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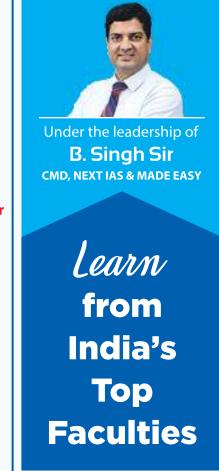
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**Economics** by Vibhas Jha Sir 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2022 (3:00 PM to 5:30 PM)

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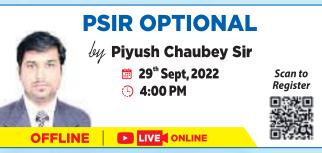
Sociology by Raj Rai Sir 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 2022 (3:00 PM to 5:30 PM)

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### OFFICE OF THE STATE SPORTS COUNCIL MEGHALAYA SHILLONG

O.SSCM/CE/TB-32/2022-23/01 NOTICE INVITING "Request for Proposal for empanelment of agencies for providing chemical toilets for the North East Olympic Games 2022, Shillong, Meghalaya"

nterested Parties are requested to download the Request for Proposal (RFP) document from <a href="http://mbda.gov.in">http://mbda.gov.in</a> from 29th September, 2022 nd submit their Bids online to ce.sscm.shillong@gmail.com.

Chief Engineer, State Sports Council Meghalaya, Shillong, Nongthymmai, Lumsohphoh Shillong-793014 East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.

Chief Engineer, State Sports Council Meghalaya, MIPR No. 1039

### GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION **SPECIAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT**

Request for Qualification (RfQ) is invited for the following work as per details furnished below

### S.P.D.C.No.B1/01281/2022:-

Hall in Dn. No.58, Zone-V under <mark>Singara Chennai 2.0 – Approximate</mark> value of work-Rs. 28.30 crore (inclusive of GST) - Submission of E.M.D. Rs.29,00,000/- through online net banking transaction or e-tender portal or Bank Guarantee

Request for Qualification (RfQ) document will be available in website: https://tntenders.gov.in The bidders must possess Digital Signature Certificate for submission of bids through online in the above website

DIFN 4540 / TENDEN/2022	_	(Special Projects)
DIPR/ 4346 /TENDER/2022	Sı	perintending Engineer
RfQ opening date and time	:	11.11.2022 at 3.00 pm
RfQ last date and time of submission	:	10.11.2022 upto 3.00 pm
RfQ Pre-application meeting date and time	:	20.10.2022 at 3.00 pm

### 'मेरी सड़क' एप डाउनलोड कर फीडबैक देकर राष्ट्र के विकास में सहयोग दें। MADHYA PRADESH RURAL ROAD **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

(AN AGENCY OF PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF M.P.) 5th Floor, Block-II, Paryavas Bhawan, BHOPAL (M.P.) (GST No. 23AAATM9054A3ZX) No./13704/22/D-12/MPRRDA/2022 Bhopal, Dt. : 28.09.2022

### **NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. 1017** (RCPLWEA-Road) (BATCH-1, YEAR 2021-22)

Online Tenders for Construction of Rural Roads/CDs with 5 years maintenance are invited on the E-Procurement System portal www.pmgsytenders.gov.in as detailed below : Name of Work- RCPLWE (Road) – Batch-I, Year 2021-222

S.No.	Name of District	No. of Packages	Total PAC (In Rs.)		
1	Balaghat	5	505816000.00		
Tender document can be purchased and submitted or online from the above website from 03.10.2022 fro					

Other Critical dates and details can be viewed in the detailed N.I.T. and tender document on the above-mentioned portal

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (TENDER)

## Open E-Tender Notice

Providing 2 Lane RUB in lieu of Level crossing no.4C at KM 10/27-29 between CNJ-SBB on NDLS-GZB in the section of SSE/W/DLI under

Approx. Cost of work	Rs.10,43,06,178.43 (Rupees Ten Crore Forty Three Lakh Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight and Forty Three Paisa Only)		
Earnest Money to be Deposit	Rs. 6,71,500/- (Rs. Six Lakh Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred Only)		
Cost of tender document	Rs.0.00/-		
Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	21.10.2022 @ 15:00 Hrs.		
Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.lreps.gov.in		

•The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement syster (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. No manual offers are acceptable.

 Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/65/2022-23/W-3

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA **DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES** Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur-760004 e-mail id: se\_sicbam@yahoo.com

### e-Procurement Notice No. ACE, RBB-23/2022-23

- - :- Flood protection work.
  - Total No of Works :- 01 (One) No.
  - Amount put to tender :- Rs 821.85 lakh Period of completion :- 12 (Twelve) calendar months

Procurement officer	Bid Identification No.	Bid Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Availability & Submission of Bid On-line
Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur	ACE, RBB, (BNID) - 66/2022-23	821.85	From <b>12.10.2022</b> , 10.00 A.M to <b>27.10.2022</b> , 5.00 P.M.

Date of opening of the Technical Bid:- 28.10.2022 at 11.30 A.M. Furhter details can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

> Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur OIPR- 32411/11/0035/2223



No: HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/TND/C-IMPLANT/19/2022-23 Date: 28-09-2022

### **TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Ref: 1) Tender Notification No: HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/TND/ C-IMPLANT/19/2022-23 (IND-985), Date: 28-09-2022. Nation wide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under

KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tenders: 1) Tender for Supply of Cochlear Implants under Cochlear

Implants Scheme of NPPCD Programme. The tenderers who have registered under e-Procurement department

may participate through e-Tendering system. Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 28-09-2022. The eliaible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-Procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

DIPR/CP/2419/Adverto/2022-23

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- •Agencies like Income Tax and ED are acting against corrupt persons

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- ·Swachh Bharat Abhiyan transformed into a people's movement, Swachhata becomes a way of life
- ·India united against single-use plastic, people of all age groups contributing to the cause

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- Natural farming sector growing

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-Narendra Modi

**Grand opening today of Khel Mahakumbh-36<sup>th</sup> National Games** at **Ahmedabad in Gujarat** by Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT** 

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. DRM-BRC

071 of 2022-23; Sealed Tenders for and

on behalf of The President of India are

invited by Divisional Railway Manager

(WA/C), Western Railway, Pratapnagar

/adodara-390 004 for the following

works.: Sr. No. (1) Tender No. & Name

of Work: DRM BRC 071 of 2022-23.

Various Track Renewal works like TRR

TTR, SEJ Renewal, Casual Sleeper

enewal, Rail renewal on Br. 502 & other

works in Surat (ST)-Vadodara (BRC)

Section under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN

BRC. Approximate cost of the work

2,20,21,629.02/-; Bid Security to be

deposited: ₹ 2,60,100.00/-; Date and

time for submission of tender and

opening of tender: Tender is to be

submitted on 17.10.2022 before 15.00

Hrs. and is to be opened on same date at

15.30 Hrs; Web site particulars and

notice for location where complete

details can be seen & Address of the

office from where the tender form can be

purchased: Website @www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C)

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Western Railway, Pratapnagar

W/623/NIT of 2022-23 dated 23.09.2022

Vadodara - 390 004.

पर्भाक : 81 / 09 / की०मारा / सेपा-02 / 2017-18 पिनांकः 28 सितम्बर, 2022 विज्ञदित

एतदहारा सुचित किया जाता है कि भूतत्व एवं सानिकर्ग इकाई, उद्योग निवेशालय समूह 'ग' परीक्षा-2021 के अन्तर्गत रिवत 26 पदों पर सीधी भर्ती हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या :: A-3/DR/S-3/2021 दिनाक 11 सितम्बर, 2021 की स्वरीनिंग परीक्षा का परीक्षा परिणाम दिनांक 16.09.2022 की घोषित किया गया। जक्त स्क्रीनिंग परीक्षा में प्रश्नगत पद-स्थान निरीक्षक, सर्वेक्षक, मानवित्रकार, पुस्तकालयाध्यक्ष एवं प्राविधिक सहायक मू—विज्ञान के अंतर्गत औपवधिक रूप से सफल घोषित कतिपव अन्यर्थियों से साधारकार से पूर्व चंछित अमिलेख एपलब्ध कराये जाने हेतु कार्यालय ज्ञाप ज्ञायोग की वेबसाइट www.psc.uk.gov.in पर अपलोड किया गया है। अध्ययी दिनांक 12 अक्टूबर 2022 सार्य 06:00 बजे तक पांकित अभिलेख/प्रमाण पत्र, डाक द्वारा अथवा किसी भी मध्यम से **सचिव**, उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, हरिद्वार, पिन कोड-248404 के कार्यालय में जमा कर सकते हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त अन्वर्धी अपने अभिलेख/प्रमाण-पत्र. अनुभाग की ई-मेल sosewa03@gmail.com पर भी प्रेषित कर सकते हैं। उक्त अंतिम तिथि तक अभिलेख/प्रमाण पत्र उपलब्ध न कराये जाने पर अन्यर्थी की साक्षारकार परीवा में सम्मिलित नहीं किया जावेगा।

(गिरपारी सिंह रावत) सचिव।

### कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल. हजारीबाग

### शुद्धि पत्र

इस कार्यालय के द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-RDD/SD/HZB/02/2022-23 पी0आर0 संख्या 276597 Rural Development (22-23).D में प्रकाशित निविदा में निम्न संशोधन किया जाता है:–

संशोधित तथ्य कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधिः 18 (अठारह) माह

निविदा की शेष शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल हजारीबाग PR 278869 Rural Development(22-23).D

Janasanyog/C/11402/22

### Government of Assam **DIRECTORATE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE :: ASSAM**

Kahilipara :: Guwahati - 781 019

### No. DFS. 2085/2021-22/267/1268-A INVITATION FOR E-BID (IFB) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

E-Tenders are invited online through e-procurement system i.e. through website www.assamtenders.gov.in from the intending manufacturer/ authorized Dealers for "Supply & Installation of Equipment related to Gas Chromatography- Mass Spectrometer System with Helium Gas for Regional Forensic Science Laboratory,

The E-Tender is Two-Bid System. The terms and Conditions and details of items to be supplied is described in the Tender Document.

Important dates of the e-Tender

SI. No.	Scheduled	Date	Time
1.	Tender Publishing	28.09.2022	05.30 PM
2.	Tender download	28.09.2022	05.30 PM
3.	Bid Submission Start date	30.09.2022	10.00 AM
4.	Bid Submission End date	21.10.2022	12.00 PM
5.	Technical Bid opening	21.10.2022	3.30 PM

**Director (In-Charge) Directorate of Forensic Science, Assam** Kahilipara, Guwahati - 781019.

### INDIAN RAILWAYS **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

OPEN TENDER NO.RS (POL)058/508/2022 **BID INVITATION** 

Offers are invited for and on behalf of the President of India from the Companie registered with Insurance Regulatory Development Authority for carrying out Genera Insurance, including Marine Insurance in India, for Marine Insurance of :-Description of the Covers

Open Cover (Basic) ICC(B) for bulk consignments inclusive of broad conditions Steel items, wheel, tyres, axles, rails & sheets, angles and other similar items, in bul Open Cover (All Risk) ICC(A) for specific items, inclusive of defective packaging

losses due to handling etc. throughout the passage of insured items upto the ultimate consignee inclusive of broad conditions (a) Locomotivespares, Plant/Machinery/signaling/Telecommunication/Microwave/X-

ray equipments and Instruments, Hospital Equipments/Diesel & Electrical Loco

components/Electrical/Electronic items, similar spares/components and stores of

non-fragile nature only. (b) Locomotive and Coaches in knocked down/Semi Knocked down condition as pe ICC (A) Clause (c) Wheel sets and axles

(d) All other materials in form of liquid, thinner, paints, varnish etc, in new drums

(subject to an excess of 1/2% on whole consignment) (e) All material of fragile nature like Insulators/Ceremics/Asbestos/Porcelain and

(f) Locos fully assembled (g) Coaches fully assembled

(i) Track machine fully assembled/complete knocked down condition/semi knocked down condition.

2. Estimated value of the tender is Rs. 27, 81,000 2.1 Non-transferable bid documents containing detailed terms & conditions may be collected from the Director, Railway Stores (M), Room No.306, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001. (Between 9.30 hrs. and 17.30 hrs.) on all working days.

3. The tender document can also be downloaded for use on the website www.indianrailways.gov.in. Offers submitted through the agents will not be accepted.

5. Tenders can be submitted on all working days, to DRS(M) in room No. 306, upto

14:30 hours on 19.10.2022 and the same shall be opened at 15:00 Hrs on the same day in room No. 306, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi, in the presence of bidders who choose to witness the opening of offers. In case 19.10.2022 happens to be a holiday the date of submission and opening shall be extended to the next working day. 6. Acceptance of the Tender: The purchaser reserves the right to accept a tender for

a part or whole of the offer, reject any tender without assigning any reason and may not accept the lowest or any tender. Time for submission of bids would be upto 14.30 nrs. and same will be opened at 15.00 hrs. on 19.10.2022.

Last date for submission of bids: 19.10.2022

Director, Railway Stores (M For & on behalf of the President of India Room No. 306, Rail Bhawar Raisina Road New Delhi-110001

(Sunil Kumar Verma

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### KSMSCL, Bengaluru.

Hard copy of the bid shall be submitted at the following address:

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Shri Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister



Live Performances By Leading Gujarati Singers | Augmented Reality | Garba Medley Cultural Performances Celebrating 'Vande Gujarat' | Virtual Inauguration of Swarnim Gujarat Sports University March Past by the Athletes | Torch of Unity | Youth Concert | Live Mascots Live Performance by Mohit Chauhan and Shankar Mahadevan







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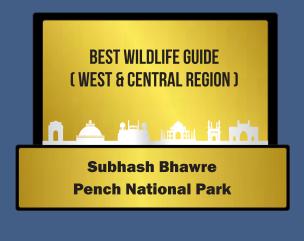


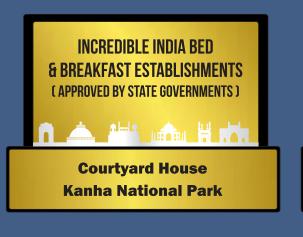














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Cong race opens up:

Digvijaya in running,

Gehlot heads to Delhi

night and file his papers on

Thursday or Friday, the last day

for nominations. Congress cen-

tral election authority chairman

Madhusudan Mistry is said to be

The surprise move is being

seen by a section of leaders within

the party as either a part of the

leadership's "Plan B" or a "smoke-

screen" to pressure Rajasthan

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to

accept the leadership's wish that

he contest for the top post and

leave the decision on his succes-

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sor in the state to the Gandhis

unavailable Thursday.



In season of

extends free

grain scheme

by 3 months

**HARIKISHAN SHARMA** 

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

DAYS AHEAD of the declaration

of the schedule for Assembly polls

in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh,

the government on Wednesday

announced it has decided to ex-

tend its free foodgrains scheme -Pradhan Mantri-Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) - for three more months until

December-end. The scheme was to end on September 30.

Under PM-GKAY, beneficiar-

ies of the National Food Security Act, 2013, are entitled to 5 kg

foodgrains per person in a month, over and above their en-

titlement under the Act. Briefing

media persons after a Cabinet

meeting, Union Minister of

Information and Broadcasting

Anurag Thakur said 122 Lakh

Metric Tonnes (LMT) of food-

grains will be distributed during

October-December, and this will

entail a subsidy expenditure of

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festivals, Govt

PFI DISBANDS, ITS STUDENT WING SAYS WILL MOVE COURT

# **Centre bans PFI, affiliates for 5 years,** says major threat to internal security

MHA invokes UAPA, points to alleged terror links, bid to radicalise youth

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**NEW DELHI** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 28

DAYS AFTER law enforcement agencies launched a nationwide crackdown against the Popular Front of India, the Centre Wednesday banned the PFI and its affiliates for five years.

Invoking the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act to effect the ban, the Ministry of Home Affairs said the PFI and its affiliates are linked to terror groups like the ISIS, propagate "anti-national sentiments... radicalise a



THE DECLARATION of the PFI and its affiliates as "unlawful associations" allows law enforcement agencies to freeze bank accounts, seize assets of these organisations - in short, choke their funding and activities.

particular section of society with the intention to create disaffection" and constitute a "major CONTINUED ON PAGE 6



PFI office, Delhi. Gajendra Yadav

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**EXPLAINED** 

**WHAT BAN MEANS** 

**OPP CAUTIOUS; LALU** SAYS BAN RSS TOO

APURVA VISHWANATH

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

IN A first, the Supreme Court

Collegium, headed by Chief

Justice of India UU Lalit, is access-

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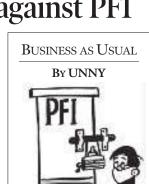
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Terror links to training sites to targeted killings: Govt's case against PFI

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** 

THE BAN on the Popular Front of India under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act comes in the wake of over 1,300 criminal cases registered across the country by law enforcement agencies against PFI members and recoveries from them suggesting alleged terror links, sources in the security establishment told *The Indian Express* Wednesday

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that hits just the target?

### **EXPRESS CARTOONIST TRACKS RAHUL YATRA** Wanting on plans, bid to

see India 'in slow motion'



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PALAKKAD, SEPTEMBER 28

YOU HAVE to join the walk to talk

to Rahul Gandhi. His day is full. He

must do at least 15 km in the

forenoon and 10 in the afternoon

to cover 3,571 km and complete

the mission of walking Kanya-

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

IN A fresh twist to the Congress

presidential election saga, vet-

eran party leader Digvijaya Singh

Wednesday signalled his inten-

tion to throw his hat into the ring.

was Madhya Pradesh Chief

Minister during the Congress's

troubled decade from 1993 to

2003, said he will file his nomi-

nation papers for the top post.

Singh is expected to arrive in

Delhi from Kerala Wednesday

Sources close to Singh, who

kumari to Kashmir in 150 days. For now, that is just about the only plan in place for the party. "My colleagues walking with me ask

> atra? I have none," Rahul says. Might as well not plan at all when, for eight long years out of power, not many plans worked. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

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## Lt General Anil Chauhan, In a first, Collegium looks at judge's former chief of Eastern Command, is new CDS

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

MORE THAN nine months after the death in a helicopter crash of the country's first Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat (retired), the Government announced Wednesday it was appointing Lt General Anil Chauhan (retired) as the new CDS.

A statement from



Ministry of Defence said Chauhan "shall also function as Secretary to Government of India.

succeeds the late General **Bipin Rawat** 

Lt General

Chauhan

iudges to the top court. The Indian Express has learnt. In its meeting held on Department of Military Affairs, September 26, the five-member **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6** Collegium recommended the

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performance for elevation to SC

**R VENKATARAMANI IS NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL OF INDIA** PAGE 16

appointment of Justice Dipankar Datta, Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, as Judge of the Supreme Court. This is the first recommendation to the apex court made by the Collegium led

by CJI Lalit since he took charge on August 27.

Sources told The Indian Express that the Collegium meeting for recommending judges to the Supreme Court took place only this week since information involving potential candidates was being collated.

It is learnt that this information ranges from the number of judgements delivered to their quality and rates of disposal. Sources said the move is aimed

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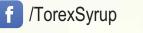
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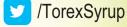


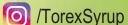
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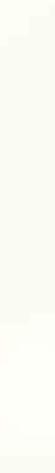


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The draft telecommunication bill and concerns over it, cattle let lose in Gujarat as a form of protest, and Maharashtra government aims to study the Muslim community of the state

### **BANDHAVGARH**

## ASI reports Ajanta-era Buddhist caves, other remains in tiger reserve

**DIVYAA** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL Survey of India (ASI) has reported 26 Buddhist caves in Madhya Pradesh's Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve following an exploration exercise between May and June.

The exploration was conducted by ASI's Jabalpur circle under the direction of its superarchaeologist intending Shivakant Bajpai, officials said here on Wednesday.

Pointing out that "remarkable archaeological remains came to light" during the exploration. ASI officials told the media that the caves date back to the time between 2nd century BC and 5th century BC, and pertain to the Mahayana sect of Buddhism. They said the exploration was held in the region for the first time since 1938.

These findings would approximately date back to the same time as the Ajanta caves in Maharashtra, which are a UN-ESCO World Heritage Site.

Besides the caves, other re-

**SANTOSH SINGH** 

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Row over Bihar Women

**Development Corporation** 

MD's reply to girl's query



The excavation covered nearly 170 sq km. ASI

mains of Mahayana sect, such as chaitya-shaped doors and cells containing stone beds, have also been reported. The ASI team found a Buddhist pillar fragment containing miniature stupa carvings, dating back to the 2nd-3rd century AD. In all, 24 Brahmi inscriptions, dating from 2nd-5th century AD, have been reported.

The exploration is significant since this is the first time all this has been officially documented by the agency, officials said. **FULL REPORT ON** 

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Do you vote in lieu of money or

The WDC comes under the

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THE REPORT, "Hardeep Puri to Imtiaz Ali — A DU reunion like no

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## Govt bans PFI for 5 yrs: Major threat to security

threat to internal security of the

Saying it was "necessary to curb the nefarious activities" of the organisation, the MHA declared the PFI an "unlawful association" along with "its associates or affiliates or fronts including Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala". The ban left out the SDPI, the

political arm of the PFI. Within hours of the ban, the PFI announced it had disbanded.

PFI Kerala general secretary A Abdul Sattar said, "As law-abiding citizens of the country, we accept the decision of the Home Ministry." "It (PFI) also informs all its former members and the general public that the Popular Front of India has been disbanded. All members of the Popular Front of India are requested to cease their activities," he said.

The CFI, the student wing of the PFI, called the ban "undemocratic" and said the charges against it were "baseless and fabricated" and it would challenge the ban in court. In a statement, the CFI asked students not to conduct any programme or activity in the name of the organisation.

The MHA said some of the PFI's founding members are leaders of SIMI and PFI also has linkages with Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), both of which are proscribed organisations. "There had been a number of instances of international linkages of PFI with Global Terrorist Groups like Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). The PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts have been working covertly to increase radicalisation of one community by promoting a sense of insecurity in the country, which is substantiated by the fact that the some PFI cadres have joined international terrorist organisations," it stated.

The MHA said, "Rehab India Foundation collects funds through PFI members and some of the members of the PFI are also members of CFI, EIF, Rehab Foundation, Kerala, and the activities of Junior Front, All India Imams Council, National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation (NCHRO) and National Women's Front are monitored/coordinated by the PFI

"The associates or affiliates or fronts have a 'hub and spoke' relationship with the PFI acting as the hub and utilising the mass outreach and fundraising capacity of its associates or affiliates or fronts for strengthening its capa-

bility for unlawful activities and these associates or affiliates or fronts function as 'roots and capillaries' through which the PFI is fed and strengthened," it stated.

"The PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts operate openly as socio-economic, educational and political organisations but they have been pursuing a secret agenda to radicalise a particular section of the society, working towards undermining the concept of democracy, and show sheer disrespect towards the constitutional authority and constitutional set-up of the country," the MHA said. The declaration of the PFI and its affiliates as "unlawful associations" grants law enforcement agencies the right to arrest members of the organisations, freeze accounts and confiscate assets.

Section 10 of the UAPA criminalises membership of a banned organisation. It says that being a member of a banned organisation would be punishable with an imprisonment of two years and may extend to life imprisonment or even death in certain circumstances. Section 10 says that any person who "is and continues to be a member of such association; or takes part in meetings of such association; or contributes to, or receives or solicits any contribution for the purpose of, such association; or in any way assists the operations of such association. shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and shall also be liable to fine". It also applies to any person who aids the objectives of the banned organisation. Section 7 of the UAPA gives the government the power to "prohibit use of funds" by an "unlawful association". It says that after an organisa-

tion is banned and the Centre is satisfied after an enquiry that "any person has custody of any moneys, securities or credits which are being used or are intended to be used for the purpose of the unlawful association, the Central Government may, by order in writing, prohibit such person from paying, delivering, transferring or otherwise dealing in any manner whatsoever with such moneys. securities or credits or with any other moneys, securities or credits which may come into his custody after the making of the order". It gives powers to law enforcement agencies to search their premises and examine their books of account.

Section 8 of the UAPA gives powers to the Centre to "notify any place which in its opinion is used for the purpose of such unlawful association" WITHKIRANPARASHAR

## • Terror links, training sites, targeted killings: Govt's case against PFI

According to a document of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), these cases have been registered, among others, under They (students) will demand provisions of the UAPA, Indian jeans, good shoes and finally Penal Code and Arms Act.

These include offences related to the killing of leaders associated with Hindu organisations, organising suspected terror camps, alleged radicalisation of youth and links with foreign terrorist organisations such as the Islamic State. According to the MHA docu-

ment, the recoveries from PFI members over the years include documents on how to make IEDs using easily available material, a brochure and CD related to Mission 2047 – a document containing material on converting India into an Islamic State handheld marine radio sets, pen drives with pro-IS videos, ammunition, weapons, even physical education guide books.

The PFI and its front organisations, the document states, have presence in 17 states and the organisation "encouraged" its cadres to "undertake actions that were prejudicial to the maintenance of peace and harmony between different religious groups".

Officials said some activists of PFI, particularly from Kerala, had joined the Islamic State and had participated in terror activities in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. Some of them were also killed in action by security forces in these conflict theatres, officials said. In 2017, Kerala police said that six alleged PFI activists - they

were identified as Abdul Ghavoom, Abdul Manaf, Shabeer. Suhail and his wife Rizwana, Safwan – had joined the Islamic State in Svria. Security agencies later learnt that Manaf and Shameer had been killed in Syria fighting alongside the IS. Also that year, the NIA filed a chargesheet against eight men from Kerala for being IS members and propagating its activities. It identified one as P Safwan, a graphic designer with Thejas, said to be the PFI mouthpiece. The MHA notification ban-

ning PFI also mentions its alleged links with the IS and the Iamaatul-Muiahideen Bangladesh (JMB). The NIA is currently probing 19 cases against the PFI and its leaders. The MHA document mentions the killing of several Hindu leaders where PFI activists are suspected to be involved: the murder of Praveen Nettaru (July 2022); RSS worker Sanjith (Kerala, 2021); Nandu (Kerala, 2021); V Ramalingam (Tamil Nadu, 2019): Abhimanyu (Kerala, 2018); Bibin (Kerala, 2017); Sharath (Karnataka, 2017); R Rudresh (Karnataka, 2016); Praveen Poojari (Karnataka, 2016) and Sasi Kumar (Tamil Nadu. 2016).

The PFI came under the spotlight in 2010 when its activists allegedly chopped off the hand of a

Kerala professor, T J Joseph, accusing him of blasphemy over a question he had asked in an exam paper. The then UPA government handed over the case to the NIA which arrested several PFI activists and chargesheeted them. Thirteen people have been convicted in the case while 11 are standing trial. The key accused, however, fled the country.

The MHA document also mentions recovery of arms and explosives from a training site in Narath (Kannur) by the Kerala police in April 2013. The case was transferred to the NIA and 41 PFI activists were convicted in 2016. "The PFI covertly organised

training exercises and militarylike drills where participants were trained to use force against certain religious groups, which were perceived by the outfit as enemies of Islam," the MHA document states.

It also mentions a case related to a training camp organised by the PFI in Nizamabad in Telangana this year. The case is now being probed by the NIA. "The accused were organising camps for imparting training to commit terrorist acts and to promote enmity between different groups on the basis of religion," the NIA said in a statement following its searches.

"Interrogation of the accused revealed that the PFI would identify Muslim youth, specifically from poor or middle class, who

were later instilled with anti-Hindutva ideology and imparted training. The training involved the use of swords and nunchucks," the MHA document Among recoveries allegedly

made by agencies from suspected PFI activists is an IEDmaking brochure, seized from one Mohammed Nadeem in Barabanki, UP. The document mentions a diary recovered by the Enforcement Directorate from one M Mohammed Ismail that allegedly "revealed about a sinister plot of PFI... to create a civil war-like situation in India".

The document flags PFI's funding and claims that over 100 bank accounts of the PFI do not match with the financial profiles of the account holders. This, it states, has led to the withdrawal of the registration status of PFI under sections 12A& 12 AA of the I-T Act.

In June, the ED attached assets that included 23 bank accounts of the PFI and 10 bank accounts of the PFI's front organisation Rehab India Foundation (RIF)

"Amount of more than Rs 60 crore have been deposited in the accounts of PFI which includes cash deposits of more than Rs 30 crore since 2009. Similarly, around Rs 58 crore have been deposited in the accounts of RIF since 2010," the ED said in a state-

### Congress race opens up

The latest development comes at a time when the standoff between Gehlot and the Congress high command showed no signs of easing. An expected meeting between Gehlot and Congress president Sonia Gandhi did not take place and the Chief Minister delayed his departure from Jaipur. Sources said the delay was because there was no signal from Gandhi's office on the meeting, and that Gehlot could meet her on Thursday. He finally left Jaipur at 9.30 pm.

Sonia, meanwhile, met veteran leader A K Antony. Soon after the meeting, AICC treasurer Pawan Kumar Bansal went to Kerala House, where Antony is staying, to meet the leader who has been called out of semi-retirement to help resolve the crisis. Sources said Antony is of the firm view that the Gandhi family's supremacy cannot be challenged.

Asked whether he was in contention for the Congress presidency, Antony said, "Am I a fool? I know my health condition. I left

national politics because of that." Asked who he would support, he said, "Don't expect my opinion in public now.'

Sources close to Digvijaya Singh said he was serious about the contest, which has opened up with the Gandhis preferring to remain neutral. Late Wednesday, Singh and AICC general secretary in-charge of organisation K C Venugopal took the same flight to Delhi. Meanwhile, sources close to Mallikarjun Kharge, the other name in the mix, reiterated that he will think about entering the fray only with the backing of the Gandhis. Among the other possible contenders, Madhya Pradesh Congress president Kamal Nath Wednesday made it clear that he was not interested in contesting.

Nath said he had told Sonia Gandhi when he met her Monday that he would not leave Madhya Pradesh as Assembly elections are just a year away. "I will not take this responsibility because this will take away my focus from Madhya Pradesh," he said.

### New CDS

with effect from the date of his assumption of charge and until fur-

The announcement sets at rest speculation on the future of the post triggered by the long delay in filling the vacancy. This is the first instance in the country's military of a retired officer returning after a period of time to uniform to serve as its most senior officer. Chauhan retired in May 2021. Rawat took charge as CDS the day after his retirement as Army Chief.

According to the Ministry, in a career spanning nearly 40 years, Chauhan has held several command, staff and instrumental appointments with extensive experience in counter-insurgency operations in J&K and the Northeast, Born on May 18, 1961, in Uttarakhand. Chauhan was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles in 1981. He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy. His predecessor, Rawat, was also from 11 Gorkhas.

"In the rank of Maj General, the officer had commanded an Infantry Division in the critical Baramulla sector in the Northern Command, Later as Lt General, he commanded a corps in the North East and subsequently went to become the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Command from September 2019 and held the charge until his retirement from the service in May 2021," the statement said.

According to the Ministry, in addition to holding these command positions. Chauhan also held important staff appointments, including the charge of Director General of Military Operations.

After his retirement, Chauhan joined the National Security Council Secretariat as Military Advisor, replacing Lt Gen Vinod G Khandare who stepped down from the post in October 2021.

### Free foodgrain

Rs 44,762 crore. The decision would ensure the poor are supported during the festive season.

Thakur said the government has spent about Rs 3.45 lakh crore up to the sixth phase of the PM-GKAY. With the additional spend of about Rs 44,762 crore in the seventh phase (October-December 2022), the overall expenditure will touch Rs 3.91 lakh crore, he said. Over 25 months since its launch in 2020, the total foodgrains allocation will be around 1,121 LMT.

> "Recognising that people have gone through a difficult period of pandemic, the government has decided to extend PM-GKAY for three months so that the poor and vulnerable sections of society are supported for forthcoming festivals like Navratri, Dussehra, Milad-un-nabi, Deepawali, Chhath pooja, Gurunanakdev Jayanti, Christmas, etc," the government said. The PM-GKAY was a compo-

> nent of the government's Rs 1.7 lakh crore Covid-19 relief package announced on March 26, 2020two days after the country went into national lockdown. Initially, the scheme was for only for three months, On July 8, 2020, it was extended for another five months till November 2020. When the second wave of Covid-19 hit in March-April 2021, the government restarted the scheme. The third phase was approved for May-June 2021. It was extended for another five months July-November 2021, and then again till March 2022, a decision believed to be influenced by the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab. After polls, it was again extended on March 26 this year – this was the sixth phase from April-September 2022. In Gujarat and Himachal

Pradesh – where elections are due in November-December - the ratio of people covered under the NFSA is lower than the national

### Rahul Yatra: Wanting on plans, attempt to see India 'in slow motion'

The few that did are in Kerala and the mood here is upbeat. Pilot vehicles announce the arrival of 'Gandhi' and amplify the Nehruvian legacy of the leader in transit, evoking weighty parallels of Dandi Yatra and Discovery of India. Rahul himself sees his march as nothing grand. He says it is just a way of slowing down to be with the people, an effort to see India "in slow motion".

"I used to cycle a lot as a child and found that it is a better way to connect to the world than driving. When you are in a car, everything whizzes past."

Thousands have gathered to watch. Some just stand on any spot high enough to get a good view. Some more eager to catch the leader's eye are jostling to keep pace along the edges of the

The political journey is a bit wanting on plans, but that is more than made up with metaphors and stories. Not all of them are as casual as they seem. One such anecdote was put

walkway-mukt Kerala highway.

to good use at a roadside meeting that closed the previous day's yatra. Halfway through the ing with the ruler of the UAE. and not live in fortresses as our rulers do today." A short pause and then the punchline, "That is

speech, Rahul recalls his meet-"The king told me his nation was built by Indians." Explanation follows. "India's ethos has always been to reach out, build bridges

how you Keralites went out and built Dubai." The audience

On the strength of the re-

freshed crowd connect, Rahul targets the Modi government for "favouring" super-rich monopolies. "Every time you visit the petrol pump, much of your money goes not to the state but to private coffers.' Just when you think he will

rub it in, he changes tack. Pointing to the mobile phone shop across the road, he hopes "that the small business out there doesn't shut shop soon". Cheers again, from a crowd that can't applaud only because almost every hand holds a mobile phone camera recording the visiting celebrity.

Rahul seems content to engage rather than provoke, and it suits Kerala's politics. No point in tearing into the BIP and losing the floating Hindu vote. Can't offend

the Left outright either. Back home in Delhi, you must break bread with Comrade Yechury. Again, there is no scope to better the Kerala score in 2024. In 2019, it was a clean sweep

Fifteen out of the total Congress tally of 53 seats, including Rahul's own, were won from Kerala. The party is stable hereabouts. Most state leaders, some visibly exhausted, have walked and walked to make sure they are seen and counted. They would soon see off the walker in chief as he moves on to Karnataka. That is when the national padyatra would well and truly begin.

(The writer walked with Rahul Gandhi on the leg from Pattambi towards Koppam, on September More sketches www.indianexpress.com

### Collegium looks at judges' record at building an institutional pracsuch practices had not evolved for

tice to assess candidates objectively. The data would help the Collegium counter any apprehension or objection raised against a candidate, both within the Collegium or by the government. The five-member Collegium

also comprises Justices D Y Chandrachud, Sanjay Kishan Kaul, S Abdul Nazeer and K M Joseph.

For appointment to High Courts, the Collegium has evolved criteria to assess performance of a lawyer including a minimum annual income, number of reported judgements etc.

In the past, some Chief Justices have also met candidates as an informal interview before making recommendations. However, recommendations at the SC-level since most candidates would have already spent more than a decade in the judicial system and would be Chief Justices of High Courts. Currently, the SC has 29

judges, including the CJI, against a sanctioned strength of 34 judges. With Justice Hemant Gupta retiring on October 16 and CJI Lalit retiring on November 8, the vacancies will increase to 7 judges. The Collegium is expected to meet on September 30 to discuss more appointments to the top court.

At a meeting held Wednesday afternoon, the Collegium is learnt to have finalised recommendations for appointments of Chief Justices to various High Courts.





# After ultimatum, protesters disperse from Noida society

**ARNAV CHANDRASEKHAR** NOIDA, SEPTEMBER 28

THE TYAGI community protest outside Noida's Grand Omaxe society — which had entered its second day as protesters said they will stay put until "all encroachments" in the society are removed - was eventually dispersed in the evening as authorities issued stern orders.

In August this year, Shrikant Tyagi, a resident, had hurled abuses at a woman during an argument about planting palm trees in the open area outside his ground floor house. Tyagi was later arrested and has been in jail since. The trees were removed and bulldozers also pulled down an extension Tyagi had made to his house.

On Tuesday, the trees were back, allegedly put up by his family. The Noida Authority then issued a 48-hour ultimatum saying all encroachments across the society had to be removed.

Members of the Tyagi community had started gathering outside the society on Tuesday evening, after reports that the new trees would be removed.

On Wednesday, the protesters said they would stay put till the encroachments are removed from all houses, not just Tyagi's.

In the evening, however, DCP Central Noida R B Singh said in a statement: "The protesters dispersed at 5 pm after the Noida authority began surveying Grand



Protesters on Wednesday with a shamiana over mats they spread on the road near the main gate

Omaxe for any possible encroachments, as per the earlier announcement."

Anu Tyagi, Shrikant's wife, meanwhile, said her family was being targeted. "Some people had targeted my family, destroyed our plants and demolished a part of our house... Now they are getting the results of their own actions."

The palm trees outside the house had not been removed on Wednesday afternoon.

Earlier in the day, protesters had put up a shamiana over mats they spread on the road near the main gate, while a stove and small water tank were also set up.

Those gathered raised slogans such as 'Tyagi Ekta Zindabad' and 'Jai Tyagi Samaj'. Addressing the protesters, Mange Ram Tyagi, who is leading the protests, said, "We are here to support not only Anu and her family, but to stand

up for all women and children of our community... When her husband is already in jail, she should not have been treated like this."

At the gates, delivery personnel and workers had a hard time getting inside, with a small queue at the society gate office as they waited for entry tokens to be issued. Armed police were also present with senior Central Noida officers ADCP Saad Miya Khan and DCP Ram Badan Singh at the

Meanwhile, the residents' welfare association said matters were under control.

RWA president Avinash Mathur said during the day: "The situation has remained peaceful. There is not much disruption except for the crowds when children return from school... Our residents have also been talking to protesters to ensure smooth entry and exit."

LOGISTICS

# CM wants 'Make India #1' in deshbhakti curriculum

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

CELEBRATING A year of the launch of deshbhakti curriculum, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday said that campaign 'Make India Number 1' needs to be included in the curriculum, to instil in students the desire to work for the country's progress when they graduate. The campaign announced by the Aam Admi Party had unveiled the party's ambition and entry into the Lok Sabha polls fray.

Addressing hundreds of teachers and students at the annual celebration of the Delhi government's ambitious project, Kejriwal said, "The politicians or the political parties cannot make the country number one... We, 130 crore citizens, need to come together to take India to the top... We have already kickstarted the process and they will keep on emerging in newer forms, I request the teachers present here to include this topic in the deshbhakti curriculum so every child graduating from Delhi government schools should have the spirit of making India 1."

The mission was launched recampaign. The deshbhakti curriculum was announced in 2019 for all schools under the Delhi government, and was launched last year on the birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh.

"We are proud of the efforts of our teachers. There cannot be a better gift to Bhagat Singh than the discussion on the deshbhakti curriculum on his birth anniver-

sary," Kejriwal said.

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# REVOLUTIONIZING FOR NATIONAL GROWTH V. Kalyana Rama

A very warm good afternoon to all of you. It is my privilege and honour to welcome boost to logistics facilities across the country. you at this 34th Annual General Meeting of your Company. On behalf of the entire Board and Management, I would like to thank each one of you for sparing your

First of all, I congratulate you on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrating 75th year of India's Independence. Over these years backed by the committed workforce and doing away with the host of long and cumbersome process for the trade, the robust democracy, India has emerged as one of the fastest growing economy in Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP), will bring all the digital services the world. At present, India is the World's fifth largest economy and is expected to related to the transportation sector into a single portal be among top three economies globally over the next decade.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the last two years were challenging for all of us. It is to achieve substantial growth. indeed satisfying to see that the world has almost overcome the pandemic now However, there is a widespread uncertainty, owing to severe economic stress. untamed inflation, geopolitical tensions and supply chain disruption, which is threatening to trigger global recession. In such an unpredictable environment, it CONCOR family, your company has achieved yet another year of is heartening that our country has demonstrated admirable resilience and robust recovery driven by the Government's proactive policy measures and skillful Company as it has done extremely well on all fronts. The impressive management of the pandemic. It is commendable that while astutely addressing performance of the Company on various parameters such as physical immediate challenges, the Government has continued to carry out path breaking reforms and policy interventions to create conducive environment enhancing our competitiveness globally. As a result, the India story is thriving and our Country is poised to attract global investments and grow steadily in future.

Amidst the global disruptions and challenges, your Company has kept its focus on providing uninterrupted logistics support with its efficient services to the trade and industry. It has performed consistently well and improved its strong fundamentals Your Company is optimistic about the economic scenario going forward and is well poised to seize the emerging business opportunities.

The report of the Directors and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022, with the reports of Auditors and comments of Comptroller and Auditor General of India have already been circulated to you and with your permission, I will take them as read. Now, I would like to elaborate the brief financial highlights and achievements during the year 2021-22 along with the future prospects of the

Though the outlook for global economy in short term is clouded by considerable uncertainties, its long-term positive outlook is still intact. As per the World Economic outlook report of International Monetary Fund (IMF), the global growth in 2022 is expected to slow down from 6.1% in the 2021 to 3.2% in 2022 and for India, it has predicted growth of 7.4% and 6.1% in the year 2022 and 2023 respectively. The pandemic has fast tracked the journey into the future through exponential pace of digital adoption and innovations world over. Never before in a short time, so many transformations have taken place. In the turbulent environment, resilience shown by the Indian Economy has kept it buoyant. The release of suppressed demand, the ease of mobility restrictions, nearly universal vaccine coverage, impetus on infrastructure, various initiatives taken by the Government of India are all helping in the revival of business. In this process, the service sector will be the engine of significant growth in which the logistics sector is likely to play a vital role.



