra rally at Shivaji Park on October 5.

In letters sent to the representatives of both the factions, the G North ward office of the BMC has said that while permission to hold the rally was sought by the two opposing factions, it will not be possible for the local civic au-

Uddhav faction approaches HC

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Thursday said it will hear on Friday a plea filed by the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena, challenging BMC's decision to deny the party permission to deny the party permission to hold its annual Dussehra rally at Shivaji Park in Dadar on October 5. Justice Ramesh D

Dhanuka and Justice Kamal R Khata allowed the Thackeray faction to amend its earlier pleas, which had sought direction to the BMC to grant permission for the rally, and asked the faction to challenge the BMC's decision not to grant nod. OMKAR GOKHALE

BMC commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal confirmed this to *The Indian Express* on Thursday. "The local police station, in a

report submitted to the BMC, has said that if one of the faction is given permission for the rally, there could be a possibility of a political clash between the two camps on the day of the rally. Therefore..., permission to both the factions have been denied," said a civic official. As per BMC, in case of a big event, the concerned ward office seeks inputs from the police for safety reasons. "There is already tension in Dadar owing to a gun-firing incident reported on September 9. The local police doesn't want to risk the law and order situation," said an official.

Days after rape case filed by girl's uncle, father says it's false

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THREE WEEKS after a 15-year-old was allegedly gangraped by five men in Moradabad, UP Police on Thursday registered a case against the victim's uncle, who filed the original complaint on her behalf.

The fresh FIR has been lodged on a complaint by the girl's father, who alleged that his daughter is "mentally challenged" and was not raped. He alleged that his brother-in-law took advantage of their "personal rivalry" and lodged a fake rape case.

Moradabad SSP Hemant Kutiyal said local residents told police that no such crime had taken place, and that the uncle filed a case against the five men "due to political rivalry", and stated this in affidavits.

A man who claimed to be a witness to the alleged rape – he has also been booked, along with the teen's uncle – how-

ever said, "I told police what I saw. I was at my farm when I saw the men. This is happening because one of the accused is the village pradhan's son."

Several villagers confirmed that one accused person is village head's son. Sources said the five accused were picked up by police and released later.

The alleged rape took place on September 1. The accused purportedly ran off with her clothes after being caught by a local resident. The girl walked for 2 km without clothes – no one on that busy stretch stopped to help her. Her uncle lodged the case on September 7.

On Thursday, after a video of the girl walking home went viral, police and her parents said she was not gangraped, and that her uncle has "defamed" her. Her father told *The Indian Express* that he and his family have been "cheated".

The girl's uncle did not respond to calls and messages and was not found at home.

AFT quashes order denying promotion to 17 Army officers on medical grounds

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 22

QUASHING THE medical board proceedings that rendered 17 officers in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel in low medical category (LMC), making them ineligible for promotion, the Armed forces Tribunal has directed the army to review their cases for elevation to the next higher rank. The AFT, in its order passed Wednesday, also found the rejection by the medical board, based on a notification by the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), to be arbitrary.

The 17 officers who moved the AFT, and whose petitions were

clubbed together, were considered by their respective selection boards in 2021 and were approved for promotion to the ranks of Colonel and Brigadier respectively based on their overall professional record and merit. Since all of them were in the low medical category and within permissible limit, they were subsequently considered by a special review medical board (SRMB) in June and July last year. The SRMB declared them unfit for physical promotion on the basis of a special advisory by the DMA. Quashing the SRMB advice, the AFT noted that the medical category is not a criterion for empanelment, but is a criteria for physical promotion. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Women have their say in UP Assembly
Day reserved for women MLAs to speak on issues that concern them

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 22

"PURUSH, THODA dhiraj rakhen (Men, please have patience)," UP Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana had to constantly remind the male members of the House on Wednesday as they frequently tried to speak on behalf of woman MLAs or try telling them what to do.

The day – in a first-of-its-kind initiative by the UP Legislative Assembly – was reserved for women members to speak on issues concerning them.

The day began with male members nudging their women colleagues with "bolo, bolo" (speak, speak) refrain as some looked nervous with long handwritten notes in their hands. But soon, the nervousness petered out.

As the session progressed, men showered compliments on their women colleagues for their oratory and cheered them by thumping desks.

The session turned out to be an "eye-opener" for political parties, as they discovered new orators among them, who not only voiced their own issues and the problems faced by them, but also talked about their constituency and their party's ideology.

Some cited anecdotes, others quoted US First Lady Michelle Obama and French philosopher Albert Camus.

Samajwadi Party MLA Ragini, who is a practising doctor and a first-time legislator, said that women MLAs have to face bias as their colleagues and officers do not take them seriously. "Despite women constituting half of the population, their representation in the UP Assembly is merely 9 per cent," the MLA from Macchalishahr pointed out. BJP minister Gulab Devi said women were being made self-reliant by the government.

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PROFIT IN HATE

SC’s concern on TV channels and hate speech couldn’t be more valid. But its prescription is fraught, it overlooks the key problem

JUSTICES K M Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy of the Supreme Court have rightly flagged what has become a disquieting routine on the airwaves not only at prime time but almost all the time: Talking heads spewing hate, nutcases passed off as experts as long as they can froth on a Hindu-Muslim issue, each one locked in a race to the bottom, and all this while, anchors provoking, cheering from the studio. Of course, switching off the TV is the best answer to this trash but the bench has a point when it suggests this erodes the social compact, deepens the divide.

Unfortunately, the court’s prescription is problematic. Not only does it overlook the structural forces that enable this hate speech ecosystem, its solution could become more of a problem. Hearing a bunch of petitions that seeks directions from the Court to the government to curb hate speeches on TV channels, the judges have proposed that guidelines along the lines of Vishaka, the SC judgment on sexual harassment at workplace, can be put in place until the state brings in a law to regulate hate content on television. The anguish of the court is understandable but its proposal is fraught. Hate speech has to be read within the purview of Article 19, which safeguards the freedom of speech. In numerous cases, the Supreme Court has upheld the primacy of Article 19 and warned against state overreach (*Romesh Thappar vs. The State of Madras*, 1950 and *Shreya Singhal vs. Union of India*, 2015 among others). It has also defined what constitutes hate speech. Any overarching law or guidelines to regulate speech stands the risk of violating the letter and spirit of Article 19. In a polarised discourse marked by imbalances of power, who will define hate speech?

The court said the “visual media” in India is the “chief medium of hate speech” and felt that the government was “standing by as a mute witness when all this is happening”. The silence, in many cases, is strategic and deliberate. That’s the nub. At the heart of the problem is the political economy of TV news which thrives on hate speech today more than ever. There is little cost to pay for hate speech, there are few incentives for TV at prime time to be fair and accurate. Indeed, most anchors are paid employees of their channels and they know they can get away with peddling hate because someone in the boardroom has taken a call in its favour. Justice Roy minced few words: “Hate drives TRPs, drives profit.” And when politics fuels, legitimises that hate, judicial interventions are unlikely to work. A new law on hate speech, as the court has suggested, runs the risk of being challenged — and violated — every second given the ceaseless cycle of news and social media. Try enforcing guidelines on what is hate speech or what is not on Twitter or YouTube. Indeed, there is a formidable record of evidence to show how several IPC provisions meant to check hate speech — including Section 153 (A) or 295 (A) — end up being weaponised by the state and its agencies to curb dissent. The court must judge every instance of hate speech in its own context. Nothing is a stronger deterrent against hate speech than those in power speaking up against it, calling it out every time, without fail. Not much will be achieved by lecturing TV channels on the power of love, when they have discovered the profit in hate.

LET THE RUPEE FALL

With Fed hiking rates, dollar strengthening and current account deficit deteriorating, RBI should allow currency to adjust

ON WEDNESDAY, THE US Federal Reserve stepped up its efforts to tackle inflation, raising interest rates by 75 basis points for the third straight time. The benchmark federal funds rate now stands at 3-3.25 per cent — the highest since the financial crisis of 2008. While the decision is in line with market expectations, the tone of the policy, the projections therein were markedly hawkish. The central bank left no room for ambiguity, stating emphatically that it “is strongly committed to returning inflation to its 2 per cent objective”. The Fed dot plot — a chart that plots the projection of each the Fed official of the central bank’s short term rate — indicates that the benchmark rate will rise to 4.4 per cent by the end of this year. This signals another rate hike of at least 75 basis points when the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meets next in November, followed by another hike, though possibly of a slightly lower magnitude in December. With rates expected to rise further to 4.6 per cent in 2023, this revised likely trajectory of the interest rates also douses expectations of the Fed either holding or lowering rates next year.

The “pain” that will be induced to bring US inflation down is likely to be significant. As per the projections accompanying the policy, economic growth has now been pegged at 0.2 per cent this year, significantly lower than the earlier assessment of 1.7 per cent. Alongside, the Fed has upped its estimate of the unemployment rate, expecting it to rise to 3.8 per cent this year, and further to 4.4 per cent next year. As Jerome Powell, chairman of the Federal Reserve, noted, “I wish there was a painless way to do that. There isn’t”. This pain will be felt across sectors, across asset classes, across the world.

With the US dollar hitting a fresh 20 year high — the dollar index is hovering around 111 — there is pressure on other currencies. The Euro is at around multi-decadal lows, and currencies of emerging market economies are also under pressure to depreciate. The Indian rupee also weakened sharply against the dollar, crossing the psychological mark of 80 — on Thursday, it closed at a record low of 80.86 against the dollar, down from 79.975 in the previous session. So far, the RBI has been drawing down its foreign exchange reserves, intervening actively in the currency markets. But, considering the strengthening of the dollar, a deteriorating current account deficit, the RBI should limit its interventions, allow the currency to adjust.

THE HIDDEN HEMINGWAY

The legend of Papa lives on as manuscripts deemed lost are found

THINGS LOST HAD a way of upending the life of American Nobel laureate Ernest Hemingway. In December 1922, during his Paris years, his first wife Hadley Richardson had inadvertently lost a suitcase full of manuscripts at the Gare de Lyon railway station. Towards the end of his life, in the 1950s, when US’s relationship with Cuba was fast deteriorating, Hemingway was known to have worried about the cache of manuscripts he had left behind in a bank vault in Cuba and could no longer access because of the political crisis. Years later, they would be retrieved and form a part of the Ernest Hemingway Collection at Boston’s John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

Now, over six decades after his death, another trove of Hemingway memorabilia has been made available to scholars as the Toby and Betty Bruce Collection of Ernest Hemingway at Penn State University. In 1939, when his second marriage to Pauline Pfeiffer was falling apart, Hemingway had left some of his belongings in the storeroom of Sloppy Joe’s Bar, a watering hole in Key West, Florida, that the writer frequented. It would only be after his death by suicide in 1961 that his fourth wife Mary Welsh would retrieve them and give them to friends, the Bruces, after keeping a small selection for herself. That cache, now in the public domain, holds a trove of Hemingway effects — unpublished short stories, manuscript drafts, letters, diary entries, personal belongings and photographs of and by the writer.

By its very nature, memorabilia initiates a deeper engagement with the life and times of its owner. The personal loss of one of 20th century’s key writers, known for reshaping the short story with his sparse prose, has turned out to be a fortuitous lodestone for scholars to look back upon from the vantage point of history and glean new insights about the modernist’s scholarship and personality.

Freeing the caged parrot

CBI, ED must be reformed if they are not to be used as instruments of intimidation, blackmail by governments



VINEET NARAIN

DESPITE SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS made by the Supreme Court of India (SC) against the inefficient functioning of the CBI nothing has happened to improve the situation. The recent investigative series in *The Indian Express* indicates a continuing bias in the functioning of the CBI and the ED.

It has been almost 30 years since I petitioned the SC regarding the criminal negligence of the CBI in a militancy and corruption related matter. The case is popularly known as the Jain Hawala case. My expectation was that under the monitoring of the apex court, the CBI, DRI and income tax agencies would do their duty, ensure proper investigations and take the case to its logical conclusion. It was a difficult fight against the 115 most powerful people in the country, who had allegedly taken money in a clandestine manner from the same source, which was funding Hizbul Mujahideen in J&K. Due to the initiative of the SC the matter did progress to some extent but for various reasons, could not reach its logical conclusion.

In 2013, the SC once again made strong observations against the functioning of the CBI and referring to the “Vineet Narain” judgment, said that nothing had improved since 1997, when this judgment was delivered. Encouraged by this remark, I again petitioned the SC, reminding them that 22 names mentioned in the Jain Diary had not been decoded/deciphered by the CBI till that date. Who knows whether these payees were hardened militants, narcotic operators or anti-national people? Doesn’t it prove that there was criminal neglect on the part of the CBI?

Despite the hype around the Jain Hawala case, the CBI acted in an irresponsible manner. During the course of that case, I had filed two affidavits on April 8, 1995 and January 9, 1996, in which I had given the numbers of the case files that were not presented by the CBI to the apex court. These files would have exposed the chronology of the suppression of this case and those in the CBI responsible for the said suppression. The evidence regarding the dilution of investigation and how the beneficiaries mentioned in the diary were spared is available but not a single delinquent CBI official, responsible for the inaction from June 1991 to March 1995, was even asked to explain

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BADRI NARAYAN

DURING THE Congress’s Bharat Jodo yatra campaign, some of the party’s members tweeted an image of the “khaki half pant on fire” — the garment has been a stereotypical metaphor for RSS and Hindutva politics in secular discourse that has occupied significant political space for decades. Times have changed, the RSS has changed but the metaphor has remained fixed. One cannot see RSS cadre in khaki half pants in their shakkas today. They wear trousers of *badami* (brown) colour.

The Congress’s metaphor of the Hindutva and RSS perhaps intends to project the Sangh’s divisive image. But those who understand the public psyche know that this perception is changing fast even amongst those who used to subscribe to this stereotype of RSS and Hindutva politics at one time. And, a large section of people and communities see the RSS and Hindutva politics in ways quite contrary to the monolithic stereotype that Congress still uses.

This image of the Sangh was constructed by a section of people in the post-Partition context. This image was circulated amongst a section of people with its accompanying connotation of communal violence. In my recently published work, *Republic of Hindutva*, I have tried to document multiple other images that were popular among various social communities in our society.

In this changed context, who will subscribe

PLAYING WITH FIRE

Congress’s anti-RSS campaign could work against its Bharat Jodo Yatra

to the old stereotype? Such an image of Sangh may certainly not appeal to many people in India. By attacking an unreal image, the Congress and other political parties don’t engage with the real Sangh. This gap between the metaphor and reality contributes to reducing the efficacy of Opposition politics.

We interviewed people in the Musahar Basti near Varanasi where the Sangh is doing kar sewa (social service). Our interaction revealed that marginal rural communities view the RSS very differently from what the Congress-led secular discourse would have us believe. Similarly, among Sapera bastis (hamlet of snake charmers) near Shankargarh district in Prayagraj, we found that the Sangh has acquired an image entirely different from what the Congress has been propagating. We are not talking of two or three hamlets, but several villages, bastis and purvas (small hamlets) with multiple images of the Sangh that have been formed as a result of the activities of the organisation amongst these people.

Its use of such moribund methods may not get the Congress new supporters, but it could also contribute to antagonising those who see the Sangh as the protector of the Hindu cause. We know a section of the Indian public looks at the RSS’s Hindutva and Hinduness as synonymous. The campaign by the Congress and other Opposition parties could antagonise a

section of the Hindu public, who are not hardcore and push them into the arms of the BJP and Hindutva. Moreover, even among Hindutva followers, there are layers of consciousness. Based on my long association with marginal communities and understanding of public political consciousness, I can assert with some conviction that the Congress’s attack of the Sangh, BJP and Hindutva politics will be counterproductive for the party. While responding to such attacks during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, RSS’s Sah Sarkaryawah Manmohan Vaidya said that Sangh is in favour of any campaigns which want to unite India. Still, it can be one with any kind of hate element, cleverly subverting Congress’s allegation.

Fire is an overused symbol in the country’s political discourse. In everyday politics, it reflects sudden, unplanned violent protests, usually used by leaderless masses. The fire also represents ultimate destruction, the “swaha” of hate and violence. This may be a politically appropriate symbol but associating it with the RSS could make the message abstract — one that may not touch the heart and minds of people and instead end up confusing them. I remember a couplet by a saint-poet who said, “Fire also needs rest. It becomes tired of burning things. Its wrong use annoys fire”.

Four, the CVC should have an adequately experienced team to technically examine and assess the gravity of a complaint, which can then be assigned to the CBI for investigation or can be investigated by this team. After assessing a complaint by this broad-based CVC, there should be no need to seek prior permission from the government.

Five, in the cases assigned to it by the CVC, the CBI should be made functionally and financially independent of the controls of any government ministry/department. The professional supervision over the investigations of the CBI should rest only with the CVC.

Six, the manner of the appointment of the CBI Director should be broadbased as in the case of the CVC members, whereas the other inductions/appointments in the CBI should be brought under the overarching supervision of the CVC.

Seven, to achieve better synergy between anti-corruption laws and grievance handling, the laws relating to the whistleblowers and grievance redressal should be placed within the jurisdiction of the CVC.

Eight, effective administration of anti-corruption laws at the grass roots is the key to responsible governance. The state and their anti-corruption agencies would, therefore, need to be equally insulated from the state government’s interference on similar lines.

It is for the nation to demand that the country’s premier investigating agencies like the CBI, income tax authorities and the ED are not used as instruments of blackmail and intimidation by the government of the day. Rather they should work with complete objectivity and in the interest of the nation. The question is: Who will bell the cat?

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

LOK DAL LEADER SHOT

BALDEV SINGH, A local Lok Dal leader and a former municipal councillor, was shot dead at point blank range in a DTC bus in Najafgarh area. The police suspect the murder to have been motivated by a feud between Baldev Singh and Chand Pradhan, who is the pradhan of Issapur village.

ISRAEL’S INVOLVEMENT

DEFENCE MINISTER ARIEL Sharon told parliament that the Israeli army co-ordinated, helped plan and gave limited field support to a Christian militia operation against

Palestinian guerrillas, but did not imagine “in our blackest dreams” that hundreds of innocents would be massacred in Beirut. Sharon said the Israelis allowed the Christian Phalange fighters to go into the refugee camps and tackle Palestinian guerrillas inside.

CID TAKEOVER

THE CRIME BRANCH of the CID has taken over the inquiry into the alleged murder of Tikori Singh, a worker of the Sanjiv Gandhi Vihar Manch, from the local police. This action of the government was welcomed by Suresh Dutta Paliwal, UP convener of the Manch. He hoped the investigation would now be fair.

NO TO N-ARMS

INDIA AND THE Soviet Union emphasised the need to reach an agreement on the complete prohibition of nuclear weapons tests. The Soviet Union wants the non-aligned movement to exert pressure on the United States to make it resume the talks with the USSR on limitation of strategic arms. On Afghanistan, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said he was hopeful of a positive outcome of the current trilateral talks involving the United Nations, Pakistan and Afghanistan, provided no other country tried to “inject extraneous issues into the problem”.



Bringing Beijing to book

China has escaped tough international censure over its human rights violations, including that of the Uyghur. But there is precedence in international jurisprudence that can make it see reason



UPENDRA BAXI

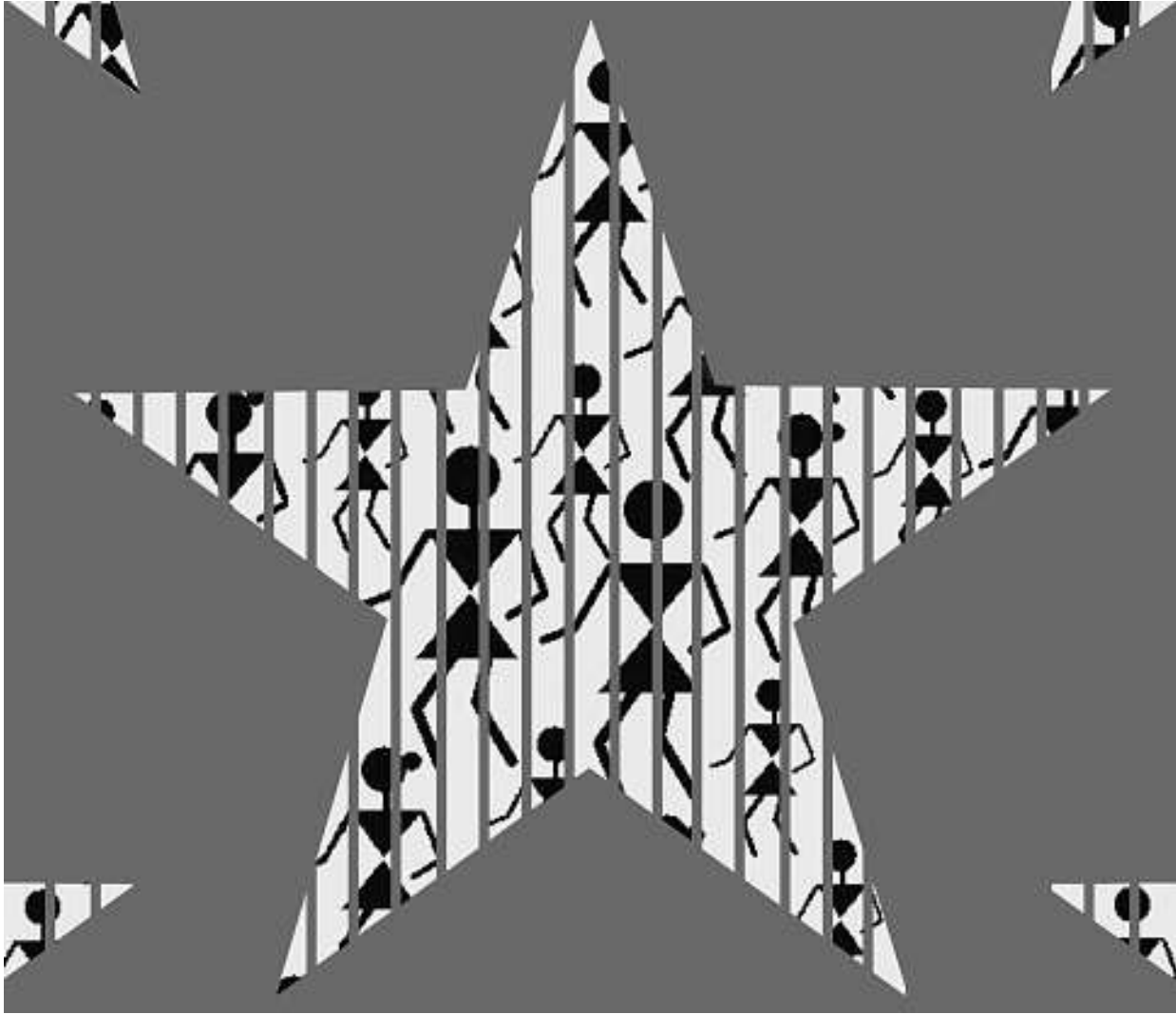
AROUND 10 MILLION people, in the western region of Xinjiang in the People's Republic of China (PRC), including those exposed to mass forced labour and living in internment camps, may never hear what the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) said in its 48-page report. But they would agree that it is an understatement to say that "serious human rights violations have been committed" by the "government's application of counter-terrorism and counter-'extremism' strategies". They would also be familiar with the triumphant denial machine of the PRC which refuses to admit any human rights violations.

