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HARASSMENT CASE

Police reinstate husband, kin of CJI complainant

She alleged Delhi Police suspended them because of her complaint; inquiry is still on, says Additional CP

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

THE HUSBAND and brother-in-law of the woman who had accused Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi of sexual harassment have been reinstated as head constables in the Delhi Police — more than four months after they were suspended.

"The suspension order has been revoked. Both of them have been reinstated last week but the departmental inquiry against them is still pending," Additional Commissioner of Police (Delhi Armed police) C K Mein confirmed to *The Indian Express*. Asked why was the order revoked, Mein declined to comment.

In an affidavit, the woman had alleged that the two men were suspended soon after her termination as a Supreme Court staffer.

In her 28-page complaint dated April 19, the woman alleged that on October 10 and October 11, 2018, the CJI made sexual advances in his residence office, where she was posted, and touched her inappropriately.

She claimed that she was transferred multiple times after the alleged incident, and on December 21, 2018, she was suspended from service in connection with an inquiry initiated against her for questioning the decisions of senior officers regarding change of her postings and for taking leave without authorisation.

In response to the woman's allegations, CJI Gogoi had said: "This is unbelievable. I should not stoop low even in denying it... There has to be a bigger, bigger force behind this."

A Crime Branch officer had earlier told *The Indian Express* that the woman's husband and brother-in-law were facing departmental inquiries — the former for allegedly calling the CJI's office, and the latter for allegedly concealing a 2015 police complaint against him over "unruly behaviour". The Crime Branch officer had said that a joint inquiry had been ordered against the two men and they had been suspended — both on December 28, 2018.

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'ONE COUNTRY, ONE ELECTION' AT ALL-PARTY MEETING

PM will form panel to look into simultaneous polls in country

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the all-party meeting in New Delhi, Wednesday. *Renuka Puri*

21 of 40 invited parties attend meeting, 3 send letters; Congress, TMC, DMK, BSP, SP among those who boycotted

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Wednesday said a committee will be formed to examine threadbare the issue of 'One Country, One Election', and come up with suggestions in a time-bound manner.

The issue of simultaneous polls to Lok Sabha and state assemblies was one of five items discussed at an all-party meeting Wednesday. It was attended by presidents and chiefs of 21 of 40 parties invited to the meeting. Three parties, TDP, AAP and AIADMK, sent their comments through letters while NDA partner Shiv Sena did not attend because it was busy with its Foundation Day Wednesday.

Those who boycotted the meeting included Congress president Rahul Gandhi, TMC leader and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, BSP chief Mayawati, SP president Akhilesh Yadav and DMK president M K Stalin.

After the meeting, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said: "All

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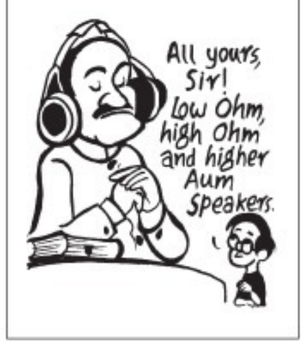

At a dam site in parched Beed in Marathwada. *Amit Chakravarty*

Zero rabi crop, bone dry wells, serial hunger strikes in despair

In Beed, groundwater down 3 metres from 5-year average for Marathwada

KAVITHA IYER
BEED, MUMBAI, JUNE 19

NOT A DROP
MAHARASHTRA

TWICE OVER the last six months, residents of Chaklamba village in Beed district's Georai taluka have gone on a relay hunger strike in 43-degree temperatures, spending scorching afternoons in the shade of a flimsy cloth tent on the outskirts of the village, a banner behind them stating their demands. During February's 12-day hunger strike, the mood was still hopeful. Then April rolled around and the step-well located on Satish Patil's land, a century-old structure that had never failed the village, ran dry.

When villagers decided to undertake a second hunger strike by the end of May, it was once again to press for a sub-canal from the Jayakwadi dam to serve their farmland. But this time, the protestors were despairing at local officials' disinterest. "Every well has run dry here, there is not a single source of water for the crop. If we don't get substantial rain, we cannot

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JUSTICES V Ramasubramanian and R S Chauhan were Wednesday appointed Chief Justices of the High Courts of Himachal Pradesh and Telangana respectively after the government cleared their elevation.