During the year, Indian Railways registered an increase of 15% in the originating loading cargo from 1,233.22 million tonnes in 2020-21 to 1,418.27 million tonnes in the year 2021-22. The originating containerized cargo transported by rail has increased by 17.63% from 63.23 million tonnes in 2020-21 to 74.38 million tonnes

In value terms, total exports of the country increased by 43.81% from 291.81 billion dollars in 2020-21 to 419.65 billion dollars in 2021-22. Imports of the country have also registered positive growth by 55.13% from 394.44 billion dollars in 2020-21 to 611.89 billion dollars in 2021-22.

The growth of the logistics sector is largely driven by the economic activities internationally and within the country. The Government has recognized the consistently over the years importance of infrastructure and logistics industry in the economic growth and shareholders were 1.36 lakh. has taken many initiatives in this direction. The work started under National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), National Monetization Pipeline (NMP) and PM Gati

## CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH AT 34th AGM OF **CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA**

Shakti-National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity, will go a long way for sustainable development of infrastructure in the country. Various steps under the AatmaNirbhar Bharat, Production Linked Incentive (PLI), etc. will help in the growth and development of the industries within the country. The plan to set up 25,000 km of new highways, 100 new cargo terminals, multimodal connectivity between mass urban transport and railways along with faster implementation and innovative ways of financing will give a big

The National Logistics Policy (NLP) unveiled by Hon'ble Prime Minister, will help in establishing a technologically enabled, integrated, cost-efficient, sustainable and trusted logistics ed em in the country for accelerated and inclusive growth. The policy aims to reduce cost of logistics in India. By

Your Company is fully geared to take advantage from the above initiatives

With the relentless commitment and dedication of every member of outstanding performance. I am delighted with the performance of your volumes, financial, CAPEX, dividend, etc. are as follows:



The year 2021-22 has been the year of outstanding performance for your Company, in which it achieved the highest ever handling volumes of 4 million TEUs as against 3.6 million TEUs in the FY 2020-21 i.e. a growth of 11.8%. It transported 47.69 million tonnes of cargo volume by rail during the year showing 13.5% increase over previous year. It registered a growth of 7.7% and 32.3% in EXIM and Domestic throughput respectively. The Company also achieved the highest ever gross turnover of Rs.7,857 crores, as against Rs.6,670 crores in FY 2020-21 i.e. a growth of 17.8%. The Profit after tax of the Company stood at Rs.1,062 crores with an increase of 111%

To achieve the mission of becoming the first choice of our customers, the Company remains firmly committed for development and expansion of its terminals, acquisition of wagons, containers, handling equipment and creating IT Infrastructure. In 2021-22, the Company has developed two new facilities at Multi Modal Logistics Park at Mundra, Gujarat and Rail Transhipment Hub at Swarupganj, Rajasthan. It has incurred Rs.603 crores as Capital expenditures. At the year end, it has a robust fleet of 16,679 wagons, 37,431 containers, 108 RSTs, 14 gantry cranes and 31 Reefer power packs of different capacity.

Movable Assets

The Net worth and market capitalization of the Company as on 31.03.2022 was Rs.10,777 crores and Rs.40,954 crores respectively. The Company has always followed the policy of sharing the wealth it has created amongst its shareholders. During the year, on equity share of Rs. 5/- each, two interim dividends of 80% (Rs. 4/- per share) and 40% (Rs. 2/- per share) were paid to the shareholders and a final dividend of 60% (Rs.3/- per share) for the FY 2021-22 has been recommended for approval of shareholders. With this, the total dividend payment for the year, will be amounting to Rs.548.36 crores, which is 51.62% of net profit. As a testimony of your confidence in the Company, the numbers of shareholders have grown consistently over the years and as on 31.03.2022, the number of



Your Company continues to be the market leader in multi-modal logistics in India with the largest available network of container terminals having presence in almost all container handling ports and major industrial hubs. It Company is working on further automation of its operations by planning has a large fleet of rolling stock, containers, handling equipment, IT enabled operations with customs and customers interface enabling your Company to provide efficient and reliable value-added services.

Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved Railways' land policy to implement PM Gati-Shakti Cargo Terminal framework which will help in setting up and development of infrastructure required for boosting the growth of logistics sector.

The Company has developed complete dust proof and moisture free solution for loading, unloading & transportation of bulk Cement & Fly Ash into the silo and bulker through 20' ISO standard containers. This will not only help in capturing the substantial volumes of traffic by rail but will also be environment friendly mode of transporting commodities in bulk.

To support the EXIM trade dealing with shortage of containers in hinterland, scheme of aggressive discount for repositioning of empty containers for export purpose has been introduced. Steps are also taken to meet the shortage of containers for exporters in which CONCOR provided its own containers for overseas movement. In order to promote the AatmaNirbhar Bharat in container manufacturing, initiatives have been taken by floating EOI for development of vendors for indigenous manufacturing. Subsequently, orders for procurement of 18,000 containers were placed with indigenous manufacturers.



The Company has introduced business solutions services under which single window services for various activities pertaining to custom clearance, cargo and container transportations are being provided in most economic and reliable manner.

The Company has developed solutions for improving its asset utilisation through introduction of shunting locos in phased manner at our major terminals. This will result in efficient handling at terminals and reduction in the detention time. All the new procurements of containers and wagons are of higher carrying capacity. The focus area is now going to be carrying the commodities in bulk and commencement of distribution logistics under

During the year, work was done through many other business initiatives, to name a few are usage of high capacity BLCS rakes for containers movement, carrying wheat in bulk, banana export through special container trains, running of two double stake rakes of 180 TEUs as python rake of 360 TEUs from our terminal at Khatuwas (Rajasthan), Bonded trucking

To diversify, expand and enter the new markets, your company has entered into different business alliances, including by setting up JVs (Joint Ventures) and Subsidiaries. At Present, your Company has four Subsidiaries and ten sea port operations, last mile connectivity, container freight stations, air cargo and cold chain logistics. With such partnerships, we have achieved several synergic benefits and they have contributed to the revenues of CONCOR and have helped in the overall growth of its business. Most of the JVs are doing very well and have been paying dividend

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The Company is actively involved in leveraging its existing digital assets and has undertaken further investments in technology driven solutions to improve operational efficiencies with focus on providing quality services. With the usage of well established digital assets during the pandemic, all our terminals operated at full capacity. The Company works in paperless e-office environment and all its operating and financial systems are well integrated. As an organisation, we always strive to excel with the use of latest and more advanced technologies. We believe that extensive use of technology will help us respond to the ever-changing business scenarios and stay ahead in the market. To improve its service standards, your implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) based systems at its terminals. The adoption of AI will improve our service standard as the movement of containers and cargo at the terminals can be captured and shared on real time basis without any manual intervention.

**BULK CEMENT** 

Your Company's journey up till now would have been impossible without the dedication and hard work of Team CONCOR. The Company is focussed on attracting, developing and retaining the meritorious talent. It encourages its workforce to identify their short and long term goals and through training, motivation, exposure, etc., guidance is provided to achieve the same. Regular initiatives are taken to keep the workforce updated with the latest technologies and skill-sets that are necessary to fulfil the organisational as well as individual goals.



It is believed that a diverse workforce brings with it, different perspectives experiences and competencies and making us more innovative, inclusive and competitive. The work environment which actively incorporates different ideas, perspectives and leadership styles is encouraged. The endeavour is always to create a workplace that promotes gender equality, diversity and ready. The initiatives taken by your Company in the field of moving bulk inclusivity. I deeply admire and appreciate the courage and determination of our team, as their professionalism, motivation and dedication has helped us in achieving our goals.

### Your Company is a Navratna Undertaking and good Corporate Governance

is the core to its success. It conducts its business in a responsible way by maintaining a high level of organizational integrity and ethical behavior It has put in place the framework of best policies, practices, structure and ethics in the Organisation. Today your Company is a well respected corporate citizen and it has earned the trust and goodwill of all the stakeholders. It is committed to do things the right way, which includes taking business decisions and acting in ways that are ethical and compliant to applicable legislations. In my view the foundation for our success has been rooted in our work culture and values with our ethos of 'Customer

Your Company always believes in carrying out its business activities in a socially and environmentally responsible manner by balancing the needs of all stakeholders and contributing to the upliftment and well-being of the disadvantaged sections of the society. In this respect, it is fully conscious and sensitive of its role as a corporate citizen and has put in place a well-structured policy on Corporate Social Responsibility. The key areas covered were in the field of health, education, skill development environment sustainability, sports, infrastructure development, etc. An amount of Rs.15.17 crores was utilized during the year on CSR activities, which inter-alia included work in the following areas

Infrastructure Development of schools. Construction of toilet blocks at public places. Education for poor children in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. Cancer detection camps and hand holding with cancer patients in Delhi

Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad. Organizing Mobile medical camps and free cataract surgeries fo

stakeholders in NCR Support in prevention of beggary, promoting education and creating

sports infrastructure. Providing support for Covid-19 in the form of vaccination, equipment like

oxygen concentrators, ICU ventilators, medical beds, etc. (Andhra Pradesh), Asifabad

(Telangana), Chandauli and Shravasti (Uttar Pradesh), assistance was provided for procurement of various health equipment, provided scooter for medical workers, construction of public toilets, set up water ATM/RO plants, construction of Asha Ghar/Waiting hall (with toilet), etc.

Your Company is sharpening its focus on the holistic growth, which will not only be in terms of profits but will bring positive changes and impacts on the society and environment. This approach will help us creating sustainable value for our customers, employees and other stakeholders.

I am of the firm belief that the logistics is going to be the sunrise sector of the future. With this vision, CONCOR has been moving ahead and taking lot of business initiatives, to tap the opportunities that will come on its way The pace of economic activity has picked up during FY 2021-22 and the momentum is expected to continue. Economic activities such as expansion of road infrastructure, commencement of operations of dedicated freight corridors, implementation of various plans of Government under PM Gati-



substantial growth in the logistics sector for which your Company is future cargo in containers, increase in double stack movements of containers expansion of business in neighbouring countries, distribution logistics Non Vessel Owning Common Carrier (NVOCC) service, container as warehouse, development of rail trans-shipment hubs, solutions for First Mile Last Mile (FMLM) connectivity, etc. will substantially contribute towards the future growth of its business.

Before concluding, I on behalf of the Board of Directors, would like to thank the Ministry of Railways, Shipping, Commerce and Industry, Finance other Ministries. Departments of the Government of India, various State Governments, shareholders, investors, JV partners, lenders, suppliers and customers for their consistent support and motivation.

I acknowledge and appreciate the guidance and valuable support of colleagues on the Board, C&AG of India and our Auditors. I also extend my thanks to the electronic and print media for providing constructive coverage.

My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the employees of the Company for their consistent outstanding performance and contributions. Dear shareholders, I would like to thank you for your trust and confidence which has always been the vital fuel in our majestic journey of steady

I wish and pray for the good health and safety of you and your loved ones

Thank you once again, Ladies and Gentlemen. Chairman and Managing Director

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# Driving action to tackle cardiovascular diseases

The World Heart Federation's biggest awareness-raising campaign, World Heart Day, steers attention to cardiovascular diseases and serves as a platform to inform, drive action and lead global involvement in the fight against cardiovascular diseases.

HUMAN heart beats an average of 100,000 times in a single day. Despite its mere size, that of a closed human fist, it is essential to care for the vital organ. World Heart Day, observed each year on September 29, is dedicated to spreading the message of a heart-healthy lifestyle throughout the world by bringing together people from all walks of life for a common purpose through participation in activities that focus on attaining this goal.

The emphasis on heart health becomes more pronounced in light of the harsh reality that cardiovascular diseases or CVDs are accountable for nearly half of all deaths resulting from non-communicable diseases. CVD is a medical term that is used for disorders of the human heart or the blood vessels. Coronary heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, congenital heart disease, peripheral arterial disease and rheumatic heart disease along with certain other conditions of the heart and the blood vessels fall within the ambit of CVDs.

With a steady rise in the number of CVD cases worldwide, more so in low and middle-income countries, owing to a number of reasons, there is growing concern over effectively dealing with the menace that is claiming lives at an alarming rate. The annual observance of World Heart Day on September 29, initiated by Geneva-based non-governmental organisation World Heart Federation (WHF) — the principal representative



body of the global cardiovascular community — mobilises action for educating and uniting people in the global fight against CVDs.

The WHF, which is at the forefront of championing heart health, has voiced its concern by clearly stating, "Cardiovascular disease is the world's number one killer, causing over 18.6 million deaths per year." WHF, as the sponsor of the

biggest awareness-raising platform for cardiovascular diseases, ie, World Heart Day, steers global attention to the onslaught of CVDs that have assumed catastrophic proportions in every part of the world. The day, centred around a unique theme each year, effectively raises public awareness about CVD as a health hazard and its global impact, while highlighting the measures that are instru-

mental in averting and controlling CVDs. With its mission "to connect, lead and inspire the cardiovascular community", WHF continues to inspire and drive global involvement aimed at promoting a heart-healthy lifestyle through its noteworthy campaign — World Heart Day and its distinct themes. The theme for the year 2022, 'Use Heart for Every Heart', is meant to inspire and awaken the desire in

WITH ITS MISSION "TO CONNECT, LEAD AND INSPIRE THE CARDIOVASCULAR COMMUNITY", WHF CONTINUES TO INSPIRE AND DRIVE GLOBAL INVOLVEMENT AIMED AT PROMOTING A HEART-HEALTHY LIFESTYLE THROUGH ITS NOTEWORTHY CAMPAIGN — WORLD HEART DAY.

people to use their hearts to think differently, make the right decisions, aid others and act with courage.

On the occasion of World Heart Day, the focus of individuals, communities, organisations and governments shifts to promoting the message of a hearthealthy lifestyle through active participation in public talks, educational programmes, free health check-ups,

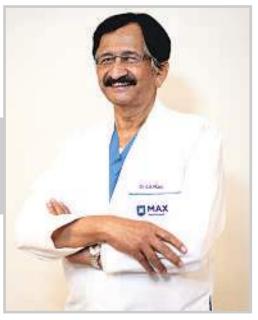
podcasts, leaflet distribution, fund-raising and sporting events, concerts, poster-making competitions and a range of engaging activities targeted at raising public awareness. Since this day aims at accelerating the exchange of knowledge pertaining to CVDs across borders, meetings of the medical community and international research organisations that are active in this field are commonplace on World Heart Day.

Contrary to the belief that cardiovascular diseases are modern-day living's ramifications, the earliest documented case of CVDs dates back to 1500 B.C. in Egypt. Cardiovascular diseases have plagued humans in every generation but the fast-paced and stressful life of this day and age has accelerated the occurrence of CVDs. Having said that, there is strong evidence which suggests that at least 80 per cent of premature deaths from heart diseases and strokes can be averted by addressing certain behavioural risk factors — unhealthy diet, obesity, physical inactivity, use of tobacco and the harmful use of alcohol. This emphasises the need for early detection of CVDs along with easy access to accurate information, affordable medical assistance, counselling and aftercare.

World Heart Day provides the perfect platform to unite everyone in the fight against cardiovascular diseases by focusing on raising awareness and actively propagating the message of a hearthealthy lifestyle.

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# Cardiovascular Health For Everyone



**Dr Ganesh K Mani**, Padmashri Recepient 2013 *Chairman*, Cardiac Sciences, Cardiac surgery, Max Smart Super Speciality Hospital, Saket

O believe that Heart disease occurs only after the fourth or fifth decade would be erroneous. I do concede that it gets the maximum prominence then largely because it affects the most productive set of our population and that too at their career peaks. But the truth is that Heart Disease really affects the entire spectrum of the population from the unborn to the Super Seniors!

In infancy and childhood, we come across Congenital Heart Defects in about 8 out of every thousand live births. Some babies that are born blue because of Birth defects of the heart have to be operated in infancy itself and this highly specialised branch of medicine is not given adequate importance the world over and humanity carries the guilt of letting some of these children grow to adolescence when secondary changes in the lung make them inoperable. As Pediatric Cardiac surgery is expensive due to requirement of sophisticated infra structure and specially trained professionals it is not universally developed in the private Healthcare sector.

The young parents at the first rungs of their Careers do not have the necessary resource to afford the hospital bills. To assist in this area, Rotary International (a world wide NGO) has come forward to fund / defray the cost of the hospitalisations by their "GIFT OF LIFE" mission and their G.O.L. OUT-REACH Mission. Also many other philanthropic organisations also pitch in to offer succour to these unlucky kids born to poor parents. The Government does give importance to this





Children born with Congenital Heart Disease can become Normal Citizens with Normal Life expectancy! Dr Padmavati pioneered the Rheumatic Fever Prophylaxis Program (RFPP) speciality in their premier tertiary care centres but only to a few. The vast majority in non urban areas may remain unattended because of ignorance or lack of resources.

Heart disease affects school children as well as many neglect repeated sore Throats and joint pains and end up with heart valve narrowed or leaking. Government run schemes like AYUSHMAN BHARAT and Arogyashree do fund these children for ballooning and artificial heart valves. India probably does the maximum number of valve related procedures in the World. So far only one Artifical Valve was manufactured in India called "Chitra Valve, but recently some other Indian Organisations also have been encouraged to make valves by PM Modi's "Make in India" Mission.

Thanks to our Genetic predilection and food habits, Heart disease continues to be the biggest killer of Indian adults. As the Festival season begins, the consumption of sweets go up and so does our incidence of Diabetes. Today it is not the cholesterol that we consume directly affects the heart but

it is the carbohydrates that get converted to body fat and consequent Insulin Resistance. Lack of exercise, Smoking and Stressful life are the curse of the competitive age that we live in. Getting into the stage of angina before starting preventive measures is a no brainer.

What we should aim is to prevent deposition of fats on the walls of our coronary or cerebral arteries which may progress to various degrees of narrowing. Going to the Doctor only after symptoms are noticed is the present practice. Angiography, Stent or Bypass Surgery is the succours available.

Deciding on the modality of Revascularization should be the exclusive decision of the Doctor and not dictated by patient preference. Though stents are getting better and better, Bypass Surgery with arterial grafts are more durable and saves more lives in the long run.

Recently in addition to CT scan and Angiography which pick up the narrowing of the arteries at the late stages, Artificial Intelligence aided CT scans and MRI's become valuable in discovering early disease and institute appropriate treatment using nutraceuticals in a preventive role much before the disease manifests in heart attacks or Sudden deaths. Lot of research is also being done in the use of growth hormones, testosterone and exosomes to prevent atherosclerosis which is the hitherto inevitable cause of ageing.

In the super seniors, we encounter problems of degeneration and rhythm disturbances. For fit patients surgical replacement of calcified valves is the treatment offered but for the unfit seniors, a less invasive but more expensive transcatheter valve or TAVI is getting popular.

Advancement in Pacemakers and Defibrillators have contributed in a big way to increase Longevity.

Thus we come back to the theme of the 2022 World Heart Day which champions "CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH FOR EVERY ONE!"

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# WORLD HEART DAY

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# LDL Cholesterol and Heart Health

T IS unfortunate that every fifth Indian dies off a heart attack, and it is often to do with abnormal lipid profile levels. It is alarming that Indians who do get cardiovascular diseases (heart attack, stroke and peripheral vascular diseases) get it almost 10 years before their western counterparts. The cholesterol, which is a fat-like substance found in all cells in the body travels through the blood vessels in small packages called lipoproteins. LDL or low density lipoprotein is bad because it leads to a build up of cholesterol in the blood vessel. HDL or high density lipoprotein is good because it removes the bad cholesterol (LDL) from the circulation back to the liver which removes the cholesterol from the blood.

The important risk factor for heart disease i.diabetes, hypertension, tobacco, stress etc. Push the bad cholesterol (LDL).into the arterial wall there by developing the blockage. Hence the control of risk factors is very important.

In recent times, many celebrities (Actors, cricketers) have suffered from heart disease inspite of being physically fit were in fact victims of high LDL. Moreover, on looking into young people affected with heart disease indicate that in such cases high LDL plays an important role. If we reduce LDL by lifestyle and medication we can prevent cardiovascular disease and have people with a healthy heart in our society. Unfortunately high cholesterol has no symptoms unlike hypertension and diabetes and the only way out is to get a lipid profile done. LDL cholesterol estimation is easy and simple tool to diagnosis and monitor therapy.

### When should one get a lipid profile done?

It is recommended that at the age of 20, one should get their first lipid profile done. This would help in creating a record for future comparison. In people with high cholesterol, the test should be done once a year. In patients suffering from familial hypercholesterolemia (FH), a genetic disorder, their siblings and children (2-8 years) should get the lipid profile estimated at the earliest and treated accordingly.

Should one fast for the lipid profile test? Globally, most of the guidelines for management of lipid disorders have recommended non fasting

on evidence from clinical studies. There is no change in Total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, non HDL cholesterol between fasting and non fasting state. However, a patient who is a known case of high triglycerides (>400 mg/dl) will require fasting lipid profile. Every other patient of heart disease, acute heart attack, elderly, young, diabetic, for preventive check up and follow up after medication can undergo non fasting lipid profile. Non fasting state makes it convenient for both patients and the staffs who conducts these test by avoiding early morning rush at labs and clinics.

### How much should one target the LDL cholesterol levels to be?

One needs to view a heart patient differently from those who are yet to show any signs of the disease. LDL cholesterol levels are the most important variable in the lipid profile for estimating the risk. In case of healthy people, it is less than 100 mg/dl. But, for patients who are at a very high risk, especially those with established heart disease, stroke, limb vessel disease, CT angiogram showing multiple blocks, long standing diabetes with multiple risk factors and patient of familial hypercholesterolemia with heart disease; the target should be to keep LDL <55 mg/dl.

In patients who are at high risk such as DM with one risk factor like hypertension or dyslipidemia, LDL >190 mg/dl, high BP with risk factors are suggested to keep LDL < 70 mg/dl. Patients with low risk are required to keep it below <100 mg/dl. Likewise, patients who have high triglycerides above 200 mg/dl, non HDL cholesterol (Total cholesterol - HDL cholesterol) should be targeted and it is 30 mg more than LDL.

There are different normal reference values for different patients and normal people. But there is no uniformity in reference range for lipids which are being followed by different laboratories across the country. That leads to confusion and thus often under diagnosed and under treated. It is recommended that separate reference range should be referred to for different patients and normal people but uniform throughout the laboratories across the country.

Population	LDL target
Normal Healthy	<100 mg/dl
Diabetes, hypertension with other risk factors	<70mg/dl
Established heart disease, stroke, FH with heart disease	_





High cholesterol (LDL cholesterol) is often overlooked and is a significant risk factor for cardiovascular disease says **Dr. IPS Sawhney**, Senior Consultant Cardiologist and Chairman of Cardiology,

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi and Past Chairman of Lipid council of India, CSI (Cardiological society of India).

### What is the dietary source of cholesterol?

This is a very important aspect that is often over looked. Liver is the organ which synthesises cholesterol and is present only in animals. So only animal products - milk, egg and flesh (chicken, mutton, and fish) have cholesterol. 80% of the production of cholesterol happens in the liver itself. Dietary contribution to serum cholesterol is only 20-25%. Plant products like fruits, cereals, soya, nuts (including cashew) etc. have no cholesterol.

### So, is sugar more dangerous than modest consumption of fat?

Yes, sugar is more dangerous than modest consumption of fat. General public can consume <10% of saturated fat (ghee, butter, and meat)

If you consume fat - there is increase in LDL as well as HDL but the ratio of LDL/HDL remains same with large size LDL. If you consume more sweet and >50% carbohydrate food, Triglycerides increases resulting in reduction of HDL while LDL levels do not change but LDL size reduces. The change in ratio of LDL & HDL and smaller LDL makes it easier to enter into arterial wall and cause atheroma formation (blockage of arteries). Patients with history of heart disease, diabetes, and high serum cholesterol are advised to reduce intake of dietary cholesterol as well as carbohydrates

### Is LDL cholesterol genetically linked?

The common risk factors for premature cardiovascular disease (heart attack and stroke) are high LDL, Diabetes, smoking and family history of heart disease. Patients with premature heart disease, high cholesterol and family history of heart disease often have a genetic disorder known as Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH). FH is the under diagnosed clinical condition in our society which causes premature heart attacks at an early age of 40-50 yrs.

In our study we have found >15% patient with young heart attack (<55 year male &<60 yrs female) with high cholesterol and family history had FH. In our country more than half of heart attacks occur at young age. Since it is a genetic disease it can also be transferred to the next generation in about 50% of the cases and such people are prone for premature heart attacks. These patients have very high cholesterol because of genetic defect on LDL receptor over surface of liver cells.

We suggest doing lipid profile of children and sibling of index patients to identify carrier of FH and if we can treat them with lifestyle and cholesterol lowering drugs on time we can prevent future premature heart disease in society.

There is another genetic marker of lipid disorder called Lp(a) which causes blockage and clot formation in blood vessels. High levels ( >50 mg/dl) are more common in our community as compared to western world in general population. It is recommended now that once in lifetime one should get Lp(a) levels preferably with 1st lipid profile estimation. Common lipid lowering drugs do not reduce Lp(a). New group of drugs are under evaluation which can specifically reduce Lp(a) and reduce cardio-

### In recent times, many celebrities have suffered from heart disease and most of them were victims of high LDL

### What is the way to manage and treat high cholesterol (LDL)?

Firstly, lifestyle modification with diet and exercise plays an important role in managing high cholesterol. We can reduce dietary intake of cholesterol (animal products). Exercise helps in reducing triglycerides and increase HDL cholesterol and increases the size of LDL cholesterol. Mainstay of treatment is statins (Atorvastatin, Rosuvastatin, Pitavastatin) which act in liver and reduces syntheses of LDL. They are very effective and safe drugs (approx. 5% only gets muscle aches)

Patients with established coronary disease need moderate to high doses to reach LDL goal of less than 55mg/dl. Non statin drug Ezetimibe 10 mg acts by preventing absorption of cholesterol from intestine and is also effective and safe. New oral drugs Bempedoic acid is now available and is also effective. Both the drugs are effective in statin intolerant patients (muscle aches). We have PCSK9 inhibitors (drugs that can be injected twice a month) available, which is effective, safe but costly. Other drug not yet available in India is Inclisiran (twice a year injection) which is also very effective.

Patient with very high cholesterol >120 mg/dl and suffering from heart disease we even start combination treatment of high dose statin and ezetimibe to reach goal of LDL earlier. Control of other risk factors is always important like keeping BP (130/80), Sugar (HbA1C<7%), quitting tobacco (chewing and smoking including bidis), reducing stress (exercise, yoga, meditation). The mantra to reduce LDL cholesterol is - Earlier the better, Lower the better, Longer the better and Together the

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# Be Attentive to Your Heart Health



'Use Heart for Every Heart' is the theme of the World Heart Day, 2022, which is observed every year on 29th September. In India, the increasing number of heart ailments, particularly in the youth, is a serious concern and burden for the State, and cardiologists are tackling the scourge. With an experience spanning 41 years, the renowned physician and cardiologist, Dr R.N. Kalra, Medical **Director and CEO R&D of Kalra Hospitals**, New Delhi, shares his concerns, advice and message about heart ailments on

the occasion of this global event.





THIS year, the World Heart Day, is of bigger significance for the medical fraternity as our nation has completed 75 years of its independence. It's a journey that we all have travelled with our pioneering seniors of the medical fraternity going to unimaginable lengths of self-sacrifice to pull India's healthcare from deep morass to become a global destination. The onus is on the younger generation to take forward the great legacy that people like my father, Dr R.N. Kalra, have established. We assure you of the best care made possible by technology. On World Heart Day, I appeal to everyone not to take their heart for granted. Lead a

> **DR ANKIT KALRA** MBBS, MD (Internal Medicine), DNB (Cardiology)

disciplined life.

### How is the World Heart Day observed at the landmark Kalra (Group of) Hospitals?

We celebrate the World Heart Day every year in our hospitals by conducting activities to create awareness about rising heart diseases in our country, particularly, in the young generation. When I started my practice in 1981, people used to get heart attacks only when they were past 60-70 years of age. At that time, getting an ECG of the heart was more common, and echocardiography (Echo) was a newly introduced diagnostic modality in cardiac care. There was no facility for angiography in Delhi in the 80's and I used to refer my patients to Chennai, which had the facility or to London if they could afford it (and so was the case with bypass surgery). Today, we have all the latest treatment modalities as anywhere else in the world, which has reduced the mortality rate and increased longevity of the patients who can now live a good quality life. Advent of AI-enabled precision surgeries and advanced technology in healthcare are a boon. Those suffering from arrhythmia, i.e. irregular heartbeat, and if their hearts are found to function at a low pace, can be corrected with miniscule wireless pacemakers that are less cum-

### What is the difference that you see in heart disease incidence now compared with 20-30 years ago?

In over four decades of practice as a cardiologist, I have come to recognize ailments from the heart beat of patients because of the sheer numbers that I have



examined and treated.

Today, the heart incidents that come to us are a byproduct of stressful lifestyles. The worry is that the population of younger generation with high stress, high BP and more occurrence of heart attacks are all triggered by their obsessive desire to earn more money much sooner with minimal physical effort. Also, aggravating the heart condition is environmental pollution and larger number of people becoming diabetic in India, which is increasingly leading to heart attacks in the general population and is more upsetting when the youth succumb to it.

### Your advise on how to keep the heart healthy?

Prevention is better than cure and also holds true for one's heart. Make exercise a part of your daily routine and do not lead a sedentary life. Go for brisk walk atleast 30-45 minutes five days in a week, and those who can't do so can opt for tough exercise once a week, do gardening, take a pet for a stroll etc., all of which will destress your heart and help prevent the onset of any disease.

Do not indulge in any substance abuse. Say 'NO' to smoking. Alcohol should also be taken in moderation, say 30 ml per

If you can keep your weight, BP, triglycerides, LDL (bad cholesterol) and diabetes under control, heart ailments can be pre-

### What is the diet that one has to follow for a healthy heart?

Avoid saturated fats and avoid overeating. Start with a sumptuous breakfast, a lighter lunch and frugal dinner with minimal carbohydrates. Try to keep 10-12 hours gap between breakfast and dinner, which must be had before sunset. It will also help keep your weight under control. I follow what I preach, which is the secret to my active life. For patients, it is of paramount importance to strictly follow the doctor's advice.

### How true is that the Covid-19 has affected the heart?

We are still learning about the deleterious affects of the virus on the heart. There are satisfactory data re: the safety of the vaccines against COVID-19 in patients with heart disease. I urge people reading this to maintain general hygiene, wash hands, wear masks, and get vacci-

### What are the latest medical armament that Kalra Hospitals have acquired?

Kalra Hospitals are already equipped with the latest catheterization laboratories. The latest equipment is intravascular ultrasound, (IVUS), which can take the image of the blood vessel from inside to ensure what size stent would fit the blood vessel and whether the stent has been inserted properly in the patient's heart, which helps us to be more accurate

in the treatment. Cardiac MRI, which supplements echocardiography, is a recent addition to our technology at Kalra Hos-

My two sons, Dr Ankur Kalra and Dr Ankit Kalra, are largely shouldering the clinical and management aspects of Kalra Hospitals with a fresh perspective that is global in vision and introducing high precision technology driven medical care with the help of a highly experienced team of doctors and trained staff. Dr. Ankur Kalra is a Harvard-trained interventional cardiologist, and was formerly a medical staff member at the Cleveland

### How can the government help strengthen private healthcare sec-

Even today, many medical drugs and equipment are imported, which are purchased by us at very exorbitant prices. If the customs duty charges on them are removed or at least negotiated, then in the long-term it would be a win-win situation for all stakeholders. It will enhance viability and enable scalability of numbers that would enable us to pass on the benefits to the patients to get the best of world-class treatment at affordable cost.

### On the World Heart Day, what is

your message to the public? If you want to live longer keep your heart healthy, keep smiling and live a positive life with no room for negativity such as jealously. Give your best to what you do and do good selflessly, leave the rest to destiny and God.

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**THE** theme for the World Heart Day 2022 is "Use Heart for Every Heart." In a 2020 study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association Network, we reported a 4.5-5-fold increase in the incidence of broken heart syndrome during the COVID-19 pandemic. We attributed this increase in the incidence to personal, societal and economic losses during the pandemic. As the world is slowing reeling out of the pandemic, it is important for us to use our heart to care for every heart, not only anatomically or physiologically or through medicines, but also through mindfulness, spirituality, love and poetry.

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# All You Need To Know About Heart Health

To believe that Heart disease occurs only after the fourth or fifth decade would be erroneous. I do concede that it gets the maximum prominence then largely because it affects the most productive set of our population and that too at their career peaks. But the truth is that Heart Disease really affects the entire spectrum of the population from the unborn to the Super Seniors!

been a sharp increase in the number of young and seemingly fit celebrities succumbing to sudden cardiac arrest. It is essential that we learn to identify risk factors and understand more about heart health.

The incidence of heart disease and cardiac arrests among young and seemingly fit Indians is on the rise. The shocking deaths of comedian Raju Srivastava, singer KK, Telugu star Puneeth Rajkumar, and TV actor Sidharth Shukla have left Indians baffled. Most of these celebrities were under the age of 55 and had no prior history of heart ailments.

According to the Indian Heart Association, Indians are more vulnerable to heart diseases that others and a significant number suffer cardiac arrests without prior warning. In fact, a recent study suggests that the rate of heart attacks among Indians has doubled in recent years. The spike has been rather sharp among the young. Nearly 25% of all heart attacks affect those under the age of 40. This has us wondering what makes young Indians vulnerable to heart attacks and cardiac diseases.

Eminent cardiologist, Dr Viveka Kumar of Max Healthcare, helps us understand the risk factors and how we can mitigate these through diet and lifestyle manage-

### What are the major factors that affect heart health?

A number of factors are used to determine a person's risk of developing heart diseases. Age, family history, dietary habits, smoking, lack of exercise, and comorbid conditions such as hypertension (high blood pressure), hyperlipidaemia (high cholesterol), and diabetes are the

VER the past few years, there has most common and significant. Men are at a greater risk of suffering from cardiac events and heart diseases than women.

### Why is there a rise in heart disease and sudden cardiac arrest among young Indians?

We have seen a significant rise in the number of sudden cardiac arrests among people between ages 20 and 50 across the world. heart disease among young Indians is rising. While much of this is attributed to a sedentary lifestyle, lack of activity or overexercising, smoking, lack of adequate sleep, and stress, the COVID-19 pandemic has also played an important role. Timely identification of risk factors, lifestyle modification, and prompt treatment can go a long way in preventing death or disability.

Several celebrities who have suffered from sudden cardiac arrest seemed fit. Some were at the gym when they experienced their cardiac events. How do we explain

An excess of anything can affect cardiac health. Unfortunately, a number of people are neglecting the need to gradually step up their fitness training regimen and throw themselves into strenuous exercise schedules. In these cases, the heart cannot tolerate this sudden change, and a cardiac event occurs. Overtraining is detrimental to cardiac health.

Indians have also started to undertake a lot of travel and adventurous activities. It is also important to remember that if you travel to mountainous places, proper acclimatisation is important. Sudden changes in temperature and altitude can put a strain on your heart.

Sudden cardiac arrests often come



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### What is the role of diet in heart health?

Our dietary habits are directly linked to our health. The risks of developing lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and cardiac conditions can be lowered by consuming high-fibre foods, fruits, and vegetables. It is important to avoid refined and processed foods high in saturated fats, sugar, and salt. Fast foods are best avoided. Most young Indians try out crash diets. It is important to have a balanced diet rather than try any extreme dietary fads.

### What are the symptoms to look

One of the most common signs to look out for is heart palpitations. The feeling that the heart is beating very fast should not be ignored. A normal heart beat ranges between 60 and 100 times a minute. Most cardiac events occur due to arrhythmias or irregular heartbeat. This is usually due to very fast heart beat or tachycardia but it could also include slowing down of the heart or brady arrhythmia.

Other signs to look out for are sudden chest pain, a spell of breathlessness, giddiness or light-headedness that could lead to loss of consciousness, and unusual sweating.

If you experience any pain or discomfort in the upper back or arms while exercising, it is important to stop and immediately seek medical attention. This goes for young people in their 20s and 30s as well.

### What are the things we can do to prevent heart disease?

### There are 6S for a healthy heart – edentary lifestyle should be avoided

at all times. Stay active and fit. Lack of activity and exercise can lead to several diseases, including heart ailments.

moking is a leading cause of heart disease. Talk to your doctor if you need help quitting.

tress is one of the significant causes of cardiac ailments and heart attacks. Learning to manage stress and taking up relaxing hobbies can help lead a healthy

Sleep is the body's way of rebooting itself and promoting healing. Lack of adequate sleep can put cardiac health in jeopardy.

alt intake should be limited since excess sodium consumption is one of the leading causes of hypertension and heart failure.

Sugar-laden foods, when consumed regularly, can be the cause of diabetes and cardiac diseases. Instead, consume a balanced diet with proper proportions of nutrients, vitamins, and minerals.

It is important to understand that cardiac health can be improved with a positive lifestyle and clean habits. Regular health checks are important, particularly if you have a family history of cardiac ailments or diabetes. People in high stress work environments are particularly vulnerable to cardiac stress and diseases. There is an urgent need to raise awareness among the youth of India and encourage them to get regular check-ups, even if they do not have any significant risk factors.

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# Perspective Of A Cardiac Surgeon



Cardiovascular Surgeries in India - In Conversation with Dr Manoj Luthra, CEO & Director of Cardiac Surgery - Jaypee Hospital,

India's burden of cardiovascular diseases (CVD) is among the highest worldwide. According to recent studies nearly 25% of all deaths in the country can be attributed to CVD. This is nearly a fifth of the 18 million deaths recorded each year across the globe. The rise of hypertension, heart attacks, and other cardiac ailments among young Indians, has now reached alarming proportions. Unhealthy lifestyle, poor dietary habits, stress, and smoking are among the leading contributors to heart diseases and the COVID-19 pandemic has only served to exacerbate the situation.

On the other hand, India is now becoming the global hub for healthcare and the country has excellent medical facilities. The country has come to be known for its highly trained and experienced doctors, great infrastructure, state-of-the-art technology, and the best of patient care. Let us hear from eminent heart surgeon Dr Manoj Luthra about cardiovascular diseases and surgical treatment options.

### Doctor, can you tell us a little about the history of cardiac surgery? Since when have heart surgeries been performed? Till the end of the 19th century, the heart remained an organ that was considerably inop-

erable. Cardiac surgery as we currently know it was first performed in 1896 when a German surgeon Ludwig Rehn placed sutures for an injury on a patient's heart for the very first

Cardiothoracic surgery was in fact practiced in ancient India. Maharishi Sushruta, who is often referred to as the Father of Surgery, is believed to have performed procedures like the drainage of the pericardium nearly 2600 years ago. This procedure requires making a chest incision and draining the fluid around

Surgical repair or replacement of heart valves, however, came to be performed much later in the mid -1920s. These surgeries were pioneered in the USA. Over a period of time, with advances in medicine, Heart surgery has gone from being one speciality to several specialised fields of surgical treatment.

### Your special area of interest is offpump CABG with arterial grafts. What is this procedure?

Open heart surgeries have been performed across the world since the 1950s. An openheart surgery is one in which the patient is placed on a cardiopulmonary bypass machine which takes over the functions of the heart and the lungs while the surgeon repairs the heart. In 1953, Dr John Gibbon, who had invented this bypass machine, became the first surgeon to perform this type of open-heart surgery at the Jefferson Medical College Hos-

pital in Philadelphia. In the 1990s, surgeons started to perform coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG), without putting the patient on bypass machine and stopping the heart. In fact, over 80% of these off-pump CABG surgeries are being performed in India and with considerable success. The expertise and the dexterity of Indian surgeons in this regard is commendable. Off-pump CABG surgeries reduce costs, complications, and post-operative infections.

### What are minimally invasive cardiac surgeries?

Traditional open-heart surgery involves making a large cut in the middle of the chest, cutting through the breastbone or sternum and getting to the heart. Minimally invasive surgery





**Dr Manoj Luthra** is one of *India's leading cardiac surgeons* specialising in both adult and paediatric heart surgeries. Apart from a distinguished service in the Armed Forces Medical Corps, he pursued fellowships in Australia and UK in specialised areas of cardiac surgery. His areas of interest include off-pump total arterial revascularization and thoracic aneurysm surgery.

is a procedure where a small 5-8-inch incision that we may have to take and also offer our is reached by going between the ribs. Highly

### How does a surgeon decide if he/she wants to use an artery or vein for a by-

There are several decisions that are made as part of the surgical plan. One of these is if an artery or a vein should be used for the bypass graft. A surgeon will typically prefer to use an artery as these last longer. A healthy artery graft should last up to 20 years while a vein could last about 10-12 years. Another factor is the location of the diseased artery. If the left anterior descending artery is blocked or narrowed due to build-up of plaque, an artery graft is preferable to a vein. The state of the patient's native arteries and age of the patient are other factors to consider.

### Can a patient develop a blockage again after a CABG surgery?

Coronary artery disease happens when cholesterol deposits or plaques build up inside the arteries that supply blood to the heart. While we treat it surgically by performing the CABG procedure, the condition that caused this blockage is not treated by surgery. The patient needs to work on lifestyle management and take medicines that will prevent the formation of newer blockages.

### When are valve replacement surgeries being done with a CABG procedure?

If the blood flow to the heart valves is compromised by a severe blockage of the coronary arteries, the patient will need to be evaluated for the extent of the damage to the heart valves. If the valve is far too damaged to function optimally, the surgeon may choose to replace or repair the valve in the same surgery instead of putting the patient through heart surgery for a second time.