Of course, Dilxat Raxit of the World Uyghur Congress recently expressed the regret that the OHCHR did not "characterise these extreme atrocities in China as genocide" but his wishes have been fulfilled by the USA's prompt condemnation of the "genocide". However, this allegation is very difficult — almost impossible — to prove, as readers will know very well from the International Court of Justice's verdict in the Bosnian Genocide case.

China will also deny other charges in the Uyghur matter, such as "ethnic cleansing" or even "racial discrimination" because it has always officially maintained that it is only engaged in anti-terror or counter-insurgency operations, as if such gross mass violations of human rights are permitted by international law. Human rights defenders and groups throughout the world have consistently maintained that the continuing detention of an entire ethnic minority in camp-like and slave labour conditions cannot but be called a massive, ongoing, and flagrant violation of basic human rights. To label this as "propaganda" is itself an act of State "counter-propaganda" — an act of a superpower hegemony which adds insult to injury.

In contrast to China's official hyper-reaction, the OHCHR was excessively moderate. As she ended her term in office in August, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, released a short report which merely said, "The extent of arbitrary and discriminatory detention of members of Uyghur and other predominantly Muslim groups... may constitute international crimes, in particular crimes against humanity," and there were "credible indications of violations of reproductive rights through the coercive enforcement of family planning policies since 2017". But she added that "a lack of government data" disabled the OHCHR from drawing "conclusions on the full extent of current enforcement of these policies and associated violations of reproductive rights". She only recommended that "the Chinese government" should take "prompt steps to release all those detained in training centres, prisons or detention facilities".

It bears reiteration that nowhere does the Report say that the PRC was guilty of committing "genocide" or even "ethnic cleansing". It merely says that the PRC may have committed "crimes against humanity". True, the PRC is not a member of the 2002 International



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Criminal Court treaty (the Rome Treaty) and has consistently maintained that customary international law goes against the ICC's jurisdiction over crimes against humanity committed during peacetime because it requires a "nexus to armed conflict", and "without such nexus, the major attributes of the crimes would be changed". Yet it did not use its veto power to block the Council's referrals of situations in Darfur or Libya to the ICC. Both China and Russia have also consistently blocked UN Security Council resolutions having the potential for punitive consequences for the Syrian government. As Sherine Tadmor, Deputy Director of Advocacy and UN Representative, Amnesty International, has said, this "behaviour prevents justice and emboldens all parties to the conflict in Syria to act with indifference to international law" and that "when it comes to Syria, there are no red lines".

Not all international law action is ruled out, though. A ray of hope emanates from the 2019 ICC pre-trial chamber ruling in the Myanmar-Bangladesh case concerning the Rohingyas which says the Court may exercise jurisdiction over crime "when part of the criminal conduct takes place on the territory of a State Party". Not "all conduct should have occurred in the domestic territory (under Article 12(2) (A) of the Rome Treaty)". According to Rodney Dixon, KC, who presented the Uyghur matter to the ICC, the "evidence shows that Chinese officials and operatives are coming onto Tajikistan territory, which is ICC territory, and targeting, arresting and deporting Uyghurs back into China". He noted that the "crime is beginning on ICC territory and continuing into China". The evidence shows this is being "or-

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chestrated by Chinese officials" and that "officials from Tajikistan are informed of this and often directed by Chinese officials to take certain actions". But the focus is on China and its officials who are "targeting Uyghurs abroad, especially on ICC territory". Thus the relevant "Chinese officials" need to be "investigated by Prosecutor, ICC", who may also investigate "what is happening in those countries, what Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan officials are doing" and "what happens in China when Uyghurs are brought back" and go to camps" never to be "heard from again..."

China's ambassador to the United Nations, Zhang Jun, said that the "UN human rights chief should not interfere in China's internal affairs" and further that the "so-called Xinjiang issue is a completely fabricated lie" which is aimed only at undermining "China's stability and to obstruct China's development." One does not know whether the state practice of the PRC regards the normality of human rights purely as an "internal matter", with any earnest attention to the violation of core human rights of necessity seen as detracting from "stability" and "development". Modern history provides abundant testimony otherwise. India's demoprosperity and jurisprudence certainly show how security and development are better served by following core human rights. China may still learn — for the larger future of the world.

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Message from Moscow

With aggressive mobilisation on the Ukraine front, Russia throws down the gauntlet to NATO



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MOSCOW HAS DECIDED to draw out the United States into the open from the low-cost proxy war it has been waging against Russia on Ukrainian soil throughout the past quarter century. President Putin's speech on Wednesday underscored that this is an existential struggle and the Kremlin is determined to defend the Fatherland, no matter what it takes. He explicitly warned Washington, London and Brussels that Moscow "will certainly make use of all weapon systems available to us," in the period ahead.

The obfuscations in the Western narrative — this is about aggression, national sovereignty, UN Charter, democracy versus authoritarianism, etc — are no longer sustainable. Pared to the bone, a titanic power struggle looms ahead. Both sides are preparing to fight tooth and claw, the outcome of which will phenomenally affect world politics and fundamentally alter the world order. For Russia, the struggle is no less than its survival as a civilisational state, while for the US, this boils down to the preservation of its global hegemony — the "rules-based order".

The fact of the matter is Washington never accepted Russia's resurgence in the post-Cold War era. Its agenda remained consistent through the Chechen insurgency in the Caucasus in the 1990s, the dismemberment of Yugoslavia, NATO's eastward expansion since 1999, and the colour revolutions in Georgia and Ukraine, culminating in the coup in Kyiv in 2014 masterminded by the Obama administration whose point person was the then vice-president, Joe Biden. That agenda is to encircle Russia with hostile states under the NATO banner.

The NATO's deployments against Russia speak for themselves — 40,000 troops across the alliance's eastern axis, apart from about 1,00,000 American troops deployed under bilateral agreements across Europe, the highest level since 2005. The US also has an estimated 100 B-61 nuclear gravity bombs that are forward-deployed at NATO bases. With Sweden and Finland joining NATO, the length of the direct land border between NATO and Russia doubles to around 2,500 km.

Russia has no choice but to beef up military resources at a significant economic cost and enhance its surveillance posture for territorial security. Russia's access to its enclave of Kaliningrad becomes more difficult, and its navy's activities get severely restricted. NATO's aerial security becomes more diversified, which significantly impacts the operations of the Russian air force in the Baltic Sea as well. In addition, Russia's hybrid warfare capabilities in the new operational areas of space, cyber, and cognitive domains will be greatly affected. Imagine an analogous threatening deployment taking place in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. Washington will go ballistic!

A flashpoint is arising in Ukraine as the NATO powers are now openly encouraging Kyiv to stage attacks on Crimea and other Russian regions even as the alliance provides Ukraine with real-time intelli-

gence on Russia's southern regions and its personnel take part in the fighting. The Western rhetoric threatens Russia with the admissibility of using WMD against it. Putin indicated in his speech on Wednesday that the US and UK undermined the agreement reached in the Istanbul talks under Turkish mediation in April between Russia and Ukraine. Clearly, NATO wants this conflict to continue so that Russian military capability gets depleted. The proxy war is a safe bet politically for President Biden since no body bags are returning to the Arlington Cemetery. The supply of weapons is per a lend-lease debt agreement whereby Ukraine is expected to repay the debt in cash or kind. (Zelenskyy has overturned the 2001 land moratorium in Ukraine that allows the GMO cartel companies to own Ukraine's rich farmlands and control its grain trade. Such companies reportedly control 16.7 million hectares of prime Ukrainian black earth farmland already.)

Wars are known to generate lucrative business for the military-industrial complex in America. Interest groups manipulate corrupt politicians. Wall Street, too, is a compelling reality. This Gordian knot is difficult to cut, as the robust "bipartisan" support in the Congress for such massive arms flow into Ukraine shows. Therefore, no third party is capable of mediating between Russia and the US today. As for French President Emmanuel Macron, although part of the Normandy Four and working with Russia on a constitutional solution in Donbas, France acted diabolically to encourage Kyiv on the quiet to bury the Minsk Agreement! Besides, Europeans are consigned to a subaltern role and strategic autonomy is difficult for powers in decline.

Notably, Putin's announcement on mobilisation came immediately after the return of Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary of Russia's Security Council, from China where he held strategic security consultation on September 19 with Yang Jiechi, member of the Political Bureau of CPC central committee and director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs. The Chinese readout mentioned that the sides "exchanged in-depth views" on Ukraine, amongst other topics. The Chinese foreign ministry has since maintained its consistent stance when asked about Russian mobilisation, signalling its neutrality.

Putin's speech signals that a negotiated settlement is unlikely now. The mobilisation of three lakh reservists suggests that Moscow has no hopes for a dialogue — at least, not while the Kyiv regime remains under American thumb. We may expect, therefore, a much stronger Russian deployment in the battlefield in a concerted effort to stem the tide of the conflict and create a fait accompli for NATO. The referendum on September 23-27 in Donbas, Kherson and Zaporozhye regions on accession to the Russian Federation is a signpost of the shape of things to come.

Russia has blunted Kiev's so-called "counteroffensive". With the autumn showers, the ground becomes soft and muddy in the steppes crisscrossed by rivers, and tracked vehicles become useless. The advantage goes to Russia once the unforgiving winter descends on that part of the world. In fact, Putin had alluded to the fate of Hitler and Napoleon on Wednesday.

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MONA G MEHTA

A POLITICAL STORM is brewing in Gujarat led by a community of pastoralists, the Maldharis. Why is a rural community of cattle herders making news in one of India's most urbanised states? The question flags a fascinating puzzle underlying Gujarat's urbanisation. Maldhari — keepers (dhari) of livestock (mal) — have been increasingly squeezed out of their traditional occupations in the face of pastoral lands being depleted as a result of rapid urban expansion. The community has been at loggerheads with the state government over a new piece of legislation to control stray cattle on the streets in Gujarat's cities. In April, the Gujarat assembly passed the Cattle Control (Keeping and Movement) in Urban Areas Bill, which requires cattle owners to obtain licenses for their animals and restricts their movement on urban roads. After stiff opposition, the Bill was withdrawn earlier this week.

The Maldharis, who own most of the cattle in urban Gujarat, had reacted sharply to the proposed law, calling the law a "Black Act" (kaalo kaaydo) and staging public agitations. They had demanded that the law be rolled back till viable alternatives for grazing cattle are found. The mobilisation of the community across Gujarat put the government on the back foot, at a time when assembly elections are around the corner.

What can we learn about Gujarat's urbanisation by critically examining the proposed cattle control law and the Maldhari agitation

The cow and the city

Maldhari agitation in Gujarat shines a light on rural-urban continuities

against it?

For the urban middle class, stray cattle symbolise a longstanding nuisance that obstructs the smooth flow of traffic, undermines road safety and tarnishes their desired image of a global city. The image of cows waddling through cities in the backdrop of flyovers has cemented a dominant narrative of rustic Maldharis clashing with the modernist zeal of urbanising Gujarat. This simplistic narrative obscures an untold story of urbanisation in post-liberalisation Gujarat — one that is relevant for India at large.

Influenced by western notions of urbanisation, Indian policymakers have tended to assume two things. First, urbanisation involves a physical break between the city and the village. In this view, the urban and the rural are mutually exclusive domains consisting of opposite physical forms in which the former is associated with industrialisation and the latter is related to agrarian underdevelopment. Second, urbanisation entails the dilution of community identity and the weakening of caste and community networks. Seen from this perspective, cattle on city streets obstruct urbanisation and can only be addressed through stringent laws.

The story of Maldhari migration to urban spaces challenges these commonly-held assumptions about urbanisation at multiple levels and reveals the limitations of such tough legislation. First, the Maldhari presence in ur-

ban Gujarat is itself a product of urbanisation, rather than an impediment to it. Many cities such as Ahmedabad expanded by incorporating existing villages. Some of them had a substantial Maldhari population that owned cattle and survived by supplying milk to the expanding city. The urban expansion also meant that *gauchar* and other lands officially designated for cattle grazing were encroached upon to build urban infrastructure. Over time, many Maldharis migrated from rural north Gujarat to Ahmedabad and turned to new occupations that they could easily pursue with limited education and economic capital. Far from being helpless victims of urbanisation, they have honed their skills to pursue new occupations in the city, displaying a sharp grasp of the inner workings of the neoliberal state.

Second, Maldharis have shown that urbanisation in Gujarat — indeed in the non-western world — is not about the absence of the rural. It is, rather, best understood as a complex process of an socio-spatial continuum. The city Maldharis' capacity to successfully navigate the urban economy, whether in cattle rearing or newer occupations in the informal economy, depends on maintaining strong rural networks. When state authorities decided to crack down on cattle owners, arresting and fining Maldharis whose cattle were found roaming on city streets, newspapers carried stories about the puzzling inability of the authorities to "capture" stray cattle.

Maldharis used digital networks to warn fellow community members to clear their cattle off the roads when a collection van was on the way. So efficient are these community networks that thousands of cattle were shifted out of Ahmedabad overnight and sent off to rural safe-havens.

Third, the Maldhari political mobilisation has rallied around a strong community identity that cuts across sub-caste groups and rural-urban frontiers. Even Maldharis who no longer have connections to cattle rearing are pledging support to the agitation. This reveals that the urban is invariably built on what we assume to be rural social relations and the city is constituted by deep linkages between caste, community and urban space. The Maldhari identity in the city, then, is not an anachronism but the very basis to survive and thrive in the urban neoliberal economy.

The Maldharis are not arguing that stray cattle are desirable on city roads. What they are bargaining for is a viable and empathetic solution to their cattle predicament. Coercive legislation based on stereotypical assumptions about urban problems will not work. Much can be gained by appreciating our collective stake in coming up with humane solutions to the challenges of urbanisation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONGRESS ELECTIONS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The contest test' (IE, September 22). A fair contest, underlining the democratic setup of the Congress, is exactly what the doctor ordered for the ailing party. Who will become the new face and how much space they'll be afforded to take the party in a new direction remains to be seen. The question of what role the first family will play once the new president takes over also begs an answer. Most importantly, will the flock manage to stay together?

Vijai Pant, Hempur

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The contest test' (IE, September 22). Shashi Tharoor has long remained an under-utilised in the Congress. It could be possible that he might have decided to jump into the fray to sound the reformists' cause louder and stop the polls from ending up a nomination sham. If Tharoor manages to establish a strong presence in the CWC, it would help him get a shoe-in on organisational decisions that are otherwise taken by an uninspiring group.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

FACE THE FACTS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Speak to the world' (IE, September 22). It reads like a

classic case of shooting the messenger. Even if the political leanings the author has attributed to select international publications are true (although that requires investigation), the fact remains that India has seen serious groundswell on a number of contentious issues over the last few years. Moreover, there are increasing instances of non-government agencies weaponising undemocratic means against fellow citizens. The government has responded with silence more often than not. Countering baseless slander is a justified move, but it is important to sift through the noise and address real concerns.

Rahul Gaur, Gurgaon

NEW VALUE SYSTEMS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Not just a man's Plus One' (IE, September 22). We need a culture where men respect women and see them as independent individuals. These values need to be impressed upon young men. Girls should, likewise, be instilled with confidence to face the world. It is true that women are forced to be in abusive marriages because of financial dependence. The government should provide women with job opportunities, enabling them to be independent.

Samuil Hassan Quadri, Bikaner

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Name of the Work	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost put to this Tender excluding "GST, Royalty & Material Testing" Charges (Rs.)	GST (Rs.)	Royalty	Material Testing Charges (Rs.)	Earnest Money (0.5% Rs.)	SD 5%	Time limit in Calendar Months including Monsoon	Defect Liability Period	Cost of Tender Document
Proposed Construction of Bharatratna Atalbihari Vajpayee Medical College Building of Pune Municipal Corporation's Medical Educational Trust at Sangamwadi TP. Scheme, Final Plot No. 98 in Naidu Hospital Campus, Pune (Civil Electrical Work etc. complete)	129,64,56,601,00.00	Rs. 108,95,66,61500	19,61,21,991.00	96,48,675.00	11,19,320.00	54,47,850.00	5,44,78,500.00	12 Months including Monsoon	60 Months	59,179.00

The details of the above work, such as Security Deposit, Earnest Money Deposit, Terms and Conditions of the Tender and Schedule-B of the work are available on website: <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. Tenders for this works are to be submitted by e-Tendering System. Bidders can available the e-Tender document from 23/09/2022 to 07/11/2022 upto 2:30 PM. **Pre-Bid Meeting** will be held on 13/10/2022 at 11:00 AM. in the chamber of S. E., Bhavan Department, Pune, PMC, Pune by the way of e-Tendering System only. **The Last Date of Submission** by the way of e-Tendering will be 07/11/2022 upto 2:30 PM. Opening Date 09/11/2022, Time 3:00 PM. If any change occurs it will be communicated at the time of Pre Bid meeting/ Publication on Website/ News paper.

Sd/-
- Executive Engineer (Bhavan),
 Pune Municipal Corporation, Pune-411005

(जाहिरात क्रमांक ३/६८३, दिनांक २२/०९/२०२२)

Before Debts Recovery Tribunal-III, Delhi
 4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building,
 Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001

Notice under section 19(4) of the
 Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and
 Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with
 Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery
 Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993

in the matter of OA. No. 1074/2019
BANK OF BARODA

Applicant
 Vs
PALWINDER SINGH AND ORS.
 Defendants

To
D-1 Palwinder Singh S/o Sh Ranjeet
 Singh, Plot No. 48 and 49, KH No 8/21,
 Private Flat, II Floor, Old Block B, Front Side
 B1, Kiran Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-
 110059

D2 Balbir Kaur W/o Palwinder Singh, Plot
 No. 48 and 49, KH No 8/21, Private Flat, II
 Floor, Old Block B, Front Side B1, Kiran
 Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi- 110059

Whereas the above named applicant has
 instituted a case against you and whereas it
 has been shown to the satisfaction of the
 Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in
 ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given
 by advertisement directing you to make
 appearance in this Tribunal on 14-11-2022
 at 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in case of your failure to
 appear on the above mentioned day before
 this Tribunal, the case will be heard and
 decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all
 the matters will be taken up through
 Video Conferencing and for that
 purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall
 download the Cisco Webex application /
 software;

(ii) Meeting ID and Password for the next
 date of hearing qua cases to be taken by
 Registrar/Recovery Officer-Land Recovery
 Officer-II shall be available one day prior to
 the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e.
drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head.

(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/
 Litigants can contact the concerned official
 at Ph. No. 23748469

Given under my hand and seal of this
 Tribunal on this the 19th day of September,
 2022.

by order of the Tribunal

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
 दिनांक 22/09/2022
विद्युत नगरीय वितरण मण्डल
लाल इन्गो, अलीगढ़

निविदा पुनः आमंत्रण सूचना

इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-

निविदा संख्या 49/2022-23 की

खुलने की तिथि को अपरिहार्य कारणों से

विस्तारित न किये जाने कारण उक्त

निविदा को पुनः आमंत्रित किया जाता है,

जिसके खुलने की तिथि 01-10-2022

समय 14:00 बजे से निर्धारित की जाती

है। निविदा की अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें

यथावत रहेगी। ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित

सम्मत जानकारी उ0प्र0 शासन की

ई-प्रोक्वायर्समेंट पोर्टल www.etender.up.nic.in एवं

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वेबसाइट www.dvvn1.org पर उपलब्ध

है। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता

विद्युत नगरीय वितरण मण्डल, अलीगढ़

पत्रांक:5889/वि.वि.मं/अ/वी/विभाग दिनांक: 22/09/2022

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION
DIVISION, U.P. JAL NIGAM (URBAN)
G.T. ROAD, ALIGARH-202001
Letter No. 1402/Nivida/12
Date- 19-09-2022

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE
U.P. Jal Nigam, online
percentage Rate e-tenders are
invited for "Retrofitting of OHT in
District Court Campus Aligarh".
Intending tenderer must have work
experience in similar work. Proof of
Such Experience must be
submitted by the bidder. Tender
document shall be available at e-
procurement website (<http://etender.up.nic.in>, latest by
Dated 23-09-2022. Interested
contractors may view & download
tender document and upload their
tender, duly filled, online as per
schedule given below-
Date for- (i) Uploading bid
document at website 23-09-2022
at 15:00 hrs. (ii) Last date of Online
Submission of e-bids Up to 10-
10-2022 at 15:00 hrs (iii) Opening
of Technical & Financial capacity
evaluation cum technical bid: 11-
10-2022 at 15:00 hrs.

WESTERN RAILWAY-RAJKOT DIVISION
WELDING OF RAILS

E-Tender Notice No. 24 of 2022-23 date

19/09/2022; Office Address:

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.),

Rajkot, Gujarat - 360 001; Website:

www.ireps.gov.in; (01) e-Tender No.