With this, three of the four names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium on May 10 have been cleared by the government — Justice D N Patel was named Chief Justice of Delhi High Court on May 22.

The government is still to decide on the fourth recommendation — the Collegium decision to elevate Justice Akil Kureshi as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court. The most senior judge of the parent High Court of Gujarat, he is currently with the Bombay High Court.

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Now track your stolen mobile: Govt ready to roll out IMEI database

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

IN A bid to curtail the rampant cloning and theft of mobile phones across the country, the Telecom Ministry is ready to roll out a Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) — a database of IMEIs, the 15-digit numbers that uniquely identify each mobile device.

Once implemented in the coming weeks, consumers in India whose mobile phones are lost or stolen can inform the Department of Telecom (DoT) via a helpline number after filing a report with police. The DoT can then blacklist the IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) number, effectively blocking the mobile device from accessing any cellular network in the future. Alongside

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EXPLAINED

Another tool with data safety task

WHILE THE primary aim of the register is to discourage the theft of mobile phones since those devices with IMEIs in blacklist won't be allowed to operate, the creation of such a database is also expected to aid the interception of mobile phones by law enforcement agencies. This will put the onus of ensuring that data is not misused on the government.

Gujarat: Dalit dy sarpanch waited for security, killed by suspected upper caste men

GOPAL KATESHIYA
RAJKOT, JUNE 19

Solanki had survived 4 previous attacks

MANJI SOLANKI, a Dalit deputy sarpanch of a village in Gujarat, whose application for police security was pending for almost two weeks, was murdered, allegedly by a group of men from upper-caste Kshatriya community on Wednesday.

From Jalila village in Ranpur taluka of Botad district, Manji was riding his motorcycle when it was knocked down by a car whose occupants then beat him up with clubs and iron pipes, said Manji's son Tushar Solanki. He died en route to a hospital in Ahmedabad.

R N Nakum, Deputy Superintendent of Police of Botad division, which covers Ranpur, said information shared by the victim's family about the sequence of events appeared plausible. "We have sent a team to Ahmedabad to collect information and then register an offence. But the crime scene suggests that what the victim's family is saying looks prima facie true," Nakum said.

Botad Superintendent of Police Harshad Mehta told *The Indian Express* that Manji did make a representation to his office on June 6. "He had approached us with a request to give him personal security officers. As part of the due process, the police station concerned was undertaking a threat assessment," he said, adding that the Dalit family did not have any police protection as of Wednesday.

This is the third incident in less than a month in the

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Lacks rigour, simplistic: PM advisory team rejects ex-CEA GDP downgrade

Choice of indicators, overlooking tax data among flaws: PMEAC

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

He cut GDP growth estimate by 2.5 pc points

EIGHT DAYS after former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian wrote in *The Indian Express* about his new research that the country's growth has been overestimated by around 2.5 percentage points between 2011-12 and 2016-17, the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister Wednesday issued a 12-page note to rebut it.

Rejecting the findings, the contributors of the note Bibek Debroy, Rathin Roy, Surjit Bhalla, Charan Singh and Arvind Virmani wrote: "Having closely read the paper and taking into account all information available until June 19, 2019, the primary contributors of this note reject the author's methodology, arguments and conclusions in the said paper."

The note said that while a critique of official GDP estimates must specifically critique coverage or methodology, "the author does neither".

While Subramanian had said that the motivation of his paper was not political and was focused on technical aspects, the

