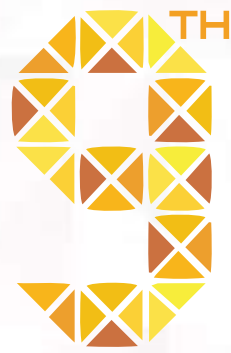




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ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग

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ई-निविदा सं० :- RE-RDD/SD/HZB/04/2022-23

Sl. No.	आई-टीई-टीकेएस संख्या / थैकेज संख्या	प्रमण्डल	योजना का नाम	प्राकल्पित राशि (लाख में)	अग्रघन की राशि (रु०)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रु०)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
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2. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय :- 09.09.2022 से 14.09.2022 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (BUILDING)
ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-3.

No. CE/TB-IV/77/2022/6

PRESS NOTICE (Re-Tender)

In cancellation of the earlier PRESS NOTICE issued vide this office No. CE/TB-IV/77/2022/1 Dated Guwahati, the 2nd August/2022, the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Buildings), Assam, on behalf of the Governor of Assam re-invites fresh bids through Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode of contract for the works detailed in the table below, from contractors having experience in similar nature of works.

Details of the bid may be seen at e-procurement portal website i.e. www.assamtenders.gov.in
The bidders must be enrolled in. www.assamtenders.gov.in

Sl No.	Name of Work	Value of Work	Completion Period	Bid security	Cost of RFP Document
1	Construction of Integrated Deputy Commissioner Office at Chinamara, Jorhat.	Rs. 40,81,51,016/-	30 (Thirty) Months	2% of value of work for General and 1% of value of work for Reserved category	Rs. 20,000/-

N.B:- Value of work may vary according to the detail NIT.
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Office of the Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Rushikulya Bahuda Vansadhara Nagavali Basin,
Brahmapur-760004

A-485
e-mail: ce_rvn@yahoo.co.in

e-Procurement Notice No.- CE & BM, RBVN - 04/2022-23

- Type of Work :- System Improvement Work.
- Total No of Works :- 01 (One) No.
- Amount put to tender :- Rs. 1406.79 Lakh
- Period of completion :- 11 (Eleven) calendar months

Procurement officer	Bid Identification No.	Bid Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Availability & Submission of Bid On-line
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, RBVN Basin, Berhampur, Ganjam.	CE & BM, RBVN (BNID) - 01/2022-23	1406.79	From 13.09.2022, 10.00 A.M. to 28.09.2022, 5.00 P.M.

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E-Tender No. PRYJ-Sig-021-2022-23 Sr. Dtl. Sig. & Telecom. Engineer/Co. North Central Railway, Prayagraj
Dated: 06.09.2022

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S. No.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Form (Rs.)	Completion Period	Date of Opening of Tender
1	021	Interlocking of level crossing gates No. 68 C between BRN-ETH sections having TVU more than 20000 of Prayagraj Division.	5892920.19	117900/-	0/-	08 Months	30.09.22

- Availability of Tender form:** Tender forms are available on www.ireps.gov.in
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1	HARYANA LAND RECLAMATION & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD PANCHKULA	INVITING OFFER FOR SEEKING THE RATES OF TRANSPORTATION OF WHEAT SEED FROM PROCESSING PLANTS I.E PATEHABAD APPROX.23700 QTLS SIRSA APPROX. 13940 QTLS AND HISAR APPROX 800 QTLS TO HLRCO SALE POINTS DURING 2022-23.	07.09.2022 20.09.2022	1 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9680343270 cto@hlrc@gmail.com

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1.The Executive Engineer, HPPWD Kotkhai, Distt. Shimla, H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractor's/Firm registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time	Eligible class of Contractor
1.	C/o Level-III Trauma Centre in existing Hospital Building with provision of Ramp and Lift at Kotkhai Distt. Shimla (SH- C/o, Ramp and lift, Brick work, Flooring, Aluminum Doors windows in existing building portion, WS & SI, Septic tank, rain harvesting tank etc.)	Rs. 2,23,98,296/-	Rs. 2,56,500/-	Rs. 5000/-	Twelve Months	Class B & Class A

Tender document and other instruction can be download or viewed online from the portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> by the firm/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.

Key Dates:

Sr. No.	Date of Online Publication	15-09-2022	1100 HRS
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	15-09-2022	1100 HRS upto 29-09-2022 1730 HRS
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	15-09-2022	1130 HRS upto 29-09-2022 1800 HRS
4.	Physical submission of EMB and Cost of Tender Document	30-09-2022 upto 1030 HRS	
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening	30-09-2022	1100 HRS
6.	Evaluation of Technical Bid Followed by Opening of Financial Bid	Date to be announced.	

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05		Financial Bid Submission	09-09-2022, 03.00 PM	20-09-2022, 03.00 PM
06	Tender Technical Bid Opening		21-09-2022, 02.00 PM	-
07	Financial Bid opening		After Technical Bid Approval	-

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02 निविदा मूल्य, डी0डी0 के माध्यम से ई-टेंडर वी0एन0एन0, नगर निगम बरेली के नाम देय होगा। जिसकी स्कैन कॉपी टेंडर अपलोड करते समय अपलोड करनी होगी और टेंडर बन्द होने के पश्चात मूलरूप से कार्य की निविदा शुल्क डी0डी0 सील बन्द लिफाफे में पर्यावरण अभियन्ता, नगर निगम बरेली के कार्यालय में दिनांक-20.08.2022 सायं-05.00 तक उपलब्ध कराये जाना अनिवार्य होगा।

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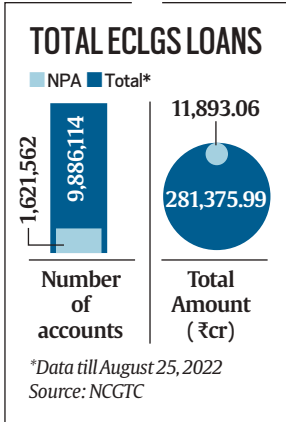
EMERGENCY CREDIT LINE GUARANTEE SCHEME

Covid distress: One in 6 MSME loan accounts under Govt pandemic relief package turns NPA

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MIHIR MISHRA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

IN AN indication of the continuing distress in the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, one in every six loans disbursed under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS Scheme) launched as part of the Covid-19 relief package in May 2020 has turned bad in just 27 months, according to information obtained by *The Indian*



Express under the Right to Information Act. The defaults are mainly in the lower end of the loan bands (up to Rs 20 lakh), the

data reveals. Replying to an RTI, the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd (NCGTC) – a company set up by the Union Ministry of Finance to manage and provide guarantees to these loans – has said that loans to 16.22 lakh accounts, or 16.4 per cent of the total 98.86 lakh accounts, disbursed since May 2020 turned into Non-Performing Assets (NPA). While the total NPAs or bad loans as per the RTI response dated August 25 this year stood at Rs 11,893.06 crore, the total loan amount disbursed till August 25 this year amounted to Rs 2,81,375.99 crore. The quantum of loans that could be provided by banks was increased

Job creation, wealth distribution our focus areas, says Sitharaman

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

UNDERSCORING THAT the country's economic growth remains a priority for the government, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Wednesday that job creation and equitable distribution of wealth were the other focus areas. She also pointed out that inflation has come down to a "manageable level" over the past few months.



Sitharaman in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Speaking at the India Ideas Summit, organised by the US-India Business Council (USIBC), Sitharaman said: "Some of course are red-lettered (priorities), some may not be. Red-lettered ones would of course be jobs, equitable wealth distribution and making sure India is moving on the path of growth. In that sense, inflation is not red-lettered. I hope it doesn't surprise many of you. We have shown in the past couple of months that we were able to

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I-T 'surveys' think tank CPR, Oxfam India and trust that funds digital media

Also searches 100 premises, officials say linked to 'unrecognised parties'

AANCHAL MAGAZINE, DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE INCOME Tax Department on Wednesday conducted "surveys" of the premises of think tank Centre for Policy Research (CPR); global non-profit organisation Oxfam India; and the Independent and Public Spirited Media Foundation (IPSMF) that funds a range of digital media entities. The action came on the day tax authorities also conducted nationwide "searches" at over 100 locations spread across states including Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat and Delhi.



I-T officials at the premises of Centre for Policy Research in Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

EXPLAINED
EC raised alarm

IN MAY this year, the ECI deleted 87 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties receiving donations without compliance. As of September 2021, there were 2796 RUPPs. The EC said I-T exemptions of Rs 445 crore had been claimed in 2018-19 by 199 RUPPs, and Rs 608 crore in 2019-20 by 219 RUPPs.

The tax searches, a senior official said, were being conducted as part of action against some registered unrecognised political parties. "Some of these searches against political parties are linked to each other across states and some searches have no link to each other. The tax authorities are conducting searches across

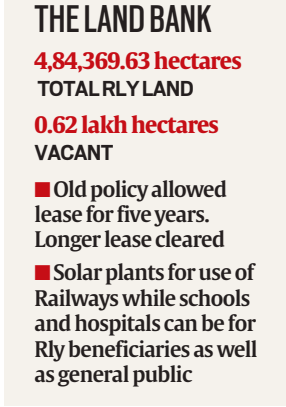
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62000 HECTARES VACANT

Norms eased for use of Rly land for cargo, schools & hospitals

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE GOVERNMENT has made it simpler and cheaper for various entities to set up a range of infrastructure on Railway land on long-term lease. These include cargo-related enterprises, public utilities, renewable energy projects and even schools. Railway land can now be used to set up solar plants, sewage and water treatment facilities at Re 1 per square meter per annum for 35 years and hospitals through PPP and schools with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for Re 1 per square meter per annum for up to 60 years. The Union Cabinet Wednesday, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi,



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CABINET CLEARS PM SPECIAL SCHOOLS WITH NEP RIDER
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The statue of Subhas Chandra Bose being installed at India Gate, in New Delhi on Wednesday. Tashi Tobgyal

Prime Minister to open new-look Central Vista Avenue and unveil Netaji statue today

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

WALKWAYS, BENCHES, more lights and spruced-up lawns – all spread over 2 kilometres and 700 acres. This, in essence, is the revamped Central Vista Avenue in the heart of the national capital, which is set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday evening. The new-look stretch covers lawns on either side of Rajpath – now renamed as Kartavya Path

– from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, covering around 101 acres. They have been replanted with different species of grass appropriate to location, according to sources associated with the project. Storm water drains have been included to prevent water-logging. The canals along both sides of Rajpath have been fitted with aerators, and walls have been reinforced to prevent seepage. A total of 16 bridges, eight over each of the two canals, have been laid out in textured lakha red granite. The railings of the bridges are



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made of red sandstone with carved jaalis. The canals also have two parallel granite pathways, covering 16.5 km.

There are underpasses, too, to facilitate pedestrian crossing. Two of these underpasses have been set up at the Janpath crossing, and the other two at the C-Hexagon crossing – all with ramps for the differently abled. The revamped space also includes eight new amenity blocks with new signages. The amenity blocks have 64 female toilets, 32 male toilets and 10 accessible toilets for the differently abled, and drinking water facilities. These blocks are below ground level to maintain the character

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Rahul begins yatra: BJP wants to divide, flag belongs to all



Rahul Gandhi with party leaders in Kanyakumari. PTI

MANOJ CG
KANYAKUMARI, SEPTEMBER 7

DAYS AFTER the BJP government at the Centre celebrated the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, while launching his Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir on Wednesday, took on the BJP on its patriotism pitch, accusing it and the RSS of treating the Tricolour as their "personal property", and arguing that the national flag does not

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY

A domestic travel time is emerging

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Encroached drains, construction boom: Why Bengaluru drowned

AKSHEEV THAKUR
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 7

AMONG THE several striking images to have come out of Bengaluru over the last few days was of Vinod Kaushik, founder-CEO of a construction start-up, getting on to an open truck with his family and pet dogs as they were evacuated from their home in DivyaSree 77 East, an upscale locality in Mahadevapura, in the eastern part of the rain-lashed and waterlogged city. Five km away, in a slum in Munnekollal, Nagesh Nayak had

to rush out of his shanty as the water gushed in. "My family and I, and our neighbours, somehow managed to get out. Our clothes and food were washed away. We were worried for our children as we dragged them through waist-deep water. There was also the fear of snakes," he said. In India's tech city, the unprecedented rains over the past two weeks have played the leveller, submerging areas from upscale gated colonies to slum colonies. In a span of seven days, Bengaluru was brought to a standstill twice, with the 131.6 mm of rainfall that the city re-

ceived on September 5 the highest since the 132.3 mm on September 26, 2014. Among the worst-affected areas were the upscale Rainbow Drive Layout in Sarjapur, Outer Ring Road, Koramangala, Varthur and KR Puram – mostly in areas that witnessed a construction boom over the past few years. According to civic body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) chief commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, around 9,500 houses across the city were damaged in the rains. The problem, according to environmentalists and urban ex-



9,500 houses across the city were damaged. Jithendra M

perts: encroached drains and unauthorised construction. They say while the heavy rains of the past few days did contribute to the collapse of Bengaluru's urban infrastructure, the city has come to a standstill with far less. They point out that even on August 2, when the city recorded just 45.7 mm rainfall, houses in upscale localities like Yelahanka and Sarjapur were affected. Raj Bhagat, senior programme manager (geo-analytics) at World Resources Institute, India, explained, "The city's topography is characterised by a se-

ries of valleys which radiate from a ridge and fall gradually in all directions. The four major valleys are Vrishabhavathi valley, Koramangala valley, Challaghatta valley and Hebbal valley. The lakes were built across these valleys and floodwater used to flow through these valleys. But with these valleys encroached, the flow of rainwater is impeded." In 2015, the Koliwad Committee, which was constituted by the Karnataka government to look into encroachment of lakes, stated that prominent real-estate developers and government bodies were major en-

croachers of lakes in Bengaluru. According to the report, about 10,787 acres of lake land worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore had been encroached upon. Dr TV Ramachandra, faculty at Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), said, "Poor drainage system, drains clogged with solid waste and building demolition waste, drains that have been encroached upon, unscientific re-modelling which includes narrowing and concretisation of drains, loss of interconnectivity among lakes and encroachment

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MSME loan

from Rs 50 crore initially in a phased manner, and the Rs 500 crore ceiling was finally removed in May 2021.

The government announced the ECLG Scheme for the MSME sector in May 2020, two months after the national lockdown announced in March. Loans under the ECLG scheme's first component (ECLGS 1.0) allowed a two-year moratorium. The interest rate charged was capped at 9.25 per cent for banks and 14 per cent for Non-Banking Financial Corporations (NBFCs). MSMEs were provided additional loans up to a maximum of 20 per cent of their outstanding debt. The maximum loan provided was Rs 50 crore. These loans were to be categorised as NPAs when they remained unpaid even three months after the two-year moratorium.

Most loans that have now turned bad were awarded under ECLGS 1.0.

A banker involved in the exercise said the current NPA categorisation norms state that if even one loan account of a customer turns bad, all loan accounts will be categorised as NPAs, irrespective of the fact the other accounts continue to be serviced. The banker said some accounts may have turned bad even before the mandatory three-month period due to non-payment of other loans, indicating that the company or individual was not able to service loans due to financial stress.

Explaining why the number of loan accounts that have turned bad are high though the quantum of bad loans is low in value terms, a second banker said the initial lot of NPAs are from smaller loans extended earlier in the scheme. "NPAs are mainly in loan buckets under Rs 20 lakh. On bigger loans, the number of NPAs are lower for now," said a banker handling loan accounts in an industrialised region of the country with a large number of MSME units.

Emails sent to NCGTC, Union Ministry of Finance, and Financial Services Secretary Sanjay Malhotra did not elicit any response till the time of going to print.

A January 2022 report by the State Bank of India had said that the ECLGS was crucial in keeping MSMEs afloat. It saved an estimated 13.5 lakh MSME accounts, 1.5 crore jobs and prevented an estimated 14 per cent of outstanding MSME loans amounting to Rs 1.8 lakh crore turning bad. Of the 13.5 lakh MSMEs accounts saved, 48 per cent belonged to the micro enterprises category, 46 per cent to the small enterprises category, and the remaining 6 per cent to the medium enterprises category. The NPAs under ECLGS loans, bankers noted, were mainly of small businesses.

Loans under the ECLG Scheme carry a government guarantee and 75 per cent of the total loan amount is immediately paid to the banks in case of loan accounts turning bad; the rest after the bank fails to recover the loan amount. In normal course, banks have to provide 15% of the outstanding in the first year of a secured loan turning bad. In case of unsecured turning bad, banks have to provide 25% of the loan outstanding.

In terms of industry classification, micro units are categorised as units with investments up to Rs 1 crore and turnover of less than Rs 5 crore, small units as those with investment limit of Rs 10 crore and a turnover of less than 50 crore. A unit is a medium enterprise, if it has investments of up to Rs 20 crore and a turnover of less than Rs 100 crore.

Sitharaman

bring it to a manageable level." According to the latest official data, retail inflation softened to 6.71 per cent in July due to moderation in food prices but remained above the Reserve Bank of India's comfort level of 6 per cent for the seventh consecutive month.

"I am confident that India's key strengths—the size and diversity of the Indian economy, availability of skilled manpower and the progress made in digital transition—will enable the country's economy to comprise 30 per cent of the global GDP in the next 20 years. In the process, India and the US will become the engines of global growth. Both nations have much in common and can collaborate for global good in these difficult and challenging times," Sitharaman said.

The government's fiscal policy, she said, has been very targeted, driven by exhaustive consultations. "There was no overprinting of currency or flushing of the economy with money," she said.

On the aggressive stance on rate hikes taken by the US Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank, she said the RBI would be able to manage the volatility emerging from these moves by global central banks.

"We are confident that irrespective of the steps central banks around the world would take to protect their economy, to ensure that their economy is given enough monetary support... We are confident that the steps that the US Fed may take or the European Central Bank may take, the Reserve Bank is fairly clued into the developments which are happening all around and they are confident of handling the Indian monetary policy without major blips or rise and falls," she said.

Additionally, referring to the global energy crisis triggered by the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, Sitharaman said, uncertainty over availability of crude, natural gas continued.

"At a time when we were looking at moving out of coal, and I remember in two of my budgets placing emphasis that we shall move out of thermal, we shall close some of the legacy thermal power producing and then get on to greater emphasis on a transitional energy, which is natural gas and then equally ramp up our renewable investments and production, now this has received a big jolt," she said, referring to the energy crisis.

"Therefore, now we are also saying we need to fall back on coal for some more time and it worries me about how this coal dependency again will have to be cut down and we can get back to the platform of transitioning into a less environmentally threatening source. This jolt is not just for India but for everybody. But for India, it becomes even more onerous because of the size of our country," she said.

India's demographic strength, she said, is that it is skilled, high-end, technically savvy, providing solutions to the world and the size and diversity of the Indian economy offers a great lot of opportunity.

"If India and the US were to

work together, within the next 20 years, we shall reach a combined 30 per cent of the size of the global economy. We shall be contributing to the global GDP, to the extent of 30 per cent. That itself will make India and the US the engine of global growth," she said.

I-T 'surveys'

100-plus locations and follow-up action and probe will continue in the coming days also," the official said.

Tax officials indicated the "surveys" could be linked to alleged irregularities in their fundings.

According to the CPR website, it is "recognised as a not-for-profit society by the Government of India, and contributions to the Centre are tax exempt. CPR receives grants from the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), and is a Department of Science and Technology (DST) recognised institution. CPR receives grants from a variety of domestic and international sources, including foundations, corporate philanthropy, governments, and multilateral agencies".

Sources said the CPR's FCRA registration is still in operation. Among its latest donors listed on its website are the Ford Foundation; Australian High Commission; Institute of Development Studies, UK.

Oxfam India, according to its website, is a member of the global confederation of 21 Oxfams across the world. The Government registered Oxfam India as a "non-profit organization under Section 8 of the Indian Companies Act, 2013."

At midnight on December 31, 2021, the FCRA registration of Oxfam India, along with that of 5,932 other NGOs, lapsed. Sources in the Ministry of Home Affairs said while 5,789 of these NGOs had not applied for renewal, the applications of the rest had been rejected. A day after the MHA declined to renew the registration of Oxfam India, the organisation had said the action would hamper its humanitarian work in states across the country. It applied for a review of the MHA decision which, sources said, is still under process.

The IPSMF, registered as a public charitable trust in Bengaluru in 2015, has been funding a range of media entities that include Alt News, Swarajya, EPW and The Wire. Its donors, according to the IPSMF website, include Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives Pvt Ltd, Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, and Piramal Enterprises Ltd.

The Income Tax Act empowers officials to enter any premises of the assessee, such as residences, shops, factories or offices for a search-and-seizure operation. Surveys, which are conducted under Section 133A of the Income Tax Act, take place only on business premises. Surveys start during normal business hours, whereas searches can be conducted any time of the day.

During surveys, I-T officials look into documents such as books of accounts, bank accounts, cash, stock and non-valuable documents.

In May, the Election Commission of India, in a bid to check "serious financial impropriety", had deleted 87 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) receiving donations without due statutory compliances. It also issued an order directing RUPPs to ensure compliance with Sections 29A and 29C of the Representation of People Act, 1951.

Railway land

approved the new land lease policy of Railways, which owns around 4.84 lakh hectares in India of which 0.62 lakh hectare is vacant. This includes land that runs parallel to tracks.

The thrust of the revision of the policy is to help set up cargo terminals across the Railway network. The government wants to encourage a modal shift of cargo movement to railways in order to reduce logistics cost and infuse competitiveness in the economy.

Setting up of cargo terminals and cargo-related activities on Railway land will attract a rate of 1.5 per cent of current market value of land per annum with a 6 per cent annual increment accounting for inflation, for up to 35 years.

This would make it simpler for entities like private players, PSUs and others to take Railway land on lease for a longer period of up to 35 years as opposed to the existing policy allowing for five years. The detailed policy is expected to be out soon, sources said.

While the policy will be applicable to future land-lease agreements, officials said that those already carrying out cargo-related activities on Railway land on lease will continue to be governed by

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the existing policy; annual lease charge of 6 per cent with annual escalation of 7 per cent for the remaining lease period or 35 years.

"In the next five years, over 300 cargo terminals will come up under the PM Gati Shakti programme," Anurag Thakur, Information & Broadcasting minister, said in his briefing on the Cabinet's decision. "It will create more than 1.25 lakh jobs."

Under the new land policy, the government envisages cargo-related activities to be taken up by any player, be it PSU, Railways, private players, existing and future players.

To enable an existing lease holder at a cargo terminal to shift to the new policy regime, the government will give them the option to migrate after the existing lease agreement is over. In that case, the player will have the first right of refusal over the land concerned.

Renewable energy plants, water recycling and treatment plants are to be for exclusive use of Railways while social infrastructure like schools and hospitals may be for Railway beneficiaries and the public at large.

As one of the key concepts of the Gati Shakti programme is to bring all infrastructure and utility projects in sync with each other, the government has also simplified the Right of Way policy with regards to Railway land.

Utilities like gas, electricity, Optic Fibre Cable, water supply and sewage disposal, will be permitted through Railway land by paying a Right of Way charge at 1.5 per cent of land value per annum at 6 per cent annual increment for 35 years subject to a minimum of Rs 10,000.

Private players in the cargo movement business have been requesting the government to bring down Railway land-leasing rates. Railway PSU CONCOR is the market leader in the container movement business. So the latest move is also expected to bring clarity to its valuation and clear the decks for its disinvestment.

Railways had given CONCOR a lot of land on lease to set up its container movement depots across India. The stake sale of the company had been stuck over the valuation of the land vis-à-vis the valuation of the company.

Hasina visit

diplomacy worldwide. "Having forged a strong partnership over the last 50 years, both countries are working on an increasingly wide range of sectoral collaboration," she said at a function to award the Mujib Scholarship to direct descendants of Indian soldiers and officers killed or critically wounded during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971. "I want our friendship to last forever," she said.

Hasina said the award of 200 of these scholarships — 100 each at the Class 10 and Class 12 levels — was a token of Bangladesh's "homage" to the "heroes who made the supreme sacrifice" in 1971.

On Wednesday, a day after the bilateral meeting between Modi and Hasina in New Delhi, the two countries also released a joint statement.

The highlights of the statement include: **Border:** Recognising that peaceful border management is a "shared priority", the statement said that the two leaders directed officials to "expedite work to complete all pending developmental works within 150 yards of the Zero Line, including fencing starting with the Tripura sector with the objective of maintaining a tranquil and crime-free border".

It said, "Noting with satisfaction that the number of deaths due to incidents along the border has significantly reduced, both sides agreed to work towards bringing the number down to zero."

It said that both sides noted with appreciation the stepped-up efforts by their border forces against smuggling of arms, narcotics and fake currency, and to prevent trafficking, particularly of

women and children. "Both leaders reiterated their strong commitment to eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and decided to further strengthen their cooperation to counter and prevent the spread of terrorism, violent extremism and radicalisation in the region and beyond," it said.

Water: Hasina reiterated Bangladesh's "long pending request for concluding the interim agreement on the sharing of waters of the Teesta River, the draft of which was finalised in 2011".

Trade: The statement said the two leaders "welcomed the recent finalisation of a Joint Feasibility Study which recommended that the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) will be beneficial for both countries". "They directed trade officials on both sides to start negotiations within the calendar year 2022 and to complete these at the earliest, in time for Bangladesh's final graduation from LDC (Least Developed Countries) status," it said.

Defence: Expressing satisfaction at the intensification of defence ties, the leaders agreed for "early finalisation of projects under the Line of Credit for defence, which would be beneficial for both the countries". The statement said India welcomed the "finalisation of initial procurement plans for vehicles for the Bangladesh Armed Forces in this regard and looked forward to enhancing bilateral defence ties".

India reiterated its request for implementing the 2019 MoU for providing a coastal radar system for greater maritime security at an early date. It asked Bangladesh to implement a three-year-old agreement allowing it to set up a network of surveillance radars along the neighbouring country's coastline.

Connectivity: The statement said the two leaders underscored the importance of implementing bilateral and sub-regional rail, road and other connectivity initiatives. "Both sides welcomed the ongoing bilateral initiatives, such as conversion to dual-gauge of Tongi-Akhaura line, supply of railway rolling stock, capacity building for the personnel of Bangladesh Railway, sharing of IT solutions for improved services of Bangladesh Railway," it said.

Rohingya: According to the statement, "India expressed appreciation at the generosity of Bangladesh in sheltering and providing humanitarian assistance to over a million persons forcibly displaced from the Rakhine State in Myanmar and underlined its continuing commitment to support both Bangladesh and Myanmar, as the only country that is neighbour of both, in the effort to ensure safe, sustainable, and expeditious return of these forcibly displaced people to their homeland."

Bengaluru

of buffer zones (lakes, drains) are some of the reasons behind the flooding. If the drains are concretised, the velocity of water increases, which further enhances the chance of flooding in the area."

Blaming an "unholy nexus" of contractors, engineers, consultants and local decision makers, Ramachandra said, "In the 19th century, Bengaluru had 1,452 water bodies... These helped in harvesting rainwater and also mitigated flooding. Today, we are left with 193 lakes and most of them have lost connectivity due to blocked storm water drains or encroachment."

Over the last seven days alone, the BBMP has identified over 300 cases of encroachment on storm water drains in flood-prone zones. On September 1, the Outer Ring Road Companies Associations (ORRCA), which represents IT and banking firms in the area, submitted a letter to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, estimating a collective loss of Rs 225 crore due to flooding following the August 30 rains. On September 5, the association issued an advisory asking its members to work from home for the next five days.

On Wednesday, Bommai held a meeting with a Central team, which was also briefed on the damage caused and relief measures taken. The Karnataka High Court, meanwhile, ordered BBMP to set up ward-wise grievance cells to address issues of flood-hit citizens.

Experts say the only way out now is to return to the basics.

"More culverts and new drains are required for water to move along these valley sections. Existing drains require widening wherever possible. Unless we add more drains, which allow water to flow through the valleys, there will be floods every time it rains heavily," said Bhagat of World Resources Institute.

BBMP commissioner Nath said notices have been issued to several property owners for encroachment of drains. "Demolitions of the encroached properties started last week. Moreover, a new drain is being constructed at Outer Ring Road near Ecospace to reduce stagnation of water and the work will be completed soon. The desilting of drains is an ongoing process," he said.

According to the IMD, the city received 0.2 mm of rainfall on Wednesday. And the water level in several inundated areas have started receding. But the department's prediction offers little relief: light to moderate rain till September 9.

Rahul yatra

belong to any particular religion. "It is not enough to just salute the flag, it is important to defend the ideas and values behind the flag," he said.

Congress leaders saw Rahul's remarks as an attempt to counter the BJP on the issue of nationalism. Sources close to him said he wants to present a new vision during his yatra, which will see him walk across 12 states, covering 3,570 kilometres over a period of 150 days.

According to sources, Rahul doesn't want to return as Congress president, as he believes that he and the party have to reclaim the mindscape of the electorate through such mass contact programmes, offering a new narrative. If he heads the party, he would be tied down with the nitty-gritty of organisational politics, they said.

Addressing a seaside public meeting, Rahul said the Tricolour represents every Indian—the religion of every single person, state and language of the country. It does not belong to any particular religion, community or language, he said. The flag offers protection to every Indian, guarantees a free and fair life to every citizen, and the right to practice any religion and speak any language they desire, he said.

"Today, this flag is under attack. India is not the imposition of one idea on its people. India is the history, the language, the culture of every single person. India is the institution which protects this flag. India is a free media that protects this flag. India is the judiciary that protects this flag. And today, every single institution is under attack by the BJP and RSS. They think the flag is their personal property. They think they can single-handedly determine the future of the people of this country, the future of all the states of this country," he said.

"They think they can frighten the Opposition using the ED, CBI and Income Tax. The problem is they don't understand the Indian people. Indian people don't get scared... It doesn't matter how many hours of interrogation they do... not a single Opposition leader is going to be scared of the BJP," he said.

"The BJP thinks it can divide this country along religious lines and on the lines of language... this country cannot be divided... this country will always remain united," said Rahul.

In a message which was read out at the rally, Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who is abroad for a medical check-up, said: "This is a

landmark occasion for our great party with such a glorious legacy—the Indian National Congress. I am confident that our organisation will be rejuvenated. It is also a transformational moment in Indian politics."

Before addressing the public meeting, Rahul received the national flag from Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin at the Mahatma Gandhi Mandapam here. Stalin later tweeted: "Today, my brother @RahulGandhi has begun a journey to retrieve India's soul, to uphold the lofty ideals of our republic and to unite our country's people with love."

Rahul began his day by offering prayers at the memorial of his father, former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, in Sriperumbudur. In Kanyakumari, Rahul visited the Thiruvalluvar memorial, Vivekananda memorial and Kamaraj memorial before attending a prayer meeting at the Mahatma Gandhi Mandapam. On Thursday, he will begin the yatra on foot.

There were no Congress flags or symbols at the rally venue, only national flags. In his speech, Rahul also raised the issue of rising unemployment. "We are heading into bad times," he said. He alleged that the BJP government had systematically attacked farmers, labourers and small and medium businesses.

"A handful of large businesses control the entire country today. Ports, airports, coal, power, telecom and every single industry is controlled by a handful of businessmen. The Prime Minister would not last one day without their support. They control the media and they ensure that the Prime Minister is on the television screen 24 hours a day. And in exchange, the Prime Minister carries out policies that are in their interest," he said.

He said demonetisation, GST and the three farm laws that were later repealed were designed to help a few businesses. "The idea is very similar to what the British used to do. Divide India, make Indians fight with each other and then steal from the Indian people. Those days, it used to be called the East India Company. It was one company that controlled all of India. Today, there are three-four companies that control the whole of India," he alleged.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel were among senior party leaders present. Some civil society representatives including Yogendra Yadav also attended the rally.

Central Vista

of the space. Two of these blocks near the stepped India Gate plaza have vending kiosks, too.

Besides, sources said, the original Jamun trees along the entire stretch have been preserved, and a total of 140 new trees planted.

The newly built bridges and improved lighting along the stretch have made the space more accessible for public use, sources said. The 74 historic light poles along the stretch have been restored, upgraded and reinstalled, while 900 new poles have been added along Rajpath, the canals, near the rows of trees, newly created parking bays and the India Gate precinct.

The Prime Minister will also unveil a statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose beneath the canopy next to India Gate.

According to officials, the sanctioned cost for the Central Vista Avenue project is Rs 608 crore. The CPWD will maintain the area with the contract for maintenance including civil, horticultural and electrical work, a senior CPWD official said.

Meanwhile, the NDMC approved the renaming of Rajpath to Kartavya Path. Council member and MP Meenakshi Lekhi said it was a break from the Colonial past and a bid to bring the name "in tune with the values and principles of democracy and contemporary New India".

Class 3 students lacking basic numerical skills: Delhi in bottom third of states, UTs, says survey

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE NATIONWIDE Foundational Learning Survey (FLS) has found that more than half of the assessed class III children from Delhi have either "limited" foundational numeracy skills or "lack the most basic knowledge and skills", once again throwing light on foundational numeracy gaps.

The study was carried out jointly by the Union Ministry of Education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) among 86,000 class III children in 10,000 schools in the country. In Delhi, the sample size was 2,945 students from across 515 schools.

Based on children's performances, they were placed in four

categories: those who lacked the most basic knowledge and skills; those who have limited knowledge and skills; those who have developed sufficient knowledge and skill; and those who have developed superior knowledge. In foundational numeracy, 40% of these assessed children in Delhi were found to have limited knowledge and skills, and 12% per cent to lack the most basic knowledge and skills, while 41% were found to have sufficient knowledge and skill, and 7% to have superior knowledge and skill.

The percentage in the two lower categories is slightly higher in Delhi than nationally, where 11% are placed as lacking basic skills while 37% are found to have partial skills. Delhi is in the bottom third of states and UTs with the percentage of assessed children

EXPLAINED Pattern of the survey

IN FOUNDATIONAL numeracy, the tasks for children included identifying and extending patterns consisting of numbers and shapes, solving word problems based on addition and subtraction, comparing pairs of numbers to identify the bigger number, and identifying and representing fraction values.

which evaluated learning outcomes based on MCQs, the findings of FLS are based on interviews with each individual participant.

Among the languages assessed in Delhi, over half the children were found to have sufficient or superior skills. However, in Hindi, while a high 30% of children were found to have superior skills, 26% were found to lack the most basic skills. The FLS had been conducted in March, a month after school opened partially for primary school students for the first time since the start of the pandemic, and shortly before it opened compulsorily for them.

Since the FLS, children in government and MCD schools have had months of focused classes on foundational reading, writing and numeracy, as well as assessment and monitoring.

found to be lacking basic skills.

In the National Achievement Survey, Delhi featured in the five states with the lowest average scores in maths and language at class III level. However, unlike NAS

Already gave her another chance, says Jamia on Safoora admission being cancelled

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AMID CALLS of support for activist Safoora Zargar and protests demanding that she be allowed to complete her MPhil by Jamia Millia Islamia, the university's administration has stated that it had already given her "another chance on humanitarian grounds" after initially notifying her in April that it would cancel her admission.

Zargar (29) is an accused in

the main conspiracy case in the Northeast Delhi riots and was booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

On August 26, the Dean Faculty of Social Sciences issued a notice stating that her registration has been cancelled because she did not submit her dissertation within the maximum stipulated time of five semesters in addition to a semester of Covid extension, and her supervisor's report which stated that her progress was "unsatisfactory". Zargar had alleged that she

has been denied extensions by the university to complete her MPhil and that this is an attempt to "disrupt her education".

Following protests on campus and statements from academics and activists in support of her, university authorities Wednesday stated that they had advised her to avail of various extensions and leaves.

"In the third semester, it was suggested to her to avail of the maternity leave but she chose not to do so. Later, in view of her circumstances, she was verbally ad-

vised to avail of childcare leave by the HoD, but she declined and assured the Research Advisory Committee that she would complete her work on time. During and even after the expiry of her Covid extension, she was advised to apply for extension as a woman scholar so that she may complete her work and submit it. But she did not pay heed to the advice of the supervisor and the RAC and did not file her application for extension as a woman scholar in the stipulated maximum period," the university has claimed.

Kejriwal writes to Modi on need to revamp schools

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CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday criticised PM Modi's decision to modernise 14,500 government schools in India under the PM-SHRI programme and said it will take 'more than 100 years' at this rate to revamp all government schools.

On Monday, Modi tweeted that 14,500 schools across India will be developed and upgraded under Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana, wherein schools will be equipped with modern infrastructure, latest technology, smart classrooms, upgraded sports facilities, and more.