DRM-RJT-22-E-45; Name of Work:

Welding of Rails on other main line

locations in Sr. Divisional Engineer

(West) Rajkot's section in connection

with rail replacement works;

Approximate NIT Cost: ₹

2,77,32,852.23; **Date & Time of Closing**

of Tender: 12/10/2022, 15:00 Hrs.

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S. E. RAILWAY TENDER
e-Tender Notice No. : Snt-Prj-KGP-
SRG-Dual-09, dated: 22.09.2022.
e-Tender is invited by the Dy. CSTE (Proj),
South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur for and
on behalf of the President of India for the
following work: Brief description of work
with its location : Provision of dual
detection including installation, testing
and commissioning of related indoor and
outdoor equipments, laying of various
cables, construction of Gommities and
electrification of Gommities including
power connections for Dual detection
system at Tikiapara-Santragachi section,
Santragachi Yard & Santragachi-Andul
section in KGP Division of South Eastern
Railway. Approximate cost of work :
₹ 3,34,10,514.74. Earnest Money :
₹ 3,17,100/- . Date and time for closing
of e-tender : 17.10.2022 at 11.30 hrs.
Website particulars : www.ireps.gov.in
(PR-622)

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विदिशा (मध्य प्रदेश)
खेल परिसर के सामने, सांची रोड, विदिशा मध्य प्रदेश 464001 दूरभाष 07592-297001
Email: deangmcvidisha@gmail.com website: www.gmcvidisha.org
क्रमांक/5685/ई. निविदा/क्रयशाखा/शा.चि.महा./2022 विदिशा, दिनांक: 20/09/2022
बिड आमंत्रण सूचना
 सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय विदिशा से संबंधित चिकित्सायुक्त हेतु सी.सी.टी.वी. कैमरा (CCTV Camera) के क्रय हेतु बिड क्रमांक GEM/2022/B/2554719 जेम पोर्टल (Gem portal) के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती है। बिड से संबंधित नियम, शर्तें, विधि एवं अन्य विस्तृत जानकारी <https://gem.gov.in> वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध है। अतः बिड में किसी भी प्रकार संशोधन होने पर केवल <https://gem.gov.in> पर ही प्रकाशित की जावेगी।
 हस्ता./- अधिष्ठाता
 कोराना से बचने की तीन बातें बहुत जरूरी, टीका लगवाना, मास्क पहनना और अपना ना हो गज दूरी
G-17311
 अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, विदिशा

TAMILNADU TEXTBOOK AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORPORATION
"EVK Sampath Maaligai" No.68, College Road, Chennai - 600 006. Phone: 044-28275851, 044-28278244
Fax No: 044-28224493 Email: adpurntntbse@tn.gov.in

Rc.No: 9350/PUR-IV/2022 NOTICE INVITING TENDER Date:22.09.2022

1. Name of the work	: Supply and delivery of 70.69 Lakh Nos. of School Bags for School students in Tamil Nadu for the year 2023-24.
2. Sale period of Tender Document	: On all working days from 23.09.2022 to 26.10.2022 between 10.00 a.m. and 05.45 p.m.
3. Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender	: 27.10.2022 up to 02.00 p.m
4. Pre Bid meeting date & time, place	: 10.10.2022 at 10.30 a.m at Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, Chennai - 6
5. Tender opening time & date	: 27.10.2022 at 02.30 p.m. in Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, Chennai - 6
6. Details of websites address from which Tender documents can be downloaded free of cost.	: a) http://www.textbookcorp.tn.gov.in b) http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in

Sd/- Managing Director
 Tender Inviting Authority Tamilnadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, Chennai - 6.

DIPR/4228/Tender/2022
 "தொழில் உபகரணப் பொருள்கள் வழங்குதல் குறித்து தந்திரம் படைப்பதற்கு"

Directorate of Geology and Mining
Government of Uttar Pradesh
 Khanij Bhawan 27/8, Raja Ram Mohan Rai Marg,
 Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226001
 Email: rampravesh.singh@up.gov.in

Notice No: 1772/ख0अ0/125/2/2021 Date: September 21, 2022

Notice Inviting Tender
(Published Date 23-09-2022)

"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Phosphorite and for grant of Composite License for Glauconite, Iron Ore, Gold, and Iron Ore & Gold"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10 (B) and Section 11 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has identified 01 Mineral Block for Mining Lease and 06 Mineral Blocks for Composite License as under for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes.

a) 1 (one) mineral block of Phosphorite for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease
 b) 1 (one) mineral blocks of Glauconite for the purpose of grant of Composite License
 c) 1 (one) mineral block of Iron Ore for the purpose of grant of Composite License
 d) 3 (three) mineral blocks of Gold for the purpose of grant of Composite License
 e) 1 (one) mineral block of Iron Ore & Gold for the purpose of grant of Composite License

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited: (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp>).

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited.

The date for commencement of sale of Tender Document is September 30, 2022. The last date for purchase of Tender Document after payment of a tender fee on website of e-auction platform provider is November 17, 2022 on or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time) and the last date for submission of the bid is November 28, 2022 on or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time). The Price of Tender Document is provided in the table below.

All the mineral blocks are being auctioned under second attempt of auction as per clause (b) of sub-rule (11) of rule 9 of Mineral (Auction) Rules 2015 and amendments thereunder.

List of Mineral Blocks for Auction

No.	Name of the Block	Mineral	District	Price of Tender Document* (in Rs.)
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Mining Lease

1.	Sonrai Phosphorite Block II - IV	Phosphorite	Lalitpur	Rs. 5,00,000
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Composite License

2.	Kurcha Block	Glauconite	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
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3.	Bharhari Block	Iron Ore	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
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4.	Girar Block	Iron Ore & Gold	Lalitpur	Rs. 1,00,000
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5.	Sonapahari Block	Gold	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
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6.	Dhurva-Biadand Block	Gold	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
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7.	Hardi East Block	Gold	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
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*The price of Tender Document is exclusive of GST @ 18%. **GST @ 18 % is payable under Reverse Charge Mechanism.** The Bidders who have purchased the Tender Documents either in earlier NIT dated 05.01.2022 or NIT dated 22.06.2022 can avail the Tender Document of that particular mineral block without paying tender fee. **(Tender Fee exempted)**

(Vipin Kumar Jain)
 Additional Director
 Geology and Mining
 Government of Uttar Pradesh

UPID NO 179369 Date 22/09/2022
www.up.gov.nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE TIME	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	GURUGRAM UNIVERSITY, GURUGRAM	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL WITH PRECAST COLUMNS/PANELS IN GURUGRAM UNIVERSITY SEC-87, GURUGRAM	23.09.2022 17.10.2022	51.32 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416374943

12837/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	THE ROHTAK CO OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	2022 HBC 236866 1, 2022 HBC 236891 1, 2022 HBC 236892 1, 2022 HBC 236893 1, 2022 HBC 236897 1, 2022 HBC 236908 1, 2022 HBC 236876 1,	E-TENDER RE-SCHEDULED TILL 04.10.2022 OPENING DATE 06.10.2022	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9996577829 vitarotak@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in 12849/HRY

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER(M)-7
THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (TENDERING)M-7
H-BLOCK UDYOG NAGAR INDL. AREA PEERA GARHI CHOWK DELHI-110041

NIT No. 60/E(E)/ACE(M)-7/2022-23/ Press Notice Tender

S. No.	Name Of work	Amount Put to Tender (Rs.)	EMD Tender Fee's	Dt. of release of solution/D. No.	Last dt./time of receipt of tender through E-procurement solution
1	Renovation and replacement of old/deteriorated roof of ZRO office Sultan puri under AEE(M)-10/ACE(M)-7 (Reinited)	36,91,917/-	73,900/-	500/-	20/09/2022/ 2022_DJB_229666_1

Sd/-
(SATISH KUMAR GUPTA)
 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER(T)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
 Advt. No. J.S.V. 344 (2022-23)
"STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

Govt. of Bihar

RURAL WORKS DEPARTMENT
Corrigendum
Notice Inviting Tender No. MR3054-35/2022-23(PR No. 7907) RWD 2022-23

Reference to the Tender Notice Inviting Tender No- MR-3054-35/2022-23 (PR - 7907 (RWD) 2022-23) the package no. MR/N 22-23 Arwal/08 whose details has been changed as per following table.

Description	Published	Amended
1	2	3
Total Length (in km)	3.53	5.050
Total Cost of initial Rectification with surface renewal (in lakhs)	130.178	179.779
Total Cost of 5-years Maintenance (in lakhs)	34.716	46.922
Total Estimated Cost (in lakhs)	164.894	226.701

All other information as mentioned in the advertisement will remain unaltered. This corrigendum will be addendum to the original NIT.
 For further details please visit website www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

PR. No. 8434 (RWD) 2022-23 (Engineer-in-chief)
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार। Rural works Department

कार्यालय – अधिशासी अभियन्ता,
ग्रामीण अभियन्त्रण विभाग, प्रखण्ड, हापुड।
पत्रांक 764 /ग्राओफि0/निविदा सं0-03 /2022-23 दिनांक 15.9.2022
निविदा सूचना-03

महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण अभियन्त्रण विभाग प्रखण्ड हापुड द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु धनराशि की स्वीकृति की प्रत्यक्षा में प्रशिक्षण दर पर निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त कार्यों के लिये ग्रामीण अभियन्त्रण विभाग में क्लास "ए. बी. सी व डी" मार्ग/भवन श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदार ही निविदा डालने योग्य होंगे। निविदादाता किसी एक अथवा समस्त कार्य की निविदा डाल सकता है। निविदादाता से अपेक्षा की जाती है, कि निविदा डालने से पूर्व निविदा प्रपत्र के क्लॉज सं0-3 में अंकित न्यूनतम अर्हता के सम्बन्ध में शर्तों का मूली-माँति अध्ययन कर ले।

क्रमांक	जनपद	कार्य का नाम	निम्न लागत (रु० लाख में)	मिड सिमिलेरी (रु० लाख में) EMD	निविदा प्रपत्र का कुल जी०एच०डी संख्या	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	हापुड	ग्राम बागहापुर में भस्माना घट/अन्तर्दीपि त्वत का निर्माण कार्य।	9.525	0.480	500+225+131=856	4 मं
2	हापुड	ग्राम नली हुल्लपुर में समीर लोहा के मकान से लेकर नानक लोहा के मकान की तरफ सीधी रोड का निर्माण कार्य।	5.785	0.280	500+225+131=856	4 मं
3	हापुड	ग्राम नली हुल्लपुर में मनोज नाई के मकान से लेकर हंशेर शर्मा के मकान की तरफ सीधी रोड का निर्माण कार्य।	4.907	0.250	500+150+131=767	4 मं
4	हापुड	ग्राम गोगाम में हट्टी प्रसाद के मकान से लेकर आकाश के मकान की तरफ सीधी रोड का निर्माण कार्य।	7.246	0.370	500+225+131=856	4 मं
5	हापुड	हापुड नगर में शांतिनगर गली no-2 में कांतू के मकान से लेकर मंगल सेठी के मकान की तरफ इलाहाबाद रोड का निर्माण कार्य।	4.528	0.230	500+150+117=767	4 मं
6	हापुड	ग्राम बाढीपाना में रंभा के मकान से लेकर मुकेश के मकान की तरफ इलाहाबाद रोड का निर्माण कार्य।	6.534	0.330	500+225+131=856	4 मं
7	हापुड	ग्राम फाकौली में अजुन के घर लेकर जीता सिंह करंज के मकान की तरफ सीधी रोड का निर्माण कार्य।	6.080	0.310	500+225+131=856	4 मं
8	हापुड	ग्राम फाकौली में बौर सिंह कोठी के मकान से लेकर सौराम के मकान की तरफ सीधी रोड का निर्माण कार्य।	2.361	0.120	500+75+104=679	4 मं
9	हापुड	ग्राम ततारपुर में भस्मानाघाट में शांति त्वत बरामदा बैदने हंगु एड इलाहा कोड का निर्माण कार्य।	9.678	0.485	500+225+131=856	4 मं
10	हापुड	ग्राम हलानपुर कोटा में गजे सिंह के मकान से रोड थामा सिंह के मकान की ओर सीधी का कार्य।	9.778	0.490	500+225+131=856	4 मं
11	हापुड	ग्राम मौलामपुर अजमपुर में सोनू के मकान से प्रमाद के मकान की ओर इलाहाबाद का कार्य।	4.995	0.250	500+150+131=767	4 मं
12	हापुड	ग्राम काठवाला रोड में वीरू के मकान से मंगा जी की ओर सीधी का कार्य।	9.945	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
13	हापुड	ग्राम सलीही की काठवाले की मंडरा में सलीह के घर से राकवरकी की झाड़ी की ओर सीधी का कार्य।	9.975	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
14	हापुड	ग्राम मनपुर में गज भेट नम रोड से भस्माना घट की ओर सीधी का कार्य।	9.998	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
15	हापुड	ग्राम लुहरी में सलीही रोड से मीन बागुमडा देवी के मंदिर की ओर इलाहाबाद का कार्य।	9.983	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
16	हापुड	ग्राम मौलामपुर शाकपुर में मौलामपुर शाकुर से नवागोविं वाते रास्ते से परमवीर के मकान की ओर इलाहाबाद का कार्य।	9.998	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
17	हापुड	ग्राम पाटली में सलीह रोड से सोराम सिंह पुत्र जी सोराज सिंह के मकान की ओर इलाहाबाद का कार्य।	3.073	0.160	500+150+117=767	4 मं
18	हापुड	ग्राम वलौली में मन रोड से चाण्डाया माता के मंदिर की ओर खडगा निम्न कार्य।	4.420	0.225	500+150+117=767	4 मं
19	हापुड	ग्राम नरूप, गाम में ब्रिजेश बरत के खेत से (सिपुम रिहा को) बीरेश तव अमरेश के खेत की ओर खडगा निम्न कार्य।	4.605	0.235	500+150+117=767	4 मं
20	हापुड	ग्राम सलीही में कुम्हारों सिंह सहोद मयं पर इलाहा का कार्य।	9.822	0.495	500+225+131=856	4 मं
21	हापुड	ग्राम मनगोवा में ममन पुत्र मोपास के मकान से देवी मीनवीर की तरफ इलाहाबाद निम्न कार्य।	9.971	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
22	हापुड	ग्राम अक्कापुर में हराम पुत्र जी पुनू के मकान से सुनाम चौकीदार के मकान की ओर सीधी का कार्य।	9.975	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
23	हापुड	ग्राम मेना में कर्मिना से जखंडा मांग की ओर सीधी का कार्य।	9.999	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
24	हापुड	ग्राम भावापुर में दाना रोड से धन सिंह खजाली के मकान की तरफ सीधी रोड निर्माण कार्य।	9.988	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
25	हापुड	ग्राम पूर में घाट से शिवमनिर की ओर सीधी का कार्य।	9.994	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
26	हापुड	ग्राम खेडा में सलीह वाते रास्ते से रामपाल पुत्र राजसिंह के मकान की तरफ इलाहाबाद निर्माण कार्य।	9.987	0.500	500+225+131=856	4 मं
27	हापुड	ग्राम पाटली में जखरी फौजी के मकान से राजवीर के मकान की ओर सीधी का कार्य।	6.634	0.335	500+225+131=856	4 मं
28	हापुड	ग्राम पारामा में काकुरम के मकान से बिकेदर की दुकात तक सीधी/नाली निर्माण का कार्य।	4.125	0.210	500+150+117=767	4 मं
29	हापुड	ग्राम नान में मन सड़क से शमारा तक घाट तक खडगा निर्माण कार्य।	6.788	0.340	500+225+131=856	4 मं
30	हापुड	ग्राम नान में राजू वाली गली में तक सीधी/नाली निर्माण का कार्य।	1.148	0.060	500+75+103=679	4 मं
31	हापुड	ग्राम भूडिया में मन सड़क से मयावत पर तक तक सीधी रोड का कार्य।	1.96	0.100	500+75+103=679	4 मं
32	हापुड	ग्राम भूडिया में मन सड़क से राहिल प्रमान जी के घर तक सीधी/नाली निर्माण का कार्य।	2.969	0.150	500+150+117=767	4 मं
33	हापुड	ग्राम रतुगनपुर में भस्माना रोड का निर्माण कार्य।	5.33	0.270	500+225+131=856	4 मं
34	हापुड	ग्राम रामपुर में मन सड़क से बबली कसाना की ट्यूबवैत तक खडगा निर्माण कार्य।	7.877	0.395	500+225+131=856	4 मं

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,Priyanshi D/o-Bhavnesh Taneja, R/o H.No.208, Sector-22, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Priyanshi Taneja, for all purposes. 004063367-7

I,DIVYA,D/O,SUNIL,ADD-HOUSE NUMBER 573 BIDHAL(66) GOHANA,SONIPAT HARYANA-131301, have changed my name to DIVYA MALIK, for all future Purposes. 0040633380-3

JAYANT JAISWAL alias JAYANT son of Shri Uday Pratap resident of B1806 Apex The Florus Sec 18 Vasundhra Ghaziabad have changed my name from JAYANT JAISWAL alias JAYANT to JAYANT JAISWAL for all purpose. 0040633292-1

It is for general information that I, Praveen Jain, S/o Sukhmal Chand Jain, Residing At / 2875, F-7, Street No.1, Ram Nagar, Shahdara East-Delhi-110032, Declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Parveen Jain in my minor-Daughter Ishika Jain (Aged-14 Years) School-Record. The actual name of mine is Praveen Jain, which may be amended accordingly. 0040633380-8

It is for general information that I Naveen Kumar S/o Lal Singh R/o H.No.99, Gali No.1, Near Talab Bharat Ghar, Post Office Kakrola, Kakrola Village, South West Delhi, Delhi-110078 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Naveen Gahlot in my minor daughter Yushika Gahlot aged 14 years in her School records. Actual name of mine is Naveen Kumar, which may be amended accordingly. 0040633326-1

I, Surender Kumar Rana, S/o Sanjhi Ram R/o, Flat no-1116, GH-14, Paschim-Vihar, Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Surinder Kumar Rana. 0040633339-4

I, Shreya D/o- Sanjiv Kumar Sinha, R/o C-682, Sushant Lok-1, Near-Vyapar Kendra, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122002, have changed my name to Shreya Sinha, for all purposes 0040633367-6

I, Seema W/O Babul Kumar Sanyal R/O, H.No-4233/1/110, Nagar Burari Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Seema Sanyal. 0040633339-6

I, Savita Rani, W/O Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Jain R/O F-23/8, Krishna-Nagar Ground-Floor Near-Gurudwara Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Sangeet Jain, permanently. 0040633367-1

I, SITAL BAA, W/O-SPANDAN MAHANTA, R/O-316 D, REGAL APARTMENTS, SHIPRA SUN-CITY, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U.P.201014, changed my name to SITAL BAA MAHANTA. 0040633382-2

I, TARANNUM D/O NOOR MOHMMD, R/O 21/2299, JHUGGI BLOCK-21, KALYANPURI INDRACAMP DELHI-110091, CHANGED MY NAME TO SHRUN NISHA. 0040633367-2

I, SHWETA PAHWA, D/O SATISH PAHWA R/O G-83, 3rd-Floor, South city-1, Gurugram (Haryana)-122001, Have changed my name to name SHWETA KHURANA, for all Purposes. 0040633367-5

I, SAMINA BEGUM, W/O WASEEM MALIK R/O J-99, ABUL FAZAL-ENCLAVE Gali No-4, JAMIA NAGAR OKHLA, NEW DELHI 110025, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MEENA MALIK. 0040633367-3

I, Rehman S/o-Ghaznavi R/o-H.No.29, Dargah Sayad Hussain Anand Mahavidyala, Panchkuiya-Road, Delhi-110001, have changed my name to Iqbal Sheikh, for all purposes. 0040633380-6

I, Rakhi Jain, W/O Mr. Rajeev Jain, R/O-116-B-Street No.2, New Layalpur, (Near Lovely Public School) Band Gali, Delhi-110051, have changed my Name After Marriage From Rakhi Jain to Pooja Jain for all future purposes. 0040633381-3

I, Pakhi D/o Bhavneshtaneja, R/o H.No.208, Sector-22, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Pakhi Taneja for all purposes. 0040633367-8

I, Manju Rani, W/o Vikas Punj Sharma, R/O 269/4, Top Floor, Govind Puri, Kalkaji, South Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Manju Punj Sharma. 0040633339-2

I, MOHD NEZAMUDDIN NASIM, S/o-Mohd Alaudin Nasim, R/O-F-124, Block-C, Old-seemapuri, Delhi-95, declare that my minor-daughter name has been mentioned as Bushra Aftreen in her school-records. The actual name of my daughter name is Ayesha Bushra, for all, the, future purposes. 0040633380-7

I, MANU KANT, S/O ASA NAND SACHDEV, R/O-604, TOWER-2, PANCHSEL PEBBLES, SECTOR-3, VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD, U.P. 201010, changed my name to MANUKANT SACHDEV. 0040633382-1

I, MANOJ KUMAR, S/O RAM LALL, R/O RZ-9, MANAS KUNJ, UTTAM NAGAR, DELHI-110059, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANOJ KUMAR GULIANI. 0040633339-9

I, Lalit Krishnan Menon alias Lalith Kumar Menon S/o, Nirmala Menon, R/O-66, 1st Floor, B-Block, Gandhi-Market, Hari-Nagar, New Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Lalith Kumar Menon. 0040633382-7

I, Kishor Kumar, S/o Om Prakash, R/o 12/26, West Patel Nagar Delhi-8, have changed my name to Kishor Kumar Juneja. 0040633339-3

I, Jasminder alias Jasminder Singh, S/o Rajinder Singh R/o, WZ-33/126, Mukherjee Park Extension, Tilaknagar, N.Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Jasminder Singh. 0040633382-8

CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

I, Dinesh Solanki S/o Dilbagh, R/o 75-B, Matiala Village, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, Declare that my Name Wrongly Mentioned as Dinesh in Cast-Certificate. But my Correct-Name is Dinesh Solanki. 0040633382-6

I, Devinder Kaur W/o Jaswinder Singh R/o-127 Kalyan Vihar Model Town-II Delhi-110009 changed my name to Davinder Kaur. 0040633382-4