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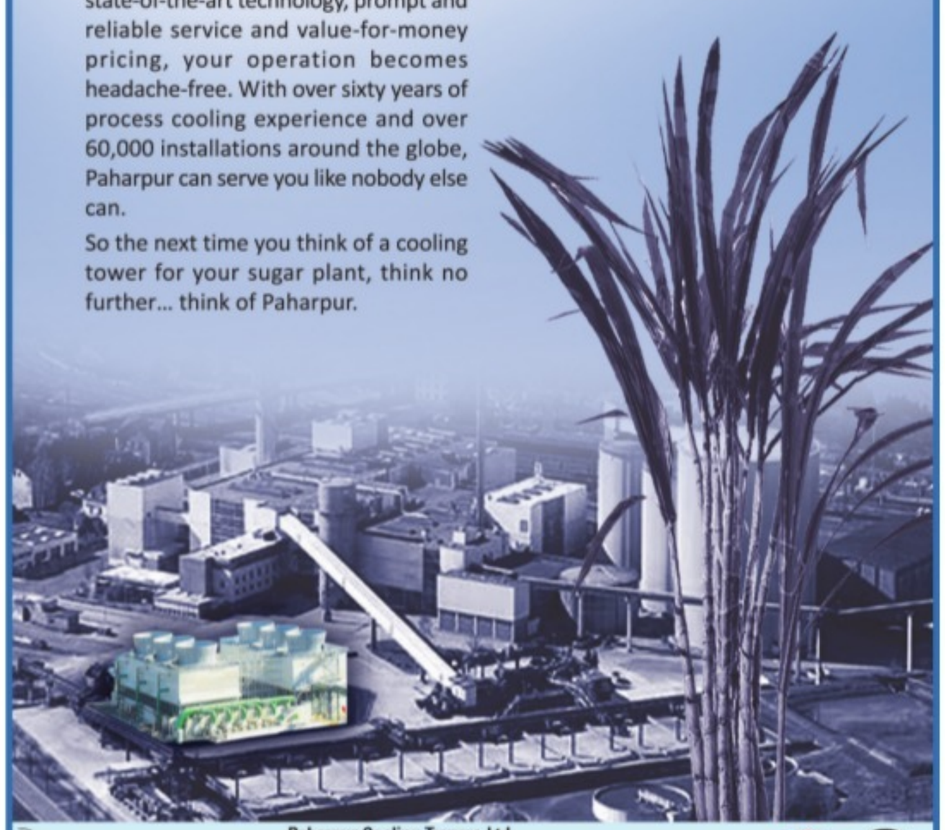

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Bihar starts socio-economic mapping of AES-affected families as toll reaches 114

SANTOSH SINGH
MUZAFFARPUR, JUNE 19

AS THE toll due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) rose to 114 in Muzaffarpur district, the Bihar government has ordered a socio-economic survey of over 450 people whose children have either been affected by or died of the disease.

State Chief Secretary Deepak Kumar has directed Jeevika workers to conduct the survey days after Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said that a socio-economic survey of the families affected and the sanitation status of the AES-hit areas could help find a long-term solution to the disease. Saraiya, Minapur, Mushahari and Kanti are worst AES-hit blocks of Muzaffarpur district.

At Ground Zero in Muzaffarpur, *The Indian Express* found that families battling the outbreak are struggling to cope — from a seven-year-old who died en route to a bigger hospital too far away to a father looking for daily-wage work to feed his

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In J&K, administration goes to the doorstep: 4,500 officers to spend time in villages — among people

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BASHAARAT MASOOD & ARUN SHARMA
SRINAGAR, JAMMU, JUNE 19

FROM THE arid mountains of Damchok on the India-China border to the precincts of terraneous Teetwal, right on the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara, and R S Pura on the border between India and Pakistan, about 4,500 officers of the Jammu and Kashmir state administration will take governance to the doorsteps of people beginning Thursday.

In a massive outreach programme 'Back to the Village', bureaucrats across the hierarchy — from Principal Secretaries to entry-level gazetted officers — will visit every panchayat of the state, stay overnight and spend two days listening to peoples' grievances and their needs. The programme will last for a week beginning June 20. Officers will participate in various activities in the village and the panchayat during the period.

"It is a unique and ambitious initiative, the first of its kind in Jammu and Kashmir. We have 4,483 panchayats in the State and every panchayat will be attended to by a gazetted officer," said Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring.

Back to Village awareness programme in Bandipora. *Express*

"This is probably for the first time that such a large number of officers are going to every nook and corner of the State and will stay with the people," he said.