Kejriwal sent a letter to the PM saying that there are over 10 lakh schools in India and all need to be 'upgraded'. He posted Tuesday's letter on Twitter Wednesday. "I have come to know from the media that the central government has plans to upgrade 14,500 schools across the country. This is a very good thing... (However) the condition of government schools across the country is very bad. There is a need to upgrade and modernise them," said Kejriwal in his letter. "The condition of more than 80% of government schools is worse than any junkyard... You have planned to fix only 14,500 government schools. There are more than 10 lakh government schools across the country. In this way, it will take more than a hundred years to fix all the government schools," he said.

He said citizens can't wait for 100 years and urged Modi to make a plan to upgrade all government schools. "I request you that instead of 14,500 schools, a plan should be made to make all 10 lakh government schools 'modern'. In this, all state governments should be roped in and the plan should be implemented in the next five years."

Meanwhile, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Wednesday hit out at Kejriwal over his "junkyard" remark. Pradhan claimed that contrary to claims of the Delhi government, schools under it were found to be performing behind the national average in the latest round of the National Achievement Survey. Pradhan, taunting Kejriwal as a "bayan veer" (paper tiger or word warrior), pointed out that the expenditure of the Delhi government is less than other states as the Centre foots the bill of running the police system, "and even maintenance of many roads".

Freak accident kills three working at banquet hall

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THREE MEN working at a banquet hall in Outer Delhi were electrocuted by a high-tension wire Wednesday morning. Two of the victims were charred to death.

The victims have been identified as Faizan (19), Suhail (19) and Zubair (23), all residents of Meerut. Locals said the men were hired a few weeks ago to take care of plants and trees at the banquet hall. The men were working in an iron trolley, suspended 13 feet from the ground, when they came in contact with the wire. A PCR call was made after officials found the bodies.

Brijendra Kumar Yadav, DCP (Outer North), said, "District staff along with emergency officers were sent to the spot, a farm-

house, where weddings and other functions are held. Near the main entrance, the bodies were found charred. We found a trolley around 13.9 feet high, in contact with an overhead high-tension wire. The wire was carrying 11,000 volts."

An enquiry revealed that Faizan and Suhail were asked to trim trees near the entrance, and they were on the trolley. Within a minute, the men were electrocuted and set ablaze. Zubair rushed to help them, but he too was electrocuted. Police said Zubair worked at the garden, planting trees.

"The men were working on a contract basis and were employed by a man who lives in Rohini. The owner of the hall has been identified and is being questioned. We called the crime and forensic teams to collect evidence from the spot. Legal action will be taken against the accused," said the DCP.

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Along the canal, a second pathway and benches have been set up. Photos by PTI



TO BE INAUGURATED BY PRIME MINISTER TODAY

Rajpath out, Kartavya Path in as national capital prepares for mega event

'In tune with values, principles of democracy, contemporary New India'

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE NEW DELHI Municipal Council (NDMC) Wednesday approved the proposal to rename Rajpath as 'Kartavya Path', in a special meeting of its council.

Lok Sabha MP and NDMC member Meenakshi Lekhi confirmed the development and said a request regarding renaming of Rajpath and Central Vista Lawns had been received from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

On the evening of September 8, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the entire stretch, which has been renovated under the Centre's ambitious Central Vista redevelopment project. The PM will also unveil a statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate on Thursday.

Lekhi said that taking into consideration the values of India's democratic system and rich cultural heritage, the council approved the proposal unanimously.

She called it a historic decision by the NDMC, and said the idea behind it is to move away from India's colonial history and incul-

cate democratic values and principles in the minds and souls of the people.

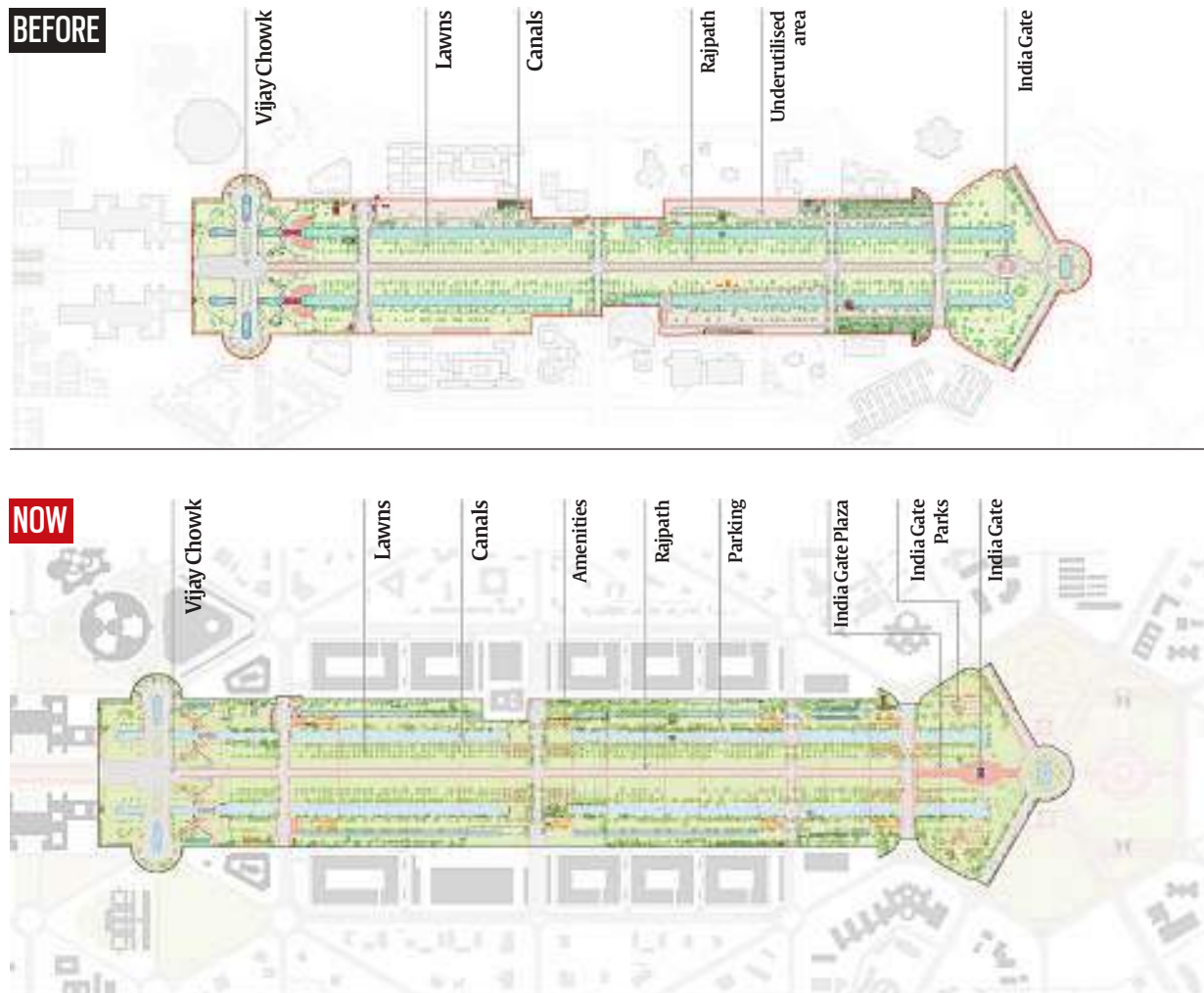
Rajpath was earlier known as Kingsway while Janpath was called Queensway.

Queensway was renamed as Janpath while Kingsway was merely translated into Hindi as Rajpath.

"However, after 75 years of Independence, it is felt that the name of Rajpath needs to be changed in tune with the values and principles of democracy and contemporary New India," Lekhi said. She added that Rajpath implies the idea of a king who rules over the ruled, whereas in the independent democratic new India, it is the public who are supreme and the government and public servants are here to serve and fulfil their duties.

She said the concept of a new Kartavya Path will inspire everyone to fulfil their duties towards the nation, society, family and all people without discrimination.

"The reason behind this is that if every person fulfils his duty, then the rights of others are automatically fulfilled. The Kartavya Path will also inspire everyone who visits or crosses this road to fulfil their duties," she said.



Police issued a traffic advisory ahead of the big day. People are expected to throng the venue in the evening. Tashi Tobgyal

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- KG Marg to Madhav Rao Scindia Marg Crossing
- Copernicus Marg to Madhav Rao Scindia Marg Crossing

BRIEFLY

Man uses Tricolour to clean scooter, apprehended

New Delhi: A 52-year-old man was apprehended by police for allegedly using the national flag to clean his scooter. In a video of the incident, the man is purportedly seen cleaning and dusting his scooter with a folded flag. He has been booked under section 2 of the Prevention of Insult to National Honour Act, 1971.

Man jumps to death off Civic Centre

New Delhi: A data-entry operator with the Income Tax Department jumped to his death off the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Civic Centre in New Delhi's Minto Road area Wednesday morning, said police. Sources said the man, who worked on the eighth floor of the building, jumped from the top floor.

DDA kicks off project to revive Yamuna floodplains

New Delhi: In a bid to restore the ecology of the Yamuna floodplains, the Delhi Development Authority Wednesday inaugurated the Asita East project near Laxmi Nagar. The project is a part of the land-owning agency's ongoing Yamuna floodplain restoration and rejuvenation drive. ENS

Ahead of Diwali, curbs on firecrackers extended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE MANUFACTURE, storage, sale and use of all types of firecrackers will be banned in Delhi with immediate effect, till January 1, 2023, according to Environment Minister Gopal Rai.

Rai said there will also be a ban on online sale and delivery of firecrackers this year. Delhi Police, Delhi Pollution Control Committee and Revenue Department will prepare an action plan to strictly enforce the ban, said Rai. A similar ban was in place in 2021 and 2020.

"A complete ban is being imposed on the production, storage, sale and use of all types of firecrackers so that people's lives can be saved. The sale and delivery of any form of firecrackers online will be completely prohibited this year due to the fact that it was seen that many people purchased firecrackers online last year. To prevent confusion among the public regarding firecrackers, this restriction will ap-

ply to all sorts of firecrackers," Rai said.

Rai added that the ban is being announced in advance to prevent losses to traders. "To avert any such situation, it has been decided to implement a complete ban on the production, storage, sale, and use of all forms of firecrackers in time," he said.

The city witnessed bursting of firecrackers in violation of the ban last year, and the air quality was in the 'severe' category on the day after Diwali, with an AQI of 462. Despite the ban, the worst AQI for the day after Diwali since 2017 was recorded last year.

Harjeet Singh Chhabra, who sells firecrackers in Sadar Bazaar during Diwali, said, "Police issued an advertisement a few days ago saying that those who want temporary licences (to sell firecrackers) can apply. We saw it, booked (firecrackers) and submitted documents." The Delhi Police had invited applications for temporary licences to sell "reduced emission" fireworks from September 1 onwards, and applications were to be submitted by September 9.

Police conclude arguments in Umar's High Court bail hearing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

MORE THAN a month after it began submissions, the Delhi Police Wednesday concluded its arguments against activist Umar Khalid's bail appeal before the Delhi High Court in the case of alleged larger conspiracy behind the Northeast Delhi riots.

The division bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Rajnish Bhatnagar listed the case for further hearing on September 9 after senior advocate Trideep Pais, representing Khalid, sought time to rebut the prosecution's stand. The court also asked Pais and the counsel representing police to file their written submissions, indicating that the order in the matter will be reserved this week.

Khalid approached the court for bail in April against the trial court order that denied him the relief. His counsel began arguments on April 22 and concluded on July 28 – the case was listed



Approached the court for bail in April

on 14 dates between April and July but the hearing did not take place on all the fixed days due to various reasons. The prosecution began arguments on August 1 – between last month and September 7, the case was listed on 12 dates but again hearing could not be held on all the dates.

Defending its case and opposing the bail appeal of Khalid, the prosecution during its arguments read the speeches made by co-accused Sharjeel Imam, the WhatsApp chats of various

accused and the statements given by witnesses to it. Khalid's counsel has earlier argued that completely unconnected incidents have been put together in the chargesheet to show a conspiracy.

Pais, representing Khalid, had submitted that five WhatsApp groups have been cited in the chargesheet but he was a member of only two and out of them, he posted messages in only one. The four messages included the location of a protest site and information regarding his communication with a police officer who wanted people to deescalate the protests, said Pais.

"No eyewitness or any witness speaks of his presence in any situation of violence in any part of Delhi during the protest against CAA. Not a single witness of alleged violence has spoken against him," Pais had argued, adding that the statements against him are very proximate to his arrest "indicating some material was being built up just before his arrest".

Told to vacate DU hostel, 200 women protest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

AROUND 200 women who had been residing in Delhi University's largest women's hostel for the last few months are agitating about being directed to vacate their rooms during exams and after the new academic session began.

Rajiv Gandhi Hostel for Girls is a 772-seater hostel for postgraduate and research scholars, located at DU's North Campus. Over the last few weeks, students who had been residing in the hostel on a guest basis after the university campus compulsorily reopened for all students this February have received multiple communications from the hostel authorities asking them to vacate rooms in anticipation of admitting students as "regular residents" in the new academic session.

According to one of the residents, students who had rushed to Delhi had been admitted to the hostel as "guest students" as part of which they were made to sign an undertaking which permitted them to stay for two months, and that they would vacate when asked to. "Since classes continued, the hostel itself extended the guest stay. Now in August, when students were winding up their exams and were about to start the next academic year for which most students had little to no break, the pressure started. Students have classes, they need a place to study, where will they go?" said the resident. The new academic year for postgraduate students started August-end.

On August 22, residents got an email from the provost stating, "This is to inform you that the hostel is considering initiating admission in regular mode from the



Rajiv Gandhi Hostel for Girls is a 772-seater hostel for postgraduate and research scholars. Archive

forthcoming academic session. Therefore, the hostel would require the rooms to be vacant, to prepare for the upcoming regular admissions. In view of the admission process, you are directed to vacate the hostel within fifteen days of the receipt of this email or one week from the date of the last exam of this semester, whichever is earlier."

In response, students approached the Delhi Commission for Women with a complaint against "forcible removal", while another notice reiterating the direction to vacate was issued on August 25.

On August 31, hostel authorities told them that they would be charged a higher rate per day for not vacating. "... you have neither vacated nor informed the hostel about the date of vacating. From September 1, 2022, you will be charged as per the rules, that is, Rs 200 per day. However, it may also be noted that if you do not get admission on a regular basis at the time of release of the first list, you will have to vacate the hostel within ten days."

Hostel provost Poonam Silotia did not respond to calls and messages seeking comment.

IN CENTRE VERSUS DELHI GOVT CASE

Paperwork out, SC bench wants to go green

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE SUPREME COURT Wednesday decided to do away with physical documents for its Constitution bench hearing on the dispute between the Centre and the Delhi government over control of administrative services in the national capital.

The Justice DY Chandrachud-led five-judge Constitution bench, which took up the matter, asked the rival sides not to submit any document in the court. All docu-

ments will instead be made in digital format.

"We'll keep this a completely green bench so there would be no papers," Justice Chandrachud told the parties, adding "please don't carry any paper".

The bench also comprising Justices MR Shah, Krishna Murari, Hima Kohli, and PS Narasimha said that the Information Technology cell of the court had agreed to train seniors on Saturdays on the use of technology.

Justice Chandrachud asked the parties to let the court know if

anyone needed training so that it can be organised. As a counsel conveyed his dilemma in using technology, Justice MR Shah remarked, "We also got training. Some day you have to start."

Reassuring the counsel, Justice Chandrachud added: "If you can argue in court, you can easily adapt to this. Technology is for dummies."

The court said it will list the matter on September 27 for directions and see whether the hearing can commence in October. The court noted in its order that all counsel have agreed

that proceedings shall be held in a paperless environment and no hard copy of documents will be carried. The bench also directed the Registry to scan all paper books and make them available to the two sides.

The proceedings have their genesis in the Delhi High Court judgement of August 4, 2017, whereby it held that for the purposes of administration of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, the Lieutenant Governor was not bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers in every matter.

On appeal, the Supreme Court on February 15, 2017, referred the matter to decide on the interpretation of Article 239AA, which gives special status to Delhi.

By a majority decision on July 4, 2018, a Constitution bench of the apex court had upheld the respective powers of the state assembly and Parliament. It said that while the Council of Ministers must communicate all decisions to LG, this does not mean that LG's concurrence is required. In case of a difference of opinion, the LG can refer it to the President for a decision.

No immediate merger of engg, medical entrances with CUET: Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THERE IS no immediate plan to merge engineering and medical entrances with the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) and no such combined exam will be held at least in the next two years, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said.

Pradhan acknowledged that the government is aware that an idea to merge the tests has been floated. But no consensus has been reached on whether it would be a practical move, he said.

Pradhan made the remarks Tuesday in Rajasthan's Kota, responding to questions during a session with students of a private coaching institute in the city.

"There is a school of thought on merging CUET, JEE and NEET but the government has not taken any decision on this so students need not be worried about it. There is no proposal to merge as on date and there will not be any merger even next year. We will not do anything without any prior notice. One idea has been floated but it will take time to arrive at a concrete decision. We will not impose any combined test on students who are in class XII and class XI who will appear in the entrances over the next two years," Pradhan said.

UGC chairperson Prof M Jagadeesh Kumar had in August floated the idea of merging the entrance tests. Prof Kumar had said a committee will examine the feasibility of the proposal.

The combined entrance, Prof Kumar said, could be a step towards reducing the burden on students. "We now have three major entrance examinations. In NEET, you have Biology, Physics and Chemistry, and in JEE you have Maths, Physics and Chemistry. So, two subjects are common there and the same subjects are also used in CUET. So why should we subject students to multiple entrance examinations," he had told *The Indian Express*.

Ukraine conflict, Covid hit global supply chains: PM at Russia meet

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

WITH RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin listening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the Ukraine conflict and the Covid pandemic have had a "major impact" on global supply chains, leading to shortages of foodgrains, fertilisers and fuels.

In an online plenary session address at the Eastern Economic Forum — being held in the Russian city of Vladivostok and also attended by Putin — Modi, without mentioning the Russian invasion, said India has stressed the need to pursue diplomacy and dialogue "since the beginning of the Ukraine conflict".

India's "ancient doctrine of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam has taught us to see the world as a



The PM addresses the plenary session of the 7th Eastern Economic Forum, in Vladivostok, via video. PTI

family, and in today's globalised world, events in one part of the world create an impact on the whole world," said Modi. "The Ukraine conflict and the Covid pandemic have had a major impact on global supply chains. Shortages of foodgrains, fertilisers and fuels are a major concern for

developing countries. Since the beginning of the Ukraine conflict, we have stressed the need to take the path of diplomacy and dialogue... We support all peaceful efforts to end this conflict," he said.

Modi said India welcomes the recent agreement regarding the safe export of cereals and fertilisers. "India is keen to strengthen its partnership with Russia on Arctic issues. There is also immense potential for cooperation in the field of energy. Along with energy, India has also made significant investments in the Russian Far East in the areas of pharma and diamonds," he said.

His comments come in the backdrop of concerns raised by the West, including the US and Europe, over countries buying oil from Russia. Ukraine has criticised India for buying Russian oil. Defending the decision, India has said it is buying oil to meet en-

ergy needs and minimise the inflationary impact.

On Wednesday, Modi said Russia can become an important partner for the Indian steel industry with the supply of coking coal, and there is scope for cooperation in the mobility of talent. "Indian talent has contributed to the development of many developed regions of the world. I believe that the talent and professionalism of Indians can bring about rapid development in the Russian Far East," he said.

Recalling his participation at the forum summit in 2019, Modi said India had announced its "Act Far-East" policy at that time, as a result of which its cooperation with the Russian Far East had increased in various fields.

"This policy has now become a key pillar of the 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' between India and Russia," he said.

Cabinet clears India-Maldives MoU on disaster management

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE UNION Cabinet on Wednesday approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation between India and Maldives in the field of disaster management. The MoU was signed between the National Disaster Management Authorities (NDMA) of the two countries on August 2.

"The Union Cabinet, Chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister has ex-post facto approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed... between the National Disaster Management Authority of the Republic of India and the National Disaster Management Authority of the Republic of Maldives on cooperation in the field of Disaster Management," a Home Ministry statement issued Wednesday.

Draft guidelines soon for influencers, must disclose brand links

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE CENTRE has prepared draft guidelines for social media influencers which make it mandatory for them to disclose their association with the product they endorse, it is learnt.

According to official sources, the Department of Consumer Affairs has prepared a draft of the guidelines which may be released "soon". "The proposed guidelines may come out in two weeks," said sources.

Under the new guidelines, a person endorsing a company's product on social media will have to disclose whether he/she has been paid by the company.

It is learnt that under the provisions of the proposed guidelines, if a social media influencer endorses a brand after accepting money, he/she will have to disclose his/her association with that brand. Besides, the influencers will need to put disclaimers in such endorsement posts, said sources.

According to sources, many influencers who have a large following on social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have been found to be endorsing products after taking payments from companies.

It is the responsibility of the Department of Consumer Affairs to protect the interests of consumers, said sources, adding that the department is also in the process of developing a framework to curb fake reviews on e-commerce sites.

On May 27, taking cognizance of fake reviews on e-commerce platforms, the Department of Consumer Affairs had held a meeting with e-commerce entities and stakeholders to discuss the "magnitude of fake reviews and prepare the roadmap ahead".

The meeting, held in association with the Advertising Standards Council of India, took place days after Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh wrote to stakeholders including e-commerce entities, consumer forums, law universities, lawyers, FICCI and CII.

UP to seek Central law to include 17 OBC sub-castes in SC list

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 7

AFTER THE Allahabad High Court quashed two orders of the Uttar Pradesh government notifying 17 sub-castes of Other Backward Classes (OBC) as Schedule Castes (SC), the state BJP government is planning to send a proposal to the Centre, asking it to pass a law in Parliament to include those 17 OBC sub-castes in the Scheduled Castes list.

At present, there are 66 castes on the Schedule Castes list in Uttar Pradesh.

While quashing the two government notifications — one brought by the Samajwadi Party government in 2016 and the other by the BJP government in

2019 — the High Court had said that only Parliament has the power to add new castes to the Scheduled Castes list.

"We are preparing a draft proposal which will be sent to the Centre, requesting it to include the 17 sub-castes in the Scheduled Castes list. We are working on the proposal, which after due approval will be sent to the Centre seeking an amendment to the list of Scheduled Castes," UP Minister for Social Welfare Asim Arun told *The Indian Express*. Arun Tuesday met Minister of Fisheries and NISHAD party chief Sanjay Nishad and discussed the proposal.

The 17 OBC sub-castes are Kahar, Kashyap, Kevat, Mallah, Nishad, Kumhar, Prajapati, Dheevar, Bind, Bhar, Rajbhar, Dhimar, Batham, Turha, Godia, Manjhi and Machhua.

If PM can't find SYL solution, he should call me for tea: Kejriwal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 7

AAM AADMI Party (AAP) national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Wednesday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should find a solution to the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal dispute between Punjab and Haryana, adding: "If he doesn't have a solution, call me for tea, I will find one."

Accompanied by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Kejriwal was in Haryana's Hisar to launch the AAP's 'Make India No. 1' campaign.

Fresh bickering among leaders of Haryana and Punjab over the (SYL) canal dispute began Tuesday after the Centre told the Supreme Court that the Punjab government was "not cooperating" in resolving the decades-old matter.

At a press conference, Kejriwal



AAP convener and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal with Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann in Haryana's Hisar on Wednesday. PTI

asked: "When they (BJP, Congress) go to Punjab, they say they won't let SYL be constructed. When they come to Haryana, they say 'we will get SYL (water)'"

He added: "Both Punjab and Haryana have a shortage of water. We have to accept this. It is the Centre's responsibility to intervene and arrange water for them."

Asked about his formula, Kejriwal said: "The PM should find a solution. If he (PM) can't, (he should) call me for tea, I will give him the solution. Such complex issues are not resolved in a press conference."

Mann said he was ready to meet the Haryana Chief Minister over the SYL issue.

Check diversion of agri grade urea for industrial use: Fertilizer Secy to states

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

URGING STATES to take measures to check diversion of agriculture grade urea for industrial use, Union Fertilizer Secretary Arti Ahuja on Wednesday said that allowing diversion is "actually a crime we all commit collectively".

Addressing the National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign-2022, Ahuja said that checking diversion of urea is a "collective responsibility".

"Can you guess the fertilizers subsidy we gave last year? Rs 2.5 lakh crore," she told the audience that included officials from

states and Central ministries.

"The system is such that something which actually costs Rs 3,000 is being sold at Rs 300 and the same thing is also used for industrial purposes," she said.

"The government is subsidizing the farmer, not somebody else," she said. "That money should reach farmers only."

"Therefore, allowing diversion is actually a crime we all commit collectively. We should reduce this subsidy burden. So that the government's limited kitty can be spent on some other things like building schools and hospitals... Why should it get diverted and go into somebody else's pocket," Ahuja said.



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Economic scenario

Somewhat unexpectedly war broke out in February 2022 this year between Russia and Ukraine, a conflict that replaced COVID-19 in headlines across the world.

Already reeling from the devastating impact of a new strain of the Covid-19 pandemic, the world had to deal with war that affected the availability of crude oil, edible oil and food grains. Supply chain disruptions hindered the international trade of these goods with far reaching consequences and pushed inflation to new highs.

Concerned by the unabated rise in prices of daily goods, Central banks across the globe have been increasing interest rates in a move to curb inflation. Under these circumstances, the IMF, the World Bank, and all major financial institutions have also downgraded growth projections for the world economy for Cy2022.

In India, inflation has been hovering around 7% - at 7.01% in June 2022 and 6.71% in July 2022 — well above the RBI's target of 6% forcing the regulator to raise interest rates by 40 bps in April and 50 bps in June 2022.

India's situation, however, is not as grim. Despite the ongoing geopolitical conflict, we have been able to import crude oil from Russia helping the country to keep the average price of imported crude oil down. The government's proactive policies such as Production Linked Incentives (PLI), its thrust to creation of infrastructure, and expansion of capital expenditure have been attracting large amounts of investments from the private sector. These factors provide comfort that India can sail through the current challenges with minimal impact and this is also reflected in the higher than world average growth rates assigned to India by global financial institutions.

Global output and reserves of iron ore

The global output of iron ore in the calendar year 2021, as estimated by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), was 2,600 million tonnes, a 5.3%

increase over the 2,470 million tonnes produced in 2020. It is noteworthy that 2022 registered 6% growth over 2,450 million tonnes produced in 2019, pre-pandemic.

In terms of country-wise output in 2021, with 900 million tonnes Australia continued to be the largest producer of iron ore. India's production at 240 million tonnes ranked it as the fourth largest iron ore producer, after Brazil (380 mt) and China (360 mt).

Australia continues to top the iron ore reserves chart, with 51,000 million tonnes, followed by Brazil with 34,000 mt, Russia with 25,000 mt, China with 20,000 mt, Ukraine with 6,500 mt, and Canada with 6,000 mt followed by India with reserves of 5,000 mt. The government's reforms in the mining sector is expected to give a fillip to this number and help India tap its true mineral potential.

Demand drivers for Iron ore

Demand for iron ore moves in tandem with demand for steel. Global production of crude steel in 2021 stood at 1,951 million tonnes, an increase of 3.8% over 2020 figures. The Russia-Ukraine conflict and production guidelines by the Government in China have dampened steel demand in 2022. Consequently, demand for iron ore has been declining with volatile prices suffering a downward bias in June and July 2022. The outlook for the iron ore market is not encouraging in the short term.

However, long-term demand is expected to be positive. As per a 2018 report of the United Nations, an additional 2.5 billion people are expected to live in urban areas. It is projected that India will add 416 million urban dwellers, China 255 million and Nigeria 189 million. This macro factor will require enormous construction activity.

Being the most widely used as material for building houses, machinery, and vehicles, steel demand is expected to grow for a long time to come, carrying with it demand for iron ore its primary input material.

Physical & Financial performance

Despite the continued impact of COVID-19 in FY22, we recorded our best ever financial performance. Our production reached 42.19 MnT, recording a 24% jump over production in FY21. Operating revenue on a consolidated basis for the year was Rs. 25,882 cr, 68% increase over Rs. 15,370 cr operating revenue in FY21. Net profit increased by 50%, from Rs. 6,253 cr to Rs. 9,398 cr. The huge increase is significant given that we have absorbed an additional royalty of Rs. 5,084 cr following amendments to the Mines and Mineral Regulation (Development) Act.

The company paid the highest ever dividend of Rs. 14.74 per share which works out to a 46% payout against an EPS of Rs. 32.07.

Major developments in the company

Demerger of steel plant: Our strategic reorganisation of business in the form of a demerger of the 3 million tonnes NMDC Iron & Steel Plant (NISP), at Nagarnar, Chhattisgarh into NMDC Steel Limited is progressing well. We have received a No Objection Certificate from the stock exchanges and our application for the demerger has been approved by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. As directed by the Ministry, we have held the meetings with unsecured creditors and shareholders of the company in June 2022 and expect to complete the demerger within FY23.

Expansion at Bachel mine: Delays in the development of a fifth line of screening and a downhill conveyor that would significantly augment Bachel's production, has been tackled by appointing a new consultant. Project work has resumed and is progressing in earnest speed. We expect these facilities to be ready in FY23, adding about 25 lakh tonnes per annum to the mine's production.

Renewal of Kumaraswamy mine: Our lease for the Kumaraswamy mine in Karnataka was renewed by the state government in June 2022, ending a period of uncertainty. This mine has a production capacity of 70 lakh tonnes of iron ore per annum.

Dismantling of e-auctions: NMDC along with other miners in Karnataka also welcomed the Supreme Court's recent judgement allowing iron ore producers to enter into direct contracts with buyers. All these years sales were routed through a Supreme Court appointed Monitoring Committee that conducted auctions of material retaining 10% of the sales proceeds for reclamation and rehabilitation plans. The Monitoring Committee would receive the sales proceeds and then transfer it to us in a roundabout process that sometimes led to cash being stuck with the Committee for a considerable time. The Supreme Court's recent judgement doing away with this system, brings the State almost at par with practices in other parts of the country and shortens our working capital cycle.

Going forward

On the back of these developments, we are targeting a production of 460 lakh tonnes of iron ore in FY23. This volume is 10% higher than what we produced in FY22 and would provide a cushion against any possible pressure on pricing. We hope to surpass the top line again in FY23. Dismantling the e-auctions through Monitoring Committee in Karnataka would contribute positively to both the top line and bottom line.

Additionally, NMDC has plans to diversify beyond Iron ore into strategic & critical minerals such as Lithium, Nickel, etc. both in India as well as abroad. NMDC intends to conduct detailed exploration for these



minerals in India and acquire assets outside the country to make India Atma-Nirbhar.

Being the torchbearer for the Iron Ore Mining Sector, NMDC has been keen towards its ESG & Sustainability Practices. NMDC has recently onboarded external expertise (EY) to develop its ESG policies.

This year being an important milestone in India's history, as India's largest mining company, it was an honour for us to participate in Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Through exhibitions, seminars, public art works and plantation drives, your company was at the forefront of these celebrations marking 75th year of India's Independence.

We sponsored the Hyderabad Marathon, a signature sporting event of Hyderabad where your company is also headquartered. The marathon saw participation from almost 16000 runners, health and fitness enthusiasts from across the globe and enthusiastic participation from NMDC as well. We are happy to have partnered with the Hyderabad Runners Society, and hope to make this marquee event that brings the city together on the important issue of health and fitness, an extension of our brand.

I am grateful to all the shareholders, Board members, employees, customers, suppliers, banks, regulatory bodies, state governments and the Government at the Centre and all our stakeholders for supporting the company in its journey of growth progress.

FY-2022

Best Ever Production - **42.19 MnT**

Best Ever Sales - **40.56 MnT**

Best Ever Network - **₹34844 Crore**

Best Ever Turnover - **₹25882 Crore**

Best Ever Profit Before Tax - **₹12981 Crore**

Best Ever Dividend - **₹14.74 Per Share**

Thank You

Date: 29-08-2022
Place: New Delhi

Sumit Deb
Chairman and Managing Director

8 GOVT & POLITICS

Cabinet approves scheme to upgrade schools, with NEP condition for states

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE UNION Cabinet on Wednesday approved the PM SHRI (PM Schools for Rising India) scheme under which 14,500 schools, to be identified in consultation with states and Union Territories, will be upgraded at a cost of Rs 27,360 crore over the next five years.

PM SHRI will be a new Centrally sponsored scheme where the Government will bear 60 per cent of the implementation cost while states will be responsible for the remaining 40 per cent, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said.

The scheme will be open to states that agree to implement the NEP 2020 in entirety. "States/UTs would sign (the) MoU agreeing to implement NEP in entirety with (the) Centre laying down the commitments for supporting these schools for achieving specified quality as-



Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Anurag Thakur address a press conference after the Cabinet meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

urance as PM SHRI schools," said a statement issued by the Ministry of Education.

Pradhan said the objective of the exercise is to have a set of model schools — at least two in every block — where key components of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 are showcased. The schools will be chosen after a rigorous assessment following applications

from state governments, he said.

The scheme is open to schools run by the Centre, such as Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, as well as those run by the state governments and local bodies. To qualify for the scheme, the schools will have to meet a prescribed benchmark involving about 60 parameters, from availability of electricity to toilets.

Rs 27,360 CRORE,
14,500 SCHOOLS

- Smart classrooms, digital libraries
- Modules on foundational literacy, numeracy
- Mentoring by higher education institutions
- 10 bag-less days per year
- Internships with artisans
- Pre-school facilities

The Education Minister said that under the scheme, which is expected to cover 18 lakh students, money will be transferred "directly to school authorities". Moreover, flexibility will be provided so that schools can choose the areas where up to 40 per cent of the total funds are to be spent.

Last month, the Centre had informed the Lok Sabha that most states and Union Territories

have initiated action on NEP while West Bengal and Tamil Nadu are yet to inform the status of implementation.

On Wednesday, Pradhan said states are largely onboard with the idea of PM SHRI. "The policy department of the ministry (of education) has held multiple rounds of discussions on this with the states over the last one year. The application window will be opened soon so that states, or schools with the permission of respective state governments, can start applying. We aim to have the first set of upgraded schools during the ongoing year itself," he said.

A key highlight of the scheme is the decision to replicate the Gujarat government's Vidya Samiksha Kendra model, under which academic data is collected for analysis using AI tools.

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CHARGE AGAINST BSY

Governor nod not needed for corruption case against public servant: HC



Former Karnataka chief minister B S Yediyurappa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 7

IN A significant judgment that may have a bearing on corruption complaints against public servants, a single-judge Bench of the Karnataka High Court has cleared the path for registration of an FIR against former CM and BJP Parliamentary Board member B S Yediyurappa in a complaint rejected by a special court on July 8, 2021, for want of Governor's sanction.

In 2021, social activist T J Abraham came up with a private complaint against Yediyurappa and eight others, including his family members, over alleged collection of bribes to the tune of Rs 12 crore to clear a contract for building a housing complex for the Bengaluru Development Authority. A special court on July 8, 2021, rejected the complaint on the grounds that the Governor has denied the sanction to investigate the CM.

On Wednesday, Justice Sunil Dutt Yadav ruled that Governor's sanction was not required to register a case since the mandate for obtaining a sanction is applicable only to a police officer seeking to prosecute a public servant after investigations under Section 19 (1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (a clause which was inserted in the PC Act of 1988 through an amendment in 2018).

The special court, while rejecting the complaint against Yediyurappa, had observed that there was some substance that merits an investigation and the complaint was being rejected only for want of Governor's sanction.

Justice Yadav said a sanction to prosecute a public servant is not required if a court sees prima facie material for investigation.

Deficient rain: UP govt puts on hold all farm-related revenue recoveries

Lucknow: With Uttar Pradesh receiving deficient rainfall this monsoon, the state government on Wednesday decided to put on hold all farm-related revenue recoveries till a survey is completed on the impact of poor monsoon on the farmers.

This was decided at a review meet chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday.

According to a government spokesperson, Chief Minister Adityanath directed the Revenue Department to not collect land revenue collection for now. He has also asked the power department to put on hold the recovery of electricity dues of tube-wells, meant for irrigation. **ENS**

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



A MOVING GIFT

DURING HIS ongoing visit to Mongolia, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has been gifted a horse by Mongolia's President Khurelsukh. Singh had received another horse during his last visit to the country in 2018. While the current one — described as a "magnificent beauty" by the minister — is named Tejas, the last one was named Mangal, a "symbol of friendship between India and Mongolia". Like last time, Singh would leave Tejas in Mongolia itself. The Defence Minister's office says Mangal is "hale and hearty".