I, Chankey Dudeza S/o-Narendra Kumar, R/O, H.No.176/12, Gali No.5, Krishna Nagar/Bank Colony, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Chirag Dudeza for all purposes. 0040633367-4

I, Babul Kumar S/O Sudhano Sanyal, S/O, H.No-4233/1/110, Nagar Burari Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Babul Kumar Sanyal. 0040633339-5

I, Mansheetal D/o Pritpal Singh R/o B-2B/53 Janakpuri New Delhi have changed my name to Mansheetal Kaur. 0040633380-1

I, BIBHUTI BHUSHAN MALLICK, S/O-KRUTIBASH MALLICK, R/O-FLAT-NO-12051, TOWER-12, ATS ADVANTAGE, PLOT-NO-17, AHINSA KHAND, INDIRAPURAM, SHIPRA SUN CITY, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201014, Changed my name to BIBHUTI BHUSHAN MALLICK. 0040633382-3

I, Abbas S/o Iliyas Bag R/o 4896 East Old Seelampur Gandhi Nagar Delhi have changed my name to Abbas Beg. 0040633380-2

I, ASHOK KUMAR/ASHOK KHATRI S/O DHARAM PAL, R/O 178/2, RAJPURA GURMANDI DELHI-110007, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHOK KUMAR KHATRI. 0040633339-7

I, AMRIT PAL GUPTA S/O PALE RAM R/O 43/B-BLOCK, CHANKYA PLACE, PART-1, LUTTAM-NAGAR, DELHI-110059, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AMRIT PAL. 0040633339-8

I, hitherto known as GOVINDA KUMAR, aged about 27 years, S/o Dewendra Kumar R/o U-62, U-Block, Shakarpur, East Delhi, Delhi-110092 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GOVIND KUMAR for all purposes. 0040633300-1

I, Swapan Das S/o Kartik Das R/o B-145, Ramprastha Colony, Ghaziabad, UP have changed my name to Swapan Kumar Das. 007804917-1

I, Suman Sagar W/o Brijesh Sagar R/O 125, Shastri Nagar, Meenakshi Road, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh-245101, have changed my minor son's name from Ayush Kumar Alias Khemender Sagar aged 10 years to Khemender Sagar forever 007804904-1

I, Ritu Tiwari, W/O Jitender Kumar Trivedi R/O H No B 29 A, Sector 9, Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ritu Trivedi 007804866-1

I, Ritu Pahadia D/o Rajesh Kumar, R/o-31/909, DDA-Flats, Madangiri, Dr.Ambedkar Nagar, Pushpa Bhawan, Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Ritu Gupta, for all future purposes. 0040633307-1

I, Ravindra Kumar, S/o Chotu Mahto, R/O H.No -1836/14, Hari Nagar Ext, Badarpur, South Delhi, Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Ravinder kumar 007804882-1

I, Rajendra Saluja s/o Amarjeet Singh r/o Saluja House, Gulmohar Park, Kota Road, Ram Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 have changed my name to RAJENDRA SINGH SALUJA permanently. 0040633312-1

I, Rajbir, S/o Uday Raj, R/o B-9, Patel Garden, Kakrola More, NSIT, Delhi-110078, have changed my name to Rajbir Gahlot. 007804936-1

I, R S Rajput, S/o Badan Singh, R/o 31, Chansauriya Complex, Shastri puram Chauraha, Agra, have changed my name to Radhey Shyam. 007804921-1

I, Prem Vati w/o Rajpal Shokeen R/O RZ-330, Mangolpur Khurd, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to PREM WATI permanently. 0040633316-1

I, Pitambar Dutt Sharma S/o Late Kanhaiya Lal Sharma R/o Flat No. K-506, Agriksen Awas, Plot No.66, I.P.Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Pitambar Sharma for all future purposes. 0040633304-1

I, Paramhans Prajapati S/O Anand Prakash, R/O Saisarakala, Sissara, Chandauli, Sissaraakalan, Uttar Pradesh-232106, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Deepak Kumar. 007804864-1

I, Niru Kumari, D/o Ravindra Nath Choubey, R/o H.No-638, Sector-15, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, U.P., declare that in my educational Documents my name is mentioned as Niru instead of Niru Kumari & my father's name mentioned-as Ravindra Nath instead-of Ravindra Nath Choubey & my mother's name mentioned as Usha instead of Usha Choubey. All the name's are of same person and will be used as NIRU KUMARI, D/o Ravindra Nath Choubey & Usha Choubey for, all future purposes. 007804927-1

I, Madhu Soodan Kaushik, S/o Jai Prakash Sharma, R/O B-334, Ashok Nagar, Street No-4, In front of MCD School, Nand Nagri, Delhi-110093, have changed my minor daughter's name from Anshika Kaushik, aged 13 years to Yashasvini Kaushik forever. 007804900-1

I, M A KHAN, S/O-SHRI SULTAN KHAN, R/O D-6/39A, SECTOR-6, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, that M A KHAN, MOHD AZIM KHAN, MOHAMMAD AZIM KHAN and MOHD AZEEM KHAN are one and same person. 0040633381-1

LOST & FOUND

Lost Form-C (No-42), Form-38 (No 121)& Sales Tax of M/S Maxis Motor Pvt.Ltd.H-18, Noida, Sector-63 while traveling from office to Mayapuri Vihar. Finder contact:- 9910196753 Contact on this number. 004063381-2

I, Vinay Harjai S/o Late Sh. Vijay Harjai have lost my property, Original paper Sale deed regd. No.10974, book No.I Volume, No.2959 page, No.140 to 144 dt.27.04.2010, Sub-registrar VI-A pitampura Delhi, of property No.FP-50-A Ground-Floor Janta, Flats, Pitampura Delhi-110034 find, Contact:-9958201787 004063382-5

I, Dhanwant Singh S/oJilwan Singh, Have Lost Original-Possession-Letter, Perpetual-Lease Deed, Possession-Slip and NOC of Water, Electricity Of Property No-233F, DDA-MIG Flats, Rajouri-Garden, New-Delhi-77, Finder Contact:-8368704352. 004063367-10

I, Ishan Srivastava S/o Deepak Srivastava, R/o B-10/12, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Ishaan Srivastava, for all future purposes. 0040633299-1

I, HITHERTO KNOWN AS AJEET SINGH S/O SHRI LAL SINGH R/O PRESENT ADDRESS- A-1041, THIRD FLOOR, G.D.COLONY, MAYUR VIHAR, PHASE-3 EAST DELHI-110096 OLD ADDRESS: 8/37, ARYA NAGAR, KANPUR, KHEORA, KANPUR NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-208002 HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF AJEET SINGH IN SOME DOCUMENTS & HE SHALL HEREAFTER BE KNOWN AS AJEET SINGH KOSHITA 0040633301-1

I, Gulshan Zehra W/o Shameem Raza, R/o D-1342, Street No.-8A, Vijay Park, Moujpur, Delhi-110053, I have changed my minor son name, Mohd. Armugan Raza aged about 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as AAHAN. 0040633308-1

I, Gulshan Zehra W/o Shameem Raza, R/o D-1342, Street No.-8A, Vijay Park, Moujpur, Delhi-110053, I have changed my minor son name, Mohd. Armugan Raza aged about 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as AAHAN. 0040633308-1

I, Gulshan Zehra W/o Shameem Raza R/o D-1342, Street No.-8A, Vijay Park, Moujpur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Gulshan Zehra in place of Guljera for all purpose. 0040633309-1

I, Dharmendra Bhardwaj S/o Virendra Bhardwaj S/O-Akbarpur, Bahrampur, PS-Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Dharmendra Bhardwaj. 007804920-1

I, Anjana D/O Vinod Kumar, W/O Krishan Kumar R/O F-104, Village Katwaria Sarai, Delhi-110016, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Anjana Duggal 007804863-1

I, Ajruddin, S/O Rafiq Saifi, R/O 2263, Near Busstand Mohalla, Gandhi Colony, Pilkhua, Hapur, have changed my name to Azruddin Saifi. 007804924-1

I, Ajendra Tyagi, S/o Kanti Prakash, Residence 224, Radh Kunj, Nandgram, Ghaziabad-201001, have changed my name from Ajendra Kumar Tyagi to Ajendra Tyagi for all purposes in future. Ajendra Kumar Tyagi and Ajendra Tyagi both are same person. 007804922-1

I, Atul Dhand R/O 24/16, Ashok-Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my minor Son's-name, form Vihaan Dhand to Vihaan Kumar Dhand, for all purposes. 0040633367-9

I, Sonia Grover alias Sonia Guliani D/o Sh. Gopal Krishan Grover W/o Sh. Chetan Guliani R/O DB-118C, DDA Flats, Hari Nagar, South West Delhi, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Sonia Guliani for all purposes. 0040633378-2

I, Pankaj Grover S/o Sh. Gopal Krishan Grover R/O R-27, Upper Ground Floor, Rajouri Garden, Janta Market, West Delhi, Delhi-110027 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Khushi Grover to Khushi P Grover for all purposes. 0040633378-1

I, Ajay Kumar S/O Ashok Kumar Sindhwani R/O E-26, Upper GF, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018 have Changed my Name to Ajay Sindhwani for future. 0040633295-1

I, H. M. JHA (Advocate) S/o Late Mr. Jagan Nath, Tia Hazari Courts, Delhi-54.

I, Vikas Punj S/o Rajendra Pal Sharma R/O 269/4, Top-Floor, Govind Puri, Kalka Ji, South Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Vikas Punj Sharma. 0040633339-1

I, SUMAN/SUMAN NARNG, W/OXIPIN RASTOGI, ADD-B-228, TOP-FLOOR PRIYADARSHINI-VIHAR, NIRMAM-VIHAR EAST-DELHI-110092, changed my name to RITU RASTOGI, for all, future Purposes. 0040633380-5

I, SHWETA NARANG, D/O, RITU RASTOGI, ADD-B-228, TOP-FLOOR PRIYADARSHINI VIHAR, NIRMAM-VIHAR EAST-DELHI, 110092, Changed my name to SHWETA RASTOGI, for all, future Purposes. 0040633380-4

I, Anil Singh S/o Shri Shiv Dayal Singh Bisht R/O G-224/B, Sector-22, Noida, Distt- Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201301, that name of mine mistakenly written in my Daughter Khushboo Bisht school record as Anil Bisht instead of Anil Singh and her mother name is Deepa Bisht. 0040633024-1

Sd/- Rajiv Garg & Co, Advocates, A-118, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024 Dated: 21.9.2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large that my client Shri Hardeep Sawhney, son of Late Shri Pritam Singh Satara, residing at 1 Hilltop Drive, Melville, NY 11747 (USA), is one of the co-owners of the property bearing no. 44, Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005, and is in joint and constructive possession of the said property. It has been brought to our notice that some of the co-owners are trying to create third party interest by illegally disposing of the part of the said property or parts of the said property without seeking its partition. Concerned persons are hereby given notice not to deal with the co-owners in respect of property bearing no. 44, Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005. The public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or dealing in any way with the said property without consent of my client Shri Hardeep Sawhney. In case any kind of agreement is entered or dealt by anyone the same would be on their own liability and risk and the same will not be binding upon my client Shri Hardeep Sawhney and my client reserves his right to get the same cancelled and to initiate the civil and criminal action at the risk and cost of the same person. Sd/- [AMIT SANDUJA] D/776/2007 Advocate G-229, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028 Mob:- 9810954389

IN THE COURT OF SH. BHUPESH KUMAR, DISTRICT JUDGE (COMM. COURT-02) DWARKA COURTS, NEW DELHI. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION ORDER S. Rule 20 of the CPC.) CS(COMM) NO. 185/2021 INDIAN BANKPlaintiff.

VS. ANNU SINGH, PROPRIETOR ANNU BHARTAN BHANDARDefendants.

To, Annu Singh Proprietor Annu Bhartan Bhandar Plot no. 1, Shop No. 3 KH 1/71 Tara Nagar, Kakrola, New Delhi-110078. ALSO AT- R/O, B-11 G/F Shivam Enclave Part 11 Kakrola, New Delhi-110078. ALSO AT- House No. 8, Tara Nagar, New Delhi-110078.

Whereas Plaintiff has instituted that my client Smt. Rakesh Kumar and his wife Mrs. RUPALI due to his bad habits, most of my above named clients have also disowned and debarred his said son and brother from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with my client will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Mr. RAKESH KUMAR. Sd/- Sanjay Kumar (Advocate) (Enrollment No. D/6821/2020) Office: 6, First Floor, East Nazimuddin Market, New Delhi-110013

General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. GHANSHYAM S/O LATE SH. GHANSHYAM and his elder son DEEPAK BASAI DARA PUR, NEW DELHI-110015 have terminated all their relations with their middle son and brother Mr. RAKESH KUMAR and his wife Mrs. RUPALI due to his bad habits. Most of my above named clients have also disowned and debarred his said son and brother from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with my client will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Mr. RAKESH KUMAR. Sd/- Sanjay Kumar (Advocate) (Enrollment No. D/6821/2020) Office: 6, First Floor, East Nazimuddin Market, New Delhi-110013

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VS. MR. MADHUR CHAWLA, PROPRIETOR MIAMI COSMETICSDefendants.

To, Mr. Madhur Chawla Prop Miami Cosmetics Sd/- Sh. Sudhir Chawla R/O- G-44, G-BLOCK Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110058.

ALSO AT- R/O, D-14/48 Near Shiv Mandir, Jeevan Park Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059. ALSO AT- A/A-121 1st Floor, Chanakya Place New Delhi-110059.

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Be it known to all that my client Dayal Ram W/o Sh. Pritpal Singh R/O C-189 Brotherhood Apartment, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018. The Original property documents i.e. Possession Slip / Possession letter of flat No. C-189 Brotherhood Apartment, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 has been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station Vide ENCR/LR No.813458/2022 dated: 20/09/2022. Any Person(s) claiming any right, interest, or claim on any objection or found in possession of original documents may write/contact, with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

"Be Known to all that my client Sh. Dalip, S/o- Late. Sh. Shyam Bihari, s/o-220, Katra Gokul Shah, Sita Ram Bazar, Delhi-110006, has severed all his relations with and disowned and disinherited his son namely Rahul Yadav and his wife Anjali Yadav from all his movable and immovable properties as they are out of control of my client. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at his own cost, risk and consequences. My client shall not be responsible for the same in any manner whatsoever."

GHUFARAN AHMAD ADVOCATE 752- Lawyers Chambers, Saket Court, New Delhi-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that my client Sh. Megha Jerath (Legal heir of Late Mr. Vinod Kumar Jerath), is the owner of Flat No.33-D (MIG), Third floor, Block-C, Pocket-8, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. Initially, Mr. Vinod Kumar Jerath was the owner of the said flat through Conveyance deed registered on 24.05.10 executed by P.O.I through Delhi Development Authority. After his demise Megha Dogar, Neha Khandelwal & Sushma Jerath became the joint owners of the property by way of inheritance. Later Megha Dogar and Neha Khandelwal executed Relinquishment Deed in favour of Sushma Jerath on 21.08.21. Now, Ms Sushma Jerath wishes to sell the said flat. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within 10 days from the date of this notice at the number & address mentioned herein below, failing which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

Mohd. Khairul Huss



भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.
(एन. एन. एन. कंपनी (सार्वजनिक का उत्तरदाता)
A Navratna Company (A Govt. of India Undertaking)
NSIC Business Park, New MDOP Building, 2nd Floor, Okhla Ind. Estate, New Delhi-110020

TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)

Online E-Bids (SINGLE PACKET) for Establishing of Containder repair facility for repair of DSO Containers at DCT Turbhe, DCT Khodiyar & DCT Gandergham of Area-II for 04 years.

Tender No.	CON/Area-II C&O/Cont. Repair/2022
Estimated Cost	₹56,05,240/- (Inclusive of GST)
Date of Sale (On Line)	From 23/09/2022 at 15:00 hrs. to 07/10/2022 (up to 16:00 hrs.)
Last Date & Time of submission	On 08/10/2022 up to 17:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening	On 10/10/2022 at 15:30 Hrs.

* Through e-Payment

For eligibility criteria and other details please log onto www.concorindia.com or eprocure.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly.

Executive Director /Area-II

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, सिकटिया शिविर-बुढ़ई (देवघर)

शुद्धि-पत्र

इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या— **WRD/Irr.Div.Sikatia,Camp-Burhai/SBD-01/22-23** दिनांक : **16.09.2022** जिसका PR No. 278024 Water Resource(22-23).D है, को अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है।

कार्यालय अभियंता
सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, सिकटिया शिविर-बुढ़ई (देवघर)

PR 278387 (Water Resource) 22-23 (D)



SHRI LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI NATIONAL
SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY
(Central University)
B-4, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016

F. 7(514)/LBNSU/UWD/2020-21

Date: 02.09.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed percentage rate tenders are invited for the under mentioned work from the approved and eligible CPWD contractors. NIT No. 01/2022-23/LBSU/UWD (T.I.D. No.2022_SLBS_676510.1) A/R & M/O work of the residential Buildings of the University during 2022-23 (S. H. : W/w, distempering, plastering, painting etc. complete of Type II to Type V). Estimated cost - Rs.25,29,161/-, Earnest Money - Rs.50,583/-, Time Allowed - (240) Two Hundred Forty Days. Tender Fee - Rs. 1180/- (Non-Refundable). Last date & time of receipt of applications : 07/10/2022 up to 4.00 P.M. Last date & time of issue of tenders : 11/10/2022 up to 4.00 P.M. Last date & time of Submission of tenders: 14/10/2022 up to 3.00 P.M. Date & time of opening of tenders : 14/10/2022 from 3.30 P.M. For eligibility criteria, other details & corrigendum, if any, please visit websites : www.slbsrsv.ac.in & www.eprocure.gov.in

davp 21371/12/0006/2223

REGISTRAR

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, Shakurbasti, Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under single Packet System for the under noted work:-

1. Name of work and location	Addition & Alteration in FOB at ASAOTI RAILWAY Station in connection with High Rise of OHE at Asaoti/Pyla station and merger of DF-CCL Western corridor at Asaoti Yard on Delhi- Palwal section
2. Completion period of the work	04 (four Months)
3. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 68.39 Lacs
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 136790.00
5. Sale /availability of tender document on Railway Web site	Tender documents will be available on IREPS web site i.e www.ireps.gov.in from 04.10.2022 to 18.10.2022 upto 11.30 hrs
6. Last date/Time of upload of tenders	18.10.2022 upto 11.30. hrs Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site w.e.f 04.10.2022 to 18.10.2022
7. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	18.10.2022 at 11.30 hours (immediately after closed of uploading of tender.
8. Opening of tender	18.10.2022 at 11.30 hours (immediately after closed of uploading of tender

Tender Notice No.384-ACS-C-SSB Dated: 19.09.2022

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR EMPANELMENT OF HOSPITALS AT PANIPAT, KARNAL & KURUKSHETRA UNDER DELHI DIVISION

Northern Railway Delhi Division invites the offers from empanelled private hospitals with the Central Govt. Health Scheme (CGHS)/Ex-Service man contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)/Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and other Hospitals on CGHS approved rates for recognizing them for treatment of Health beneficiaries of PANIPAT, KARNAL & KURUKSHETRA under Northern Railway Delhi Division, located Peripheral areas of Northern Railway Delhi Division i.e. PANIPAT, KARNAL & KURUKSHETRA. The Private Hospitals have to enter into MOU with the Chief Medical Superintendent of Divisional Hospital Delhi to provide cashless medical services for the treatment of the Railway Health beneficiaries, including retired employees liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS) beneficiaries. The Conditions for Cashless Services are as under:

1. The Railway patient will produce a referral slip issued by Northern Railway Delhi Division authorized Medical authorities.

2. The authenticity of the patient will be verified as per Photograph fixed on the referral slip.

3. After the treatment is over, the bills will be raised to the Railway Medical authorities with whom the MOU has been signed.

4. The rates will be charged as per CGHS approved rates for the area/nearby areas and as per the agreements for the items not listed under CGHS rate list.

Offers should be addressed to Chief Medical Superintendent of Delhi Division. Offers should include proposal, their offered rates (CGHS/ECHS/ESIC/NABH/NON-NABH, Hospitals rates), letter of willingness, facilities available, Infrastructure should reach the office of the CMS/N, Rly, Delhi Division Delhi latest by **25th October, 2022**. Procedure for recognition will be as per existing guidelines of Railway Board. Northern Railway Delhi Division reserve the right to accept or reject the offers received. In case of any query the same can be verified from CMS Office, Divisional Hospital, Northern Railway, S.P. Mukherjee Marg, Delhi-110006 on any working day between **10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** (Monday to Saturday). The detailed terms of advertisement are also posted on the website of Northern Railway i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in.

No.: 62-Med/Pvt. Hosp./Emp/DLI/2022 Dated: 21.09.2022

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

कार्यालय कलेक्टर/अध्यक्ष, जिला निर्माण समिति सुकमा जिला- सुकमा (छ.ग.)

मैनुरल पद्धति प्रथम निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

क्रमांक/208/NIT No.35/चि.नि.स./2022-23 सुकमा दिनांक- 20/09/2022

1. एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित मैनुरल निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

क्र.	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (रु.लाख में)	ठेकेदार की श्रेणी	निविदा का प्रणाली प्राप्ति करने की अंतिम तिथि
१	२	३	४	५
1	Swami Atmanand English Medium School Dornapal with Sanitary and Electric work	119.35	'स' वर्ग से लेकर उच्च श्रेणी	
2	Swami Atmanand Exilance English Medium School Tongpal with Sanitary and Electric work	97.79		
3	8 nos Additional room for Swami Atmanand English Medium School Kuknar with Sanitary and Electric work	71.47	'द' वर्ग से लेकर उच्च श्रेणी	04/10/2022
4	Renovation Work of Swami Atmanand Higher Secondary School Kuknar with Sanitary and Electric work	68.52		

उपरोक्त कार्य की निविदा से संबंधित आवश्यक शर्तें, घोहर शर्त, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापन, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन दिवस पर कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकेगी- (कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा अनुमोदित)

स्वा/-

सहा. नोडल अधिकारी (कार्य. अभि.ग्रा.स.वि.अभि.)