### What is the involvement of the patient in the various surgical decisions that a surgeon may take?

In the case of planned surgeries, surgeons should ideally present their surgical plan to the patients and take the patients wishes and suggestions into consideration. As a surgeon, it is incumbent on our part to present the patient with the pros and cons of each decision

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is made on one side of the chest and the heart recommendations about the best course of

### Cardiac surgeries come at a huge cost. Has there been an effort to reduce the cost and make surgeries more afford-

As a cardiac surgeon, this is one of the areas I have been passionately working on for several years now. I believe in keeping the procedure simple and straightforward. We should use the best possible technologies that are available but should also remain conscious about their affordability. Another important step that we need to take is focus on indigenous availability of medical technology and

The manufacturing industry should come together with doctors to encourage domestic production to help reduce the costs considerably. The government is also putting in a great deal of effort to encourage domestic medical manufacturing industry. We must take advan-

Jaypee Group itself is working towards manufacturing of commonly used high quality medical disposables at an optimal cost.

### What initiatives the Government has taken in the Health Sector?

To achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage, Ayushman Bharat- a flagship scheme of the Government of India under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi was

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) as part of the Ayushman Bharat is the World's largest health insurance scheme fully financed by the Government for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization across public and private empanelled hospitals in India.

Other initiatives include Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) and Health Infrastructure Mission (ABHIM) for capacity building at all levels of health systems and to create new infrastructure.

### Young Indians are increasingly suffering from heart condition. What is your recommendation?

Eat right, exercise right. Maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle is at the very core of heart health. Make a commitment to yourself and your family to stay fit and healthy at all times.



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2022 is "Use heart for every heart." How is SSB Hospital spreading this message of positivity to mark this day? One should develop a helping attitude and do something positive for the heart of the general public and save as many lives as possible. To mark the World Heart Day, our hospital is giving discounts for angiography, CT Scan, free consultation, holding free health check-ups and encouraging people to come and get themselves screened because detecting heart problem early can help in the management of the heart disease. We want to educate people about the importance of prevention and healthy lifestyle i.e. reduction in weight, heart healthy diet, exercise and no smoking among the pillars of heart healthy lifestyle. Our team of 5 cardiologists are conducting free check-ups in the OPD for detecting risk factors for heart problems, and doing echo for those deserving it. We have also launched awareness campaigns on primary, secondary and tertiary prevention.

### Could you elaborate on what is primary, secondary and tertiary prevention?

Primary prevention is aimed at spreading awareness through talks, lectures about the risk factors for heart disease. In secondary prevention, people are thoroughly screened for early detection of heart disease. Tertiary prevention involves people with established CAD, who are put on appropriate medications to prevent heart attack and also heart failure to avert sudden death. Patients who are at risk of sudden death are advised implantable cardiovascular de-fibrillator (ICD) and those who have multiple artery blockages, angioplasty is advised. If the person needs by-pass surgery, we do that also alongwith appropriate drugs to prevent progression of heart failure and advancement of atherosclerosis disease. If all the three preventions are taken care of , a heart patient can live for 30-40 years where being in touch with their cardiologists and heart hospital is paramount. Heart care has advanced incredibly that if the patients are managed well they don't usually die of heart disease but they die of cancer, substantiated by a 20



### What is the most prevalent heart dis-

years of study In the US.

ease among the Indian population? The South East Asian population are prone to heart disease because of their genetic disposition. They tend to get heart disease atleast 10 years earlier than the western population because their endothelial function is poor. Also, we have the tendency of being more susceptible to diabetes because we carry its genes exposing Indians to premature heart disease. The prevalence of high BP, diabetes etc., mostly ignored by people in our country also heighten the risk factor for heart diseases. Cardiovascular diseases are the commonest which can manifest as heart attacks, angina or as paralytic stroke due to blockage of the artery which can occur in respective organs and in any circulatory system of the body that is impacted due to cholesterol deposition.

Young heart attacks are alarmingly

common place. What is your advise to the youth?

The youngest person was a 19 year-old boy for whom I did the angioplasty. We get to see an increasing number of young CAD patients reporting to us. If the problem is detected early the situation is retrievable by opening blocked arteries enabling them to lead a healthy life. The problem is grave when patients come to us at a later stage and by then the heart muscles are completely damaged, they do not survive and if they do they have to live with a very weak heart. Patients with CAD should not go to gym or do any isometric exercise which increases both systolic & diastolic blood pressure which could rupture the plaque in the arteries and block them precipitating into a sudden heart attack or silent death. Brisk walk is the safest and best for all depending upon individual capacity.

### Has Covid-19 aggravated heart problems in people?

The Covid-19 virus has impacted the heart

muscles and increased the chances of clot formation in the coronary arteries, but it was not a common phenomenon. I have seen many Covid patients during the second wave of Covid out of which 4-5 percent of them developed heart disease that led to clot formation in the artery and where the heart muscle was involved making the heart weak and risk of death in these patients was high. But those patients, who reported early, we could save their lives by doing timely angioplasty on them. There is no proven fact that confirms Covid affects the heart. However, some of them who took Covishield vaccine were susceptible to clot formation in the brain, in the arteries of the heart and also in the lung leading to paralytic stroke and pulmonary embolism [clot in lung circulation] sometimes causing sudden death.

Brilliance is writ large on the persona of renowned

Chairman and Managing director of SSB Heart &

first heart centre in Haryana in 2002 & has the

distinction of having many firsts to his credit, of

to start his career in 1994 at the then Escorts

the state. Recipient of many recognitions and

30 years on World Heart Day.

hospital which was the only corporate hospital in

honours, Dr Bansal shares his experiences of over

Multispecialty Hospital in Faridabad. He started the

being the first qualified DM cardiologist, of Haryana

interventional cardiologist Dr S.S. Bansal,

### What is the impact of pollution on heart health?

It is estimated that out of the global 1.86 crore people dying of heart and other cardiovascular problems, in India, out of 50 lakhs CVD deaths, 25 percent of them die of air pollution. My suggestion is that industries must to be shifted out of residential area. Going for car pool can also reduce pollution caused by vehicular emission or opt for cycling, which is good for the heart and does not add to the pollution. Burning of stubble is another issue that the government is now looking into it. Burning of waste such as plastic and other hazardous waste on roadside should be strictly

### How early should one go for screening of the heart and check-ups?

Children with family history of heart disease or high cholesterol level should get their lipid profile at the age of 13 or on attaining puberty and after turning 20, everyone should go for lipid profile, sugar, BP checkup. After the age of 40 all must undergo screening test and the ASCVD app has to be downloaded in your mobile to assess the

risk of heart attack in next 10 years and even during your life time. If the blood pressure and blood sugar is normal going for check-up once or twice in two years would suffice and the same goes for cholesterol. Go for lifestyle modifications to stay healthy, yet if you are detected early for any heart disease go for medication and get a check-up done every three months till you achieve the target objective parameters, thereafter once every year would do.

### What makes SSB Hospital a landmark healthcare centre?

We are a multi-speciality hospital with a special focus on heart. I feel proud to say that we are a strong team of eminent doctors and surgeons, who are well versed with working with advanced technologies. The 200 bedded hospital has state-of-the-art Cath labs, special catheters, advanced Rotablator, CT scan for heart and Cardiac MRI which is the latest machinery redefining the paradigms of diagnostics and clinical outcomes. Advancement in drugs too has helped in better heart management. Today's modern drugs are so effective that problems such as blockages in stents do not occur and the probability of death is extremely low. Our endeavour is to save lives.

### What is your message to the people on World Heart Day?

With advancement of drugs, diagnostics and precision surgery options, which are effective and affordable, one should not avoid consulting a cardiologist on detecting even the slightest of symptoms of heart problem. Get yourself screened for lipid, sugar & high BP as it helps early detection, treatment becomes easy and you enjoy quality life. Download ASCVD app on your smart mobile phones to calculate your risk of heart attack and death. Anybody in the 40-70 year age category can calculate the total heart attack risk for the next 10 years. If the risk is more than 20 percent then they should consult a cardiologist and take appropriate medication as advised to prevent risk of paralysis, stroke and many other cascading disease.

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# Keep Your Heart Beating, beating and beating...

orld Heart Day is observed every year on 29th September with the aim of increasing awareness regarding cardiovascular disease.

Healthy heart makes a healthy life, healthy life makes a Healthy Nation. It is important to take care of the health of our heart which beats around 72 times per minute throughout our lifetime. Neglecting the health of our heart may lead to cardiovascular disease, stroke and sudden heart attacks.

Cardiovascular Disease is a class of disease that affects heart or blood vessels.

Cardiovascular Disease is considered as the No.1 Killer in the World. Over 8.6 million deaths occur every year globally due to cardiovascular

### **RISK FACTORS**

- Family history
- Smoking Diabetes
- High Cholesterol
- Unhealthy diet
- Physical inactivity
- Excessive Alcohol
- Obesity
- Stress

World Heart Day is observed annually on 29th September with the aim of increasing awareness of cardiovascular disease and how to control them.

### **COMMON SYMPTOMS**

Cardiovascular disease is a silent killer. Most of the time it remains asymptomatic. The patients may present with:

Pain or discomfort in the center of

### the chest

- Pain or discomfort in left shoulder,
- left arm, back and neck Difficulty in breathing
- Earlier, it was thought that cardiovascular disease is seen among el-

derly persons only. However, it is seen that even at the young age of 30 to 40 years., the disease can be the seen.

### **PREVENTION OF CARDIOVASCU-**LAR DISEASE

- Modification of life style
- Avoid smoking and tobacco consumption
- Control diabetes and hypertension ■ Healthy Food habit: - eating fiber rich diet, fruits, vegetables and low calories diet.
- Avoid fatty and carbohydrates rich

- Regular exercises, preferably brisk walking, 40 to 50 minutes per day
- Proper continuous sleep 6 to 8 hours per day.
- Regular Cardiac check-up especially Blood Pressure and Blood sugar after the age of 40.

### **THEME OF THIS YEAR**

The World Heart Federation has adopted the following Theme for World Heart Day 2022:

### "USE HEART FOR EVERY HEART"

This Theme has a philosophical meaning conveying that one has to be empathetic, helpful and courteous towards others. Such behavior will provide a soothing effect to our heart and thereby reduce the stressful effect on our mind.

Greeting from Indian Medical Association on the occasion of World Heart Day.

It is important to take care of our heart which takes care of us throughout our life. Healthy Heart enables us to lead a healthy and productive life. The World Heart Day is observed mainly to disseminate information among the general publicregarding health and disease of the heart.

Heart Diseases are preventable to large extent. Smoking, tobacco consumption, excessive alcoholconsumption, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, diabetes and obesity are the main risk factors.

Healthy diet, modified lifestyle, regular physical activity and avoiding stressful environment will prevent the cardiovascular dis-

With this, I heartily wish all the readers happy, healthy and joyful life.

Thanking you, With regards,

**DR. SAHAJANAND PRASAD SINGH** National President, IMA

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disease.



# Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav PROGRESSIVE TTAR PRADESH



### **WELFARE AND** DOUBLING THE INCOME **OF FARMERS**

- Rs. 602 crore approved under Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Kisan Samriddhi Yojana for projects to make barren and rugged land cultivable
- Rs.48,324 crore transferred to 2.60 crore farmers under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme
- 27 mandis in the state modernized. Arrangement of pre-arrival -pass for farmers in mandis done under Ease of Doing Business
- 54 Krishi Kalyan Kendras established in the districts to help the farmers
- Payment of Rs. 30,697 crore to sugarcane farmers in last six months. Total payment to sugarcane farmers in last five and a half years exceeds Rs. 1,78,608 crore
- Use of drones in agricultural activities started. FPOs and graduates in agriculture to get these drones at 40-50% subsidy. Also 10,000 solar pumps allotted to farmers under the PM Kusum Yojana
- Digging of 2,847 field ponds under the PM Agricultural Irrigation scheme in progress

As many as 2,49,727 beneficiaries given cards under the PM Kisan Mandhan Yojana, 85,710 Hectare land in 49 districts identified for natural farming under the National Mission on Natural Farming

### **EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- Approval to start 'PG Diploma in Geo Informatics' in Architecture & Planning faculty of the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU)
- Tablets/smart phones to given to 11.80 lakh identified students under Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana
- Career counseling portal 'Pankh' developed to help students. E-library portal 'Pragyan' and mobile app developed to make available contemporary and reference material easily to students and general public
- 280 new Government Inter Colleges started in the state. 39 new high schools and 14 new inter colleges are under construction to provide quality education in unrepresented areas
- 77 girls hostels started to benefit girl students from the deprived class
- Three new state universities established while construction of 78 new government degree colleges is in progress. Also E-learning Parks developed in 119 government degree colleges
- Construction of 26 new government polytechnics approved as construction of 24 of these in progress
- Infrastructure improvement worth Rs. 200 crore implemented in AKTU under the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Quality Improvement Scheme
- 15 incubation centres established in engineering colleges in the state and AKTU institutions under the UP Start-up policy
- Training, Counseling and Placement Cells formed in Government ITIs for employment of successful trainees



### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES BEING CREATED**



- More than five lakh government jobs given in last five and a half years. More than one lakh of these jobs went to women
- Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission selects 3,532 candidates for various posts through a transparent process
- Selections done on 1,473 posts of Lecturers in the Department of Secondary Education and 1,314 posts of workshop instructors in Technical Education Department
- Eight examinations successfully conducted for a total of 3,404 posts of various services
- UPSSSC declared the result of selection process for 940 posts through a transparent process. The process of selection on 9,212 more posts is the final stage
- Registration and training of more than 10,000 youth in industries and establishments under Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme
- More than 8,000 youth given employment in special mega job fairs. Selection of 48,608 candidates in more than 400 job fairs organized for employment generation
- Selections done on 461 posts in Agriculture department, 256 posts of Medical Officer (Allopath) in Labor Department and 29 posts of District Economics and Statistics Officer in Planning Department

Total

Total

Vacant

Tests

8,751

**SENT TO 5-DAY CUSTODY** 

# Pressing for custody, CBI tells court Vijay Nair met liquor manufacturers, distributors at hotels

ANAND MOHAN J

NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 28

VIJAY NAIR, former CEO of events company Only Much Louder (OML) and currently the communications incharge of the Aam Aadmi Party, was on Wednesday sent to five-day CBI custody by a Delhi court, Nair was on Tuesday arrested by the agency in connection with alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy case.

Special Judge MK Nagpal of Rouse Avenue court while granting five days custody observed that the investigation of the case is at a nascent stage and "detailed custodial interrogation of the accused is felt necessary not only to unearth the entire conspiracy, the roles played by different accused persons including the public servants, but also to trace out the trail of ill-gotten money which is alleged to have been paid to the accused public servants by way of commission".

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

A DAY after AAP communication

in-charge Vijay Nair was arrested

by the CBI in connection with al-

leged corruption in Delhi's now

scrapped liquor policy, Chief

Minister Arvind Kejriwal linked

his arrest with the upcoming

terday. Who is Vijay Nair? AAP ka

chhota sa kartakarta hai (He is a

small-time AAP worker). He han-

dles communication for us.

Earlier, he did great work in

Puniab and we formed the gov-

ernment there. Now he is han-

**BRIEFLY** 

"They arrested Vijay Nair yes-

Gujarat assembly polls.

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

though Nair is stated to have joined investigation on six different dates, but it is alleged that he is "not co-operative and has avoided to give reasonable replies to the questions put to him as he had been giving evasive replies to the same on different pretexts.'

The court stated that custodial interrogation of the accused is also felt necessary to confront him with the evidence and the nature of data deleted from his

The CBI senior public prosecutor, Pankaj Gupta, had moved an application seeking seven-day police custody. He began his arguments by submitting that the agency seized two mobile phones that had been formatted. The CBI also submitted that they were investigating chats sent by Nair on Signal, which were encrypted.

Gupta submitted that this was a high-profile case involving

Now they have arrested him.

They are saying he was involved

in a liquor scam in Delhi. I don't

understand how he is linked to

liquor or a liquor scam. He looks at

social media in Gujarat. He is just

a party worker," Kejriwal said in

Nair, the former CEO of

Mumbai-based entertainment

and events management firm

Only Much Louder, has been as-

sociated with AAP since 2014 but

got a bigger role in 2019 during

the party's assembly election

campaign in Delhi, party sources

said. He, along with Deputy Chief

Minister Manish Sisodia, has been

a video address.



Nair was arrested by the agency Tuesday

high-profile people such as Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, and that Nair was "not cooperating, not answering" the investigators.

CBI said that Nair was actively involved in the formulation of the Delhi government's liquor policy for the year 2021-22.

The agency alleged that Nair was involved in "meeting with the other co-accused and liquor

Linked arrest to Gujarat polls

was being called for questioning

every day. He was being pres-

sured to name Manish Sisodia,

and threatened with arrest if he

did not name him. But he is a

"Over the past few days he

utors in different hotels at Hyderabad, Mumbai and Delhi for arranging ill-gotten money through hawala operators/chan-

The agency submitted that this was done for arranging 6% commission out of 12% profits from wholesale distributors of major brands of liquor in Delhi.

The agency submitted that Nair tried to "conceal true facts relating to the conspiracy, the roles played by the other co-accused, including public servants, as well as the trail of ill-gotten money received through hawala channels" The CBI stated that the ac-

cused had given "evasive replies to most of the questions put to him with regard to above aspects and had thus avoided replies thereto on some false pretexts". Senior advocate Rebecca

John, who appeared on behalf of

Nair, walked the court through

the case so far. She told the court

They searched his bank locker but

did not find anything; now they

are trying to trap him like this.

They raided Vijay Nair's home

twice in a month but did not find

Keiriwal also said that the cen-

"People from across the coun-

anything there either," he said.

tral government was not inter-

ested in solving the problems be-

try are suffering because of price

rise and inflation, everything is

expensive, there is joblessness,

and businesses are shutting

down. At a time like this, it is the

biggest job of any government to

find solutions. But they don't care.

ing faced by the common man.

"As far as the case is concerned, application handed over to me seems speculative than based on any hard facts. Fact is, I have not dealt with any money

Kejriwal and AAP," he said.

"The people of Guiarat are

abusing them openly. They only

think about how to crush AAP.

First they arrested Jain (health

minister) in a fake case, then they

arrested MLA Amanatullah Khan

in a fake case. Yesterday they ar-

rested Nair. Next week they will

arrest Manish Sisodia. If they can

arrest a small party worker like

Nair, they can arrest anyone.

Today I appeal to all AAP workers

across the county to be ready for

arrests. If Vijay Nair can be ar-

rested, any AAP worker can be ar-

rested. You should be ready for ar-

rests, they can arrest you under

any case, especially workers from

that an FIR was registered on

August 17, and two days later, a

search was conducted at Nair's

home when he was in London.

She told the court that Nair in-

formed the agency that he would

return to India as soon as possi-

ble, and arrived on August 28,

when two of his mobile phones

John told the court that the

agency had in total seized five

mobile phones. While address-

ing allegations that Nair format-

ted his phone, John told the court,

"I(Nair)told them(CBI)that I had

given this (the phones) as a gift

to my friends in London... obvi-

ously it may have been format-

ted for their use. I had given them

(phones) to friends, even some of

my own phones are formatted.

That cannot be treated as a cir-

cumstance against me."

were seized

icy. I dealt with the media... These are allegations based without foundation. They asked for 7 days' police custody (PC). PC should not be granted in a routine way. I was in custody for over three weeks. Please reject the PC and send me to judicial custody," John told the court.

A CBI officer told the court, "A lot of data was deleted on those

John, while addressing allegations that Nair was not cooperating with the investigation, told the court: "It is a red herring in criminal law, that unless I don't say what they want (me) to say, then he is not cooperating."

"I repeatedly came for questioning. We don't care who is the co-accused, everybody is equal

had looted India more in 75 years

than the British had in 200 years.

anniversary. This is the second in-

dependence struggle. He fought

to free the country from the

British, we have to fight to free it

from these looteras. We have to

save it from those who roam the

country trying to buy MLAs. They

are looting the nation's wealth

and taking it abroad. In the 75

years since Independence, they

have looted India more than the

British did in 200 years. First one

party did it, now the other is doing

it. They will file false cases against

you, are you ready for this? Be a

part of AAP only if you are ready

to go to iail, only if you are ready to

sacrifice for the country like

Bhagat Singh," Kejriwal said.

"Today is Bhagat Singh's birth

in law. Speaking for myself, I have joined on every date of hearing. I would have gone if they continued to call me. I used to come till 9 in the night," John told the Kejriwal responds: 'AAP ka ek chhota sa karyakarta'

The ED, represented by spe-

mand application stated that Mahendru "is one of the kingpins and a major beneficiary in the entire policy". It stated that he conspired with other persons/entities having interests in the Delhi liquor trade to form a nexus of operations from manufacturing, wholesale and retail, which contradicted the stated objectives of the policy.

The ED stated that Mahendru

# Indospirit MD was 'kingpin' of excise policy: ED in court

ANAND MOHAN J

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate has told a Delhi court that Sameer Mahendru, managing director of Indospirit Group, was one of the kingpins and major beneficiaries of the now scrapped Delhi excise policy. which was in contradiction with the policy's stated objectives. The agency is probing a money laundering case filed in connection with the policy, and Mahendru, who was arrested by the ED earlier in the day, is one of the 15 people named in the

Special Judge M K Nagpal sent Mahendru to ED custody till October 6, observing that his custodial interrogation was necessary to ascertain the exact volume and extent of laundered proceeds of crime.

The court also noted that he needs to be confronted with digital and physical records stated to have been seized during searches, and to "go to the root of cartelisation and volume of kickbacks alleged to have been paid to the government servants" involved in drafting and implementation of the excise policy.

cial public prosecutor N K Matta and Faizan, had moved an appli-

cation seeking 14-day custody. The agency had in their re-

"used proxy/dummy persons to conceal the real owner of the

As per the ED case. Mahendru had a partnership stake of 35 per cent in Indospirit LLP, which got a wholesale L1 licence. He also obtained two retail zone licences under the name of Khao Gali restaurants that is under the name of his father-in-law "but (he) used to take all financial decisions in Khao Gali" and was the beneficial owner of the company, it is alleged.

The ED alleged that the profit that the company made between November 17, 2011, and August 31, 2022, of Rs 50 crore, is "nothing but an undue benefit which has been generated out of criminal activities. These proceeds of crime were again layered and laundered in the guise of profit through various persons and entities".

The ED alleged that Mahendru was directly/indirectly controlling the manufacturing, wholesale and retail businesses, in violation of the Excise "Mahendru extended his

scheme of cartelisation beyond his own entities by defeating the objectives of the policy... he was also involved in heavy kickback in advance and allowed dummy partners in Indospirit," the remand application read.

Advocate Dhruv Gupta, who appeared on behalf of the accused, opposed the ED remand by submitting that there was not a single ground in their plea besides pointing out the magnitude of the matter. "They say 103 places were raided. Do they belong to me? The answer is in the negative," Gupta argued.

Gupta told the court that six statements have been made by Mahendru to the agency.

"What more to add? Nothing is to be recovered from my possession. I might have taken a stand in my statements; what more can I do? Unless I sav something to their benefit,'

### egy in Gujarat. He was handling

### Men rob Delhi govt wine shop

New Delhi: A group of unknown persons allegedly broke into a Delhi government wine shop in West Delhi and decamped with Rs 30 lakh in cash along with CCTV system. No arrest has been made so far. Police said they are looking into CCTVs and trying to identify the accused.

### SUV rams into five, 3 killed

Nuh: Three of a family, including a 5-year-old girl, were killed while two were injured after an SUV rammed into them in Nuh district Wednesday. ENS



### **OUT OF BOUNDS**

A deserted Old Railway Bridge Wednesday, after it was closed for traffic owing to the rise in water level in the Yamuna. Amit Mehra

# Amanatullah gets bail, court says no loss to exchequer

### **ANAND MOHAN J**

NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 28

GRANTING BAIL to Aam Aadmi Party Okhla MLA Amanatullah Khan in a case of alleged irregularities in the Waqf Board, a Delhi court on Wednesday said that there was no loss to the state exchequer.

Special Judge Vikas Dhull held that allegations against Khan are not grave and serious in nature. He was granted bail on furnishing a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh.

On allegations of irregularities in recruitment to the Waqf Board, the court said that there is "no material on record to show that any of these recruited employees had paid any bribe to the accused in securing the employment".

The ACB had alleged that Khan granted tenancies at a lower rate of rent, which caused loss to the



AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan

board and state exchequer. The court, after perusing the documents of 15 properties, said there was no loss to the exchequer.

The court said, "From the said document, it is apparent that tenancies have been created at a higher rent than the reserve price and also the rent is higher than the previous rent being taken from the earlier tenants.'

Regarding the allegation of misappropriation of Rs 3.2 crore, by way of payment of salaries to

that "accused, being the Chairman, had no exclusive control over the Waaf fund."

"There is no material on record to show that grant in aid received by the Waqf Board in Waqf Fund was in the exclusive domain of the present accused being the Chairman of the Delhi Wagf Board, or he had the power to deal with the Waqf fund exclusively. Therefore, prima facie there is no material to show entrustment of Waaf fund to the present accused or his having exclusive dominion over the same," the court said. On allegations that Rs 3.2 crore was transferred to Khan the court said: "There is also no material on record to show that contractual employees were being paid salary without they performing the duties assigned to

## Substandard referral systems put To recreate jungle safari in Gurgaon, newborns, toddlers at risk: Study

**ANKITA UPADHYAY** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

SUBSTANDARD REFERRAL systems adopted by peripheral healthcare centres and private hospitals have put newborns and children under five at risk and led to mortality, according to research conducted by a team of doctors at Safdarjung hospital.

The research was conducted by doctors to study risk factors predicting mortality within 48 hours of admission in newborns and children under 5, referred to the paediatric emergency of a tertiary care hospital in India.

According to the research, 20% of 246 consecutive paediatric referral cases (62 newborns, 52 infants, and 132 children aged between 1 and 5 years) enrolled at Safdarjung Hospital witnessed mortality within 48 hours.

As many as 300 children were enrolled in this study. Out of these, 246 referred children were included for analysis and 54 were excluded. The children who were excluded were those who had come for surgical cases as the researchers were only looking for children of medical cases.

According to the research, 60% were referred from one healthcare contact, whereas 40% had to visit two and more healthcare facilities before being referred. Sixty per cent covered more than 20 km during transport and 20% of patients took more than two hours to reach the hospital. "Indication for referral to our centre was lack of intensive care services," the study

The team found that financial constraints were a leading cause of referrals from private hospitals.

"A large percentage was also referred from public sector hospitals. A majority (60%) referrals were due to unavailability of intensive care services, while a third was critical at arrival, requiring immediate resuscitation and management," said the study.

The research concluded that developing a paediatric triage and monitoring system, telepaediatric ICU, regionalising referral and back-referral services with robust interhospital communication, and strengthening paediatric emergency services are the need of the hour to reduce early in-hospital mortality.

One of the contributors to the research, Dr Harish Chelani, Professor at Department of Paediatrics, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, said that tertiary care hospitals like Safdarjung hospital are loaded because there is no prior referral information.

"We are not informed about the patients in advance. The babies are coming from peripheral healthcare centres and private hospitals and different states of the country in unstable conditions. Since Safdarjung Hospital has a non-refusal policy, they have to be taken up," he added.

# CM travels to Dubai — after a delay

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28

THE HARYANA government is aiming to create jungle safari and trekking routes in the Aravallis in Gurgaon. To convert the hills into a jungle safari, a delegation of the government led by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar went to Dubai Wednesday morning on a day's visit to study the jungle safari park there and replicate it in the district. The proposal to develop a

jungle safari and trekking routes was originally mooted by Khattar a few months ago during his meeting with the union minister for environment, forest and climate change Bhupender Yadav. Incidentally, Yadav had also gone to Dubai today to attend the Ministerial Round Table for Green Economy at the World Green Economy Summit at the World Trade Centre in Dubai,



The proposal was originally mooted by Khattar a few months. Archive

UAE. Both Khattar and Yadav are expected to visit the Dubai Jungle Safari park Thursday.

Khattar's departure from New Delhi to Dubai, however, got delayed after the bag carrying his passport was left at his residence in Chandigarh. "As a result, the Chief Minister missed his Emirates flight on which he was supposed to travel. The passport

was later sent to Delhi, and the hectares of forest land (10,000 CM and his PSO boarded the next Air India flight to Dubai and travelled in economy class. Khattar and the officials have met certain investors in Dubai and had discussions with them about other projects that could be implemented in Haryana," a senior official told The Indian Express.

A senior official said Khattar and the delegation also met investors in Dubai and "had discussions about other projects that could be implemented in

Khattar tweeted: "Had a cordial & productive meeting with Mr Sharafuddin Sharaf from Sharaf Group, Dubai. Various issues regarding infrastructure development and investment opportunities in Harvana were discussed during our interac-

According to sources, the government is aiming to create the jungle safari in about 3,800 acres) in the Aravallis of Gurgaon and Nuh districts, though the exact area is yet to be ascertained.

The state's forest department had carried out a survey wherein it was found that more than 180 species of birds, 29 species of aquatic animals, 57 species of butterflies, 15 species of mammals, reptiles and other animals exist in the Aravallis. The government is also aiming to introduce battery-operated vehicles in the safari to facilitate movement inside the compound.

Officials added that as there are no national parks in the Aravallis in Haryana, if a jungle safari comes up in the region, it would help protect the critical leopard and wildlife corridor from Asola Bhatti wildlife sanctuary in Delhi to Sariska wildlife sanctuary in Rajasthan.

Khattar had earlier said that "the jungle safari would be one of its kind in North India".

### 21 held over **B-day party** on the road

New Delhi: Twenty-one men were arrested Wednesday for allegedly throwing a birthday party in the middle of an elevated road, police said.

Police from the Indirapuram station said the incident took place early Wednesday morning when a 21-year-old East Delhi resident and his friends decided to celebrate his birthday there. Eight cars have been seized.

Police said the accused parked their cars haphazardly near Vasundhara Sector 13 and cut a birthday cake. They played music loudly through speakers and hurled abuses at passing vehicles, police said.

They also said the party resulted in traffic congestion, risking a potential accident, SP City-2 Gyanendra Singh, said: "These people started partying at 2 am. It seemed that they might have continued for a long time if we

New Delhi

had not detained them.'

### WORDLY WISE

ALL OF MY WRITING HAS GUITARS BEHIND IT, EVEN THE NOVELS.

— LEONARD COHEN

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

## AFTER THE BAN

It may help to counter security threat posed by PFI but the work of addressing its political challenge remains

IVE DAYS AFTER Central agencies raided premises of the Popular Front of India (PFI) and arrested over a hundred of its leaders, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has banned the outfit for a period of five years under the UAPA. The MHA notification says that "the PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts operate openly as socio-economic, educational and political organisation but they have been pursuing a secret agenda to radicalise a particular section of the society working towards undermining the concept of democracy and show sheer disrespect towards the constitutional authority and constitutional set up of the country". In response, the PFI has announced that "as law-abiding citizens", members of the outfit accept the ban, and henceforth, the outfit will cease to exist. But both the ban and the disbanding of the organisation are unlikely to mark the end of the political challenge that the now-erstwhile PFI continues to pose.

Investigating agencies claim to have unearthed unaccounted funds and linkages of PFI with global terrorist groups such as Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). The role of PFI cadres in unleashing violence, including killings, to further their agenda is well-documented. Shutting down PFI's funding network and arresting their leaders may help to counter the security challenge posed by the outfit. But the PFI is much more than a security threat: It also represents a militant strand of political Islam that draws money, material, cadre by exploiting the resentment and fear among a section of the Muslim minority amid the rise of majoritarian agendas and their perceived support by the state. That is a political challenge, which must be addressed politically. It will require mainstream parties to confront the increasing relegation of Muslims in public life, and call out rights abuses by state agencies — for instance, the often opaque and extended incarceration of Muslim youth under laws like the UAPA. The impression has also gained ground among sections of the community that many mainstream secular parties are more interested in patronising the minority as a vote bank than standing up for their Constitutional guarantees. The PFI and SDPI, the electoral arm of the PFI, have exploited distrust and/or disillusionment to push their ideological footprint.

The MHA ban doesn't extend to SDPI though it covers various outfits deemed to be PFI affiliates. Even though the PFI and SDPI have separate leaderships, their cadres overlap and they share a political vision. The SDPI is a registered political party and active in electoral politics — it has a few hundred representatives in local bodies, mostly in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Significant sections of the minority community find little resonance in the PFI's methods, including its use of terror and violence. But a ban may only force cadres underground. It cannot be — it should not be — the whole response to the gauntlet thrown down, in a diverse democracy, by an outfit like the PFI. What follows the ban, how the state goes about due process while implementing it, will frame the challenges that lie ahead.

### GIVE AND TAKE

Foreign minister Jaishankar does well to call out US attempt to put a counter-terrorism gloss on its F-16 package to Pakistan

XTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER S Jaishankar rightly called out the United States for trying to justify its \$450 million F-16 refurbishment package to Pakistan as one aimed at retaining "interoperability with US and partner forces in ongoing counter-terrorism efforts and in preparation for future contingency operations". In response, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has reiterated that it was Washington's "obligation" to ensure that the aircraft are maintained and sustained to bolster Islamabad's capability to deal with "clear terrorist threats" from al Qaeda and ISIS. Truly, the US does not fool anybody with this explanation. Whether Pakistan fought terrorism at all has been a question of international debate. What role, if any, Pakistan's F-16s played in this is even more unclear. Much of the global "war on terror" in Afghanistan was fought by US and NATO troops on the ground, and from the skies it was UAVs that rained missiles on high value targets. Pakistan's two failed operations on its territory against the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan included the Air Force. If F-16s were deployed in those operations, the results have not been promising. But to the extent that the US has used the F-16s as a reward for Pakistan — first for its role in the defeat of the Soviet Union in the first Afghan war, then as a sweetener in 2001 after commandeering its co-operation in the invasion of Afghanistan, and once again in 2016 citing the anti-Tehreek-e-Taliban operation — these aircraft have played an important role.

It can be presumed that the "F-16 case for sustainment and related equipment" approved on September 7 is reward for co-operation in the elimination of al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in Kabul a month earlier, and for giving the US access to Pakistani airspace, and also, perhaps, for delivering the Taliban to talks that enabled US withdrawal from Afghanistan. It reverses the freeze on military assistance to Pakistan imposed by the previous Trump administration. Donald Trump wasn't the first or only US president to figure out Pakistan's "deceit". But the others let it pass for what they saw as the big picture, including getting Osama bin Laden.

India's fulminations are unlikely to change the direction of the wind. Since the start of the Russian war in Ukraine, Delhi has deployed "strategic autonomy" to fashion a new foreign policy. Its "neutrality", and its decision to ignore international sanctions to buy oil from Russia, have angered the US and Europe. But India is not the only country that is balancing relationships. When the White House spokesman speaks about both India and Pakistan as US partners with "different points of emphasis", he confirms for India the logic of its non-alignment. Of course, eventually, the best antidote lies in the normalisation of India-Pakistan relations.

### ARTIST AS A YOUNG MAN

Release of Leonard Cohen's unpublished story has fans engaging in literary forensics, hoping to uncover origins of his lyrics

HERE IS A bittersweet joy in discovering an artist's work — unpublished, unseen and unheard — after he is no longer able to create. Years before Leonard Cohen became the soundtrack for happiness, despair, love and longing for scores of people around the world — before *Hallelujah* and *Suzanne* were sung — there was a young man who wanted to write. Now, six years after his death, a book of Cohen's thus far unpublished writings — *A Ballet of Lepers* — consisting of a novella and some short stories, is set to release. One of the stories, *The Jukebox Heart*, is available in the public domain. And in its words, fans and fanatics are searching for the genealogy of Cohen's poetry, set to music.

Is Mariette, the woman in the story who seems to suffuse the senses even from the two dimensional page, the origin of *So Long Marianne*? Are the dark streets of Montreal, the men in their overcoats, the roots of the "demons that were middle class and tame" in *You Want it Darker*? And as the young lovers — part memory, part fantasy and a projection into the future — lie languorously, those who know the song cannot help but think that the

story is a precursor to Hey, That's No Way to Say Goodbye.

This kind of literary forensics is, perhaps, the only tribute people can pay to artists who have given them much more than the price of admission to a museum, theatre or a CD. Tupac Shakur's posthumous music often seems prophetic, and every time another book compiled by Christopher Tolkein — of unpublished writings of his father — came out, Lord of the Rings fans had something to obsess over. In a way, there is something more honest in a posthumous work of art than a memoir. The truth of the artist's origins, the demons and milieu that defines them, can be uncovered and revisited. And sometimes, as with Cohen, in the prose of a musician, there is a vivid image of a genius in the making.

# Rediscovery of the South



G-20 presidency is an opportunity to position India as the voice of the 'Global South', flag North-South issues

Sanjaya Baru

CAUGHT BETWEEN AN existential East-West conflict of major powers, and dealing with the crisis of multilateralism, the slowing down of the major economies and a global impasse on the eve of taking charge of the presidency of the Group of Twenty (G-20), India has wisely rediscovered the South. India is being perceived as the "Voice of Global South", declared external affairs minister S Jaishankar, after a hectic week at the United Nations. Asked if India was taking the dust off an earlier foreign policy template of South-South cooperation, the minister replied, "Global South solidarity has always been with us, it's part of our DNA."

The fact, however, is that over the past two decades India has been busy claiming "rising", "leading" and major power status, with its impressive economic rise between the mid-1990s and the mid-2010s. Interestingly, still fighting shy of admitting to our low middle income "developing country" status we have adopted the now fashionable term of the aspirational Third World — "Global South".

Consider the fact that India has been largely inactive in what many in the Indian foreign policy commentariat regard as a moribund organisation, the Group of 77 (G-77) — now a 134-member group of developing economies. India last hosted a G-77 meeting in New Delhi in the 1980s. Pakistan has been more active within this group and currently chairs it. India, on the other hand, was busy hobnobbing with the big guys in forums like "G-7 plus", BRICS, SCO and trilaterals and quadrilaterals like Quad, Japan-America-India (JAI), Russia-India-China (RIC), and so on.

Several factors seem to have contributed to a change in Indian official outlook. First and foremost, the persistent unwillingness of the Big Five (the US, Russia, China, France and UK) to reform UN governance and let India into the UN Security Council, despite occasional endorsement of India's claims. Second, Western deglobalisation and disinterest in reform of multilateral financial and trade organisations (IMF, WB & WTO). Third, failure on the part of the US, EU, China and Japan to

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address the problem of mounting external debt burden of developing countries. Fourth, the impasse on climate change. Finally, the unleashing of an East-West power struggle, brought to a head by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, imposing huge costs on developing economies.

In the early days of the East-West conflict, many analysts imagined that India could step in as an interlocutor, given its good relations with both Russia and the US, help secure a ceasefire and emerge as a global player, fulfilling prophesies of its potential as a "Swing State". Alas, that did not happen. Neither Vladimir Putin nor Joseph Biden was willing to listen to friendly advice from Narendra Modi. Even the Europeans lent a deaf ear and, worse, sermonised India forcing a friendly Jaishankar to admonish them at Bratislava.

The huge economic costs imposed on developing countries by the economic consequences of the East-West conflict have come on top of the burden of Covid. Someone had to remind the world's most powerful, engaged in a continued search for global dominance, that the developing, post-colonial nations seek to rid the world of colonialism, neo-colonialism, "social imperialism" and hegemonism. These were the watchwords of the G-77 and have all but been forgotten in the era of globalisation, once fashionably referred to as a "Flat World" of equals.

It is at a time like this that India waits to take up the chairmanship of the G-20. We would know within the next month where the G-20 is headed. Host country Indonesia has tried to bring all sides together but given the state of the Ukraine war, it is unlikely that Putin and Biden will find themselves face to face in Jakarta. If the Indonesia summit fails, G-20 itself might enter a non-functional phase.

In fact, over the past few years the G-20 has little to its credit. Its glory days were in 2008-11 when the group stabilised the global economy. It failed to step in and help the Covid-afflicted world. So India may be taking over the chairmanship of a paralysed group.

It is perhaps against this background that the Indian government has chosen to switch gears. If G-20 is going to be stymied by the East-West conflict, why not try to breathe life into it as a platform for North-South dialogue? With three countries of the South — Indonesia, India and Brazil — taking charge of G-20 in 2022-24, this period offers an opportunity for North-South issues to be flagged.

India's focus on reform of multilateralism, international finance and trade, climate change, developing country external debt, energy and food prices and so on is a menu that was last served in the pre-globalisation, pre-Rising India era of the G-77. As a low middle income country seeking rapid economic development India remains well placed to be the "Voice of the Global South". However, India needs to regain the trust of other developing countries, especially in Africa and South and Southeast Asia, espousing their interests, for it to once again play this role effectively.

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Given the impasse in G-20, India may have well decided to make the most of the run-up to the summit, using this period to host several conferences and events, showcasing India as a tourist destination. The Union Minister of Tourism and Culture has already said this is a good opportunity for India to promote tourism. Perhaps that is why Prime Minister Modi chose to appoint an official who earned his bureaucratic credentials as a promoter of tourism — Kerala's "God's Own Country" and the "Incredible India" brands — as his G-20 Sherpa.

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# EYE OF THE STATE

Draft telecom bill proposes expansion of legal surveillance, with no safeguards

TANMAY SINGH AND KRISHNESH BAPAT

OVERTWO DECADES ago, allegations of surveillance against politicians led to a CBI inquiry and report against V P Singh's government. The allegations revealed that imaginary reasons were given for ordering phone-tapping without authorisation. This led to the Supreme Court issuing the last substantive legal reform on surveillance laws in India. The SC's directions are likely to remain the last reforms, as the Union government has published the Draft Telecommunications Bill, 2022 to replace the Telegraph Act, 1885.