PARTNERS IN SERVICE

WHILE IT is not unusual to find couples in the bureaucracy, a husband and wife belonging to the same service and cadre, and serving at the Centre, is that usual. The National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign-2022 on Wednesday saw one such duo, both on dais. Arti Ahuja, a 1990-batch IAS officer currently serving as Secretary, Department of Fertiliser, addressed the event and informed state officials about availability of fertiliser, assuring them about ample supply available for the upcoming Rabi season. Her husband Manoj Ahuja, who is the Union Agriculture Secretary, spoke about the overall preparations for the ensuing crop season. Manoj Ahuja also praised Fertiliser Ministry officials for ensuring uninterrupted supply of fertiliser during the ongoing Kharif season despite the challenges posed by the war in Ukraine.

Father's domicile and caste will decide woman's job quota eligibility: Bihar govt

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, SEPTEMBER 7

WITH THE state government changing the condition of domicile, a woman from Bihar living outside the state after her marriage can avail benefit of reservation if her father is a permanent resident of the state. Also, such a woman will take her father's caste and not that of her husband's.

In the state, 35 per cent government jobs are reserved for women and the state government is likely to advertise about 4-lakh vacancies for contract teachers in a phased manner within a year.

As per a letter from the General Administration Department (GAD) on September 2, the Bihar government made its position clear on whether a married woman could get benefits of reservation on the basis of caste of her father or not. The letter said: "Those women whose fathers are domicile of Bihar cannot be deprived of benefits of reservation only because of their residential certificates are issued on the basis of their husbands' addressness".

The GAD letter made it clear that "the basis of an individual being eligible for reservation was decided on basis of the caste of father of the individual".

Deputy Secretary Rajnish Kumar in his letter to the heads of all government departments, referred to a 1996 government order that had put a clause of one

EXPLAINED Initiatives focused on women

THIS DECISION looks like yet another move by the Nitish Kumar government to cater to the caste-neutral constituency of women. His government had given 50 per cent reservation to women in panchayats and local bodies in 2006 and 2007, respectively. The decision paved the way for representation by over 5,000 women later. Subsequently, the state government introduced 35 per cent reservation in the state police as well as in other government jobs.

being "domicile of Bihar" for getting reservation benefits. The letter also referred to a 2007 order of the state government to decide the caste of an applicant.

As most married women use residential addresses of their husbands and several of them are married outside the caste of their birth, the state government decided that father's domicile and caste will be considered for giving reservation benefits. A married woman candidate has to present non-creamy layer certificate issued by the circle office under which her father's village or town falls.

'Real Shiv Sena' row: SC to take up Uddhav camp plea on Sept 27

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE SUPREME COURT said Wednesday it will take up on September 27 an application filed by the Uddhav Thackeray camp seeking a stay on proceedings pending before the Election Commission of India (EC) over a request by the Eknath Shinde faction for recognition as the real Shiv Sena and claiming the right to use the party's 'bow and arrow' election symbol.

A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud, which took up petitions filed by the rival Shiv Sena camps, said it will list the Interlocutory Application (IA) seeking a stay on the Election Commission proceedings on September 27 to see if any orders are needed.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the Thackeray camp, said the court should not take a final decision on the application now as the scope of the power of the Election Commission in this regard is one

of the questions referred to the Constitution Bench.

The bench, also comprising Justices M R Shah, Krishna Murari, Hima Kohli, and P S Narasimha, said the earlier bench while referring the question to this bench had also said that the question as to whether the ECI should be allowed to go on or not will be looked into.

Sibal said supposing the rebel members are disqualified, they can't go to the EC. "Whether they are disqualified or not will depend on the merits of this case," he said.

Representing the Shinde camp, senior advocate N K Kaul said the decision on disqualification has nothing to do with the right of a member to approach EC.

Senior advocate A M Singhvi, also appearing for the Thackeray camp, said, "The idea was that if the disqualification is upheld by Your Lordships, then there is no locus to approach the EC because disqualified members can't approach. The primary question in the Constitution Bench matter is whether they are validly disqualified or liable to be disqualified or not. So, it is dependant".

After Akhilesh 'offer' to Maurya, BJP hits back: SP MLAs in touch Dy CM targets SP chief: Won't return to power in next 25 yrs

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 7

AFTER AKHILESH Yadav "advised" Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya to take a leaf out of the Bihar political crisis and offered to support him if he breaks away from the party with 100 MLAs, state BJP president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary on Wednesday hit back, saying the Samajwadi Party chief should "worry about his MLAs as they are in touch with the BJP".

In a tweet Wednesday, Chaudhary said Keshav Prasad Maurya was dedicated to BJP's ideology. "Keshav ji is a certified worker of the organization of the party and dedicated to the ideology of BJP. He will always be with us, he is not a leader who falls for selfishness..." Chaudhary tweeted. "Akhilesh Yadav should worry about his alliance, his family, his party, and his MLAs because his MLAs are in touch with



Akhilesh Yadav; Keshav Prasad Maurya

us," he said in another tweet.

Deputy Chief Minister Maurya also took a swipe at the SP chief, calling him "frustrated". "I think out of his 111 MLAs, only 10 or 11 would be with him and the rest want to switch over to the BJP and other parties. He cannot be successful in keeping his MLAs with him," Maurya told ABP News on Wednesday.

"His hate for me was seen in Vidhan Sabha when he abused my father. No political leader does that... He will stay away from power for at least 25 years," Maurya added.

Winner of sarpanch poll in MP tribal seat fudged data, woman tells HC

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 7

A WOMAN who lost the sarpanch elections in Bilkheda Vikas Khand (reserved seat for tribal women) in Rajgarh district has moved the Madhya Pradesh High Court and urged it to declare the polls null and void, contending that the victorious candidate filed a false caste affidavit and contested on another person's identity.

In her petition, Rajal Bai has claimed that Vinita Ruhela, who won the polls (impersonating as Anita Ruhela), belongs to the OBC community and contested the elections on nomination filed in the name of Anita, her husband's first wife.

Anita, according to the petitioner, was separated from Satyanarayan Ruhela years ago and has remarried since and lives in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district. Vinita is now married to

Satyanarayan.

A single bench of Justice Subhod Abhyankar of the High Court's Indore bench has sought a reply from the government. The court will hear the matter next on September 13.

Elections for the post of panchayat sarpanch of Bilkheda Vikas Khand, in Narsinghpur tehsil of Rajgarh district, were held on July 8.

In her petition, Rajal Bai stated that Satyanarayan and Vinita had "fraudulently submitted nomination on Anita Ruhela's behalf without her consent". She claimed that Anita, like Vinita and Satyanarayan, comes from an OBC community, while the seat was reserved for tribal women.

The petition stated, "Anita filed complaints on the issue before the state election commission, the Rajgarh district collector, and district election commission. But no action has been taken till date."

Uttarakhand's new Waqf chief: Will buy a bulldozer of our own Elected unopposed, he says clearing encroachments is priority

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 7

SOON AFTER being elected unopposed as the new president of Uttarakhand Waqf Board, Mohammad Shadab Shams, a BJP leader, on Wednesday said that the Board's main priority will be to free Waqf properties from illegal possession and encroachment, and they will buy their own bulldozer to ensure this.

Stating that the Board has discussed the issue with Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Shams told *The Indian Express*, "We are bringing a proposal to run the bulldozer of 'Dhakad Dhami' (Fearless Dhami) and the Waqf Board will purchase its own bulldozer."

Shams, who has served BJP in different capacities, is also a spokesperson.

Earlier in the day, all 10 members of the Waqf Board voted for their president and unanimously



BJP leader Mohammad Shadab Shams

elected Shams in the presence of Principal Secretary Fanai. The state Waqf Board did not have a president for the last eight months.

A Waqf Board is a legal organisation that ensures appropriate administration of Waqf properties, and to oversee that any revenue generated by them is being used in line with Muslim principles and law.

"According to a survey conducted after Uttarakhand was formed, there are properties worth approximately Rs 1.5 lakh crore under the Waqf Board," Shams told *The Indian Express*. "A lot of these properties are under illegal possession. These properties are for the poor. Our main pri-

ority is to free these properties." He said, "We will run a bulldozer on Waqf mafias and those involved in encroachment. We have our own tribunal and our own court to free our properties — what we did not have so far is the will power."

On the discussion with the Chief Minister, Shams said, "We informed him that we will bring the proposal to buy our own bulldozer in the next Board meeting. When freed, these properties will be used to improve our education system. We will open our own schools and colleges so that our children get the right education and the community can benefit from that. The Waqf Board will also ensure that madrasas under it have English-medium education, and as per the [syllabus of] Uttarakhand Board."

Shams said the Waqf Board will convert these madrasas into schools and "prepare a system so that even Hindu students can study there".

9 EXPRESS NETWORK

BRIEFLY

JAMMU & KASHMIR Govt official suspended for hurtful remarks

Jammu: A Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service officer in Rajouri district has been suspended following allegations that he made objectionable remarks against a particular religion, hurting sentiments of a junior officer, who ordered vegetarian food during an outing. Identifying him as Assistant Commissioner (Panchayat) Abdul Rashid Kohli, the suspension order issued by Rajouri District Magistrate Vikas Kundal said a panel will probe the matter and submit a report in 15 days. **ENS**

TELANGANA IIT graduate jumps to death in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: A former student of IIT Hyderabad allegedly jumped to death from the hotel where he had been staying for the past two months. Megh Kapoor, who belonged to Jodhpur, had completed his B.Tech from IIT three months ago. Sangareddy District Deputy SP S Balaji said Kapoor had been staying at the hotel for the past two months as he was preparing for competitive exams. "On Wednesday, for unknown reasons he went to the roof of the hotel and jumped off. We have informed his parents," he said. **ENS**

NEW DELHI Zubair can move HC to quash Sitapur FIR: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted liberty to Alt News co-founder Mohammad Zubair to approach the Delhi High Court for quashing of the FIR lodged against him at Sitapur, UP. It said Zubair's petition will be decided on its own merit, uninfluenced by the order of the Allahabad High Court, which had denied him relief. A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Hima Kohli noted that all the cases lodged against Zubair in UP have been transferred to the Special Cell of Delhi Police. **PTI**

KARNATAKA Minister Katti laid to rest with state honour

Bengaluru: Karnataka Minister Umesh Katti, who died of heart attack, was laid to rest with full state honours. The government has also declared state mourning till September 9 as a mark of respect to him. Several people took part in the final journey of the minister, whose last rites were performed in Belladbagewadi, Hukkeri taluk on Wednesday. **ENS**

Karnataka govt order on hijab ban is not innocuous, targets a community, SC told

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

MUSLIM APPELLANTS against the Karnataka High Court order in the hijab ban case on Wednesday called into question the state government order of February 5, 2022, and told the Supreme Court that it was "not innocuous" as was being projected by the state but "targeted only one community".

The government order (GO), they submitted, left College Development Councils with no option but to prohibit wearing of the hijab.

Meanwhile, a bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia hearing the matter for the second day told senior advocate Devadatt Kamat, appearing for one of the appellants, that while the right to dress is inherent in the status of an individual, the argument that it is a facet of fundamental rights cannot be stretched

to "illogical lengths", as that would suggest the right to undress, too, is part of fundamental rights.

Citing the April 2014 National Legal Services Authority vs Union Of India & Ors ruling, which came in the context of third gender persons, Kamat said the court had said that "Article 19(1)(a) states that all citizens shall have the right to freedom of speech and expression, which includes one's right to expression of his self-identified gender. Self-identified gender can be expressed through dress, words, action or behaviour or any other form." Justice Gupta responded, "You can't take it to illogical lengths. Right to dress will mean right to undress also?"

"Nobody is undressing in school," Kamat said. "I am not making cliched arguments. I am making a nuanced argument only on the limited point".

Justice Gupta said, "Hypothetically, if you say right to dress is a fundamental right, then

you can say that I don't want to dress also... It's inherent in the status of a citizen."

Kamat said the point he was trying to make is, "if it is inherent part of my basic right, I am wearing a uniform and on top of it".

The senior counsel also said that the GO "offends positive secularism because it is targeting only one community".

Justice Gupta said his interpretation "may not be right". He added that "because one community wants to come with their headscarf... every other community is following the dress code". He asked whether there was any other violation by any other group.

Kamat said that in South India, different sections of the society, while wearing the uniform, also wear something in addition or display a certain degree of religious identity even when they go to school. Pointing out that he himself used to display such identity, Kamat added, "Somebody

wears a rudraksha, somebody wears a cross."

Intervening, Justice Gupta said, "Rudraksha and cross are not displayed outside. They are under the shirt. Nobody is removing your shirt to find out what kind of a religious (belief) you are following.... So how does it bother? It's a concealed thing." Kamat argued that the "concept of secularism accepted by SC is positive secularism — Ekam Sat Viprah Bahudha Vadanti (truth is one, the learned call it by different names)".

Justice Gupta asked, "Is that statement that there is one God and different ways to achieve it accepted as true by all faiths in India?" Kamat said, "The question is not about violation of uniform but wearing, displaying something as part of your religious identity in addition to the uniform. And that is something which the state should be a little more generous in accommodating."

Justice Gupta said: "The word

secularism was not there in the original Constitution.... Even in the absence of the word, the Constitution was secular. It was only in 1976 we inserted the word secularism, although it may not be required, it is a political statement.... Secularism and socialism were always there. But we added as a political statement...."

Kamat said the GO "expressly uses the term public order" but the state Advocate General "conceded that it's not based on public order.... The HC also conceded it's not based on public order.... So public order is out. Then morality.... If I wear a headscarf, whose morality is offended?" He said the HC had stated that forcing a girl to wear hijab will militate against Article 14, but "nobody is forcing a girl to wear a hijab. If a girl exercises her right under the constitution, can the State prohibit it?"

The arguments will continue Thursday. **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

Rajasthan girl tops NEET-UG exam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE NATIONAL Testing Agency (NTA) on Wednesday declared the results for NEET-UG 2022 exam, which has been cleared by 9.93 lakh candidates. Overall, the pass percentage stood at 56.28, nearly the same as last year.

This year, four candidates were tied at the top spot with the exact percentile score of 99.9997733. However, unlike last year, the NTA did not jointly award them the first rank. The testing agency, instead, deployed its new tie-breaker policy to award the first rank to Tanishka from Rajasthan, followed by second rank to Vatsa Ashish Batra from Delhi, third to Hrishikesh Nagbhusan Gangule, and fourth to Rucha Pawashe from Karnataka.

A look at the qualifying criteria, however, shows that cut-offs dipped across categories — from 138 in 2021 to 117 this year for general candidates, and from 108 to 93 for SC, ST and OBC can-

didates. In 2020, the cut-offs were even higher, at 147 for general candidates and 113 for reserved categories.

There are 16 female candidates in the top 50, including the all-India topper, Tanishka, who scored 715 marks. In total, 5.63 lakh candidates cleared the exam.

Among the top 50 candidates, nine are from Karnataka; five each from Gujarat and Delhi; four each from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal; three each from Rajasthan and Maharashtra; two each from Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Haryana; and one each from Punjab, Jammu, Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Kerala.

In a statement, NEET (UG) senior director Dr Sadhana Parashar said 18.7 lakh candidates had registered for the exam, up from 16.1 lakh in 2021. The entrance exam, which is the gateway to undergraduate medical seats in colleges across India, was held in 13 languages across 3,570 centres in 497 cities, including 14 overseas centres.

RAJASTHAN

I-T searches premises of minister, he says 'malice'

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 7

INCOME TAX officials on Wednesday conducted search operations at multiple locations linked to Rajasthan's Minister of State for Home, Rajendra Yadav, who said "it seems it (search) is being done with malice".

Searches were carried out at more than half-a-dozen properties linked to Yadav and his family, including his son Madhur Yadav, in Jaipur, Kotputli, Gurgaon, and Uttarakhand.

Residences and commercial establishments of some other individuals in Rajasthan were also raided by the I-T department.

Yadav, who also holds Independent Charge as MoS for



Rajendra Yadav

Higher Education; Planning (Manpower); State Motor Garage; and Language and Library, told *The Indian Express* that his family has been involved in business for more than 70 years. "I have been in business since before I entered politics.... Ours is a limited company... if there are allegations of money laundering, then check these companies; we will answer."

While the I-T searches are being linked to an alleged midday meal scam, Yadav said he doesn't know anything about it.



People use Coracle boats to move through a water-logged neighbourhood following torrential rains in Bengaluru, on Wednesday. *Reuters*

BENGALURU ELECTROCUTION DEATH

We lost our daughter for no mistake of hers, says father

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 7

"SHE WAS the only one who had a job in hand and was the pillar of our family. It will be very hard to come to the terms that we have lost her," said Somashekar, father of 23-year-old Akhila who died of electrocution on a flooded road in Bengaluru.

Akhila, a B Com graduate, worked at a dance school and was returning home on a two-wheeler around 9.30pm on Monday when her scooter broke down on a flooded road between Varthur Kodi and Kundalahalli. She lost



Akhila, 23, who died on Monday

balance and fell into the water. As she got up, Akhila held a hoarding on the road divider for support and got electrocuted.

According to her father, Akhila's colleague Subramanya was tailing her on a bike and he shifted her to a hospital. But it took a lot of time as the road was flooded and passersby did not come to their help, he said. "We

received a call from Subramanya and by the time we reached the hospital, she was no more," Padma, Akhila mother, said.

Somashekar has also filed a complaint against Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the company that supplies electricity, stating that their negligence led to the death of his daughter.

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) in a statement said, "Soon after receiving a call from the public, power supply was disconnected and officials rushed to the spot. There was no BESCOM wire around the hoarding."

Jammu university associate prof kills self minutes after suspension over sexual harassment charge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 7

A 42-YEAR-OLD Associate Professor on Wednesday allegedly died by suicide at his office in University of Jammu within minutes after he was suspended over allegations of sex-

ual harassment by some female students, varsity officials said.

The deceased, Chander Shekhar, was a native of Meerut in Uttar Pradesh. He was teaching at the university since 2007-08. He was married and had been staying with his family in official quarters on the campus.

According to JU's Dean

around 4pm and was found hanging from the ceiling fan.

Jammu SSP Chandan Kohli said prima facie it was a suicide. The body has been sent for post-mortem to be done by a board of doctors, he said. "Police will be able to comment further only after the post mortem report is in," he said.

COAL PILFERAGE SCAM



CBI sleuths after a raid at Mology Ghatak's official residence adjacent to Rajbhavan, in Kolkata on Wednesday. *Partha Paul*

CBI searches houses of Bengal minister, questions him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 7

THE CBI on Wednesday conducted searches at multiple premises linked to West Bengal Law Minister Mology Ghatak in Asansol and Kolkata and questioned him in connection with his alleged involvement in a coal pilferage scam. Hours later, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) once again summoned Ghatak to its Delhi office on September 14 for questioning in connection with the alleged multi-core scam related to Eastern Coalfields Ltd mines in the state's Kunturia and Kajora areas.

Ghatak alleged that the CBI searches were an attempt by the BJP to malign his image, and reiterated his support for Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. "I will be with her till my last breath. If

any person from my constituency (Asansol Uttar), other than BJP workers, says that I am involved in the scam, I will happily quit politics," he said.

CBI sources said the raids were conducted at Ghatak's three houses in Asansol and Kolkata, an official residence in Kolkata and at the house of his close associate in Alipore area.

CBI team also questioned the minister at his official residence. The minister was allowed to leave his official residence around 4.30 pm after the CBI raids concluded.

Addressing a press conference in the evening, Ghatak said, "Since the day I was summoned by the ED, I answered everything and gave every piece of information."

Earlier too, Ghatak had appeared before the ED at its Delhi office for questioning. He, however, "skipped" successive ED summonses in this connection.

Personal secy of Andhra MP held for impersonation during Shah's Mumbai visit

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 7

A 32-YEAR-OLD man, the personal secretary to an MP from Andhra Pradesh, was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly posing as a security officer associated with the Ministry of Home Affairs and trying to get close to Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his visit to Mumbai on Monday.

Police said Hemant Pawar was arrested under Sections 170 (personating a public servant) and 171 (wearing grab or carrying token used by public servant with fraudulent intent) of the IPC.

According to the complainant, Assistant Commissioner of Police Nilkant Patil, the incident took place when he was overlooking police bandobast around Girgaon during Shah's visit to the city on Monday. Patil was monitoring the police personnel deployed on the route through which Shah was set to pass to arrive at Malabar Hill to

visit both Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis's residences.

Patil said in his statement that around 12.15 pm, after Shah arrived at Fadnavis's residence, he saw a person wearing a white shirt and a blue blazer. He wore an identity card of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Patil said the man was roaming around in restricted zones. A few hours later, Patil again saw him outside Shinde's official residence. On enquiry, the man identified himself as Hemant Pawar and claimed he was a member of the central government agency, the complaint said.

However, after Shah left for Delhi, the CRPF contacted the zonal DCP and inquired about the man. The police said, the DCP the forwarded Pawar's image to Patil, who said he had seen him outside Shinde and Fadnavis's residences. Following this, a manhunt was launched and Pawar was picked up from Nana Chowk in Grant road on Tuesday.

Andhra man held for slitting throat of niece in robbery attempt

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 7

POLICE in Andhra Pradesh's Nellore district Wednesday arrested a 35-year-old man after he allegedly slit the throat of his 14-year-old niece during a robbery on Monday afternoon.

The girl, a class 9 student, is recovering at a hospital in Nellore city. After taking the girl's statement on Wednesday, police arrested her uncle, who lives on the same street. A case of attempt to murder and attempt to rape has been registered against the accused.

He allegedly robbed jewellery and cash of Rs 4,000 from the house, said police.

A police officer said, the accused, in an inebriated condition, entered the girl's house when the parents were away. "He overpowered her using a cloth doused with toilet cleaning acid and snatched one of her gold ear studs as she fell unconscious. He raided the cupboard and took Rs 4,000 in cash. He realised that she would identify him, so he took a knife and slit her throat," he said.

Police said the girl, after a few minutes, ran to her neighbour's house and collapsed there.

Air clears to show the good, and the bad: 95 of 131 cities improve, 27 worsen

ESHAROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

TWENTY CITIES out of 131 selected by the Union Environment Ministry for its National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) have attained the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (60 microgram per cubic meter) in 2021-22, compared to their 2017 levels, the ministry disclosed on Wednesday.

Ninety-five of these 131 cities have shown air quality improvement, with Varanasi recording the most marked improvement — of 53% — in air quality levels, the ministry stated. Varanasi had an annual average concentration of PM10 of 244 in 2017, which dropped to 144 in 2021.

Marking the UN International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies on Wednesday, Union Environment

Minister Bhupender Yadav said, "When we commenced the Clean Air Mission programme last year, it was our endeavour to work on it from the grassroots level, as the topic of clean air is a matter of priority for the government. Our aim is for NCAP to address the problems of air pollution at regional level, as circumstances and reasons for it are different in different regions."

Stating that one of the challenges the government has faced in implementing NCAP has been lack of adequate data, Yadav said this issue is "being addressed". From now, he said, urban centres "must take into account mitigation of air pollution during planning stages".

PM10 data disclosed by the ministry shows that all metropolitan cities — Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and

Hyderabad — have shown significant improvement in air quality in 2021-22 compared to 2017.

Other major cities to have shown an improvement include Noida, Chandigarh, Navi Mumbai, Pune, Guwahati, Patna, Raipur, Ahmedabad, Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Dimapur, Kohima, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Alwar, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Madurai, Agra, Allahabad, Ghaziabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Dehradun, Rishikesh, Asansol, and Howrah.

But, the data shows, 27 cities have shown a deterioration in air quality over the same period. Among them is Korba — the district in Chhattisgarh houses 10 thermal coal power plants — for which the state human rights commission had sought a report on the district's poor air quality from the state government several years ago.

Among states, Madhya Pradesh has been the poorest performer, as six of seven cities from the state selected by the Centre for NCAP have shown a deterioration in air quality. These are Bhopal, Dewas, Indore, Jabalpur, Sagar and Ujjain. Gwalior, the seventh city from MP, has shown a negligible improvement, with annual average concentration of PM10 improving from 110 in 2017 to 109 in 2021-22.

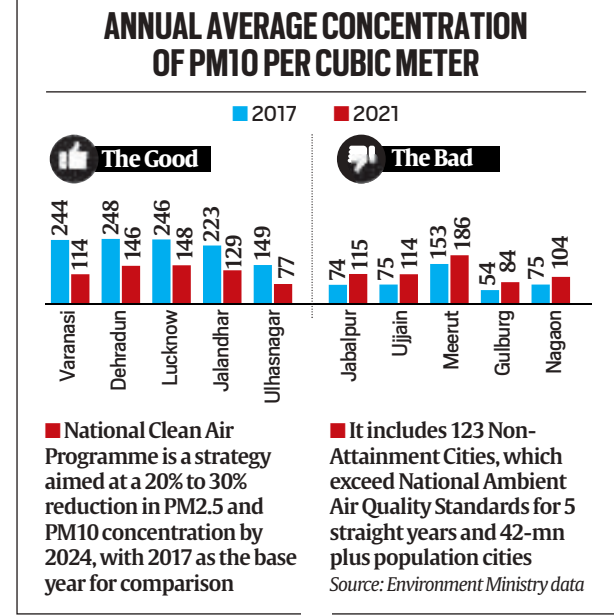
Howrah and Durgapur in West Bengal, Aurangabad and Thane in Maharashtra, Gaya in Bihar, Rajkot and Vadodara in Gujarat, Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Patiala (Punjab) and Jammu, among others, have also shown a worsening of air quality.

Officials said all 131 cities have developed City Action Plans and Micro Action Plans to address various sources contributing to poor

air quality, such as an increasing number of vehicles, road dust, pollutants from construction, industries, thermal power plants, burning of waste, construction and demolition waste, among others.

"Improvement in air quality of 95 cities is very encouraging, but we have to keep monitoring and collating data for the next five years to see if this improvement holds," a ministry official said. "Very often, even meteorological changes can abruptly increase or decrease air pollution in a region. The reason we are measuring PM10 instead of PM2.5 is because PM2.5 has more to do with fuel burning, but PM10 emanates from dust from construction sites, burning of solid waste, etc."

These are issues that fall within the purview of, and can be tackled by municipal corporations, the official added.



Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Rajesh Kumar, S/o Harmaya Singh, R/o 56/6, New Ronak Pura, Railway Road, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250002, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as **Rajesh Singh** in my minor Daughter **Anchal Singh,** aged about 16 years, in her 10th Class Certificate. The actual name of mine is **Rajesh Kumar,** which may be amended accordingly. 0070802837-1

I, Praful Kumar S/o Shri Anil Kumar, R/o 19, Alok Colony, Hapur-245101, I have declare that changed my Son name from **Master Annany** to **Master Annany Agarwal** for All future purpose, vide affidavit dated 06-September-2022., in his Aadhar Card No. 497472942710 his name is written as **Master Annany Agarwal.** Master Annany Agarwal & Master Annany are same person. 0040631050-1

I, NIMESH GUPTA KHANDELWAL S/O PARVEEN, R/O 4683, DEPUTY GANJ, PAAHRDI DHIRAJ, DELHI-06, have changed my name to **NIMESH GUPTA** for all purposes. 0040631090-3

I, NARESH KUMAR S/o Arjun Dev Gandhi, R/o 47A, DDA Flats, Masjid Moth, Phase-I, New Delhi-48, have changed my name to **NARESH GANDHI** for all purposes. 0040631090-1

I, Munni, W/o Mohammad Rizwan, R/o-1694 Gali Shaban Rodrgan Lal Khan Delhi, have changed my name to **Nargis Munni,** for all purpose 0040631116-4

I, Mohd Faez Ahmed, S/o Ghufuran Ahmed, R/o A-2/16, Third Floor, Ansari Road, Opp. Lic Flat, Darya Ganj, Central Delhi-110002. Declare that Name of Mine has been wrongly written as **Mohd Faez Ahmad** in my 10th Class Certificate. The actual name of Mine is **Mohd Faez Ahmed,** which may be amended accordingly. 0070802841-1

I, Mohammad Anash, S/o Sallauddin, R/o-W4 DDA Flats, Turkman Gate Delhi, have changed my name to **Mohd Anas,** for all purpose 0040631116-5

I, LALITA, W/O JAIVIR CHAUHAN, R/O A-14, Sector-122, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, have changed my name to **LALITA CHAUHAN** for all future purposes. 0070802833-1

I, Khushboo Kumari, D/o Kanhaiya Lal Mahtha, W/o Sandhir Prakash, R/O 52-D, Pocket-10B, Jasola Vihar, Sukhdev Vihar, South Delhi-110025, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Khushi Prakash.** 0070802836-1

I, Khushboo Kumari, D/o Kanhaiya Lal Mahtha, W/o Sandhir Prakash, R/O 52-D, Pocket-10B, Jasola Vihar, Sukhdev Vihar, South Delhi-110025, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Khushi Prakash.** 0070802836-1

I, Khushboo Kumari, D/o Kanhaiya Lal Mahtha, W/o Sandhir Prakash, R/O 52-D, Pocket-10B, Jasola Vihar, Sukhdev Vihar, South Delhi-110025, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Khushi Prakash.** 0070802836-1

I, Jackson S/o Sabastain John, R/o PP-3 J-Extension, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to **Jackson John.** 0040631116-6

I, JASVINDER KUMAR, S/O DAULAT RAM, R/O F-114, SUDERSHAN-PARK, DELHI 110015, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM JASVINDER SALHAN TO JASVINDER KUMAR, IN FUTURE, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040631012-10

I, Hassan Ahmad S/O Shahid Ahmad R/o-Flat No. 1, CGHS Dispensary, North Avenue, Delhi-110001, have changed my name to **Hassan Ahmad.** 0070802836-1

I, PRAMODKUMAR SOMNATH MALIK S/O-SOM NATH MALIK, R/O-KADAM-303 SHIPRA SRISHTI AHNSA-KHAND-1, NEAR-PRESIDIUM-SCHOOL INDIRAPURAM-GHAZIABAD, UP-201014, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRAMOD KUMAR MALIK, FOR ALL PURPOSE. 0040631099-6

I, Geeta Verma W/o Sh. Vishal Verma R/o-1/29, DDA-Flats Amritpuri-B East of Kailash, New Delhi-65 I, want to inform that my son **Raunak Verma** school wrongly-recorded my name as **Jyoti Verma** instead of **Geeta Verma.** Therefore the name **Geeta Verma** should be recorded, for all future purposes in all records. 0040631083-1

I, Farah Naaz, W/o Mohd Suleman, R/o 2167, Gali Qasim Jan, Ballimaran, Chandni Chowk, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to **Farha Naaz Permanently.** 0070802839-1

I, Birender Prakash, R/O E - 190 Street No.9 Khajoori Khas Delhi-110094 have Changed My Name To **Virendra Prakash.** 0050204028-1

I, AKSHAY MALHOTRA S/o Shri Rajesh Kumar Malhotra, R/o F-703, Som Vihar Apartment, R.K. Puram, Sector-1, New Delhi-110022 have lost my MASTER OF DENTAL SURGERY (MDS) (PERIODONTOLOGY) degree certificate 2017, Enrollment No. M-15746656 & Roll No. 9888008, having passed from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, as a regular student, which was issued to me on 17.11.2017. 0040631090-2

I, Viduse Singhal D/O Deependra Kumar Singhal R/O 3rd Fl,6, Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad UP, hereby declare that both Viduse And Vidush Singhale are my names and in future my name may be taken as Viduse Singhal for all purposes & records 0050204001-1

Suman Singh W/o Mohit Kanojia R/o 152 Nithari, Sec 31 Noida, do hereby declare that my husband name mentioned as Mukesh Singh in AdharNo. 4548 7290 9799. Correct name of my husband name is Mohit Kanojia. Also, my father name is Sh. Mohan Lal. 0040631136-1

Pranay Tyagi S/o Sh. Parveen Tyagi R/o Flat No.3B, Surya Apartment, Khadra No.476, Near Shalimar Palace, Burari, North have changed my name to Parnay Tyagi for all purposes. 0040630997-2

Parveen alias Praveen alias Parveen Gupta D/o Sh. Chand Ram Goyal W/o Sh. Bhupesh Gupta R/o Flat No.99, Shiv Shakti Apartments, MIG Flat, Sector-A-9, Pocket-4, Delhi-110040 have changed my name to **Parveen Gupta** for all purposes. 0040630997-3

Kamal Kant S/o Late Karam Chand resident of C-404, Jhuleal Appartment, Pitam Pura, Delhi -110034 have changed my name from **Kamal Kant** to **Kamal Kant Soni** for all future purposes. 0040631001-1

Kamal Kant S/o Late Karam Chand resident of C-404, Jhuleal Appartment, Pitam Pura, Delhi -110034 have changed my name from **Kamal Kant** to **Kamal Kant Soni** for all future purposes. 0040631001-1

I, Surinder Kaur W/o Rachhpal Singh, R/O GH-5/7, Flat. No.1187, near St.Marks School, Paschim Vihar, New-Delhi-110087 state that I am also known as **Surinder Kaur Matharu.** Both **Surinder Kaur** and **Surinder Kaur Matharu** are same person. Now my correct name is **Surinder Kaur** for all future purposes. 0040631125-7

I, Ramsri W/O No.1270682N Ex GNR Late Rajeshwar Dayal Sharma R/o, RZ-15A, Gali, No-1 Durgapad, Nasirpur Palam Delhi-45, have changed my name to **Ramsri vide affidavit 24.8.22,** before, Delhi. 0040631092-4

I, RAJNI TODI W/O LATE, NARAYAN PRASAD TODI, R/O C-1101, GPL EDEN HEIGHTS SECTOR-7, GURGAON HARYANA-122101, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJANI TODI. 0040631120-5

I, MOHAMMAD UMAR, S/O-MOHAMMAD NAZIM, ADD-R-25, JOGA BAI-EXTN JAMIA-NAGAR OKHLA, NEW DELHI-110025, changed my name to **MOHD UMAR.** For all, future Purposes. 0040631093-3

Anish Hari Singh S/o Sh. Haridwar Singh R/o Flat No.252, DDA SFS Flats Sector-9, Pocket-2, Dwarka, Delhi-110077 have changed my name to **Anish Singh** for all purposes. 0040630997-1

I, Juneid Ali, S/O Javed Ali, R/O, H.No.B-289, Gali, No-14, Shri Ram-colony, Rajiv Nagar, Delhi-110094, have Changed my name to **Junaid Ali,** permanently. 0040631099-3

I, DAIVESH DILIPBHAI SHAH, S/O DILIPBHAI CHIMANLAL SHAH, R/O FLAT, No.604, TOWER-15, COMMON WEALTH GAMES VILLAGE PATARGANJ DELHI-110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DAIVESH DILIP SHAH. 0040631120-3

I, Brahm Dutt Sharma, S/o Pardeep Kumar Sharma, H.No.1038/I, Krishna-Colony Gali, No.10, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to **Manoj Sharma.** 0040631099-1

I, Ayesha W/O-Saddam Saifi, R/O, H.No-324, Plot No-28, Gali, No-3/5, Old Mustafabad, Delhi-110094, have Changed my name to **Ayesha Saifi,** permanently. 0040631099-4

I, Abdul Rasheed Razak, F/O Khadeeja Parveen Kallarakkal, R/O Kallarakkal House, Pathaikarna PO, Perinthalamanna, Kerala-679322, changed my name to **Abdul Razak Ka.** 0040631110-4

I, PRAKASH GUPTA S/O-DHANESHWAR SHAH R/O-S-99/138, MOTILAL NEHRU CAMP, J.N.U VASANT VIHAR SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110067, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRAKASH SHAH. 0040631092-7

It is for General information that, **Raman Joneja, W/o Mukesh Joneja, R/O, CAH/98, Janakpuri, New-Delhi-110058,** declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as **Raman Juneja** in my Service-Record, the actual-name of mine is **Raman Joneja** Respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0040631125-2

I, Wahid/ Md Wahid, S/O Naseer R/O, N-196B, Gali No-9, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to **Mohd Wahid.** 0040631012-6

I, Tripti, W/O Deepanshu Anand, R/O D-1/7, Sector-4, Eldeco Estate, Panipat-132103, have changed my name to **Tripti Luthra.** 0070802832-1

I, Sunil Kumar, S/o Manohar Lal Soni, R/O House No.7, Soni Vila, Near Shiv Sundari Inter College, Kumar Kunj, G M D Road, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh-244001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Sunil Soni.** 0070802842-1