जिला निर्माण समिति सुकमा (छ.ग.)

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one female namely **Gudiya Ali W/o** Maksood Ali R/o H.No. D-295, Tagore Garden, New Delhi, **Age:** 42 years, **Height:** 5'4" **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, wearing Blue colour Suit & White colour Salwar and Pink colour Chappal in feet, has been missing from her house since 18.09.2022 at about 02:00 AM. In this regard a **DD No. 59A, dated 18.09.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/1084/WD/2022 Ph.: 011-25448885, 8750871127

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Anil @ Sonu @ Matka S/o Shyampal Singh R/o Village Sherpur Lohara, PS Chaprauli, Distt. Bhagpat, U.P. and Ajay S/o Jagbir Singh R/o H. N.-11, Near God Convent School, Sangam Vihar, Loni, U.P. Also at C-589, Nala Road, Inderpuri, Loni, Ghaziabad, U.P.** has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. **156/22 U/S 392/120-B/34 IPC Act, PS Lahori Gate, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person **Anil @ Sonu @ Matka and Ajay** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person **Anil @ Sonu @ Matka and Ajay** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation are hereby made that the said accused person **Anil @ Sonu @ Matka and Ajay** of FIR No. **156/22 U/S 392/120-B/34 IPC Act, PS Lahori Gate, Delhi** are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **15.11.2022**.

By Order
Sh. Mayank Aggarwal
MM-09, Central Room No. 286
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/1078/N/2022 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Abhishek @ Lali S/o Shiv Kumar R/o H. No.-188, H-Block, Wazirpur, JJ Colony, Delhi** has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case Register No. **FIR No. 352/22 dt. 31.03.2022 U/S 326 IPC Act, PS Kesahv Puram, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person **Abhishek @ Lali** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person **Abhishek @ Lali** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation are hereby made that the said accused person **Abhishek @ Lali** of case Register No. **FIR No. 352/22 dt. 31.03.2022 U/S 326 IPC Act, PS Kesahv Puram, Delhi** are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **16.11.2022**.

By Order
Sh. Vaibhav Chaurasia
Metropolitan Magistrate-04
Room No. 112, 1st Floor,
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/1106/NW/2022 (Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Aakash S/o** Nawal Kishor, R/o H.No. 4309, Gali No. 9, Ajit Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi, **Age:** 21 years, **Height:** 6', **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Strong, **Face:** Long, wearing White colour T-Shirt, Blue colour Jeans Pant and Black Shoes in feet, has been missing from his house since 10.08.2022 at 7:00 AM. In this regard a **DD No. 76A, dated 13.09.2022 has been registered at P.S. Gandhi Nagar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned.

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH LADAKH AUTONOMOUS HILL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, LEH DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND PR LEH, UT LADAKH

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For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, UT Ladakh, e-tender are invited under two-bid system, through online mode only, from established, reputed and experienced manufacturers or their authorized representatives, agents/ distributors / wholesalers for supply of **Public Address System (PAS) Equipment**

Tender ID: 2022_DIPR_7560_1

S/N	Particulars	Description
1.	Nature of Work	Supply of Public Address System (PAS) Equipments
2.	Online Bid Submission Start Date	10-09-2022
3.	Online bid submission end date	30-09-2022
4.	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	03-10-2022
5.	Websites for downloading tender document, Corrigendum's, Addendums etc.	https://tenders.ladakh.gov.in/

No:Info/410/2022-23 Dated:08/09/2022

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

Where as complaint has been made before me that one accused **Nashir Ali S/o** Rashid Ali, R/o H.No. RZ-4, Aggarwal Colony, Phase-II, Near Anaj Mandi Najafgarh, New Delhi have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 53/18 u/s 302 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Baba Haridas Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Nashir Ali** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Nashir Ali** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Nashir Ali** of **FIR No. 53/18 u/s 302 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Baba Haridas Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **29.10.2022**.

By Order
Gautam Manan
Additional Session Judge-02, (S.W.),
Court No.-510, 5th Floor,
Dwarka Court, New Delhi

DP/1165/DWD/2022 (Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one boy **Namely:** Abhishek Mishra, S/o: Harish Mishra, R/o: H.No. 18, Gali No. 29, B-Block, Kaushik Enclave, Burari, Delhi, **Age:** 17 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Black Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans pant and White Colour sports shoes in feet, has been missing since 12.09.2022 from his house. In this regard **FIR No. 727/22, Dated: 13.09.2022, U/s 363 IPC** has been registered at **P.S.: Burari, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing boy, Please inform to the following.

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General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely:** Preetam Lal Kohali, R/o: A-162, Gandhi Vihar, Delhi, **Age:** 59 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Bule Colour Shirt, Blue Colour Pant & Black Colour Slipper in feet, has been missing from his house. In this regard **DD No. 71A, Dated: 18.09.2022, has been registered at P.S.: Timarpur, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person. Please inform to the following.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that this man namely **Shoyab Malik, S/o** Inam Malik, R/o A Block, Gali No. 09, Rajeev Nagar, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi is missing since 14.09.2022 at 10:00 AM from his house. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 01A, dated 16.09.2022, has been lodged at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing man is as under:
Gender: Male, **Age:** 22 years, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Red colour shirt, blue colour jeans, and black colour shoes in feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing man, kindly inform to the following:
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BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI 4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993. In the matter of **D.A. NO. 117/2021**

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA Applicant

Vs

TARUN MALIK AND ORS Defendants

D-1 TARUN MALIK, S/O SHRIARUN MALIK FLAT NO. KD-262, PITAMPURA, SARASWATI VIHAR, DELHI-110034

D-2 SHASHI MALIK W/O SHRIARUN MALIK FLAT NO. KD-262, PITAMPURA, SARASWATI VIHAR, DELHI-110034

D-3 M/S RUDDRA BUILDWELL CONSTRUCTION PVT. LTD. 118A, GROUND FLOOR, POCKET-6, MIG FLATS, MAYUR VIHAR-II ALSO AT- 309, PADMA TOWER-II, RAJENDRA PALACE, NEW DELHI. ALSO AT- CS-01, 4th FLOOR, ANSAL PLAZA, VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD-201010

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal **26.10.2022 at 10.30 A.M.** Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-
(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the **Cisco Webex** application/Software;
(ii) **Meeting ID and Password** for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head.
(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at **Ph. No 23748469.** Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 10th day of August, 2022.
By Order of the Tribunal

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. **230-TRS-GZB-2021-22-14**. The details are as under:

1	Name of the Work	Electrical and Mechanical disconnection of 3-Phase Locomotives (Types WAP-5 & WAP-7), Qty. 1000 Nos. at ELS/GZB
2	Approx. Cost of Work	Rs.7,66,905.60
3	Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs.15,300.00
4	Last Date & Time of submission of tender bid of tender.	14.10.2022 (11:00 Hrs.)
5	Date & Time of Opening of tender document	14.10.2022 (After 11:00 Hrs.)
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen.	www.ireps.gov.in

Note: (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in e-tender system. (ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. (iii) No manual offers are acceptable. (iv) Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No. 230-TRS-GZB-2021-22-14 Dated: 22-09-2022 2482/22

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SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is here by informed that this girl **Namely:** Himanshi, D/o: Sh. Sachin Kumar, R/o: H.No. 4108, Gali No. 108, B-Block, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi, **Age:** about 15 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Pink colour kurti & Blue colour jeans pant and White colour Sports shoe in her feet, has been missing from since 05.09.2022 at 05:00 am area of PS. Burari, Delhi.

In this regard a vide **FIR No. 714/22 dated 05.09.2022 U/s 363 IPC,** has been registered at P.S. Burari, Delhi.

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Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://spppraj.nic.in>) of the state; and <http://energy.rajabsthan.gov.in/rvpnl> departmental website.

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No. 2022/RS(WTA)-149/TENDER/527 New Delhi, dated 22.09.2022

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BANK OF MAHARASHTRA Applicant

Vs

VIJAY KUMAR GAUTAM AND ORS Defendants

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Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal **27.10.2022 at 10.30 A.M.** Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-
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By Order of the Tribunal

NOTICE

Late Ardhendu Chowdhury, S/o Lt. Senod Behari Chowdhury, Ex-Office Superintendent under PCOM/MLG expired while in service on 07-12-2014. He was a resident of Railway Quarter No. 234/A, West Gokanagar, Malgaon, Guwahati-781011, Assam.

The Final Settlement dues of Lt. Ardhendu Chowdhury, Ex-OS under PCOM/MLG is still unsettled as Lt. Ardhendu Chowdhury was a bachelor and does not have a family. Smt Moomita Chowdhury, niece of Lt. Ardhendu Chowdhury has claimed for all the Final Settlement dues.

Hence, it is hereby notified that if any family members of Lt. Ardhendu Chowdhury is Living/Exist, are requested to approach the Office of Principal Chief Personnel/N.F. Railway/Head Quarter/ Malgaon within 30 (Thirty) days of issuance of this Notification.

After 30 (Thirty) days, nobody appears, the Final Settlement dues will be cleared as per extant provision in favour of Smt Moomita Chowdhury, niece of Lt. Ardhendu Chowdhury, Ex-OS under PCOM/Malgaon

Principal Chief Personnel Officer
N.F. Railway, Malgaon

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E-Tender No. PRYJ-Slg-024-2022-23 Sr. Dvl, Slg. & Telecomm. Engineer/Co. Dated: 19.09.2022 North Central Railway, Prayagraj

E-Tender Notice

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Coordination / North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite **E-TENDER** on prescribed form for the following works upto 12:00 hrs. on the opening date of E-Tender mentioned therein. The details of the Tender are as under:-

S. Tender N.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Bid Security	Cost of Tender Form (Rs.)	Completion Period	Date of Opening of Tender
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DVORAK TECHNIQUE

The cyclone intensity estimation technique has helped in evacuation planning, saving millions of lives

ON TUESDAY, American meteorologist Vernon Dvorak passed away at the age of 100. He was best known for The Dvorak (read 'Do-rak') technique named after him, said to be one of the greatest meteorological innovations ever. Even with access to several modern tools today, advanced versions of the 50-year-old technique are widely used.

Who was Vernon Dvorak?

Dvorak developed the technique in the early 1970s. After the most recent software update in May this year, it has been named the Advanced Dvorak Technique (ADT) by the National Hurricane Centre of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Dvorak worked with the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service of NOAA. The latest updated technique will improve tropical storm forecasts with access to sharper and more detailed images.

The meteorologist also presented wind speeds and associated categories of tropical cyclones, making his technique a near-perfect tool for operational cyclone forecasting.

What is the Dvorak technique?

Forecasters used the available satellite images obtained from polar-orbiting satellites

to examine features of developing tropical storms. During day time, images in the visible spectrum were used while at night, the ocean was observed using infrared images.

"From the satellite images thus obtained, the Dvorak technique helps forecasters to do a pattern recognition from the observed structure of the storm, locate its eye and estimate the intensity of the storm," said Umasankar Das, a scientist at the India Meteorological Department in Bhubaneswar.

The technique gives the best estimates of cyclone intensity, a vital component of weather warnings.

While experts claim it cannot help make any predictions or measure wind pressure, it is a guide to estimate the storm's possible intensification — crucial for local administration planning evacuation measures.

Wide usage to date

Ocean observations are limited as compared to land observations, and vast regions across the oceans have not been fully examined. Observations are mostly taken by deploying buoys or ships, but it is insufficient. Thus, meteorologists depend more on satellite-based imagery.



Vernon Dvorak developed the technique in 1969
Wikimedia Commons

The draft Telecom Bill and the changes it aims to bring

PRANAV MUKUL & SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications (DoT) on Wednesday issued the draft Indian Telecommunication Bill, 2022, consolidating three separate Acts that govern the telecommunications sector — Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933, and The Telegraph Wires (Unlawful Protection) Act, 1950.

Key amendments

One of the key changes is inclusion of new-age over-the-top communication services like WhatsApp, Signal, and Telegram in the definition of telecommunication services.

As per the draft, providers of telecommunication services will be covered under the licensing regime, and will be subject to similar rules as other telecom operators. This issue has been contentious for several years now with telecom service providers seeking a level playing field with OTT apps over communication services such as voice calls, messages, etc., where operators had to incur high costs of licences and spectrum, while OTT players rode on their infrastructure to offer free services.

More powers to Centre

The new Bill also proposes changes to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act. These changes, if carried through, will dilute the sectoral watchdog's function of

being a recommendatory body. The current TRAI Act mandates the telecom department to seek the regulator's views before issuing a new licence to a service provider. The proposed Bill omits this provision.

It has also removed the provision that empowered TRAI to request the government to furnish information or documents necessary to make a recommendation. Additionally, the new Bill also proposes to remove the provision where, if the DoT cannot accept TRAI's recommendations or needs modification, it has to refer back the recommendation for reconsideration by TRAI.

Addressing industry issues

The DoT has proposed that if a telecom entity goes through bankruptcy or insolvency, the assigned spectrum will revert to the Centre. So far there has been a lack of clarity on whether the spectrum owned by a defaulting operator belongs to the Centre or banks.

The draft Bill also accords the Centre powers to defer, convert into equity, write off or grant relief to any licensee under extraordinary circumstances. It also proposes to replace the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) with the Telecommunication Development Fund (TDF). USOF is the pool of funds generated by the 5% Universal Service Levy that is charged to all telecom fund operators on their Adjusted Gross Revenue. The USOF has largely been used to aid rural connectivity. TDF will help boost connectivity in underserved urban areas, R&D, skill development, etc.

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BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 22

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday carried out searches and raids at 93 locations across 15 states and arrested 45 people linked to the Popular Front of India (PFI).

The NIA action was linked to investigations in five cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, including RC-14/2022/NIA/DLI, which the agency registered on April 13, 2022 under instructions from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. This case is a broad investigation following "credible information" gathered by the central government that office bearers and members of the PFI are collecting funds from India and abroad for "committing terrorist acts".

While seeking remand for some of those arrested on Thursday, the NIA alleged that the PFI has been involved in recruiting Muslim youth for proscribed organisations such as ISIS, and in providing training to its members to carry out terrorist acts.

The NIA was reportedly accompanied by officials of the Directorate of Enforcement (ED). In June this year, the ED filed prosecution complaints against the PFI and attached Rs 68.62 lakh under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2022, claiming "PFI was covertly mobilising funds through well-organized networks in Gulf countries".

Popular Front of India

The PFI was created in 2007 through the merger of three Muslim organisations in southern India — National Democratic Front in Kerala, Karnataka Forum for Dignity, and Manitha Neethi Pasarai in Tamil Nadu.

A decision to bring the three outfits together was taken in November 2006 at a meeting in Kozhikode in Kerala. The formation of the PFI was formally announced at a rally in Bengaluru during an "Empower India Conference" on February 16, 2007.

The PFI, which emerged following the ban on the Students' Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), has projected itself as an organisation that fights for the rights of minorities, Dalits, and marginalised communities. It has frequently targeted the alleged anti-people policies of the Congress, BJP, and JD-Sin Karnataka, even as these parties have accused one another of being in cahoots with the PFI to gather the support of Muslims at the time of elections.

The PFI has itself never contested elections,



PFI members being produced to in court in New Delhi on Thursday. PFI

CRIMES ALLEGEDLY LINKED TO THE PFI

2011: Hand of college professor in Kerala chopped off.

2016: Murder of RSS worker R Rudresh in Bengaluru; NIA named Asim Shariff, president of PFI's Bengaluru unit, as an accused.

2016: Mysuru Police arrested Abid Pasha, a youth with PFI links, for the murder of Bajrang Dal worker K Raja. Police have accused Pasha of involvement in six communally motivated murders in the region.

2017: Two PFI activists arrested in Dakshina Kannada after RSS worker Sharath Madivala, 28, was stabbed to death in Bantwal town, allegedly in retaliation for the killing of SDPI worker Ashraf Kalayi.

2019: Persons linked to SDPI accused in attempt to murder Congress MLA Tanveer Sait.

2019: Murder of social activist Ramalingam in Thanjavur region of Tamil Nadu.

and has been involved in carrying out social and Islamic religious work among Muslims on the lines of the work done by right-wing groups such as the VHP and Hindu Jagaran Vedike among Hindus. Like the radical Hindu groups, the PFI doesn't maintain records of its members, and it has been difficult for law enforcement agencies to pin crimes on the organisation after making arrests.

In 2009, a political outfit named Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) evolved out of the PFI, with the aim of taking up the political issues of Muslims, Dalits, and other marginalized communities.

The SDPI's stated goal is "advancement and uniform development of all the citizenry including Muslims, Dalits, Backward Classes and Adivasis", and to "share power fairly among all the citizens".

The PFI is a key provider of ground work-

ers for the SDPI's political activities.

PFI's political footprint

The PFI/SDPI has influence mainly in regions with large Muslim populations. The SDPI has built a presence in coastal Dakshina Kannada and Udupi, where it has won local polls for village, town, and city councils.

Until 2013, the SDPI contested only local elections, and had won seats in 21 civic constituencies around the state. By 2018, it had won 121 local body seats. In 2021, it captured three local councils in Udupi district.

From 2013 onward, the SDPI has fielded candidates in elections to the Karnataka Assembly and Parliament. Its most creditable performance came in the 2013 state elections, when it finished second at the Narasimharaja seat, which is part of the Mysore Lok Sabha constituency. In 2018, the

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New account settlement system from Oct 1: what changes



SANDEEP SINGH

BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, the new account settlement system for the stock broking industry will kick in. Under the new guidelines issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in July and effective from October 1, the trading members will have to settle the accounts on a monthly or quarterly basis on the first Friday of the month or quarter.

What is settlement of accounts?

The market regulator mandates stockbrokers to settle i.e., transfer the available credit balance from trading account to bank ac-

count, at least once in a quarter (90 days) or 30 days. The process of transferring the unutilised funds back into the bank account is called 'Running Account Settlement' or 'Quarterly Settlement of Funds' and the funds are transferred back to the primary bank account of the customer that is linked to the trading account.

As per the latest guidelines, the settlement will now be done on the first Friday of the quarter or the month depending upon the option selected by the customer.

What are SEBI's new settlement guidelines?

On July 27, market regulator SEBI issued new guidelines on running accounts of client funds and securities lying with the broker. As per the new guidelines, with effect from October 1, 2022, the settlement of running account of clients' funds will be done by the trading members after considering the end of the day (EOD) obligation of funds as on the date of settlement across all the exchanges on the first

Friday of the quarter (i.e., Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep, Oct-Dec, Jan-Mar) for all the clients. It further said that if the first Friday of the quarter is a trading holiday, then "such settlement shall happen on the previous trading day".

In cases where the client has opted for a monthly settlement process, then the running account shall be settled on the first Friday of every month.

Why are market participants concerned?

October 7 will be the first Friday when the new system will become operational. As it will be the first Friday for the industry, brokers are anxious as they feel that bunching of all settlements on one day (as against individual settlement dates for different clients in 30 or 90 days) may create challenges for the industry as a whole.

"Brokers will have to organise cash which could otherwise be in their working capital. It will also lead to a decline in volumes in the following trading session as clients will have

to transfer funds from their bank accounts to their trading accounts in order to trade," said the head of a leading financial services firm.

How will it impact investors and traders?

Changes in settlement brought in by SEBI over the last few years have had the aim of protecting the investor and preventing the misuse as money lying in trading accounts of investors for long periods.

SEBI's move will give certainty to investors and trading members.

Industry experts say that it will help brokers develop a system just like banks, which credit interest in the accounts of their customers at the end of the quarter.

Another advantage would be that if a customer has more than one demat account with different brokers, having one settlement date for the entire industry will make it easier for her to keep track of her funds in all accounts as they would all get settled on the same day.

EXPLAINED DIPLOMACY, FOREIGN POLICY, STRATEGY

In Nepal, mess at the top signals major breakdown of Constitution



YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

NEPAL IS in a constitutional crisis with major organs of the state confronting each other. Chief Justice Chandra Shumsher Rana is under undeclared house arrest. Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, who is backed by the chiefs of four major coalition partners, is at loggerheads with President Bidhya Devi Bhandari. The President, on her part, is giving sleepless nights to the politicians about her next move — which includes the possibility of her seeking to rule as an extra-constitu-

tional authority beyond the sanction and imagination of the Constitution that completed six years last week.

The current crisis began after President Bhandari refused to ratify Nepal's citizenship bill, which was sent to her twice after it was passed by both Houses of Parliament over the span of a month. The bill seeks to give citizenship by birth and by descent to an estimated 500,000 individuals, and non-voting citizenship to non-resident Nepalis living in non-SAARC countries.

After President Bhandari returned the bill with about a dozen queries, Parliament sent it back "as it was". Apparently insulted, she held a series of consultations with both protagonists and antagonists of the bill, including retired officers of the Nepal army and police, lawyers, journalists, and civil society representatives, but ultimately did nothing as the Tuesday midnight deadline for her to ratify the bill passed.

A three-way tussle

Deuba's fifth term as PM in less than three decades began in July 2021 after a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court led by Chief Justice Rana struck down President Bhandari's decision to prematurely dissolve Parliament for the second time in less than six months on the recommendation of the K P Oli-led government.

The court ruled that the President's decision to reject the demand of the majority of MPs to appoint Deuba PM and to ask Oli to lead the interim government was unconstitutional, and issued a writ of mandamus — unprecedented in Nepal's legal history — giving her 24 hours to administer the oath of office to Deuba, the president of the Nepali Congress.

Oli, who heads the main opposition Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist, calls Deuba "paramadasi" (a benefi-

ciary of mandamus) PM". Chief Justice Rana has made it clear that he respects the prerogative of the PM to dissolve the House and call mid-term elections, but he did not want to be the dissenter in the 'consensus' verdict on the issue.

An impeachment motion against Rana was registered in early March and, according to most constitutional experts, became infructuous after the tenure of the current Parliament came to an end on Tuesday. Rana who has been under suspension for the past six months after the motion was registered, now wants to resume as CJ — but the ruling coalition has suggested that it would like him to either resign or retire upon reaching the specified age on December 13 this year. Rana's security has already been withdrawn.