The Telegraph Act contains broad and excessive powers of interception and surveillance of communications carried out through any telegraph. The surveillance power is principally contained under Section 5(2), and has resulted in an unaccountable, opaque and unconstitutional exercise of surveillance that has led to accusations across the political spectrum. This same provision is being replicated today, almost to the word, under the proposed Clause 24(2) of the Telecommunications Bill, 2022, Worse, the application of the power now clearly extends to "telecommunication services", defined to include "over-the-top(OTT) communications services" that are usually internet-based text or audio-visual transmissions through providers such as Signal, Telegram, Whatsapp or Zoom. Essentially, the privacy preserving technology of end-to-end encryption will be sought to be broken. This technology keeps messages private by preventing anyone other than the recipient from seeing them. Even today, large amounts of metadata, including phone numbers and user profiles that include membership of groups and conversations (without their content) are available to law

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There are two additional powers which

raise further concerns. First, the central government may, under Clauses 3 and 4, require licensing of "telecommunications services". The second is the power to prescribe standards under Clause 23, which may result in regulations as recently issued by the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) that have resulted in the closure of servers or services by leading, global VPN providers such as Proton and TunnelBear. All of this practically means that users will have less choice in the privacy and security of their digital footprint, as these powers will foreseeably lead to requirements to locally register and host data, and comply with requirements to identify users (KYC requirements). This means smaller service providers like Signal will be unable to comply due to compliance costs and privacy concerns, also leading to less innovation on privacy and the market concentration of a few dominant firms.

Finally, even law enforcement access is being expanded under vague grounds while maintaining the unaccountable enforcement structure of the Telegraph Act. Clause 25 provides for extensive powers to the government, including, "taking over the control... suspending the operation... [and even] manage any or all... telecommunications services", for reasons of, "national security". The term, "national security" is left undefined and does not match constitutional precedent or text which instead uses the phrase, "in the in-

terests of the security of state". With each subsequent provision, the Bill becomes worse. For instance, Clause 34 imposes a positive duty on users not to provide "false particulars" that may even lead to legal prosecution, and Clause 51 requires service providers to supply user information to authorised officers not only for pending but also for "apprehended civil or criminal proceedings". The coup-de-grace is served by Clause 53 that, despite an expansion of power under the Draft, continues with the insufficient procedural safeguards made under the Telegraph Act.

This massive expansion in legally sanctioned surveillance of millions of Indians is being proposed at a time when access to mobile internet has increased, and when there exist unprecedented methods of data collection. This is being done without a data protection law and with little transparency. Take two instances as examples: First, the Ministry of Home Affairs refuses to disclose even aggregate data on the number of surveillance orders issued by it each year; and second. there exist reported cases in which illegally gathered evidence is being sought to prosecute people. For instance, the Bombay High Court about three years ago noted in a case pending appeal before the Supreme Court, that premier investigating agencies such as the CBI have used, "interception orders (that) neither have sanction of law nor issued for legitimate aim". All of these issues in the Draft Communications Bill, 2022 portent an Orwellian state, before one even utters. "Pegasus".

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### SEPTEMBER 29, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### Congress vs Maneka

THE CONGRESS (I) is launching a massive drive with a plan to isolate Maneka Gandhi by weaning away the tiny groups of Sanjay Vichar Manch workers spread over several cities. Influential party leaders are being deputed to all centres where Maneka Gandhi had addressed followers recently. These include Baroda, Nagpur, Pune and towns in Punjab and Haryana and the state capitals.

THE PUNJAB SITUATION
PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi discussed

the Punjab situation and the Akali morcha with President Zail Singh. Singh informed Mrs Gandhi that Balwant Singh had told him that it would be difficult for the Akalis to resume negotiations with the government unless something concrete was conceded by

### Assam Deadlock

THE GOVERNMENT WAS understood to have told the Assam agitation leaders that it would be difficult for it to agree to the deletion from the electoral rolls of names of those foreign

nationals who had voted even once in ear-

stand conveyed by Defence Minister R Venkataraman, to the Assam leaders during their second informal meeting in two days, is bound to cast a shadow on the fifth round of formal tripartite talks.

lier elections in the state. The government's

### Massacre Probe

THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT bowed to intense domestic and international pressure and agreed to set up a formal inquiry into the massacre of Palestinians by Israel's Lebanese Christian allies. The military chief of the PLO was killed in an ambush behind Syrian lines.

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# WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"For Europe which is standing at a crossroads, it faces a series of development and security issues that wait for urgent solutions as its politics turns right. It needs strategic autonomy and the courage to see truth from facts. Italy is no exception to -GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

# Indira's failure, Atal's success

As a new party is born in Jammu and Kashmir, Modi-led Centre must learn from the past. Only a free and fair election can revive peace-building in the former state



GHULAM NABI AZAD'S re-entry into Jammu and Kashmir's politics with the launch of a new party has once again put the focus on the long-overdue elections in the former state. May 2022 marked the completion of four years since the elected government fell. Since then, the erstwhile state has been under direct administration by the Union. Though the Narendra Modi administration has repeatedly promised assembly elections, it appears that the earliest time for holding them might be spring 2023.

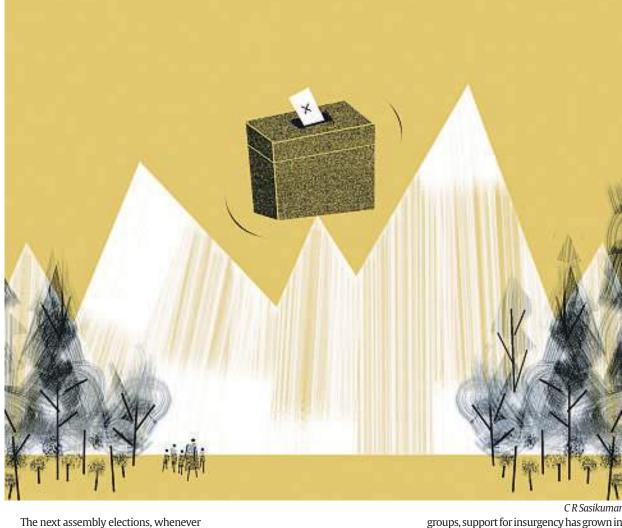
To understand the impact that elections might have on the former state, it is important to note how the context has changed over the past four years. While Jammu and Kashmir was under President's Rule, the Union parliament divided the state. The new Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was given an assembly with curtailed powers, along the lines of the Delhi assembly. The reorganisation act was immediately challenged in the Supreme Court by the Valley's chief political parties as well as engaged citizens like myself. Our petitions are still to be heard.

In the meantime, the Modi administration made far-reaching alterations to Jammu and Kashmir's polity. It replaced the state subject certificates with domicile certificates that opened up property and voting rights to a large number of temporary as well as longtime residents, it altered land laws and affected forest rights, it allocated mining rights to industry from outside the former state, it removed the right to free education up to the post-graduate level, it dissolved the Jammu and Kashmir administrative service, and it made anyone even remotely related to a militant liable to dismissal. Its latest act was to redo the delimitation of electoral constituencies, as ordered by the reorganisation act.

After the delimitation commission submitted its report in May this year, the Jammu and Kashmir administration began to revise the voters' list, announcing the possible addition of as many as two and a half million new voters. Given the absence of a recent census -- the 2020 census exercise was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and has yet to resume -- it is difficult to understand how the figure was arrived at.

Like the delimitation commission's bizarre exercise, which took radically divergent population yardsticks for Jammu province and the Kashmir Valley without offering any justification, the revision of the voters' list has given rise to further suspicion of the Modi administration's intent -- from seeking demographic change to manipulating the voters' list -- to install a BJP-led or compliant administration in the former state.

The suspicion is not baseless. According to BJP members, the party formed a coalition with the Mufti Mohammad Sayeed-led People's Democratic Party (PDP) to gain insider knowledge of the latter. Having gained what they sought, they withdrew from the alliance, unseating his daughter Mehbooba Mufti's administration. Twenty-one months later, they engineered a split in the PDP leading to the founding of Apni Party, which was the latest entrant to Jammu and Kashmir's politics until the advent of Azad's risibly named Democratic Azad Party (DAP).



they are held, will see a larger number of political parties in the fray than ever before. But the extent to which parties like the Apni Party or DAP will impact the electorate is doubtful In the Valley, the vast majority of seats are likely to go to the National Conference (NC) and PDP, both of which have strenuously opposed the Modi administration's actions since 2019. Though the removal of special status is popular in Jammu, the BJP might not do as well as they did the last time, since Jammu too has suffered as a result of the new domicile certificates, land laws and industrial policies. New voters, such as refugees from Pakistan, a large proportion of whom live in Jammu, might swell BJP votes but most likely only in and around Jammu city which would have gone to the BJP anyway. The probable shortfall in BJP seats might be taken up by DAP or ultranationalist Jammu parties, but it might equally well be divided between these and the NC or PDP. Unless the elections are blatantly rigged, the prospect of a BJP-led or supported administration being elected is

The spectre of rigging already hangs over the next election, with allegations of gerrymandering by the delimitation commission and over the prospective voters' list. Yet the need for a free and fair assembly election -preferably one that allows civil society observers, as has happened in the past -- has never been greater. The memory of the partially-rigged 1987 election is fresh in the Valley. The alienation from Delhi that the people of the Valley felt following two cross-border wars and a series of political blunders by the Indira Gandhi administration is even stronger today, this time due to the actions of the Modi administration from 2019 onwards.

Despite an overweening security grid that has brought down the number of armed attacks by local as well as cross-border Atal Bihari Vajpayee ensured free and fair elections in 2002 at a time when the insurgency was at its height. Jammu and Kashmir paid a high cost in terms of lives lost in attacks on candidates and campaigners. But the elections were followed by new policies of noninterference in state governance, along with peace negotiations with armed groups as well as Pakistan, which were continued by Vajpayee's successor, Manmohan Singh. Together, they soon led to a sharp fall in attacks and casualties and the restoration of a functioning government. The peace-building years of 2002-2012 also laid the foundation for India to use the UN's Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to target

groups, support for insurgency has grown in the Valley and targeted attacks on Pandits, panchayat officials and the police continue. The administration might fear that a return to democracy, likely to loosen heavy security restrictions, will lead to an increase in vioexperience.

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A free and fair election in 2023 can revive peace-building in the former state. The strongest confidence-building measure would be to restore statehood prior to elections and shelve the delimitation commission's recommendations. Since the former requires repeal of the reorganisation act, shelving the latter will be easy. It was constituted under the act and should vanish along

The belief that installing a compliant administration would pacify the Valley was held by Indira Gandhi too. She failed. Her failure, and Vajpayee's success, are lessons worth remembering by the current administration.

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> day one, Ashok Gehlot had been unwilling to quit his home turf; and never to his bete noire, Sachin Pilot. Gehlot agreed to toss his hat in the ring for the Congress presidency hoping to have the sole right to choose one of his loyalists to be his successor. The entire episode

amply illustrates that the national president of India's grand old party is not a coveted position for its sitting chief ministers. With over 90 MLAs throwing their weight behind Gehlot, he has once again lived up to his sobriquet: jaadugar. The defiance of the Gehlot supporting MLAs is bound to cast a shadow on Rahul Gandhi's yatra. Regardless of what comes of the crisis, it is inevitably going to be detrimental to the electoral prospects of the party in the assembly elections next year.

Samiul Hassan Quadri, Bikaner

### OPEN COURT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'SC, live' (IE, September 28). Initiating livestreaming of court proceedings for the public is a beneficial move by the apex court. The judiciary is one of the most critical pillars of democracy and gestures like these will only deepen the trust of the common man in the institution. Naturally, being watched by millions is an unnerving position to be in, especially while handling cases. However, as time goes on, they will get acquainted with the process. The move will also make it tougher for the judges

# Rise of SDPI, a cautionary tale

Steady growth of SDPI, political outfit of now-banned PFI, in Karnataka tells us a larger political story



SANJITH RAO AND CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT

ONCE DESCRIBED by the poet Kannada Kuvempu as Sarva Jangadha Shaantiya Thota (a garden in which all people co-exist in harmony), Karnataka's image has undergone a drastic change in recent times. Over the last year, it has been affected by the large-scale saffronisation of politics. The root cause is simple: The replacement of veteran BJP leader and Lingayat strongman, BS Yediyurappa with Basavaraj Bommai as the state's chief minister. Bommai, also a Lingayat, lacks popular support even from his own community - one of the state's most influential when it comes to electoral politics. The new CM has resorted to polarisation in a bid to cling on to power.

Saffronisation of the state's politics has taken several forms – rising vigilantism, the passing of "anti-conversion" Bills in both Houses, the hijab issue and the subsequent economic boycott of Muslim traders, the halal controversy, the rewriting of the school curriculum, and the resurrection of the Baba Budangiri Dargah conflict. These politically driven campaigns have been directed at the state's 8 million odd Muslims.

The Muslims of Karnataka, like in most other parts of India, are increasingly underrepresented in the political sphere today. The state's Muslims community have not had a presence in the Lok Sabha since the 14th Lok Sabha (2004-2009). Of the 224 seats in Karnataka's 16th Assembly, only seven, roughly 3 per cent, are held by Muslims though the community accounts for close to 13 per cent of the state's population, according to the 2011 Census. Three of these MLAs are from Bengaluru. Two of the remaining four are from the "Hyderabad-Karnataka" region - Kaneez Fatima from Gulbarga Uttar and Rahim Khan from Bidar. The other two Muslim MLAs are UT Khader from Mangaluru and Tanveer Sait from Narsimharaja constituency in Mysore. Notably, all seven are from the Congress.

The Congress's response to the increasing communalisation in the state, however, has lacked the force required from a "secular party". The party's members seem to be toeing a "balanced line" in a bid to not disappoint the floating voters. KPCC President DK Shivakumar has been reported as having wanted to go soft on the hijab issue. While addressing a press conference, a couple of months ago, the Deputy leader of the Opposition and Muslim politician, UT Khader took a jibe at the pro-hijab protesters by asking them to value their liberty and freedoms in India (as opposed to Pakistan and Saudi Arabia) and said that the courts will not make rules as per their (pro-hijab

supporters') "whims and fancies". Such statements by senior leaders of the state's Congress raise eyebrows about the party's willingness to represent the Muslim com-In the context of the polarisation process

mentioned above, the Congress's lacklustre response is bound to give an impetus to the slow yet steady growth of the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), the political outfit of the Popular Front of India, the now banned organisation. The SDPI has recently had a taste of electoral success in Karnataka's coastal belt, with victories in urban local body elections - three seats in Kaup and one each in Vittla and Kotekar. It has also registered impressive victories in the gram panchayat elections in Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu and Hassan districts. While these victories are unrelated to the hijab controversy, the growth of the SDPI does indicate the rising disgruntlement of Muslims against the Congress. The hijab controversy could increase the polarisation

In the absence of effective political representation, the Muslim vote bank could shift to a party that "represents" the community better, a phenomenon that calls to mind the inroads Asaddudin Owaisi's MIM has made in some Congress strongholds in other parts of the country.

We should, however, not get ahead of ourselves about the SDPI's prospects in the next year's state assembly election. Despite its electoral victories in local body elections, questions about the outfit's capacity to make a dent at the state level remain - rightly so, for the funds and organisational capacities required to win a state election are much higher. In the 2018 assembly elections, the party contested only three seats and its candidates lost their deposits in two of them. The SDPI's candidate also lost his deposit in the 2019 by-election to the Shivajinagar (Bangalore) constituency. The minority may choose not to split the Congress' vote share in 2023, especially if the party projects a more secular face and the BJP intensifies its polarisation strategy.

Another variable needs to be factored in. Unlike the PFI, the SDPI has not been banned so far. But enforcement agencies have cracked down on the party's members. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) have conducted raids in more than 10 states and arrested over 100 activists from the SDPI stable. This could make the party ineffective and dissuade Muslim voters from voting for it. On the contrary, the voters may also show solidarity with the embattled outfit, But then will SDPI candidates be even allowed to contest? That depends on whether the BIP intends to divide the Muslim vote or if it prefers to please its support base.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CONGRESS CRISIS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The low command' (IE, September 28). From

to show their prejudices while hearing

Bal Govind, Noida

### THE ROAD AHEAD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Taking a hard right' (IE, September 28). Giorgia Meloni-led Brothers of Italy party, with neo-fascist origins, is going to form the next government. The road ahead is not going to be easy given Italy's economic problems, divisions within her coalition and foreign policy challenges, including Ukraine. The twin challenges of deep-rooted corruption and organised crime will test Meloni's mettle. Europe and theworld need to be wary of the

### SS Paul, Nadia REALISING A DREAM

rise of another "powerful" leader.

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A dream For 2047' (IE, September 28). The need of the hour is to involve all stakeholders in a process of introspection. This should begin with strengthening the civil society organisations. Their inputs must be looked at from the perspective of strengthening participatory democracy. However, as Nani Palkhiwala has put it, it is the conscience of men in power that can make the ultimate difference when it comes to building a better future. A leadership which leads us into continuous introspection is expected from those in power if we wish to realise the

dream the piece aspires to. Sarthak Sonwalkar, Ujjain

# A champion of dosti

Humayun Khan believed that an India-Pakistan resolution is possible

Амітавн Маттоо

IN THE passing away of Humayun Khan, former foreign secretary of Pakistan and Islamabad's envoy to New Delhi, the Indian Subcontinent has lost a wise, almost sagely soul, who was also a "formidable diplomat, a thinker of high calibre and a genuine humanist," as former Pakistani Senator (and current leader of the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement), Afrasaib Khattak, described him. Khan was a Pashtun in the mould of the "frontier" Gandhi, Badshah Khan, rather than the usurpers of Pashtunwali, the dreadful Taliban. He was, above all, a passionate believer in India-Pakistan dosti

Khan understood that long-term realism in South Asia demands moving beyond the tactical and looking forward towards a common and secure future. In the last decades of his full and varied life, he devoted himself to his two passions -- the cause of India-Pakistan peace and rural development, especially to ensure the sustainable development of the people of his beloved Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

For Humayun "Lalla", the essence of the problematique of India-Pakistan relations was simple: India must have a larger heart and Pakistan must develop a more thoughtful head. If an expansive heart of India met the sensitive spirit of Pakistan, no problem would be too difficult to resolve. Unfortunately, he did not live long enough to see this dream

translate into reality.

Even his formidable adversaries within the Indian establishment spoke of his generosity, in thought and action. The former Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Gopalaswamy Parthasarthy, often seen as a hardliner, happily admitted to me that Khan "was a class apart". Parthasarthy and Khan had co-authored a book, Diplomatic Divide, reminiscing about their lives in Islamabad and New Delhi, respectively.

Khan belonged to a distinguished Pashtun family of Peshawar and had his early education as a boarder at Bishop Cotton School, Shimla, and then went to earn a tripos from Trinity at Cambridge. Subsequently, he joined the Civil Service of Pakistan and served primarily in the Northwest Frontier (now Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) including as Political Agent in Malakand and North Waziristan and then as Home Secretary for the Province.

In the 1970s was Khan first seconded to and then permanently absorbed in the Pakistan foreign service serving as its High Commissioner in Bangladesh and then India before being promoted and superannuating as Foreign Secretary. In the early 1990s, he served as Pakistan's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, TCA Raghavan, India's High Commissioner to Islamabad from 2013-2015, described Khan as a "mentor and friend".

The high point of Humayun Khan's tenure

was his four-year stint as High Commissioner to India, from 1984-1988 and as Foreign Secretary for less than a year thereafter. As High Commissioner, he arrived in New Delhi in the last months of Indira Gandhi's tenure as Prime Minister and stayed through the initial bonhomie of the Rajiv Gandhi-Benazir Bhutto diplomatic honeymoon and presided over the twists and turns during that intriguing period in bilateral relations.

Pakistan-based terrorists.

When Khan called on Mrs Gandhi, he found that, not surprisingly, she did not like General Zia-ul Haq but she reserved real animosity for Zulifiqar Ali Bhutto. This was because the bitterness that she still nursed about the betrayal at Shimla. As is well known, ZAB had agreed at Shimla to converting the Line of Control into the international border but wanted time to "prepare his people" before signing a formal agreement. In Mrs Gandhi's view, ZAB did a complete U-turn once he returned to Pakistan from Shimla.

One of the most enduring bilateral agreements between India and Pakistan, "The Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack Against Nuclear Installations and Facilities the Non-Attack Agreement") was signed by Khan and his Indian counterpart, KPS Menon, on December 31, 1988

A notable failure during Khan's tenure as Foreign Secretary was the inability to arrive at an agreement and disengage at the Siachen glacier. Both Rajiv Gandhi and Benazir Bhutto, seeking a major foreign policy success (Rajiv Gandhi particularly after the fiasco in Sri Lanka and Nepal) had apparently personally intervened to give "political clearance" to a plan to demilitarise Siachen but the agreement fell apart after meeting strong opposition from the Indian armed forces, unwilling to move out of the dominating heights of the Saltro ridge.

My personal relationship with Humayun "Lalla" evolved while chairing for a decade the only meaningful Track 2 dialogue with the blessings of the top leadership on both sides. His was a voice of reason, of restraint, of moderation and nuance and he brought with him the highest drafting skills when demanded.

I hosted him as Vice Chancellor at Jammu, and I remember him talking about izzat as being at the heart of Pashtunwali. "All of us in South Asia are driven by our honour. The izzat you have conferred on me today, Amitabh, has overwhelmed me — there is very little I will not do for you! Imagine the consequences if our beloved countries can just learn to respect each other."

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### TEMPLE RUN

AFTER RETURNING from Tamil Nadu and Kerala, BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda is set to begin his two-day Odisha tour on Thursday. During his stay in the state, Nadda will meet BJP office-bearers and workers, besides attending other events. He will also offer prayers at Jagannath temple in Puri. Incidentally, temple visits were part of his itinerary during his tour to southern states last week.

### FILLING THE POST

ANIL SAHASRABUDHE completed his term as AICTE chairman on September 1 and UGC Chairman Jagadesh Kumar has been holding additional charge of the post since then. The Union government is learnt to have shortlisted a few candidates for the job now. Among the front-runners are the AICTE vice-chairperson MP Poonia, IIT Guwahati director TG Sitharam and a professor from IIT Kanpur.

### New Directors

Over the last two weeks, nine IITs have got new directors with the Ministry of Education finalising names after a long delay since conducting interviews for the job. On Wednesday, Prof Kamal Kishore Pant, who teaches chemical engineering at the IIT Delhi, was appointed director of IIT Roorkee. The interviews of the shortlisted candidates for the post was held in March, it is learnt. On September 19, appointments of new directors were notified for IITs at Palakkad, Tirupati, Dharwad, Bhilai, Gandhinagar, Bhubaneswar, Goa and Jammu.

### Venkataramani appointed **Attorney General of India**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE CENTRE on Wednesday notified the appointment of Senior Advocate RVenkataramani as the 16th Attorney General for India. He will succeed K K Venugopal whose term comes to an end on September 30. Venkataramani appointment is for a period of

Venkataramani got enrolled as awwer in the Tamil Nadu in July 1977 and started practising in the Supreme Court in 1979. He was designated as Senior Advocate in 1997.

In 2010, he was appointed member of the Law Commission, and reappointed for a further term in 2013. Venkataramani practised in various branches of law, including constitutional, indirect taxes. human rights, civil and criminal, consumer, and service law.

India annually for three years, the

Union Ministry of Chemicals and

other details are available

in the Websites and can be

Fertilizers said on Wednesday.

Canadian firm Canpotex to supply 15 lakh MT potash to India annually New Delhi: Canadian firm Potash Limited signed an MoU Canpotex will supply up to 15 lakh with Canpotex, Canada on 27th September 2022," a ministry statement said. "Canpotex, metric tonnes (LMT) of potash to

"In a significant step towards Canpotex is the one of the largest ensuring long-term fertiliser availsuppliers of potash globally. The development is significant ability for the farming community, India's fertiliser companiesas India is completely dependent

# **Galwan incident over: China envoy SHUBHAJIT ROY**

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28



question and Tibet-related issues by expressing hope that India can "properly handle issues related to China's core interests".

This is a significant framing, as Beijing has, for the first time, sought to link its redline on Taiwan with the India-China bor-Speaking at a virtual event to

celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China on Tuesday, organised by the Chinese embassy in New Delhi - the speech was released on Wednesday – Sun said, "The current border situation is overall stable. The phase of emergency response since the Galwan Valley incident has basically come to an end, and the border situation is now switching to normalised management and control."

"The Chinese side is willing to maintain dialogues via diplomatic and military channels with the Indian side, and together seek so-

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

AHEAD OF Diwali and the festive

season, the Union Cabinet

Wednesday hiked the dearness

allowance (DA) and dearness re-

lief by 4 per cent effective July 1,

2022, benefiting 41.85 lakh cen-

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isting rate of 34 per cent of basic

pay/pension.

Venkataramani

will be the 16th

AG of India

He has represented the

Central government, different

state governments, universities

and public sector undertakings

before the Supreme Court and

Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi as

the 15th AG in July 2017 for three

years. When his three-year tenure

came to an end in 2020, 91-year-

old Venugopal had requested that

he be relieved of his post citing his

age. However, the Central govern-

ment requested him to continue

and kept extending his tenure. On

his third extension, he told the government that he didn't want

to continue after September 30.

Canada will supply up to 15 LMT

of Potash annually for 3 years."

Outgoing Attorney General K

high courts in key cases.

Venugopal had



China's ambassador to India Sun Weidong

**Emergency response phase since** 

lution to the border issues in a peaceful manner through dialogue and consultation," he said. "It is hoped that the Indian side can properly handle issues related to China's core interests, including [the] Taiwan question and Xizangrelated issues," he said.

The Chinese refer to Tibet as "Xizang"

Sun also said, "According to the consensus reached in the 16th Round of China-India Corps Commander Level Meeting, the Chinese and Indian troops in the area of Jianan Daban have completed disengagement." The Chinese called the Gogra-Hot Springs area as Jianan Daban.

Last month, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had said that the state of the border will determine the state of India-China relationship. He also said that for ties to return to a positive trajectory and remain sustainable, they must be based on three mutuals: mutual sensitivity, mutual respect, and mutual interest.

A day after Indian and Chinese troops completed the disengagement process at Patrolling Point-

Cabinet hikes DA by 4%

for central govt employees



Linking Taiwan with ■ Tibet issue

differences over how to proceed further in the relationship. While New Delhi has maintained that the bilateral ties cannot be normal until the border situation is resolved, Beijing has always said that the border situation should be managed in a proper way, without allowing them to disturb the overall development of the bilateral relations. The Chinese envoy's comments underline that point, but also make it clear that there are redlines on Taiwan and Tibet.

INDIA AND China have

15 in Gogra-Hot Springs region of Ladakh earlier this month, Jaishankar had called it "one problem less on the border".

Talking about properly handling differences and sensitive issues, the Chinese ambassador said, "Neighbouring countries cannot move away. It is normal for neighbouring countries to have

China's perspective, our countries' common interests far outweigh differences. We should not seek minor gains at great cost, or let the differences define bilateral relationship.

As two ancient oriental civilisations, he said, China and India have the wisdom and capability to respect each other, seek common grounds while reserving differences, refrain from interfering in each other's internal affairs, and properly handle the differences. "For issues that can be re-

solved, we should actively seek solutions: for issues that cannot be resolved at the moment, we should put them in a proper place and manage them in a proper way, without allowing them to disturb the overall development of the bilateral relations," he said.

This year, he said, "China-India relations have made new progress and shown positive momentum." Sun also listed out the devel-

opments: "President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message to President Droupadi Murmu on her inauguration. Both of our leaders attended the BRICS and SCO summits. Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi paid a working visit to India, and the two foreign ministers exchanged in-depth views on improving bilateral relations



Azam Khan

### Azam is in Delhi hospital, says wife, day after cops claimed he is 'untraceable'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW.SEPTEMBER 28

ADAY after UP Police said that veteran Samajwadi Party leader and Rampur MLA Azam Khan and his son Abdullah Azam Khan, have returned their security teams and summons, Tanzeen Fatima said her husband Azam Khan was admitted at Delhi's Ganga Ram Hospital with son Abdullah taking care of him there.

Following Fatima's statement, police said they have sent back the security team to Delhi hospital. "The news that my husband Azam Khan and son Abdullah are missing is false... Azam Khan is still at Delhi's Gangaram Hospital undergoing treatment... My husband is having mental and physical health issues. If he is needed for some investigation, then he will take part in it properly after his health improves," Fatima, a former MP, said. She also said that the "information that her son and husband returned their security cover was wrong".

ASP (Rampur) Sansar Singh Wednesday said: "After we got to know that Azam Khan is admitted at a Delhi hospital, we sent back our officials... We hope that he will accept the security."

On Tuesday, police said that Azam and Abdullah were untraceable and have been skipping court appearances. The case in question is over an alleged 2019 hate speech.



EAM S Iaishankar meets NSA Iake Sullivan in Washington on Wednesday. @DrSJaishankar

# Jaishankar, Sullivan discuss India-US ties, Indo-Pacific

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** WASHINGTON, SEPT 28

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S** Jaishankar held talks with US NSA Jake Sullivan during which they reviewed progress in US-India strategic partnership and exchanged views on global and regional issues, including approaches to advance a free, secure, and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Jaishankar, who is on a fourday official trip to Washington, also discussed Ukraine conflict with Sullivan during their meeting at the White House Tuesday.

"Met today with Indian External Affairs Minister @DrSJaishankar to discuss our shared efforts to deepen the US-India strategic partnership, mitigate the impacts of Russia's war in Ukraine, and advance a free, open, secure, and prosperous Indo-Pacific," Sullivan said in a tweet.

In a readout, his office said they discussed "approaches to promoting debt sustainability

and advancing a free, open, secure, and prosperous Indo-Pacific". The US, India and several other world powers have been discussing the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring in the region.

On Tuesday, during a joint press conference with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken after holding bilateral talks, Jaishankar said India faced no difficulties in terms of servicing and spare parts supply of equipment that it received in the past from Russia in the aftermath of the war in Ukraine and asserted that it exercises a choice which it believes is in its national interest when it is offered weapons.

"I don't think in recent months we have faced any particular problems in terms of servicing and spare parts supply of (military) equipment that we have got in the past from Russia. Jaishankar told reporters while responding to a question.

### CONG PRESIDENT ELECTION

## Amid infighting in Haryana, first hurdle is getting the delegate list

**VARINDER BHATIA** 

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28

INFIGHTING IN its Rajasthan unit has put a spoke in the wheels of election for the Congress president. Meanwhile, infighting in its Haryana unit has ensured that state who will vote for the post remains stuck A week after Haryana

Congress president Udai Bhan and CLP leader Bhupinder Hooda said they had shortlisted 195 delegates from state for the election, the list is yet to be put up at the PCC office.

Candidates contesting for party president's election are supposed to get the names, addresses and contact numbers of the delegates, from across the country, for election on October 17, so as to get in touch with them and rally support. Farlier one of the contenders for the post. Shashi Tharoor, had demanded that the list be made public, following which Congress had said it would be available to whoever asked for it.

Sources said that courtesy the intense infighting in the Haryana Congress unit, and objections raised by several senior leaders, the delegate list is being kept under wraps. Randeep Surjewala, Kiran Choudhry and Kumari Selja, all known Hooda detractors, are believed to have approached the party high command accusing Hooda and Bhan of ignoring them in finalising the list of delegates. They also met chairman of the

Congress's Central Election Authority (CEA), Madhusudan Mistry, in New Delhi on Sunday. seeking his intervention.

Bhan, however, claimed that they had submitted the list of 195 delegates from across the 180 blocks of the state unit to Mistry. "Anybody can get it from there," structions we received from the top, we followed them, and submitted the list."

"No favouritism has been done in the selection of delegates. The entire process took place in the presence of the Pradesh Returning Officer (former Rajasthan MP Tara Chand Bhagora)," he added.

Bhagora confirmed to The Indian Express that the list had been given to Mistry.

About cases of more than one member of a family being in the delegate list, Udai Bhan said: "So, what is wrong in that? The selection happened on the basis of their work and efforts in increasing the membership of the party."

A senior Congress leader accused Hooda and Bhan of holding on to the list till the last minute, to ensure there was no "rebellion".

Another Congress leader added, "As such, the appointment of delegates is happening after a long, long time... They have to be issued identity cards, as has happened in other units. It has not been done in case of Haryana's delegates. How will party workers know who is the delegate?"

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The total extra outgo on the

exchequer on account of both DA and DR would be Rs 12,852.5 crore per annum, I&B Minister Anurag Thakur said while briefing the media about the decisions

Central government employees and pensioners will be entitled to higher amount of DA and DR, respectively, with effect from July 1, 2022, he said.

"These three months are full of festivals across India. Today's decisions by the Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister are also such that would bring in cheer in the festive season." Thakur said.

The increase in the DA and DR is based on the percentage increase in 12 monthly average of All India Consumer Price Index for the period ending June 2022.

### Cabinet clears MoU

The Union Cabinet Wednesday gave its ex-post facto approval for Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bangladesh on withdrawal of up to 153 cusecs of water each by the two countries from common border river Kushiyara. The MoU was signed on September 6 between the Ministry of Jal Shakti and Bangladesh's Ministry of Water Resources. ENS



Union Ministers Anurag Thakur and Ashwini Vaishnaw at the press conference in Delhi Wednesday. Prem nath Pandey

### Cabinet okays Rs 10,000 cr for facelift of Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad rly stations

**AVISHEK G DASTIDAR** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE GOVERNMENT has approved the redevelopment of major railway stations using money from its own coffers instead of going for public private partnership (PPP), finally bringing a clarity on the funding mechanism for these mega projects.

PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday cleared Rs 10,000 media on the Cabinet decision.

crore for the redevelopment of railway stations at New Delhi, Mumbai (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus), and Ahmedabad in poll-bound Guiarat. The works will be taken

The Union Cabinet chaired by

up under the engineering, procurement and construction model and the money will solely come from government coffers, Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said while briefing the "Railways caters to middle

The Indian Express had earlier reported the government's intention to directly fund the station redevelopment works—a priority project monitored by the Prime Minister's Office—rather than wait for PPP model to take off.

class and lower middle class so

any extra burden on passengers is

not good. So, it has been decided to

invest budget money in the

Railways. It is a conscious decision

to redevelop all these stations un-

der the EPC model," he said.

Vaishnaw said the target is to complete the redevelopment of New Delhi station in three-and-ahalf years. The other two stations will be redeveloped in two-andhalf years, he said, adding that tenders will be out in about 10 days. "New Delhi station will inte-

grate train services with buses, auto and metro rail services. Ahmedabad station redesign is inspired by Modhera's Sun temple. CSMT's heritage building won't be touched but buildings nearby will

be re-developed," he said.

**Government of Tamil Nadu** PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **BUILDINGS (C&M) CIRCLE, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI-5** 

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### ISHRAT PROBE OFFICER'S DISMISSAL

# Won't interfere with HC order refusing further stay, says SC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday declined to interfere with the Delhi High Court order refusing to extend the stay on Guiarat cadre IPS officer Satish Chandra Verma's dismissal from service.

Verma had assisted CBI in the probe into the encounter killing of Ishrat Jahan in June 2004.

"We are not inclined to interfere [with] the Delhi HC order refusing to extend stay order on disciplinary action against the petitioner," a bench of Justices K M Joseph and Hrishiksh Roy said while hearing Verma's appeal against the HC order of

The bench, however, directed that the hearing on his writ petitions, challenging disciplinary proceedings initiated by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs



**IPS officer** Satish Chandra

(MHA) in 2016 and the dismissal, be taken up by HC on November 22 this year. The High Court had earlier fixed it for hearing in January 2023.

The top court clarified that it has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the matter. It said in its order, "...we are of the view that the impugned order must be modified to facilitate an earlier disposal of the writ petition. Accordingly, we direct that the writ petition 10539/2021 shall stand listed before the High Court on the 22nd of November 2022.... We request the HC to dispose of the matter as early as possible..." FULL REPORT ON

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# **Gujarat HC grants interim bail** to former DGP Sreekumar

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 28



Granting interim bail till November 15, the HC also allowed Sreekumar to file a regular bail application before the concerned court. Setalvad was granted interim bail by the Supreme Court on September 2.

Gujarat HC Judge Justice Ilesh Vora ordered similar bail conditions as imposed by the SC on Setalvad. Sreekumar was directed to furnish a personal bond of Rs 10,000, deposit his passport within a week from the date of his release, and to surrender "without fail" on completion of

the hearing, During Sreekumar's counsel, Y N Ravani, submitted that the re-

**MAULSHREE SETH** 

LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI,

DEDICATING A road intersection

in Ayodhya after Lata

Mangeshkar on her 93rd birth

anniversary, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi on Wednesday

said many countrymen experi-

enced Lord Ram through the

The PM recalled that after he

performed "bhoomi pujan" for

the Ram Temple in August 2021,

Lata Mangeshkar called him and

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Mann ki Ayodhya tab tak sooni, jab

tak Ram na aaye'," the PM said in

his pre-recorded speech that was

played at the inauguration cere-

mony. He then declared: "Ayodhya

ke bhavya mandir mein Sri Ram

aane waale hain (Sri Ram is com-

"Be it Shri Ramchandra

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This day makes me remem-

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**AYODHYA GETS LATA SMRITI CHOWK** 

Opposing the plea, the state's public prosecutor, Mitesh Amin, argued that Setalvad was granted interim relief by the apex court "considering that applicant (Setalvad) is a lady".

On June 25, a day after the

Ahmedabad Detection of Crime Branch (DCB) had arrested Sreekumar, whose role had been called into question by the court, and Setalvad, who supported the

The two were held on charges of criminal conspiracy, forgery and other Sections of the IPC on the basis of an FIR lodged in the DCB by Inspector Darshansinh Barad, which with another case.

cused the trio of collusion to try and implicate Modi and top of-

Sreekumar of misusing his position as the then Additional DGP, attending meetings with Setalvad, presenting back-dated registers and information as false

The three were booked under IPC Sections 120 B (criminal conspiracy), 468, 469 (forgery), 471 (using as genuine a forged document or electronic record) 194 (giving or fabricating false evidence with intent to procure conviction of capital offence), 211 (false charge of offence made with intent to injure) and 218 (public servant framing incorrect record or writing with intent to save person from punishment or property from forfeiture).

While Sreekumar had filed a bail plea in the HC before the chargesheet was filed, the court asked his counsel to seek instructions on whether he would prefer to move the sessions court. The HC was informed that Sreekumar would seek interim protection from it, and then file a fresh bail plea in the sessions

Meanwhile, the court posted Setalvad's bail plea for November 15. The court also directed that a copy of the chargesheet be given to her

# Bengal govt's 'Duare Ration' legally void: HC

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KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 28



2013" and is "legally void." The judgment was passed on an appeal by fair price shop dealers challenging the order of a single bench of the High Court that there was no illegality in the scheme introduced last year by the state government.

A division bench of Justices Chitta Ranian Dash and Aniruddha Roy held that the Duare Ration scheme is "ultra vires of the National Food Security (NFS) Act, 2013" and "is, therefore, a nullity in the eve of the law." It added that the scheme has "no legal validity."

"The state has transgressed the limit of delegation by obliging the fair price shop dealers to distribute ration to the beneficiaries at their doorstep in the absence of any authority to that effect in the enabling act, i.e, the National Food Security Act," the division bench observed.

It said only if the NFS Act is amended by the Union



Legislature for doorstep delivery of foodgrains to beneficiaries or invests any such power to the state government, can such a scheme be made by the state and be said to

be in sync with the NFS Act. The scheme was introduced by the Mamata Banerjee-led TMC government in November. last year, after the party's victory in the Assembly polls earlier that year. The scheme is aimed at facilitating delivery of foodgrains under public distribution system

at the doorsteps of beneficiaries. However, fair price dealers moved court and pointed out that it would be difficult to implement the scheme. The Calcutta High Court, however, dismissed the case. Later, a section of ration dealers filed a fresh case before a division bench.

As per officials in the food department, the government is thinking of approaching the SC challenging Wednesday's order.

# Kasganj clash: 3 FIRs filed, no arrests yet

**AMIT SHARMA** 

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TWO DAYS after clashes took place allegedly between members of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Swaraj) and BJP workers in Kasganj town that left 16 people seriously injured, police have registered three FIRs and transferred a sub-inspector to the police lines. No one has been arrested till now.

Police said a group of farmers, affiliated with BKU-Swaraj, ransacked Kasganj Kotwali Police Station on Monday after a daylong protest against a sub-inspector for allegedly demanding bribe.

BKU-Swaraj members have, however, alleged that a group of BJP workers attacked them with iron rods and sticks on Monday night when they were protesting outside the police station. They also accused the police of being

hand in glove with BJP workers. The local BJP unit, on the other hand, alleged that BKU-Swaraj workers gheraoed a party

leader and beat him up. Police have lodged an FIR against 51 BKU workers and 150 unidentified people for "assaulting policemen on duty, trying to breach peace and ransacking office". The other two cross-FIRs have been registered on complaints lodged by BKU-Swarai leader Sujeet Satyadarshi and BJP's farmer unit district chief DS Lodhi.

"On Monday, people associated with a farmer union were protesting at Kotwali police station demanding action against an S-I. In the evening, protesters indulged in violence... We will take legal action against them," DIG (Aligarh Range) Deepak Kumar said.

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Union Minister Arjun Munda interacts with tribal girls who left for Hosur to join Tata Electronics, in Ranchi, Tuesday.

## After special job drive, over 820 Jharkhand girls leave for TN Tata plant

**ABHISHEK ANGAD** RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 27

station to Hosur.

HOSUR IN Tamil Nadu and Khunti in Jharkhand are 1,800-odd km apart. For Anamika Kandulna, 18, that's "a whole new world". On Tuesday, a special train carrying Anamika and 821 other girls, most of them from tribal families in the state, set off from Hatia Railway

They are among 1,898 girls, all between 18 and 20 years, who have been recruited by Tata Electronics Private Ltd to work in its component manufacturing factory in Hosur. The girls were selected from four Jharkhand districts – Khunti, Saraikela, Chaibasa and Simdega – as part of a twoday recruitment drive held on September 18 and September 19.