I, Vinit S/o-Ranbir Singh Chahar, R/o Flat.No.606, Tower-B, Bestech-Ananda View Park, Sector-81, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Vinit Chahar. 0040631092-11

I, UMA RANI, D/O Om Prakash, W/O-Paramjeet Singh, R/O-93-A, Gali, No-5, East-Guru Angad-Nagar, Laxmi-Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name, from **UMA RANI** to **SIMRANJEET KAUR,** for all, future Purposes. 0040631092-1

I, Tabassum Mahmoodur Rahman, spouse of, Mahmoodur Rahman, resident of, SMQ 197/6, Subroto-Park, New Delhi-110010, have changed my Name, from **Tabassum Mahmoodur Rahman** to **Tabassum Rahman,** vide-Affidavit dated-07/09/2022, BEFORE NCT-DELHI. 0040631125-4

I, Sunita W/o, Mahipal & D/o, Maharaj Singh R/O-318, Khakura, Ghaziabad, Dhaulana, U.P.-245301, that **Sunita** and **Sunita Kumari** both are one and same person. D.O.B. -30.11.1956. 0020445163-1

I, SUNITA W/o, Mahipal & D/o, Maharaj Singh R/O-318, Khakura, Ghaziabad, Dhaulana, U.P.-245301, that **Sunita** and **Sunita Kumari** both are one and same person. D.O.B. -30.11.1956. 0020445163-1

I, VERMA S/O RATI RAM NITIN R/O, H.No.-KM15, 1401, JP Kosmos, JP-Green, Sector-134, Gautam-Buddha Nagar, Noida, U.p.-201304, have changed my name to **YASHVEER.** 0040631120-11

I, Sunita Rani Gaur, W/o Subhash Gaur, R/o-6/5, Shri Hari Aptt. Plot-6, Sector-12, Dwarka Delhi, have changed my name to **Sunita Gaur.** 0040631116-3

I, Sunita Gautam, W/o- Rajendra Gautam R/O, H.No.17, 3rd-floor, Block-H, Aruna Nagar, Gali-Lines North-Delhi, Delhi-110054, my son **Aditya Gautam** in School-Documents Name of mine wrongly-written as **Sonu** but correct-name is **Sunita Gautam.** 0040631092-3

I, Sanjay Kumar S/o Mohan Lal Jethani R/o A-110, Ashok, Vihar Phase-2 Delhi-110052, changed my name to **Sanjay Kumar Jethani.** 0040631099-8

I, Sukhwinder Singh, S/o Trilochan Singh R/O B-70, Nilothi-Extension, Uday-Vihar, New Delhi 110041, have changed my name to **Manju Satishkumar Singh** 0040631116-1

I, Md Ajim S/O Mohd Wahid R/O, N-196B, Gali, No-9, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to **Mohd Azim.** 0040631012-5

I, Mangal Sen, S/O Late Bishan Swaroop, R/O 184, Purani Munsali, Nai Basti, Ghantaghar, Ghaziabad, UP-201001, have changed my name to **Mangal Sain** for all future purposes. 0040631110-1

I, IMONTOO S/O JYOTISH PRASAD SONI, R/O RZ-65-A, BLOCK-NARSINGH GARDEN, KHYALA VILLAGE, DELHI-110018, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MONTIU. 0040631120-2

I, MOHD ISRAR S/O RAHI MUDDIN, R/O, H.No-1420, GALLI, NO.15 RAJEEV GANDHI NAGAR NEW MUSTAFABAD, DELHI 110094, HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO MOHD ASRAR. 0040631012-3

I, MD HUIAIR S/O MD MOINUDDIN R/O D-706-D-BLOCK, JY COLONY, BAWANA, DELHI-110039, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MD UZAIR. 0040631120-1

I, Lokesh Kumar Sharma, S/O Kishan Swaroop Sharma, R/O, H.No.11-13A, Gali No-04, Jai Prakash Nagar, Ghonda, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to **Lokesh Sharma,** permanently. 0040631099-5

I, Kuldip Singh, S/O Randheer Singh, R/O H.No 444, Gali, no.2, Gaupuri Gausahla Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001, have Changed my name from **Kuldip Singh** to **Kuldeep Singh,** VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-07/09/2022, BEFORE NCT-DELHI 0040631125-3

I, Sandhya W/o Ashvani Rajhara, R/O A7-F, Ground floor, Siddharth Basti, Ashram, New Delhi-110014 have changed my name to **Sandhya Rajhara.** 0040631125-6

I, Saija W/O-Javed Ali, R/O, H.No.B-289, Gali, No-14, Shri Ram-colony, Rajiv Nagar, Delhi-110094, have Changed my name to **Saziya Parveen,** permanently. 0040631099-1

I, SUNITA RANI W/O JASVINDER KUMAR R/O F-114, SUDERSHAN-PARK, DELHI 110015, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM SUMITRA RANI TO SUNITA RANI, IN FUTURE, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040631012-9

I, SANDY W/o Ashvani Rajhara, R/O A7-F, Ground floor, Siddharth Basti, Ashram, New Delhi-110014 have changed my name to **Sandhya Rajhara.** 0040631125-6

I, SITA RAM, S/O KANTI PRASAD JANGID, HOUSE, No.-W-23 ANUPAM GARDEN SAINIK FARM IGNOU-ROAD NEB SARAI, DELHI-110068, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SITA RAM JANGID. 0040631120-4

I, Rekha W/O Dinesh Munjal R/O-1/221-232, Jahangirpuri, Delhi-110033, declare that name of, mine has been wrongly, written as **Rekha Munjal** in my minor daughter **Yishika Munjal** aged-14 years in her school records. The actual name of mine is **Rekha.** 0040631099-9

I, Rajiv Kumar Gupta S/o, Late Rattan Mohan Gupta, R/O, C-75, Prashant Vihar, Sector-14, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to **Rajeev Kumar Gupta.** 0040631120-10

I, Rajesh Aggarwal, S/o Lal Chand Aggarwal, R/o, H.No-27, Road, No-29, Punjabi Bagh-Extn, Delhi-26, have changed my name to **Rajesh Kumar Aggarwal.** 0040631012-2

I, RAKESH KUMAR, S/O, CHANDRA PRKASH, ADD-B-48, O, LALPAT-NAGAR-1, SOUTH-EAST DELHI-110024, changed my name to **RAKESH KUMAR SADDH,** for all, future Purposes. 0040631093-2

I, PUNAM KUMARI PANDIT, W/O VINAY KUMAR, Add-A-204, GROUND-FLOOR BUDH-VIHAR SECTOR-14 KAUSHAMBI, GHAZIABAD-201010, changed my name to **PUNAM PANDIT,** for all, future Purposes. 0040631012-8

I, Shruti Goel w/o Vivek Chaudhary, R/O E-13, Rangoli Colony, Sikandra, Agra, UP-282007 have changed my name to **Shruti Chaudhary.** 0040631066-1

I, Surbhi Agarwal W/o Shri Praful Kumar R/o. 19 Alok Colony, Hapur-245101, that I have changed my name from **Surabhi** to **Surbhi Agarwal** for All future purpose, vide affidavit dated 06-September-2022. My Aadhar Card No. 736483877187 my name is written as **Surbhi Agarwal.** **Surbhi Agarwal & Surabhi** are the same person. 0040631047-1

I, No-13758062X, Ex NK Ghulam Nabi Mir, S/O- Ghulam Mohammad Mir, R/O- Nadihal Bandipora, Tehsil/District-Bandipora, in my service records the names and D o B of my wards has been wrongly mentioned as **Nasreena Nabi Mir (D o B- 28-08-2000), Ahsan Ul Nabi Mir (D o B- 15-01-2002) and Ghulam Rasool Mir (D o B-14-10-2004)** instead of **Nasreena Nabi (D o B-03-2003), Ahsan Ul Nabi (D o B-03-2004) and Ajiaz Ul Nabi Mir (D o B-12-04-2007).** It needs correction. Objections by concerned authorities within seven days. 0020445163-1

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I, Akash Aaron, S/o Thankam Gomez R/O, B-75, Vipul World Sec-48, Gurgaon-122001, have changed my name to **Aaron Gomez,** for all purposes. 0040631093-7

I, Abdul Rahman S/O Mohd Hashim, R/O, New F-81, Raghubir Nagar Delhi-110027, have changed my name to **Abdul Rehman.** 0040631012-7

I, Venu, W/O Akhilesh Chandra Mishra, R/O A28, Ground Floor, Eldeco Green Meadows, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to **Venu Mishra** for all future purposes. 0070802843-1

I, Usha Kumar, D/o Govardhan Lal Chopra, R/O 1403, Tower-49, Orchid Petals, Sohna Road, Opp. Sapphire Mall, Sector-49, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Usha Singh.** 0070802840-1

I, Shyam Sunder Dabral S/O, Late Shri. Radha Krishna Dabral, R/O, H.No.1799A, Housing-Board Colony, Sector-29, Faridabad have change my name **Shyam Dabral** to **Shyam Sunder Dabral,** for all future purposes. 0040631010-1

I, Shalindry Singh, D/o Chandra Vir Singh, R/O H.No-2, Jain Road, Gali No-17, Bhagwati Garden EXTN, D.K. Mohan Garden, West Delhi-110059, have changed my name to **Shelly Singh.** 0070802847-1

I, Saaurabh, S/O Bhushan Prasad, R/O M-1119, Sec M Aashiana, Lucknow, UP-226012, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Saurabh Pandey.** 0070802838-1

I, Sarvan Kaur, D/o Gurcharan Singh and W/o Richpal Singh, R/O H.No-5617 B, Gali No-9, Shiv Colony, Karnal (Rural) Part (I), Haryana-132001, have changed my name to **Sharanjeet Kaur.** 0070802844-1

I, Samik Sundar Das, R/o H.No. G001, Freedom Park Life, Sector 57, Gurgaon, Haryana-122003, have changed my minor child's name aged 17 years from **Suhani Das Singh** to **Suhani Singh Das.** 0070802827-1

I, Rajiv Aneja, S/o Shiv Kumar Aneja, R/O, 29, Road No.16, East Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-110026, have changed my name to **Rajiv Kumar Aneja.** 0070802835-1

I, Tushar S/o, No.10314790F NK Binod Singh R/o H/No., N-148/A, Gali, no. -6, Sadatpur Ext. KARAWAL Nagar, Delhi-94, have changed my name to **Tushar Nayal** vide affidavit 7.9.22 before, Delhi. 0040631092-5

I, Shravan Kumar Shukla S/o Sh. Ram Narayan Shukla R/O J-4/124-C, Ground Floor, R/V/S, Khirki Extension, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017, that in my some documents i.e my Aadhar Card & Election I Card my name has been wrongly written as **Shravan Kumar Shukla** instead of **Shravan Kumar Shukla** which may be amended accordingly. 0040622795-10

I, Jagdeep W/o Amarpal Singh R/O 720, Second Floor, Sunlight Colony -1, Ashram, New Delhi-110014 have changed my name to **Jagdeep Kaur.** 0040631125-5

I, Underjeet S/O Jeevan Roy R/O, H.No-51-52, 2nd Floor Pocket-6 Sector-25, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to **Underjeet Roy.** 0040631093-4

I, Ikram S/o Bashir Ahmad R/O H.No.9, Street.No.5, Ambedkar Basti, Majpur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to **Ikram Malik,** permanently. 0040631099-7

I, Harshlata Mahajan W/o Ashish Mahajan R/O-415 Sector-1 Vasundhara, Ghaziabad U.P.-201012, have changed my name to **Harsha Mahajan.** 0040631093-1

I, HASEEB AHMAD, S/O SALEEM AHMED R/O, 493 STREET MATIA MAHAL JAMA MASJID-DELHI-6, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GUNJEEN AHMED. 0040631012-1

I, GUNJEEN W/O Jitender Lamba R/O 3/27, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to **Gunjan Lamba.** 0040631120-8

I, Dharmendra Kumar S/O- Radhey Shyam Dwivedi R/O, WZ-624, Sri Nagar, Rani-Bagh, Delhi, Changed Name To Dharmendra Dwivedi, Also My-Father Changed Name, From Radhaya Shyam Dwivedi To Radhey Shyam Dwivedi. 0040631099-10

I, SUMAN LATA JUYAL, W/O RAJ KUMAR DHYANI, R/O H.No.81, POCKET-B/4 SECTOR-8, ROHINI NEW DELHI-110085 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **SUMAN DHYANI.** 0040631092-8

I, Audrey Ann Veronica Daver, W/O Rummy Rustam Daver, resident of H406, Som Vihar Apsr, RK Puram, New Delhi-110022, have changed my name to **Audrey Rummy Daver,** for all future purposes. 0040631093-6

I, Antra Sukhramani D/o Jai Kuntar R/O B-13/3/4, Double-Storey, Ramesh-Nagar, N.Delhi-110015, have changed my name to **Antara Sukhramani.** 0040631120-6

I, Ansa S/o, No.822198L NC(E) Sanjay Kumar R/o, H/No. 317, Gali, No.15, B-Block, Tomar Colony, Burari, Delhi-84, have changed my name **Ansh Kanojia** vide affidavit 6.9.2022, before Delhi. 0040631

Ex-NSE CEO Ravi Narain sent to two-day ED custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPT 7

ADELHI court on Wednesday sent former National Stock Exchange (NSE) CEO Ravi Narain to two-day ED custody in a money-laundering case being investigated by the agency.

Special Judge Sunena Sharma while denying bail to Narain said: "...the ED has sufficient grounds to

proceed with the investigation into the allegations of money laundering and to seek custodial interrogation of the accused to unearth the deeper conspiracy, the involvement of other accused persons and their modus operandi."

Special Public Prosecutor NK Matta, who appeared for the ED, while seeking two-day custody said Narain "was actually involved in all process or activity connected with the proceeds of crime includ-

ing its concealment, possession, acquisition or use and further in projecting or claiming it as unattained property".

Narain's counsel advocate Adit Pujari opposed the ED request for remand on the grounds that the "accused has not been involved in any process or activity connected with the alleged proceeds of crime including its acquisition, use, concealment, or possession". The bank account of the accused

"would indicate that all receipts are pursuant to declared legitimate sources of income", he submitted.

As per the ED, the top officials of NSE issued agreement orders in the guise of Periodic Study of Cyber Vulnerabilities of NSE in favour of iSec represented by Sanjay Pandey, the former Mumbai Police commissioner, which illegally intercepted the phone calls of the NSE employees.

Ceasefire pact with NSCN faction extended

New Delhi: The Centre on Wednesday extended its ceasefire agreement with the Niki Sumi faction of National Security Council of Nagaland (NSCN) Khaplang (K) by one more year.

A Home Ministry statement said the ceasefire pact was being extended till September 7, 2023. The government had on September 8 last year signed a

ceasefire pact with the group.

The NSCN (K) had unilaterally abrogated ceasefire with the Centre in March 2015, months ahead of the government signing a Framework Agreement for Naga Peace Accord with the NSCN IM group. The government has since signed ceasefire pacts with NSCN(NK), NSCN(R) and NSCN(K)-Khanglo. ENS

Ram Jaipal College, Chapra, Saran-841301-Bihar
Tender Notice No. RJC/01/2022-23
Date of Publication : 08-09-2022
Sl. No. Name of works Estimated Cost (Rs) Including Electrical Works Earnest Money (2% of B-O-Q) (Rs) Time of Completion Last Date of Bid Submission Date/Time/Place for Bid Opening

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI

4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993.
In the matter of: O.A. No.289/2018/DRT-III
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA

Applicant Versus M/S. ELECTRONIC WORLD & ORS. Defendants

- D-1. M/S. ELECTRONIC WORLD Through Its Proprietor MR. RAKESH KUMAR Having Its Office At: Shop No.1, Plot No.A-10, Mahagan Apartment, Shalimar Garden Ext.-II, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, U.P. Also At: House No.A-437, Block-A, Shalimar Garden Ext.-I, Village - Pasonda, Tehsil & Distt.-Ghaziabad, U.P.
- D-2. MR. RAKESH KUMAR S/O. SHRI JAWAHAR LAL House No.-437, Block-A, Shalimar Garden Ext.-I, Village - Pasonda, Tehsil & Distt.-Ghaziabad, U.P.
- D-3. MR. VINOD KUMAR S/O. SHRI JAWAHAR LAL House No.-A-437, Block-A, Shalimar Garden Ext.-I, Village - Pasonda, Tehsil & Distt.-Ghaziabad, U.P.
- D-4. MR. JAWAHAR LAL S/O. MR. SANSAR CHAND House No.A-437, Block-A, Shalimar Garden Ext.-I, Village - Pasonda, Tehsil & Distt.-Ghaziabad, U.P.

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 11.10.2022 at 10:30 AM. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

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

- (i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application / Software;
- (ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar / Recovery Officer/Land Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head.
- (iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates / Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph.No.23748469.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 20th Day of August 2022.
BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL

FORM No.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd AID, Dasil falling which by Publication
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - III
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, PATNA

2nd Floor, (A, B & F Wing), Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Kendriya Karamchari Parisar (GPOA), Ashiana Digha Road, Patna-800025

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961
RC/61/2022 03-09-2022

CANARA BANK Versus SUDHA PRATAP

To, (CD 1) Sudha Pratap, R/o Flat No. 303, 3rd Floor, Ravishankar Apartment, Ashok Puri-800014. (CD 2) SHAILESH PRATAP, S/o R/o Flat No. 303, 3rd Floor, Ravishankar Apartment, Ashok Puri-800014.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, PATNA in OA/457/2020 an amount of Rs. 3623021.00 (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Twenty One Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 12% w.e.f. 23/12/2020 till realization and costs of Rs. 39000 (Rupees Thirty Nine Thousand Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/Limited).

- 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
- 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
- 4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 10/11/2022 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
- 5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay: (a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other process and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 03/09/2022
Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL PATNA

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB)
2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001
Ph. No. (Office): 0612-2219043, 2219385, Fax No.: 0612-2219385, E-mail: sbi.05176@sbi.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 14.10.2022 (Friday) for recovery of the dues of the borrower/guarantor, other details of the e-auction are as under.

Table with 4 columns: S. No., Name of Borrower(s)/Guarantor, Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI Notice), Description of Property, Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold, EMD, Bid Increment Amount.

- 1. Date of e-auction : 14.10.2022 (Friday); Time : 120 Minutes. From 12:00 Noon to 02:00 PM. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each.
- 2. Website/portal for e-auction https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.
- 3. MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help): 033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253. SBI contact no (for property related enquiry): 9507591883/9693532979 / 8811060438
- 4. The General Terms and Condition are available on https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others. This publication is also a 30 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002

NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice then this E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service.

Date : 07.09.2022
Place: Patna
Authorized Officer
State Bank of India, SARB

Indian Bank
Stressed Asset Management Branch, Patna, Khajpura, Jagdeopath, Bailey Road, Patna-800014

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) Stressed Asset Management (SAM) Branch, Patna, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 23.09.2022, for recovery of bank's dues from the following borrower and guarantors.

Table with 7 columns: Sl. No. & Branch, Name of the Account, Description of the Charged/Mortgage Property, Name of the Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s), Amount of Secured Debt, Reserve Price (In Rs), Earnest Money Deposit.

Detail of encumbrance, Outstanding Dues of Local Govt, Electricity, Property tax, Municipal Tax, etc. if any known to the Bank: Not Known
Last Date & time for Registration and Submission of EMD amount: 21.09.2022 through https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi Till 5.00 PM.

Date & Time of e-auction: 23.09.2022 from 11.00 AM to 3.00 PM at the platform of http://www.mstcecommerce.com with unlimited extension. Bid incremental amount is Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only).

For further details and Terms & Conditions, Contact: Shri M.P. Singh (Chief Manager) Mob.: 8017007632

For downloading further details and Terms & Conditions, Please Visit: (i) https://www.mstcecommerce.com (ii) https://www.ibapi.in

*Applicable tax to be borne by the bidder. Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstcecommerce.com) of our e-auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance please call MSTC HELPDISK No.033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com. For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: https://ibapi.in and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with https://ibapi.in and www.mstcecommerce.com.

Date : 06.09.2022
Place : Patna
Authorized Officer
Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank)

Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran Offers e-Auction of Preferential Residential and Commercial Properties in all Zones
On 18th September 2022
Residential Properties in Gurugram Zone, Commercial Properties in Hisar Zone, Commercial Properties in Panchkula Zone, Residential Properties in Rohtak Zone, Commercial Properties in Faridabad Zone, Residential Properties in Panchkula Zone, Commercial Properties in Gurugram Zone, Residential Properties in Faridabad Zone.



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SCENES OF A DELUGE

The plight of India's flooded tech capital is striking. But Bengaluru's predicament is unfortunately not unique

AS BENGALURU REELS under floods, schools are shut and tech firms have urged employees to work from home. Power and water supply have been hit in many areas. Residents in expensive enclaves have had to be evacuated from their flats and villas and CEOs of MNCs reportedly had to wade through water and even travel on tractors to work. There is flooding in the Outer Ring Road area, which hosts tech firms that bring in revenue of billions of dollars annually. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMK) Chief Commissioner has blamed the extreme weather conditions — this is reportedly the city's second wettest rainy season in 50 years. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai attributed it to the "maladministration" and "unplanned" development under previous governments. There is truth in that explanation but the CM did not reveal what his government has done to break from the past, or correct it. The unfortunate fact is that the Bommai administration has been busy with polarising issues such as hijab in educational institutions, or in stoking spectres of conversion, rather than attending to Bengaluru's crumbling infrastructure.

Of course, the current predicament in Bengaluru is not an exception. The scenes seen in India's Silicon Valley this week have been witnessed earlier in Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Guwahati, Kochi and several other cities and towns in India. Each town/city may cite local factors for the collapse of infrastructure in the face of extreme events, but a common thread runs through all the stories. A large number of urban wetlands that soak up rainwater have been built upon, including in Bengaluru. Corrupt civic bodies are guilty of treating cities as pieces of lifeless real estate to be sliced up for the benefit of the highest bidders. Stormwater drains remain locked in decades-old networks, whose deficits are aggravated by the inefficiency of municipal bodies. Last year, for instance, the Comptroller and Auditor General pulled up the BBMK for "its inability to manage stormwater drains in the city." It raised questions about Bengaluru's sewerage plan, especially the municipality's failure to map the city's tertiary drains, which have a critical role in managing run-off.

Urban bodies complain — and mostly, they have a point — that they lack adequate resources. Municipal tax rates are far too low for local administrations to build, manage and renew public services and utilities efficiently. But the truth also is that civic bodies are often guilty of impropriety in the use of resources. The CAG, for instance, also found that the Bengaluru municipality did not maintain proper records of the stormwater management funds allotted to it under the JNNURM. It also noted the lack of coordination between the municipality and the Bangalore Development Authority on drainage-related matters. The net result of all these omissions is on show in Bengaluru, where, as an IT czar put it, technology professionals are forced to be on the road for hours to design apps that promise to deliver groceries in 10 minutes.

ON THE NOSE

Bharat Biotech's nasal vaccine could be a game-changer in battle against Covid. Its performance will be keenly watched

AS SHOT IN the arm muscle is no longer the only way of administering a Covid vaccine. In April, Russian drug regulators approved the use of vaccines that can be sprayed into the nose, but very little was known of their efficacy. Earlier this week, China became the first country to authorise the use of an inhaled vaccine for booster doses. On Tuesday, India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) approved iNCOVACC, the country's first intra-nasal vaccine for primary inoculation. Developed by scientists at the Washington University and manufactured by the Hyderabad-based company, Bharat Biotech, the vaccine uses a harmless version of chimpanzee adenovirus to deliver the spike protein to the lining of the nose.

Many experts believe that needle-free vaccines are the future of Covid inoculation. It's now well-established that the first-generation vaccines protect against severe disease but they do not prevent breakthrough infections. A possible reason for this failure is the inability of the injectables to induce an immune response in the body's first line of defence against the coronavirus — the respiratory tract. Nasal vaccines like the Bharat Biotech-manufactured drops behave differently. They target the immune cells in the thin mucous membranes that line cavities in the nose. The body's defence mechanism, therefore, gets to work immediately after the coronavirus enters the body and stops the pathogen from using the respiratory tract to cause infection. That is why vaccines such as iNCOVACC can prevent mild cases of Covid and break the line of transmission of the disease. The vaccine has other advantages. A squirt in the nose is much easier to administer than conventional shots — in fact, trained healthcare workers are not required to deliver this needle-free vaccine. The vials can be stored easily at 2 to 8 degrees Celsius and Bharat Biotech claims that it can scale up production at short notice. All this means that though the drug regulator has approved iNCOVACC for the small section of the country's adult population that has not received primary inoculation, the vaccine could be a potential shield in case the unpredictable virus throws up another variant of concern — healthcare authorities can turn to it in case of an emergency requirement for inoculation.

Non-injectable vaccines have proved to be a game changer in the battle against polio. But their record against influenza has, at best, been mixed. Researchers working on the Covid vaccine claim they have learnt lessons from the experiences of their counterparts who developed the influenza shots. The performance of iNCOVACC will be keenly watched.

ALONE TOGETHER

Story of a Japanese man earning by simply being there for others speaks of an emptiness that won't be easily fixed

SHOJI MORIMOTO HAS the perfect job. The 38-year-old Tokyo resident gets paid to do nothing. All he does is hire himself out as a companion. No small talk required, for 10,000 yen (\$71) per booking. This "job" sees him accompany people who might, as one client wanted, go out for a quiet cup of tea or play on a see-saw with another. Morimoto makes enough money from this job — which he took up after he was rebuked for "doing nothing" at a previous job in publishing — to support a wife and child.

The appeal of Morimoto's job is evident. Which hamster stuck on the 9-to-5 wheel hasn't wished to be paid to simply exist or, at the most, to do the very least required to earn money? A story like Morimoto's offers hope that there is a way out of the burnout culture that most employees find themselves stuck in, an alternative to the hustle-till-you-drop valorisation of productivity.

Look closer, however, and this story of the perfect job — one which may make the average person wonder if they're a mug for risking repetitive stress injury at their desk job — is a lot less cheering. Take, for instance, the gig that required Morimoto to smile and wave at a complete stranger through a train window because the latter wanted a send-off. Or Morimoto's claim that at least a quarter of his clients are repeat customers, with one having hired him 270 times. That so many are willing to pay for the simple companionship that, in a less disconnected world, would be freely available, speaks of a profound malaise of loneliness. It won't be fixed by one man hiring himself out.

Counting every citizen



M N SABHARWAL AND MANISH SABHARWAL

Article 370's death must birth a new J&K voter list that includes all residents by new deadline of November 25

THE BOOK *HOW India Became Democratic* by Omnit Shani details how our first national voter list was compiled and magnificently captures the almost pathological worry of election officials about missing anybody and their determination to ensure everybody voted in 1952. This instinct for inclusiveness is not shared by some J&K politicians who call for rejecting voter list preparations that follow our Constitution's algorithm for including all state residents. We must reject this self-interested, parochial and unconstitutional whining because voter lists that enrol many lakhs of missing residents will accelerate statehood restoration and competitive politics. Ghulam Nabi Azad's new party is hardly the new breed of local politicians we cheer for but is nonetheless welcome because its birth declared poorna swaraj from dynastic rule and Azad promises to prioritise job creation. Both evils have long plagued J&K.

Changing your mind about electoral politics used to be fatal in J&K; the assassination of Mirwaiz Maulvi Farooq of the Awami Action League felt baffling in 1990 because the hardline leader consistently supported Pakistan. But his tentative suggestion that peace needed political dialogue led to his murder by PoK-based Hizbul Mujahideen (the Askari wing of Jamaat-E-Islami). Pakistan-exported terrorism created a nine-year election-free J&K starting in 1987, but couldn't prevent elected state governments after 1996 from four assembly elections. Pakistan's uneasy relationship with democracy — no PM has ever completed a full term — comes from their deep state embracing national poet Muhammad Iqbal's lament "jamhooriyat ek tarz-e-hukumat hai jisme logon ko gina jaata he, tola nahin" (democracy counts people instead of weighing them). Pervez Musharraf, then concurrently President, Prime Minister, and Army Chief of Pakistan — condescendingly "weighed" citizens by making college degrees compulsory for all election candidates.

In contrast, India's election track record is enviable. Our first parliamentary elections in 1952 required a Constitution, a list of 17 crore voters (of whom 85 per cent could not read or write), and 2.25 lakh polling booths. They were highly competitive: 30 parties fielded

1,874 candidates, and the Congress Party got 45 per cent of the votes but 75 per cent of the seats. Since then, half of the 17 general elections have led to a new central government. Our voter population is 91 crore, and more than 370 political parties campaign assuming everybody votes where they live.

J&K's next assembly elections will be the first under the Indian Constitution — the last 11 assembly elections held under the J&K state Representation of People Act with six-year government tenures were hardly fair because they excluded residents from voting based on their birthplace, birth date, or ancestors. The National Conference (NC) won all 75 seats in the first state election of 1951 because 43 NC candidates were elected unopposed a week before voting, nominations of 13 candidates of Praja Parishad were rejected (this party later merged with the Jana Sangh), two independent candidates opted out, and two Ladakh seats were won by nominal NC members. In 1957 and 1962, the NC acquired a majority before polling began (their candidates were elected unopposed, or Opposition candidate nomination papers were rejected). In the 1972 elections, women candidates contested for the first time, and Congress adopted the unopposed or rejection technology to win. The 1983 elections were ferociously fought — Indira Gandhi hadn't forgotten Sheikh Abdullah's betrayal of 1977 — and she campaigned for a few weeks as a sitting Prime Minister, but Farooq Abdullah led the NC to victory. This victory was soon sabotaged by Farooq's sister's husband, G M Shah, in partnership with Indira Gandhi. Mufti Sayeed leaving Congress in 1987 influenced consequent state elections and created opportunities for Ghulam Nabi Azad (whose new party will surely condemn domicile-based voting, given his personal Parliament election victory from Maharashtra).

The state's traditional political fault line was not Jammu vs Kashmir but Sher vs Bakra: Shers were Sheikh Abdullah supporters anchored around Hazratbal mosque, while Bakras (named after their beards) were Mirwaiz supporters anchored around the Jama Masjid Mosque in Nowhatta. Mufti Sayeed headed the Congress Party but didn't always deride soft separatism; he disrupted

a meeting that proposed to rename Radio Kashmir to All India Radio (ironically, he didn't hesitate in fighting Parliament elections from Uttar Pradesh). Farooq Abdullah ignored requests to control pro-Pakistani sloganeering at a 1983 India-West Indies cricket match while smugly suggesting it would improve his bargaining power with Delhi. J&K local politics never became brutally competitive because these families weaponised Article 370, religion and Pakistan to create a 50-year oligopoly.

The recent J&K delimitation commission envisages elections with nine parliament seats and 90 assembly constituencies (43 Jammu region and 47 Kashmir region). The new constituencies for remote areas and the thoughtful constituency renaming of Tangmarg to Gulmarg, Sonwar to Lal Chowk, Khour to Chhamb, etc., are delightful. We estimate that seven lakh people from Bihar, UP, and Odisha are now J&K residents — they must vote in the next state election subject to the rules used for residency verification everywhere else in our Republic. Hopefully, this election also catalyses the overdue national consensus on using Aadhaar to deduplicate electoral rolls.

The academic David Shulman wrote, "All great civilisations and great societies have known that human beings are capable of imagining; India merely cultivated this art or faculty more boldly than most." J&K — a confluence of many of India's civilisations and societies — must use next year's election to boldly imagine a representative state government populated by a new breed of politicians that listen, heal and rebuild rather than oppress, exploit and destroy. We both have voted as residents either in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, or Uttar Pradesh but couldn't vote in J&K despite living there for decades. Article 370's death must birth a new J&K voter list that includes all residents by the new deadline of November 25 because our Constitution was written by good ancestors who ensured India doesn't weigh our citizens but counts them.

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HAVE ROOM, MUST SPEND

Higher devolution, interest-free loans, easing of restrictions, are easing stress on states

THREE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS have brightened the outlook for capital expenditure by state governments. First, the Union government has stepped up tax devolution during July-August. Second, the interest-free capex loan scheme for states has seen a sharp pickup in off-take in July. Third, the norms for the adjustment of off-budget borrowings for the current fiscal have been eased. We believe all of these will reduce the stress on state finances and support higher capex in the coming months.

First, the Centre has stepped up the amount of tax devolution to states, releasing a double tranche in August. We believe this was warranted given the expected overshooting of its tax revenues relative to the budget estimates for 2022-23. We estimate that Rs 3.2 lakh crore has been devolved in the first five months of this year. This implies a growth of 49 per cent over the corresponding period last year. This should encourage the states to step up their capital spending in the post-GST compensation months.

Based on our projection, tax devolution will need to be as high as Rs 9.3 lakh crore this year, overshooting the budget estimates by more than Rs 1 lakh crore. Therefore, the amount left to be disbursed to the states in the remainder of the year is quite substantial. Additional double tranches may be prudent every quarter after the advance tax inflows are received to ensure that there isn't too much back-ending of the devolution in the fourth quarter as was the case last year.

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The Centre could also consider sharing with states the likely amount of devolution prior to the start of each quarter. This revenue visibility would enable states to plan their capital spending, given the lead time required to plan and execute capital projects. It may also result in more accurate assessments of their quarterly market borrowings, which have been woefully off-the-mark in recent quarters.

Second, this year, the Centre massively stepped up interest-free loans to states, which are earmarked for capital spending. The scheme for special assistance to states for capital investment was launched in October 2020 as part of the measures to support economic activity which had been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. In the Union budget 2022-23, the Centre had stepped up the allocation towards this scheme to Rs 1 lakh crore for the current fiscal from under Rs 15,000 crore in the previous two years. This amount will be given to the states as a loan, over and above the normal borrowing ceiling fixed. But, not all states had included the estimated inflows from the capex scheme in their respective budgets, although this does not prevent them from participating in the scheme.

The guidelines for the usage of the funds under the Capex scheme permit the states to settle their pending bills for ongoing capital projects in addition to using them for new and ongoing capital projects that are duly approved by the Centre. The scheme is divided into seven parts. The bulk of the total or Rs

80,000 crore has been earmarked under part I of the scheme which does not have a sectoral end-use specified for the capital spending. Under this, 50 per cent of the approved amount will be released upfront after the list of projects is approved. The balance will be released after a utilisation certificate of at least 75 per cent of the first instalment is provided.

After a tepid start, capital expenditure amounting to Rs 31,500 crore was approved for 10 states in July 2022. Execution of capital projects typically witnesses a slowdown during the monsoon months. Accordingly, the second instalments are likely to be released in the second half of the year. Given the rising interest rates scenario, it makes economic sense for the states to avail the interest-free borrowing for fresh capital spending and/or clearing pending bills. However, the jury is still out on whether the capex loan will supplement the budgeted capex amount or simply fund the same. The answer may differ across state governments.

Lastly, the latest guidelines by the Centre indicate that states' off-budget debt only for 2021-22 would be adjusted over a four-year period beginning 2022-23 and ending in 2025-26. This could provide relief to those states that had undertaken large off-budget borrowings in the previous two years, thereby creating the fiscal space for states to ramp up capital spending.

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SEPTEMBER 8, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

GUJARAT CABINET CRISIS

THE GUJARAT DEPUTY agriculture minister, Khimji Jesang, and the deputy irrigation minister, Kirtsinh Gohil, submitted their resignation to Chief Minister Madhavsinh Solanki in Gandhinagar. Both of them said they had resigned "voluntarily". Several opposition leaders and dissidents in the ruling Congress (I) had demanded the resignations of Jesang and Gohil, against whom they had levelled charges of corruption.

SATELLITE PROGRAMME

WITH INSAT-IA A total writeoff, the revival

of the previous arrangement for the use of Intelsat is now being considered. It is likely that a high level team of experts from the various ministries will be set up to evolve a fresh strategy for the satellite programme. Such a panel would also try to identify the factors leading to the total collapse of Insat-IA's systems and accordingly suggest suitable changes in Insat IB, due to be launched in July next year.

DEADLOCK IN ASSAM

THE PACKAGE DEAL on the Assam problem could not be wrapped up in a three-hour informal session as differences between the

government and the Assam movement leaders still persisted. It was learnt that there was no agreement still on the issue of dispersing the migrants between 1961 and 1971 from other states.

IRAN BLAST

TWENTY PEOPLE WERE killed and more than 100 wounded when a car-bomb exploded in a crowded street behind buildings of the Industry Minister in Teheran, according to latest casualty figures. Premier Mir Hussein Mousavi blamed the blast on hypocrites — the official term for the outlawed leftist People's Mujahedeen.