Republic of turmoil

The day after the citizenship bill lapsed,

four top leaders of the ruling coalition met at the residence of the Prime Minister and issued a statement saying the President's (in)action was unconstitutional, that it deprived lakhs of people of their constitutional right to citizenship, and that Bhandari had undermined the supremacy of the constitution and the sovereignty of the people.

They called on all political parties, civil society, the media and people to keep an eye on the President's actions. Youths and students belonging to the ruling coalition issued a similar call the following day.

The visible malfunctioning of Nepal's constitution underlines the failure of the revolutionaries and the country's other leaders to manage the radical changes of 2006. The denial of space to traditional forces, including the monarchy, in the new power structure was not pragmatic — as a result, the processes of identifying and punishing the guilty of human rights violations

during the conflict remain incomplete. The parties that were together against the monarchy in 2006 have now fallen out.

Dealing with the President

Impeachment is the only way in which an errant President can be punished. The death of the House, however, has given a protective shield to Bhandari.

The ruling coalition has been weighing the option of going to the court, even though the credibility of the judiciary is at its lowest ebb currently. Notifying the bill approved by Parliament in the gazette even without the President's seal is an option — however, a government treating the President as *persona non grata* may be interpreted as the end of the republic.

Both sides are waiting and watching, as Nepal's grim constitutional crisis unfolds.
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TOP OF THE WORLD



Imran Khan

PAKISTAN

Imran says sorry in contempt of court case

FORMER PAKISTANI Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday said sorry in a contempt of court case and promised not to hurt the dignity of the judiciary, the court said, a concession that could avoid his disqualification from politics. The charges are related to a speech by Khan in which he allegedly threatened police and a woman judge last month after one of his close aides was denied bail in a sedition case. "He stated that he realised during the proceedings that he may have crossed a red line," the court said. Khan had previously denied being threatening. The court had been expected to indict Khan, a move that could have led to his exclusion from politics if convicted. **REUTERS**

MEXICO

Magnitude 6.8 earthquake kills at least two

A POWERFUL magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck Mexico early Thursday, causing at least two deaths, damaging buildings and setting off landslides. The earthquake struck at 1.19 am near the epicentre of a magnitude 7.6 quake that hit three days earlier in the western state of Michoacan. It was also blamed for two deaths. The US Geological Survey said Thursday's earthquake was centred in a sparsely populated area south-southwest of Aguila, Michoacan, at a depth of 24.1 km. The state government reported damage to a building in the city of Uruapan and some landslides on highways. **AP**

AUSTRALIA

32 pilot whales rescued out of 230 stranded

WILDLIFE EXPERTS on Thursday rescued 32 of the 230 whales that were found stranded on the wild and remote west coast of Australia's island state of Tasmania a day earlier. Half the pod of pilot whales found stranded in Macquarie Harbour were presumed to still be alive on Wednesday, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania said. But only 35 had survived the pounding surf overnight. **AP**



At a protest in central Tehran on Wednesday. AP

Nine killed as protests over woman's death in police custody spread in Iran

ASSOCIATED PRESS
DUBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

CLASHES BETWEEN Iranian security forces and protesters angry over the death of a 22-year-old woman in police custody have killed at least nine people since the violence erupted over the weekend, according to a tally Thursday by the Associated Press.

The scope of Iran's ongoing unrest, the worst in several years, still remains unclear as protesters in at least a dozen cities — venting anger over social repression and the country's mounting crises — continue to encounter security and paramilitary forces.

An anchor on Iran's state television suggested the death toll from the mass protests could be as high as 17 on Thursday, but did

EXPLAINED
E Open challenge to govt

PROTESTS AGAINST the custody death of Mahsa Amini have, over the past 3-4 days, grown into an open challenge to the government, with women removing and burning their state-mandated headscarves in the streets and Iranians setting trash bins ablaze and calling for the downfall of the Islamic Republic itself.

not elaborate or say how he reached that figure. "Unfortunately, 17 people and police officers present at the scene



Mahsa Amini, 22, was detained for allegedly violating Iran's dress code. Reuters

of these events lost their lives," the anchor said, adding official statistics would be released later. Widespread outages of

Instagram and WhatsApp, which protesters use to share information about the government's rolling crackdown on dissent, continued on Thursday. Authorities also appeared to disrupt internet access to the outside world, a tactic that rights activists say the government often employs in times of unrest.

The paramilitary Revolutionary Guard urged the judiciary on Thursday to prosecute "anyone who spreads fake news and rumors" on social media about the unrest.

Police say she died of a heart attack and was not mistreated, but her family has cast doubt on that account. Independent experts affiliated with the UN said Thursday that reports suggested she was severely beaten by the morality police.

ENGLAND

BAN ON GAS FRACKING LIFTED

Britain on Thursday formally lifted a moratorium on fracking for shale gas in England that has been in place since 2019, saying strengthening the country's energy supply was an "absolute priority". Energy prices have soared in Europe after Russia invaded Ukraine, and Britain is subsidising bills for households and businesses at a predicted cost of more than 100 billion pounds.

UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS OVER UKRAINE

Troop mobilisation starts a day after Putin's call; some men leave Russia

THE NEW YORK TIMES
SEPTEMBER 22

A DAY after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a call-up that could see 300,000 civilians swept into military service, thousands of Russians across the country had received draft papers and were being bundled into buses on Thursday for training — and soon, possibly, to the front lines in Ukraine, according to witnesses, and local media reports. Several men have also left Russia to avoid getting the call-up.

In Siberia, Russian media reported school buses were being commandeered to move troops to training grounds, and schools were becoming draft centres.

The call-ups reportedly began within hours of a recorded video announcement by Putin in which he raised the stakes in the war and escalated his confrontation with the West.

Since Wednesday, Russian men who had previously thought they were safe from being forced to the front lines have realised they could not count on staying out of their country's invasion of Ukraine.

Some have left the country in a rush, paying rising prices to catch flights to countries such as Armenia, Georgia, Montenegro and Turkey that allow them to enter without visas.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council met on Thursday to discuss Russia's war in Ukraine and its veiled threat of using nuclear weapons. The meeting brings the foreign ministers of the United States and Russia, along with European members of the Council, together around one table.



Russian police detain protesters in Moscow on Wednesday during a rally against the mobilisation of reservists ordered by President Putin. Rights group OVD-Info said at least 1,310 protesters had been detained, and some had been presented with summonses to enlist. Reuters

No let-up in hostilities despite prisoner swap

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KYIV, SEPTEMBER 22

RUSSIAN MISSILE strikes in the southern city of Zaporizhzhia left one person dead and five others wounded, Ukrainian officials said Thursday, while officials in the Russian-controlled city of Donetsk said Ukrainian shelling killed at least five people.

It was a stark signal that hostilities haven't diminished despite a high-profile prisoner swap just hours earlier.

Zaporizhzhia Governor Oleksandr Starukh said Russian forces targeted infrastructure facilities and also damaged nearby

apartment buildings.

Donetsk city mayor Alexei Kulemzin said at least five people were killed when Ukrainian shelling Thursday hit a covered market and a passenger minibus.

Just hours before the latest attacks, a high-profile prisoner swap saw 215 Ukrainian and foreign fighters exchanged — 200 of them for a single person, an ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin. Among the freed fighters were Ukrainian defenders of a steel plant in Mariupol during a long Russian siege and 10 foreigners, including five British nationals and two US military veterans, who had fought with Ukrainian forces.

Trump documents: Court lifts hold on Mar-a-Lago records

ERIC TUCKER, NOMAAN MERCHANT & JILL COLVIN
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 22

IN A stark repudiation of Donald Trump's legal arguments, a US federal appeals court on Wednesday permitted the Justice Department to resume its use of classified records seized from the former president's Florida estate as part of its ongoing criminal investigation.

The ruling from a three-judge panel of the US Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit amounts to a victory for the Justice Department, clearing the way for it to continue scrutinising the documents as it considers whether to bring criminal charges over the storage of top-secret records at Mar-a-Lago after Trump left the White House.

The appeals court also pointedly noted that Trump had presented no evidence that he had declassified the sensitive records, as he maintained as recently as Wednesday, and rejected the possibility that Trump could have an "individual interest in or need for"



The storage of secret records at the Mar-a-Lago resort (pictured) has created legal trouble for Trump. AP

the roughly 100 documents with classification markings that were seized by the FBI in its Aug. 8 search of the Palm Beach property. "If you're the president of the United States, you can declassify just by saying 'It's declassified.' Even by thinking about it... You're the president, you make that decision," Trump claimed in a Fox News interview.

The government had argued that its investigation had been impeded, and national security concerns swept aside, by an order from a judge — appointed by Trump — that temporarily barred investigators from continuing to use the papers in its inquiry. **AP**

BUSLOADS OF CAMBODIANS TURNED UP TO WATCH PROCEEDINGS
Khmer Rouge tribunal wraps up work after 16 years, 3 judgmentsSOPHENG CHEANG & GRANT PECK
PHNOM PENH, SEPTEMBER 22

THE INTERNATIONAL court convened in Cambodia to judge the Khmer Rouge for its brutal 1970s rule ended its work Thursday after spending \$337 million and 16 years to convict just three men of crimes after the regime caused the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million people.

In its final session, the UN-assisted tribunal rejected an appeal by Khieu Samphan, the last surviving leader of the Khmer Rouge government that ruled Cambodia



Khieu Samphan, former head of state for Khmer Rouge, at a war crimes hearing. AP

from 1975-79. It reaffirmed the life sentence he got after being convicted in 2018 of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

His co-defendant Nuon Chea, the Khmer Rouge's No 2 leader,

was convicted twice and received the same life sentence. The tribunal's only other conviction was that of Kaing Guek Eav, who was commandant of Tuol Sleng prison, where roughly 16,000 people were tortured before being taken away to be killed.

Busloads of ordinary Cambodians turned up to watch the final proceedings of a tribunal that had sought to bring justice and explanations for the crimes.

The Khmer Rouge's real chief, Pol Pot, escaped justice. He died in the jungle in 1998 at age 72 while the remnants of his movement were fighting the guerrilla war launched after they lost power. **AP**

HISTORIC SHIFT COULD PAVE WAY FOR SPLIT FROM BRITAIN

N Ireland has more Catholics than Protestants for first time

AMANDA FERGUSON & PADRAIC HALPIN
BELFAST, SEPTEMBER 22

NORTHERN IRELAND has more Catholics than Protestants for the first time, census results showed on Thursday, a historic

shift that some see as likely to help drive support for the region to split from Britain and join a united Ireland.

The shift comes a century after the Northern Ireland state was established with the aim of maintaining a pro-British, Protestant "unionist" majority

as a counterweight to the newly independent, predominantly Catholic, Irish state to the south.

At that time, the population split was roughly two-thirds Protestant to one-third Catholic.

Data from the 2021 census

showed 45.7% of respondents identified as Catholic or were brought up Catholic, compared with 43.5% identifying as Protestants. The previous census in 2011 showed Protestants outnumbered Catholics 48% to 45%.

"Today's results are another clear indication that historic

such as the alleged involvement of forces from India, had caused a localised issue to spill over into Birmingham, where instances of a masked crowd chanting intimidating slogans and throwing objects outside a temple took place earlier this week.

"Having spoken to locals, it seems extremist groups are pushing three baseless narratives: That diversity in the UK has failed; that the disturbances are being orchestrated by forces from India; and that historic differences mean that we can't live together peacefully as one community," the LCIO statement said.

"Now is the time for people regardless of identity, politics and background to come together on this issue," the statement said. **PTI**

LAST DECEMBER, WHILE LIVING IN SAN ANTONIO, 3-YEAR-OLD LINA WENT OUT TO PLAY AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE

A girl survived a suicide bombing in Afghanistan, then she vanished in Texas

EDGAR SANDOVAL & ZABIHULLAH GHAZI
SAN ANTONIO, SEPTEMBER 22

FOR YEARS Riaz Sardar Khil, a soldier with the Afghan army, assisted US troops during their mission overseas. He was rewarded with an immigration visa to start a new life in America. Three years ago, Sardar, his wife and a newborn daughter resettled in a sprawling apartment complex in a working-class area in San Antonio.

The Sardars were reminded of the dangers they left behind during a visit back home last summer that coincided with the chaotic

exit of US armed forces. Sardar's wife, Zarneena Sardar Khil, and daughter, Lina, found themselves feet away from a suicide bomber who killed 13 US soldiers and hundreds of Afghans. Lina fainted near the blast but later regained consciousness, and the family was flown to safer surroundings back to San Antonio.

But a different peril lurked in America, a country long considered a safe haven for exiles like the Sardars. Last December, Lina joined more than a dozen children at a playground visible from the family's front door. Then she vanished without a trace.

Nine months later, the case continues to rattle the small

Afghan community and investigators, who have been at a loss to explain how a 3-year-old girl could have simply disappeared from a gated apartment complex without witnesses or any other tangible evidence.

"We came from Afghanistan to have a happy and safe life here, but it didn't happen," Riaz Sardar said. "My whole life was ruined."

The San Antonio Police Department, which is spearheading the investigation with assistance from the FBI, said officers have unsuccessfully chased every tip that came their way, no matter how obscure, even those from psychics who claimed to have had visions of Lina.



The area near where Lina Sardar Khil disappeared from her family's apartment complex in San Antonio. NYT

"I have not talked to anyone about this case, family or law enforcement, that's just not baffled," said William McManus, the chief of police. "Nobody vanishes into thin air. And I don't be-

lieve that Lina did either."

The mystery surrounding Lina's case has only added another element of turmoil to already traumatised émigrés. Many come to America starting

from zero, without a place to live, with limited English skills, if they speak it at all, and few job leads to support their families, said Amir Mohammad Amiri, an Afghan community leader.

On December 20, after a long, rainy and cold week of being cooped up inside their one-bedroom apartment at Villas Del Cabo, the children pleaded with their mother to let them play outside, the Sardars said in an interview.

It was 5.30 pm when Zarneena Sardar finally relented. She kept a watchful eye steps away from the complex's playground and a gazebo where Lina, wearing a black jacket, red dress and black shoes, followed

other youngsters. She last remembered seeing the back of Lina's head and turning away for no more than five minutes.

When she looked back, a cold fear paralysed her. Where is my Lina? she asked herself.

Still, she tried not to work herself into a frenzy. Lina must be nearby, she told herself.

She knocked on every familiar door for about 30 minutes, she said. "I kept thinking Lina would appear," she said.

The police descended on the apartment complex sometime after 8 pm, family members recalled. McManus said his department conducted a thorough search and inspected every

square inch, every car driving in and out, even trash dumpsters, he said. Not long after Lina vanished, community members joined the search. Dozens of volunteers spread across 30 miles of lush area along a creek in the Northwest section of the city, near where the Sardars live, looking for any clues or her remains.

Living in the same place where Lina went missing has been wearying for the Sardars. Riaz Sardar is often out of town, driving for a living. His wife, who recently gave birth to a baby boy, Saud, and her older son are left behind to wonder what happened to Lina, who would now be 4. **NYT**

19 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 59,119.72 ▼ 337.06 (-0.57%) NIFTY: 17,629.80 ▼ 88.55 (-0.50%) NIKKEI: 27,153.83 ▼ 159.30 HANG SENG: 18,147.95 ▼ 296.67 FTSE: 7,218.96 ▼ 18.68 DAX: 12,673.40 ▼ 93.75



GOLD

₹50,399



RUPEE

80.86/\$



OIL

\$91.62



SILVER

₹58,580

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of September 21, 2022

International market data till 1900 IST

AMID FED RATE HIKE, FOREIGN FUND OUTFLOW

At 80.86, Re dives to new low against dollar

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE RUPEE fell 90 paise to a record low of 80.86 against the dollar on Thursday after the US Federal Reserve raised its interest rate by 75 basis points and hinted at more hikes in the future. Opening weakly at 80.27 over its previous close of 79.96 against the greenback, the rupee fell to an all-time intra-day low of 80.95, before ending at 80.86.

On Thursday, foreign institutional investors net sold Rs 2,509.55 crore of shares in the domestic capital market, as per data available on BSE.

Experts said that after the Fed action, the dollar index can see a significant increase and major market currencies, including the rupee, will be under pressure. "Federal Reserve sounded extremely hawkish. Following that, the US dollar rose significantly against almost all the currencies, and the rupee had to respond," said Anindya Banerjee, vice president, currency derivatives and interest rate derivatives, Kotak Securities Ltd.

"If we start seeing the rupee depreciating, then from a USD returns perspective for FPIs, India becomes unattractive. We could also witness a reversal of FPI flows in the near to medium term, which will increase market volatility," said Naveen Kulkarni, chief investment officer, Axis Securities PMS.

HC suspends RBI order on Rupee Co-op Bank licence

OMKAR GOKHALE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE BOMBAY High Court on Thursday suspended the operation of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) order cancelling the banking licence of Rupee Co-op Bank Ltd, which was to come into effect from September 20.

A single-judge bench of Justice Sandeep K Shinde on Thursday passed an order in a plea by the Bank and Rupee Sangharsh Samiti, an association of depositors.

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BRIEFLY

Ageas Federal

New Delhi: Belgium-based Ageas Insurance International has completed acquisition of a majority stake in its Indian joint venture Ageas Federal Life Insurance (AFLIC), picking up 25% stake of IDBI Bank for ₹580 crore. With this, it has become the first foreign partner in the Indian life insurance sector to own a majority stake of 74%. In non-life sector, it was Italy's financial services major Generali, raising its stake in Future Generali India Insurance to 74% in May.

Air India, Willis

Mumbai: Air India signed a definitive sale and leaseback agreement with Nasdaq-listed Willis Lease Finance Corporation for 34 CFM56-5B engines installed on its Airbus A320 family fleet.

Ola Electric

New Delhi: Ola Electric plans to foray into international markets starting with Nepal, where it has signed an MoU with CG Motors as local distributors for its S1 & S1 Pro.

CSR rules

New Delhi: The Centre has amended rules governing corporate social responsibility (CSR), under Companies Act, 2013, to ask companies having any amount in their unspent CSR accounts to set up a CSR committee. **PTI**

Despite likely recession, BoE raises rates to 2.25%



The Bank of England, London. AP file

REUTERS

LONDON/ZURICH, SEPT 22

THE BANK of England (BoE) raised its key interest rate by half a percentage point to 2.25 per cent on Thursday and said it would continue to "respond forcefully" to inflation as needed, even as the UK economy is likely in a shallow recession already.

The central bank cut its forecast for the peak in inflation to just under 11 per cent from more than 13 per cent

SNB ends negative rate era

Meanwhile, Switzerland exited the era of negative interest rates on Thursday when its central bank, the Swiss National Bank (SNB), raised its policy interest rate by 0.75 of a percentage point, ending the country's seven-and-a-half year experiment with negative rates.

The hike to 0.5 per cent, from minus 0.25 per cent, followed a 50 basis point hike in June from minus 0.75 per cent.

'MFIs' gross loan portfolio up 23.5% as of June 2022'

Micro lenders' GLP rose 23.5% to ₹2,93,154 crore in April-June over the year-ago period, an MFNI report said

₹98,508 crore
GLP of NBFC-MFIs as on June 30, up 30.2% as against Rs 75,677 or a year ago; it includes:

OWNED PORTFOLIO OF ₹84,044 crore
MANAGED PORTFOLIO OF ₹14,464 crore

SHARE OF VARIOUS TYPES LENDERS IN GLP IN JUNE:

- Banks 38.4%
- Dedicated NBFC-MFIs 35%
- Small finance banks 16.9%
- Other NBFCs 8.8%

₹2.85 LAKH CRORE: Micro lenders' gross loan portfolio (GLP) at the end of March quarter, as per report by Microfinance Institutions Network (MFNI)

NBFC-MFIs have network of 17,600 branches with 1,47,352 employees

Further strengthening of portfolios expected in coming quarters

Source: MFNI/PTI

Singtel arm sells 1.59% stake in Bharti Airtel

New Delhi: Pastel Ltd, an entity of Singtel, on Thursday divested 1.59 per cent stake in Bharti Airtel for Rs 7,261 crore through an open market transaction.

The stake has been picked by Bharti Airtel's promoter Bharti Telecom Ltd, as per block deal data with the NSE. According to the data, Pastel offloaded 9,40,00,000 shares, amounting to 1.59 per cent stake in the company. The shares were disposed of at an average price of Rs 772.5 apiece, taking the transaction value to Rs 7,261.50 crore.

Post this transaction, Pastel's shareholding in Bharti Airtel will decrease to 10.62 per cent from 12.21 per cent. At the end of the June, Pastel held 13.84 per cent stake in the firm, shareholding

data with the bourse showed.

Bharti Group chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal's family and Singtel are co-investors in Bharti Telecom Ltd (BTL). In early September, Singtel entities had jointly sold a 1.76 per cent stake in Bharti Airtel for about Rs 7,128 crore, while its co-promoter BTL bought 1.63 per cent stake from Pastel for Rs 6,602 crore.

Last month, Singtel announced that its affiliates have entered into an agreement to transfer approximately 3.33 per cent stake to BTL for an aggregate amount of approximately 2.25 billion Singapore dollars (SGD), leaving direct shareholding of Singtel and Bharti in Airtel at around 10 per cent and 6 per cent, respectively. **PTI**

'SoftBank cuts OYO valuation by over 20%'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 22

JAPAN'S SOFTBANK has cut the valuation of OYO Hotels on its books by over 20 per cent, Bloomberg reported Thursday, citing sources. The downgrade comes at a time when the hotel aggregator is eyeing initial public offering (IPO) early next year.

The Japanese investor, the largest shareholder in OYO, cut its estimated value for the firm to \$2.7 billion in the June quarter from an earlier \$3.4 billion after benchmarking it against peers with similar operations, the report said. OYO's valuation had reached \$10 billion in a 2019 funding round. **FE**

RBI to Mahindra arm: Halt recovery via third parties

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE RBI on Thursday directed Mahindra Finance to immediately halt recovery of loans and repossession activity through third-party agents. The NBFC has been allowed to continue recovery or repossession activities through its own employees.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the action is based on certain material supervisory concerns observed in the company with regard to the management of its outsourcing activities. The decision comes in the wake of an incident in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh where a recovery agent working on behalf of the non-banking financial company

(NBFC) allegedly ran over a pregnant woman during the confiscation of her family's tractor.