The recruitment drive was organised by Arjun Munda, Union Tribal Affairs Minister and the MP from Khunti, who flagged off the special train on Tuesday with the first batch of 822 girls.

"I really don't know what I am going to be working on, but I am excited to be part of this journey. We have been told that besides earning a fixed salary, we can continue our studies too," she said. A source in the government

said. "The girls will be trained for 12 days, after which they will get their offer letters. Their job, which will be done in eight-hour shifts, involves assembly of mobile components. Besides accommodation, food and transportation, they will be given a salary of Rs 15,000."

The sources added that on completion of a year, those interested in studying further can enroll for a BSc in 'Manufacturing Sciences' at a university in Tamil Nadu. Sources said this is part of a larger plan by Tata Electronics to recruit at least 3,000 women from across the country.

Minister Munda said the Jharkhand leg of the recruitment drive received a "great response", with over 2,600 girls and young women registering for the selection process that involved a basic proficiency test conducted on September 18 and 19 in the four districts, followed by an interview.

A spokesperson for Tata Electronics refused to comment.

On Wednesday, as the train reached Vijayawada, Munda made a video call to the girls and asked how their journey had been.

### 10 killed, 41 injured in UP accident

Lakhimpur Kheri: Ten people were killed and 41 others injured in a head-on collision between a private bus and a mini-truck in UP's Lakhimpur Kheri on Wednesday. Lakhimpur Kheri chief medical officer said 12 of the injured are critical and have been sent to a trauma

centre in Lucknow, while 29 are undergoing treatment at a district hospital. The accident took place on National Highway 730, around 30 kilometres from the district headquarters, DSP Pritam Pal Singh said. The bus was on its way to Lucknow from Dhaurhara. PTI



Accused of fabricating evidence linked to **2002 riots** 

tired DGP is 75 years old and suffers from ailments. He pointed out that the chargesheet has been filed and the case involves documentary evidence. He also submitted that Sreekumar had only filed an affidavit before the Nanavati-Mehta Commission, which was set up to probe the burning of the Sabarmati Express, and had appeared before the SIT probing the riots as a witness and had no role in pursuing litigation.

Supreme Court upheld the clean chit by the SIT to then Chief Minister Narendra Modi in the

Countrymen experienced Ram

through Lata's songs: PM Modi

At Lata Smriti Chowk in Ayodhya on Wednesday. PTI

petitioner, Zakia Jafri.

quoted extensively from the Supreme Court order. Also named in the nine-page FIR, filed on behalf of the Gujarat state, was former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt, who is in jail in connection In its chargesheet filed on September 20, the state SIT ac-

ficials in the Gujarat riots case. The chargesheet accused

evidence and providing false tes-

# Round-1 of NEET-PG '22 result withdrawn day after declaration

**ANONNA DUTT** 

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE MEDICAL Counselling Committee (MCC) withdrew the result for Round-1 of the NEET-PG counselling-2022 a day after declaring it, saying that there were problems in the information uploaded by some institutes. The Committee has now opened 'choice filling' afresh for the PG aspirants.

... the provisional result for Round-1 of PG counselling...is being withdrawn since some of the PG DNB institutes did not complete their address profile on the portal due to which their seats were not visible when 'state filter' was applied by the candidates during choice filling, even though their seats were included in the matrix of Round-1 and were available for choice filling," a notice by the MCC read.

The notice says that students who are satisfied by their choices need not make any changes as the software will pick the choices they had made. As per

the revised schedule, after choice filling, the provisional results for the current round will be declared by month end. There have been repeated

delays in the counselling for PG courses over the last two years, with the first round this year starting mid-September as against the entire process — two rounds of counselling and mopup rounds — usually getting completed by May end. After delays of several months since the results were declared on June 1, the counselling for 2021 was again postponed two days before it could start as the National Medical Commission (NMC) was in the process of issuing letters of approval for new seats.

Last year, the counselling was repeatedly delayed due to the pandemic and a bunch of cases in the courts regarding the newly introduced quota for EWS. The counselling for 2021 started in February this year. Resident doctors from medical colleges in India had taken to streets last December, demanding the PG counselling for 2021 be expedited.

World Maritime Day

### Inform us in a day status of Rajoana's mercy plea: SC to Govt

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday asked the Centre to inform it by Thursday the status of the mercy plea filed by Balwant Singh Rajoana, convicted and sentenced to death in the assassination of former Punjab chief minister Beant Singh.

A bench presided by Chief Justice of India U U Lalit noted that the court had given the Centre two months' time to take a call when it heard the matter last on May 2, but no decision had been taken yet.

"We gave you two months. And now, two more months have passed. You raised two technical issues. We told you please don't wait for that...The moment we pass that direction, they have to consider that mercy petition...Can't force you to take what decision. But you have to take a decision," the bench told Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj who appeared for the Centre. It then fixed the matter for hearing on September 30.

# SC to consider pleas against demonetisation

Bhaya Darunam mantra, or be it

hymns like Payo Ji Maine Ram

Ratan Dhan Payo of Meerabai;

many countrymen had the dar-

shan of Lord Ram through her

songs," the Prime Minister said.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath

and Union Tourism Minister G

A 40-ft-long and 12-metre-

high veena, weighing 14 tonnes,

installed at the intersection

named Lata Smriti Chowk, was

Kishan Reddy among others.

The event was attended by UP

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE SUPREME Court, which is seized of petitions challenging the demonetisation exercise by the Centre in 2016, on Wednesday wondered if anything survived in the issue after all these years and said it will first examine whether the matter has become merely academic.

The first question we examine is whether the issue has become academic and if it can be heard at all," Justice S Abdul Nazeer heading a five-judge Constitution bench hearing petitions challenging the demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1.000 currency notes said while fixing it for hearing on October 12.

The bench, which took up a clutch of petitions on the issue, asked at the very outset: "Does this survive any more?"

A counsel appearing for some of the petitioners said the validity of the government decision and individual claims relating to hardships need to be examined. Solicitor General Tushar

also unveiled. "Lata-ji was one

such seeker of Maa Saraswati,

who stunned the whole world

with her divine voice. Lata-ji did

sadhana, we all got the boon...

The hymns recited by her

echoed her faith, spirituality and

The waterbody surrounding

the roundabout – situated near

the Ram Ki Paidi ghat - has been

decorated with lotuses made of

white marble. FULL REPORT ON

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purity," the PM said.

Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said that "for all practical purposes, the issues do not survive" and added that he was willing to assist if the bench wants to consider it for academic purposes.

Jutice Gavai asked if "five judges should spend time on academic issues when there is large pendency? Is there time for deciding academic issues?"



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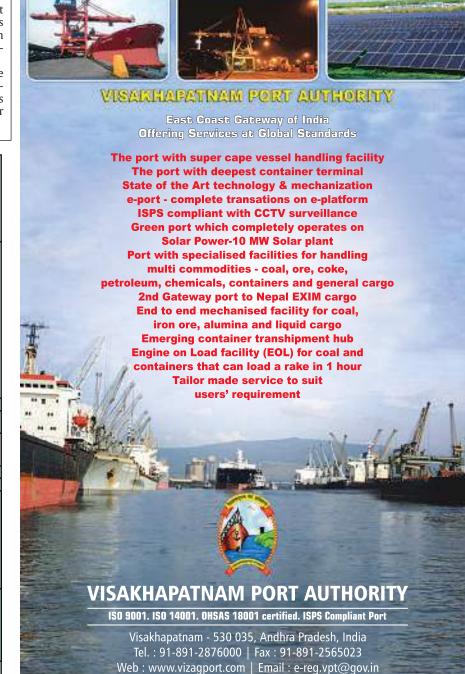
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Place : Patna Date : 28.09.2022

Authorised Officer



**PFI** leadership

An employee of

the Kerala State

Electricity

Board, Salam

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### PFI political arm SDPI left out of Centre's ban purview

**SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 28

**FVFN AS the Union Government** has proscribed Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates for five years, the radical Muslim outfit's political wing Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) has not come under the purview of action

Apart from PFI, the Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala, are also facing the ban under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The SDPI, formed in 2009, is a political party which has gained footprints in many states in the country. In Kerala, the outfit has been growing over the years in the political arena, mainly fighting the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), an ally of the Congress. In the last civic body elections held in 2020, the SDPI managed to win 100-odd seats in Kerala. In a few local bodies, SDPI has extended support to the CPI(M)-led LDF.

The SDPI also grew by drawing cadres of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), founded by Abdul Nazer Madhani. The PDP lost steam after Madhani was jailed in connection with the Bangalore blast case of 2008. But the SDPI managed to attract PDP cadres in large numbers.

While the PFI has only Muslim workers, the SDPI has non-Muslims as well, particularly Dalits, among its activists. Thulaseedharan Pallickal and Roy Arackal are two non-Muslim faces in the state leadership of the SDPI

It is prima facie believed that the SDPI banner would help PFI beat the ban. Although PFI workers are SDPI workers and viceversa, both organisations have been sailing as different entities. Whenever SDPI workers were involved in crimes and political killings, the PFI has remained silent, leaving the onus of defending itself to SDPI.

### SDPI got contributions of Rs 11 cr since 2018-19

PTI reported that according

the Election Commission's data, the SDPI has received contributions of more than Rs 11 crore since 2018-19. Officials said a major chunk of donations came from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka

# Also banned: 8 PFI affiliates

A look at the eight organisations, affiliated to the Popular Front of India (PFI), which were banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act



PFI members train in Kottayam, Kerala, in 2010. PTI file

**Campus Front of India** THE CFI WAS had been active in the anti-CAA and anti-NRC protests in Delhi and elsewhere. A prominent feature of CFI has been that women make up 40-50% of its members, including in the national leadership.

**National** Confederation of **Human Rights Organisations** 

AN UMBRELLA organisation of various human rights groups, taken up campaigns against legislation such as the UAPA, criticised arbitrary arrests and organised events on human rights issues, including Anti-Torture Day.

**National Women's** Front

THE WOMEN'S wing of the PFI, it was founded with the objective of empowering



The PFI office in New Delhi: Locked and sealed PT

women, according to its Facebook page.

Rehab India Foundation

**HEADOUARTERED** in Delhi, it is a non-profit charity outfit mainly working in villages in the north and north-eastern regions of the country.

**All Indian Imams** Council

**AN ASSOCIATION** of ulemas

and imams (scholars and prayer leaders), which is active largely in North Indian states and parts of north Karnataka.

### **Junior Front AN ORGANISATION**

primarily involved with school children, it is not as active as the PFI and other affiliated groups.

### **Empower India Foundation**

**HEADQUARTERED** in Bengaluru, the organisation says it provides "conceptual, intellectual and motivational support to weaker sections of the society".

### Rehab Foundation, Kerala

THE OUTFIT, based in Kerala, has been working among socially and economically weaker sections of society. It also runs a school for mentally challenged children.

### WHAT IS PFI

Kerala, Karnataka

THE PFI EMERGED

following the ban on

SIMI, and has projected

itself as an organisation

that fights for the rights

and other marginalised

of minorities, Dalits,

THE PFI HAS never

contested elections,

and has been involved

in carrying out social

and religious work

among Muslims

"many terror fronts".

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Decisive & Bold.

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi

Adityanath tweeted in Hindi that

terrorists, criminals and organi-

sations, and individuals who

pose a threat to the country's

unity and security won't be ac-

message to all "anti-national

groups" that they will not sur-

vive, Karnataka CM Basavaraj

Bommai alleged that some PFI

leaders went across the border

Assam CM Himanta Biswa

Sarma tweeted, "Government

is firm in its resolve to ensure

that anyone with a diabolical,

divisive or disruptive design

against India shall be dealt with

iron fist. India of Modi Era is

Saying the decision sends a

communities.

### OMASALAM **THE PFI WAS** created in 2007 through the merger of 3 Muslim organisations: National Democratic Front in

Forum for Dignity, and has been "suspended" and is facing Manitha Neethi Pasarai in Tamil Nadu. departmental inquiry owing to his links with the PFI.

### ANIS AHMED.

NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY An important

and presence of the PFI. He was working with a global telecommunications

company, from where he was suspended recently.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



1986 to work at a private company for three years. He later worked as a lecturer at the Kozhikode University in Kerala.

EM ABDUR RAHIMAN,

NATIONAL VICE-CHAIRMAN



Technology located in Ernakulam district of Kerala.

NATIONAL SECRETARY



formation in 2006. ABDUL WAHID SAIT,

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



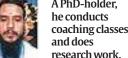
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SECRETARY (MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS)



PFI, he owns a real estate

MINARUL SHEIKH, PRESIDENT. PFI WEST BENGAL



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**BENGALURU & ARUN** 

# Cong, regional parties cautious; some leaders seek RSS ban too

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 28

THE CONGRESS reacted cautiously to the ban imposed on Popular Front of India (PFI) and several of its associates, even as leaders such as RJD chief Lalu Prasad and even within Congress, said all communal outfits, including RSS, deserve to be banned.

Most regional parties maintained a tactical silence.

Even while arguing that PFI is an organisation which holds 'extremist views" and has indulged in "violent activities" against its perceived opponents, Left parties CPI(M) and CPI, on the other hand, said banning the outfit is not the way to tackle the problem. AIMIM chief . Asaduddin Owaisi said although he always opposed PFI's approach, the "draconian" ban on the outfit cannot be supported.

The JD(U) said all "anti-national and extremist organisations" should be banned and wondered why the NDA government took all these years to realise that PFI should be banned. The Aam Aadmi Party put the onus of proof on law enforcement and probe agencies that carried PFI. Asked by reporters on AAP's view on the ban, party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said, "If any organisation indulges in illegal activities and spreads hatred...action must be taken against it as per law."

While some Congress leaders,



Security personnel stand guard outside the RSS office in Kochi on Wednesday. PTI

including former Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah, sought similar action against RSS, alleging that the Sangh, too, disturbs peace in the society, the party officially steered clear of mentioning PFI or RSS in a statement issued by Iairam Ramesh, AICC general section. He said the party has "always been and will continue to be against all forms and types of communalism" — be it of the majority or minority community.

"The Congress's policy has always been to fight uncompromisingly all ideologies and institutions that abuse religion for polarising our society, that misuse religion to spread prejudice, hate, bigotry and violence..." Ramesh said, without either welcoming

or condemning the ban. The Congress's Kerala unit, however, welcomed the ban, as did ally ILIMI Senior Conleader Ramesh Chennithala called the decision a "good' move and said the "RSS should also be banned like this".

Senior IIIMI, leader M. K Muneer said, "Youths associated with PFI should stand with secular forces. Nobody has given PFI

the right to take on RSS on behalf of the Muslim community..." In Delhi, an aggressive Lalu

Prasad said, "All organisations like PFI, including RSS...all of them should be banned. They (BIP) keep raising the bogey of PFI. (but) RSS, which is all about Hindu kattarpanth (extremism), deserves to be banned first." He also said, "Let there be

uniformity. Why target only Muslim organisations? There had been Hindu organisations such as Hindu Vahini (which are also radical)...' In Patna, JD(U) national

spokesperson K C Tyagi told The Indian Express: "We are in favour of banning all organisations engaged in anti-national, extremist and subversive activities and also those out to foment communal violence. But I wonder why NDA government took so much time to realise that PFI should be banned...'

The CPI(M) said the notification putting PFI as an unlawful association under UAPA is "not the way to tackle this problem. Past experience has shown that bans on organisations like RSS and Maoists were not effective. There has to be firm administrative action under existing laws in illegal or violent activities".

Owaisi said he has opposed PFI's extreme and radical approach but "this ban on PFI cannot be supported because actions of some individuals who commit crime do not mean that the organisation itself must be banned".

### BJP hails ban, thanks Govt for strong action outfit is "an avatar of SIMI", a **ENS&PTI** banned outfit, and has links with

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE BIP on Wednesday welcomed the Centre's decision to ban PFI as "strong and timely" and accused "some political parties" of standing with anti-India forces. Senior BJP leader and former Union minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said strict

action has been taken against

those "acting as proxies of anti-

India forces"

"It is unfortunate that some political parties and some people associated with various governments were giving protection to such forces. Such people are seen standing with such forces now," he said.

Alleging that PFI was "nurtured by Congress", BJP general secretary CT Ravi claimed the

BJP claims Kerala minister has links to banned outfit, he denies national Muhammed Sulaiman is the head of Rehab India Foundation.

THE BJP in Kerala alleged on Wednesday that state minister and Indian National League (INL) leader Ahamed Devarkovil has Foundation which has been banned by the Centre along with the Popular Front of India (PFI), and sought his removal from the Cabinet. The minister has denied

having any links to the foundation.

Addressing the media, BJP state president K Surendran said

still under trial.

**SHAJU PHILIP** 

SEPTEMBER 28

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

"How can the representative of a party, which has links with a terror-funding outfit, remain a minister in the CPI(M) government? Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan should sack Devarkovil from the honours the sovereignty and integrity of the country," he said. Devarkovil said neither he

nor his party had links with the Rehab India Foundation, "The policy of the LDF as well as its ally INL is not to have any links with extremist outfits," he said.

### "cog" for expanding the

cvber activities

PKOYA,

MEMBER

A former "active" member of the

retired librarian from the Cochin University of

He has been a former president of SIMI. AFSAR PASHA,

Pasha, a businessman, is







A founding member of the

A PhD-holder,



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# Killings, attacks by PFI cited in Home Ministry's order banning outfit

the Union Ministry of Home Affairs listed several killings and brutal attacks, which MHA said PFI cadres had carried out to "disturb peace and create a reign of terror in people's mind". Recalling some of the cases:

### **KERALA**

Professor's palm chopped (2010): Months after he allegedly insulted the Prophet in a question paper he had set, Prof T I Joseph of Newman College, Thodupuzha, was attacked by PFI cadres on July 4, 2010. Arrested after the question paper row, Joseph was out on bail. He was wavlaid, pulled out of his car, and his right palm was ily. Twenty-eight people were arrested. In 2015, a special court in Kochi found 13 guilty of murder attempt and other charges and acquitted the others. Ten guilty men were sent to jail for eight years.

On Wednesday, Joseph said: "Many victims of PFI attacks are no more. Maintaining silence, I pledge my support to all victims of PFI attacks. This ban is a political decision, Let political leaders react to it." SFI leader's murder (2018):

Abhimanyu, a Dalit student

leader of Maharaja's College in

Ernakulam, was stabbed to

death on July 1, 2018, following

a dispute over wall graffiti in the

some of them still absconding. Trial pending.

RSS worker killed (2021): Nandu R Krishna, a native of Alappuzha, was hacked to death on February 24, 2021, following a clash between RSS and PFI men. Days before the clash, UPCM Yogi Adityanath, addressing a BJP rally in Kasargod, said Islamist terror posed a threat to Kerala, triggering protests by PFI-SDPI activists and subsequent clashes. Fifteen

arrested; trial pending. RSS workers' murder (2021): Palakkad native S Sanjith, 27, was hacked to death on November 15, 2021. Twelve PFI men were arrested and police submitted a chargesheet. The murder

In 2010, PFI workers chopped off Prof T J Joseph's right palm in front of his family. File

spawned two allegedly retaliatory killings in Palakkad in April 2022 - PFI's Subair was hacked to death outside a mosque; three local RSS men were arrested in the case. The next day. RSS worker S K Srinivasan was killed in similar

SDPI were arrested in Srinivasan's killing. Trial pending.

### KARNATAKA

Bajrang Dal man killed (**2016):** Praveen Pujari, 30, was hacked to death in Kodagu district on August 14, 2016, allegedly in retaliation to stone-pelting on a mosque during a procession organised by Hindu Jagarana Vedike. Nine people associated with PFI held; police filed a chargesheet. In 2021, all nine acquitted.

RSS worker murder (2017): Sharath Madiwala was killed on July 4,2017 in Dakshina Kannada's Bantwal taluk. Seventeen people, said to be PFI-affiliated, were arrested, Khaleelullah,

dent, among them, held for allegedly harboring the main killers. Khaleelullah got bail in 2018: case

RSS worker killed (2016): Rudresh was murdered in Bengaluru on October 16, 2016, when he was returning home after an RSS rally. Five people were arrested and police said they were affiliated to PFI. Probe was handed over to NIA, which filed chargesheet. Case under trial.

BJYM man hacked to death (2022): Praveen Nettaru was hacked to death by two bikeborne men in Dakshina Kannada district on July 26, 2022. Officers suspect he was killed in retaliation to murder of a teen, Masood

seven people and later handed over probe to NIA. Probe still underway

### TAMIL NADU

Hindu outfit man killed (2016): CSasikumar, affiliated to a fringe group named Hindu Munnani, was killed on September 22, 2016, at Thudiyalur, near Coimbatore. The murder sparked communal tension in Coimbatore and Tirupur districts. Handed the probe in February 2018, NIA filed charged in April 2018. It stated, "...Saddam Hussain, Zubair and other accused (Abudhakir and Mubarak), all active members of PFI, con-

Five arrested; trial on.

PMK functionary killed (2019): V Ramalingam, 45, a functionary of NDA ally PMK, was killed on February 5, 2019 at Thirubhuvanam, Thanjavur. In May 2019, NIA conducted searches at PFI's district offices in Thanjavur and Karaikal. In August 2019, NIA filed chargesheet against 18 persons; it said all accused were activists or leaders of either PFI or SDPI. Case at trial stage

## Co-location scam: HC bail for Lumpy skin disease: Worry over vaccine duopoly NSE ex-CEO, ex-top officer

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday granted statutory bail to former National Stock CEO Exchange Chitra Ramkrishna and former group operating Anand Subramanian in the co-location scam case lodged by the CBI, on certain

conditions

A single judge bench of Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain granted bail on a personal bond of Rs 5 lakh with one surety of the like amount, subject to certain conditions. Among others, these conditions state that the "applicant/accused shall not leave the country without permission of the Court (and) shall

surrender passport before the

concerned trial Court". The court held that CBI filed "a piece meal charge sheet", and that it is "not filed in respect all offences subject matter of the FIR" registered against the applicants. The court also held that CBI had failed to complete investigation in all offences as mentioned in FIR and "to file a Final Report under section 173 of the Code within stipulated time" of 60 days from the date of arrest. The agency "filed an incomplete/piece-meal charge sheet before the concerned court on 21.04.2022 i.e. 46th day from the date of arrest", the court held.

### **GOPAL KATESHIYA** RAJKOT, SEPTEMBER 28

EVEN AS lumpy skin disease has already killed nearly 1 lakh cattle and infected over 20 lakh animals across 15 states, governments are having to depend on just two companies for the vaccine whose use has been authorised against the virus. At present, Ahmedabad-based

Hester Biosciences Ltd and the National Dairy Development Board's Hyderabad-based subsidiary Indian Immunologicals Ltd (IIL) manufacture goatpox vaccine.

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Goatpox, sheeppox and lumpy skin disease viruses be-

genus. The vaccines developed for the first two, and already being commercially produced in the country, offer up to 60-70 per cent cross-protection against lumpy skin disease in cattle. But as of now, only goatpox

vaccine has been authorised for

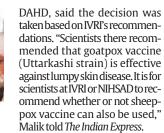
administering against lumpy skin disease. In an advisory issued to states on September 2 2021, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) said that "cattle and buffaloes should be vaccinated with available Goat pox vaccine". At the time of authorisation, Hester Biosciences was the sole manufacturer of goatpox vaccine in the country; IIL launched its goatpox vaccine in December 2021.



A cow is given treatment **in Gandhidham.** File

On the other hand, there are a dozen or so manufacturers of sheeppox vaccine, including six state-owned manufacturers. Asked why only use of goat-

pox vaccine has been authorised for control of lumpy skin disease, Praveen Malik, Animal Husbandry Commissioner at



In a reply to an RTI query filed by one Sandeep Kumar Gupta from Hisar, the Centre for Animal Disease Research and Diagnosis at IVRI-Izatnagar stated that "none of [the Centre's] scientists was involved in advising use of goat pox vaccine in cattle and buffaloes to control lumpy skin disease'

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New Delhi

### SC: Speaker can't take away ex-MLA status when deciding on disqualification lawmakers, depriving them of

New Delhi: The Speaker of a Legislative Assembly does not have the power to take away the status of former MLA while deciding a disqualification plea against a lawmaker under the Schedule of the 10th Constitution, the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday.

The order was passed on the appeal of the then four JD(U) MLAs - Gvanendra Kumar Singh, Rabindra Rai, Neerai Kumar Singh and Rahul Kumar who were not only disqualified but also "disrobed" of their status of being treated as former pension and other benefits, on November 11, 2014, by Bihar Assembly Speaker Narayan Chaudhary. A bench headed by Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit re-

stored the status of former MLAs to the four disqualified lawmakers, and consequently, they will be entitled to pension and other benefits. The court said since the 15th

Legislative Assembly was no longer functioning, it would not go into the issue of whether disqualification was unconstitutional. PTI



A fan is tackled as he tries to take a picture of Lionel Messi during Argentina's international friendly against Jamaica in Harrison, New Jersey. AP

## Spain strike late against Portugal to reach final four

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LUIS ENRIQUE was ready for the criticism to start pouring out back home. He knew another setback so close to the World Cup would raise questions about his team and his work. Then a late goal changed it all, and it was all joy and praise for La Roja heading into soccer's showcase event. Spain scored an 88th-minute goal to end its winless streak against Portugal on Tuesday and advance in the Nations League to complete the Final Four lineup.

The questions in soccer will always be a consequence of the results," Spain coach Luis Enrique said. "If we had lost in the 85th, then it would be said that everything was a disaster. Now it's all different.'

The late goal by Álvaro Morata secured a 1-0 victory that allowed Spain to overtake Portugal in Group A2 and join Croatia, Italy and the Netherlands in the finals to be played in June next year in the Netherlands.

"It's wonderful be be back in the Final Four," Luis Enrique said. "Victory is the best antidote for any depression or sadness."

Portugal had a late chance to earn the point it needed but Cristiano Ronaldo missed from close range to see his scoreless streak with the national team reach three matches.

Spain needed a victory to return to the Final Four after losing last year's final to France. Portugal won the competition's inaugural edition at home in 2019 but hasn't made it past the group stage since then.

Spain struggled to create chances until Dani Carvajal found Nico Williams inside the area and the young Athletic Bilbao forward headed the ball back across the box for an easy strike by Morata into the open net. "Nico. in only his second game with the national team, was key after the pass from Carvajal, and I just had to push the ball into the goal," Morata said. "We fought until the end."

Spain had been in control of the group

until losing 2-1 to Switzerland at home last

weekend, while Portugal took over first place

with a 4-0 win over the Czech Republic. Spain hadn't been able to win in Portugal in nearly two decades, since a friendly in 2003. It got its first competitive away victory against Portugal since a 2-1 World Cup qualifying triumph in 1934.

The Iberian neighbors had drawn their last four matches including friendlies. Spain's last triumph against Portugal had come in a penalty shootout in the semifinals of the 2012 European Championship.

Spain also needed a last-day victory to make it to the Final Four last year, shocking Germany 6-0 at home.

Luis Enrique made seven changes to the starting lineup after the home loss to Switzerland, with Barcelona players Sergio Busquets, Gavi Páez and Pedri González among those relegated to the bench.

Switzerland, coming off consecutive victories over Portugal and Spain, defeated the Czech Republic 2-1 at home to avoid relegation to League B. Norway needed a home draw against Serbia to win its group, but lost 2-0 with Aleksandar Mitrovic outdoing Erling Haaland. Mitrovic scored in the second half after Dusan Vlahovic had opened the scoring before halftime. Sweden, coming off four straight losses, was demoted after being held to a 1-1 draw at home against Slovenia.

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Portugal	0	1	Spain	
Sweden	1	1	Slovenia	
Ireland	3	2	Armenia	
Norway	0	2	Serbia	
Greece	3	1	NIsland	
Ukraine	0	0	Scotland	

# In Gujarat, the National Games, garba and the start of election fever

Non-vegetarian food to be provided to athletes as hotels have taken it off the menu owing to Navratri

MIHIR VASAVDA

AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 28

FOR ONCE, Divyansh Panwar isn't fretting over targets and decimals. Instead, the 20year-old world cup medallist who practices a sport that demands absolute stillness of mind and body - shooting - wants to let himself loose and shake a leg. "I'm in Ahmedabad during Navratri, so I got to try garba one of the nights," the Tokyo Olympian says.

Not very far from the Ahmedabad Rifle Club in the old city area, at the Sabarmati Riverfront, a rower can't stop talking about Navratri as well. Not in terms of a garba night out, however. Turns out, most hotels at the six host cities of the National Games, including Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar and Bhavnagar, have refused to serve non-vegetarian meals because of the festival.

"So, we have arranged all meals for them at the venues because, for them, protein is an important part of the diet," an organiser says.

At Sanskardham, the RSS-backed school that's one of the Games venues, a giant hoarding bearing the images of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel is being lofted. These are plastered all over the city and state - at important junctions, along the Sabarmati, on buses, at railway stations and airports — a not-so-subtle reminder of the other big 'festival' that's around the corner the Gujarat assembly elections.

In this backdrop - splashed in the colours of Navratri and in midst of the election fervour - the National Games, biggestever in size and scale, get underway in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

The Games unofficially opened last week in Surat after the table tennis tournament was held earlier than others since the paddlers have to be in China for their World Championship. Prime Minister Modi, though, will officially declare it open. State officials say it will be a grand opening ceremony at the stadium that's named after him. The National Games, neglected and for-

gotten for years, were originally supposed to take place in Goa back in 2015. Due to a combination of factors, from terribly long delays, resulting escalating costs, lack of funds and the pandemic, Goa was unable to pull off the project. Then, three months ago, Gujarat sports

minister Harsh Sanghavi said, the state

wrote to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and offered to host the event. Within days, agreements were signed and wheels were set in motion.

And so, a state with little sporting history outside cricket will host roughly 15,000 athletes and officials from 36 states and union territories in 35 sports over the next fortnight. Except a few, like Neeraj Chopra and PV Sindhu who have cited injuries as a reason for not participating, almost all top athletes have descended upon the city after the IOA, earlier this month, made it mandatory for them to take part in the event. Around the same time as the IOA diktat, union Home Minister Amit Shah said the budget for these Games was increased to Rs 2,000 crore. "A major part of the budget," a Sports Authority of Gujarat official says, "has been used to upgrade the facilities and book hotel rooms.

Around 1,500 rooms in three, four and five-star hotels have been booked in Gandhinagar, close to 2,000 in Ahmedabad, around 400 in Bhavnagar and a little less in Rajkot, Baroda and Surat to accommodate athletes and officials. Hundreds of cars and buses have been deployed on the streets of these cities but it was the upgradation of



A drone show over Sabarmati river on Wednesday. (Below) A hoarding in Bhavnagar. Nirmal Harindran/Mihir Vasavda

venues in just two months that proved to be the biggest hurdle.

Triathlon had to be moved to Gandhinagar after the quality of water at Sabarmati in Ahmedabad was not found hygienic enough for swimming. The rest from polishing the basketball court floor and installing big, bright lights in Bhavnagar to setting up a pier along the riverfront by fetching equipment from Pune and Bhopal, along with a new skating rink where the quality of floor has been questioned - the organisers claim, has been completed on a 'war-footing'.

"For last 15 days, I have been here 24 hours to get things done," India's rowing coach Ismail Baig says. In Bhavnagar, officials say they have been reaching the venue at 6 every morning and left at 2 am everyday for last two weeks.

### **Bid for the Olympics**

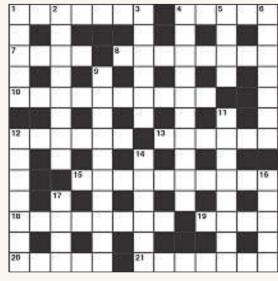
All this, is to showcase Gujarat's potential as the next big destination for sport and further push its bid to host the Olympic Games in 2036, given that host nations till 2032 are already decided. The state's advocate general has submitted in the Gujarat High Court during a hearing earlier this year that they are already in talks with the International Olympic Committee and they are likely to visit in 2025.

"Hosting the National Games will make us capable of hosting even bigger events in the future," Sanghavi says. "We have been able to deliver National Games in 90 days, we have that experience now and are capable enough.'

A lot of these claims about the state's preparedness will be tested over the next two weeks. The athletes, for whom the event holds no overall significance in terms of ranking points or selection, are easing into the rhythm.

Like Panwar, garba is on agenda of many, including Chopra and Sindhu who will be in Baroda on Thursday morning. Some others were seen relishing a fullblown Gujarati thali on the eve of their competition. Minus the meat, of course.

### CROSSWORD 4859



### ACROSS

- 1 Is set in this month's presses
- 4 Cabbages in an illegal salad?
- A mad race to get land (4) 8 Regular lay preachers take it
- 10 Introductory offer at a sale (7,3)
- 12 If one returns a casual hug that will do (6)
- 13 Got involved in someone else's business? (6)
- 15 Champions in five shows (10)
- 18 Take part in a dramatic trial 19 Turn crazy and stupefy (4)
- 20 Swore to reform but hasn't got any better (5) 21 Domestically unstable

### DOWN

- 1 Lowned a semidetached home in this state
- 2 He inspects buildings
- finding ours very poor (8) 3 Gave as a new description of
- Secret belief (10) Appear as a weaver (4)

a harbarian (6)

- Saw about the digs? (7)
- 9 Journey taken for a very good reason (10) 11 Made inflammatory
- speeches when disturbed
- 12 It takes pluck to remove it (7) 14 Inventor having no team for
- a back-up (6)
- 16 Describing a boom in restored icons (5)
- 17 A deity from the North originally (4)

Solutions Crossword 4858: Across: 1 Acupuncture, 9 Overact, 10 Idles, 11 Meet, 12 Sculptor, 14 Influx, 16 Burden, 18 Full load, 19 Scum, 22 U-boat, 23 Lucifer, 24 Stand at ease. Down: 2 Crepe, 3 Plan, 4 Notice, 5 Trial run, 6 Related, 7 Comme il faut, 8 Astronomers, 13 Bulletin, 15 Fall out, 17 Dahlia, 20 Cuffs, 21 Ache.

### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis





### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson







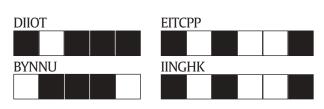


### MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



### 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 quip.



Answer: Remember, you can always stoop and pick up nothing. - Charlie Chaplin SOLUTION: IDIOT, BUNNY, PEPTIC, HIKING

### Difficulty Level 2s 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

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### **DAY TODAY**

### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Mars' intriguing relationship with Neptune is pretty near perfect as far as all work and professional ambitions are concerned, but only if you are able to recognise the difference between the way the world is on the one hand,

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Like most people, you are blessed with a planetary alignment which confers inspiration and imagination. What is more impressive in your chart is the

and the way you'd like it to be

on the other.

manner in which your creative powers and spiritual aspirations are triggered. You should always try to see the best in people. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Continued close attention to a financial matter is desirable, although not essential. When other people abandon their responsibilities, you will be the one who knows where to turn, for you have an amazing wealth of experience to draw on from

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your daily planets reveal this to be a special day if you

the past.

have proposals to put forward and arguments to win. However, the long-term perspective evokes deep memories and could cause you to reflect on all those things which happened so long ago. Hopefully certain recollections are no longer as painful as they were.

### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Secrecy is not one of your better-known characteristics, but today you really have to keep something to yourself. Don't worry about deceiving partners as long as there is no self-interest involved. It may be, for example, that you keep something from them for their own good.

### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

If you are beginning to feel as if you're walking up the down escalator, then

you're probably pretty much in tune with the stars. The secret is to change direction now, before you end up in the wrong place. You won't lose the thread completely, even if other people think you have.

New Delhi

### BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Carry on with all-

important professional moves, regardless of associates' potentially timewasting or disruptive actions. If you give charitable activities a high priority you will do what the mystical philosophers call 'making merit', with

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Pluto has played a

many good results in

profound role in your chart for many vears, so emotional intensity is nothing new. On the other hand, occasionally a new pitch of excitement is reached and, right now, under the Moon's powerful sway, you may demand a new level of commitment.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Your material and business interests

may have to come first, no matter how much you have to spend or invest. If you have any uncertainties at work, or in any major public ambition, you may put important developments on hold until the picture is clear.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Sober Saturn and jovial Jupiter are

once again being activated, reminding everyone that you are much more than the materialistic stereotype of an astrological cliché. Don't be afraid to speak your mind, or break out of the rut in which you have buried yourself.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Spare a little time for your physical wellbeing, and use the

opportunity provided by today's lunar position to clean up your diet and check out a new fitness regime. Don't be perturbed by a financial delay, but keep an eye on other people, just to make sure that they're doing what they said they'd do.

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) The Sun is sailing



may seem to be quite happy, someone, somewhere, is about to hit the roof. Keep your psychic antennae buzzing and try to spot problems before they arise.

Seeing his kids and his family, it got me emotional as well. I also must say I was thinking about how it would look for me when I say goodbye to tennis... I would love to have my biggest rivals and competitors there.'

**NOVAK DJOKOVIC,** 

ON HOW HE WOULD LIKE HIS FAREWELL TO BE

### **BRIEFLY** –

### Mendiratta earns India's first Paris quota in shooting

New Delhi: Bhowneesh Mendiratta earned India's first 2024 Paris Olympics quota place in shooting, after he finished a commendable fourth in the men's trap competition at the ongoing ISSF Shotgun World Championship in Osijek, Croatia. Bhowneesh missed a world championship medal narrowly in the process, being the first to bow out with 13 out of the first 15 hits in the 35-shot medal match. There were four quota places each up for grabs in both the men's and women's trap event on the day. The 23-year-old world number 144 (before the final) from Faridabad, however, secured the Paris Olympics quota for the country after he topped the second ranking round match with a brilliant 24 out of 25 hits.

### Injured Farahout of **London Marathon**

London: Britain's four times Olympic champion Mo Farah has withdrawn from his home London Marathon on Sunday after suffering a hip injury. Organisers said on Wednesday that the six times world champion was not fit to compete despite intensive treatment. "I've been training really hard over the past few months and I'd got myself back into good shape and was feeling pretty optimistic about being able to put in a good performance,' Farah said in a statement. "However, over the past 10 days I've been feeling pain and tightness in my right hip. "I've had extensive physio and treatment and done everything I can to be on the Start Line but it hasn't improved enough to compete on Sunday.'

### Naseem diagnosed with pneumonia

Karachi: Young Pakistan fast bowler Naseem Shah has been ruled out of the remaining matches of the T20 International series against England after doctors confirmed that he has contracted pneumonia and will remain hospitalized. The 21-year-old was set to to feature in the fifth T20I but the youngster had to hospitalised late Tuesday night after he complained of chest pain, breathing difficulties and coughing. The Pakistan Cricket Board said on Wednesday that Naseem's participation in a three-nation tournament in New Zealand which is followed by the World Cup will also be advised by the medical panel which will be monitoring his recovery.

### Shami tests negative for COVID-19

New Delhi: India pacer Mohammed Shami on Wednesday tested negative for COVID-19, over 10 days after he had been infected by the virus. The 32year-old posted his negative report on his Instagram account, hours after the BCCI named veteran pacer Umesh Yadav as his replacement for the threematch T20I series against South Africa, beginning on Wednesday in Thiruvananthapuram. "Negative," Shami wrote along with a picture of his COVID test report. The senior India pacer had tested positive for the virus on September 17.

# Swing and (SA) miss

On a wicket with greenish tinge, Chahar and Arshdeep reduce visitors to 9 for 5 in 15 balls to pave the way for a hard-fought win

**SANDIPG** 

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 28

Some of the stands were just filling in; most of the spectators were finding their way and sitting in the maze of the colossal Greenfield Stadium; the moonless sky was not yet fully dark. The game was just 15 balls old, not even one-tenth of the match had progressed, but already the contest seemed dead, and the match slow-burning to a long and dreary climax.

The contest, in that sense, was over before it had begun. Over much before KL Rahul sealed India's eight-wicket win with a thumping six off Tabraiz Shamsi with 18 balls to spare. Over when South Africa lost five wickets in 15 balls. T20 games are not unaccustomed to explosive starts, but often, it's the case of opening batsmen tearing into the bowlers on shirt fronts. The recent Australia-India series was a classic instance, wherein the openers bulldozed the bowlers on standard flat-tracks. But here, the script made a mockery of run-of-themill T20 plot-lines.

A contrarian narrative where the bowlers hooped the ball around, leaving batsmen stupefied as much as petrified on a track with a greenish tinge. But for the floodlights, coloured jerseys and the white ball, it seemed a passage from the first 15 balls of a Test match, and the freshly-landed visitors struggled to cope with the pace and bounce.

Read the scorecard after 15 balls — five wickets and nine runs — and one got a Testmatch resonance. Except that this was a T20 game, touted to be a high-scoring one (it goes without saying these days, as the decks could only be batter-friendly in this format).

Chaos descended swiftly, though South Africa were forewarned. It took Deepak Chahar just two balls to file a sinister warning at South Africa opener and captain Temba Bavuma. It was a low full-toss that swung devilishly in the air. That there was swing on offer was clear; clearer was that Chahar prospers when it swings. But Bavuma seemed immune to cricketing wisdom. Or he thought he could repel swing with bat-swing. He was rudely mistaken. The next two balls were away-goers too. Bavuma looked to slap and slash, missed one and toe-ended the other.

Then struck the inevitable. The Chahar inswinger. Bavuma would have second-guessed



KL Rahul and Surya Kumar Yadav (in pic) weathered the early storm after India were 17/2 to fashion an eight-wicket win.

the ball. It's a cricketing altruism of sorts — bend the ball away three times and nip one back. And nip Chahar did, beguilingly. The goodlength ball began its journey from outside offstump, landed on off-stump or thereabouts, just kept bending inwards, the length sucking Bavuma into a drive before sneaking through his awry defence. It was just the sixth ball of the innings.

The ball was a little gem; but another gem out-sparkled it. The 12th ball of the innings, when Arshdeep Singh speared in a wondrous in-swinger to dismantle David Miller's stumps.