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Reaching the journey

The Bharat Jodo Yatra has much to learn from the previous yatras



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TOUR THE LENGTH and breadth of the country, "with eyes and ears open, but mouth shut", was the advice given to Gandhiji by Gopal Krishna Gokhale. This is how he would learn about India, its peoples, cultures, challenges, and aspirations on his return from South Africa — by going on a yatra. Gokhale was making the obvious point that seeing and hearing are two of the primary ways to know the world. But when he advised Gandhiji to keep his "mouth shut" he was making a subtler point. Let the people speak, he seemed to be counseling. Do not lecture them, for you do not have all the answers. They have something to tell you. Gandhiji followed this sage advice, and as a result India got a new vocabulary of politics.

Jawaharlal Nehru also undertook a yatra, but of a different kind. It was a mental yatra through Indian history as he wrote, in five months, while in prison in Ahmednagar jail from 1942-46, his voluminous 700-page book, *The Discovery of India*. He marvelled not just at India's ancient land but also at its culture and philosophy. People have criticised him for the word "discovery" in the title, saying that no Indian needs to discover India, only outsiders do. Indians know India. This is a superficial and vacuous criticism for it has no understanding of the philosophical complexity of India, its cultural diversity, geographical variety, and long history. India's layered reality can, in fact, only be known through many lifetimes of continuous discovery. That is what makes it so magical. Try understanding the significance of the 300 Ramayanas that AK Ramanujan mentioned and you will see how complex and how delightful India is. A regular yatra of the mind is certainly required in India.

Closer to our time, Chandra Shekhar undertook a 4,260 km six-month padayatra, later called Bharat Yatra, from Kanyakumari to Raighat in 1983. In the *Commemorative Volume* published by Parliament, he says of his yatra: "When we started, it was doubtful whether people would react positively to Bharat Yatra or would take it as a political drama. But all through the yatra, the villagers who were illiterate, who were ignorant, who were helpless, lined up in large numbers to receive the volunteers who were walking. In almost all the villages, even the poor people managed to offer the best welcome that they could afford. There might have been difficulty of language, but the language of the heart, which was more powerful, helped to communicate the feelings. We ourselves understood that the people are willing to cooperate if we go to them. In this respect, it was Mahatma Gandhi who put his finger on the pulse of the people. It was an adventure in self, it was an adventure of self-education."

Chandra Shekhar was anxious that the yatra would be seen as a political drama but it grew, instead, into the "language of the heart" as people lined up to connect with the leader. For Chandra Shekhar, the yatra turned out to be "self-education". It raised his political profile, gave him moral authority. The power of the yatra as a tool of political mobilisation was later successfully used by NT Rama Rao, who launched the Telugu Desam Party after his yatra across Andhra Pradesh,



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and YSR Reddy who walked nearly 1,500 km across AP. Both won the assembly elections that followed. From a different political perspective, LK Advani embarked on a Rath Yatra that converted the demand to build a Ram temple in Ayodhya into the dominant discourse of contemporary India. Now, three decades later, it remains the pivotal idea of the NDA regime's politics of mobilisation.

"Yatra" is one of the key ideas that India has contributed to the global democratic lexicon. It is a unique instrument of political mobilisation. Few leaders across the world have undertaken yatras, preferring air and road-hopping trips instead. The yatra is a powerful strategy to build a counter discourse on all things concerning the nation. Because it is peaceful, and because it is slow, it allows a prolonged engagement with the concerns of the political. It reduces the gap between the leader and the citizen, since its spatial and temporal attributes — one has to travel through remote villages and ignored habitations — bring it closer to the people. This can serve to produce a political excitement that change is coming, that better times lie ahead.

The Bharat Jodo Yatra has much to learn from the previous yatras. Build a new imagination for India, as was achieved by Gandhiji's yatra. Learn about India's rich history and cultural diversity, as bequeathed by Nehru's yatra. Listen to the people with humility (shut up and listen), was the lesson of Chandra Shekhar's yatra. And produce a counter mobilisation to the power of the entrenched regime, as was done by the yatras of NTR, YSR, and Advani.

Of course, there will be adverse comment. This is legitimate in a democracy. The

In India, a yatra has at least four meanings. It is a physical 'journey' where the traveller moves from one place to another. It is an internal 'discovery' where causes long overlooked, both personal and public, acquire new political significance, especially when one shuts up and listens. It is a 'pilgrimage' — as in the 'char dham' yatra — when the pilgrim travels to different hallowed sites to receive blessings from the people. And it is a 'signal' of change that another India is possible.

NDA and its formidable media cell will employ every trick in the book to mock the Bharat Jodo Yatra, ridiculing its leaders, obstructing its progress, and belittling its goals. This has already begun. It will get more intense as the power of the digital world will be harnessed to diminish its possibilities. But India needs an alternative discourse to that of the politics of othering, which, in its best version, is what the yatra offers. The yatra is potent because it will show how far the rulers have moved from the people, and how dismissive they are of the people's concerns. It carries the seeds of change which have to be carefully nurtured, if it is to win the support of the people. We live in a digital world and therefore capturing the symbolic high ground, in visuals and text, is vital. Like the farmers' protests did in 2021.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Britain's current troubles began under Margaret Thatcher, when the basis of economic growth became rent-seeking via privatisation. If Liz Truss wants to deal with the present crises then she must tackle their root causes, not just their symptoms." —THE GUARDIAN

Thought for food

Disruption of supply chains due to Ukraine war has implications for India's food security



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ACCORDING TO THE Food and Agriculture Organisation, the Food Price Index has increased by 30 per cent in the year 2021-22. The last time it had increased in similar proportion was in 2010-11. This phenomenon was one of the factors that led to the Arab Spring. Currently, at a time when the Covid-19 pandemic had already disrupted the food supply chains around the world in 2020, tensions are exacerbated by Vladimir Putin's war on Ukraine: Russia and Ukraine represent 27 per cent of the world market for wheat, 16 per cent for corn, 23 per cent for barley, and 53 per cent for sunflower.

In peacetime, the Black Sea ports, now blocked, account for about 95 per cent of grain exports from Ukraine. Railways could have taken over, and Ukraine certainly has a rather exceptional railroad network. Unfortunately, the gauge of the railway tracks built by the USSR in Ukraine is not the same as in neighbouring countries. As a result, wagons have to be transferred one at a time at the border.

Twenty-six countries, mainly in Africa, West Asia and Asia, depend on Russia and Ukraine for more than 50 per cent of their wheat imports. India wanted to fill in this gap and, in April 2022, the Prime Minister said that "India can feed the world if the WTO allows it". However, just one month later, New Delhi banned wheat exports to control rising domestic prices amid concerns over production due to the heatwave and uncertainty about existing reserves due to private sector hoarding.

This is not a new phenomenon. In 2009, the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD), a World Bank initiative, in a report — *Agriculture at a Crossroads* — observed that speculation with agricultural commodities on the commodity futures exchanges was one of the main reasons for the spike in food prices. The original purpose of futures markets was that farmers could transfer the price risk — a "future" contract would allow them to sell the produce at the current price but for delivery in the future. This safeguarded both sellers and buyers against any excessive price jumps — for example, those caused by the vagaries of the weather or conflicts and war. It was a mechanism to ensure that the basic livelihood and survival of farmers were not jeopardised. However, the arrival of large pension funds, hedge funds and investment banks in these markets has resulted in excessive speculation. The derivative markets set a benchmark for the prices in the real world, and this is where excessive speculation became a problem. The logic of the markets has

changed as price evaluation is not dictated by supply-demand or quality of the markets but by major financial actors' bets on higher prices, which leads other actors to also speculate. While large financial actors bet on the futures markets and cause price volatility, when food prices rise, they endanger the food security of millions of people around the world.

An investigation by Lighthouse Reports, a non-profit media outfit, concludes from this phenomenon that no lessons had been learnt from the food crisis of 2008. It reports that the influx of speculators can be observed in the Paris milling wheat market, the benchmark for Europe: Speculators' share of buy-side wheat futures contracts has increased from 23 per cent of open interest in May 2018 to 72 per cent in April 2022. Therefore, by April 2022, "Seven in 10 buyers of futures wheat contract were speculators in the form of investment firms, investment funds, other financial institutions and commercial non-hedgers whose aim was to profit from the rise in prices."

In India, even though the year-long farmers' protests have forced the Modi government to repeal the infamous farm laws, the growing role of the private sector in agriculture has increased the risk of speculation. For 2022-23, the government has already lowered wheat purchase estimates to 19.5 million tonnes — down by 50 per cent compared to the previous year and the lowest in 13 years. Union Food Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey said this sharp decline was due to huge buying by private players. India faced a similar situation during the 2008 global food crisis but managed to weather the storm due to the APMC food stock reserves.

Today, food inflation is a major cause for concern for food security in India. Declining incomes because of the pandemic have already raised hunger levels in India — India ranks 101 among 116 countries in the 2021 Global Hunger Index. According to the Hunger Watch Report conducted in February, 45 per cent of respondents reported running out of food in the preceding month. The situation could be even more precarious now because of the spike in prices.

So, what should be done? The Indian government could ensure more transparency on food stocks and regulate the private sector. For that, there is a need to set restrictions on the reserves that the private sector can hold, as they often tend to hoard food stocks to later sell at a profit. This will help prevent the opaqueness of private sector reserves, which often fuels speculation by large international financial actors. Internationally, positional limits could be set on speculators but that would require a multilateral accord, a topic which should be on the agenda at the next G-20 meeting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BEYOND THE MARKET

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The next reforms' (IE, September 7). The obsession with extending the market reforms of liberalisation and privatisation needs to be reconsidered. The need of the hour is to move towards structural and institutional reforms. Every time recessionary tendencies intensify in the world economy, the stability of the macro-economic fundamentals emerges as a saviour of the Indian economy. The existence of PSBs and partial control over the exchange rate are two of the significant pillars of this peculiar nature of the macro-economic stability of our economy. The writer's contention is that there is a saturation of market reform policies and that we should focus on the areas where India has a comparative advantage, especially in the digital and IT sector. Rightly so.

Sandhya Dubey, New Delhi

SECULAR STATE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'SC: can you take right to practise religion to school with uniform?' (IE, September 6). The Preamble to our Constitution says that we are a secular country. If religious markers are outlawed by the policy makers in the country, it should be applicable across the board. Comments such as these raise questions about the constitutional sanctity of the practice of hindu ceremonies like "havans" and "poojas" by govern-

ment officials during inaugurations or functions in government institutions, more visibly so in recent times.

LR Murmu, New Delhi

WELCOME MOVE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'To check the dropout rate, Mann announces shuttle bus for school going girls' (IE, September 6). This is a commendable move. This step will ensure the safety of school girls and will provide relief to parents, as well. This initiative has been taken to ensure quality education and will encourage a lot of children as the government will be taking care of their basic needs.

Guneet Kaur, Yamunanagar

AN OPPORTUNITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A friend in deed' (IE, September 6). Sheikh Hasina is undoubtedly the best bet for India against China, evidenced through her pro-India reliance complemented with her anti-fundamentalist approach. While discussing the Indo-Bangla 1972 commission Teesta accord, it is imperative that the Centre take West Bengal into confidence such that neither throws a spanner into the works. It is important for India to continue having Hasina as a bulwark against China. The upcoming elections in Bangladesh offer a promising in-road to deepen relations, provided Delhi plays its cards right during her visit.

Raja Bandoopadhya, Vadodra



RAGHVENDRA SINGH

The revolutionary's due

Subhas Bose and INA inspired many as they turned their vision into action

IN THE YEAR of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the nation pays tribute to Subhas Bose on September 8 as his statue rises tall next to India Gate.

The transfer of power to India took place on August 15, 1947. Had Bose and his Indian National Army (INA) succeeded, India would have attained freedom, not inherited it through a transfer of power.

The British endeavoured to black out news concerning the Indian National Army throughout its existence. As a consequence, very little was known of the INA in India. The British called it "JIFs" — Japanese Inspired Forces. Bose was portrayed as a dissenting radical maverick, driven by personal ambitions. Not till the INA trials began did India get to know about it. The impact was tremendous. Nothing had ever caught the Indian imagination in such a manner. The British depended on the armed forces to subjugate India. Despite ascribing dubious motives to those who joined the INA, there was no doubt that the average "jawan" had done so for patriotic reasons. The British knew that once this feeling seeped into the army, it would become impossible for them to hold India.

Bose had hoped to capture Imphal. That would give the INA a large number of Indian soldiers. Once this was achieved, fighting in India would create revolutionary conditions.

When the fighting commenced, the INA had only one division stationed on India's borders. Another was on the move towards Burma. And the third was in the process of formation. All three divisions were expected to be in Burma by the time Imphal fell. Bose was confident of raising three more divisions from among the Indian troops that would fall to him after the capture of Imphal. With six divisions, the INA would be the single largest force in the region. The rapid advance into India would create the right conditions for the Indian army to switch sides along with the people of the Northeast.

Bose knew that Japan was losing the war. Even so, he strove to gain a foothold in India. It was a touch-and-go situation. The fate of the operation was to be decided in 24 hours. If, in those 24 hours, the British garrison at Imphal had not been reinforced by a whole division, the INA would be inside India. Bose's push needed to be backed by Japanese air power to deny British reinforcements. But that support did not materialise. Till the last day in Imphal, the intelligence reports indicated that the British Indian garrison was about to surrender to the INA.

Bose arrived in Singapore on July 2, 1943. In a historic meeting on July 3, he talked about mobilising Indian women's power. On July 12, he sent for Lakshmi Sehgal. In a three-hour

conversation, the idea of the Rani Jhansi Regiment was mooted. This regiment was to be a fighting unit. The main challenge was to recruit Indian women for fighting services, to be trained like infantry soldiers. This had never been contemplated in any phase of India's freedom struggle.

The Rani Jhansi Regiment started with 500 women volunteers in Singapore, of which 300 were selected for officer training. Those who were not up to the mark were put into the Nursing Corps. After completion of the course, the recruits were moved to Rangoon in Burma. Their numbers swelled to 1,500 with 1,000 in the fighting unit and the rest in nursing, cypher and wireless communication. From Rangoon, the regiment shifted to Maymyo, Bose's advance headquarters. The intention was to move further and get into India. But unfortunately, while in Imphal, the INA began to suffer reverses. Therefore, the Rani Jhansi Regiment also had to fall back.

The Rani Jhansi Regiment showed that Indians living far away were not only willing to join the INA but also to let women join the fight, aware of the remote chance of coming back alive. These volunteers had never been to India, and neither had they known of the life "back home". But they still enrolled.

The provisional Government of Azad Hind was formed on October 21, 1943. There

was a serious concern that the Azad Hind Government should not be seen as a Quisling government. Bose went to great lengths to explain that the Japanese had nothing to do with the formation of this government. Indians in South East Asia contributed to support this government but the offerings from the poorer sections were remarkable — they literally gave away whatever little they had. The financing of the Azad Hind Government was mainly through contributions. There was no tax or levy. It functioned till June 24, 1945. One of the first acts of the Azad Hind Government was the declaration of war against Britain and America.

Bose maintained that the Congress leaders wanted freedom in their lifetime. He believed that no revolutionary leader had the right to expect that. A movement, a fight, had to be passed on. Expecting freedom in one's lifetime was bound to lead to compromises.

Subhas Bose was an exceptional leader who turned his vision into action. Lakshmi Sehgal, a confidant of Bose, was convinced from his words and actions that under no circumstances would he have accepted India's Partition.

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Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender 30.09.2022 @ 15:00 Hrs.

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The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (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/56/2022-23/W-3 Date: 06.09.2022 2319/2022
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MAHARASHTRA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (MEDA)

(Government of Maharashtra Undertaking)
Aundh road, Opp. Spicer College road, Near Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry, Aundh, Pune - 411007, Tel no. 020 35000450
Email - eee@mahauria.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

MEDA invites online bids (E-Tenders) for replacement / retrofit of existing conventional equipments/appliances with energy efficient equipments/appliances in various Government Hospitals in the Maharashtra state under 'Energy Conservation Demonstration projects' scheme.

The Director General, MEDA, reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Tender document available for downloading at <http://mahatenders.gov.in>.
Sd/-
Director General

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T No.	03/22-23 dated 07.09.2022
1 Name of work with its location	Construction of Foot over Bridge and other allied works at Sabzi Mandi, Delhi in CW additional Train Handling facilities.
2 Approx. Cost of Work	Rs. 39504613.84
3 Earnest Money	Rs. 347500.00
4 Completion period of work	9 Months
5 Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs on 30.09.2022 Opening of tender at 15.00hrs. On 30.09.2022
6 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

128-W/269/OET/22-23/GSU/NIT 03 Dated: 07.09.2022 2326/2022
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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Chief Engineer/TMC, Northern Railway, Headquarter office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites 01 No tender through E-Procurement system for supply of the following items:

Sr. No.	E-Tender No.	Description of item	Qty.	Due Date
01	TM225051	HYDRAULIC OIL VG-68 FROM RDSO APPROVED VENDERS	53130 LTR	29.09.2022 at 14:30 hours

NOTE: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement tenders are available on website "www.ireps.gov.in". The firms, who desire to participate against E-Tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would be required to have a class-III digital certificate from certifying agencies authorized under IT Act 2000, by Govt. of India. Manual offers against E-Tenders will not be accepted.

Tender Notice No. 219-S1/TMC/25/2022-23 Dated: 05.09.2022 2322/2022
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GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)
Regd. Office : Block No. 14/1, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhawan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar
☎ 079-23250767, 23250766, 23257698

TENDER NOTICE: GMSCL/D-04/2022-2023

Tenders are invited online from reputed Manufacturers/formulators / direct importers for purchase of Difluibenzuron 25% wp and Tablat, Injection and Miscellaneous Items On Rate contract basis and details of specification, quantity is available on, <https://gmscl.gujarat.gov.in> All tender documents can be downloaded free on the website: <https://gmscl.nprocure.com> Interested bidders are requested to submit the tender through e-tender process.

Duration of downloading of tender document (online) :- 07/09/2022 to 28/09/2022 up to 18.00 Hrs.

Last date for Submission (online): 28/09/2022 upto 18.00 Hrs.
Last date for Submission of Physical document : 29/09/2022 upto 18.00 Hrs.
Opening of Technical Bid Date (online): 01/10/2022 At 15.00 Hrs.

INF/1303/22-23 MANAGING DIRECTOR

ADMISSION NOTICE FOR ONLINE ADMISSIONS TO POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN GOVT./GOVT. AIDED/ SELF-FINANCING SCHEME (SFS) COLLEGES (EXCEPT MINORITY COLLEGES) AFFILIATED TO KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY, KURUKSHETRA

(Established by the State Legislature Act XII of 1956)
(Category I University, 'A+' Grade NAAC Accredited)

Applications are invited for online admissions of Post Graduate programmes in Govt./Govt. Aided/Self-Financing Scheme (SFS) colleges (except minority colleges) affiliated to Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra for the session 2022-23 for the following courses :

M.A. (Economics)	M.A. (English)
M.A. (Fine Arts)	M.A. (Hindi)
M.A. (History)	M.A. (Human Rights)
M.A. (Music-Vocal)	M.A. (Political Sc.)
M.A. (Psychology)	M.A. (Punjabi)
M.A. (Sanskrit)	M.A. (Sociology)
M.A. (Yoga)	M.Com.
M.Com.(I.T.)	M.Sc. (Applied Physics)
M.Sc. (Bio-Tech)	M.Sc. (Botany)
M.Sc. (Chemistry)	M.Sc. Computer Sc. (Software)
M.Sc. (Forensic Sc.)	M.Sc. (Geography)
M.Sc. (Human Development)	M.Sc. (Math.)
M.Sc. (Physics)	PG Diploma in Nutrition & Diabetics
M.Sc. (Zoology)	PG Diploma in Computer Applications
PG Diploma in Skin and Hair Therapy	PG Diploma in Fashion Designing
PG Diploma in Export Marketing	PG Diploma in Journalism and Mass Comm.
PG Diploma in Guidance, Counseling & Psychotherapy	PG Diploma in Yoga Therapy
PG Diploma in Yoga	Diploma in Secretarial Practices
Acharya (Phalit Jyotsh)	Acharya (Sahitya)
Acharya (Vyakaran)	

Prospectus (PGDP-22) for Online Admissions shall be available from the University website : www.kuk.ac.in or Admission Portal: <https://kukadmissions.com> w.e.f. 12.09.2022.

12443HRY REGISTRAR

3-yr jail for HEPL execs in coal scam

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Wednesday awarded three-year jail term to two directors and a senior official of Himachal EMTA Power Ltd (HEPL) in a coal scam case of 2009. Special Judge Sanjay Bansal also imposed a fine of Rs 2 lakh on each convict — the company's directors Ujjal Kumar Upadhyay and Bikash Mukherjee, and its CGM (Power) N C Chakraborty — for criminal conspiracy to cheat the Centre by misrepresenting facts to acquire a coal block in West Bengal.

The court said the convicts had obtained the block concerned by cheating the government and that it was justified in saying that the "loss to the nation was huge". The court said "the fact that no coal was extracted cannot be ignored".

It said, "When the question of unjust enrichment is to be answered, the pure monetary aspect cannot be lost sight of." ENS

KHWAJA YUNUS CUSTODIAL DEATH

Sessions court rejects mother's plea to add four cops as accused

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 7

A SESSIONS court on Wednesday rejected an application filed by the mother of Khwaja Yunus to add four policemen as accused for his alleged custodial death. The court also allowed the withdrawal of an application filed by the prosecution to add the four as accused.

Currently, four policemen are facing trial for the custodial death of Yunus in 2003. In 2018, the then special public prosecutor (SPP), Dhiraj Mirajkar, had filed a plea seeking addition of four more policemen as accused after the deposition of the first witness. The four were retired personnel ACP Praful Bhosale, and senior police inspectors Rajaram Vhamane, Hemant Desai, and serving policeman Ashok Khot. The witness had named the four policemen, claiming that they had assaulted Yunus. Mirajkar was then sacked by the state government for moving the application and the court had kept the application to add them in abeyance.

This year, the state appointed Pradip Ghartar as the new SPP who then filed an application that the state wanted to withdraw Mirajkar's application. He said the Bombay High Court had rejected Yunus' mother, Asiya Begum's plea challenging the lack of sanction to prosecute the four policemen and others. The appeal against it was pending before the SC and, hence, the issue of whether they can be added as accused could not be decided till the outcome of the plea. The sessions court on Wednesday allowed for the withdrawal of the prosecution's plea.

During the last hearing on August 25, Begum also filed a separate application to make the four policemen accused, citing the prosecution's stand to withdraw the application. The plea was rejected by the court on Wednesday.



Khwaja Yunus

Derogatory tweets: KRK gets bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 7

KAMAL R Khan was on Wednesday granted bail by a magistrate court in Borivali in connection to making derogatory tweets against actor Akshay Kumar's movie Laxmii, for which he was arrested by the Malad police last Monday.

He is likely to come out of the Thane jail on Thursday, said his lawyer Ashok Sarangi. Khan, who was also arrested last Saturday from the jail by the Versova police for allegedly molesting an actor in January 2019 by promising her a lead role in a movie, was granted bail by a magistrate court in Andheri on Tuesday. The actor had approached police in June 2021 with a complaint, following which Khan was booked.

Last Monday, he was detained at the Mumbai airport when he returned from Dubai. A day later, he was arrested by Malad police and sent to judicial custody.

E-AUCTION FOR LEASING OF PARCEL SPACES

E-Auction for leasing out of one VPH by Train No. 15933/15934 Armbisar Express from New Tinsukia to Armbisar and back and one VPH by Train No. 13281/13282 Rajendranagar Express from Dibrugarh to Rajendranagar Terminal and back on round trip basis for two years through e-Auction module of IREPS Auction Catalogue No. 15K-VPH-04; Seq No. AA/1; Lot No./Category: 13281-13282-VF-1-DBRG-RJPB-22-1 (Parcel - Parcel Van) ; Description: Leasing of 24.0-tonne VPH by T.No. 13281/13282 Dibrugarh-Rajendranagar Terminal-Dibrugarh Express on round trip basis; Rate Unit: Per Round Trip (Two Way); Trips/Days: 105; Close Date/Time: 26-09-2022, 12:45:00. Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction leasing module of IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.

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NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
Victoria Cross Vijeta Gahar Singh Ugra Bhawan, Kanwal Road, Dehradun-248001
Corporate Identity No. U40109UR2001SGC 025867
Telephone No. 0135-2763672-75; Ext. 170, 250, Email ID: it@upcl.org

No. 358/EE (cm)/UPCLA-2 Notice Inviting e-Tender Date : 07/09/2022

(Tender Identification No. 03/IT/UPCL/2022-23 dated: 07-09-2022)

For "Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Servers, Storage and other equipments of Disaster Recovery Center Haldwani and Data Center Dehradun."

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited, Dehradun invites tender from eligible bidders for "Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Servers, Storage and other equipments of Disaster Recovery Center Haldwani and Data Center Dehradun."

The references for the tender are given below:

Tender Identification No.	03/IT/UPCL/2022-23 dated: 07-09-2022
Cost of Tender Document (Tender Fee)	Rs. 5,900.00 (5,000.00+900.00) inclusive of GST @ 18%
Earnest Money Deposit/ Bid Security	Rs. 1,06,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh Six Thousand only)
Estimated cost (including GST)	Rs. 52,99,624.00 (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Only)
Last Date & Time of submission of Bid (online & offline mode)	21st September-2022 up to 12:00 Hrs.
Due Date of Opening of Technical Bid	22nd September-2022 at 15:30 Hrs.
Due Date of Opening of Financial Bid	To be notified later

Detailed document, eligibility criteria and prescribed format for submission of bids will be available on website www.uktenders.gov.in and www.upcl.org from 8th September-2022 onwards. In case any of the above date, is a holiday, the due date shall be the next working day at the same time. Any amendment/ corrigendum in the future against the above mentioned tender shall be uploaded at <https://uktenders.gov.in> and www.upcl.org.

Superintending Engineer (IT, SCADA, ERP)

SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION. Use LED Bulb, Save Electricity (Toll Free No. 1912)
"Pay Electricity bill online 24x7 from www.upcl.org". For information on Electricity Theft, informer may report to Toll free No 18001804185 Fax No 0135-2769911

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, JaL "O" PARIMAL BHAWAN, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR-751001, ODISHA

JaL "O" PARIMAL BHAWAN, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR-751001, ODISHA
Tel. 0674-2395734, FAX : 0674-2394946, e-mail: cerwssodisha@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING BID

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT FOR EXECUTION OF RURAL PIPED WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN DIFFERENT DISTRICTS ON EPC CONTRACT
No. 7353 / Date: 06.09.2022

The Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of the Governor of Odisha is engaged in the execution operation & maintenance of water supply projects to the villages of different districts in the State of Odisha & as part of this endeavour, Government of Odisha has decided to undertake the work as mentioned below (the "Project") under EPC contract (Engineering Procurement & Construction) basis, & has decided to carry out the bid process for selection of the eligible Contractors to whom the projects under the package may be awarded eventually for construction as well as operation and maintenance for a period of 5 years.

Package No.	Name of work	Bid Identification No.	Indicative project cost (Rs. in crore)	Period for completion & O&M period	Availability of Bid Documents for online Bidding	
					From	To
Pkg-I	Execution of 02 Nos. Individual Rural Piped Water Supply Project pertaining to Tureikela Block of Bolangir District including 5 years O&M on EPC contract under the package	EIC, RWSS-21/22-23	228.13	24 (Twenty four months) & 60 (Sixty Months)	17.00 hrs of 14.09.2022	17.00 hrs of 14.11.2022
Pkg-II	Execution of 02 Nos Individual Rural Piped Water Supply Project pertaining to Saiental Block of Bolangir District including 5 years O&M on EPC contract under the package	EIC, RWSS-22/22-23	330.88	24 (Twenty four months) & 60 (Sixty Months)	17.00 hrs of 14.09.2022	17.00 hrs of 14.11.2022
Pkg-III	Execution of 02 Nos. Individual Rural Piped Water Supply Project pertaining to Pitlagarh Block District including 5 years O&M on EPC contract under the package	EIC, RWSS-23/22-23	191.46	24 (Twenty four months) & 60 (Sixty Months)	17.00 hrs of 14.09.2022	17.00 hrs of 14.11.2022
Pkg-IV	Execution of 04 Nos Individual Rural Piped Water Supply Project pertaining to Patnagarh Block, Gudvela Block & Muribahal Block of Bolangir District including 5 years O&M on EPC contract under the package	EIC, RWSS-24/22-23	261.70	24 (Twenty four months) & 60 (Sixty Months)	17.00 hrs of 14.09.2022	17.00 hrs of 14.11.2022

Name & Address of officer inviting Bid: Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS JAL "O" Parimal Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar Ph: 0674-2395734/0674-2531533 e-mail: cerwssodisha@gmail.com

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>

Sd/-
Engineer-in Chief, RWSS
OIPR-25003/11/0015/2223

Municipal Corporation, Bhagalpur

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Request For Proposal (2nd Call)
(Through E-procurement mode only, www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
BHAGALPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (BMC) invites competitive Bids (Two Bid system) From reputed and experienced firm for "Scientific disposal of legacy waste through Trommel screen & Belt Conveyor with capacity 300 TPD".

Details of schedule for the bid are given below :-

Sl.no	Activity	Timeline & Address
1	Period of uploading tender documents	From 13-09-2022 (10:00 Hrs.) To 22-09-2022 (15:00 Hrs.) on (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
2	Pre Bid Meeting date and Venue(Revised)	16-09-2022 (12:30 Hrs), at Meeting Hall, Bhagalpur Municipal Corporation.
3	Last date of submission of Bid hardcopy, if Bank Guarantee is submitted as EMD.	24-09-2022 Till 17.00 Hrs. Municipal Corporation office, Bhagalpur
4	Opening of Technical Bid & Financial Bid	26-09-2022 At 15:00 Hrs
6	Cost of RFP Document (Tender Fee)	Tender Fee Rs 10,000.00 (Non Refundable) to be paid through online mode/ internet payment gateway (Credit/Debit), Net Banking on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in .
7	EMD	EMD Fee of Rs 10.0 (Ten) lakhs to be paid paid through online mode/internet payment gateway (Credit/Debit), Net Banking or through Bank Guarantee on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in .
8	Bid validity	180 days

a. For More information the applicants may contact Mr. Ravish Kumar, City Manager, Bhagalpur on Mob. no-8292151116 or in the office hours.

b. The Bidding Documents include RFP, any corrigendum and addendum if any issued on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in subsequent to this RFP.

c. For Queries & Clarifications, send e-mail to: nagarnigambhagalpur@gmail.com

Details information visit website state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Corporation, Bhagalpur
PR- 007625 (Ni.Ni.) 2022-23

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भवन निर्माण विभाग

पटना सिटी भवन प्रमंडल गुलजारबाग, पटना
ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई-निविदा संख्या 08 / पॉसि0म0प्र0गु0पटना/वर्ष 2022-23

- विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, पटना सिटी भवन प्रमंडल गुलजारबाग, पटना ।
- निविदा आमंत्रित करने की तिथि :- दिनांक 01.09.2022
- निविदा आमंत्रण प्राप्त करने (डाउनलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-01.10.2022 से 22.10.2022 को 15.00 बजे अपराह्न तक ।
- निविदा जमा करने (अपलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-25.10.2022 को 15:00 बजे तक ।
- (क) तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-06.10.2022 को 18:00 बजे ।
(ख) वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- तकनीकी बिड अनुरोधन के पश्चात्
- प्री बिड मीटिंग की तिथि समय एवं स्थान :- दिनांक-07.10.2022 को 15:00 बजे, मुख्य अभियंता, (पटना) भवन निर्माण विभाग, पटना का कार्यालय कक्ष में ।
- निविदा-08.10.2022 को 1:30 बजे, अधीक्षण अभियंता, पटना भवन अंचल, पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में ।
- निविदा पत्र बिक्री का स्थान :- वेबसाइट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर ।
- निविदा बैचता की अवधि :- 120 दिन ।
- कार्य का विवरणी :-

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विवरण सॉर्सि (रु0)	अद्ययन की सॉर्सि (रु0)	निविदा कागजात का मूल्य (अप्रत्यक्षतीय) (रु0में)	Bid processing Charges- Service Tax	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	Construction of proposed Add./Alt. of Police Barracks Cum Excise Building at Kurnagar, Patna for the year 2022-23 (Including electric work)	3,16,00,000.00	6,32,000.00	10,000.00	As per E-proc 2	09 month

10.निविदा स्वीकृत करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता :- सक्षम पदाधिकारी
11.निविदा केवल ई-निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/EPVS2) पर निष्पादित किया जाएगा । ई-निविदा से प्रक्रिया से संबंधित जानकारी ई- प्रोक्युरमेंट हेल्पडेस्क, Toll Free Number: 18005726571, Email ID: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in, working Hours : 8Am to 7PM (all days in week except few selected state holidays) से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है ।

विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाइट www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar/ www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है ।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
पटना सिटी भवन प्रमंडल, गुलजारबाग, पटना
PR- 007719 (BCD) 2022-23

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, मोतिहारी
केवल ई0 निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार
वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर
ई0-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (TWO BID SYSTEM)
ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0-16/2022-23

कार्य का विवरणी :-

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विवरण की सॉर्सि (रु0में)	अद्ययन की सॉर्सि (रु0में)	परिमाण विवरण का मूल्य (रु0में)	बिड प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क सेवा कर सहित	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	पूर्वी चम्पारण जिल्लासर्मात छोड़ादाने प्रखण्ड में सद्भाव मंडप का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युतीकरण सहित)	84,02,700.00	1,68,100.00	10,000.00	As per website	09 माह ।

- विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, मोतिहारी ।
- निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि :- दिनांक - 06 / 09 / 2022
- निविदा (परिमाण विवरण)को सिस्टम पर अपलोड करने की तिथि :- दिनांक - 21 / 09 / 2022
- निविदा आमंत्रण प्राप्त करने (डाउनलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक - 11 / 10 / 2022 को 03:00 बजे अपा तक ।
- निविदा जमा करने (अपलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक - 12 / 10 / 2022 को 03:00 बजे अपा तक ।
- निविदा खोलने (तकनीकी बिड) की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक - 14 / 10 / 2022 को 03:30 बजे अपा ।
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SIMPLY PUT

PM SHRI: Schools upgraded to 'NEP labs'

A new centrally sponsored scheme aims to transform 14,500 government schools across the country into a showcase of the new National Education Policy

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TWO DAYS after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that 14,500 schools across India will be upgraded to showcase components of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a new centrally sponsored scheme under which the initiative will be implemented.

The PM SHRI scheme

According to the Ministry of Education, the scheme will be called PM SHRI (PM Schools for Rising India). Under the scheme, 14,500 schools across India's states and Union Territories will be redeveloped to reflect the key features of the NEP, 2020.

The idea was first discussed with the Education Ministers of states and UTs during a conference organised by the Ministry of Education in June at Gandhinagar in Gujarat. Union Education Minister Dharmendra

Pradhan said the Centre has held many rounds of discussions with the states on the implementation of the scheme. The idea of PM SHRI, he said, was to create a set of schools that would act as "NEP labs".

Key features of NEP

The NEP for schools envisages a curricular structure and teaching style categorised in four stages: foundational, preparatory, middle, and secondary.

According to the NEP, the foundational years (pre-school and grades I and II) should involve play-based learning. At the preparatory level (grades III-V), light textbooks are to be introduced, along with some formal classroom teaching.

Subject teachers are to be introduced at the middle level (grades VI-VIII). The secondary stage (grades IX-XII) will be multidisciplinary, with no hard separation between arts and sciences or other disciplines.

It is also proposed that board exams should be held twice a year, including one for

helping students to improve their scores, and that two types of mathematics papers should be offered — a standard paper, and a different one to test higher levels of competency.

Centrally sponsored scheme

A centrally sponsored scheme is one in which the cost of implementation is mostly split in a 60:40 ratio between the Union government and the states/UTs. The mid-day meal scheme (PM Poshan) or the PM Awas Yojana are examples of centrally sponsored schemes.

In the case of the Northeastern states, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, and UTs without legislatures, the Centre's contribution can go up to 90 per cent. PM SHRI will be implemented at a cost of Rs 27,360 crore over the next five years, in which the Centre's share will be Rs 18,128 crore.

PM SHRI, KVs, JNVs

Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) come entirely un-

der the Centre's Ministry of Education. They are fully funded by the Union government under central sector schemes. While KVs largely cater to children of central government employees posted in states and UTs, JNVs were set up to nurture talented students in rural parts of the country.