"The Reserve Bank of India has today, in exercise of its powers under section 45L (1)(b) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, directed Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. (MMFSL), Mumbai, to immediately cease carrying out any recovery or repossession activity through outsourcing arrangements, till further orders," the regulator said in a release.

The RBI has a code in place mandating lenders to not resort to undue harassment, persistently bother borrowers at odd hours or use muscle power for recovery of loans. Despite this, incidents of harassment for loan recovery have been reported. **FE**

US FEDERAL RESERVE RAISED BENCHMARK SHORT-TERM RATE TO 3-3.25% RANGE

2% inflation goal, tempering labour mkt resilience: Behind 3rd 75-bp hike

ANIL SASI

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

"MY COLLEAGUES and I are strongly committed to bringing inflation back down to our 2% goal. We have both the tools we need and the resolve that it will take to restore price stability on behalf of American families and businesses," a sombre US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell, under fire for a slow initial response to escalating inflationary buildup in the US economy, asserted Wednesday. After a two-day meet in Washington of a key rate-setting panel, he also signalled a further intensification of the US central bank's fight against runaway inflation in the coming months.

Powell continued with where he had left off at the Jackson Hole meeting on his stated resolve to tackle inflation. Having sharply pivoted to make up for the initial slow response in tacking runaway prices that're hovering near the highest levels since the 1980s, the Fed on Wednesday hiked its key interest rate by a substantial three-quarters of a point for a third straight time. More significantly, it hinted that further hikes were coming and that rates would stay elevated until 2024.

The impact

The Fed's latest hike boosted its benchmark short-term rate, which acts as the peg for most consumer and business loans in the US, to a range of 3-3.25 per cent—the highest level since before the 2008 financial crisis and up from near zero at the start of 2022. Fed officials also signalled that, by early 2023, they expect to have further raised rates much higher than they had projected at the June review.

In a statement Wednesday following a two-day meeting in Washington, the Federal Open Market Committee—the Fed's key rate setting panel—reiterated that it "is highly attentive to inflation risks". The panel also asserted that it "anticipates that ongoing increases in the target range will be appropriate," and that it "is



US Fed Chair Jerome Powell on Wednesday. Reuters

strongly committed to returning inflation to its 2% objective", something that Powell echoed multiple times as well in his briefing and in the subsequent press conference.

Policy conundrum

The Fed's action followed a US government report earlier in September that showed high inflation spreading more broadly through the economy, with price surges for house rents and other services increasing even though petrol prices had eased, as per a *Wall Street Journal* report. Inflation had peaked at 9.1 per cent in June, as measured by the year-on-year US consumer price index. Two months later, in August, it was still ruling at 8.3 per cent. For mounting an effective response though, the problem for policy mandarins is the continuing buoyancy in the US job market, which has remained resilient and with the unemployment rate, at 3.7 per cent, still way below levels most analysts believe to be sustainable in the longer run.

The failure of the labour market to soften has added to the impetus for a more-aggressive tightening path at the US central bank. So, by hiking borrowing rates, while the Fed makes it even more costlier to take out a home loan or a vehicle or business loan and as a result, consumers and businesses are expected to cut down on spending, a strong wage growth effectively negates this objective.

With the Fed set to hike rates further, outflows from emerging markets are likely to continue, putting pressure on the current-

cies and markets in countries such as India. Domestic benchmark indices on Thursday were down in opening trade, with the rupee is likely to fall further after seeing a record low to the US dollar. After opening at 80.28 against the dollar, down from 79.97 in the previous session, the rupee closed at an all-time low 80.86, as per *Reuters* data. Other Asian currencies too opened weaker, with the Chinese yuan slipping below 7.10 to the dollar during trade.

Fed signals

Traders across markets have been looking for signs since early this year that the Fed might be more aggressive about rolling back the stimulus that has been feeding stock market gains across geographies. The new projections in response to the inflation trajectory are being seen as a definitive move to frontload the reversal of the central bank's expansionary monetary policy put in place in early 2020 to invigorate the American economy amid the Covid-19 outbreak. Part of this support was in the form of an extraordinary bond buying programme, which was intended to bring down long-term interest rates and catalyse greater borrowing and spending by both consumers and businesses.

The Fed's inflation-busting action comes amid criticism that it has fallen behind the curve on inflation. Powell and other Fed officials maintained till early this year that inflation in the US was merely

a temporary problem related to supply chain issues. Prices have spiked since then and stayed consistently high, partly due to external factors that include the war in Ukraine and the continuing Covid-19 shutdowns in China's key manufacturing hubs.

Impact across markets

Similar to other central banks like the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as the Fed conducts monetary policy, it influences employment and inflation primarily by using policy tools to control the availability and cost of credit in the economy. The Fed's primary tool of monetary policy is the federal funds rate, changes in which influence other interest rates—which in turn influence borrowing costs for households and businesses, as well as broader financial conditions. Further, the bond-buying programme, also known as quantitative easing, was put in place in 2020 as an extraordinary measure to help financial markets and the economy counter the Covid hit.

The Fed is not alone in its intention to hike rates. The Bank of England has announced multiple rate hikes since December, pushing its benchmark rate well over 1 per cent for the first time since 2009. Australia, Brazil and Canada too have also raised rates, while the European Central Bank has also followed suit with a 0.75 percentage point hike.

In India, the RBI could raise its key interest rate, repo rate, by 50 basis points (one basis point is one hundredth of a percentage point) at its upcoming policy review later this month. Upasana Chachra, chief India economist at Morgan Stanley, said in a note on Friday that the investment firm had earlier expected a 0.35 percentage point hike but "sticky inflation and continued hawkish stance of developed market central banks warrant continued front-loading of rate hikes in our view."

Full report on
www.indianexpress.com

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items

(1) 74801 - Annual Rate Contract for Purchase of MCBs of various ratings, (2) 74802 - Annual Rate Contract for Purchase of MCCBs of various ratings,

Re-invited e-tender

(3) 73746, (4) 73748, (5) 74604, (6) 74710.

Note: For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

PRO/AAM(M)/98/2022 **GENERAL MANAGER**

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
Container Corporation of India Ltd.
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) (A Govt. of India Undertaking)

CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, Opposite Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, Delhi 110076

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

CONCOR invites E-Tender in single Packet System of tendering for the following operation and maintenance work/services:-

Tender No.	CONCO/ZONAL/ELECT/AMC/AHMD-Cluster-A-II/2022
Name of Work	Zonal Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for services pertaining to Sub stations and electrical installations at Khodiyar (ICD-DCT & Cluster Office), MMLP Varnama/Vadodara, Chhani Vadodara, Gandhidham, Mundra Port, Ankleshwar and MMLP Dahej of Ahmaddabad Cluster Area-II (Gujarat)
Estimated Cost	Rs. 2,24,73,502 (Inclusive of all)
Completion Period	24 Months
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 2,62,370/- through e-payment.
Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	Rs. 1,120/- (inclusive all taxes & duties) through e-payment).
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs. 4720/- (inclusive all taxes & duties through e-payment).
Date of sale of Tender (online)	From 23.09.2022 (11:30 Hrs) to 14.10.2022 (up to 17:00 Hrs)
Date & Time of submission of Tender	15.10.2022 up to 17:00 Hrs. (E-Tendering Mode Only)
Date & Time of Opening of Tender	17.10.2022 at 11:30 Hrs.

For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc, please refer to detailed tender notice available on website www.concorindia.com, but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL, only. Further, Corrigendum/Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website www.concorindia.com, www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL, and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.

Phone No.: 011-41222500 **GGM (Engg Area-II)**

RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (KARNATAKA) LIMITED
(A Joint Venture of Government of Karnataka & Ministry of Railways)
Regd. Office: K-RIDE, 1st Floor, Samparka Soudha, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Opp. Orion Mall, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru - 560010
Tele: 06364890850 Email Id: md@kride.in
CIN: U60100KA2000PLC028171

No. KRIDE/DL/15/2022 Dt: 23.09.2022

e-Tender Notice

Online tender is invited from Experienced agencies for executing the work for doubling work.

Name of work	Amount (Rs.in Cr.)
Signalling indoor with electronic interlocking and outdoor works at new crossing station Huskur between Heelalige-Belandur Road stations and	17.80

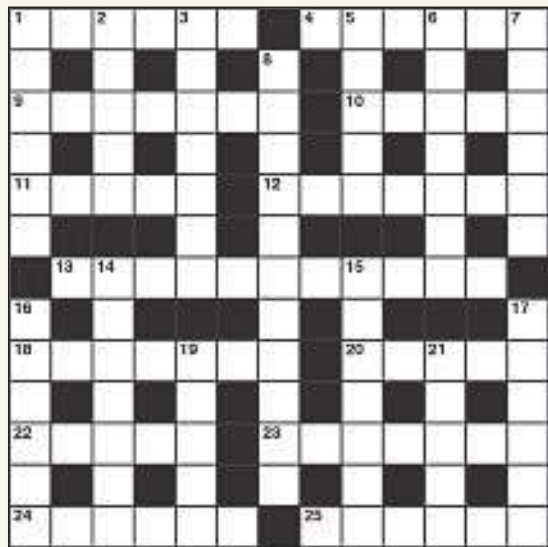
1) Provision of Telecom equipments from Yeshwanthpur Bye Pass to Anekal Road Satons.
2) Provision of 6 quad cable and OFC from Heelalige to Hosur Stations
3) Provision of Fire alarm, CC cameras from Yeshwanthpur Bye Pass to Hosur Satons.

Last date for submission of tender is **27.10.2022**.

For details visit: www.kride.in and click on "Tenders" and for bid submission visit <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

DIPR/DD-CP/2323/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/- General Manager (S&T), K-RIDE**

CROSSWORD 4854



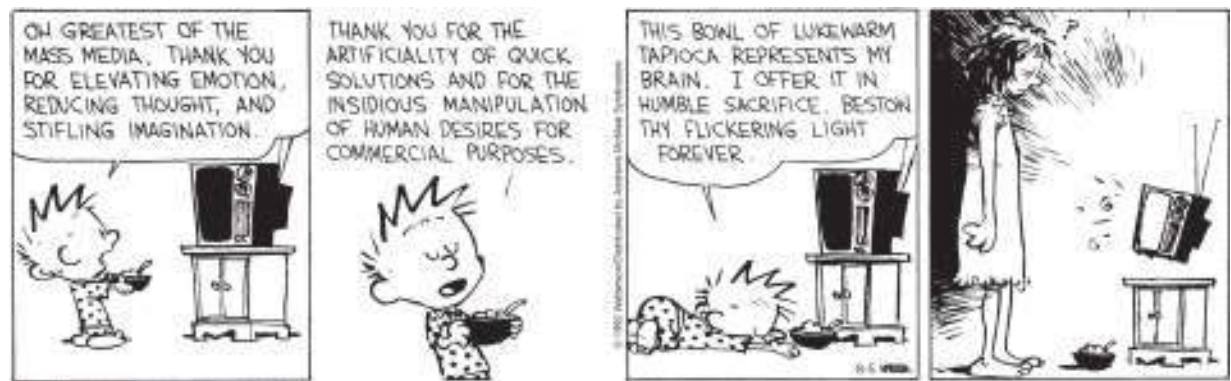
- ACROSS**
- 1 A quick reply from the laboratory? (6)
 - 4 Fruit drinks very quietly brought in (6)
 - 9 Church lease runs out in London (7)
 - 10 Contact for a loan (5)
 - 11 Very musical (5)
 - 12 Possibly shore up a legendary character (7)
 - 13 It's inserted in order to provide impartiality (11)
 - 18 Secretiveness needed due to a fault? (7)
 - 20 Room aboard (5)
 - 22 Headlong plunge into water (5)
 - 23 Shirt company becomes big egg-producer (7)
 - 24 Do let's make changes for the first-born (6)
 - 25 Putting water into a ship puts out a fire (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Bill in lira put out in Latin for example (6)
 - 2 Keyless lock (5)
 - 3 A cross in Italy shows where a composer is buried (7)
 - 5 Built to accommodate people (3,2)
 - 6 Bays of victory (7)
 - 7 A division of the church (6)
 - 8 Give spot cash right on time? (3,2,3)
 - 14 I'd sent a replacement as a substitute (7)
 - 15 Account for a broken article (7)
 - 16 Quickly redrafted poster (6)
 - 17 Moves in an unfinished game on board (6)
 - 19 One knows them to be well-informed (5)
 - 21 A reliable person shouldn't be dropped (5)

Solutions Crossword 4853: Across: 1 Offhand, 5 Pique, 8 Forget oneself, 9 Rhine, 10 Sarcasm, 11 Honest, 12 Drifts, 15 Sits out, 17 Years, 19 Admission free, 20 Eases, 21 Guessed. Down: 1 Offer, 2 Foreign stamps, 3 Ageless, 4 Drowsy, 5 Fleet, 6 Queen of hearts, 7 Effects, 11 Hostage, 13 Revenue, 14 String, 16 Oasis, 18 Speed.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

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

A polite enemy is just as difficult to discredit, as a _____ is to protect. - Bryant H. McGill (4,6)

BLEER **EHLPU**
ACINR **CEORDF**

SOLUTION: REBEL, CAIRN, UPHIELD, FORCED
 Answer: A polite enemy is just as difficult to discredit, as a **rude friend** is to protect.

SUDOKU 4966

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

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4965

6		7			9			
8			3		1			
9		6	5		3			
	3					1	8	
		9	1					
2	1				6			
6	7	3			1			
	9	2					4	
7		8			5			

DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE SR (DR) PROJ-IV
THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (P) SR-II,
ROOM NO. 307, VARUNALAYA PHASE-I, JHANEWALAN, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005.
E-mail: eesr2.djb@gmail.com

NIT No. 02/EE (P) SR-II/ (2022-23)

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Tender fee	Date Release of Tender in procurement solution and tender ID	Last date /time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Construction of 49.5 MLD Wastewater Treatment Plant at Mitraon with other associated/ allied appurtenant work	PPP / HAM BASIS	Rs. 1500/-	2022_DJB_229737_1	21.10.2022 up to 3:00 P.M

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.
 ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
 Advt. No. J.S.V. 347 (2022-23)

Sd/-
EE (P) SR-II

"STOP CORONA"
(i) Wear Mask (ii) Follow Physical Distancing (iii) Maintain Hand Hygiene"

DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (DR) PROJ.-III
VARUNALAYA BUILDING, PHASE-II, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005
e-mail: eecdr15.djb@gmail.com

NIT No. 04 / EE(C)DR-XV (2022-23)

Name of Work	Tender Amount	Tender fees	Earnest Money	Date of release in e-procurement	Last date and time of receipt through e-procurement
Construction of 7 Nos. of Decentralized Sewage Treatment Plant and Sewage Pumping Station along with other associated / allied appurtenant work on under Najafgarh drainage Zone, Delhi, along with Ten years Operation & Maintenance and two years Defect Liability Period on Hybrid Annuity Mode. Tender Id: 2022_DJB_229710_1	HAM - DBO BASIS	Rs. 1500/- Non refundable	Rs. 1,12,00,000/-	21.09.2022	26.10.2022

NIT along with all the terms & conditions is available on Web Site <http://delhi.govtprocurement.com>.
 ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
 Advt. No. J.S.V. 346 (2022-23)

Sd/-
(Satyender Dabas)
Ex. Engineer(C) DR-XV

"STOP CORONA:
WEAR MASK , FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"

Government of Jharkhand
Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society
Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare Namkum, Ranchi.
Phone No: 0651-2261000, 2261856 & 2261002 Mail ID: procurement@jrhm@gmail.com

Tender Notice No. NHM/Nam/07/2022 Date: 23/09/2022

e- Tender Notice

Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society, Namkum, Ranchi invites separate Technical and price Bids (Two Bid System) through tender from the registered and eligible firms for **IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF "EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICE (EMAS)" IN JHARKHAND.**

The Blank tender documents with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and should be submitted through e-procurement system only.
 The eligible bidders willing to participate must necessarily be registered in e-Procurement portal.

Sl.No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of Work	IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF "EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICE (EMAS)" IN JHARKHAND.
2	Publication Date of Tender on website	23/09/2022
3	Pre-Bid Meeting Date and Time	28/09/2022 at 11.00AM
4	Last Date & time for receipt of bid on website	14/10/2022 up to 2.00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Technical bid through website	17/10/2022 up to 2.30 PM
6	Tender document fee (Non-refundable)	5000.00 (Five Thousand only)
7	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	3,20,00,000 (Three Crore twenty lakh only)
8	Contact no. of procurement person	9110943588/8789552976
9	Helpline number of e-procurement cell	0651 – 2261000 Fax – 0651 – 2261856

Note:- The above dates may change due to abrupt declaration of holidays.
 Hard copies of technical bid & price bid will not be entertained except Tender fee & EMD.

Sd/-
Mission Director, Jharkhand
Rural Health Mission Society, Namkum, Ranchi

PR 278304 Health Med Edu and Family Welfare(22-23)#D

UJVNL LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone.: 0135-22763808 Fax: 0135- 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvnl.com

पत्रांक सं. 678 दिनांक 22.09.2022

Time Extension Notice

Last date of submission for bid invited by Office of the Executive Engineer (M) Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi is hereby extended:
 Tender No.: 05/EE(M)/2022-23
 Name of work: Different type of structural steel works.
 Last date of submission of bid: 06.10.2022 at 16:00 hrs.
 Date of opening of bid : 11.10.2022 at 16:00 hrs.
 For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com".

Executive Engineer (M)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office.: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in
Mobile No. 96461-10914

E-Tender Enq. No. 401/P-1/EMP-W-12082 Dated 19.09.22
 Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell- 1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2022_POWER_090927_1 for the work of Running and Maintenance of Three No. Sewerage Treatment Plants at Power Colony & Nuhoon Colony, GGSSTP, Rupnagar.
 For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 20.09.2022 from 05.00 PM onwards.
Note :- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> RTP 73/22 76155/Pb

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
NATIONAL HIGHWAY WING
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

NATIONAL HIGHWAY DIVISION, CHAIBASA- 833201
NATIONAL BIDDING / e-Procurement Notice (Very Short)

Tender Reference No:-NH/Chaibasa/05/2022-23 Dated :- 14.09.2022
 Application in the prescribed format from eligible consultants for Request for Proposal (RFP) on Preparation of Feasibility cum Detailed Project Report are invited for the following Project as detailed below :-

S. No.	Name of Works	Consistency Services for DPR Preparation for Widening and strengthening to 4 lane along with geometric improvement including Replacement of Culverts and Bridges from km 0.00 to km 41.00 of NH - 220 in the State of Jharkhand including complete Land Acquisition, Forest Clearance and Utility Shifting etc.
1	Name of Works	Consistency Services for DPR Preparation for Widening and strengthening to 4 lane along with geometric improvement including Replacement of Culverts and Bridges from km 0.00 to km 41.00 of NH - 220 in the State of Jharkhand including complete Land Acquisition, Forest Clearance and Utility Shifting etc.
2	Cost of document (Rs.)	Copy of online receipt of Non-refundable fee of Rs.10,000/- through NTRP portal- www.bharatkosh.gov.in towards payment of cost of bid document.
3	Bid Security (Rs.)	2,05,000/-
4	Time of Completion	120 Days (Including rainy season)
5	Date of Issue of Notice	Date : 14.09.2022
6	Date of Publication of Tender on website	Date : 15.09.2022 at 5.30 PM
7	Last Date for Receiving Queries	Date : 28.09.2022 upto 11.30 AM
8	Pre-Bid Conference	Date : 28.09.2022 Time 11.30 AM Place: Office of the Chief Engineer, NH Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
9	Application/Bid Due date	Date : 06.10.2022 upto 2.00 PM Through website : https://www.eprocure.gov.in only
10	Last date of submission of online challan and others documents in original	Date : 06.10.2022 upto time 4.30 PM
11	Last date of submission of hard copy of challan of bidding documents, bid security and others documents/POA etc.	Date : 06.10.2022 upto 5:00 PM in the office of the Chief Engineer, NH Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
12	Authority & Place of opening of Bids	The Chief Engineer, NH Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi in his office at Engineering Hostel, Sector-3, Dthurwa, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
13	Time & date of opening of bids	Date 07.10.2022 at Time 5.15 PM Through website: https://www.eprocure.gov.in
14	Validity of bid	120 days from bid due date
15	Officer inviting bids	Executive Engineer, NH Division, Chaibasa
16	Contact no. of procurement officer	9006914020
17	Helpline no. of e-procurement cell	065112400863

Note:- Further details can be seen on website <https://eprocure.gov.in> Executive Engineer
 National Highway Division, Chaibasa
 PR 278317 West Singhbhum(22-23)D Phone: 9006914020 E-mail: eenh.chaibasa@gmail.com

AGRA SMART CITY LIMITED
AGRA NAGAR NIGAM, AGRA

NIT No. 920/ASCL/2022-23 Date: 21.09.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (2nd Call)

On behalf of Chief Executive Officer, Agra Smart City Limited the Quality and Cost Based System (QCBS) RFP are invited online from the eligible and approved Contractors registered.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Form (In Rs.)	Completion Period
1.	Selection of an Agency for Operation and Maintenance of Automated Self Cleaning Public Toilets at various locations within Agra	5,000/- + 18% G.S.T. (Total-5,900)	Initially 2 years from the date of signing of the Contract Agreement and 1 year extension thereafter, subject to approval of ASCL