It requires great control and courage for a left-arm seamer to swing the ball into a lefthanded batter from over the stumps. There lurks the risk of straying into the body; there is no edge-of-the crease angle to work with, like for a right-handed seamer to a left-hander from over the stumps. The bowler could end up erring on the fuller side. The ball has to be exact, like a geometrical figure. Pitching just around off-stump or thereabouts and swerving into the batter.

Arshdeep's run-up starts wide, but at release he gets closer to the stumps. It makes the trajectory all the more inconceivable — the ball has to curve away to curl in and few bowlers accomplish that, Arshdeep's ball did exactly that. When the ball burst from his palms, it seemed to shape away a trifle in the air, before it changed path and moved into the batter in the air. Miller's eyes were going this way and that, his mind probably frozen for a response, hands sweaty and feet stuck. When the brain freezes, so does the body. Then in his vast T20 career, Miller might not have seen more mischievous balls

He ended up chancily driving at the ball, which was simultaneously sizzling and sinister. Perhaps, one could be blind to the indiscretion and ineptitude of Bavuma and Miller and say that the balls that terminated them were near unplayable. But what happened between the sixth and 12th balls should rankle South Africa more. Quinton de Kock chopped the ball back onto the stumps, the eighth ball of the innings. He shaped to cut, but the ball was not short enough. The stroke reeked of rustiness. Three balls later, Rilee Rossouw wafted aimlessly at an Arshdeep out-swinger. The trajectory of the delivery was delicious whooshing in and the whistling away — but the ball was a touch wide to harm him had he left it alone. But a burst of impetuousness saw Rossouw merely throwing his hands at the ball, the feet leaden, as was the case with most South African batsmen. They stumbled deep to eight for three wickets, and the next ball, they were reduced to eight for four when Arshdeep blasted Miller's stumps with that

More carnage

Three balls later, on the 15th of the innings, Chahar had Tristan Stubbs caught at deep point

attempting a cut. A reckless stroke in the circumstances, though Chahar extracted some extra bounce. Then on, from 9 for five, there was no way back for South Africa. That they crossed the century mark and scored as many as 106 and avoided the all-out ignominy was thanks to Keshav Maharaj's cameo of 41 and twenties from Markram and Wayne Parnell.

But it was as much a case of India's seamers harnessing the swinging conditions as the South African batsmen playing loose strokes and failing to sense the drift of the match. The pitch was tough to bat against the new ball, but not wicked enough to lose five wickets in 15 balls. Perhaps, like the crowd, they did not expect to see the ball swinging in a T20 game. Even the bowlers might have been genuinely surprised, most so after the carnage they were subjected to in the Asia Cup and the Australia series. But to their credit, Arshdeep and Chahar maximised their breaks. Whereas Chahar's skill for swing has been well chronicled, Arshdeep's ability to swing (he could seam too) has rarely come to the fore. But it did on Wednesday, lifting his stock for a spot in the first eleven at the World Cup.

He has more variations than he seems to have. Against South Africa, he swung the ball both ways to both right- and left- handers, bowled a peach of a bouncer to Aiden Markram, flung in yorkers and cutters at the death. The art lies not just in possessing the variations but in understanding when and why to use them. Arshdeep has the ability to pick those precise moments. Just one over did he take to wreak havoc. And 15 balls for the match to be effectively decided.

The spectators knew it all along, and when they left the stadium, would reflect on a bizarre day of T20 cricket. They might have bought tickets for the entertainment they are used to – sixes, fours, tall scores, and a thrilling chase. Instead, they saw swing, two splendid deliveries, and some fireworks from Rahul and Suryakumar Yadav. But T20 cricket wouldn't mind an odd change in theme. Rather, it would only bask in the variety of it. And amidst the clutter of similarly-flowing narratives, the match could have more recall value for its departure from the usual tropes.

Brief scores: South Africa 106 for 8 (Maharaj 41, Arshdeep 3-32, Chahar 2-24) lost by eight wickets to India 110 for 2 (Rahul 51\*, Suryakumar 50\*)

### Two good to choose

BOTH WERE gems. Deepak Chahar's ball was part of a longer setup to remove Temba Bavuma but as a standalone delivery, Arshdeep would probably just shave it.Chahar's curved in from well outside off in the case of left-armer



Arshdeep, when the ball left his hand, it actually shaped away a touch, and the left-handed David Miller was sucked into it. But then the ball swerved in sharply to stun Miller. Chahar also does that with his inswing, usually in the IPL. He pushes the ball out before bending it

back in. Arshdeep did exactly that. James Anderson once explained what he does with his fingers at release depending on whether he wants inswing or outswing. "If anything, I am thinking about the finger [at the release]. With the inswinger, I can push it wide of off-stump with the middle finger and hopefully, it will come in later. With the outswing, what I do with the (index) finger is I try to push the ball into the stumps and then it swings away

# **EMOTIONAL**



Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

### Surva woke up after getting hit!

say later. It was a brute of a first delivery from Anrich Nortje that cut in sharply with bounce to ram into Yadav's ribcage. The next ball could have been the wicket ball but proved the jail-break moment. He was now on an off-stump guard and tried to swing a shortof-length kicker to the onside but was done in by the pace, the line, and the bounce. But the ball flew off the leading edge over third man for a six, leaving Nortie



Nortje went for a yorker but sprayed it on

"HE [SURYAKUMAR YADAV] woke up after to the pads, and Yadav picked it up and over leg boundary.

Before Yadav's entry, Kagiso Rabada had harassed Rahul and picked up Rohit Sharma with a wonderful away-seamer. It lined up on off stump, sucking Rohit into a forward defensive prod but seamed away ever so late and just about to take the edge. With three slips in, Kohli played and missed, connected once with a risky waft against Rabada, and then edged a short and well-outside-off ball from

### Bavuma's nightmarish run continues

TEMBA BAVUMA'S bad days continue. He is the captain of South Africa's T20 team but wasn't picked by any franchise for their new domestic league. He had admitted being "very disappointed and let down". Last time he played a T20 for South Africa, incidentally in Rajkot, he was hit on the shoulder by a bouncer from Rhuyneshwar Kumar and in the same over, injured his elbow while diving to finish a run. That injury not only forced him to retire hurt from the game but ruled him out of South Africa's tour of England.

He first misjudged an outswinger from Deepak Chahar and went for a big booming cover drive, but failed to connect. Next one, another outswinger, was toe-ended back to the bowler. Then came the decisive blow via a cracking inswinger that started well outside off, landed just outside off, and went through the huge gap between bat and pad to knock out the middle stump. Bavuma, it seemed, was shaping for an offdrive, and then tried to adjust his bat-face to make some contact with the nipbacker.

### 'Oi! Ash, toss it up'

"Dei Ashwin! Thooki podu-ra, wicket

vizhum da! Dei enda flat aa podurey!" Krishnamachari Srikkanth's desperate pleas in Ashwin's last over on Star Sports was much fun. First, the translation: "Aswhin, toss it up, you will get a wicket, oi! Why are you bowling flat?!" Ashwin had started that over with figures of six runs from three tight of Srikkanth offered him praise for that before saying now it's the time to go for a wicket. The batsmen, he judged, weren't going to play any big shots with Ashwin's current lines. They didn't. He kept cajoling Ashwin.. "Dei! Can't you hear me?!" Ashwin kept slipping his quickish carrom balls to Keshav Maharaj, & Srikkanth was hopeful when Parnell came on strike. But Ashwin stuck to the leg-and-middle line. When his co-commentator asked for a reason he thinks Ashwin is bowling that way this over, Srikkanth didn't hold back. "He is playing after a long time... he probably thinks it's better to be safe, economical." SRIRAM VEERA

# **GM Illya Smirin fired from commentary** job for saying, 'Chess is not for women'

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THE VERY first event of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2022-23 has been mired with controversy, courtesy of some distasteful, sexist remarks by GM Ilya Smirin.

Initially, FIDE were slow to react, with FIDE's Director General Emil Sutovsky claiming that Smirin will appear again on the official broadcast tomorrow but next day FIDE overruled the words of Sutovsky, with an official statement on their page, that confirmed that Smirin was fired for making "offensive remarks".

The remarks were made during the live broadcast of the ninth round of the event in Astana where Smirin, a Belarusian-born Israeli grandmaster, was making his debut as an English-language commentator alongside WIM Fiona Steil-Antoni of Luxemburg. During the official broadcast, Smirin shockingly said that "Chess is not for women". That was not all. He continued with, "Why women can play against men and men cannot play against women" and "why a woman would want to

When one of the viewers asked whether it



was possible for one of the participants (WGM Zhu Jiner) to make a GM norm in this womenonly event, Smirin asked: "She's a Woman Grandmaster or what? Why does she want to be like men grandmaster in this case?" After laughing for a bit, Smirin asked: "It's possible basically to make a men norm in a woman tournament?"

Scoring a grandmaster norm has nothing to do with gender but only with obtaining a certain level of performance in a tournament against strong opposition that must include a number of other grandmasters (of any gender). Steil-Antoni countered: "Of course, why not?" Smirin: "I don't know. For instance, why

Chess is not for women. I don't know. For instance, why women can play with men and men cannot play with women? Today it would be like everyone for parity! She's a Woman Grandmaster or what? Why does she want to be like men grandmaster in this case?" **ILLYA SMIRIN** THE COMMENTS WHICH CAUSED A FURORE

women can play with men and men cannot

play with women? Today it would be like everyone for parity!' After continuing laughing, Smirin tried to brush off the remarks, saying: "I didn't say it

openly, sorry. Private conversation." American GM and popular YouTube streamer Hikaru Nakamura slammed Smiran for his comments. "What the hell? It's brutal. It must be really uncomfortable for Fiona to han-

dle it there. It is reasonably rough," Nakamura

says in a YouTube video. Gulrukhbegim Tokhirjonova, a Uzbekborn American chess player and Woman Grandmaster, too called out Smiran for his comments. "Isn't it a pure form of discrimination? How can such a man work in the official FIDE broadcast of such an important women's event? 2022 was announced (by FIDE) the Year of Women in Chess," she said.

Susan Polgar too was swift in her response on twitter. "Dear

@FIDE\_chess after multiple highly insulting & inappropriate comments during live commentary at one of the most important women's events, swift action (public apology & immediate removal) must be swiftly taken before the next game. Shockingly unacceptable!" ECU's Secretary General Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou commented, "It's really disgusting what happened today in the official commentary on the Women's Chess Grand Prix. My full support for Fiona and the way she and all the other women were mistreated. But it's not the first time this has happened and I have taken a stand many times too. These behaviours in sports cannot be tolerated and should be automatically sanctioned. They are on the same level as cheating. Let us put a stop to it, otherwise all our efforts will be ruined."

With the backlash on social media, it seems highly unlikely that Smiran will get a commentary job any time soon.

## Pakistan hold nerve to edge out England in fifth T20

**REUTERS** LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 28

MOEEN ALI'S late rally was in vain as Pakistan produced a spirited bowling display to beat England by six runs in the fifth Twenty20 in Lahore on Wednesday and

take a 3-2 lead in the seven-match series. Chasing a modest 146, England needed 15 off the final over but debutant Aamer Jamal (1-13) held his nerve against the experienced Moeen (51 not out) to close out the game for Pakistan.

England never got going in their chase, losing both openers early before Dawid Malan chipped in with a dogged 36 and Moeen kept them in the hunt with a few late blows but the England captain left himself too much to do in the last over.

Haris Rauf (2-41) shone with the ball and five other Pakistan bowlers picked up a wicket each.

After being asked to bat, Pakistan's middle-order woes returned to haunt them as they crumbled to 88-6 after excellent spells from Mark Wood (3-20) and David Willey (2-23). The in-form Mohammad Rizwan (63) struck another half-century and combined with the lower order to push

New Delhi



Debutant Aamer Jamal (C) bowled the last over to close out the game for Pakistan. AP

Pakistan towards a respectable total as the home side were bowled out for 145 in 19 overs. England effected two run outs and Sam Curran was also among the wickets with figures of 2-23.

**Brief scores:** : Pakistan 145 in 19 ovs (Mohammad Rizwan 63; Mark Wood 3/20) bt England 139//7 in 20 ovs (Moeen Ali 51 n.o.; Haris Rauf 2/41, Aamer Jamal 1/13)

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### Why is India known to have

high cardio vascular diseases? Today we are facing an epidemic of cardiovascular diseases globally due to unhealthy lifestyle, excessive use of smoking, alcohol and drug abuse, especially in younger population. Overall increase in diabetes, hypertension, lack of exercise and sleep deprivation will also lead to increased risk of cardiac disease. Recently environmental pollution has also been linked to increased risk of cardiovascular disease.

### What are the preventive measures for reducing heart diseases?

In order to decrease the overall cardiovascular disease (CVD) burden we should start preventive measures like regular exercise, healthy diet, cessation of smoking and alcohol, right from young age. Importance of yoga and healthy lifestyle should be incorporated in the school curriculum. Bi Annual Preventive Cardiac health check-up should be started at an early age.

### How is family history linked

Recently the importance of genetics is well established for the development of various cardiovascular disease including hypertension, diabetes, heart attacks, arrhythmias,



Dr Ajay Mittal,

DM Cardiology, Senior Cardiologist, Kailash Deepak Hospital, is amongst the dynamic cardiac team at the Super Speciality Hospital in East Delhi. On World Heart Day, he shares his views on cardiac care.

sudden cardiac death and structural heart diseases. Genetically susceptible people develop heart disease like cardiomyopathy and heart failure at an early age especially if they follow an unhealthy lifestyle. Couples with a family history of CVD can opt for Cardiac Counselling before family

### Have heart patients been impacted by the Covid-19 virus?

Patients already having cardiovascular disease, COVID 19 infection increases the risk for thrombotic events like heart attack, heart failure, stroke and clotting of blood in legs. It can also lead to arrhythmia and sudden death. It is advisable to have an ECHO Screening post COVID

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### diac care?

Government and private hospitals should work in coordination to ensure the availability of cardiac care in the rural places where cardiac facilities are unavailable. They should work together in providing affordable healthcare to the population. Government should strive to control environmental pollution.

### What is the message that you would like to convey on **World Heart Day?**

On the occasion of World Heart Day, we would like to convey people to follow 'Life's Simple Seven', which includes-get active, eat better, manage your weight, stop smoking, control cholesterol, manage BP, and control blood sugar.

# **Crusader of Cardiac Care**

What are the activities that Kailash Deepak Hospital has planned for the World Heart Day?

Our hospital is organizing a marathon, will distribute T-shirts, hold some lectures and free camps in the hospital premises. All these activities are aimed at generating public awareness on heart care and fitness apart from the latest treatments available in cardiac care.

A spate of young and healthy celebrities dying of heart attack has drawn wide public attention and alarm. What is the reason for such bizarre heart incidents?

Physical health has nothing to do with cardiac health. Meaning if you look and feel healthy does not mean that your heart is healthy. They are two are completely different paradigms of health and wellness. Cardiac fitness can be maintained by light activities such as going for walks five times a week, yoga, sound sleep of 6-8 hours, good diet, hobbies such as gardening and a positive state of mind. Doing stress exercises at the gym such as weightlifting will only tone muscles and give shape to the body, but exert tremendous pressure on the heart. You also end up sweating excessively in doing strenuous exercise which leads to sodium imbalance affecting heart function and also the brain and other organs of the

### In your OPD, which is the most prevalent CVD that you get to see among your patients?

Stress is the highest that I get to see in almost every third patient who comes to me. Emotionally and mentally too stress levels are very high in this era of tough competition, which wears down the heart. Hypertension

and diabetes, both lifestyle diseases and atherosclerosis diseases such as stroke, paralysis and heart attack are the three main causes leading to high mortality and morbidity in the Indian population.

### What is the heart attack rate in

Below the age of 40 women show up with far lesser heart attack incidence because of hormones such as estrogen and



### **Dr Mitesh Sharma**

MS, MCh Senior Cardio Thoracic & Vascular Surgeon at Kailash Deepak Hospital in Karkadooma, Delhi is among the cardiac team spearheading the team in the battle in saving the heart against all odds. On World Heart *Day, he shares the condition of* cardiac care in present times.

progesterone, which gives them natural protection from cardiac problems. But after menopause women are equally susceptible to heart diseases as men. Women with diabetes, hypertension and hormonal imbalance are more prone to heart diseases. In underdeveloped countries and in our society, women are neglected, therefore, CVD in them is not reported, but is actually increasing rapidly. They are also being diagnosed late, which raises the number of fatalities in women.

### When it comes to comparison between the urban and rural population, how does the latter fare in CVD counts?

Studies have shown that rural folks are catching up fast with their urban counterparts when it comes to CVD numbers, because city lifestyle is fast expanding and is influencing their ways of life. In many cases rural CVD counts in rural areas have been found to be at par with urban numbers. Substance abuse, poor nutrition, poverty and also medical care, which is not easily accessible to them, impacts heart health of rural masse. They are becoming more vulnerable.

### What are the perils of pollution on the heart?

There is much debate over this aspect because dangerous pollution levels are impacting the body organs including the heart.If a person lives in the midst of nature where there is far less pollution and he is happy then definitely they have a healthier heart as compared to those living in crowded cities or industrial towns where factories spew toxic fumes and sludge into the environment which mingles with the air and soil getting into the food chain to affect the health of the public. Pollution is adding to the health burden and damaging hearts with impunity.







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### IN MESSAGE AGAINST HATRED

### SCHWARZENEGGER VISITS AUSCHWITZ Film icon Arnold Schwarzenegger visited the site of the Auschwitz Nazi death camp on

Wednesday, meeting a Holocaust survivors and saying it is time to "terminate" hatred. The "Terminator" actor viewed the barracks, watchtowers and remains of gas chambers that endure as proof of the German extermination of Jews, others during World War II.

# WORLD



MbS is promoted from defence minister

### **SAUDI ARABIA** Crown prince MbS named **Prime Minister**

Dubai: Saudi Arabia's powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was appointed Prime Minister on Tuesday by royal decree. The crown prince, who is heir to the throne held by King Salman, already wields wide powers and is seen as the kingdom's day-today leader. The royal decree appointing him as prime minister was carried by the Saudi Press Agency. It said King Salman will continue to chair the Cabinet meetings that he attends. The 37-year-old crown prince, widely known by the acronym MbS, has taken the lead on Vision 2030, the kingdom's wide-ranging plan to transform its economy and end its dependency on oil.

### **USA**

### **RFK** assassin challenges his parole denial

Sacramento: Sirhan Sirhan, who assassinated presidential candidate Robert F Kennedy in 1968, is asking a judge on Wednesday to free him from prison by re-California versing Governor Gavin Newsom's denial of his pa-

role earlier this year. His attorney, Angela Berry, is filing a writ of habeas corpus asking a judge to rule that Newsom violated state law, which holds that inmates should be paroled unless they pose a current unreasonable public safety risk. Recent California laws panel to consider that Sirhan committed the offence when he was 24, and that he is now an elderly prisoner

### **NEPAL**

### Body of missing **US** skier found

Kathmandu: The body of a famed US extreme skier who went missing this week after falling from the world's eighth-highest mountain was recovered Wednesday and transported to Nepal's capital. Hilaree Nelson, 49, was skiing down from the 8,163-metre summit of Mount Manaslu with her partner, Jim Morrison, on Monday when she fell off the mountain. Her body was flown by helicopter to a hospital in Kathmandu where doctors planned to perform an autopsy. AP

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# Russia prepares to annex occupied Ukrainian territories despite outcry

Putin expected to proclaim annexation within days

**AGENCIES** 

KYIV, SEPTEMBER 28

RUSSIA STOOD poised Wednesday to formally annex parts of Ukraine after claiming that voters in areas where it has military control had overwhelmingly endorsed living under Moscow's rule.

Armed troops went door-todoor to collect ballots during five days of voting in Kremlin-organized referendums that asked if the occupied areas should become part of Russia. Western observers characterised the votes as a land grab by an increasingly cornered Russian leadership following a string of embarrassing military losses in Ukraine.

Moscow-installed administrations in the four regions of southern and eastern Ukraine claimed Tuesday night that their residents voted to join Russia in the so-called referendums.

"Forcing people in these territories to fill out some papers at the barrel of a gun is yet another Russian crime in the course of its aggression against Ukraine. Ukraine's Foreign Ministry said. The ministry blasted the ballots as "a propaganda show" and "null and worthless."

Pro-Russia officials in Ukraine's Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia re-



Russians line up to get Kazakh registration after crossing the border from the Mariinsky border. At least 200,000 people have left Russia in a week. AP

### U.S. ISSUES **FRESH WARNING**

ON WEDNESDAY, the US Embassy in Moscow, which had previously urged its citizens to leave Russia, restated the position in the light of the mobilisation drive, warning that those with dual Russian and American nationality could be at risk of being drafted. NYT

saying they would ask Russian President Vladimir Putin to incorporate the provinces into Russia. gions moved quickly Wednesday, It wasn't immediately clear

how the administrative process would unfold.

President Vladimir Putin could proclaim the annexation in a speech within days. The Russian-installed administrations of the four Ukrainian provinces formally asked Putin to incorporate them into Russia. Meanwhile, Ukraine's presi-

dent Zelenskyy warned on Tuesday that attempts to annex Ukrainian territory rule out any talks with Moscow as long as Putin remains president, and called for Russia's "complete isolation" and tough new global sanctions. Speaking to the UNSC by video link, Zelenskyy urged additional military and financial support to defend Ukraine.

EU for united response if energy lines hit as firms ramp up security

ASSOCIATED PRESS BRUSSELS, SEPTEMBER 28

THE EUROPEAN Union suspects that damage to two underwater natural gas pipelines was sabotage and is warning of retaliation for any attack on Europe's energy networks, a senior official said Wednesday, as energy companies began ramping up security.

The episode underscored the vulnerability of Europe's energy infrastructure and heightened tensions in the continent that has been rocked by the seven-month war in Ukraine. Poland and some experts said Russia was probably to blame, and could benefit from further market instability.

"All available information indicates those leaks are the result of a deliberate act," EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said on behalf of the bloc's 27 members, "Any deliberate disruption of European energy infrastructure is unacceptable and will be met with a robust and united response.

Some European leaders and experts pointed to possible sabotage given the energy standoff with Russia. The extent of the

### TALIBAN SIGN DEAL FOR RUSSIAN OIL, GAS

Kabul: The Taliban have signed a provisional deal with Russia to supply gasoline, diesel, gas and wheat to Afghanistan, Acting Afghan Commerce and Industry Minister Haji Nooruddin Azizi said. Azizi said his ministry was working to diversify its trading partners and that Russia had offered the Taliban a discount to average global commodity prices. The move could help to ease the Islamist movement's isolation that has effectively cut it off from the global banking **REUTERS** 

damage, along with the political ramifications, raises serious doubts about the future of the Nord Stream project. It remains unknown who might be responsible for the damage. Meanwhile, EU countries seeks to impose "biting sanctions" on Russian trade and hit officials responsible for "sham referendums".

# Alzheimer's drug slows cognitive decline in key trial

**REBECCA ROBBINS** & PAM BELLUCK SEPTEMBER 28

THE PHARMACEUTICAL companies Biogen and Eisai said on Tuesday that a drug they are developing for Alzheimer's had slowed rate of cognitive decline in a large late-stage clinical trial.

The strong results boost the drug's chances of winning approval and offer renewed hope for a class of Alzheimer's drugs that have repeatedly failed or generated mixed results.

The positive data also offer Biogen a second chance after the company's disastrous rollout of another Alzheimer's drug, Aduhelm. That medication won regulatory approval last year despite little evidence that it could slow cognitive decline, received only sharply limited coverage by Medicare and has proved to be a commercial failure.

The results appear stronger for the new medication, lecanemab. Cognitive decline in the group of volunteers who received lecanemab was reduced by 27 per cent compared with the group who received a placebo in the clinical trial, which enrolled nearly 1,800 participants with mild cognitive impairment or mild Alzheimer's disease, the companies said.

The trial of lecanemab, which is administered via intravenous infusion, was the largest to date to test whether clearing the brain of plaques formed by the accu-

THE FINDINGS are the most encouraging to date for potential treatments of the underlying disease causes. Some 6 million people in the US and many more worldwide have Alzheimer's, which gradually attacks areas of the brain needed for memory, reasoning, communication and basic daily tasks. Alzheimer's has no known cure. With the new findings, thousands now have hope.

mulation of a protein called amyloid could slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease. Aduhelm is designed to work in a similar way.

Eisai had already applied for accelerated approval. The process allows FDA to greenlight drugs if they have uncertain evidence of benefit but affect a disease's biological pathway in a way that is considered reasonably likely to benefit patients.

The company said on Tuesday that it would first continue with the accelerated approval process, with an FDA decision expected by early January. "For Biogen, it puts them back in the Alzheimer's game," Brian Skorney, an analyst said. Biogen's share price surged on Wednesday, climbing as much as 43% in early trading.

US vows 'big

dollar' help to

Pacific islands

**REUTERS** 

in China contest

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 28

THE UNITED STATES will an-

nounce "big dollar" assistance to

Pacific island nations when

President Joe Biden hosts a first-

of-its-kind summit with their leaders on Wednesday, a gather-

ing Washington hopes will help

counter China's expanding influ-

ence in a new theatre of geopo-

Leaders from 12 Pacific island

states are expected to take part

in a two-day summit in

Washington, with two more

sending representatives, and

Australia and New Zealand at-

White House Indo-Pacific co-

ordinator Kurt Campbell said last

week the summit would focus on

addressing issues such as climate

change and health and that

Washington and its allies were

focused on boosting maritime

tending as observers.

# New Pak finance minister Dar vows to tame inflation

**REUTERS** ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 28

PAKISTAN'S NEW finance minister Ishaq Dar said on Wednesday he will work to rein in inflation while cutting interest rates, saying the rupee currency was undervalued and promising a strong response to the South Asian nation's worst economic crisis.

In his fourth time in the the chartered accountant is facing a balance of payment crisis, foreign reserves that cover barely a month's imports, historic lows in the rupee, inflation exceeding 27% and the aftermath of devastating floods.

'We will control inflation,' Dar told reporters in televised comments after he was sworn in. "We will bring interest rates

Karachi: A Chinese national was

shot dead and two others injured

on Wednesday when an uniden-

tified gunman opened fire inside

a dental clinic in Pakistan's south-

ern port city of Karachi, police said.

that the attacker, in his early 30s,

entered the clinic in Karachi's

Saddar area pretending to be a pa-

tient and opened fire inside the

doctor's room. "The attacker

killed the assistant, Ronald Chow,

SSP (South) Asad Raza said

Chinese man killed, two

injured in Karachi shooting

down," he said. He did not explain how he would tame price pressures while also cutting rates.

currency market speculators, saying that the Pakistani rupee was undervalued. It has weakened more than 30% against the US dollar so far this year. "Our currency right now is

the Pakistani currency."

The country's sovereign dollar-denominated bonds fell to record lows on Wednesday, signalling growing fears of a default.

Dar also had a warning for

not at the place where it should be, it is undervalued," said Dar, market intervention to keep the rupee stable "I hope the speculators will stop. I think they have already got it and we are seeing the rupee rising," he added. "No one will be allowed to play with

on the spot and injured dentist Dr

Richard Hu Lee (74) and his wife

Margaret (72)," the officer said.

sibility for the attack. Police

said the doctor and his wife

were out of danger at the hos-

pital where they are being

has ordered the immediate ar-

rest of the attackers, saying such

incidents were not tolerable. PTI

Sindh CM Murad Ali Shah

treated for bullet wounds.

No one has claimed respon-

### HURRICANE IAN NEARS FLORIDA

A blackout in Havana, Cuba, Wednesday after Ian roars through island. AP











### to restore electricity knocked out power to the entire island on Tuesday. At

## US unveils plan to end hunger in country by 2030

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 28

PRESIDENT JOE Biden said Wednesday his administration's goal of ending hunger in the US by the end of the decade. 2030. was ambitious but doable, if only the nation would work together toward achieving it.

"I know we can do this,"

Biden told an auditorium full of public health officials, private companies and Americans who have experienced hunger. They were gathered for the first White House conference on hunger, nutrition and health since 1969.

It was the President at his most optimistic, sketching out a future where no child in the US would go hungry, and diet-related diseases would diminish because of better, healthier food alternatives and access to vast outdoor spaces. "That's why we're here today, to harness our greatest resource: Our fellow Americans," Biden said. "Evervone, evervone has an important role to play.'

The 1969 conference, hosted President Richard Nixon, was a pivotal moment that influenced the US food policy agenda for 50 years. It led to a major expansion of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programme, commonly known as food stamps, and gave rise to the Women, Infants and Children programme.

Before the kickoff, the administration released a list of more than \$8 billion in commitments to the cause from private companies, charitable foundations and industry groups.

security and island states' communications links with countries like Japan, Australia and India. It will be the first time the US has hosted so many leaders of a region it has considered it maritime backvard since World War Two, but into which China has

been making steady advances.

On Wednesday, Washington also will unveil a detailed new strategy specifically for the Pacific, a Biden administration official said. "We will have big dollar numbers," he said, adding that these would be announced on Wednesday.

### In Meia Praia Beach, Confidence In Digital Currencies Remains Undimmed Even After Summer Crash

# On Portugal's 'bitcoin beach,' no crypto winter as optimism still reigns

### ADAM SATARIANO

LAGOS (PORTUGAL) SEPT 28

THE BAM Bam Beach bitcoin bar, on an uncrowded beach in southwestern Portugal, is the meeting place.

To get there, you drive past a boat harbour, oceanside hotels and apartment buildings, then park near a sleepy seafood restaurant and walk down a wooden path that cuts through a sand dune. Yellow bitcoin flags blow in the wind. The conversations about cryptocurrencies

and a decentralised future flow. "People always doubt when to buy, when to sell," said Didi

Taihuttu, a Dutch investor who moved to town this summer and is one of Bam Bam's owners. "We solve that by being all in."

Sitting in the sand nearby, another bar regular, Katherin Bestandig, said, "Everything is possible if you're brave."

The bar and community of about 150 crypto supporters around the town of Lagos are a bubble of optimism amid what has become known as the "crypto winter." This summer, cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin and ether melted down, and crypto companies like the experimental bank Celsius Network declared bankruptcy as fears over the global economy yanked down values of the risky assets. Thousands of investors were hurt by the crash. The price of bitcoin, which peaked at more than \$68,000 last year, remains off by more than 70%.

But in this Portuguese seaside idyll, confidence in cryptocurrencies is undimmed. Every Friday, 20 or so visitors from Europe and beyond gather at Bam Bam to share their unwavering faith in digital currencies. Their buoyancy and cheer endure across Portugal and in other crypto hubs around the world, such as Puerto Rico and Cyprus.

"We do not sell." Paulo Estevão. a crypto trader, said over lunch at a restaurant in the Portuguese beach



The Bam Bam Beach Bitcoin bar at Meia Praia, a beach in

town of Ericeira. He said his crypto holdings were down about 80% from the peak but added, "I'm investing more.

In Europe, Portugal has stood

southwest Portugal. NYT out as one of the largest hubs for crypto investors and enthusiasts.

Many crypto supporters flocked to the country because the government does not tax profits

unlike Italy and France. It helps that the weather is beautiful, the cost of living low and there is an easy path to residency. Vanguard Properties, a real estate company in Portugal, said it had sold at least 10 luxury homes to "crypto families" since last year. In beach towns like Ericeira

made from the virtual currencies,

and Lagos, shops and restaurants show their acceptance of digital currencies by taking bitcoin as payment. Lisbon, the capital, has become a hub for crypto-related startups such as Utrust, a cryptocurrency payment platform, and Immunefi, a company that identifies security vulnerabilities in decentralised networks

Silicon Valley of bitcoin," Taihuttu said. Yet the Portuguese government may throw a wrench in the country's status as a crypto hub. In May, Fernando Medina, the finance minister, said the government was considering taxing crypto earnings like regular income and "intends to legislate on this matter." A decision could come next month when Portuga releases its annual budget.

"Portugal should be the

The finance ministry declined to comment on its plans.

New Delhi

For now, Portugal remains popular with the optimists and amateur traders who are trying to use their crypto investments to travel and live without a trarencies soared over the past few years, this group has made ortugal a base. Many in Lagos, inspired by Taihuttu. 44. have made their

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way to Bam Bam bar. In 2017, he sold nearly all of his belongings in the Netherlands to invest in bitcoin. At the time, the price of a single bitcoin was about \$900. versus about \$19.000 today. With his wife and three daughters, who have not received any formal schooling since 2017, he then travelled to 40 countries, chronicling every step on social media. They called themselves "the Bitcoin Family."

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### MAHARASHTRA'S SHIV BHOJAN THALI

What is the MVA government's flagship subsidised meals scheme, why is it facing allegations of 'malpractices'?



The Shiv Bhojan Thali scheme was launched on January 26, 2020. Iram Siddiqui

### **ALOK DESHPANDE**

MUMBAI. SEPTEMBER 28

ONE OF the most popular initiatives of the previous Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in Maharashtra was the Shiv Bhojan Thali. The Eknath Shinde-led state government has now put this subsidised meal scheme under the scanner.

### The scheme

The Shiv Bhojan Thali scheme offered a full meal thali (plate) to people for Rs 10. The thali included two chapatis, a cooked vegetable, rice, and dal. In urban areas, the cost of the thali came to Rs 50 and, in the rural areas, Rs 35 — and the government picked up the tab for the remaining amount.

Seen as the flagship scheme of the government led by former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray — in which the present Chief Minister Shinde was an important minister — the Shiv Bhojan Thali was launched on January 26, 2020. On average, 1.4 lakh meals were served every day un-

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the MVA government first halved the price of the thali to Rs 5 and then, from April 2021, started providing it free of cost, and also allowed parcel services. In October 2021, as the pandemic was brought under control and the lockdown was lifted in phases, the price of the thali was brought back to Rs 10.

### The allegations

Among the last few decisions of the MVA government was to increase the number of plates being served under this scheme across the state to 2 lakh, from the existing 1,88,463.

However, after the new government of Chief Minister Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was sworn in on June 30, all decisions taken by the previous dispensation were stayed and put under scrutiny. The decision to increase the number of thalis was also kept in abeyance.

On September 25, state Food and Civil Supplies Minister Ravindra Chavan told The Indian Express that a comprehensive review of the implementation of the scheme was

"It is a good scheme. But it needs to be checked whether the intended beneficiaries are actually gaining from it. We will keep a digital watch on every plate being consumed through a mobile application. The scheme will also be reviewed," he said.

Chavan also said that the findings from the review would be placed before the state Cabinet, which would then decide on the future of the scheme.

### The Cabinet decision

On September 27, the state Cabinet discussed the issue of the Shiv Bhojan Thali, after which Deputy Chief Minister Fadnavis said that while the scheme would continue, instances of malpractices had been found. "An investigation will be held into these allegations," he said.

Among these "malpractices" is the possibility that canteen operators were exaggerating the number of plates consumed.

In addition, sources said, the government is of the opinion that the scheme is no longer needed, especially as, according to the central government's data, over 80 crore individuals are benefiting from the free ration scheme.

### Present status

As per data from September 27, Maharashtra has a total 1,699 eateries serving Shiv Bhojan Thalis, out of which 1,549 are active. The present number of approved thalis in the state is 1,88,463. The number of actual plates distributed is 1,45,627.

The scheme had been executed by the Food and Civil Supplies department of the MVA government, led by senior NCP minister Chhagan Bhujbal. Bhujbal has held talks with Fadnavis about the announcement of the review, and has opposed the closure of the scheme. The NCP has maintained that it would launch a protest if the government decides to scrap the scheme.



### SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

# What 'ban' on PFI means

The PFI has been declared an 'unlawful association', which the UAPA defines as an association that has for its object any activity that is punishable under Sections 153A and 153B of the Indian Penal Code

### **APURVA VISHWANATH**

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE CENTRAL government has announced a ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI), the radical organisation whose leaders and offices were raided by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) in states across the country on September 22.

A second nationwide crackdown followed on Tuesday, during which police in seven states detained or arrested over 270 people with alleged links to the PFI.

Following these actions, which were based on allegations that members of the PFI are involved in organising terrorism camps and encouraging Muslim youth to join terror activities, it was widely expected that a ban on the organisation under anti-terrorism laws could follow.

The notification on the ban was published in the gazette on Wednesday morning.

### What does the notification say?

The notification issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) imposed a ban on the PFI and its associate organisations, including the Rehab India Foundation (RIF) and Campus Front of India, for five years under The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act

The notification gave a number of reasons, including that "the PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts operate openly as socioeconomic, educational and political organization but, they have been pursuing a secret agenda to radicalize a particular section of the society working towards undermining the concept of democracy and show sheer disrespect towards the constitutional authority and constitutional set up of the country".

In the notification, the government claimed that it had found a number of instances of international linkages of the PFI with global terrorist organisations such as the Islamic State.

It also said that "the PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts have been indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty and security of the country and have the potential of disturbing public



A sealed office of the PFI in Bhopal on Wednesday. PTI

peace and communal harmony of the country and supporting militancy in the country". Therefore, the notification said, the cen-

tral government had decided to declare the PFI and its various fronts as an "unlawful association" with "immediate effect".

### So what does a "ban" on the PFI mean?

The UAPA, India's main law against terrorism and terrorist activities, allows the government to declare an organisation an "unlawful association" or a "terrorist organisation", which is often colloquially described as a "ban" on the organisations.

Under Section 3 of the UAPA Act, the government has powers to declare an association "unlawful". Apart from a gazette notification, the government is required to notify such association by affixing a copy on its offices or by "proclaiming by beat of drum or by means of loudspeakers, the contents of the notification in the area in which the activities of the association are ordinarily carried".

### What happens when an association is declared unlawful?

Declaring an organisation an unlawful organisation, as has happened in the case of membership and the forfeiture of the properties of the organisation. Under Section 7 of the UAPA, the government has power to prohibit the use of funds of

the PFI now, has serious consequences in law.

which include the criminalisation of its

an unlawful association and, under Section 8, all places that are used by the unlawful association can be notified and seized. The law allows any person aggrieved by a prohibitory order to make, within 15 days of the date of the service of such order, an application to the District Judge within the local limits. Also, a person who "is and continues to

be a member of such (unlawful) association; or takes part in meetings of such association; or contributes to, or receives or solicits any contribution for the purpose of, such association; or in any way assists the operations of such association" is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and shall also be liable to fine.

### How is an unlawful association defined?

Section 2(1)(p) of the UAPA defines an "unlawful association" as an association which has for its object any unlawful activity or offence defined under Sections 153A or 153B of

the Indian Penal Code — that is, promoting enmity between different groups and making imputations, assertions that are prejudicial to national integration. An unlawful association is also one that "encourages or aids persons to undertake any unlawful activity, or of which the members undertake such activity".

### What is the process to declare an $\overline{association\ unlawful?}$

Under Section 4 of the UAPA, the government is mandated to send the notification to the Unlawful Activities Prevention Tribunal within 30 days of issuing the gazette notification to have the ban ratified. The Ministry will have to make a reference to the Tribunal along with details of cases the National Investigation Agency, Enforcement Directorate, and state police forces have registered against PFI and its cadres across the country.

The Tribunal, which is required to be headed by a retired or sitting judge of a High Court, will then issue a show-cause notice to the PFI asking it to reply in writing about why it should not be banned. After arguments from both sides, the Tribunal can hold an inquiry to decide within six months on whether there is sufficient evidence to declare PFI an unlawful association.

Such inquiries by the Tribunal are also held in areas where the association ordinarily conducts its activities for the general pub-

The ban becomes applicable for a period of five years once the Tribunal approves it.

In 2019, Justice Mukta Gupta, then a sitting judge of the Delhi High Court, held public hearings in Aurangabad, Pune, and other places to ascertain whether there was sufficient evidence to ban the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI). SIMI was first banned in 2001, and the ban was periodically extended except in 2008 when it was lifted following orders by a special tribunal presided over by Justice Gita Mittal. The ban was imposed again in 2008, then in 2014 and 2019.

Hours after Wednesday's ban, senior PFI leader A Abdul Sattar, in a statement, said the organisation has been disbanded after the notification was issued. This does not, however, materially change the conditions or implications of the gazette notification.

# Appealing ban: How UAPA Tribunal works

### **DEEPTIMANTIWARY** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE POPULAR Front of India (PFI), declared an "unlawful association" under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) by the Centre, will now have the option to present its case before a tribunal that must confirm the government notification for the ban to continue.

### What is a UAPA tribunal? The UAPA provides for a tribunal under a

HC judge to be constituted by the government for its bans to have long-term legal sanctity.

Orders to declare an organisation as "unlawful" are issued by the Centre under Section 3 of the UAPA. The provision says that "no such notification shall have effect until the tribunal has, by an order made under Section 4, confirmed the declaration made therein and the order is published in the Official Gazette".

effect until the tribunal has confirmed it. However, in exceptional circumstances, the notification can come into effect immediately once the reasons for it are recording in writing. The tribunal can endorse or reject it.

Thus, a government order won't come into

### The procedure

According to Section 4 of the UAPA, after the Centre declares an organisation "unlawful", its notification must reach the tribunal within 30 days to adjudicate "whether or not there is sufficient cause" for the move.

After this, the tribunal asks the association, by notice in writing, to show cause within 30 days why it should not be declared unlawful. This done, the tribunal holds an inquiry and decides the matter within six months.

### Constitution of the tribunal

The tribunal consists of only one person, who has to be a High Court judge. If a vacancy occurs in the tribunal, the Centre appoints another judge and the proceedings continue from the stage at which the vacancy is filled.

The Centre is to provide to the tribunal such staff as necessary. All expenses incurred for a tribunal are borne out of the Consolidated Fund

### Its powers

The tribunal has power to regulate its own procedure, including the place for its sittings. Thus, it can hold hearings in different states for allegations pertaining to them.

To make inquiries, the tribunal has the same powers as vested in a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. These can be exercised in summoning and examining a witness on oath; production of any document or other object producible as evidence; the reception of evidence on affidavits: the requisitioning of any public record from any court or office; and the issuing of any commission for

the examination of witnesses. All proceeding before the Tribunal are

deemed to be judicial proceedings.