PM SHRI schools will be an upgrade of existing schools run by the Centre, states, UTs, and local bodies. This essentially means that a PM SHRI school can be an upgraded KV, JNV, or even a school that is run by a state government or a municipal corporation.

Where and how

The PM SHRI scheme will be application-based, which means states will have to identify schools for upgradation under the scheme. Subsequently, schools will be required to self-apply online. The portal will be opened four times a year, once every quarter, for the first two years of the scheme.

According to the selection methodology decided by the central government, states and

UTs interested in getting included under the scheme will have to first agree to implement the NEP in its entirety. Also, only those schools that meet a certain benchmark will qualify — the qualification criteria will include around 60 parameters, from the availability of electricity to toilets.

In the third stage, teams of state government officials, KVs, and JNVs will verify the claims made by the applicant school through a physical inspection. "Maximum two schools (one Elementary & one Secondary/ Senior Secondary) would be selected per block/ULB." (urban local body) as per the plan. The final call will be taken by an expert committee.

What's the difference

How PM SHRI schools will be different from existing government-run schools remains to be seen — however, as per the plan, the upgraded schools are expected to be superior in terms of infrastructure. They will be equipped with labs, smart classrooms, libraries, sports equipment, art room, etc., and

shall also be developed as green schools with water conservation, waste recycling, energy-efficient infrastructure and integration of organic lifestyle in curriculum. These schools will also "offer mentorship" to other schools in their vicinity.

In terms of the quality of education, there will be special modules on improving foundational literacy and numeracy. Each school will be linked/connected to higher education institutions for mentoring, and there will be provisions for internships with local artisans.

"Pedagogy adopted in these schools will be more experiential, holistic, integrated, play/toy-based (particularly, in the foundational years) inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible and enjoyable," the central government said in a statement. "Focus will be on learning outcomes of every child in every grade. Assessment at all levels will be based on conceptual understanding and application of knowledge to real life situations, and will be competency-based."

THIS WORD MEANS

EGOT

Those who have won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony — an artistic peak that Obama has climbed halfway



Some famous EGOTS include (from left) actor Whoopi Goldberg, musician John Legend, and actor Audrey Hepburn. AP/Wikimedia Commons

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FORMER US President Barack Obama recently won a best narrator Emmy for lending his voice to the Netflix nature documentary, Our Great National Parks. The award put him halfway towards achieving the prestigious 'EGOT' status.

EGOT status

EGOT is the acronym for Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony — the highest honours in the popular performing arts given in the United States in the fields of TV, music, acting, and theatre respectively.

Those who have won at least one award from each category are deemed to have achieved EGOT status, and are often regarded among the greatest artists in the Western world. Obama has previously won two Grammys for audiobooks of his memoirs.

While an EGOT can be achieved anytime during an artist's career, a "genuine" EGOT includes a competitive category award such as Best Actor or Album of Year, and not awards that exist to honour certain individ-

uals, like a career achievement award.

The term became popular thanks to an episode of the show *30 Rock*, in which an actor hears of the concept and becomes determined to achieve the status.

Famous winners

Some popular EGOTs are actors Audrey Hepburn and Whoopi Goldberg, playwright Andrew Lloyd Webber, and musician John Legend. Those who are close to an EGOT are director Martin Scorsese, actor Kate Winslet, and the Beatles Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, all of whom are all missing a Tony. Singer Adele became a 3/4 EGOT with her recent Emmy.

The exclusivity of EGOTs shows how difficult it is to achieve this feat. Only 17 people have so far achieved EGOT status, the latest being Jennifer Hudson in June this year.

EGOT legends

Only two people have ever received an EGOT along with a Pulitzer: American composers Richard Rodgers and Marvin Hamlisch. Only one person has ever achieved a double EGOT: American songwriter Robert Lopez.

EVERYDAY HEALTH

How not to be a sitting duck for illness: get up, walk around from time to time

EXPERT EXPLAINS

DR K SRINATH REDDY

From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight

IN 1953, British epidemiologist Jeremy Morris published a study of London's transport workers. It revealed that drivers of double-decker buses had a 42 per cent higher risk of fatal or non-fatal heart attacks when compared to bus conductors. This was despite a similar socio-economic background and age. The uniform size of sedentary drivers was larger than that of the conductors who went up and down 500-750 steps in the bus each day. This finding was reinforced by a study that showed that sedentary telephone operators had a higher rate of heart attacks than postmen who biked and walked to deliver letters.

There have been many studies subsequently that show that physical activity is good for health and longevity. However, the question that needs to be answered is whether physical activity for some periods of the day can counter the effects of prolonged sedentariness and sitting most of the time. Emma G Wilmot from the University of Leicester's Department of Cardiovascular Sciences provided clarity on this in a 2012 study that pooled data from 18 studies involving 7,94,577 participants.

She reported that an increase in sedentary time raised the risk of several adverse health outcomes: 147 per cent increase in cardiovascular disease; 112 per cent increase in diabetes; 90 per cent increase in cardiovascular deaths and a 47 per cent increase in the risk of death from all causes combined.

Wilmot's study also showed that these associations of increased health risks with sedentariness were mostly independent of the moderate or vigorous activity performed during parts of the day.



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Sitting for long hours at a stretch increases your risk of developing a host of health problems — from heart and blood vessel diseases to diabetes and even cancer.

Long hours sitting vs short periods of exercise

So, there is a need to avoid sitting for long periods of the day even if one practises routine exercise for short periods.

Otherwise, sedentariness will cause a host of health problems: heart and blood vessel diseases (such as heart attacks, brain strokes, deep vein thrombosis and varicose veins); diabetes; obesity (general and abdominal); cancers (of the colon, uterus, lung, and breast); back and other joint problems; bone loss; anxiety, depression, and even dementia. Sedentariness makes you literally a sitting duck for illness to strike.

How sitting hurts your health

Sitting raises blood glucose, blood fats, blood pressure, body weight and fat in the abdomen. Blood circulation also becomes sluggish, with pooling in the lower half of the body.

When skeletal muscles are inactive, membranes of the muscle cells develop insulin resistance. A contracting muscle requires more sugar to provide needed energy (calories) and insulin pushes sugar into those cells from the blood. A slumbering muscle shuts the door to the entry of sugar it no longer needs, by becoming resistant to the action of insulin. This raises blood sugar levels. Blood fat levels rise too as they are no longer consumed for energy expenditure. Insulin resistance is also related to high levels of blood pressure, abdominal fat, inflammation and increased clotting tendency of the blood.

Physical activity enhances muscle strength and stimulates calcium deposition in the bones. Sedentariness leads to loss of muscle and depletes bone calcium. It also leads to slowing of bowel movement and constipation, with the prolonged stay of toxins in the large bowel, leading to colon cancer.

Inflammation damages blood vessels while sluggish blood circulation allows clots to form and grow on the injured surface. Blood fats too get deposited on areas of injury to the endothelium (inner lining) of blood vessels. The risk of heart attacks and brain strokes increases over time due to such damage.

Sluggish flow of blood in the deep veins of the legs and pelvis leads to clots, which can get dislodged and travel to the lungs, causing the highly dangerous condition of pulmonary embolism. That is why immobility is kept to the minimum even in patients requiring bed rest, with active or passive leg exercises. The danger of deep vein thrombosis with long-distance air travel is well established.

With prolonged sitting, even breathing becomes shallow (as the oxygen demand of muscles goes down) and many air sacs of the lung close. So, if a disease like Covid hits the lungs, there is decreased respiratory reserve.

Sitting for long also leads to unhealthy eating habits

Prolonged sitting also encourages unhealthy eating behaviours. A study of teenagers showed that those watching television were likely to gain more weight than those using a desktop computer, because the latter had their hands busy on the keyboard. A modern teenager, however, can easily reach for chips or cola while operating a smartphone. Those used to sitting for long snack at will, or lack the will power to resist.

What is the way forward?

There are several solutions that have been suggested, from intermittently standing and stretching to taking short walks. That may not be possible in long flights, desultory meetings or cinema halls. However, some movement of legs and even a bit of squirming in the seat may be justified. Some offices are already using standing desks. While that liberates and elevates the bottom, the legs still need exercise. Why not walk to a colleague to sort out a matter, instead of inflaming your arteries by shooting off terse emails from your seat? As the drillmaster at school used to order, "stand at ease", "attention", and "quick march" is a good sequence to follow.

(The views expressed are personal)

Kingsway, Rajpath, Kartavya Path: from right to rule to duty to serve

DIVYAA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE ICONIC Rajpath, stretching from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, was renamed Kartavya Path on Wednesday following a decision taken at a special meeting of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC). "As we complete 75 yrs of Independence, it is only fitting to shed the colonial baggage and move towards India@100 in the #AmritKaal with our own legacy. The renaming of "Rajpath" to "Kartavyapath" is a reminder that the spirit of public service is not "right to rule" but "duty to serve", MoS Culture Meenakshi Lekhi tweeted after the meeting.

The revamped Kartavya Path will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a special event on Thursday evening in the presence of Union Ministers Hardeep Puri and G Kishan Reddy, during which a granite statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will also be installed under the Grand Canopy at India Gate.

Kartavya Path

The entire stretch and the area from the Netaji statue under the Grand Canopy to the Rashtrapati Bhavan will be known as Kartavya Path. As per the NDMC resolution, Kartavya Path includes the erstwhile "Rajpath and Central Vista lawns".

Kartavya Path, which will be opened to the public at the end of the official function, will have landscaped lawns with walkways, added green spaces, refurbished canals, amenity blocks, improved signage, and vending kiosks.

"New pedestrian underpasses, improved parking spaces, new exhibition panels, and upgraded night lighting are some other features that will enhance the public experience," the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement on Wednesday.

"It also includes a number of sustainability features like solid waste management, storm-water management, recycling of used water, rainwater harvesting, water conservation and energy efficient lighting systems, among others," the statement said. For Republic Day celebrations, foldable



The Central Vista Avenue will be inaugurated by the PM on Thursday. PTI

seating arrangements will replace the temporary structures that are installed and removed every year, the Ministry of Urban Affairs said in a statement.

The revamped and expanded lawns on both sides of the erstwhile Rajpath are part of the larger Central Vista project, where a

new triangular Parliament building, along with the Central Secretariat and several other government offices, are being rebuilt.

Kingsway to Rajpath

Called Kingsway during British rule, the 3-km stretch was built as a ceremonial

boulevard by Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker, the architects of New Delhi, more than a hundred years ago. The capital of the Raj moved to New Delhi from Calcutta in 1911, and construction continued for several years thereafter.

Lutyens conceptualised the modern imperial city centred around a "ceremonial axis", which was named Kingsway in honour of the then Emperor of India, George V, who visited Delhi during the Durbar of 1911, where he formally proclaimed the decision to move the capital.

The nomenclature followed that of the Kingsway in London, an arterial road built in 1905, which was named in honour of King Edward VII, the father of George V.

Following Independence, the road was given its Hindi name, Rajpath, on which the Republic Day parades took place over the decades that followed.

During his address from the Red Fort on August 15, Modi had stressed on the abolition of symbols of colonialism. The new name and look of Rajpath, and the installation of the 28-foot statue of Netaji under the Grand Canopy

under which a statue of George V once stood, are meant to represent that spirit.

The new New Delhi

The construction of the Central Vista Redevelopment Project began in February 2021, with the new Parliament building and redevelopment of the Central Vista Avenue in the first phase. The aim is to build an iconic avenue that truly befits the New India, the government has said about the Rs 608 crore Central Vista Avenue project.

The PMO statement issued on Wednesday said, "It symbolises a shift from erstwhile Rajpath being an icon of power to Kartavya Path being an example of public ownership and empowerment." "The inauguration of the new avenue and the statue of Netaji are "steps...in line with the Prime Minister's second 'Panch Pran' for New India in Amrit Kaal," the statement said.

Netaji's statue will be installed in the same place where a hologram was unveiled by the Prime Minister on Parakram Diwas (January 23) this year.



A SIGN OF OLDEST AMPUTATION

STONE-AGE SKELETON WITH ONE FOOT FOUND

The 31,000-year-old skeleton of a young adult found in a cave in Indonesia that is missing its left foot and part of its left leg reveal the oldest known evidence of an amputation, according to a new study. Scientists say the amputation was performed when the person was a child — and that the “patient” went on to live for years as an amputee.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Vedant Patel

USA

Vedant Patel first PIO to hold daily State dept presser

Washington: Vedant Patel, the Principal Deputy Spokesperson for the US Department of State, has created history by becoming the first Indian-American to hold the daily State Department news conference that his fellow colleagues said did with the utmost professionalism and clear communication. With State Department Spokesperson Ned Price on leave, Patel from California on Tuesday took the briefing room in the Foggy Bottom headquarters of the State Department to represent the country on foreign policy issues before the media. During his briefing, Patel covered topics ranging from Russia's invasion, negotiations around JCPOA and Liz Truss. His next in-person briefing is on Wednesday. PTI

Records seized from Trump home described foreign govt's nuclear potential, says report

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WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 7

A DOCUMENT describing a foreign government's military defences, including its nuclear capabilities, was found in the FBI's search last month of former President Donald Trump's Florida home, the *Washington Post* reported on Tuesday.

The *Post* report, which cited people familiar with the matter, did not identify the foreign government discussed in the document, nor did it indicate whether the for-



FBI recovered over 11,000 documents from Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. Reuters

ign government was friendly or hostile to the United States. An FBI spokesperson declined to com-

ment on the report. Trump representatives did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The FBI recovered over 11,000 government documents during its Aug. 8 search at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, as per court records. According to *the Post*, some of the seized documents detail top-secret US operations that require special clearances, not just top-secret clearance. Some of the documents are so restricted that even some of the Biden administration's senior-most security officials were not authorised to review them, *the Post* said.

EXPLAINED The case against him

THE US Justice Department is probing Trump for removing records from the White House after he departed in January 2021 and storing them at Mar-a-Lago. Some of the documents were so restricted that senior officials were not authorised to review them.

EU plans to cap Russian gas price as Putin warns of winter freeze

REUTERS
BRUSSELS, VLADIVOSTOK, SEPTEMBER 7

THE EUROPEAN Union proposed a price cap on Russian gas on Wednesday after President Vladimir Putin threatened to halt all energy supplies if they took such a step, raising the risk of rationing in some of the world's richest countries this winter.

The escalating standoff threatens to drive up sky-high European gas prices further, adding to already eye-watering bills EU governments are paying to stop their energy providers collapsing and prevent cash-strapped customers freezing in the cold months ahead.

Europe has accused Russia of weaponising energy supplies in retaliation for Western sanctions imposed on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine. Russia blames those sanctions for causing the gas supply problems, which it puts down to pipeline faults.

As tensions rose, Putin said that contracts could be ripped up in the event of price caps and warned the West it risked being frozen like a wolf's tail in a famous Russian fairy tale.

The EU however plans to press ahead with a price cap on Russian gas and also a ceiling on



Firefighters at work after a Russian attack damaged a residential building in Sloviansk, Ukraine, Wednesday. AP

the price paid for electricity from generators that do not run on gas EU energy ministers are due to hold an emergency meeting on Friday. “We will propose a price cap on Russian gas... We must cut Russia's revenues which Putin uses to finance this atrocious war in Ukraine,” European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said.

Putin anticipated the move and said Russia would hit back. “We will not supply anything at all if it contradicts our interests,” Putin said at an economic forum in Vladivostok. “We will not supply gas, oil, coal, heating oil — we will not supply anything,” Putin said.

UKRAINE MILITARY CHIEF CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR STRIKES IN CRIMEA

Kyiv: Ukraine's top military chief claimed responsibility on Wednesday for a series of strikes on Russian air bases on the annexed peninsula of Crimea, including one that caused devastation at the Saky military facility last month. In an article published on state news agency Ukrinform, Valeriy Zaluzhnyi, the Ukrainian Army's commander in chief, said the strikes had been carried out by missiles or rockets, without elaborating. REUTERS

Putin and Xi to meet in Samarkand next week

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RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping plan to meet next week in Uzbekistan, a Russian official said Wednesday, announcing a summit that could signal another step in warming ties between two powers that are increasingly facing off against the West.

The meeting at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization — a political, economic and security forum that China and Russia dominate — comes at delicate times for both leaders. The Beijing-headquartered SCO is an eight-member economic and security bloc consisting of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.

Russian Ambassador to China Andrei Denisov told reporters that the two would meet at the organization's summit in the Uzbek city of Samarkand on Sept. 15-16. “We are actively preparing for it,” Denisov said.

When asked about the trip, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said: “On your question, I have nothing to offer.”

SAUDI ARABIA

Gulf states want Netflix to pull content

Dubai: Gulf Arab states have demanded US streaming giant Netflix remove content deemed offensive to “Islamic and societal values” in the region, Saudi Arabia's media regulator said on Tuesday. It did not specify the content, but mentioned that it included content aimed at children. If Netflix continued to broadcast the content then “necessary legal measures will be taken”, it said. The Riyadh-based General Commission for Audiovisual Media statement said the content violated media regulations in the Gulf Cooperation Council. REUTERS

PAKISTAN

Contempt case: Imran expresses deep regret

Islamabad: Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan on Wednesday expressed “deep regret” over his provocative remarks against a woman judge, but again stopped short of tendering an unconditional apology in a contempt of court case. In the reply, Khan stated that the remarks were “unintentional and not meant to be directed towards the lady judge for whom he has a lot of respect”. Khan said he “never meant to hurt her feelings and if her feelings have been hurt, it is deeply regretted”. PTI

Israeli attack damages Aleppo airport, Syria calls it a war crime

REUTERS
CAIRO, SEPTEMBER 7

AN ISRAELI air attack on Syria's Aleppo airport on Tuesday has damaged the runway and taken the airport out of service, the Syrian defence ministry said.

Syria's foreign ministry said on Wednesday it considered Israeli recent air strikes on civilian infrastructure to be a war crime.

“The recurring Israeli attacks, especially the systematic and deliberate targeting of civilian objects in Syria — the latest of which was the targeting of Aleppo International Airport yesterday — amounts to a crime of aggression and a war crime according to international law,” the statement said, adding that “Israel must be held to account for it”.

The Israel missile attack was launched from the Mediterranean Sea, west of the coastal city of Latakia, at 8.16 pm local time (1716 GMT), the min-



The Israel missile attack was launched from the Mediterranean Sea. Reuters

istry said in a statement.

Syrian air defences intercepted Israeli missiles, downing several of them, the Syrian state news agency (SANA) reported earlier on Tuesday.

Israel has intensified strikes on Syrian airports to disrupt Tehran's increasing use of aerial supply lines to deliver arms to allies in Syria and Lebanon including Hezbollah, regional diplomatic and intelligence sources told Reuters.

Albania cuts Iran ties over cyberattack, US vows action

REUTERS
TIRANA, SEPTEMBER 7

ALBANIA SEVERED diplomatic relations with Iran on Wednesday and kicked out its diplomats after a cyberattack in July it blamed on the Islamic Republic, a move Washington supported as it vowed to take action in response to the attack on its NATO ally.

Albania ordered Iranian diplomats and embassy staff to leave within 24 hours. “The government has decided with immediate effect to end diplomatic relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran,” Prime Minister Edi Rama said in a video statement.

The US said it concluded after weeks of investigation that Iran was behind the “reckless and irresponsible” July 15 cyber-attack. “The US will take further action to hold Iran accountable for actions that threaten the security of a US ally and set a troubling precedent for cyberspace,” the White House said.

Sri Lanka's economic crisis result of past impunity for rights abuses: UN

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SRI LANKA is at a critical juncture in its political life, a UN report has said, noting that “impunity” for the past and present human rights abuses, economic crimes and corruption were the underlying causes for the collapse of the island nation's economy.

The UN report, released on Tuesday, also suggested fundamental changes to address the current challenges and to avoid repetition of the human rights violations of the past.

Interestingly, it comes ahead of the 51st session of the UN Human Rights Council Session, to be held in Geneva from September 12 to October 7, where a resolution on Sri Lanka is expected to be tabled. “For sustainable improvement to take place, it is vital to recognise and assist Sri Lanka to address the underlying factors, which have contributed to this crisis, including embedded impunity for past and

GOVT TO FOCUS ON ENERGY CRISIS

Truss appoints diverse Cabinet, two of Indian origin among them

She will set out energy plan today, rules out windfall tax

REUTERS
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 7

THE NEW British Prime Minister Liz Truss has selected a cabinet where for the first time a white man will not hold one of the country's four most important ministerial positions.

Truss appointed Kwasi Kwarteng — whose parents came from Ghana in the 1960s — as Britain's first Black finance minister, while James Cleverly is the first Black foreign minister.

Suella Braverman, whose parents came from Britain from Kenya and Mauritius six decades ago, succeeds Priti Patel as the second ethnic minority home secretary, or interior minister, where she will be responsible for police and immigration.

Truss said she would set out plans to tackle soaring energy bills on Thursday but would not impose a windfall tax on energy producers, with borrowing instead set to increase to fund the costly intervention.

She chaired a meeting of her new cabinet on Wednesday before making her parliamentary debut as Conservative Party leader, going head-to-head with opposition Labour Party leader Keir Starmer in the high-profile Prime Minister's Questions.

“I am against a windfall tax. I believe it is the wrong thing to be putting companies off investing in the UK,” Truss told lawmakers, adding she would announce more details on Thursday. A source familiar with the situation said Truss was considering freezing energy bills in a plan that could cost towards \$115.33 billion, surpassing the Covid-19 furlough scheme.



This country will not be able to tax its way to growth, Liz Truss told the Parliament on Wednesday. Reuters

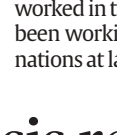
Suella Braverman to be Home Secy

London: Britain's Indian-origin ministers in the new Cabinet, Suella Braverman and Alok Sharma, will attend their first meeting at 10 Downing Street on Wednesday. For Braverman, 47, it's a case of a fresh start as she moved Cabinet offices from that of the Attorney General to take on her new role as Home Secretary. The London-born barrister and member of Parliament for Fareham in south-east England, of Tamil and Goan heritage, took charge at the Home Office soon after her appointment on Tuesday evening. “Great to be at the UK Home Office this evening to meet the team as we begin our work: making our streets safer, supporting our security services and controlling immigration,” Braverman tweeted. She takes over the frontline role from fellow Indian-origin Brexiteer, Priti Patel, who resigned earlier this week. Braverman faces a tough to-do list in major areas of Home Office responsibility, including crime and policing. PTI



Alok Sharma heads UN Climate Change meet

London: For Agra-born Alok Sharma, 55, it's more of the status quo as he stays in his climate action post as the President of the UN Climate Change Conference COP26. He had attracted much praise for his handling of the COP26 Summit in Glasgow, Scotland, last November. “Delighted to continue working with PM Liz Truss to deliver on the Glasgow Climate Pact,” he tweeted. The Tory MP for Reading West in southern England has held UK ministerial positions in the Business, Trade, Housing and Employment departments since he was elected to Parliament in 2010. He worked in the corporate sector before his entry into politics and has been working towards implementing the actions agreed between nations at last year's COP26 Summit in Scotland. PTI



HK police arrest head of largest journalist group

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HONG KONG, SEPTEMBER 7

THE CHAIRMAN of Hong Kong's largest journalists' association was arrested Wednesday for allegedly obstructing police and public disorder while reporting.

Ronson Chan, chairman of the Hong Kong Journalists Association and an employee of news outlet Channel C, and a colleague had planned to report on a meeting of public housing apartment owners in the city's Mong Kok district, Channel C reported.

The two were stopped by police and asked to present their identification cards. Chan was subsequently arrested. Police said they discovered two men “acting suspiciously” on Wednesday and ordered them to produce identification. They said Li completed, while Chan refused.

Meanwhile, five speech therapists were convicted of sedition after they printed children's books about sheep and wolves that court said was aimed at inciting hatred against authorities.



Fuel shortages and runaway inflation in the country has made it difficult for fishermen to procure kerosene oil, needed to power the boats that provide them livelihood. Reuters

present human rights abuses,” the report said.

Meanwhile, the US has agreed to cooperate with Lanka's debt restructuring as prescribed by the IMF. US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen informed President Rani Wickremesinghe that the US as a creditor country would participate in the country's debt restructuring. The US has pledged to continue to engage with other government agencies, including the World Bank and ADB.

Baglay meets Speaker

India on Wednesday reaffirmed its support to Lanka's democracy, stability and economic recovery as Indian High Commissioner Gopal Baglay called on Speaker Yapa Mahinda Abeywardana and discussed measures for enhancing exchanges between the two countries. “High Commissioner discussed ways and means of enhancing exchanges between democratic institutions for further strengthening bilateral ties,” the Indian High Commission tweeted.

IT MIGHT BE IRONIC, OR A LONGING FOR STABILITY IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

So square it's hip: Why Gen Z tries on Communist civil servant look

JOY DONG
SEPTEMBER 7

A DULL blue jacket, oversize trousers, a Communist Party member pin adding a splash of red on the chest, a small briefcase in hand. It's the typical dress of the typical Chinese official, and has long been the very opposite of the look that many young Chinese strive for. But now the cadre look is cool.

On Chinese social media platforms where trendsetters trade fashion tips, young people — mostly men — have been sharing pictures of themselves dressed like their strait-laced,

middle-aged dads working in Communist Party offices. They call the trend “ting ju feng,” or “office and bureau style” — meaning the working wear of a typical mid-rank bureaucrat.

The paragon of this determinedly dull look is China's top leader, Xi Jinping. He is highly likely to win another five years in power in October, when about 2,300 delegates gather for a Communist Party congress in Beijing. Many of those officials will be wearing Western-style suits and ties for that special occasion. Back at the office, though, countless officials now sport the dark blue wind jacket favoured by Xi.

Despite his immense power,

Xi has not been seen as a fashion influencer — until now. Some followers of the trend may be tongue in cheek, poking fun at China's era of conformity. Others say that they are in earnest and that for many young Chinese, the look suggests a stable career path and a respectable lifestyle — a Communist Party version of the preppy look.

“Compared with the clothes with fashion-brand logos, this style is more dignified and poised,” Yang Zhan, a 21-year-old electric engineering student in Anhui Province, in central China, wrote in a message replying to questions from *The New York Times*. He had posted a picture of



President Xi Jinping's understated look has become surprisingly popular with some younger Chinese. AP File

himself wearing his father's navy blue jacket and mother's Communist Party member pin

on Xiaohongshu, one of the fastest-growing social platforms targeting young Chinese.

On Xiaohongshu, hashtags for the trend have amassed more than five million views. Young government employees have posted their daily looks, and students have also posted selfies in the cadre-wear. Some young women also show off the styles of their civil servant boyfriends.

There are limits to the appeal of the look. Yang's pictures attracted admiring comments online, but he said he would never wear the outfit to class. “My classmates would say I'm stinking with smugness,” he said. “Maybe it's a little too mature.”

Though the cadre look is far from dominating fashion sales, the emergence of the unabashedly

conventional look reflects China's conservative political turn.

“That jacket has long been popular among cadres,” said John Fitzgerald, an expert on China's cadre culture. “The style is understated, that says, ‘Don't look at me’. What's new is the popularity among young people.”

Xi's signature blue jacket has echoes of the Mao suit, which was worn by many Chinese people, especially officials, before commercial fashion and Western-style suits took off in China in the 1980s. The cadre style's popularity may also reflect the high interest in holding a government post, especially while the economy has slowed sharply. “When big inter-

net companies are having rounds of layoffs, the ‘office bureau style’ is sending out an unspoken message of being reliable, stable and rid of intensive competition,” Hu Zhen, a Chinese fashion blogger, said in a recent video.

So far no state outlets have openly encouraged the trend among young people, but if they did, it would not be surprising. The government strictly monitors every aspect of youth culture online, blurring images of tattoos and revising lyrics with negative connotations. Pop idols attending government functions and interviewed by the state news media have also sometimes dressed in ting ju feng. NYT



GOLD

₹50,761



RUPEE

79.90/\$



OIL

\$94.49



SILVER

₹54,009

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg. Crude oil (Indian basket) per barrel as of September 6

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TECH WATCH CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

New Apple launches: iPhone 14 and a rugged Watch Ultra

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
CUPERTINO (CALIFORNIA),
SEPTEMBER 7



Apple CEO Tim Cook at an event on the campus of the company's headquarters in Cupertino, on Wednesday. AP

APPLE ON Wednesday came back to physical launches with its flagship annual event at the Apple Park, the first since the pandemic, launching four new iPhones and a new Apple Watch Ultra.

Replacing the iPhone mini, there is a new iPhone 14 Plus with 6.7 inch screen, along with the 6.1 inch regular iPhone model. The Plus model brings a larger screen and a bigger battery to the iPhone model and will be powered by the A15 Bionic processor. The new processor is reserved for the Pro Models this time, offering a differentiator now that the larger size is available with regular iPhones too. With the iPhone 14 Pro series, Apple has made the problem of the notch an opportunity by launching the concept of the dynamic island that shows alert, album art and controls in the larger dark block in the middle of the screen.

It also launched the new Apple Watch Series 8, Apple Watch SE and the brand new Apple Watch Ultra model for extreme users, especially in the outdoors. It also launched the new AirPods Pro 2 with personalised spatial audio.

Earlier, CEO Tim Cook said he was happy physical events were back, while acknowledging that the streamed events over the past couple of years had opened up access to millions of people over the world. Minutes into the event at Steve Jobs Theatre, Cook stepped off stage as a pre-recorded version of himself took over the screen behind. Hybrid is clearly the new normal.

The Apple Watch Ultra is very different from earlier watches and takes everything to the extreme: from durability, connectivity and battery life which can extend up to 60 hours. The watch featured a dual-frequency GPS which

gets accurate locations even in dense urban environments. Apple is clearly going to take on Garmin in this segment.

The company started with the new Apple Watch Series 8 which gets a lot of incremental updates including temperature sensor which helps women keep tabs on ovulation during their cycle tracking. Dr Sumbul Desai, VP—Health, explained that the new Series 8 has a temperature sensor on the back crystal near the skin, and another, just under the display. The data will be fully encrypted and available to even health-care providers only with explicit permission.

The watch will also come with Crash Detection to alert emergency services of car accidents one may be involved in. This is powered by two new motion sensors in the watch that work along with machine learning which matches it against 1 million hours of real world driving and crash data.

The watch also comes with a low power mode that gives up to 36 hours of battery life with limited features. This will be available for all models from the Apple Watch Series 4. International roaming is also being rolled out for the watch in some countries.

(The author is in California on the invitation of Apple)

AT INDIA IDEAS SUMMIT

RBI DG: CBDC to cut time, cost of cross-border transactions

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE CENTRAL bank digital currency (CBDC), planned to be introduced this year, may become a tool for reducing the time as well as the cost for cross-border transactions, RBI Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar said on Wednesday.

As announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during the FY23 Budget, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to launch on a pilot basis this year. In her Budget speech, Sitharaman had said the central bank would roll out a digital equivalent to the rupee in the current financial year.

"We have to understand that internationalisation of CBDC is crucial to addressing the payments issue that bodies like G-20 and Bank for International Settlements (BIS) are dealing with now," Sankar said at India Ideas Summit.

Observing that India has an

EXPLAINED For better payment ecosystem

ANNOUNCED DURING the Budget for FY23, the launch of the CBDC is aimed at improving the digital payment ecosystem, in terms of domestic as well as cross-border transactions.

excellent, cheap and fast domestic payments system, he said the cost of cross-border payment, however, is still high. There is a lot of scope for improvement in terms of both cost and speed, the RBI Deputy Governor noted.

CBDC is probably the most efficient answer to this, he said, adding, for example, if India CBDC and the US CBDC systems can talk to each other, we don't have to wait for settling transactions. "That massively takes out the settlement risk from cross



T RABI SANKAR
Deputy Governor, RBI

border transaction that reduces time, that reduces cost. So, CBDC internationalisation is something that I'm looking forward to," Sankar said.

Concerning fraud management, he said that digital payment needs to be scaled up while preserving system integrity, which essentially means technical stability. "It just doesn't mean that the technical failures of transactions have to be minimised, it also means that transactions themselves have to

inspire confidence, we cannot have too many instances of frauds."

"Fraud management is an area that we also need to focus on if we have to scale it up (digital payment)," he noted.

Citing the example of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for non-feature phones, Sankar said the RBI pays special attention to the fact that digital payment technology should be inclusive.

"The third is of course innovation. I've talked about it in terms of what the Reserve Bank of India Innovation Hub has been doing. But this innovative impulse is something that we would want the industry to rise up to," he said.

On data security, he said the central bank has to keep working on it on a continuous basis.

"We need to understand (that) there's never a moment when we feel we are secure enough because that is the moment you get vulnerable," he added. WITH PTI

IMF quota review: FM bats for timely completion

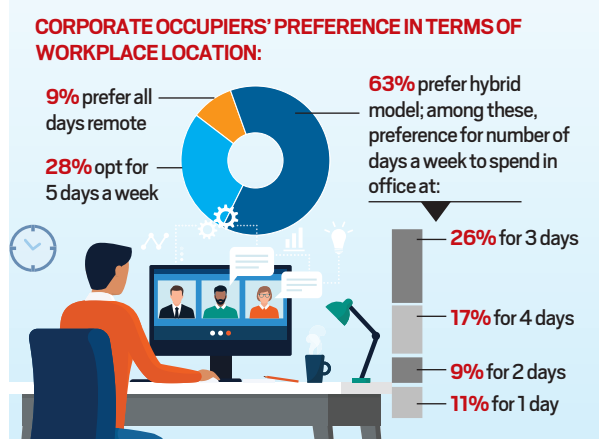
New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday underlined the need for timely conclusion of the 16th General Review of Quotas (GRQ) to provide greater say to developing economies in the International Monetary Fund (IMF), at her meeting with the funding body's MD Kristalina Georgieva.

As per an IMF resolution, the 16th GRQ should be concluded by December 15, 2023. Any adjustment in quota shares would likely result in a rise in the voting rights of emerging countries in line with their relative positions in the world economy.

Meanwhile, the Budget Division of the Department of Economic Affairs said the Pre-Budget meetings chaired by Secretary (Expenditure) will commence on October 10. PTI

'63% corporates embracing hybrid work model'

Hybrid working is here to stay as about 63% of corporates are currently embracing the flexible model, a Colliers India survey said



Survey details: During May-June 2022 across various occupier segments and about 300 responses from received, with small-sized (<500 employees), mid-sized (501-5,000) and large-sized firms (>5,000) participating

~33% occupiers revealed their productivity increased by 5-10% with hybrid working

~38% of organisations indicated they are planning portfolio expansion in the next 6-18 months by leasing traditional as well as flex spaces

35% of occupiers highlighted they would like to retain their existing portfolios

13% of organisations look to consolidate their office spaces

Occupiers of office space were surveyed to understand their current and future workplace strategies

3 days a week in office most popular mode

Source: Colliers India/PTI

FOR 10.8 MN SHARES AT ₹1,850 APIECE

Gangwal to begin sale of 2.8% IndiGo stake for \$250 mn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 7

SEVEN MONTHS after stepping down from the board of InterGlobe Aviation — the parent of budget airline IndiGo — and stating he would sell his entire holding in the carrier over a period of five years, co-founder Rakesh Gangwal and his family will start the process Thursday.

Gangwal served as a non-executive and non-independent director on the board. The Gangwal family and their trust will sell a 2.8 per cent stake through a block deal for \$250 million or Rs 2,000 crore in InterGlobe Aviation on Thursday.

The deal is for 10.8 million shares and the price has been fixed at Rs 1,850 apiece, a 6.75 per cent discount to the BSE closing on Wednesday. The Gangwal family and their trust cumulatively hold a 36.61 per cent stake in InterGlobe Aviation. Earlier this year, Gangwal appointed

Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and JP Morgan to manage the sale process.

This stake sale became possible after a modification in the company's Articles of Association, which allowed sale of shares by the promoters without seeking approval from the other.

Rahul Bhatia, the other co-founder of the airline, and other entities — including InterGlobe Enterprises — hold 38.17 per cent in the listed entity.

Gangwal and Bhatia have been at loggerheads over the past few years. In 2019, Gangwal accused Bhatia of indulging in 'questionable related-party transactions' between InterGlobe Aviation and Bhatia group entities. Bhatia denied and countered the allegations.