1.	Last date for Purchase of Tender	:	06.10.2022 till 13:00 Hrs.
2.	Last date of pre-bid queries through mail at agrasmartcitylimited@gmail.com	:	28.09.2022 at 11:00 Hrs.
3.	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	:	30.09.2022 at 15:00 Hrs.
4.	Last date for submission of tender	:	06.10.2022 till 15:00 Hrs.
5.	Last date for Submission of Hard Copy of Technical Bid	:	07.10.2022 till 15:00 Hrs.
6.	Technical Bid Opening Date	:	07.10.2022 after 17:00 Hrs.
7.	Tender Document and other details shall be available on:	https://etenders.up.nic.in , www.agrasmartcity.in , www.nagarnigamagra.com .	
8.	Hard copy submissions shall be submitted before the date and time mentioned at ASCL office (Agra Nagar Nigam Premises, Near Sur Sadan, Agra-282002), Mr. K.K. Jha (General Manager, ASCL) Mobile No. 9588269572		
9.	Amendment to NIT, if any would be published on website only.		
10.	Any clarifications related to the tender can be sought from Mr. Atul Mudgil (Technical Officer-ASCL) : & Mr. Anand Menon K (Mobile No. 9860382302)		

Nodal Officer
AGRA Smart City Limited, Agra

UJVNL LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone.: 0135-22763808 Fax: 0135- 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvnl.com

RO No. 674

Tender Notice

Office of Executive Engineer (M&G) Kulhal Power Station, Kulhal, invites sealed tenders for following works:
 Tender No.13/UJVNL/EE (M&G)/KPS/2022-23*Annual maintenance of Unit-B of Kulhal Power House (3 X 10 MW)
 Tender No.14/UJVNL/EE (M&G)/KPS/2022-23*Annual maintenance of Unit-C of Kulhal Power House (3 X 10 MW)
 Estimated cost:Rs. 24,97,000/- & Rs. 24,99,400/- GST Extra respectively
 Date of availability of bid document on website:22/09/2022 11:00 Hrs.
 Last date for submission of tender: 3/10/2022 17:00 Hrs.
 For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"
 Executive engineer (M&G) Kulhal

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2020-21-14-2RT. The details are as under:

Sl	Name of the Work	Overhauling of Air Dryer of Tridient make of Electric Locomotive.
2	Approx. Cost of Work	Rs. 47,87,984.52
3	Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 95,800.00
4	Last Date & Time of submission of tender bid of tender.	14.10.2022 (11:00 Hrs.)
5	Date & Time of Opening of tender document	14.10.2022 (After 11:00 Hrs.)
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen.	www.ireps.gov.in

Note: (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in e-tender system. **(ii)** For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. **(iii)** No manual offers are acceptable. **(iv)** Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.
 No. 230-TRS-GZB-2020-21-14-2RT Dated: 21-09-2022 2483/22

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21 SPORT

BRIEFLY

Thakur, Sen shine with the ball for India ‘A’

Chennai: A superb performance by medium-pacers Shardul Thakur (4 for 32) and Kuldeep Sen (3 for 30) helped set up a seven-wicket win for India ‘A’ against New Zealand ‘A’ in the first unofficial ODI here on Thursday. Sent in to bat by India ‘A’ captain Sanju Samson, incisive bowling by Thakur and Sen had the visiting team in trouble from the start. At one stage, the New Zealanders looked in danger of being bundled out for less than 100 but some rearguard action by Michael Rippon (61, 104 balls, 4 fours) and Joe Walker (36, 49 balls, 3 fours, 1 six) helped them post 167 in 40.2 overs. **BRIEF SCORES: New Zealand ‘A’** 167 all out in 40.2 ovs (Michael Rippon 61, Joe Walker 36, Robert O’Donnell 22, Shardul Thakur 4 for 32, Kuldeep Sen 3 for 30) lost to **India ‘A’** 170 for 3 in 31.5 ovs (Rajat Patidar 45 not out, Rituraj Gaikwad 41, Rahul Tripathi 31, Sanju Samson 29 not out). **PTI**

Indrajith ton helps South Zone take lead

Coimbatore: Baba Indrajith’s scintillating hundred and Krishnappa Gowtham’s rearguard 43 took South Zone past West Zone’s first-innings total on an interesting second day of the Duleep Trophy final. Indrajith’s 118 off 125 balls, along with contributions from Manish Pandey (48) and Gowtham (43 off 55 balls), ensured that South finished the second day on 318 for seven — 48 runs clear of West Zone’s first innings score of 270. The match did turn out to be interesting when South were in a spot at 243 for six, but all-rounders Gowtham and T Ravi Teja (26) added 63 for the seventh wicket in just 16.2 overs, and in the process, surpassed West’s total. However, with the final being a five-day affair South are still some distance away from ensuring a healthy lead, which might not happen with only Teja remaining among the recognised batsmen. **BRIEF SCORES: West Zone** 1st Innings 270 all out (Het Patel 98, R Sai Koshore 5/86) versus **South Zone** 1st Innings 318/7 (Baba Indrajith 118, Manish Pandey 48, Krishnappa Gowtham 43, Jaydev Unadkat 3/52, Atit Seth 3/51). **PTI**

Osaka retires from Pan Pacific Open

Tokyo: Defending champion Naomi Osaka withdrew from the Pan Pacific Open ahead of her second-round match due to illness. “I am really sorry that I am not able to compete today,” Osaka said. “It’s an honor to be able to play at the Toray Pan Pacific Open in front of the amazing fans here in Japan. This has and always will be a special tournament for me and I wish I could have stepped on court, but my body won’t let me. I will see you next year.” Osaka didn’t specify the illness and said before the tournament she was fit and healthy. She was champion of the previous Pan Pacific in 2019 and advanced to the second round this week after Daria Saville retired with a knee injury in their first-round match. Fifth-seeded Beatriz Haddad Maia of Brazil benefited by a walkover from Osaka’s withdrawal and has a quarterfinal against fourth-seeded Veronika Kudemetova, who dominated Mexican qualifier Fernanda Contreras Gomez 6-0, 6-1. IPetra Martic upset sixth-seeded Karolina Pliskova 6-3, 6-4. **AP**

IPL to return to home and away format from next season: Ganguly

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE BOARD of Control for Cricket in India president Sourav Ganguly has informed all state association members that next season’s Indian Premier League (IPL) will be played on home and away basis, signalling an end to Covid-related restrictions in cricket.

In a letter to all state units, Ganguly also stated that the board will be starting a girls’ under-15 one day tournament.

“The Indian cricketing season 2022-2023 has started, and I am happy to share with you that we are going back to normalcy. You must be aware that this year we will be having the as-usual full-fledged domestic season for all age groups and the games will be hosted all over the country. I am sure the pandemic is behind us, and we all now look forward to a more certain future,” Ganguly said in his letter.

Ganguly also added, “The next season of men’s IPL will also go back to the home and away format with all ten teams playing their home matches at their designated venues. The BCCI is currently working on the much-awaited Women’s IPL. We are expecting to



The league stage of 2022 IPL was played in Mumbai and Pune.

start the first season early next year.”

This season the board will have two editions of the Irani Cup. Saurashtra, who were the Ranji Trophy champions for the 2019-2020 season will take on the Rest of India team at Rajkot from October 1 to 5. Madhya Pradesh, who won their maiden Ranji Trophy Championship in the 2021-2022 season by beating Mumbai will play the second Irani Cup game from March 1 to 5 in Indore.

Ganguly also said the under-15 ODIs for girls would be a stepping stone for cricketers. “We are glad to introduce a girls U15 One Day tournament from this season. Women’s cricket has seen phenomenal growth across the world and our national team has been performing well. This new tournament will create a pathway for our young girls to play at the national and international level,” Ganguly wrote.

Batswing liberation

As Harmanpreet Kaur showed during her 143, a fluid bat-swing and finishing the shot has elevated batting

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IT WAS a mishit really, off the fifth ball she faced on Wednesday evening against England, but it said much about Harmanpreet Kaur’s bat-swing, the soul of her batting.

It was a gentle length delivery from the left-armer Freya Kemp — who would cop it from Harmanpreet in the end overs — and it seemed a regulation push, but her hands got away from her, as if on a mind of their own; she just about checked it and looked up with a touch of concern but even that handcuffed flow had chipped the ball over the mid-on fielder for a couple of runs.

Not many swing it like Harmanpreet Kaur. Catch the highlights of her mayhem at the end of the knock. She doesn’t carve over off; she fluidly scoops. She doesn’t heave to leg; she swings them. One of Indian cricket’s big hitters of yesteryears Salim Durani has a lovely verb to detail his sixes. “I lifted him for a six, I lifted him over long-on and such ...”; Salim bhai never uses ‘hit’. Harmanpreet can proudly use the same lingo.

But the larger picture here, beyond Harmanpreet, in women’s cricket in the past decade or so is this evolution in the bat-swing. In the 80’s, the batting of the Indians and overseas batters was marked by the absence of a fluidity in the bat-swing. As if the majority would react after the ball lands to do their thing, yanking, dragging, heaving at the last instant. There were exceptions of course but it’s the norm that one is interested in. The lack of bowling speed and quality of fielding were understandable but this bat-swing would risk. No longer, of course.

Healy and Sciver

Check the top three ranked women ODI batters. Let’s consider two of them: Australia’s Alyssa Healy and England’s Nat Sciver. Healy pouncing on the ball in much the same way Ricky Ponting would; not in style of the shots but in the game-sense, in her busy-ness.

And is there any other top-order batter who hits the ball as hard as Sciver? It’s one thing to fuel the big aerial hits with power, but Sciver seems to pack the traditional ground shots with more power than most; she does really ‘crunch’ her drives. As an aside, Sciver has the ‘Natmeg’ shot too, where



From making a century in 100 deliveries, Harmanpreet accelerated to 143 in 111.

she ever-so coolly nutmegs yorkers between her legs. A common thing about all these batters — and one can include Smriti Mandhana, who hit a gorgeous 91 in the first ODI against England — is the fluidity in the bat-swing and how they seem to actually prep up for it, before the ball.

Second factor is how they stay with the shot, finish it, not get ahead of themselves, be it with the thought of running between the wickets or whatever.

We often see it in the amateur cricket that we play; the real dadas finish the shot; the rest of us would hit it and are already trying to scramble across. Once Suresh Raina learnt to stay with his shots, finish them (think of his aerial punch over covers off seamers), his white-ball cricket took off to another level.

A combination of these two elements — the bat-swing and staying with the shot to its sweet end — has elevated batting in women’s cricket in recent years.

Watch Alyssa Healy next time she bats. When the spinners are on, she more often than not has her bat grounded in the stance.

Against the seamers though, she has it up and ready, waist-high, and actually does a pendulum swing of sorts with the bat — a mock drill for the real one as a prep. Former Australia batter and coach Greg Chappell is a great believer of the pendulum swing and used to often talk about it.

He was against cocking the hand too early and getting the bat up too early as it inhibits the free flow and also disrupts the defense, in case a batter has to block. Alyssa’s focus seems to be on that bat-swing pretty early in the piece.

As does Sciver, who regardless of pace or spin, gets her bat into that pre-shot pendulum loop, if anything with greater vigour, and probably why she manages to ‘crunch’ her drives real hard. And all of them stay with the shot all the way till the post-impact extension is fully done.

Mandhana’s strong top-hand

Let’s cue up an extra cover drive from Mandhana during her 91, when she was on 10. Issy Wong with a length ball and not

SILVA GUILTY OF HURTING WOMAN

Former Spain and Manchester City midfielder David Silva has been found guilty of hurting a woman during a brawl, a Spanish court has ruled. According to court documents seen by The Associated Press on Thursday, the incident occurred on June 19 during the Carnival celebration on the Canary Islands where a fight broke out between a group of people. **AP**

BCCI elections on October 18

Mumbai: The Board of Control for Cricket in India’s (BCCI) annual general body meeting will be held on October 18 in Mumbai, along with elections for five office-bearer posts — president, vice-president, secretary, joint secretary and treasurer. The notice for the AGM circulated to state associations also states that there will be election and induction of one general-body representative in the Apex Council and two general-body representatives in the IPL governing council. The BCCI is also going to appoint a representative to the International Cricket Council (ICC).

The *Indian Express* had recently spoken to 15 state associations who wanted current board secretary Jay Shah to become BCCI president. In case Shah gets elevated to the top post, current BCCI treasurer Arun Dhumal might be the new secretary.

The state associations have been asked to send representative names for the AGM and elections. “At the moment we have decided to have the BCCI election on October 18. The election officer’s name will be made public in due course and he will call for candidates for Apex Council members for next three years,”

a BCCI official said.

The BCCI had moved the Supreme Court in 2019 to amend its constitution. The Supreme Court in an order this month paved the way for BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah to continue for another term in office and allowed the cricketing body’s request to make amendments to its constitution so as to modify the requirement for cooling-off period for its officials.

As per the amended constitution, Ganguly and Shah, if elected, are now eligible to hold office till 2025. Those who have been part of a state association for two consecutive terms will not have to undergo any cooling-off if they are contesting for a BCCI post and if elected, can continue to be in the BCCI for six years (two terms). However, if someone who has been a member of a state association for two terms wants to again contest for a state association, he/she will have to undergo cooling-off for three years. In effect, an individual can continue to remain in the state body and the BCCI together for an unbroken 12 years.

DEVENDRA PANDEY

Bumrah is fit for 2nd T20, says Yadav

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FAST BOWLER Jasprit Bumrah is fully fit and ready to play the second T20 International against Australia, Suryakumar Yadav confirmed on Thursday. “Everyone is fit and ready to play, including Jasprit Bumrah,” Yadav said in the pre-match press conference. India will face Australia in Nagpur in the second T20I on Friday.

India’s death bowling in the first T20I against Australia in Mohali wasn’t up to the mark. With no Jasprit Bumrah, India’s frailties with the ball were laid bare as Australia hunted down the 209-run target.

After the loss in the opening game, all-rounder Hardik Pandya had said that the team management didn’t want to rush Jasprit Bumrah back after the injury.

When Harshal Patel came to bowl the 18th over, Australia needed 40 runs from three overs. The pair of Matthew Wade and Tim David took 22 runs off Harshal’s last over, which shifted the momentum in the visitors’ favour. Harshal looked jaded in his comeback game and conceded 49 runs in his four overs. “*Thoda injury se aaya hai, itna toh benefit banta hai* (Cut him some slack, he is coming back after the injury),” Suryakumar Yadav said. “It is difficult to read Harshal’s slower ball and variations. Whatever I have faced him in the nets, I can assure you guys that he is not predictable at all. He is very deceptive. He has been working really hard on his bowling,” he said.

India’s aggressive approach with the bat reaped dividends in the series opener as India posted a 208 for 6 total even though the top order batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli were dismissed early. “Everyone is playing their role; they know their responsibility and what they want to do in the different situations,” said Yadav, who smoked a 25-ball 46 on Tuesday.

“Openers know their role very well. Then it comes to the middle order on how we set up the game, and it was finished really well by the finishers. Everything went according to the plan, and we will try to do the same thing again and again in the future,” he added. Yadav said he is happy to bat at No.4 and maintained that he is very flexible and is ready to bat anywhere. “I am very flexible. I actually plan for every situation.”

Live on: Star Sports network, Ind vs Aus 2nd T20I, 7:30 pm

Laver Cup: Federer set to partner Nadal in final match

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SWISS ICON Roger Federer will bring the curtain down on his glittering career by teaming up with great rival Rafa Nadal at the Laver Cup on Friday. The 41-year-old announced last week that the team event being played at London’s O2 Arena would be his last.

Federer’s suspect right knee, the injury that forced him to call time on a 24-year career that included 20 Grand Slam singles titles and worldwide admiration, means he will feature in only one match at the three-day clash between a Bjorn Borg-captained Europe and John McEnroe’s the Rest of the World. But the fact he will bow out for his last competitive match with record 22-time Grand Slam champion Nadal alongside him is a dream scenario. They will take on American duo Jack Sock and Frances Tiafoe in Friday’s last match.

“It’s going to be a different kind of pressure to be part of this historic moment,” Nadal, who has shared an epic career-long rivalry with Federer, told reporters.

“It’s going to be something amazing and forgettable for me. I’m super excited, maybe we can create a good moment and

maybe win the match.”

Federer cut a relaxed figure as he sat with his European team mates including 21-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic and three-time major winner Andy Murray.

He had said previous day that it would be beautiful to play his last match on the same side of the net as Spaniard Nadal and captain Borg, unsurprisingly, obliged.

“I’m not sure if I can handle (all the emotions) but I will try,” Federer, whose presence had fans flocking to watch practice sessions on Thursday, said.

“This one feels a whole lot different. I’m happy to have him on my team and not playing against him.” “To be able to do it one more time, I’m sure it will be wonderful and I’ll try my very best.”

Novak Djokovic hailed the retiring Federer as one of the greatest athletes of all time and said he would leave a lasting legacy for the world of tennis. “His impact on the game has been tremendous, the way he was playing, his style, effortless, just perfect for an eye of a tennis coach, player or just a tennis fan,” Serbian Djokovic told reporters. “He has left a huge legacy that will live for a very long time.”

Djokovic beat Federer in four major finals including at Wimbledon in 2019, the Swiss’s last Grand Slam final.

Blood, sweat and all heart

How Bajrang was inspired by his wife to forget the wound & fight for bronze at Worlds

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HERE'S WHAT Bajrang Punia's equally audacious wrestling wife Sangeetha told him after a head injury wouldn't stop dripping blood and needed bandaging at the recent World Championships: "Wo boli koi nai injury hui hai, iska patti karvaake, dobara se bronze ke liye khelo." The blood is no biggie, strap on some gauze and go for the bronze in repechage, he recalls on his return from a stupendous 4th World's medal. Bravado manifesting to work like boldness, has been central to Bajrang Punia's big tournament outings all these years. After 1 Olympic medal and 4 from the World Championships, bravado ceases sounding like a reckless thing he marinates his bulk in, when he's tossed into glazing fire.

It should have been a gold, but it could have been no medal also—such was his propensity to leak points on a weak leg defense, and botch an opportunity where some top names from Russia, Belarus and his Japanese nemesis were absent. But it was the neon green taped face - his bulging eyes framed by it, more like - that churned stomachs. Not Sangeeta's.

"Sangeeta motivated me a lot this time. Couldn't really talk to family in between bouts. But Sangeeta was with me," he says. "At one point I thought I won't play if it hurt too much but she helped. Iss medal mein unka kaafi yogdaan rahaa tha... Kyunki nai khelta toh medal ni jeet paata." She played a huge role in pushing him to plod on after the medal.

She's been a good sounding board in training too. "She's also a wrestler, an athlete. So we understand each other's game and can point out mistakes frankly. When I'm playing, I won't know what the opponent is trying or what mistakes are happening. Later we can watch videos. But Sangeeta would tell me point to point, and next bout I could avoid those and improve," he adds.

His own derring-do is somewhat legendary after the



Bajrang Punia suffered a head injury in his opening bout against Cuba's Alejandro Enrique Vlades Tobier.

AP



Olympics medal was secured after dramatically flinging off the tape holding together his knee. But he clinically assessed the bleeding head this time.

"Injuries happen in sport. At Olympics when I got the knee injury, I had thought surgery karvaa lunga, what's the big deal. Many players have surgeries. Injuries happen in training also. But Olympics was my life's biggest tournament." At Belgrade, he knew all the dripping blood needed was stemming. "Do din baad, dus din baad wo theek ho jaega. Medal pehle zaroori hai." The cut would inevitably heal in 8-10 days, he reasoned. The medal needed pocketing. Sangeeta seconded him.

Bajrang's wars

Becoming the first Indian with 4 medals from World Championships over the last decade is no mean feat - never mind the gold isn't yet trapped down. 2013, when he first won bronze, set off a tradition: starting with a loss to a Bulgarian.

"2013. Best moment. I was only 18-19. Thought if I won so young I could definitely win more medals for the country. The 2013 medal gave me the confidence of that. I had lost first bout to Bulgaria. Did not think he would make final because there were 2012 silver medallist from Olympics and Mongolians and I would get the repechage opportunity," he recalls of the 61 kg division then.

It took another 5 years to get a shot in 65kg. He nurses the bitterness of that lost final, like a good roiling regret. "2018 silver. I'll never forget. I could've been champion against Japanese who's sitting with the Olympic title in 2021," he says properly salty.

The Japanese kept stopping for frivolous reasons with med-

ical timeouts, Bajrang reckons. "Wrestling only stops if you are bleeding or there's major injury! Can't complain that ankle is hurting... He kept stopping and resuming ... what should have been a 6 minute fight turned into a 10-12 min bout. It will always hurt, I'll never forget that they made a mistake. It haunts me still," he rants. A year later in 2019, Bajrang had legitimate reasons to feel robbed when the officiating table blatantly leaned in with the local Kazakh grappler in Kazakhstan, simply refusing to award eye-popping fouls, and brazenly giving throwdown points to the Kazakh. "We protested to UWW and they even said sorry that it won't happen again. Had I made the finals, could've won gold. But result doesn't change just by saying sorry. What's lost is lost. We work hard, and then cheating happens, it's difficult to forget these things," he says.

It's one of the things - denied legit fairness - that pushes him to go cavalier when a second chance medal dangles. Though, his earliest coach

Virender from Chhara akhada, traces it back to his childhood. "His father was a wrestler, and mother injected that never-give-up tendency in him. This one time he didn't make the Haryana squad, he pleaded for an opportunity. When I played him from Delhi, he demolished the field" the coach recalls. "I don't think he ever believes he's trailing in any bout till the last second," he adds.

Blood could be gushing out, or cheap points trickling away, Bajrang fancies himself to be a tank that can roll over anyone stopping him from a medal. "No one should say, a player was sent and did not give his all for the country ... 0-6, when I play it doesn't cross my mind that score is 6-0 or 8-0. Only thing running through head is to give it everything, give my best in 6 minutes. I don't accept defeat till the end. Be it 8-0, 9-0 or what ever. I won't give up till 6 mins are over." It's just blood. It will clot. Just points on the leg.

They will stop. Adrenaline though, is limitless.

Bale on 'good path' to be fully fit for WC

London: WALES CAPTAIN Gareth Bale said he is on a "good path" towards full fitness ahead of the World Cup in Qatar, despite not completing a full game since joining Los Angeles FC in June. Bale signed for the Major

League Soccer club after leaving Real Madrid, where he struggled with injury in his last few seasons. He has made only two starts in his 11 appearances for LAFC, scoring twice. Wales, who will play their

first World Cup finals in 64 years, begin their campaign against the United States on Nov. 21 and the 33-year-old forward expected his fitness to be much improved by then.

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