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Sanjeev Verma, said the state has suffered hugely since the connect between officials and the people has broken over the years due to security reasons and also because of the difficult mountainous terrain. The feedback obtained from villagers will help tailor Central and state government schemes based on their needs, he said, adding that the occasion will

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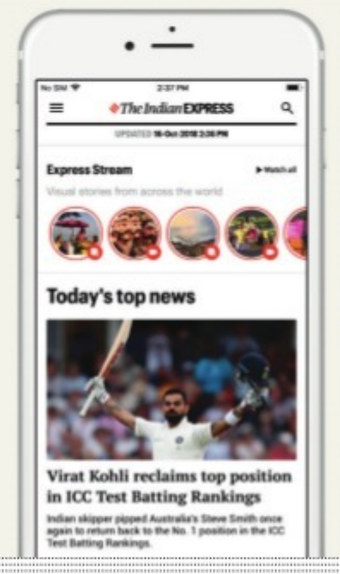

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His election as Speaker was certain given the numbers of the ruling NDA in the House

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ONE NATION, ONE POLL
Prime Minister Modi's all-party meeting begins, some leaders give it a miss

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In today's episode of 3 Things, we talk about why some leaders skipped the one nation, one poll meeting, how Dhawan's absence will affect the Indian team and AES toll

Two-year-old girl falls into cauldron of curry, dies

Lucknow: A 'Tilak' ceremony celebration turned tragic when a two-year-old girl after she fell into a cauldron filled with hot curry in Kannauj on Tuesday.

The girl, Palak, was reportedly playing where food was being prepared and fell into a cauldron, police said. No police case was registered. "The incident reportedly occurred in Hathin village. It appears that no one saw the girl when she reached near the pot.. The girl was taken to a hospital where she died during treatment," said Chhabaramau police station in-charge, Balram Mishra. **ENS**

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also provide an opportunity to village panchayats come up with area specific schemes for development of their villages.

"The officers will then submit a report to the concerned district administrations for redressal of the grievances," said a press statement by the government. As part of the initiative, the government officers will visit over 7,000 villages spread across 4,483 panchayats in the state, with nodal officers supervising the initative.

The statement said, "The ambitious programme has four main goals: energising panchayats, collecting feedback on delivery of government schemes and programmes, capturing specific economic potential, and undertaking assessment of needs of villages."

Reinstated

When he was asked about the timing of the suspension of the two men, DCP (New Delhi) Madhur Verma had told *The Indian Express* in April: "There is no link between the departmental inquiry (against the two men) and the woman's case."

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, the woman's brother-in-law confirmed that both he and his brother had been reinstated. "We were reinstated a few days ago and now we hope they will also close our departmental inquiry as we are innocent... My brother is currently in Mumbai with his wife for her ear treatment." The woman's husband told *The Indian Express*: "I am not aware of the development as I am on leave."

Usually when a police officer is placed under suspension, the officer gets half his salary and has to report to the district lines every day but is not given any work. After the suspension order is revoked, the officer is again given full salary and put back on the job. A final call, however, is taken based on the findings of the departmental inquiry.

The Indian Express had earlier reported about departmental inquiries against the two men:

- On December 17, 2018, the woman's husband was transferred from the Special Branch to the Third Battalion, based on an order sent by ACP headquarters. Four days after he was suspended, on January 2, 2019, a departmental inquiry was started against him. "It has been learnt that you are making unsolicited calls to the office of CJI. Therefore you are warned henceforth you will not make any calls to the said office," the order from January 2, 2019, issued by the DCP (Third Battalion), read. On February 26, 2019, he was transferred to Second Battalion of Delhi Armed Police.
- On January 9, in an order issued by DCP (Third Battalion), it was alleged that the woman's husband approached the SHO of Tilak Nagar police station and another head constable to allow a gambling racket to run in the locality. "The above act of the head constable is not conducive to the environment of a residential colony. These kind of activities may bring a bad name to Delhi Police," the order read. The order also made a mention of a now quashed 2012 case against the woman's husband and her brother-in-law.
- The brother-in-law is with the Second Battalion. He was suspended for allegedly concealing details of a past criminal case.

On May 6, concluding it "found no substance" in her allegations, the In-House Inquiry Committee gave Justice Gogoi a clean chit in an ex parte report in sealed cover.

The committee, comprising Justices S A Bobde, Indira Banerjee and Indu Malhotra, wrapped up the inquiry in sittings over four days: three days were devoted to the questioning and recording the statement of the woman complainant who withdrew from the proceedings on the third day, April 30, saying she was being denied access to a lawyer and was "not likely to get justice from this committee", and the fourth day had the CJI appearing before the panel.