Meanwhile, on September 6, Dutch national and aviation veteran Pieter Elbers took charge as the CEO of IndiGo with immediate effect. Elbers served as the president and CEO of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines since 2014. FE

'Centre should be lone governing authority for issuing net shutdowns'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

THE CENTRE should be the "governing authority" in issuing internet shutdown orders and state governments should only issue such orders based on guidelines laid out by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), an industry body representing some of the biggest technology and telecom companies in the country has said.

The current mechanism to issue internet shutdown orders causes "significant inconvenience to local public at large", said the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) in a letter to the government. Telecom operators Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio are members of

the IAMAI, which also counts Big Tech companies like Google, Meta and Apple as its members.

Its comments come as part of its submission to the DoT, which is in the process of finalising a new legal framework for governing the telecom sector in India.

"Temporary stopping/shutdown orders in an area/district/state must be only through an SOP approved by DoT, and Telegraph being a Union subject, only the Central government should be the governing authority in this regard," the letter read. "The current ad-hoc requests and orders to stop internet services in an area causes significant inconvenience to local public at large."

Jio and Airtel did not respond to an immediate request for a comment. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

EU official for diversifying solar manufacturing

New Delhi: European Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson on Wednesday called for broadening the base of manufacturing of renewable energy equipment, especially solar, saying that "putting all our eggs in one basket is a risky strategy".

Broadening the manufacturing market will decentralise the technology for future generations, Simson said, adding that it will help boost both Indian and EU (European Union) economies.

"Until now, we all know that manufacturing for solar PV has largely been dominated by one country. But putting all our eggs



European Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson at an event on solar energy in New Delhi, Wednesday. PTI

in one basket is a risky strategy. Especially when the stakes are so high for the energy transition," she said.

"These days we live in a multi-polar world. If renewables are the future then how we source them should reflect that," said Simson while addressing the 'Solar Energy-Diversification of the global supply chain and EU-India cooperation in the area of manufacturing' here.

Simson's comments assume significance in view of large imports of solar equipment by India and many other nations from countries like China, Taiwan and Malaysia. PTI

Judge: Musk can use Twitter whistleblower but not delay case

MATT O'BRIEN
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 7

ELON MUSK will be able to include new evidence from a Twitter whistleblower as he fights to get out of his \$44 billion deal to buy the social media company, but Musk won't be able to delay a high-stakes October trial over the dispute, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Chancellor Kathaleen St. Jude McCormick, the head judge of Delaware's Court of Chancery, denied Musk's request to delay the trial by four weeks. But she allowed the billionaire Tesla CEO to add evidence related to whistleblower allegations by former Twitter security chief Peiter Zatkoff, who is scheduled to testify to Congress next week about the company's poor cybersecurity practices.

Twitter has sued Musk, asking



ELON MUSK
CEO, Tesla

ing the Delaware court to force him to close the deal he made in April to buy the company. Musk has countersued and a trial is set to start the week of October 17.

Musk's legal team has argued that the allegations made by Zatkoff to US authorities may help bolster the Tesla CEO's claims that Twitter misled him and the public about the company's problem with fake and "spam" accounts. AP

NCLT to ZEEL: Convene shareholder meet on Oct 14

Mumbai: The Mumbai Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has directed Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) to convene a shareholders' meeting to seek approvals for its proposed merger with rival Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI). The tribunal, in its order pronounced on August 24, had directed ZEEL to hold the meeting on October 14, at 4 pm through videoconferencing and other audio-visual means.

NCLT also named a chairperson and scrutiniser for the meeting, as per a regulatory update by ZEEL, which added that the order was received on Wednesday. According to earlier reports, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has raised concerns over the merger, which would create a \$10-billion TV enterprise and its "unparalleled bargaining power" would potentially hurt competition. FE

BRIEFLY

Goyal, trade
San Francisco: Until India gets a good deal, it would not do an FTA with Israel, said Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said. He also said India eyes taking its international trade to \$2 trillion by 2030.

Singtel share
New Delhi: Singtel entities sold 1.76% in Airtel for ₹7,128 crore, said sources.

Adani factories
New Delhi: Gautam Adani said his group will build 3 giga factories to make solar modules, wind turbines, & hydrogen electrolyzers as part of \$70-billion clean energy investments by 2030.

CIL, India growth
New Delhi: CIL president Sanjiv Bajaj said India is much better positioned to face growth, inflation challenges. PTI

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(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

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E-tender is Re-invited for the supply of following item:-

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E. TENDER NOTICE No: RWF/M/01/MMS/2022-23/18 Dtd. 06/09/2022

E-TENDER: On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer invites electronic tender for the following work online through the website <http://www.irops.gov.in> (Works).

Tender No	Name of the work	Date & Time of Closing of Tender
E.Tender Number: RWF/M/OT/MMS/2022-23/23RT/2022-23/23RT/Dtd. 06/09/2022	Fabrication/Manufacture Assembly, Installation And Commissioning of Automated Scrap Wheel Cutting System to Cut Railway Scrap Wheels of Diameter Ranging from 650 mm To 1100 mm using Gas Cutting in PC Bay at RWF	06/10/2022 at 15:00 hrs

Estimated Cost in ₹.2,04,11,800/- | Earnest Money Deposit in ₹. 2,52,100/-
Completion Period: 12 Months
The detailed tender notice and special conditions can be viewed on our website.
DY. CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER/WSM

State Bank of India Employees' (M. S. Patel) Co-operative Credit Society Ltd., Mumbai.
State Bank of India, Mumbai Main Branch Building, Mumbai Samachar Marg, Fort, Mumbai - 400 023.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, the 93rd Annual General Body Meeting of members of the **State Bank of India Employees' (M. S. Patel) Co-op. Credit Society Ltd., Mumbai**, will be held on **Saturday, the 24th September, 2022 at 03.30 p.m at Sir Sitaram & Lady Shantabai Patkar Convocation Hall of S.N.D.T. Women's University, 1, Nathibai Thackersey Road, Queen's Road, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020.** All members are requested to attend the meeting. The Annual Report & Audited Statement of Accounts have been despatched to all members at their Branch/office. Notice is available on Society's Website www.sbimspatel.com and displayed at the registered office, for information. **Bank's Identity Card is compulsory to attend the meeting. All guidelines related to COVID-19 should be followed.**

By order of the Board,
MUKESH BHATIA
HON. SECRETARY & CEO

Mumbai 21.08.2022

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C/O CETP, Tilwara road, Jasol, Barmer, (Raj.)
Email: jasolrospv@gmail.com, M : 9413308771 & 9887298819

TENDER NOTICE

JWP&ROPL, Jasol plans invite contractors for work of "Providing and Laying RCC NP3 pipes with HDPE liner for Effluent Collection Network and HDPE pipes for Treated Water Supply Network of Industrial units for JASOL Industrial Area" on Item rate Contract. The tender document will be available from the following dates at our office from 09.09.2022 to 30.09.2022. Tender fees is Rs. 10000/-.

NMDC Limited
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)
'Khanji Bhavan', 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad - 500 028
CIN: L13100AP1958GOI001674

CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

Tender Enquiry No.: HO (Contracts)/DNM/PELLET/O&M/8P/149 Dated: 07.09.2022
NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids through GEM Portal from experienced domestic bidders for "Operation & Maintenance of Beneficiation Plant for a period of 1 year at L2 MTPA Pellet Plant, Donimalai, Karnataka".

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and / or downloaded from 07.09.2022 to 28.09.2022 from the following website links:

- NMDC website <http://www.nmdc.co.in>
- Central Public Procurement Portal (CPP PORTAL) <http://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app> and
- Gem Portal - <https://mkp.gem.gov.in/registration/signup#/seller> and search the Bid Number: GEM/2022/B/251681 dated 07.09.2022

For further help refer to seller-registration-pre-requisites-v1.2 on GEM Portal.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through GEM Portal only. The details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT. The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website/ CPP Portal/Gem website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

For further clarification, CGM (Contracts), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad can be contacted through Fax No. +91-040-23534746, Tel No. +91-040-23532800, email: contracts@nmdc.co.in
Chief General Manager (Contracts)

Reserve Bank of India / भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक
Estate Department, Patna / संपदा विभाग, पटना

Notice for e-Tender / ई-निविदा के लिए सूचना

The Reserve Bank of India invites open e-tenders on MSTC portal from eligible contractors/firms for the following works:

S. No	Tender	Estimated Value	Last date for submission
1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of One (1) Passenger Lift (Capacity - 8 Persons) for VIPS in the Bank's Main Office, Premises, Patna	Rs. 19 lakhs	11.10.2022 (up to 14:00 hrs)

Please refer to our website www.rbi.org.in for further details.

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प्रतिशत दर निविदा

(केबल ई-टेंडरिंग प्रक्रिया के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर)

बिहार राज्य अंतर्गत विभिन्न मदन निर्माण एवं अन्य कार्य हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कोई भी संवेदक जो केन्द्रीय / राज्य सरकार / सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रों में निबंधित हो, निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं परन्तु इस निगम का रजिस्ट्रेशन कार्य के आबंटन के बाद कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

Sl No.	Group No.	District	Block	Name of School	BOQ Amount (In Lacs)	EMD (In Lacs)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	Beltron Bid Processing Fee	Period of Completion	Remarks
1	UHSS - 01	Patna	Phulwarisarif	U.H.S.S. Kurthaul	111.55	2.24	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
2	UHSS - 03	Nalanda	Silao	U.H.S.S. Narhar Bigha	107.71	2.16	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
3	UHSS - 07	Rohtas	Surajpura	U.H.S.S. Agrer Khurd	109.46	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
4	UHSS - 15	Munger	Tarapur	U.H.S.S. Mahmadpur	109.09	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
5	UHSS - 16	Lakhisarai	Suryagarha	U.H.S.S. Lahasorba	107.13	2.15	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
6	UHSS - 20	Begusarai	Nawakothi	U.H.S.S. Rajakpur	108.74	2.18	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
7	UHSS - 28	Saran	Lahaladpur	U.H.S.S. Mirjapur Murarpur	111.89	2.24	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
8	UHSS - 31	Vaishali	Sahadei Bujurg	U.H.S.S. Toi Math	111.82	2.24	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
9	UHSS - 33	Sitamarhi	Runnsaidpur	U.H.S.S. Thumma	114.39	2.29	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
10	UHSS - 34	Muzaffarpur	Sakra	U.H.S.S. Machahi	112.56	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
11	UHSS - 35	Muzaffarpur	SARAIYA	U.H.S.S. Gorigama Dih	110.83	2.22	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
12	UHSS - 37	Sheohar	Tariyani	U.H.S.S. Gangadhrampur	114.00	2.28	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
13	UHSS - 39	East Champaran	Tetariya	U.H.S.S. Maniyarpur	112.93	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
14	UHSS - 42	Darbhanga	Manigachhi	U.H.S.S. Raghobpur Deyodhi	114.27	2.29	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
15	UHSS - 45	Madhepura	Udakishanganj	U.H.S.S. Barateni	112.79	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
16	UHSS - 49	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	U.H.S.S. Janglabhitha	118.61	2.38	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
17	UHSS - 50	Kishanganj	Pothiya	U.H.S.S. Rai Pur	118.52	2.38	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
18	UHSS - 52	Katihar	Sameli	U.H.S.S. Dumar	110.69	2.22	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
19	UHSS - 53	Gaya	Imamganj	U.H.S.S. Salaiya	106.26	2.13	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
20	UHSS - 54	Gaya	Tankauppa	U.H.S.S. Utlibara	104.14	2.09	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
21	UHSS - 57	Samastipur	Vidypati Nagar	U.H.S.S. Simri Kanya	111.12	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
22	UHSS - 58	Samastipur	Shivajinagar	U.H.S.S. Bhataura	112.48	2.25	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
23	UHSS - 59	Patna	Punpun	U.H.S.S. Kalyanpur	110.44	2.21	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
24	UHSS - 60	Nalanda	Biharsarif	U.H.S.S. Mahanandpur	108.42	2.17	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
25	UHSS - 62	Madhepura	Murliganj	U.H.S.S. Parwa Navtol	113.86	2.28	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
26	UHSS - 63	Saharsa	Mahishi	U.H.S.S. Jhara	113.95	2.28	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
27	UHSS - 64	Patna	Masaurhi	U.H.S.S. Chhata	109.22	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
28	UHSS - 65	Patna	Fatuha	U.H.S.S. Gabaspur	109.93	2.20	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
29	UHSS - 66	Patna	Fatuha	U.H.S.S. Dumari	112.56	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
30	UHSS - 67	Patna	Fatuha	U.H.S.S. Pachrukhiya	110.64	2.22	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
31	UHSS - 68	Patna	Dhanarua	U.H.S.S. Kosoot	109.12	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
32	UHSS - 69	Patna	Danapur	U.H.S.S. Akilpur	112.35	2.25	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
33	UHSS - 70	Nalanda	Noorsarai	U.H.S.S. Mirchaganj Sakrauha	109.12	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
34	UHSS - 71	Nalanda	Katrisarai	U.H.S.S. Bhagwanpur	109.43	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
35	UHSS - 72	Nalanda	Katrisarai	U.H.S.S. Gowardhan Bigha	109.22	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
36	UHSS - 73	Nalanda	Giriyak	U.H.S.S. Sakuchisarai	108.21	2.17	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
37	UHSS - 74	Nalanda	Biharsarif	U.H.S.S. Mazidpur	109.22	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
38	UHSS - 75	Nalanda	Sarmera	U.H.S.S. Singhual	112.25	2.25	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
39	UHSS - 76	Rohtas	Nokha	U.H.S.S. Ghordihan	108.89	2.18	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
40	UHSS - 77	Rohtas	Nasriganj	U.H.S.S. Pawani	106.87	2.14	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
41	UHSS - 78	Rohtas	Nasriganj	U.H.S.S. Paiga	106.67	2.14	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
42	UHSS - 79	Rohtas	Karakat	U.G.H.S.S. Motha	107.59	2.16	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
43	UHSS - 80	Rohtas	Karakat	U.H.S.S. Dev Markandey	106.73	2.14	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
44	UHSS - 81	Rohtas	Karakat	U.H.S.S. Mohanpur	107.59	2.16	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
45	UHSS - 82	Rohtas	Dinara	U.H.S.S. Saraon	108.94	2.18	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
46	UHSS - 83	Rohtas	Dinara	U.H.S.S. Baradhi	109.86	2.20	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
47	UHSS - 84	Rohtas	Dinara	U.H.S.S. Baliya	109.30	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
48	UHSS - 85	Rohtas	Dinara	U.H.S.S. Sarna	109.95	2.20	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
49	UHSS - 86	Rohtas	Dehri	U.H.S.S. Gangauli	107.63	2.16	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
50	UHSS - 87	Rohtas	Bikramganj	U.H.S.S. Ghusiya Kala	108.24	2.17	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
51	UHSS - 88	Rohtas	Akorhigola	U.H.S.S. Chapra	107.89	2.16	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
52	UHSS - 89	Munger	Haweli Khadagpur	U.H.S.S. Chotki Majhgayin	108.49	2.17	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
53	UHSS - 90	Munger	Haweli Khadagpur	U.H.S.S. Gangta More,	109.11	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
54	UHSS - 91	Munger	Haweli Khadagpur	U.H.S.S. Gangta,	109.11	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
55	UHSS - 92	Munger	Haweli Khadagpur	U.H.S.S. Jamuhat	108.48	2.17	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
56	UHSS - 93	Munger	Dharhara	U.H.S.S. Maharna	107.21	2.15	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
57	UHSS - 94	Munger	Bariyarpur	U.H.S.S. Ratanpur	107.85	2.16	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
58	UHSS - 95	Munger	Asarganj	U.H.S.S. Beraiyan	109.20	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
59	UHSS - 96	Munger	Asarganj	U.H.S.S. Chakhand	109.40	2.19	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
60	UHSS - 97	Munger	Asarganj	U.H.S.S. Masoomganj	109.56	2.20	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
61	UHSS - 98	Lakhisarai	Pipariya	U.H.S.S. Pavai	105.81	2.12	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
62	UHSS - 99	Lakhisarai	Lakhisarai	U.H.S.S. Kachhiyana	106.01	2.13	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
63	UHSS - 100	Lakhisarai	Barahiya	U.H.S.S. Pali	107.13	2.15	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
64	UHSS - 101	Lakhisarai	Barahiya	U.H.S.S. Lal Diyara	106.01	2.13	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
65	UHSS - 102	Begusarai	Matihani	U.H.S.S. Rachiyaahi Naya Tol	107.15	2.15	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
66	UHSS - 103	Begusarai	Matihani	U.H.S.S. Jagatpura	107.15	2.15	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
67	UHSS - 104	Begusarai	Garhpura	U.H.S.S. Gudar	110.25	2.21	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
68	UHSS - 105	Begusarai	Dandari	U.H.S.S. Katarmala	108.68	2.18	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
69	UHSS - 106	Begusarai	Begusarai	U.H.S.S. Basudevpur	108.69	2.18	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
70	UHSS - 107	Begusarai	Bakhari	U.H.S.S. Ghagha	109.69	2.20	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
71	UHSS - 108	Begusarai	Begusarai	U.H.S.S. Bharra	107.42	2.15	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
72	UHSS - 109	Saran	Lahaladpur	U.H.S.S. Basahi Urdu Aadarsh	111.99	2.24	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
73	UHSS - 110	Saran	Ekma	U.H.S.S. Betwanuya	112.79	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
74	UHSS - 111	Saran	Ekma	U.H.S.S. Bhodsa	112.39	2.25	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
75	UHSS - 112	Saran	Ekma	U.H.S.S. Eksaar	112.84	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
76	UHSS - 113	Saran	Chhapra Sadar	U.H.S.S. Chakiya	108.90	2.18	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
77	UHSS - 114	Saran	Raghopur	Project Girls High School Paharpur	110.91	2.22	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
78	UHSS - 115	Saran	Raghopur	U.H.S.S. Birpur	110.91	2.22	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
79	UHSS - 116	Vaishali	Patepur	U.H.S.S. Afzalpur Purania	113.28	2.27	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
80	UHSS - 117	Vaishali	Mahnar	U.H.S.S. Kamla Kanya Karnouti	113.04	2.27	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
81	UHSS - 118	Vaishali	Jandaha	U.H.S.S. Bijhrauli	112.48	2.25	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
82	UHSS - 119	Vaishali	Jandaha	U.H.S.S. Mahisaur Jandaha	112.08	2.25	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
83	UHSS - 120	Vaishali	Jandaha	U.H.S.S. Shahpur Rohua	112.48	2.25	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
84	UHSS - 121	Vaishali	Jandaha	U.H.S.S. Rasalpur	112.08	2.25	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
85	UHSS - 122	Vaishali	Desari	U.H.S.S. Bikhana Pura	111.32	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
86	UHSS - 123	Vaishali	Bidupur	U.H.S.S. Jurawanpur Gopalpur	111.17	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
87	UHSS - 124	Muzaffarpur	Sakra	U.H.S.S. Baji Bujurg	112.30	2.25	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
88	UHSS - 125	Muzaffarpur	Mushhari	U.H.S.S. Dronpur	111.87	2.24	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
89	UHSS - 126	Muzaffarpur	Mushhari	U.H.S.S. Dighra	111.07	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
90	UHSS - 127	Muzaffarpur	Kurhani	U.H.S.S. Balhadrapur	111.03	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
91	UHSS - 128	Muzaffarpur	Kurhani	U.H.S.S. Jhiky	111.03	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
92	UHSS - 129	Muzaffarpur	Kurhani	U.H.S.S. Dhodhi Ratan	110.91	2.22	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
93	UHSS - 130	Muzaffarpur	Kurhani	U.H.S.S. Chhitrauli	111.50	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
94	UHSS - 131	Muzaffarpur	Katra	U.H.S.S. Budhara	114.55	2.30	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
95	UHSS - 132	Muzaffarpur	Gaighat	U.H.S.S. Kothia	112.88	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
96	UHSS - 133	Muzaffarpur	Bochahan	U.H.S.S. Kafen	112.48	2.25	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
97	UHSS - 134	Muzaffarpur	Bandra	U.H.S.S. Sakriman	113.58	2.28	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
98	UHSS - 135	Muzaffarpur	Sakra	U.H.S.S. Keshapur	112.80	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
99	UHSS - 136	Muzaffarpur	Bandra	U.H.S.S. Bandra	113.33	2.27	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
100	UHSS - 137	Muzaffarpur	Aurai	U.H.S.S. Baigana	113.79	2.28	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
101	UHSS - 138	Muzaffarpur	Sahebganj	U.H.S.S. Shahpur Patti	112.79	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
102	UHSS - 139	Muzaffarpur	Sahebganj	U.H.S.S. Jita Chapra	112.79	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
103	UHSS - 140	Muzaffarpur	Sahebganj	U.H.S.S. Bhagwanpur Kashi	113.35	2.27	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
104	UHSS - 141	Muzaffarpur	Sahebganj	U.H.S.S. Rajwara	112.79	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
105	UHSS - 142	Muzaffarpur	Paroo	U.H.S.S. Chandpura	111.27	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2

150	UHSS - 187	Kishanganj	Bahadurganj	U.H.S.S. Haribhasha	116.52	2.34	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
151	UHSS - 188	Kishanganj	Pothia	U.H.S.S. Dalua Hat	119.43	2.39	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
152	UHSS - 189	Kishanganj	Pothia	U.H.S.S. Maria	117.91	2.36	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
153	UHSS - 190	Kishanganj	Pothia	U.H.S.S. Kalia Ganj	119.37	2.39	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
154	UHSS - 191	Kishanganj	Pothia	U.H.S.S. Hari Pokhar Kantigachh	119.68	2.40	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
155	UHSS - 192	Kishanganj	Kochadhaman	U.H.S.S. Dhanpura	115.73	2.32	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
156	UHSS - 193	Kishanganj	Kochadhaman	U.H.S.S. Maudho	117.05	2.35	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
157	UHSS - 194	Kishanganj	Kochadhaman	U.H.S.S. Dhanpat Ganj	115.61	2.32	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
158	UHSS - 195	Kishanganj	Kochadhaman	U.H.S.S. Haldi Khora	116.00	2.32	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
159	UHSS - 196	Kishanganj	Kishanganj	U.H.S.S. Mahingaon	115.28	2.31	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
160	UHSS - 197	Kishanganj	Kishanganj	U.H.S.S. Gachhpara	115.28	2.31	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
161	UHSS - 198	Kishanganj	Kishanganj	U.H.S.S. Daula	114.86	2.30	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
162	UHSS - 199	Kishanganj	Kishanganj	U.H.S.S. Chakla Ghat	115.12	2.31	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
163	UHSS - 200	Katihar	Falka	U.H.S.S. Morsanda	111.51	2.24	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
164	UHSS - 201	Katihar	Mansahi	U.H.S.S. Mohanpur	111.67	2.24	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
165	UHSS - 202	Katihar	Korha	U.H.S.S. Marwa Najra Chowki	110.93	2.22	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
166	UHSS - 203	Katihar	Korha	U.H.S.S. Shishiya	110.93	2.22	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
167	UHSS - 204	Katihar	Kadwa	U.H.S.S. Dukhiram Chandpur	112.88	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
168	UHSS - 205	Katihar	Kadwa	U.H.S.S. Asiyani	113.34	2.27	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
169	UHSS - 206	Katihar	Hasanganj	U.H.S.S. Hasanganj	111.11	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
170	UHSS - 207	Katihar	Falka	U.H.S.S. Jhagruchak	111.14	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
171	UHSS - 208	Katihar	Barari	U.H.S.S. Lakshimpur	110.41	2.21	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
172	UHSS - 209	Katihar	Barari	U.H.S.S. Anarkali	110.41	2.21	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
173	UHSS - 210	Gaya	Imamganj	U.H.S.S. Navdhi	107.80	2.16	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
174	UHSS - 211	Gaya	Imamganj	U.H.S.S. Ujijyar Bahera	107.10	2.15	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
175	UHSS - 212	Gaya	Imamganj	U.H.S.S. Karasan Kalan	107.80	2.16	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
176	UHSS - 213	Gaya	Imamganj	Urdu U.H.S.S. Kothi	108.31	2.17	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
177	UHSS - 214	Gaya	Guraru	U.H.S.S. Manjhar	104.04	2.09	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
178	UHSS - 215	Gaya	Dumariya	U.H.S.S. Bhangia	108.99	2.18	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
179	UHSS - 216	Gaya	Dobhi	U.H.S.S. Pirasin	104.16	2.09	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
180	UHSS - 217	Gaya	Barachatti	U.H.S.S. Barwadhi	104.98	2.10	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
181	UHSS - 218	Gaya	Amas	U.H.S.S. Balyari	105.15	2.11	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
182	UHSS - 219	Gaya	Tankauppa	U.H.S.S. Gajadharpur	103.13	2.07	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
183	UHSS - 220	Gaya	Mohanpur	U.H.S.S. Amkola	104.85	2.10	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
184	UHSS - 221	Gaya	Fatehpur	U.H.S.S. Khajuri	103.94	2.10	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
185	UHSS - 222	Gaya	Fatehpur	U.H.S.S. Nagwan	103.94	2.08	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
186	UHSS - 223	Gaya	Fatehpur	U.H.S.S. Bapugram	103.94	2.08	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
187	UHSS - 224	Gaya	Bodhgaya	U.H.S.S. Birhut	102.25	2.05	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
188	UHSS - 225	Gaya	Bodh Gaya	U.H.S.S. Titoiya	101.96	2.04	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2

189	UHSS - 226	Gaya	Bodh Gaya	U.H.S.S. Moratal	102.00	2.04	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
190	UHSS - 227	Gaya	Bodh Gaya	U.H.S.S. Batapur	101.95	2.04	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
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192	UHSS - 229	Samastipur	Ujijyarpur	U.H.S.S. Angar Ghat	111.36	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
193	UHSS - 230	Samastipur	Mohiuddinagar	U.H.S.S. Maniyar	111.47	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
194	UHSS - 231	Samastipur	Mohiuddinagar	U.H.S.S. Bochaha	111.21	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
195	UHSS - 232	Samastipur	Dalsinghsara	U.H.S.S. Malpur	111.03	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
196	UHSS - 233	Samastipur	Hasanpur	U.H.S.S. Mahuli	112.51	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
197	UHSS - 234	Samastipur	Bitihan	U.H.S.S. Chhechhani	113.10	2.27	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
198	UHSS - 235	Samastipur	Bibhutipur	U.H.S.S. Patailya	111.33	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
199	UHSS - 236	Samastipur	Bibhutipur	U.H.S.S. Desri	111.33	2.23	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
200	UHSS - 237	Sitamarhi	Runnisaidpur	U.H.S.S. Balua	114.39	2.29	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
201	UHSS - 238	Sitamarhi	Runni Saidpur	U.H.S.S. Dhanushi	114.34	2.29	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
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203	UHSS - 240	Sitamarhi	Parsauni	U.H.S.S. Gisara	114.04	2.29	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
204	UHSS - 241	Sitamarhi	Nanpur	U.H.S.S. Koli Balak	114.84	2.30	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
205	UHSS - 242	Sitamarhi	Nanpur	U.H.S.S. Bataara	114.99	2.30	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
206	UHSS - 243	Sitamarhi	Bokhara	U.H.S.S. Chakauti	115.93	2.32	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
207	UHSS - 244	Sitamarhi	Belsand	U.H.S.S. Pachnaur	114.16	2.29	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
208	UHSS - 245	Sheohar	Purnhiya	U.H.S.S. Basant Jagivn	114.76	2.30	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
209	UHSS - 246	Sheohar	Dumri Katsari	U.H.S.S. Basant Phulkhan	114.04	2.29	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
210	UHSS - 247	Madhepura	Chausa	Lalji U.H.S.S. Loualagan	112.74	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
211	UHSS - 248	Madhepura	Alamnagar	U.H.S.S. Bargaon	112.52	2.26	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
212	UHSS - 249	Madhepura	Singheshwar	U.H.S.S. Barhari	114.15	2.29	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
213	UHSS - 250	Madhepura	Singheshwar	U.H.S.S. Singiyon	114.15	2.29	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
214	UHSS - 251	Madhepura	Kumarkhand	U.H.S.S. Karuwali	115.02	2.31	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2
215	UHSS - 252	Madhepura	Ghailarh	U.H.S.S. Chiknotwa	113.87	2.28	10,000/	As appeared on e-tendering website	12 Month	F2

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(4) शपथ-पत्र एवं अग्रचन की मूल प्रति जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि, समय एवं स्थान :- दिनांक-12.10.2022 (अवकाश घोषित होने पर अगला कार्य दिवस), समय- 15:00 बजे तक, बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आचारसूत संरचना विकास निगम, पटना।
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गार्डन रीच शिपबिल्डर्स एण्ड इंजीनियर्स लिमिटेड
Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited
(एन एलएस का अंग / A Govt. of India Undertaking), एन एलएस / Ministry of Defence
Regd and Corp Office: GRSE BHAVAN, 61, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata - 700 024
Web: www.grse.in, (CIN: L3511WB1934G0017891)

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ONLINE BIDDING
NIT No. SCC/AKD/OT(PRESS)/ELEC WORK/ASWSWC/044/ET-1894
SUB: Biennial Rate Contract for on Board Electrical Work for ASW SWC Ships at GRSE
Due Date: 21 days from date of publication

1. Details will be available in e-procurement portal <https://procuregrse.co.in>;
Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/>
and GRSE Website <http://www.grse.in/index.php/tender.html>
2. Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender enquiry will be published in above websites only.

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PUNJAB REMOTE SENSING CENTRE
(A Government of Punjab Enterprise)
PAU Campus, Ludhiana 141004 www.prrsc.gov.in
(Advertisement No. 04/2022 dated 07.09.2022)

Applications are invited for the posts of Data Base Administrator; Jr. Research Fellow; Project Fellow and LHM Driver on contractual basis for a period of six months likely to be extended based on candidate's performance review and Project Scheme/Centre's requirements. For further details visit website www.prrsc.gov.in

Sd/- Director
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ODISHA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD
Plot No.1800 (P), Baramunda, Post-Khandagiri,
Near Indian Oil Petrol Pump Bhubaneswar
Ph. No. 0674-2952416, Fax: 0674-2952410,
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Dated:- 06.9.2022

No. 01 / Expression of Interest (Eoi) in sealed covers are invited for "Empanelment of Agencies for Establishment and Management of Integrated Pack Houses". The detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from <https://coop.odisha.gov.in>. The cost of the Eoi document is Rs.10,000.00 + 18 % GST. The Eoi Documents / Tender Papers can be downloaded from the website as mentioned above from 09.09.2022 to 26.09.2022. The applications duly filled in the appropriate format along with the Demand Draft for Rs.10,000.00 + 18% GST drawn in favour of the OSAM Board, Bhubaneswar and payable at any Nationalized Bank in Bhubaneswar should reach the Office of the undersigned on or before 3.00 PM of 26.09.2022. The Eoi Documents / Tender Papers can be submitted by Registered Post / through Courier or in person. Bids received after the due time will be rejected. The cost of the bid documents is non refundable. The bid documents will be opened on 27.09.2022 at 4:00 PM in presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
General Manager
OSAM Board, Bhubaneswar
OIPR - 01444/11/0007/2223

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
(Through E-Tendering)

Name of Work with its Location	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for TPWS line side equipment for section HNZM-PVVL for 03 years.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 1,75,57,936/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 2,37,800/- only
Address of the Office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time - 28.09.2022 upto 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S & T Branch, 3rd Floor, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.
Tender No.:	558-Sig-16-M-TENDER-AMC-057/2022-23 Dated:06.09.2022 2317/22

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 264/SS-II(D) Dated: 06.09.2022
SE/Substation Design/TS Organization, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-Tender for Design, Manufacturing, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 491 Nos. 66KV Current Transformers.

For Detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 07.09.2022 (09.00 A.M. onwards).
NOTE: Corrigendum & amendments, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system
Tender Notice No. 42/2022-2023 Dated: 07.09.2022
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:-

S No	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	11222045A	MANNAL METAL ARC WELDING ELECTRODE,	152250 MTR	30.09.2022
02	07211818B	PIN FOR BRAKE PAD HOLDER	10831 NOS	30.09.2022

Note-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.
2. No manual offers will be entertained.
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BIHAR ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY
Bihar Veterinary College Campus, Patna-800014 (Bihar)

NOTICE INVITING SHORT E-TENDER
(Through e-Procurement mode only over <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>)
Tender No.: BASU/Reg/03/2022 dated: 07.09/2022
Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna invites short e-tender through e-Procurement Portal i.e. (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>) in Beltron from the reputed firms for "Hiring Services of Agency for Deployment of manpower on Outsourcing Basis" in two bid system under Quality and Cost based Selection.

Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From 08/09/2022 to 25/09/2022 (Upto 14:30 Hrs.) (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Last Date/Time for online submission/uploading of Bid	26/09/2022 upto 17:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

Detailed description of the tender and instruction for submitting the bid can be downloaded from e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>). For more details, please visit the university website: www.basu.org.in

Sd/-
Registrar
BASU, Patna

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ
Tender Notice No.: DY-CE-C-II-JHS-2022-05 Date: 05.09.2022

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction-II), North Central Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of the President of India invited E-Tender up to 15.00 hrs on the closing date 29.09.2022. The detail of the tender are as under:-

Tender No.	Description of work	Approx Cost	Earnest Money	Validity
DY-CE-C-II-JHS-2022-05	"Construction of Major Bridges in connection with Lalitpur - Birari doubling with flyover at Lalitpur project and Dalwara - Birari Chord Line Project."	₹73,07,06,999.67	₹38,03,500.00	90 days

Completion Period 15 (Fifteen) Months including harvest & monsoon period
Closing date/time 29.09.2022 at 15.00 Hrs.
Note: For complete detail and submission of tender please visit Indian Railway's website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. 1187/22(DG)
North central railways @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ northcentralrailway@prnrcr

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction/Northern Railway, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under Single-packet system for the following work:-

Name of work and location	Miscellaneous repair in RCC Box No. 3 at Delhi Kishanganj and Provision of approach Road from LC No. 10 to Dobh station and other allied works in connection with new crossing station at Dobh on Rohtak-Bhivani Section.
Completion of the work	08 (Eight) months
Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 2.8

Niemann ready to play 'naked' to prove he doesn't cheat

ANIL DIAS
SEPTEMBER 7

IN AN interview on Tuesday, 19-year-old American chess player Hans Niemann said he was prepared to play "naked" in order to prove his innocence after he was accused of cheating ever since world champion Magnus Carlsen quit the \$500,000 Sinquefeld Cup after losing a game to Niemann on Sunday.

Niemann, who stunned the Norwegian by beating him with black pieces, also admitted that he had cheated while playing chess online, doing so when he was 12 and 16 years old. He, however, claimed he's never cheated in any "rated game" (apart from the time he cheated as a 12-year-old) or in an over-the-board chess game.

Five-time world champion Carlsen stunned the chess world when he pulled out of a major tournament for the first time in his career. Announcing his withdrawal with a tweet of a video of Portuguese football manager Jose Mourinho saying, "If I speak, I am in big trouble. Big, big trouble", Carlsen refused to give any further explanation. But the chess world started speculating.

The first person to do so was American Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura, who is also a popular streamer. Nakamura said Carlsen pulled out because Niemann was "probably cheating".

"Magnus would never do this in a million years. He just doesn't do that. He wouldn't do this unless he really strongly believes Hans is cheating with a very strong conviction. I think he just thinks Hans is just cheating, straight out," Nakamura said.

His claims were backed by fellow American Andrew Tang, who revealed he had "stopped talking to Hans".

Not all players took a dig at Niemann though. Grandmaster Levon Aronian backed Niemann saying, "It often happens when young players play very well, there are always accusations towards them."

Niemann, who is currently in second position with 2.5 points from four games in the tournament, accused Carlsen, Nakamura and others of trying to ruin his career.

He has offered to go to extraordinary lengths to show he wasn't using a device to help him cheat during his games.

"I can completely strip, you want to do any fair play check to me you want I don't care because I know that I'm clean. If they want me to strip fully naked, I'll do it, I don't care, because I know that I'm clean and I'm willing to subject myself.

"You want me to play in a closed box with zero electronic transmission, I don't care, name whatever you guys want. I'm here to win, and that's going to be my goal regardless," Niemann said in the interview. It is extremely difficult to prove cheating in over-the-board chess and there is no evidence of



Hans Niemann admitted to cheating when he was young but said that he has never cheated over the board. *Saint Louis Chess Club*

wrongdoing on Niemann's part at the event.

Cheating at the age of 12 and 16

Niemann said he was "completely ashamed" of the fact that he cheated in random games as a 12-year-old, saying apart from that time, he never cheated in a tournament with prize money involved.