Government notifications, with a few exptions as in the case of SIMI, have largely been confirmed by the tribunals. In SIMI's case, a tribunal had briefly lifted the ban on it in 2008. Almost all extensions of bans too, such as against Zakir Naik, Sikhs for Justice, or the JKLF, have been confirmed. Proceedings of the tribunal have been crit-

icised for being somewhat opaque. The UAPA permits public non-disclosure of information on bans given the sensitivity involved. It has been said that often, the government gives evidence in sealed cover, leaving no opportunity for an organisation to defend itself.

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# The Truss-Kwarteng mini-budget and the crisis of the UK currency

### **UDIT MISRA**

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

THE MINI-BUDGET presented last week by Chancellor of the Exchequer Kwasi Kwarteng of the new Conservative government under Prime Minister Liz Truss has hurled the United Kingdom into financial crisis. Even before the speech got over, the pound sterling had plummeted to a 37-year low against the US dollar (Chart 2), even as the yield on UK government bonds has been skyrocketing (Chart 1).

Commentators around the world have warned of dire consequences for the British economy. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said the budget would likely "increase inequality" in Britain and could undermine monetary policy. Former US Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said the budget was "utterly irresponsible", and warned that the ensuing "financial crisis in Britain will affect London's viability as a global financial centre". Dario Perkins, managing director of global macro at TS Lombard described the budget as "moronic". "And a small open economy that seems to be run by morons gets a wider risk premium on its assets - currency down, yields up," he said.

### What are the immediate implications of these two movements?

A weaker pound will make the UK's im-

ports costlier and further fuel inflation because of costlier energy imports. Sharply rising yields of gilts will raise the

borrowing costs for the government just as it wants to throw money at kick-starting the economy.

### What was the UK economy like before the mini-budget?

In the lead-up to the mini-budget, the UK economy was facing two big problems. One, historic inflation — currently trend-

ing over 9%. Gas prices shot up from 38 pence per therm (a measurement of gas consumption) in February 2021 to 655 pence per therm in August. Even now, they are at 255 pence. Two, economic stagnation — the UK

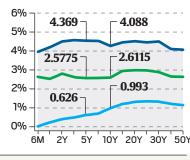
### GDP has grown from \$2.73 trillion in 2007 to only \$2.89 trillion in 2020. Covid made matters worse, and the British economy has still not recovered to its pre-pandemic level.

What did the mini-budget announce

that triggered a crisis? To contain inflation, Kwarteng announced a freeze on energy bills. This is expected to reduce inflation by as much as 5 percentage points. To overcome stagnation, Kwarteng will provide the biggest tax cuts of the past 50 years that will benefit all taxpayers — individuals and companies — to varying degrees.

The government's idea is to leave people and companies with more money in

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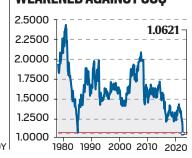
their hands. It hopes that doing so will, on the one hand, boost consumer spending and, on the other, incentivise businesses to invest in the economy. This will create a virtuous cycle of rapid economic growth.

### Then why the backlash?

Truss and Kwarteng do not fully adhere to the conservative dictum of fiscal rectitude. So, while they have announced massive tax cuts and a freeze on energy bills, these giveaways are unfunded. In other words, the government hopes to plug this loss of revenue through additional borrowings from the market.

In addition to fiscal imprudence, the tax cuts are being perceived as unfair. According to the Resolution Foundation, the cuts im-

### **HOW THE UK POUND HAS WEAKENED AGAINST US\$**



ply that someone earning £20,000 a year will gain just £157 while those earning £1 million will gain £55,220, which is roughly the annual salary of a nurse.

"The result is that almost half (47 per cent) of the gains will go to the richest 5 per cent of households, compared to 12 per cent for the entire poorer half," states the Resolution Foundation analysis.

### What is going wrong and why? The new budget may falter on both

growth and inflation. Here's how.

Typically, when governments give tax breaks to spur an economy, they also reduce their spending — or else, they give a tax break to the less well-off by taxing the rich a tad more. This allows the government's

private sector gets to borrow from the investible pool of savings at low interest rates, while consumers spend more since they have lesser taxes to pay. In the Truss-Kwarteng model, the gov-

borrowings to not spiral out of control. The

ernment's borrowings will go up sharply. This suggests that interest rates will rise. Ordinarily, in a developed economy such as the UK, this should not create a worry. Often, when interest rates go up in rich economies such as the UK or the US, they end up attracting money from all over the world. That's because everyone trusts that governments of these countries will never struggle to repay their debts.

But the UK's economy has been stagnant for almost 15 years and is facing the prospects of stagflation (high and persistent inflation with little or negative economic growth). Under the circumstances, the markets are treating the UK like any emerging economy, such as India, and punishing it by demanding higher interest rates.

The UK government claims that tax cuts will lead to a massive surge in economic activity (read GDP) and that, in turn, will bring down the debt-to-GDP ratio. But the markets (read creditors) are not convinced that growth will happen at the pace the government hopes. For instance, what stops businesses from pocketing the relief from tax cuts instead of investing?

Investors doubt the government's ability to pay back the debt. This is why they are unwilling to lend to the UK, which. in turn. is reflected in the selling of UK government bonds and, as a consequence, gilt yields going through the roof. As Chart 1 shows, a year ago, the UK government could get a loan for 5 years for an interest rate of around 0.5%; today it is at well over 4%.

The other problem is that the minibudget may end up worsening inflation and the cost-of-living crisis. The Bank of England (BoE) has been raising interest rates to curb consumption and inflation. But there are two ways in which this fight against inflation may be undermined.

One, more money in the hands of the people could fuel spending and inflation. Two, the sharp weakening of the pound's exchange rate will make imports (especially energy) costlier.

### How has the BoE responded?

Rising gilt yields and falling pound forced the central bank on Wednesday to start buying gilts (instead of its earlier plan to sell them). BoE buying gilts releases money in the economy while selling them soaks it up. The purchases are expected to bring down yields (by raising bond prices) and thus exhort investors to retain their faith in the UK's economy and currency. However, this U-turn militates against the BoE's goal to bring down inflation.

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### **SECTOR WATCH** CORPORATE PRACTICES

# **US SEC fines Oracle** \$23 mn: 'Improper conduct' by units in India, UAE, Turkey

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, SEPT 28

TECHNOLOGY FIRM Oracle's India unit used an "excessive discount scheme" in connection with a transaction with "a transportation company owned by the Ministry of Railways", according to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

This is the second instance in a decade where Oracle has been fined over "improper conduct" displayed by its India subsidiary. The SEC has fined Oracle more than \$23 million to resolve charges that it violated provisions of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) when its subsidiaries in India, Turkey and UAE created and used slush funds – money that is improperly accounted typically for illicit purposes — to "bribe foreign officials" in return for business between

2016 and 2019. Without admitting or denying the SEC's findings, Oracle has agreed to cease and desist from committing violations of the anti-bribery, books

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and records, and internal accounting controls provisions of the FCPA and to pay approximately \$8 million in disgorgement and a \$15 million penalty

### What did the SEC find about Oracle's 'improper conduct' in India?

According to its order, in 2019, Oracle India sales employees used "an excessive discount scheme" in connection with a transaction with "a transportation company, a majority of which was owned by the Indian Ministry of Railways". In January 2019, the sales employees working on the deal, citing intense competition from other original claimed the deal would be lost without a 70 per cent discount on the software component of the deal.

Due to the size of the discount, Oracle required an employee based in France to approve the request. However. the deal was approved without requiring the sales employee to provide further documentary support for the

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**GST** revenue

New Delhi: GST revenue

mop-up in September is

likely to be near Rs 1.45 lakh

crore, an official said. It has

been over ₹1.4 lakh crore

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Akash Ambani

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son of Mukesh Ambani and

head of India's largest tele-

com firm Jio, has been

named in the Time 100 Next.

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New Delhi: Shareholders of

Hindustan Copper Ltd (HCL)

on Wednesday approved a

23.2% dividend for the fiscal

ended in March 2022. PTI

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nounced commissioning of

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in presence of Chief Minister

Bhupendra Patel. ENS

**Inox Wind** 

lakh crore in August.

Ambuja, ACC

The US SEC has fined Oracle to resolve charges that it violated provisions of the Foreign **Corrupt Practices Act** 

request, SEC said. "The Indian state-owned entity's publicly available procurement website indicated that Oracle India faced no competition because it had mandated the use of Oracle products for the proj-

The SEC also alleged that one of the sales employees involved in the transaction maintained a spreadsheet that indicated \$67,000 was the "buffer" available to potentially make payments to "a specific Indian state-owned entity official". A total of approximately \$330,000 was funnelled to an

entity with "a reputation for paying state-owned entity officials" and another \$62,000 was paid to an entity controlled by the sales employees responsible for the transaction.

The Ministry of Railways did not respond to an immediate request for comment. A mail sent to Oracle India did not elicit a response.

### What was the previous instance of Oracle India being fined?

In 2012, Oracle had agreed to pay \$2 million to settle federal civil charges of failing to prevent secret payments in its sales operations in India amounting to a 'scam'. At the time, the SEC had said that Oracle violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by allowing its Indian subsidiary to secretly set aside money that went to phony local vendors.

cret funds being used for bribes, the SEC had then said. The agency said the violations occurred from 2005 to 2007. It said the subsidiary sold software licences and services to the Indian government and kept some of the sale proceeds off Oracle's books. At the time. too, Oracle had neither confirmed or denied the SEC's

### PMGKAY EXTENSION TO RESULT IN ₹44,762 CRORE EXTRA SPENDING

# Strained fiscal math limits foodgrain scheme extension to only 3 months

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THE GOVERNMENT'S nod to extend the subsidised foodgrains programme beyond the September deadline — but only for three months despite the upcoming state polls — has been prompted by specific concerns flagged by the Finance Ministry that any extension beyond these three months would have meant overshooting the budgeted level of borrowing to meet the incremental expenditure.

With the decision to extend the foodgrains scheme for three months, the Centre will end up spending Rs 44,762 crore incrementally for this period, which has led to experts estimating an

overshooting of the fiscal deficit to the tune of Rs 1 lakh crore.

As it is, the government is staring at an additional expenditure of around Rs 2.4 lakh crore for the food, fertilizer and cooking gas subsidies, which has not been accounted for in the Budget for financial year 2022-23. A senior government official

told The Indian Express that even with the three-month extension to the foodgrains scheme, the Centre can still maintain its borrowing target for this fiscal. "As of now, even after this decision, there are no plans to borrow more," the official said, adding that, "approximately Rs 1 lakh crore would be extra for fertilizer subsidy, around Rs 1.2 lakh crore would be for food subsidy. There are other contingencies as well.

### ₹2.4L CR SPENDING **FOR SUBSIDIES**

■ The Centre is staring at an additional expenditure of around ₹2.4 lakh crore for food, fertilizer and cooking gas subsidies, which has not been accounted for in the Budget for FY23. The Centre had budgeted ₹14.31 lakh crore as borrowing for FY23

So, earlier we were seeing this extra spending amount at Rs 2 lakh crore, now it could be around Rs 2.4 lakh crore.'

ment's fiscal headroom could be limited. "The belief is that this number of Rs 45,000-50,000 crore (incrementally for the 3month extension) can be managed without extra borrowing. Anything more and they will have to announce extra borrowing, despite the decent revenue

Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA, said the government's fiscal deficit could overshoot by around Rs 1 lakh crore. "We expect the size of the fiscal deficit overshoot to be limited to around Rs 1 trillion. We expect the fiscal deficit to modestly overshoot the budgeted level, following the extension in PMGKAY (Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna

trend so far," a senior treasury of-

ficial with a private Bank said.

months. Government borrowing in H2 FY23 may be slightly higher than expected," she said. The government had bud-

geted Rs 14.31 lakh crore as bor-

rowing for this fiscal. As per the

borrowing calendar, it planned to

raise Rs 8.45 lakh crore in the first half of FY23 and the balance in the second half of the fiscal. In the Budget, fertilizer subsidy was estimated at Rs 1.05 lakh crore, food subsidy at Rs 2.06 lakh crore and petroleum subsidy at Rs 5,831 crore. The expense on subsides has risen in the aftermath of the rise in global commodity prices following the Russia-Ukraine war. The govern-

ment's fiscal deficit is budgeted

to be 6.4 per cent of the GDP or at

Rs 16.61 lakh crore for FY23.

Bank of England steps in to

**EMERGENCY BOND-BUYING PROGRAMME** 

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

WITH THE US dollar strengthening further due to global risk-off sentiment, the rupee fell 36 paise Wednesday to a historic low of 81.94 against the greenback. After opening weak at 81.90, it touched an intra-day low of 81.95 and a high of 81.80 per dollar, forex dealers said.

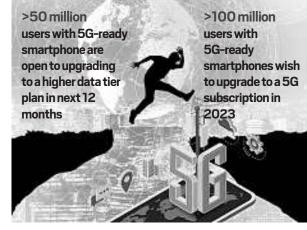
Domestic equity markets continued their slide, with the Sensex at the BSE closing at 56,598.28, down 509.24 points, or 0.89 per cent. The Nifty at NSE closed 148 points, or 0.87 per cent down at 16,858.60. Foreign institutional investors offloaded Rs 2.772.49 crore of shares in domestic capital market, as per BSE's data. Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

### 'Users willing to pay up to 45% premium for 5G plans'

Over 100 million users in *India with 5G-ready* smartphones want to upgrade to 5G network in 2023 and many of them are willing to pay up to 45% premium, a study by Ericsson said

~60% of early adopters who already have a 5G-capable phone expect new innovative applications, which are considered more appealing than better coverage



~36% of surveyed people plan to churn to the best provider of 5G network when it is available

**5G adoption** is expected to start

3X rise seen in smartphone users who own a 5G handset in last 2 yrs

Source:Ericsson/PTI

### the previous two days, the British central bank announced on Wednesday the immediate

**REUTERS** 

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 28

THE BANK of England sought to

quell the fire-storm in Britain's

bond markets, saying it would buy

as much government debt as

needed to restore order after new

Prime Minister Liz Truss's tax cut-

ting plans triggered financial chaos.

off with verbal interventions over

Having failed to cool the sell-

launch of an emergency bondbuying programme aimed at preventing the market turmoil from spreading. "Were dysfunction in this market to continue or worsen. there would be a material risk to UK financial stability," the BoE warned. Since finance minister Kwasi Kwarteng outlined a plan on Friday for tax cuts on top of an energy bill bailout, all funded by a



calm mkts amid IMF warning

Bank of England, London. AP

huge increase in government borrowing, UK mortgage markets have frozen, pension funds have dumped gilts and corporate borrowing costs have leapt.

The BoE will now buy up to 5 billion pounds (\$5.31 billion) a day of British government bonds of at least 20 years' maturity starting on Wednesday and running until October 14. Its announcement, which represented a sudden reversal of plans to sell bonds it had amassed since the global financial crisis of 2008-9, immediately pushed down borrowing costs. The 30-year gilt yield was set for its biggest drop in records going back to 1992. The pound pared earlier losses to rise against the dollar. The BoE said it would return to its plan to sell bonds at the end of October. In a rare intervention over a G7

country, the International Monetary Fund urged Truss to reverse course. US bond giant PIMCO said it would have less confidence in sterling than it did before Friday's announcement. Meanwhile, global equities staged a partial comeback on after the BoE announcement. Sterling, which hit record lows against the dollar on Monday, was last up about 1.37 per cent. Wall Street gained momentum, with the S&P 500 Index up about 1.6 per cent after it fell to a two year low on Tuesday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 1.6 per cent and Nasdaq Composite was up 1.5 per cent.

# Tata Motors lines up EV models; drives in Tiago for ₹8.49 lakh

**SWARAJ BAGGONKAR** MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 28

TATA MOTORS, the country's i passenger electric venicle (EV) manufacturer, on Wednesday virtually signaled a price war in the segment by launching its latest variant of the Tiago EV at Rs 8.49 lakh. This is also the first hatchback in the EV segment.

So far, there is no electric offering in the passenger vehicle segment which is priced below

Already, the most affordable car in the segment was also from

Shailesh Chandra, MD—Passenger Vehicles and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility, Tata Motors, at the launch of Tata Tiago EV, on Wednesday. AP

Tata Motors' stable — Tigor at Rs

Other EVs currently available

in the market from other manufacturers like Hyundai and Kia are above Rs 20 lakh. **FE** 

### Bank credit: Share of loans to industry on decline, personal up Mumbai: The share of industrial leased by the RBI. Meanwhile.

loans in total credit has been gradually declining over the last decade while that of personal loans is on the rise, the RBI said. Both industrial and personal

loans had nearly 27 per cent credit share each in March, as per the 'Basic Statistical Return on Credit by Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs)in India - March 2022' reloans to the industrial sector recorded 4.7 per cent growth in FY22 after seeing a decline in the previous year. The share of loans up to Rs one crore has surged to nearly 48 per cent in March 2022 from around 39 per cent five years ago, whereas the share of loans above Rs 10 crore fell to nearly 40 per cent from around 49 per cent over the same period, notwithstanding the price effect on loansize over time. The share of loans bearing less than 7 per cent interest rate rose to 23.6 per cent in March 2022 compared to 15.1 per cent a year ago. PTI

### **O**SBI

Anytime Channels, Corporate Centre, 3rd Floor, World Trade Centre Arcade, Cuff Parade, Mumbai - 400005 email: dgmac.ir@sbi.co.in; Website: https://bank.sbi

**CORRIGENDUM - I** 

REP No. SBI/ACV/2022-23/003 Dated: 20.08.2022 In reference to above RFP for Procurement of 6750 Branch Managed CAPEX ATMs under phase XV, a Corrigendum-l is issued and can be accessed from Procurement News on the Bank's website https://bank.sbi and portal https://etender.sbi/SBI/. Also the Last date and Time for submission of bids is extended up to 03:00 pm on 14.10.2022.

Date: 29.09.2022 Deputy General Manager (Implementation & Rollout)



### Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement only)

Tender is invited by the Director, Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens under e-Procurement platform/e-portal in two parts i.e., Technical bid and Financial bid) from the origina manufacturers or their authorized dealers for supply of Talking Laptops for the Visually Impaired for the year 2022-23 to the Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens. The interested bidders may see further details and may login in website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

The tender can be submitted on or before 28-10-2022 till 5:00 p.m. The technical bid will be opened on 31-10-2022 at 11:00 a.m. and the financial bid will be opened or 03-11-2022 at 11:00 a.m. Department reserves all rights to accept, reject, incorporate changes and re-tender without giving any reasons. The details can be obtained from the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Podium Block, V.V. Tower Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560 001, Phone 080-22866066, 28860907. For more information please

see department website:www.dwdsc.karnataka.gov.in Sd/- Director. Department for the Empowerment of **Differently Abled and Senior Citizens** Bengaluru.

## Credit rating agencies: Sebi issues framework

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

with a new framework for credit rating agencies (CRAs), involving ratings of securities having explicit credit enhancement fea-

SEBI ON Wednesday came out

The new framework, applicable from January 1, 2023, is aimed at enhancing transparency and improving the rating process, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a circular. Under the rule.

CRAs can assign the suffix 'CE' (Credit Enhancement) to the rating of instruments having explicit credit enhancement.

stand the extent of credit enhancement provided by a third party or parent or group company and support considerations specified by the regulator, including debt backed by a pledge of shares and a letter of comfort, Sebi said that the press release for credit ratings, with or without the CE-suffix, backed by such support considerations need to contain certain disclosures.

To enable investors to under-

### 'Apple drops plan to boost iPhone output'

Bengaluru: Apple Inc is dropping plans to increase production of its new iPhones this year after an anticipated surge in demand failed to materialise, Bloomberg News reported on Tuesday, citing people in the know.

Apple did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

Apple had this week said it would start manufacturing the iPhone 14, launched earlier this month, in India, as the tech giant moves some of its production away from China. REUTERS

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to TENDER No.04/22-23 Selection of Concessionaire for providing end to end services for monetization of PCSCL city network infrastructure on 'Revenue Sharing Model' attention of prospective bidders is invited to the Tender Notice

No.04/22-23 dated 05.08.2022 published in the newspapers i.e. The Times of India, The Indian Express, The Nava Bharat Times, Daily Maharashtra Times and on the http://mahatenders.gov.in The last date for submission of bids is hereby extended as follows:

Sr. No. RFP Claus		<b>Existing Content</b>	Revised Content
1.	Volume I, Clause 1.2. Datasheet	Bid Submission Last Date & Time: 27/09/2022, till 15.00 hrs	Bid Submission Last Date & Time: 06/10/2022, till 15.00 hrs
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PCSCL/3/WS/373/2022 Date- 27/09/2022

SHEKHAR SINGH, Chief Executive Officer, Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City Limited,

## 15% retaliatory duties proposed on 22 items imported from UK

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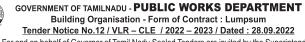
INDIA HAS proposed additional customs duties of 15 per cent on the import of 22 products, including whiskey, cheese and diesel engine parts, from the UK in retaliation to Britain's decision to impose restrictions on steel products.

In a communication to the World Trade Organization (WTO), India said it is estimated that the safeguard measures taken by the United Kingdom on steel products have resulted in the decline of exports to the tune of 2,19,000 tonnes on which the duty collection would be

Accordingly, India's proposed suspension of concessions would result in an equivalent amount of duty collected from products originating in the United Kingdom, it said.

"India hereby notifies the (WTO's) Council for Trade in Goods of its decision to suspend concessions or other obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and the Agreement on Safeguards that are substantially equivalent to the amount of trade affected by the measures of the UK," it added.

India's average imports of semi-manufactured silver from the UK stood at \$412.68 million.



For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Sealed Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer PWD., Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Vellore -1 for the following work from the eligible Contractors registered in Public works Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, upto 3.00 PM as per office clock on 02.11.2022 under Two cover system (Pre qualification and Price tender). The Prequalification cover (Cover I) alone will be opened on 02.11.2022 at 3.30 PM by the Superintending Engineer in presence of the Tenderers o

SI. No.	Name of Work	Approximate value of work including GST (Rs.in lakhs)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (in Rupees)	Period of Completion (including monsoon period)
1.	Construction of Head Quarters Hospital in Government Hospital at <b>Gudiyatham</b> in Vellore District.	3806.00	19,13,000/-	18 Months

The E.M.D. remittance and other details can also be available from the Govt. designated website (http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in) and Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Building (C&M) Circle Vellore - 632 001. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the above website, upto 01.11.2022 - 5.45 pm Superintending Engineer, PWD.

Buildings (C&M) Circle, Vellore-1

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APTS Ref. No.: ITC51-13022/20/2022-PROC-APTS Dt. 28.09.2022 (2nd call) - Tender Notice issued for Empanelment of Print Media Creative Agency for Government of Andhra Pradesh for I&PR Dept. For further details regarding detailed Tender Notification, Specifications and digital certificate please visit https://www.apts.gov.in and www.apeprocurement.gov.in.

Sd/- Managing Director, A.P. Technology Services Ltd B.O. No : 6097/CL/ADVT/1/1/20:

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता ऊपरी माट शाखा खण्ड गंगा नहर खुर्जा (बुलन्दशहर)

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 2640 / उमाशा / निविदा दिनांक 13.09.2022 द्वारा अल्पकालीन ई—निविदा सूचन संख्या 01/अधि0अभि0/2022–23 में अंकित लाट संख्या 33 से लाट संख्या 59 तक की निविदाओं क अपरिहार्य कारणों से एतद्द्वारा निरस्त किया जाता है। शेष विवरण, नियम व शर्तें यथावत रहेंगे।

UPID NO.179513 DATE-27.09.2022 www.upgov.nic.in

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### of Bihar

Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar 1"Floor,Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat,Patna-800015 (Tel: 0612- 2215580, Fax: 2217059 Email: urbansec-bih@nic.in)

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NOTICE REGARDING "RFP for Selection of Agencies for Property Survey & Updation of GIS Base Map for 42 Towns of Bihar'

### NOTICE

The Corrigendum 2 and Pre-Bid Query Reply for "RFP for Selection of Agencies for Property Survey & Updation of GIS Base Map for 42 Towns of Bihar" (Tender- 8 Na Vi GISBasePropertySurvey 16/2022...4087... Dated- 25.08.2022) (PR No.-007049(URBAN)2022-23) has been uploaded on tender section of department website i.e https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban and on eproc2.bihar.gov.in. The last date for receipt of proposal online through eproc2.bihar.gov.in has been extended to 11.10.2022 up to 04:00 PM.

PR- 8663 ( Urban Dev. ) 2022-23 नशे से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है।

Officer on Special Duty, **Urban Development & Housing Department** Govt. Of Bihar

### BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, AHMEDABAD BENCH C.A. (CAA)/ 51 (AHM) 2022

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013;

In the matter of Sections 230 - 232 read with other relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013;

In the matter of Adani Power Maharashtra Limited; And

In the matter of Adani Power Rajasthan Limited:

In the matter of Udupi Power Corporation Limited

In the matter of Raipur Energen Limited; In the matter of Raigarh Energy Generation Limited;

In the matter of Adani Power (Mundra) Limited;

And In the matter of Adani Power Limited;

In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation of Adani Power Maharashtra Limited and Adani Power Rajasthan Limited and Udupi Power Corporation Limited and Rajpur Energen Limited and Raigarh Energy Generation Limited and Adani Power (Mundra) Limited with Adani Power Limited;

Adani Power Limited, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act. 1956 and having its registered office at Adani Corporate House Shantigram, Near Vaishno Devi Circle, S. G. Highway, Khodiyar, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

...Applicant Company 7/ Transferee Company

### NOTICE AND ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF THE MEETINGS OF THE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS, SECURED CREDITORS AND UNSECURED CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that by an order dated the 20th September 2022, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Ahmedabad Bench ("NCLT") has directed convening of separate meetings of the equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors of Adani Power Limited (herein after referred to as the "Transferee Company"), for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving with or without modification(s), the arrangement embodied in the Scheme of Amalgamation of Adani Power Maharashtra Limited and Adani Power Rajasthan Limited and Udupi Power Corporation Limited and Raipur Energen Limited and Raigarh Energy Generation Limited and Adani Power (Mundra) Limited with the Transferee Company ("Scheme") pursuant to the provisions of Sections 230 - 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the " $\mathsf{Act}$ ") and other applicable provisions thereof and applicable rules thereunder.

In pursuance of the said order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that separate meetings of the equity shareholders, secured creditors and sand unsecured creditors of the Transferee Company will be held through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") in compliance with the applicable laws including circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") from time to time, as per the details mentioned below, and the equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors of the Transferee Company are requested to attend the respective meetings.

Sr. No.	Class of Meetings	Date of Meetings	Time (IST)	Mode of Meetings
1.	equity shareholders	Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	10:00 a.m.	Through
2.	secured creditors	Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	4:15 p.m.	VC/OAVM
3.	unsecured creditors	Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022	2:30 p.m.	

Copies of the Notice dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022, the Scheme and the explanatory statement, under Sections 230(3), 232(1) and (2) and 102 of the Act read with Rule 6 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016, along with the annexures to the said explanatory statement (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Particulars"), have already been sent (i) through electronic mode to those equity shareholders whose e-mail IDs are registered with Kfin Technologies Limited ("Kfin")/depositories/the Transferee Company; and (ii) through courier, physically, to those equity shareholders who have not registered their e-mail IDs with Kfin/depositories/the Transferee Company.

The aforesaid Particulars have already been sent (i) through electronic mode to those secured creditors and unsecured creditors whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Transferee Company; and (ii) through courier, physically, to those secured creditors and unsecured creditors, who have not registered their e-mail IDs with the Transferee

The Transferee Company has completed dispatch of the aforesaid Particulars to its equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors on 28th September 2022. The aforesaid Particulars, which were sent by the Transferee Company to its equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors, will be available on the Transferee Company's website www.adanipower.com, website of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and on the website of Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") at www.evotingindia.com.

Copies of the aforesaid Particulars can be obtained free of charge within 1 (one) working day on a requisition being so made for the same by the equity shareholders/secured creditors /unsecured creditors of the Transferee Company at the registered office of the Transferee Company on all working days or at the office of its advocates, M/s Singhi & Co., Singhi House, 1, Magnet Corporate Park, Off Sola Bridge, S. G. Highway, Ahmedabad – 380 059, Gujarat, India.

Since, the meetings are being held pursuant to order passed by the NCLT and in compliance of MCA Circulars through VC/OAVM, physical attendance of the equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors, have been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors will not be available for the said meetings. NCLT has appointed Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. A. Puj, former judge of the High Court of Gujarat, and in his absence, Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. C. Upadhyaya, former judge of the High

Court of Gujarat, to be the Chairman of the meetings of the equity shareholders and secured creditors of the Transferee Company,

NCLT has appointed Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. C. Upadhyaya, former judge of the High Court of Gujarat, and in his absence, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. M. Mehta, former judge of the High Court of Guiarat, to be the Chairman of the meeting of the unsecured creditors of the Transferee Company.

he Scheme, if approved in the aforesaid meetings, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the NCLT Further Notice is hereby given that:

Date: 28th September 2022

Place: Ahmedabad

- the Transferee Company has provided the facility of voting through remote e-voting and e-voting during the relevant meetings so as to enable the equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors to consider and approve the Scheme. The Transferee Company has engaged the services of CDSL for facilitating remote evoting and e-voting during the respective meetings;
- the Scheme shall be acted upon if a majority of persons representing three fourth in value of the equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors of the Transferee Company, voting through remote e-voting and e-voting during the relevant meetings, agree to the Scheme in accordance with the provisions of Sections 230
- the voting rights of the equity shareholders shall be in proportion to their share in the paid-up share capital of the Transferee Company as on the cut-off date, i.e. Wednesday, 26th October 2022. A person, whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as e-voting at the equity shareholders' meeting. Persons who are not equity shareholders of the Transferee Company as on the cut-off date i.e. Wednesday, 26th October 2022 should treat this Notice for information purposes only. Any person who, acquires shares of the Transferee Company and becomes a shareholder of the Transferee Company after the dispatch of the Notice of this meeting and holding shares as of the cut-off date may obtain login ID and password by sending a request at <u>helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com;</u>
- $the \, cut-off \, date \, for \, determining \, the \, eligibility \, of \, the \, secured \, creditors \, and \, unsecured \, creditors \, for \, voting \, through \, remote \, e-voting \, and \, e-voting \, during \, the \, relevant \, meetings \, determining \, the \, relevant \, meetings \, determining \, the \, relevant \, meetings \, determining \,$ is Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The secured creditors and unsecured creditors as per the books of accounts of the Transferee Company as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, 30th September 2022, shall be entitled to exercise their right to vote in the said meetings. The voting rights of the secured creditors and unsecured creditors shall be in proportion to the value of their debts as per the records of the Transferee Company as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022;
- voting through remote e-voting by the equity shareholders and secured creditors will commence on Thursday, 27th October 2022 at 09:00 am IST (0900 hours) and end on Monday, 31st October 2022 at 5:00 pm IST (1700 hours). The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter and the equity shareholders and secured creditors will not be allowed to vote electronically beyond the said date and time. Any votes received after the aforesaid date and time [i.e. Monday, 31st October 2022 at 5:00 pm IST (1700 hours)] will be treated as invalid;
- 2022 at 5:00 pm IST (1700 hours). The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter and the unsecured creditors will not be allowed to vote electronically beyond the said date and time. Any votes received after the aforesaid date and time [i.e. Tuesday, 1st November 2022 at 5:00 pm IST (1700 hours)] will be treated as invalid; during the voting period, the equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors can opt for only one mode for voting i.e. either through remote e-voting or

voting through remote e-voting by the unsecured creditors will commence on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 09:00 am IST (0900 hours) and end on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November

- e-voting during the respective meetings. In case any equity shareholder, secured creditor and unsecured creditor cast the vote both via remote e-voting and e-voting during the respective meetings, then voting validly done through remote e-voting shall prevail. Equity share holders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors who have cast their votes through remote e-voting may attend the respective meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again;
- the facility to join the aforesaid respective meetings will be opened fifteen minutes before the scheduled time of the relevant meetings and will be kept open throughout the proceedings of the respective meetings;
- equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors who need assistance before or during the relevant meetings or having any grievance connected with the facility forvoting by electronic means may contact CDSL at <u>helpdesk.evoting @cdslindia.com</u> or contact at 022-2305 8738 and 022-2305 8542/43; 10. as directed by the NCLT, Mr. Chirag Bhupendrabhai Shah, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. 5545 & C.P. No. 3498), has been appointed as the Scrutinizer
- $to scrutinize the \ e-voting \ during \ the \ respective \ meetings \ and \ remote \ e-voting \ process \ in \ a \ fair \ and \ transparent \ manner;$ the results of the respective meetings, together with the scrutinizer's reports, will be announced on or before close of business hours on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022
- to BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited where the shares of the Transferee Company are listed; 12. the necessary instructions for remote e-voting and e-voting at the time of the relevant meetings of the equity shareholders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors along with other necessary instructions/particulars have been set out in the respective Notices all dated 23rd September 2022 and equity shareholders, secured

and will be placed on the website of the Transferee Company at <u>www.adanipower.com</u> and on the website of CDSL <u>www.evotingindia.com</u> and shall be communicated

- creditors and unsecured creditors are requested to read the Notes to the respective Notices; the equity shareholders whose email IDs are not registered with the Kfin/TransfereeCompany/Depository Participant, may register in the following manner:
  - equity shareholders holding shares in physical mode and who have not registered/updated their email ID with the Transferee Company are requested to provide necessary details like Folio No., name of equity shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by emails to <a href="mailto:investor.apl@adani.com">investor.apl@adani.com</a> and <a href="mailto:einward.ris@kfintech.com">einward.ris@kfintech.com</a>;
- equity shareholders holding shares in dematerialised mode are requested to register/update their email IDs and mobile number with the respective Depository
- upon registration, the equity shareholders shall follow the necessary instructions for remote e-voting and e-voting at the time of the equity shareholder's meeting as set out in the Notice to the equity shareholders dated  $23^{\text{rd}}$  September 2022.
- 14. Secured creditors and unsecured creditors, whose email IDs are not registered with the Transferee Company, may register the same by sending email to investor.apl@adani.com. The respective Notices sent to the secured creditors and unsecured creditors are also available on the Transferee Company's website at www.adanipower.com and on the website of the stock exchanges, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. The secured creditors and unsecured creditors shall follow necessary instructions for remote e-voting and e-voting at the time of the respective meetings of the secured creditors and the unsecured creditors, as set out in the aforesaid respective Notices, which are sent to the secured creditors and the unsecured creditors

Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. A. Puj

Chairman appointed for the meetings of the equity shareholders and secured creditors

Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. C. Upadhyaya Chairman appointed for the meeting of the unsecured creditors

Adani Power Limited

Corporate Identity Number (CIN) – L40100GJ1996PLC030533 Registered office: Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, Near Vaishno Devi Circle, S. G. Highway, Khodiyar, Ahmedabad – 382 421, Gujarat, India Tel:+91-79-2656 7555; E-mail: <a href="mailto:investor.apl@adani.com">investor.apl@adani.com</a>; Website: <a href="https://www.adanipower.com">www.adanipower.com</a> varthana

### Varthana Finance Private Limited

(Formerly known as M/s. Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.,)

Registered Office at: No. 5BC-110, Varasiddhi, 3rd Floor, Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website www.varthana.com, Email: <a href="mailto:care@varthana.com">care@varthana.com</a> Phone: 080-68455777, Branch Office: No. 109, Ground Floor, Tagore Villa, Chakrata Road, Dehradun 248001.

### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is here by given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Dehradun (Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd), will be sold on 03-11-2022 (Thursday) between 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m "As is Where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis, for recovery of below mentioned loan account. The details of the Borrower(s

Mortgagor(s) Secured Assets/ Dues/ Reserve Price/ Auction date & time, EMD & Bid increase amount are mentioned below Name of The Borrowers/Mortgagors: 1). M/s. Krishna Institute of Technology, Rep. by Authorised Signatory, 2). M/s. Swami Vivekanance Education Welfare Society, Rep. by Authorised Signatory, 3). Amit Kumar, S/o. Ganga Sharan, 4). Suman Bala, W/o. Amit Kumar.

Details of Total Outstanding Amount in Rupees: Rs.35,67,223/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Three Only) as on 19-09-2022, together with further agreed contractual rate of interest plus legal costs/ charges, ti realisation of the entire amount.

Details of Immovable Property: All that part and piece of property beaing Khasra No.175 & 176, Chak No.259, having land measuring 0.7042 Hectare, Situated in Rajpur Village, Pargana Gordhanpur, Laksar-Tehsil, Haridwar District, bounded on, East By Other Property, West By: Naveen Sabzi Mandi Road, North By: Other Property, South By: Other Property.

Reserve Price of above property will be Rs. 68.76.650/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty

Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be (EMD is 10% of the Reserve Price) Rs. 6,87,665/-. Known encumbrances, if any: Nil.

Intending bidders should submit their EMD amount and Bid amount along with KYC documents (PAN Card and Aadhaar/Voters ID/Driving Licence) and Rs. 1,000/- being Non-refundable Tender fee by way of Demand Draft/ Pay Order drawn on a Scheduled Bank favouring "M/s. Varthana Finance Private Limited", pavable at Dehradun before 5.00 p.m. on or before 02-11-2022 (Wednesday).

The Auction will be held at : M/s. Varthana Finance Pvt. Ltd., No. 109, Ground Floor, Tagore Villa, Chakrata Road, Dehradur  $248001, on\, 03\text{-}11\text{-}2022\, (Thursday)\, between\, 1.00\, pm\ to\, 2.00\, p.m.$ 

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in Company's website i.e.: www.varthana.com The prospective bidders may contact the Authorised Officer Mr. Mittin Kakkar - Phone No. 8685050505, Mr. Raman Arora Phone No. 7827926395 and Mr. Nagender Pratap Singh – Phone No. 9837911112 for further details/information

Authorised Officer, Varthana Finance Private Limited Date: 29-09-2022, Place: Bangalore

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Details of Total Outstanding Amount in Rupees: Rs.1,24,36,411/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven Only) as on 19-09-2022, together with further agreed contractual rate of interest plus legal costs/ charges till realisation of the entire amount

Details of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing old Khasra No. 146/II, and New Khasra No. 377, having total land measuring 0.2366 Hect i.e. 2366 Sq. Meters, Situated at Village Jaurasi Ahatmal Pargana Roorkee Tehsil Roorkee Tehsil  $Roorkee\ District, Haridwar, East\ By: Others\ Property, West\ By: Property\ of\ Tyagiji, North\ By: Others\ Property, South\ By: 30\ Feet\ Road.$ Reserve Price of above property will be Rs.87,86,460/- (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be (EMD is 10% of the Reserve Price) Rs.8,78,646/-.

Known encumbrances, if any: Nil. Intending bidders should submit their EMD amount and Bid amount along with KYC documents (PAN Card and Aadhaar/Voters ID/Driving Licence) and Rs. 1,000/- being Non-refundable Tender fee by way of Demand Draft/ Pay Order drawn on a Scheduled

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शासन सचिव (वन),

भारत सरकार Government of India पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, जयपुर/(Integrated Regional Office, Jaipur)



Authorised Officer, Varthana Finance Private Limited,

ए 218 –बी 216 ''अरण्य भवन'' झालाना संस्थानिक क्षेत्र, जयपुर–302004/ A-218 & B-216, "ARANYA BHAWAN" Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur - 302004 दूरभाष / Tel. No. 0141-2713858, 2713786 | Email: iro.jaipur-mefcc@gov.in

पत्र संख्याः 8बी/राज 028/2022-JPR दिनांकः 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

सिविल सचिवालयं, राजस्थान शासन, जयपुर, राजस्थान, (Online Proposal No. FP/RJ/TRANS/142626/2021)

विषयः Diversion of 1.7425 ha. of forest land in favour of Power Grid Bikaner-II-Bhiwadi Tranco Ltd. for Construction of Bikaner IIPS Khetri 400 kv 2xD/c line (Twin HTLS on M/c Tower), District Bikaner (Rajasthan) Total Length 135.899 km.

सन्दर्भ—शासन सचिव, राजस्थान का पत्रांक—प,1(8)वन / 2022, जयपुर, दिनांक—05.05.2022 उपरोक्त विषयक संवर्भित पत्र का आशय ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, जिसके द्वारा प्रश्नगत प्रकरण में वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 की धारा

(2) के अन्तर्गत भारत सरकार की स्वीकृति माँगी गयी थी। प्रकरण के परीक्षणोपरान्त केन्द्र सरकार उपरोक्त विषयांकित परियोजना हेतु 1.7425 हे0 वन भूमि के प्रत्यावर्तन एवं 22 वृक्षों के पातन और

24 वृक्षों के Lopping की सैद्धान्तिक स्वीकृति (In principal/stage-lapproval) निम्नलिखित शर्तों पर प्रदान करती है:— Conditions which needs to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department:

The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of pe manent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Fores Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years

The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 1.7425 ha forest area to be diverted under this propos from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5 1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and  $revision of NPV \ vide \ Ministry \ letter \ No. \ 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-1) \ dated \ 06.01.2022 \ in \ this \ regard.$ 

Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme before working permission as in case of linear project. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the direction of concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The KML file of the area to be diverted and the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case

All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal.

B: Conditions which needs to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Final/Stage-II approval: Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

2. Forest land will be handed over to the User Agency only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the User Agency. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 3.4850 ha degraded forest land of Chak-2 MKM Village, Tehsil- Lunkaransar, District- Bikaner, Rajasthan at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local

indigenous species shall be planted and mono-culture of any species may be avoided. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 22 trees/minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.

No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.

6. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014

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8. The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble NGT order for transmission line dated 07.03.2012.

9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government

10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land. 11. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same

from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel 12. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

13. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the

project work. 14. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or

the project life, whichever is less.

15. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal. 16. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.

17. The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Governmen

and Integrated Regional Office, Jaipur by the end of March every year. 18. The User Agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and

NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. 19. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the

MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29.01.2018. 20. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of

conservation, protection and development of forests  $\&\,\mbox{wildlife}.$ 

New Delhi

21. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of all of the above conditions from the State Government, proposal will be considered for Final/Stage-II approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The User Agency shall take up the work as per the guidelines in force and after ensuring that all necessary clearances for the entire stretch are in place. Working permission, if any issued, shall be intimated to IRO, Jaipur. Transfer of forest land shall not be effected till Final/Stage-II approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be noted that this In-principle / Stage-I approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this In-principle approval shall be revoked after five (05) years

(श्रवन कमार वर्मा) उप महानिरीक्षक / क्षेत्रीय आधिकारी

Loan A/c. No. S19DHD-DHD-009364.

### CAPITAL REGION URBAN TRANSPORT

Regd.Office: Plot No. 548/1452, Patia, Kalarahanga, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, (India) Pin No - 751024, Phone: 0674-3501580, E-Mail:-crutbbsr@gmail.com,

Notice No. 2081/CRUT Date. 27/09/2022 **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** FOR SELECTION OF AN AGENCY FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF

**BUS QUEUE SHELTERS IN LIEU OF ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS** Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) invites Proposal from interested agencies for the above

- mentioned purpose. Please refer the RFP document for details. The RFP document shall be available from 29/09/2022 onwards in following web portal: www.capitalregiontransport.in. Any further intimation (i.e. Corrigendum/ Addendum/
- Responses to the queries/Clarifications) shall be uploaded in the above website only. Applicants are required to submit duly filled Proposal as per the prescribed formats on or before 20/10/2022 by 3:00 PM.
- The Proposals received shall be opened at 4:30 PM on 20/10/2022.
- In case of any queries/clarifications, email at crutbbsr@gmail.com. CRUT reserves the right to accept or reject bid process without assigning any reasons thereof.

Sd/-

General Manager (P&A), **Capital Region Urban Transport** 

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs
JSFC BHAVAN, KADRU MAIN ROAD, RANCHI, JHARKHAND, **834002** 

Tender Reference no:-1617 Date:-28/09/2022 SUPPLY OF DHOTI, LUNGI & SAREE UNDER SONA SOBARAN DHOTI SAREE VITRAN YOJANA THROUGH E-REVERSE AUCTION MODE FOR THE YEAR 2022-23 (1st and 2nd HALF)

	LENDER SCHEDOLE		
Sl. No.	Description	Date	Time
1	Commencement of issue of Tender document through website of the Department (https://jharkhand.gov.in) and https://jhtenders.eproc.in	29.09.2022	05.00 PM
2	Last date for downloading Tender document through website of the Department (https://jharkhand.gov.in) and https://jhtenders.eproc.in	21.10.2022	05.00 PM
3	Pre-bid meeting of Tenderers -In Online Mode Via Google Meet (https://meet.google.com/srd-yvcf-oqy) Bidders may also attend the meeting In Physical mode at the Office of Director.	07.10.2022	12.00 Noon
4	Last date and time for uploading / Submitting tender documents https://jhtenders.eproc.in	21.10.2022	05.00 PM
5	Last date for submission of EMD and Tender Fee (Physical Submission)	21.10.2022	05.00 PM
6	Last date for submission of Samples	21.10.2022	05.00 PM
7	Technical Bid opening	21.10.2022	06.00 PM
8	Contact Person No.	Abhishek Tiwari 92 9795046772	19516455 or
9	Auction Mode	E-Reverse Auction	
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PR 278846 (Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs) 22-23 (D) Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs

### Government of Jharkhand, Rural Works Department JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JSRRDA), 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, F.F.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi 834004

### SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (VERY SHORT NOTICE)

(National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement) 2<sup>nd</sup> Call Re-e-Tender No.- 44/2022-23

PR No- 264151 dated 17.02.2022 (5th Call)

The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites item rate bids through e-Procurement from the eligible bidders registered in appropriate class with Road Construction Department and Rural Works Department of GoJ for post five year Maintenance of works (list of Schemes shall be displayed in the website: pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in) of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

The bid should be submitted online in the website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in. The bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate for online submission of bid. Details of bid submission is as under:

Procurement	Place of Opening	Availability of tender (on-line)		Date & time of opening (on-		
Officer		for bidding		for bidding line) of ten		of tender
		From	То	Technical bid	Financial bid	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Chief Engineer,	Chief Engineer,	29.09.2022	11.10.2022	11.10.2022	To be informed	
JSRRDA, Ranchi	JSRRDA, Ranchi	at 10.30 AM	upto 5.00 PM	at 5.30 PM	later	
Note:-						

- 1. Amount of Bid Security should be taken as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document. 2. Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10000) shall be deposited online in form as mentioned in Bid Data Sheet failing which the bid will be treated non responsive and action shall be taken as per Sec. 2 of
- ITB clause 12.2 (d). Online payment through RTGS/NEFT should not be made through SBI. 3. In case, it is found, even after the award of work that the bidder has submitted/uploaded any false/erroneous/fraudulent statement/document, he/she is liable for blacklisting and forfeiture of Bid Security.
- 4. Bidders must submit GST registration certificate without which bid is liable to be rejected.
- 5. Bidders whose names appear in the Debar/blacklist of RWD, RCD or any Department of GoJ/GoI (including JSRRDA) shall not be allowed to participate in above bids.
- 6. Bids submitted by bidders, who have long pending ATR(s) / have made inordinate delay in execution of earlier allotted construction/maintenance works of PMGSY, may be rejected summarily.
- . In case of any discrepancy/dispute about units in BOQ, units as mentioned in Current SOR on which BOQ has been prepared shall prevail.
- 8. Participating bidders are free to submit grievances, if any, against the decision of technical evaluation within five working days from the date of uploading of decision of technical evaluation only through email at jh-ce@pmgsy.nic.in. Grievance submitted after stipulated period shall not be considered
- 9. Bidders must have valid registration with Employee Provident Fund organization under EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952 failing which the bid shall be rejected.

  All other details including details of schemes of Maintenance works to be executed can be
- bidding document which will be available in website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in from **29.09.2022** as per schedule mentioned above. Chief Engineer JSRRDA, Ranchi

Government of Jharkhand

Rural Works Department
JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT

**AUTHORITY (JSRRDA)** 

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, F.F.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi 834004

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Road Name

PWD Road Jharaha

to Rajpur

Kotkhas to Sitadih,

Koiritola

Rajhara to Bohita

Ghutua to Pindra

PMGSY - PWD

Road to

Saraonakhap

PMGSY - B.T.

Road to Ambabar

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Road

Length

(in

Km)

3,600

1.600

5.400

3.000

3.600

2.000

2.500

11.10.2022

upto 5.00 PM

Amount

Lakh)

263.51

69.35

200.70

Technical bid

11.10.2022

at 5.30 PM

Dated: 27.09.22

**Earnest** 

(in lakh)

2.64

0.70

2.01

Time of

completion

30th March

30th March

2023

30th March

2023

Financial bid

To be informed

Chief Engineer

JSRRDA, Ranchi

PR 278755 Rural Work Department(22-23)#D

e-Tender No.- 45/2022-23

Maintenance-NIT - 45 / 2022-23 (etender)

Block

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Satbarwa

Panki

Chief Engineer

BOQ has been prepared shall prevail.

PR.NO.278753 Rural Work Department(22-23):D

schedule mentioned above.

Details of bid submission is as under:

JSRRDA, Ranchi JSRRDA, Ranchi

SI.

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District

Palamau

Palamau

Palamau

Chief Engineer.

Security

Note:-

have valid Digital Signature Certificate for online submission of bid.

Package No.

JH-M-PAL

28 / 2021-22

JH-M-PAL-

29 / 2021-22

JH-M-PAL-

30 / 2021-22

Procurement Officer Place of Opening Availability of tender (on-line) forbidding

29.09.2022

at 10.30 AM

 $12.2\,(d)$ . Online payment through RTGS/NEFT should not be made through SBI.

### **COMPETITION-AMITY LAW SCHOOL**

Amity Law School, Amity University organized "Verbam Bellum 2.0", a two-day Debate Competition, from 22nd to 23rd Sep 2022, under the ambit of "Checkmate", the official debating society of Amity Law School, in physical mode. The competition included participation from 200 students from 30 institutions across the country. Prof. Stephen Barnes, Dean, Penn State University, Pennsylvania, USA addressed the gathering during the Inaugural Session. Dr. D. K. Bandopadhyay, Chairman, Amity Law School welcomed the guests.



### **EVENT-IIM TIRUCHIRAPPALLI**

IIM Tiruchirappalli inaugurated the 4th batch of the PG Certificate in Executive General Management Programme (e-GMP) recently. The programme is designed for working professionals seeking leadership roles by providing cross-functional skills to aid their business decision-making process. The weekendonly programme includes class lectures, case studies, and group assignments. D V Shastry, ED, Natural Gas Society (NGS), graced the event as the Chief Guest. In his speech, he highlighted the role of organizational culture in building a successful business in the VUCA world. Prof. Pawan Kumar Singh, Director, IIM Tiruchirappalli, addressed the ceremony.



### ANNOUNCEMENT-K R MANGALAM

Atherva Gupta of K R Mangalam World School Vikaspuri brought laurels to the school in the game of table tennis. We are proud to announce that he represented India at the Asia Junior Sports Exchange Games being held in Japan from 17 Sep. to 19 Sep., 2022. Atharva bagged the gold medal for India, a feat never before accomplished. The school fraternity congratulates him on his achievement and wishes him the very best for all his future endeavors.

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

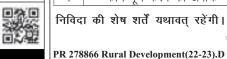
S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	08215088	PVC INSULATED, ARMOURED, SIZE 6 CORE SIGNALING CABLE	2422 Kilometre	24.10.22
02	07224075A	FORGED STEEL WHEEL, (K.S.R.)	150 NOS	31.10.22
03	07221077	REAR COVER FOR AXLE BOX	10961 NOS	31.10.22
04	07220454A	OVERHAULING KIT FOR COCK DH7	1419 SET	05.12.22

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e www.ireps.gov.in for details.

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### **GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND NATIONAL HIGHWAY WING** OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER **NATIONAL HIGHWAY DIVISION, DEOGHAR-814112**

**NATIONAL BIDDING / e-Procurement Notice** Tender Reference No:-NH/Deoghar/08/2022-23 Dated :-27.09.2022 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:-

Consultancy Services for DPR Preparation for realignmen

		&upgradation to2-lane with paved shoulder/four lanning of NH133A from Km 5.40 (excluding Barharwa Bypass) to Km 24.90(excluding Pakur Bypass) in the State of Jharkhand on EPC mode including 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.)	2,00,000/-
4	Time of Completion	180 Days (Including rainy season)
5	Date of Issue of Notice	Date: 27.09.2022
6	Date of Publication of Tender on website	Date: 29.09.2022 at 5.30 PM
7	Last Date for Receiving Queries	Date: 06.10.2022 upto 11.30 AM
8	Pre-Bid Conference	Date: 06.10.2022 Time 11.30 AM Place: Office of the Chief Engineer, NH Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
9	Application/Bid Due date	Date: 20.10.2022 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: 20.10.2022 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: 20.10.2022 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, Dhurwa, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
	Time & date of opening	

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Date 21.10.2022 at Time 3:30 PM

120 days from bid due date

Through website: https://www.eprocure.gov.in

Executive Engineer, NH Division, Deoghar

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## CEBOARD EDUCATION



### **CONVOCATION DAY- SRM INST. OF TECH.**

World is looking at India with admiration & expectations that we will contribute to solving global issues such as clean energy, water remediation, clean environment, said Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Prinicipal Scientific Adviser to GOI. This is certainly within our reach, said Professor Ajay. He was the chief guest at the 18th convocation day. He was delivering the graduation day address at the 18th convocation day at SRM Institute of Technology at Kattankulathur near Chennai. Founder Chancellor of SRMIST Dr TR Paarivendhar presided over the convocation.



### **EVENT-IMS GHAZIABAD**

IMS Ghaziabad, under the leadership of Director, Dr. Urvashi Makkar, organized a vital Faculty Development Program on "Achieving Excellence in Outcome Based Education System through Pedagogical Innovations" recently. The expert resource Speaker for the session was Ashish Patel, MD, CxO Advisory, Morgan Franklin Consulting, USA. In her Inaugural Address, Dr. Urvashi, emphasized that the rich insights by Patel, who has rich international & national experience in diverse domains to his credit, will be instrumental in enhancing the intellectual quotient of the faculty fraternity of the institute & enable them to initiate more experimentation in their classroom delivery.



### PROJECT-CL!CK FOUNDATION

With a keen sense of urgency, Sripriya Singh, a bright and motivated class 11 student from DPS R.K. Puram founded the Cl!ck Foundation, a digital literacy project for women in collaboration with Kalpataru Society. Sripriya, in collaboration with the Society and APT Portfolio Private Limited, created a community computer lab in Pooran Nagar, Jewar, UP. The goal of the lab is to allow and encourage women in the region to have free access to the marvels of digital technology.

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CELEBRATIONS, EVENTS

### **EVENT- MAHARAJA AGRASEN INST. OF MGMT.**

Department of Law, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies organized the Valedictory Ceremony of its 1st National Mock Trial Competition on 17th September 2022. The event was graced by Justice Rajiv Shakdher, Judge Delhi High Court, Justice Jyoti Singh, Judge Delhi High Court, Dr. Nand Kishor Garg, Founder Chairman, MATES and Chancellor MAU, Prof. (Dr.) S.K. Garg, Director General, MAIMS, Rajnish Gupta, Secretary, MAIMS and Prof. (Dr.) Rajni Malhotra Dhingra, Director, MAIMS.



### **EVENT-SRM UNIVERSITY**

Research Day 5th edition was held recently at SRM University-AP to foster the exchange of information across disciplines, encourage extensive research projects, and appreciate innovative efforts. Dr Buddha Chandrasekhar, CCO of AICTE, Min of Education, GOI, was the chief guest of the event. He lauded the fundamental ideology of the Research Day and highlighted the need to develop Indian students as world-class skilled workforce and entrepreneurs by providing real-time internship opportunities where industry and academia stay connected. Prof D Narayana Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor, SRM AP, welcomed Dr Buddha Chandrasekhar.



### **COLLABORATION-AMITY**

A High-level Delegation from prestigious Business Schools, namely Bocconi University, Italy, IE Business School, Spain, Schulich School of Business, Canada, George Washington University, USA, Syracuse University, USA and GMAC, USA, visited Amity University, Noida campus, with the aim to explore collaborative Academic Synergies between Amity University and the B-Schools. The delegation comprised of seven dignitaries from the B-Schools.

### WESTERN RAILWAY **CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL WITH**

PRECAST PSC PANEL Divisional Railway Manager(WA) Western Railway, 6th Floor, Engg. Deptt. Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008. invites E-tender as per details given as follows. Tender Notice No. & Date: BCT/22-23/124 dtd. 26/09/2022; Worl and location: Mumbai Division:- Virar Surat section: Construction of boundary wall with Precast PSC Panel & Precast Column and RCC Footing &

ett over including on DFC side where IR tracks are running parallel to DFC alignmen in connection with increase of speed to 160Kmph on Western Railway. (Total length=180 Kms); Approx. cost of work: ₹ 117,33,99,923.36; EMD ₹ 60 17 000: Date & Time of submissio on 01/11/2022 till 15:00 Hrs.; Date 8 Time of opening: on 01/11/2022 at 15:30 hrs.; Regarding detailed nature of work, containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, similar nature of work detailed tender conditions, please visit

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Regd.Office: Plot No. 548/1452, Patia, Kalarahanga, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, (India) Pin No - 751024, Phone: 0674-3501580, E-Mail:-crutbbsr@gmail.com,

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The RFP document shall be available from 29/09/2022 onwards in following web portal: www.capitalregiontransport.in. Any further intimation (i.e. Corrigendum/ Addendum/ Responses to the queries/ Clarifications) shall be uploaded in the above website only. Applicants are required to submit duly filled Proposal as per the prescribed formats on or before 20/10/2022 by 4:00 PM. The Proposals received shall be opened at 5:30 PM on 20/10/2022

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I.VASHU DEV BAJAJ. S/O.PUNEET BAJAJ,ADD-318,NARMADA APARTMENT, ALAKNANDA SOUTH-DELHI SOUTH.DELHI-110019, Changed my name to VASUDEV BAJAJ.

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I,PUNIT BAJAJ,S/O.HARDAYAL BAJAJ ADD-D-318, D-BLOCK NARMADA APARTMENT, ALAKNANDA SOUTH DELHI-SOUTH, DELHI-110019, Changed my name to PUNEET BAJAJ.

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I,NAZIR HUSSAIN,S/O.MOHD SHAFI, ADD-4929,F/8, GALI,NO 5, SARTAJ MOHALLA EAST OLD-SEELAMPUR GANDHI NAGAR.SHAHDARA. DELHI-110031.Changed my name to NAZIR HUSSAIN ANSARI, for all, future Purposes.

0040634265-2

I,KARAN NEGI S/O.SANJEEV SINGH NEGI, ADD-8/202,BEVERLY PARK APARTMENTS SEC-22,DWARKA-SOUTH DELHI-110077,Changed my name toKARAN SINGH NEGI.

0040634240-3 I,BIJENDRA KUMAR RAY,

S/O.SURAJ DEV RAI ADD-H.NO-6243,F-BLOCK,SANJAY COLONY SECTOR-23.FARIDABAD HARYANA-121005, Changed my name to BIJENDER KUMAR, for all, future Purposes.

0040634263-5

I Usha Devi W/o-Som Dutt R/o-815, Pana Tulshan Chauk, Khera Khurd, Delhi-110082 have changed my name to Usha for all purposes. 0040634183-1

I, KARISHMA BAGRI D/O KUNWAR SINGH, do hereby solemnly affirms that I have changed my name from KARISHMA to KARISHMA BAGRI and my updated address is Z-162, SECTOR-12, **GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR** NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH-201301.

0040634213-3

I,amit aggarwal,S/o.Ravinder Aggarwal A -376,1st-floor, Ganesh-Nagar-east-Delhi-110092.have Changed my name Amit Kumar Aggarwal to Amit Aggarwal,for all future, purpose.

0040634268-7

I,VIRENDRA SINGH,S/O ATRU,R/O H.NO. 159, ALIGANJ, KOLTA MUBARAKPUR, NEW-DELHI-110003.changed my Minor Son name AAYUSH BAISOYA to AYUSH BAISOYA, permanently.

0040634240-7

I,VIJENDER KUMAR,S/o RATHORE,R/o.U-208.UPADHYAY BLOCK, VIKAS-MARG, SHAKARPUR, DELHI-110092, have changed my name to VIJENDER KUMAR RATHORE.for all.future Purposes.

0040634244-5 I,Tabbassum Hussain Zaidi S/c

Tajammul Husain R/o-250, First-Floor, Main-Road, Zakir-Nagar, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Tabassum Husain Zaidi 0040634265-4

I,Shilpi Gupta W/o Mannik

Bahel R/o GH-13/408, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63, have changed my name to Shilpi Bahel, after-marriage. 0040634244-3

I,SUBHASH KUMARS/O-SATYNARAYAN MISHRAR/O-B-1014,2ND-FLOOR BACK-SIDE **GREEN FIELD-**COLONY, FARIDABAD HARYANA-121010.have changed my name to SUBHASH KUMAR MISHRA. 0040634240-10

I.SSAROJ NEGI.W/O.SANJEEV SINGH NEGI, ADD-8/202,BEVERLY PARK **APARTMENTS SEC-22** .DWARKA SOUTH DELHI 110077, changed my name to SAROJ NEGI.

0040634240-5

I.SHARAN MAINI.Son of.VIRENDER MAINI.residing at, B-1/20, Vasant-Vihar, Vasant-Vihar-1,Delhi-110057, have changed the name of my-minor son KRIYANSH MAINI aged-4-years and he shall hereafter be known as KRIYAANSH MAINI.

0040634244-6

MOHAMMAD TAUSEEF R/O 2841/42, 3rd Floor, Bulbuli Khana, Sita Ram Bazar, Delhi-110006, Have changed my name to SABIYA NAAZ.

I,SABIA NAAZ W/O

0040634268-6

I.S.K. Abdul Sattar S/o Gulam Nabi R/o 588 Gali-No.7 Zakir-Nagar, Okhla,New Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Abdul Sattar.

0040634265-3

I,Ravinder S/o-Late Shri.Ram Kishan,R/o H.No.147/2.Hastsal-Village, Uttam-Nagar, West-Delhi, Delhi-110059, declare that my name has been wrongly-written as Ravinder in School-Record of my minor son Dev Kumar aged-14years.My actual-name is Ravinder Kumar, for all 0040634244-8 I,Ravi Sain Jain,S/o-Late.Roshan Lal Jain,R/o-P-67,Street.No.4,Shankar-Nagar Extn.Krishna-Nagar,Delhi-110051, declare That Name of My-Late Father Has Been Wrongly-Written As Rosan Lal in My-Passport No.K3318234.The Actual-Name Of My-late Father is Roshan Lal Jain.Which May Be Amended-

Accordingly.

0040634244-7

I,Ramesh Chandar,S/o Dharmanand, H.No.T-1946/1 UPPER RIZ ROAD, ASHOK-PAHARI,FAIZ-ROAD KAROL-BAGH, DELHI-110005, have changed my name to Ramesh Chand, for all, future Purposes. 0040634240-8

I,Rakesh Devi D/o Mange Ram W/o Yashpal Singh R/o D-108, D-Block, Mahendru Enclave, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Rakesh Panwar for all purposes. Rakesh Devi & Rakesh Panwar is the same person.

0040634178-4

I,RASHMITA NIRANKARI,W/O MANDHEER NIRANKARI,R/O-945 FIRST-FLOOR MUKHERJEE-NAGAR DELHI-110009, HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR DAUGHTER'S NAME, FROM AARADHYA NIRANKARI TO AARADHYA.

0040634240-2

I,Patidar KapilKumar Narayan, S/o Narayan Patidar, R/o-1356, Floor-13  $Manglam\,SBP\text{-}Housing\,Park$ Derabassi, Sas-Nagar-140507, Have Changed My Name To Kapil Narayan Patidar.

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**I,Partima** Bisht W/o.No.JC540780F Rank SUB/ HONY CAPT Havad Singh R/o,RZF-22/23,2nd Floor, Kh. No.25/08,G.No.-2,Dabri Extn. FAST Delhi-45 have changed my,name Pratima Bisht vide affidavit 28.9.22.before, Delhi. 0040634268-5

I,Pankaj Kumar Pandey,S/o Jagdish Chandra Pandey, R/o.Plot-722 UG-1, Sector

5.Vaishali.Ghaziabad-201010, have changed my name to Pankaj Pandey. 0040634263-1

I.Pankai Kumar Pandev.S/o Jagdish Chandra Pandey, R/o.Plot-722 UG-1, Sector-5.Vaishali.Ghaziabad-201010, have changed my name to Pankaj Pandey.

0040634263-2 I,PRINCE S/O RAJENDER KUMAR RESIDENT VILLAGE-BUTANA

KUNDU, GOHANA, DISTT-SONIPAT.HARYANA.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRINCE KUNDU. 0040634240-1 I.Mukesh S/o Ramesh,R/o

Ghatabillod Chouki, Ghatabillod, Indore Madhya Pradesh-453001.Have Changed My Name To Mukesh

0040634244-1

I,Megha alias Megha Mittal Khemka D/o,Harish Kumar, W/o, Raghav Khemka R/o,H./no.1500, Sector-14,Escortsnagar,Faridabad,Ha ryana-121007, have changed my,name to MEGHA MITTAL KHEMKA,for all Purposes.

0040634244-4

I,Manish Jain,S/O Sumer Chand Jain R/O.A-240.Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Manish Kumar Jain, for All, Future Purposes.

0040634261-5

I,Mamata Pattjoshi W/o Sunil Kumar Mund R/o, Flat-No.503, Tower-09. Supreme-Towers. Sector-99, Noida, Gautam-Buddha Nagar, U.P.-201301, have changed my name to Mamta Mund.

0040634265-6

I,MANJU DEVI W/O SANJEEV KUMAR R/O.H.NO-B 1050/3,STREET.NO-13, KHAJOORI-KHAS KARAWAL NAGAR DELHI-110094.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANJU.

0040634240-6

I.Km. Dalieet Kaur alias Paramjeet Kaur D/o, Jogender Singh W/o, Piara Singh R/o-H.No.106-107, Kh.No.41/22, Guru-Nanak Vihar, Nilothi, Delhi-110041, have changed my-name to Paramjeet Kaur.

0040634265-5

I,Kesee d/o Shri.Raja Ram,R/o-TA-211,Gali.No.3,Tughlakabad-Extension. New Delhi-110019. inform that my-father name wrongly-written as Madho in my PNB MetLife policy, But correct my-father name Rajaram, for all, future Purposes.

0040634240-11 I,Gaurav S/o Devender Madan

R/o-196-197 3rd-Floor Pocket-26.Sector-24.Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my name to

Maryam, R/o-2251, Shanker

Gali, Asaf ali road, Delhi, have

changed my daughter name to

0040634261-4 I.Faisal Malik.F/o Farwa

Umme Hani, for all purpose. 0040634261-1 I,DEVENDER SINGH S/O JAI SINGH RAWAT R/o-166, Dhudial Apartments, Pitampura, Delhi-110034,have changed my

name to DEVENDER SINGH RAWAT. 0040634261-3 I,Bijender S/o Dayanand, R/o 1138-B Housing Board-Colony Jind Haryana-126102, Have Changed My Name To Bijender Saini, For Future. 0040634244-2

I,Ankita Deswal W/O Prabhat Deswal.D/O Sukram Singh Khokhar, R/O. J-101, Saviour Arch, Techzone-4, GreaterNoida, Bishrakh, GautamBudh-Nagar (U.P)201306, have changed my name to Ankita Khokhar, for all, future purpose.

0040634261-6

I,Anil Kumar Nimesh S/o Chiranji Lal R/o,Flat-No.530, 10th-Floor, Sanskriti-Apartment, Sector-19B, Dwarka, N.Delhi-75, have changed my name to Anil

0040634265-7

I,Ahmad Safi Ansari S/o-Israrul Hag Ansari R/o-R-1303. Antriksh Golf View-1, Sector 78, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P-201301 have changed my name to Ahmed Safi Ansari for, all purposes.

0040634222-1 I,ASHA DHAWAN,W/O.BHARAT BHUSHAN DHAWAN,ADD-H.NO-27, NEW LAHORE-COLONY.GALI.NO-11B. SHASTRI-NAGAR, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110031, Changed my name to ASHA RANI.For

all, future Purposes.

0040634263-6

I,ANJU D/O-MEER SINGHR/O-H.NO-220A 3RD-FLOOR HARI NAGAR ASHRAM DELHI-110014, Changed my name to ANIU SINGH.

0040634240-9

I,ABUL KHAI KHAN,S/O. ABDUL HALIM KHAN,R/O 6D-PKT-1 MIG FLATS KONDALI MIG FLATS MAYUR VIHAR-3,DELHI-110096.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ABUI KHAIR KHAN.

0040634240-4

I, Waseem Mohammad, S/o Intzar Ali, R/o 475K, Vilage-Sikhera, Pilkhua, Dist.- Hapur, have changed my name to Mo 0070805756-1

I, Tullan S/o Nanne Khan R/o C-

changed my name to Mohd

Tullan.

5/36, Gali-No.7, Chauhan-Bangar, Delhi-110053 Have

0040634194-2 I, Shakti Wason, D/o Purshottam Das Wason, R/o C-6/177 A, Keshav Puram, North West Delhi 110035, have changed my name to Shakti Sawhney, for all future

0070805766-1

L Yasmin W/o Aslam R/o A-55. Near Badi Masjid, Pul-Pehladpur, Delhi-110044 Have changed my name to Heena.

0040634194-1 I, Savita Agarwal W/o Mahesh Chandra Agrawal R/o K-16A, Green Park Main, Delhi-110016. inform that in my passport my husband name has wrongly mentioned as Mahesh Chandra Agarwal instead of MAHESH CHANDRA AGRAWAL.

0040634268-2

L Savita Agarwal W/O Shri Mahesh Chandra Agrawal R/O K-16A, Green Park Main, Delhi-110016, have changed my name to Savita Agrawal for all future purposes.

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I. Satva spouse of No 15137438P Rank HAV (Gnr) Chander Kant resident of Village -Traysal, PO-Dawahan, Tehsil-Kotli, Distt-Mandi (H.P.) PIN-175003 have changed my name from Satva to Satva Devi vide affidavit no. BF386021 dated 23-09-2022 before Notary Public Suratgarh.

0110032401-1

0070805759-1

I, Sarwari, W/o Mohd. Ayoob, R/o-4165, Mosam Vihar, Pasonda, Ghaziabad, UP, have changed my name to Sarvari

I, Sarafraj Miyan S/o.Shakeel Miyan R/o 414,Dhokpuri-Tanda, Bhot-Baqqal, Rampur, IJP-244924 Have changed my name to Sarfaraj Miyan.

0040634194-3

I, Ravi Lal, S/o Lala Kishan Chand, R/o C-6/177 A, Keshav Puram, North West Delhi, 110035 have changed my name to Ravi Sawhney for all future purposes. 0070805770-1

I, Raghav, S/o Sh. Mukesh Aggarwal, R/o B-266, Lok Vihar, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034, have changed the name to Raghav Aggarwal.

0070805710-1

I, RAWAT SHAKUNTLADEVI KUNWARSINH W/O DEVENDER SINGH RAWAT R/o-166. Dhudial Apartments, Pitampura, Delhiname to SHAKUNTALA RAWAT. 0040634261-2

I, Pavan Kumar S/o Late NC (E) Devendra Prasad Jatava R/o H No.301/7b, Maude Line, Air Force Station, Palam Delhi Cantt-110010 Have Changed My Name From Pavan Kumar to Pawan Kumar for All Future Purposes Vide Affidavit Dt. 21-09-2022 Before Judicial 1st

I, Naga Ram Suthar, S/o Dau Ram, R/o Beniwalon Ki Dhani, Nagoniyon Dhatarwalon Ki Dhani, Barmer, Rajasthan-344034, have changed my name to Narendra Jangid. 0070805727-1

Class Magistrate. 040634085-1

I, Munna Khan, S/o Abdul Rahuf, R/o Madhopur, Madhopur Nankar, Muzaffarpur, Bihar, 843360, have changed my name to Mohammad Talim, Munna Khan and Mohammad Talim is one and the same person 0070805754-1 I, Megha Goyal W/o Mohit Gupta R/o F-38,Kamla Nagar,Delhi-110007 have declared that Megha Gupta and Megha Goyal is one and

Goyal for all purposes in

0040634179-1 **I,** Manish Kumar, S/o Richh Pal Singh, R/o 229, Dariyapur Kalan, Delhi-110039, have changed my minor Daughter name From mridubani to Akshi for all future purposes.

the same person and I shall

hereafter be known as Megha

0070805762-1

I, LAXMI KANT GUPTA S/O LATE SHRI LAKHAN LAL GUPTA R/O B-3362, STREET NO.2, MEET NAGAR, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110094 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM LAXMIKANT TO LAXMIKANT GUPTA FOR ALL **FUTURE PURPOSES.** 

I. Khurkan, S/o Irfan, R/o House

0040634181-1

No-12/9, Gandhi Chowk, Kishangarh, Vasant Kunj, S.O., South West Delhi-110070, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Furkan

0070805686-1

I, Megha Goyal W/o Mohit Gupta R/o F-38,Kamla Nagar, Delhi-110007 have declared that Megha Gupta and Megha Goval is one and the same person and I shall hereafter be known as Megha Goyal for all purposes in

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### LOST & FOUND

I,Aleyamma Chacko W/o,Chacko R/o-18-A, Janta Flats, Chilla-Village, Mayur-Vihar-I, Delhi-110092, have lost original possession slip issued by DDA of Flat.No.18-A, Janta-Flats, Chilla-Village, Mayur-Vihar-I, Delhi-110091.Finder contact-at above-address and Mobile-No.9910307042.

0040634265-9 I,Bimla Sharma,W/O-Shri.Ram Ratan Sharma.R/O-56, Subhash-Park Extn.-II,Uttam-Nagar,New-Delhi-110059, Have Lost-My Original-Documents REG.GPA Dated-21/06/1996 IN Favour of Bimla Sharma Details of GPA-REG.NO-19739.Volume-3877,Book-4,Page-NO-41-42 Dls Finder Contact:-9810750710.

0040634244-9 My original receipt of amount 3543505 has been lost of Parsynath Developers Ltd..in the name of Gajendra Dutt Kaushik & Rajesh Kumar Sharma of Residential Plot. Customer code B 40/G0014 and Receipt from no. H-0002047 to H-0002051, Contact Rajesh

0040634262-1

Lost my Property documents, Allotment Letter, Apartment Buyer Agreement Dt.04.11.1993, Flat, No.1101B, Beverly Park-II,DLF City,Phase-II, Gurugram.Finder contact; Vishal Jain S/O S.K.Jain, 5/10.Shanti Niketan,New Delhi-110021.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Ay clients Sh. Mukesh Kamwal S/c ate Om Prakash Kamwal and Smt udha Kamwal Wo Sh. Sh. Mukesh amwal Both R/o E-5, Gali No. 28 ackside), Mahendra Park, Adarsh agar, Delhi-110033 have severed al alationship from their son Mr. hetanya Kamwal @ Sonu Kamwa of have disouned and debared him nd have disowned and debarred hir om all their movable and immovab operties due to his cruel behavior ong acts and deeds and my clients ould not be responsible for the acts eds and things done by him in future MANPREET SINGH
ADVOCATE
Ch. No. L-14A, Tis Hazari Courts

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** his is public notice is on behalf of my lient Sh. Om Prakash Chawla Slo Lend-h. Roshan Lal R/o 1986, Sector-46, Jurugram, Haryana. My client Holtone, Silottee/lessee of Comercial Plot/ Shop No. 4. Lalywanti Garden Shopping Centle w Delhi-110046 vide DDA File No. F-S(14)80/CL. The original documents lealing to the said property Le. Demand/ llotiment letter, Possession Letter, C. & D orm and sanctioned MAP of the above aid property has been lost. An NCRI, 0.774071/2022 dated 08.09.2022 to this ffect has been lodged in P.S. Crime ranch, Delhi.

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### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**E-TENDER NOTICE** SMM/ETD/GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India Invites E-Tende against tender no 44225155A. The details are as under: Non Contact Wheel profile measurement system for Electric Locomotives.

2 Quantity 17.10.2022, 11:00 Hrs 3 Tender due on Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen.

Note: (1) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-

Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in

-tender system. (2) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document (3) No manual offers are acceptable. :: 16/44225155A/ETD/GZB Dated: 26/09/2022 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE** 

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

Name of Work: Provision of Ramps on FOB at LC no. C-4 at Patel nagar in the section of SSE/W/DLI/Line under ADEN/DLI. Approximate Cost of work: Rs. 1,64,34,211.40 (Rupess One Crore Sixty Four Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Eleven and Forty Paise Only)

Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 2,32,200/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Only)

Cost of tender document: Rs. 0.00/-Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender 11.10.2022 @ 15.00 Hrs

Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in

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No.: 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/66/2022-23/W-3 Dated: 27.09.2022 2534/2022 Serving Customers with a Smile



Total Number of Work - 1

PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PIMPRI, PUNE 411018 CIVIL DEPT. E. H.O. TENDER NOTICE NO.31/01/2022-2023

Corrigendum –1

As per below mentioned Tender work acceptance extended till Dt.13/10/2022 at.3.00 PM Remain contains will be same

Tender Acceptance Work Number Date and time Date -13 /10/2022 Time - 3.00 pm.

Technical Bid envelope Will be open dated 14/10/2022 at 3.00 PM {if possible}. No.Civil/T/EHO/404/2022 Sd/-

Date: 28/09/2022 (Dr.Dnyandev Jundhare) Joit City Engineer PCMC, PIMPRI, Pune 411018

### **PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Naval Pal S/o Dharam Pal R/o C-3, Block-C, Okhla Vihar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case F.I.R. No. 98/16 Dated 20.06.2016 U/s 420/120B IPC and 66C/66D IT Act registered at Economic Offences Wing, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said Naval Pal could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Naval Pal has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Naval Pal is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **04.11.2022**.

By Order Ms. Snigdha Sarvaria

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, DP/1299/Spl. Cell/2022 Patiala House Court, New Delhi

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खंड बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)

ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ठा जल एवं स्वच्छता मिशन बिलासपुर की ओर से एकिकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृ

ठेकेदारों से निम्नांकित कार्य हेत प्रपत्र 'अ' (प्रतिशत दर) ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। लासपर जिले के निम्नानसार विकासखण्डों में जल जीवन मिशन अंतर्गत एकल/ रेटोफिटिंग ग्राम नलजल प्रदा योजना का कार्य (शेड्यल अनुसार)।

क्र.	सिस्टम	निविदा का दिनाक	विकासखण्डी में नलजल योजना का	अनुमानित	धरोहर राशि
	क्रमांक		कार्य	लागत	
				(रु. लाख में)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	110338	249/23.09.2022	विकासखण्ड बिल्हा के ग्राम गढवट में।	42.75	32500.00
2	110339	250/23.09.2022	विकासखण्ड बिल्हा के ग्राम कोहरौंदा, एवं	111.00	83500.00
			खपरी में।		
3	110340	251/23.09.2022	विकासखण्ड मस्तूरी के ग्राम सुलौनी में।	91.10	68500.00
4	110341	252/23.09.2022	विकासखण्ड तखतपुर के ग्राम पेण्डारी एवं	185.58	139500.00
			कपसियाखुर्द में।		
5	110343	253/23.09.2022	विकासखण्ड तखतपुर के ग्राम	135.02	101500.00
			कपिसयाकला, अर्र्डबंद, गुनसरी एवं		
			कंवारीमडा में।		

अन्य विवरण एवं विस्तृत निविदा छ.ग. शासन के ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेबसाइट https:\\eproc.cgstate.gov.in पर देनांक 30.09.2022 सुबह 10.30 बजे से उपलब्ध है तथा दिनांक 10.10.2022 समय 17.30 तक बीड डार्ल जा सकते है एवं अन्य विवरण कार्यालयीन समय पर लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खंड बिलासपर ( छ.ग. ) में देखे जा सकते

हस्ता/-कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खंड.

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Prithala Jn. (Ch. 90/000.00) to Dadri IR CGM/Noida 29.09.2022 (Ch. 143/001.50) CGM/Noida 29.09.2022 Prithala Jn. (Ch. 94/299.00) to Asaoti IR (Ch. 2/530.20)

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of oading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the neight gauges under any circumstances on or after 29.09.2022. The danger of load o

ressive height are as follows:

Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the high

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Chief General Manager

**NOIDA** 

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar (U.P.)

### **E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tender are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPCL Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official website: www. noidaauthorityonline.com & http://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

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(A) 1. 18/PGM/AO/SM(JAL-0A)/22-23-

M/o of sewer line and MSPS/SPS at Expressway (Two year Running Operation at IPS-3,4,7 and 8 MSPS-I and 2 along Noida Gr. Noida Expressway) Noida.

Cost.97.59 Lac Which can be uploaded by date 06.10.2022 upto 5.00 PM. Prequalification shall be opened/downloaded on date 07.10.2022 at 11.00 A.M.

**Principal General Manager** NOIDA

### **CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA**

### **NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE**

Shri A.V.Mittal, Dy.CE/ Br./HQ, Northern Railway, New Delhi the then Sr. DEN, Central Railway was convicted to undergo RI for three years and a fine of Rs. 75,000/- by Hon'ble Spl. Judge Mumbai on 28.12.2012 in case No. RC-41(A)/03/MUM for the offence punishable under section 13(2) r/w 13 (1)(e) of Prevention of Corruption Act. Therefore, disciplinary proceeding under Section 14(i) of RS(D&A) Rules-1968 was initiated vide show cause Notice No. E (O) I-2013/PU-2/NR/29 dated 03.01.2019. After considering all the facts and circumstances, the President, as Disciplinary Authority, in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), has imposed the penalty of "Dismissal from service which shall ordinarily be a disqualification for future employment under the Government or Railway Administration", in the Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule-14(i) of Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1968. The copy Board's order bearing No. E(O)I-2013/PU-2/NR/29 dated 17.05.2022 to this effect together with a copy of UPSC's advice No. 3/356/2020-SI dated 03.06.2021 was sent to Sh. A.V. Mittal at his available residential address, but he has not found on such addresses. Therefore, it is hereby informed to all concerned that Sh. A.V. Mittal, Dy.CE/Br./HQ, Northern Railway, New Delhi has been dismissed from Railway service w.e.f. 17.05.2022 in terms of Railway Board's order

E(O)I-2013/PU-2/NR/29 dated 17.05.2022. SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE



bid) by the undersigned for & on behalf of Managing Director, HPSEB Ltd.

from the Bidders/Joint venture firms having A-Class Electric contractor license from Chief Electrical Inspector, for the following work:-Sr. Tender **Description of Work** Renovation and Modernization of 33/11kv Control Point & Equipments in old substation

Rs. 1,13,951/-Rs. 2,360/ Do-Sarka Nahan, Dadahu & Bagthan under Electrical Division, HPSEBL, Nahan. **Key Dates:-**30.09.2022 1 Date of online publication 2 Start date and time of bid submission 30.09.2022, 11:30 AM

4 Date and time of opening of techno. comm. bid 12.10.2022, 11:30 AM The bid document is available online and bid shall be submitted on line or website https://www.hptenders.gov.in. Bidders would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidders are required to have digital signature certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying authority (CA). Aspiring bidders who have no obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPSEBL may obtain the same from the website https://www.hptenders.gov.in. DSC is

3 End date and time of bid submission

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