"I cheated on random games on chess.com. I was confronted. I confessed. And this is the single biggest mistake of my life. And I am completely ashamed. I am telling the world because I don't want misrepresentations and I don't want rumours. I have never cheated in an over-the-board game. And other than when I was 12 years old, I have never cheated in a tournament with prize money."

Players accused Niemann of being banned by chess.com on two occasions, and Niemann revealed that the second time was during the pandemic when he took the help of computers as he began streaming. However, he said those were only in "random and unrated games".

"To give context, I was 16 years old and living alone in New York City at the heart of the pandemic and I was willing to do anything to grow my stream. What I want people to know about this is that I am deeply, deeply sorry for my mistake. I know my actions have consequences and I suffered those consequences.

"During that time I stepped away from a very lucrative streaming career. I stopped playing in all events and I lost a lot of close friendships and relationships."

After being banned from chess.com for cheating during the pandemic, Niemann said he was so determined to prove that he could compete at the highest level that he's been training 12 hours a day.

"I decided the only way to make up for my mistake was to prove that I could win over-the-board events," he said. "That has been my mission. And that is why I have lived in a suitcase and played 260 games in one year, trained for 12 hours a day, because I have something to prove."

Chopra's Czech challenge

Jakub Vadlejch stands in way of Oly gold medallist's Diamond League dream

NIHAL KOSHIE
SEPTEMBER 7

WHEN CZECH Republic's Jakub Vadlejch began throwing javelins as a teenager, his training partner was Barbara Spotakova, the women's world record holder. When Spotakova changed coaches from Rudolf Cerny to the legendary Jan Zelezny, the men's world record holder, Vadlejch too made the switch. Vadlejch has picked the right mentors from an early age.

Zelezny, the coach of the Czech Republic team, was at the Olympic Games when two of his trainees Vadlejch and Vitezslav Vesely finished on the podium while Neeraj Chopra won the gold. Germany's Johannes Vetter, the in-form thrower going into the competition, failed to qualify for the final and India's first gold in track and field pushed the Czech 2-3 finish to the background.

At the World Championships in August, Vadlejch missed out on silver by just four centimetres behind Chopra. He was in second place with 88.09 metres till Chopra edged past him with 88.13 metres in his fourth attempt.

The storyline in the build-up to the final in Eugene was about the showdown between the Olympic champion and world champion Anderson Peters. The three 90-plus throwers by Peters and him defending the world title took the spotlight away from Vadlejch.

The Czech thrower has not bettered Chopra in the four competitions they have both featured in but has always lurked as a dark horse.

A great trier, Vadlejch refuses to fade away and in Zurich, at the Diamond League final, he will keep Chopra on his toes.

Upset on the cards?

The Indian is aiming to finish his season on a high by becoming the first from his country to be a Diamond League Champion. Peters is recovering from injuries suffered during a brawl on a boat and is not in the six-man field. Going by form and his ability to step up on a big day, Chopra is favourite.

Vadlejch has had a long season starting in May and featured in 13 competitions. But if fresh and niggles-free, he is capable of a special throw. He is the only one of the finalists to break the 90-metre barrier — his 90.88m was registered at the Doha Diamond League in May. He is also a been-there-done-that thrower, with two back-to-back Diamond League titles in 2016 and 2017. But does the Czech have enough in the tank at the fag end of the season to pull off an upset?

During the recent Lausanne leg of the Diamond League, Vadlejch didn't challenge Chopra. The Olympic champ, returning to competition after missing the



Neeraj Chopra's best throw this season has been a 89.94m that he recorded at Stockholm.

JAVELIN MEN ENTRY LIST

Name	SB	PB
Neeraj Chopra	89.94	89.94
Patriks Gailums	83.65	83.65
Leandro Ramos	84.78	84.78
Curtis Thompson	87.70	87.70
Jakub Vadlejch	90.88	90.88
Julian Weber	89.54	89.54

Commonwealth Games because of a groin injury, hit form with an 89.08m throw to finish first. Vadlejch's 85.88m was only good enough for second.

Among the others who have qualified for the final and could be a threat to Chopra is Germany's Julian Weber. He has kept the German flag flying in the injury-forced absence of Vetter and Thomas Rohler. Weber has been in the 86-87m range and has a personal best of 89.54. All six throwers in the final have achieved their personal best this year, but only Weber, Vadlejch and Chopra have thrown over 89 metres.

Chopra qualified for the Diamond League final in 2017 and 2018 too and finished sev-

enth and fourth respectively. Four years ago, he narrowly missed out on a third-place finish to Rohler. Chopra has improved by leaps and bounds since.

Since the gold at the Tokyo Olympics, he has finished in the top three in six competitions. Three times, he has thrown over 89 metres. He made a comeback after a long lay-off post the Olympics with a throw of 89.30 metres at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku. He achieved his first top-three finish in a Diamond League with 89.94m, a new national record, in Stockholm. In Lausanne, he once again got close to breaking the 90m barrier with 89.08 metres.

"Chopra's strength is his consistency when it comes to throwing technique. Other athletes are inconsistent in technique, but Chopra is more consistent and consistency is a great base for a thrower," his coach Klaus Bartonietz had said before the World Championships.

Chopra has allayed any fitness issues in Lausanne arising out of the groin injury suffered on way to winning silver at the World Championships. A Diamond League Trophy in his hands would be the perfect way to wind down another memorable season. Unless Vadlejch or Weber spring a surprise.

Chelsea, Tuchel part ways in shock exit

REUTERS
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CHELSEA SACKED manager Thomas Tuchel on Wednesday the day after his team suffered a shock 1-0 defeat away by Dinamo Zagreb in their opening game of the Champions League.

The Premier League club confirmed on its website that they had parted company with the German coach who guided Chelsea to Champions League glory in his first season.

"On behalf of everyone at Chelsea FC, the Club would like to place on record its gratitude to Thomas and his staff for all their efforts during their time with the Club," the club said.

"Thomas will rightly have a place in Chelsea's history after winning the Champions League, the Super Cup and Club World Cup in his time here."

While Chelsea have not started the season especially well, having lost two of their opening six Premier League games, Tuchel's exit is still a surprising move.

He made an instant impact when replacing club great Frank Lampard in January 2021, reviving the team's Premier League season and taking them to the Champions League final where they beat Manchester City. Under Tuchel Chelsea also won the UEFA Super Cup and FIFA Club World Cup last season.

Benzema sidelined

Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema is set to miss the rest of the month's action after being diagnosed with two thigh injuries sustained during his side's Champions League match at Celtic on Tuesday.

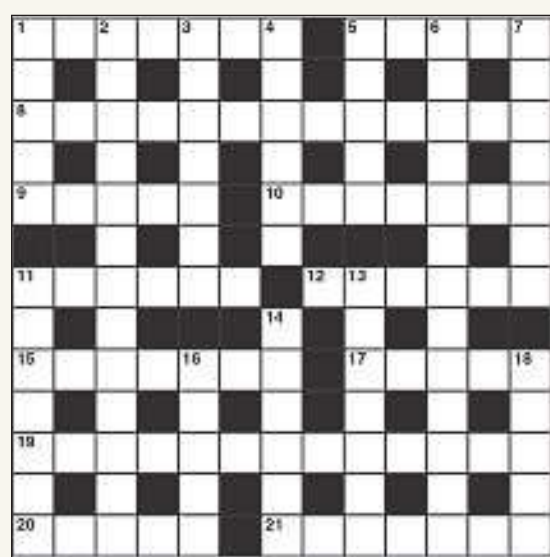
Benzema was substituted on the half-hour mark of the European champions' 3-0 win at Celtic Park and a medical report released by Real on Wednesday said the Frenchman had injured the semitendinosus tendon and strained the quadriceps muscle in his right thigh. Real did not say how long the 34-year-old would be out for.

Spanish newspaper Marca, however, reported he would not return until Oct. 2, missing LaLiga games against Real Mallorca and Atletico Madrid plus the Champions League home match against RB Leipzig, in addition to France's UEFA Nations League fixtures against Austria and Denmark.

KEY RESULTS

Dinamo Zagreb	1	0	Chelsea
Dortmund	3	0	C'hagen
Benfica	2	0	M Haifa
Sevilla	0	4	Man City
RB Salzburg	1	1	AC Milan
Celtic	0	3	R Madrid
PSG	2	1	Juventus
RB Leipzig	1	4	S Donetsk

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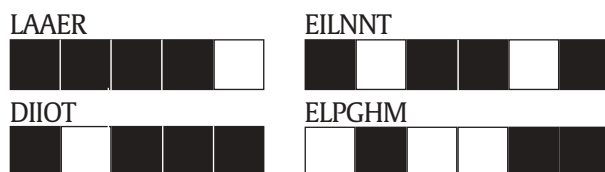
- ACROSS**
- Security is brought back in the store (7)
 - Artist when old retires south (5)
 - A fair exchange in sight (2,3,3,2,3)
 - Call about nothing unusual in the district (5)
 - Space for some oar movement (3,4)
 - Hooligans produce crude sketches (6)
 - Seem a very quiet listener (6)
 - Sees I am different nationality (7)
 - They hang from the ears (5)
 - To take up the post is to increase the risk (5,3,5)
 - French lethargy (5)
 - China's place in East Europe (7)
- DOWN**
- Drawn-out speech given by doctor on law-breaking (5)
 - Dedicated thought given before starting the job (13)
 - The last sort of quality needed by cat burglars (7)
 - Maoist is involved in Chinese philosophy (6)
 - A drop of whisky before a stage show (5)
 - Is excessively enthusiastic to get at the drink? (4,9)
 - Vessel without sails makes me stare (7)
 - Book store (7)
 - The mantle of sleep is (7)
 - Encountered a carrier on the way (6)
 - Emile provides something fragrant (5)
 - Hardback (5)

Solutions Crossword 4840: Across: 1 Snout, 8 Repeater, 9 Study, 10 Clothing, 11 Store, 12 Tea, 16 Please, 17 Doctor, 18 Ego, 23 Ember, 24 Respects, 25 Steak, 26 Streaker, 27 Order. Down: 2 Not at all, 3 Under way, 4 Leslie, 5 Heats, 6 Strip, 7 Brigs, 12 Tee, 13 Ado, 14 Scimitar, 15 Moderate, 19 Gather, 20 Erase, 21 Usury, 22 Debar.

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.

That man has reached immortality who is disturbed by _____ - Vivekananda (7,8)

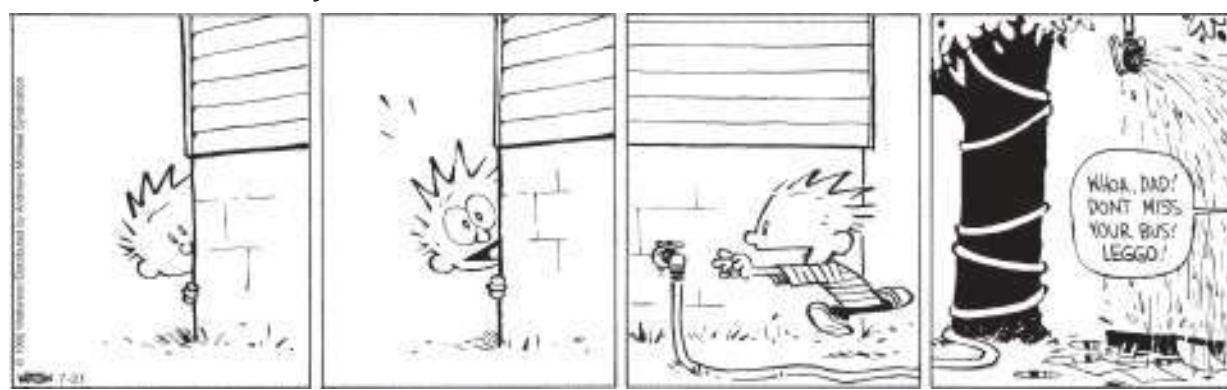


SOLUTION: AREAL IDIOT, INNERT, PHELAG, THAT MAN HAS REACHED IMMORTALITY WHO IS DISTURBED BY NOTHING MATERIAL - Vivekananda

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



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

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4950



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It's a mixed and lively moment. It is necessary to return to your financial situation, but don't worry, there are ways to gain from current circumstances. A few of you will benefit from a windfall. The rest of you must put your funds to charitable use.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Don't beat about the bush or stifle your feelings. Enough has been said and done over the past four or five days to give you all the ammunition you need to turn the tables on a rival. In general, you're in a strong personal position, mainly because you'll be taking sensible safeguards.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Workmates may be in an obstructive mood, yet now that you've come this far, I think that the prospects for financial advances are excellent. It may, though, be necessary to give before you are entitled to receive, and you may have to ask for a favour before you grant one.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You're busy enough, but an additional factor to consider this week, on top of those we have already mentioned, is the important role to be played by friends and associates. The one question to be answered is why certain people are so reluctant to be pinned down.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Relief comes later on in the form of heightened support from people who will encourage you to see the best and look on the bright side. Relationships with children and younger relatives will improve, and partners will like you all the more if you sit down and listen to them - whether you're interested or not.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Your mood will change before long. In some respects it may be a case of out of the frying pan into the fire, yet, if you value the stimulation offered by a fresh challenge, you could have a thoroughly worthwhile time. If you opt for a quiet life you may miss out on a major opportunity.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

To continue with our occasional financial theme, there is no reason why you cannot deal with problems by throwing money at them. In other words, why not spend your way to happiness? A shopping binge is just what you need. It's all down to Venus, by the way, a helpful planet if ever there was one.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

In spite of appearances to the contrary, you do have a fair degree of influence at home. It may be time to inject a dose of humour into the proceedings. In times to come, you will look back and laugh at current fiascos without feeling the need to blame yourself, or others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

If you are to maximise your financial advantage, all that is needed is a careful hand. You should begin to think about breaking a tie or association which has failed to bear fruit. But you need to set yourself free without stirring up a can of worms, if you know what I mean.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

It seems to you that people you were relying on have not done their best. Someone may have stepped out of line, perhaps with no justification whatsoever. Your task is to respond to all transgressions in the most appropriate manner, which may be to be generous, open and ready to forgive.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

One point in your favour is your skill at putting over your point of view or telling a tall story. It seems to me that other people should be turning to you for your diplomatic gifts if they know what's good for them. You could probably earn a mint as a sales-person.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You're really untoppable at the moment. Virtually every planet is solidly lined up in your support, so any mistakes must be put down to your natural Piscean ineptitude rather than to adverse celestial conditions. Hopefully partners will make allowances for you.

PLAYING TONIGHT

Athletics: Diamond League Finals, 5pm, Sports18
Asia Cup: India vs Afghanistan, 730pm, Star Sports Network
UEFA Europa League: 10.15pm: FC Zurich vs Arsenal; 12.30am: Man United vs Real Sociedad, Sony Sports Network

BRIEFLY

AFC Cup: ATK Mohun Bagan lose 1-3 to Kuala Lumpur City

Kolkata: ATK Mohun Bagan's attacking frailties were badly exposed as they suffer a 1-3 defeat to Kuala Lumpur City FC in the inter-zone semifinal match of the AFC Cup here on Wednesday. KL City FC's Brazilian captain Paulo Josue struck once (60th) and set up another for substitute Fakrul Aiman (90+3) with a brilliant free-kick. Colombian forward Romel Morales came off the bench to hit the final nail in Mohun Bagan's coffin (90+6) at the Salt Lake Stadium here. Mohun Bagan equalised in the 90th minute through substitute Fardin Ali Molla but they later crumbled in front of home supporters.

Anupama is new Jr World No. 1 shuttler

New Delhi: Anupama Upadhyaya has become only the second Indian shuttler in under-19 girls singles category to win the top title in the latest BWF Junior rankings. The 17-year-old from Panchkula, who had claimed junior international titles in Uganda and Poland earlier this year, replaced fellow Indian Tasnim Mir from the top position on Tuesday. She has jumped two places to grab the pole position with 18,060 points from 18 tournaments and is one of the four girls who figure in the Top 10 of the junior rankings. Three other Indian female shuttlers in the Top 10 are Tasnim Mir (number 2) and two 14-year-olds — Anwesha Gowda (number 6) and Unnati Hooda (number 9). Overall, Anupama is only the sixth Indian shuttler to top the junior rankings.

Indian women blank Pakistan 3-0

New Delhi: Defending champions India blanked Pakistan 3-0 to make a winning start to their campaign at the SAFF Women's Championship at the Dasarath Stadium in Kathmandu here on Wednesday. The win extended India's unbeaten run to 27 matches in the Championship. An own goal from rival captain Maria Jamil Khan, and an opportunistic strike from Dangmei Grace in the first-half effectively settled the issue in favour of India. A late goal from Soumya Gaguloth completed the rout in added time.

FIH team inspects World Cup stadium

Rourkela: A high-level team of hockey officials visited the under-construction stadium in Odisha's Rourkela on Wednesday to take stock of the situation ahead of the men's world cup next year. The team, comprising members of the International Hockey Federation and Hockey India, expressed satisfaction with the progress of work at the Birsu Munda Hockey Stadium. They also inaugurated a practice centre in the complex of the country's largest hockey stadium and inspected the activities going on at Rourkela Airport, which will be used as a transit hub for the players, staff and others. The visit came a day before the scheduled draw of the Men's Hockey World Cup, which will be hosted jointly by Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13-29. The state is hosting the event for the second time in a row after hosting it in 2018.

PRESSTrust OF INDIA

Pakistan break Afghanistan hearts, knock India out of Asia Cup

SANDIP G
SEPTEMBER 7

NO TEAM can do without drama in this Asia Cup. A fourth successive game was decided in the last over. After Pakistan had restricted Afghanistan to 129/6, the match seemed sewn up, the Sunday seemed all set for a Pakistan-Sri Lanka final. But there was a twist, rather a series of twists before Pakistan sneaked into the final with a one-wicket win over a defiant Afghanistan, whose players were reduced to tears.

When Asif Ali departed in the last ball of the 19th over, Pakistan's hopes were snuffed out. They were down to the last pair—Naseem Shah and Mohammad Haseeb, who had a combined tally of five T20 international runs. But Naseem pummelled the first two balls of Fazalhaq Farooqi's last over for sixes to wrap an unforgettable victory for Pakistan. The first ball was an intended yorker that turned out to be a full toss. With a fluid bat-swing, he swung it over long-off.

The second stroke was a replica—a missed yorker and a neat blow over long-off. Afghanistan captain would later say that his instruction was to either bowl a yorker or slow bouncer and Farooqi chose yorker but couldn't land them.

But in the first place, Pakistan had little business being in this heart-pounding juncture but for their own self-impulsive traits. The chase was flowing smoothly at eighty seven for three in 15.2 overs, after weathering a bumpy start, when Iftikhar Ahmed departed and they lost six wickets for 23 runs, sparking hopes of a famous upset win that would have kept both India and Pakistan in the hunt.

The key protagonists were Shadab Khan and Mohammad Nawaz. Both bowl spin, can bat and are terrific fielders, but those virtues of similar hues have often pitted them as suitors for the same spot, not only in Pakistan's white ball sides but also when they were together in Pakistan A side and even with the Edmonton Royals, a club in Canada. Nonetheless, they are good friends, collabo-

SUPER 4 STANDINGS

Team	M	W	L	N/R	Pts
Sri Lanka	2	2	0	0	4
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	4
India	2	0	2	0	0
Afghanistan	2	0	2	0	0

rators and in this Asia Cup, their side's tag-team destroyers, bagging more than half of the wickets Pakistan have managed in this tournament.

Paragons of thriftiness

Between them, they have nabbed 15 wickets; the four fast bowlers just 12. The pair has been paragons of thriftiness—Shadab has conceded 5.79 while Nawaz's corresponding figure is 6.29. On the other hand, the pacers have bled an average of nearly eight runs an over.

At one stage Afghanistan were 34/0 in 3.5 overs, before they lost the openers

Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Hazratullah Zaza. Immediately, Babar introduced his spinners, whose primary virtue is control. Loose balls are rare, semi-rare balls are rarer, they are at you all the time, changing their trajectories, mixing their pace, slipping in their variations. They pile on pressure, they kick in desperation, they make batsmen embrace high-risk strokes. As Karim Janat would testify, After Nawaz had galled and locked-up, he attempted the jailbreak. His last resort—a slog sweep, to which he could barely impart a decent connection.

In the same vein, Shadab terminated Najibullah Zardan, who had smacked him over midwicket. Shadab responded with his full repertoire of leg-breaks and googlies and eventually nailed him with his quicker, seam-up full ball that clocked 110kph, which Zardan mistimed to long-on.

Unlike the standard googly-spewing leg-spinners you find in the T20 circuit, Shadab trusts his leg-break, bowls it more often. There are PSL reels of his giving Babar Azam a mini Gattling-Warne moment,

when he made a ball hiss past the bat to flick the off-stump. The googly too turns when he gives it an extra rip. Besides these variations, he bowls seam-up deliveries that purchase subtle in-swing as well as yorkers. On Wednesday, his speed ranged from 77 to 115 kph.

Nawaz too lavishly tosses the ball up, when he needs to, gets the ball spin away from the right-hander and possesses the arm-ball, both the flat quick one as well as the one that floats. Like Shadab, he is skilled at bowling seam up and yorkers. Not surprisingly, they stick together on the field.

Their batting too have been resourceful in the tournament—as significant as Nawaz's 20-ball 32 was Shadab's 26-ball 36. But how this tournament continues to throw up twists, turns and drama.

BRIEF SCORES: Afghanistan 129 for 6 in 20 overs (Ibrahim Zadran 35; Haris Rauf 2/26) lost to Pakistan 131 for 9 in 19.2 overs (Shadab Khan 36, Iftikhar Ahmed 30; Fazalhaq Farooqi 3/31, Fareed Ahmad 3/31, Rashid Khan 2/25) by 1 wicket

India's jigsaw still a puzzle

Ahead of the World Cup, the Men in Blue find themselves in a state of flux in key departments: fast bowling, spin, finishers



EXPRESS IN UAE

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IN SEARCH of perfection, India have stumbled on imperfections. After months of experimenting, the Asia Cup was supposedly the final piece in the jigsaw before the World Cup next month. A time to stop the year-long experimenting spree, to lay down the blueprint that would define them, to iron out the remaining glitches, polish the tactics, fine-tune the combinations, a fortnight to get into tournament groove, nail down a fixed, viable eleven and reflect on how far they have progressed from the early exit in the previous World Cup on these same shores.

There was faith and hope, joy and belief, as they landed in Dubai between seven of their last seven series. But in the duration of three days, in the space of two Super Four defeats in the Asia Cup, India's flaws and failings have been exposed.

DK or Pant? Bishnoi or Chahal?

The middle order looks as uncertain as they are unsettled. After all the elaborate and extended shuffling of the personnel, they are inconclusive whether to pick Dinesh Karthik or Deepak Hooda, where Rishabh Pant should bat, at five or six, or whether he should be in the playing eleven at all? Or who among Karthik and Pant offers more fire-power.

They don't know who their best spinners are, Ravi Bishnoi or Ravi Ashwin or Yuzvendra Chahal? They don't know who the best death bowlers are—Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh or Avesh Khan.

Some of their worries would be allayed by the return of Jasprit Bumrah, Harshal Patel, but not all. Bumrah cannot alone provide the incision at the top and rattle at the death, just as Patel alone cannot snuff out the wickets at the death. And Patel, let it not be forgotten, is still treading the incipient stage of his career.

There have been days when he has bled plenty too. On wickets where the ball holds up, he has the game to ace it but on flatter



India have some tough decisions to make before next month's T20 World Cup. AP

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true tracks, can one say, as yet, that he has the answers?

Where are the bowling options?

In any case, a team should have a variety of bowlers able to perform a variety of roles. For instance, Pakistan could pick any one from Naseem Shah, Mohammad Haseeb and Haris Rauf to pick the new ball or bowl at the death overs. The depth is fearsome if you add Shaheen Shah Afridi and Shahinawaz Dahani. Or Australia, who could just summon any of Josh Hazlewood, Mitchell Starc or Pat Cummins to deputise any role, be it early wickets, middle-overs choke or death-over kill. But India have fundamental fault lines.

Bhuvneshwar has been as lethal as ever with new ball but when he endured a one bad day, as it unravelled against Sri Lanka, there was no one to make up for him, no one to stand up and seize the day. And as evolved a death bowler he has become, the lack of pure pace does not make him as feared as Bumrah or Afridi. Both against Pakistan and Sri Lanka, his 19th over proved costly. Against the latter, he leaked 14; against the former 19. The idea was to use him, the most experienced and skilled bowler in the team, in the 19th over so that Arshdeep would have more runs to defend. Turned out to be the exact opposite. Bhuvneshwar's tactics at times were strange, his field placements easily conveyed his intentions. In both instances, it became a matter of just taking the chase to the death overs, and latching onto Bhuvneshwar, Arshdeep and Pant, who again is a better new-ball and middle-over bowler than a death-over destroyer. Even if this was India's second-rung bowling, their flatness was appalling.

Over-reliance on Bumrah

It also prompts this eventuality—what if Bumrah gets injured? The alternatives are the likes of Avesh and Arshdeep.

This could be potentially India's undoing in the World Cup in Australia—only Bumrah among this group, which both Rahul Dravid and Rohit Sharma say would remain more or less the same for the World Cup, has the virtues of pace, aggression and craft to make

a difference in the last four overs.

Even Patel, crafty as he is, could be lined up for big blows, like when the Irish batsmen tore into him in Dublin (4-0-54-0), or the Sri Lankans in Dharamshala (4-0-52-1). To think that the team management pencilled in on this group after extensive auditioning—from Mohammad Siraj to Mohammad Shami and Umran Malik and Avesh Khan—baffles the mind. The question that a journalist asked Rahul Dravid—whether Pakistan's bowling attack is smoother—looks more relevant now than when it was asked.

Experimentation or just a spin?

In hindsight, the experimenting spree strikes hollow. Some of the frequent changes were due to injuries, illnesses and workload management, but both the coach and captain had admitted in the past that they were trying out different personnel to figure out the best possible combination. The more matches they have played the more confused they have looked. Too many matches—between the last World Cup and Asia Cup, they have played twenty eight games, more than any other team in the world—seem to have distorted the vision forward. Or rather, they have just helped in cluttering the formulas and strategies.

Experiments can indeed misfire, go askance, can consume time, but you cannot be experimenting for an eternity, not least when the World Cup is next month. Not when you are playing in a multi-team tournament, when all other teams are fielding their best combination. But Sharma defended the tactics. "When you talk about experiments, yes, we wanted to try out certain things. If you look at the combination we have been playing before the start of the Asia Cup, it was with four seamers, two spinners and the second spinner was an allrounder. I always wanted to try and find answers as to what happens if you play with three seamers and two spinners, and the third spinner being an allrounder," he elaborated. All these are fine, but two months before the World Cup.

The pieces of the jigsaw puzzle now are disarrayed and disarranged. Ironically, the one unfitting block—the top three—had fitted in perfectly. Along with the insuperable Suryakumar Yadav, they look India's strongest suit. The lower middle order is less so. Hardik Pandya could be a 4-5-6 floater, but there is no clarity regarding where Pant should bat. Should he come ahead of Pandya or below him? The Pant-versus-Karthik debate rages on too. If KL Rahul fails more, then Pant would be talked up for that role too.

To muddy the muddled waters, they have thrown Deepak Hooda into the mix. What is

his identity—spinner-allrounder? But he has bowled just 30 balls in 11 games. Or is he being groomed as a finisher? If so, is he not redundant, as they already have Pant and Pandya? He seems bogus, and a more like-for-like replacement for the injured Jadeja was Axar Patel. The more answers you seek, the more questions that confound you.

Curious case of R Ashwin

Axar is among the six spinners India have played in the last 15 games. Jadeja-Chahal seemed the preferred combination, but Jadeja's knee injury and Chahal's inconsistency has warranted a rethink. Ravi Ashwin's case is baffling. Since his T20 comeback last year, he has maintained a thrifty economy rate of 5.75, while taking nine wickets in eight games. Yet, he is not an automatic choice. Dravid reasoned it during a press conference: "The fact is that



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the wrist-spinners can spin it both ways, doesn't expose them to the left-handers or the right-handers as much as the finger spinners." But against Sri Lanka, with a left-hand heavy middle-order, he sacrificed Ravi Bishnoi for Ashwin. For a long time, India had made their wrist-spin fixation clear.

Against a torrent of questions on over-experimenting as well as the twin defeats, Sharma put on a tranquil face. "Yes, there are a lot of questions we need to answer, and along the way, in the three-four series we've played, we have found some answers. There will be a time where we will draw a line and say, 'this is the combination we want to play for the World Cup.' After this, we have two more series and then the World Cup. Till our squad is announced, we can try out a few players," he said. The quest for perfection continued, even if time is fast running out.

Khachanov stops Kyrgios in 5 sets, to face Ruud in semifinals of US Open

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KAREN KHACHANOV stood on court, arms raised, basking in a rowdy crowd's cheers after reaching his first Grand Slam semifinal at the US Open. Not far away, Nick Kyrgios took out some of his frustration at the so-close-yet-so-far result on a pair of rackets.

First, shortly after the last point of his 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, 6-7 (3), 6-4 loss to Khachanov, Kyrgios cracked his piece of equipment against the ground—once, twice, three, four times. Then, for good measure, Kyrgios grabbed yet another racket out of his bag, reared back and hit that one on the sideline, too.

Kyrgios could not quite follow up his victory over defending champion Daniil Medvedev at Flushing Meadows, bowing out in a high-quality, topsy-turvy quarterfinal that began Tuesday night and concluded more than 3 1/2 hours later at about 1 a.m. Wednesday in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"It's just devastating. Like, it's heart-breaking," said Kyrgios, a 27-year-old from Australia who was the runner-up at Wimbledon in July. "Pretty much every other tournament during the year is a waste of

time, really. You should just run up and show up at a Grand Slam. That's what you're remembered by." Asked about Kyrgios' display of disappointment, Khachanov said he saw "rackets were flying," and added: "I feel the pain for him." Early in the match, two spectators were kicked out after one gave the other a haircut in the stands. By the end, the late-staying spectators were pulling for Kyrgios loudly. At one point in the fourth set, chair umpire James Keothavong pleaded: "Once again, ladies and gentlemen: Respect both the players." "I was prepared. I was expecting that the crowd would be more for him, that he was the favorite in their eyes," said the No. 27-seeded Khachanov had been 0-2 in major quarterfinals before this one against No. 23 Kyrgios.

Khachanov will face No. 5 Casper Ruud on Friday for a berth in the championship match. "I'm really proud of myself," Khachanov said. "I was really focused from the beginning to the end." Both he and Kyrgios are equipped with booming serves, and they combined for 61 aces (31 by Kyrgios). They combined for 138 total winners (75 by Kyrgios).

Two stats that were real difference-makers: Kyrgios made 58 unforced errors,



Nick Kyrgios smashes his racquet in frustration against Karen Khachanov. Reuters

Khachanov 31. And Khachanov saved 7 of 9 break points he faced. The breakthrough at Wimbledon, and two recent victories over No. 1 Medvedev—including in the fourth

round, ending his title defense—made Kyrgios a popular pick to claim his first Grand Slam title at Flushing Meadows.

Khachanov was not allowed to play at

Quarterfinal results

Men's singles: Casper Ruud (5), Norway, def. Matteo Berrettini (13), Italy, 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (4); Karen Khachanov (27), Russia, def. Nick Kyrgios (23), Australia, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, 6-7 (3), 6-4
Women's singles: Ons Jabeur (5), Tunisia, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (4); Caroline Garcia (17), France, def. Coco Gauff (12), United States, 6-3, 6-4

Wimbledon this year after the All England Club banned all players from his country, Russia, and Belarus because of the invasion of Ukraine. Against Kyrgios, he picked up key breaks of serve in the last game of the first and third sets. After the opener, Kyrgios complained of a sore knee and was visited by a trainer. He did not appear to show any ill effects once play resumed, and broke early in the second.

Unsportsmanlike conduct

Kyrgios had a chance to break again at 4-all in the third, but couldn't convert, flubbing a

forehand, then spiked his racket. Two games later, he put a backhand into the net to drop that set, then sat in his changeover chair, dumped his racket and threw a drink, drawing a warning for unsportsmanlike conduct from Keothavong. Khachanov came within two points of victory while ahead 6-5 as Kyrgios served in the fourth set. Kyrgios held on there and dominated the ensuing tiebreaker to force a fifth. Then Khachanov broke to begin the last set, soon was up 3-1 and was on his way. "The deeper you go, the expectations rise up," he said. "I did a step forward." In Wednesday's quarterfinals, it'll be No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz vs. No. 11 Janik Sinner, and No. 9 Andrey Rublev vs. No. 22 Frances Tiafoe.

None of the last eight men in the bracket has won a major title. Ruud headed into the 2022 season with just one Grand Slam appearance that lasted as far as the fourth round anywhere and was determined to improve his record at the four most important events in tennis. Then, a day before the Australian Open began in January, he twisted his ankle in practice and needed to withdraw. Hardly ideal. Just look at him now: Ruud is into the semifinals at the US Open and has a shot at moving up to No. 1 in the ATP rankings, following a run to the final at the French Open.



Confederation of Indian Industry

Meeting of Select CEOs with H E Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh

Partnering for New Frontiers: Emerging Stronger Together



Bangladesh has the most liberal investment regime in the region with wide array of facilities, attractive incentive policies, and consistent reforms. At present, 100 Special Economic Zones and 28 High-Tech Parks are being established for diversity of industry, employment, production and export. For the Indian investors, two dedicated Special Economic Zones at Mongla and Mirsarai were being developed. I would urge the business houses present here today to invest there. It would further pave the way to harness the goodwill of the two friendly countries, and bring economic prosperity to the region.

H E Sheikh Hasina

Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh



Bilateral trade in the recent past has witnessed a quantum jump. Exports from Bangladesh, for the first time, have touched USD 2 billion this year. India is now the largest export destination for Bangladesh in Asia. There are several sectors of potential cooperation between India and Bangladesh which include fashion fiber and design, handicrafts and handloom, food processing, agro commodities, etc.

Shri G. Kishan Reddy

Hon'ble Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Tourism and Culture, Government of India

H E Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh, interacted with top industry leaders at an exclusive meeting organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on September 7 in New Delhi, during her visit to India.

During the meet, the Hon'ble Prime Minister urged Indian businesses to expand their investments in Bangladesh across diverse sectors, for strengthening economic ties and enhancing prosperity between the two nations. She also emphasized that the unique location of Bangladesh enabled the country to export to many countries including India, Nepal, Bhutan, etc.

Other speakers who shared their views at the meet included Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Development of North-Eastern Region, Tourism and Culture, Government of India; Mr Sanjiv Bajaj, President, Confederation of Indian Industry; Mr Md. Jashim Uddin, President, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII.

The speakers highlighted several potential areas of collaboration between the two sides in sectors such as handicrafts and handloom, food processing, agro commodities and new and emerging technologies including nanotechnology, robotics, IoT, Cyber security and AI, among others. They also underscored the strong ties in trade and connectivity between India and Bangladesh, and agreed that current initiatives and agreements hold great potential for the future growth and development of the region.

India-Bangladesh trade in the recent past has witnessed a huge increase with India being Bangladesh's second largest trade partner. India is Bangladesh's largest export market in Asia with exports from Bangladesh touching USD 2 billion for the first time this year. Bilateral trade has grown almost 44% in FY 2021-22 to US\$ 18.3 bn.

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Bangladesh and India are closely linked through history, through our culture, language and our institutions. We are two countries that offer growth and stability. Further, we welcome the initiative of entering into a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement that also includes trade in services, investment promotion & technological cooperation.

Sanjiv Bajaj

President, CII and Chairman and Managing Director Bajaj Finserv Limited



Bangladesh is modernizing the business environment through digitalization, quality infrastructural development, efficient logistic sector, diversification of energy and power sector etc., to facilitate business and has become a role model for inclusive development and climate change.

Md. Jashim Uddin

President, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry



We are invested in Bangladesh and have set up two-wheeler facility and are looking forward to working with Government of Bangladesh. We are looking at partnerships in logistics.

R Dinesh

President Designate, CII & Executive Vice Chairman TVS Supply Chain Solutions Limited



We believe that sectors such as Construction & Infrastructure, Railways, Water & Waste Management, Energy including Renewables, Automobiles, Logistics, Food processing, IT & Innovation have huge investment potential in Bangladesh and with the encouragement of H E Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Indian industry is set to expand its presence in Bangladesh. CII would also be opening its new overseas office in Dhaka.

Chandrajit Banerjee

Director General, CII