The committee report was submitted to Justice Arun Mishra who is No. 4 in seniority after CJI Gogoi, Justice Bobde and Justice N V Ramana. The report was not submitted to Justice Ramana who, after being named to the committee, recused himself once the complainant raised reservations over his inclusion. In a statement, the woman had responded that "my worst fears have come true" and "am highly disappointed and dejected to learn that the In-House Committee 'has found no substance' in my complaint and feel that gross injustice has been done to me as a woman citizen of India".

Panel for simultaneous polls to be setup

the parties present supported the idea. CPM and CPI opposed it only on the question of how it can be done. No one has opposed the idea itself. We take differences of opinion also very seriously and value such comments. The PM has decided to form a committee and that committee will take into consideration all these things."

He said the Prime Minister, in his opening remarks at meeting, described the agenda items as "not the government's agenda" but the "nation's agenda". The other items on the agenda were: Ways to Improve productivity of Parliament; building a New India in the 75th year of Independence; programme and commitments to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary; and, development of aspirational districts.

In a tweet later, Modi said: "Had a great meeting with Presidents of various political parties. Multiple issues of national importance were discussed. I thank the various leaders for their informed suggestions." Skipping the meeting, the TMC demanded that the government bring out a 'White Paper' on 'One Country, One Election' so that parties can get it evaluated from experts.

The CPM opposed the idea of simultaneous polls in the present form, calling it "Presidential rule through the backdoor".

CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury told reporters: "Elections to the state Assemblies got detached from the general elections due to the arbitrary misuse of Article 356 by the central government. This process began with the dismissal of the Communist ministry in Kerala in 1959. How can there be simultaneous elections when there is Article 356?".

BJD's Naveen Patnaik, who supported the government's idea, suggested that the words "peace" and "non-violence" be included in the preamble of the Constitution.

In a letter conveying his party's views, AAP's Raghav Chadha called the "concept of compelled simultaneous elections... anathema to the democratic spirit of the Constitution" and "inconsistent with basic tenets of parliamentary democracy". TDP's N Chandrababu Naidu, in his letter, called for wider consultations on the subject. PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti, who attended the meeting, said India is defined by its diversity in culture, linguistics, eating and living habits and "therefore politically also, this diversity should be allowed to thrive".

Zero rabi crop, bone dry wells, serial hunger strikes

sow our kharif crop this year," said Machhindra Gawde, 70, almost in tears.

Gawde led both hunger strikes this year, a previous one in 2017 and multiple other delegations to officials handling irrigation projects, each time seeking irrigation facilities for thousands of dryland farmers in the region. Since 2016, Chaklamba's residents have petitioned the Water Resources Department of the Maharashtra government multiple times.

Marathwada's largest dam Jayakwadi, built across the mighty Godavari, is located only 40 km away from about 80 villages in this arid belt where average rainfall in the 2018 monsoon was a paltry 300 mm, a third of the national average of about 900 mm. From one bank, canals take Jayakwadi's water 400 km away to parts of Nanded.

From the opposite bank, the canals skirt this belt and head towards Majalgaon.

"A sub-canal would resolve all our problems, every one of them. We can be sujalam sufalam," said Satish Patil, once among Chaklamba's largest land-owners, now working as a temp with a government company. Patil still owns 16 acres of land, but lost most of his crop in 2018-19 and is putting off plans for the coming kharif season.

Chaklamba's story reflects the realities of dozens of villages in this part of Marathwada where ground water depletion has hit alarming levels, compounding the distress from years of truant monsoons and a deepening credit crisis. More than half the villages where the state Groundwater Survey and Development Agency's summer survey found a depletion of over 3 metres from the five-year average are in Marathwada, or 1,467 villages. The largest concentration of these villages is in Beed, Osmanabad and Aurangabad districts. Wells and borewells here are now bone dry, and the absence of sustainable irrigation facilities felt more acutely than ever before.

While Chaklamba's villagers planned to send a delegation to Mumbai to meet ministers, legislators and officials during the Assembly's monsoon session now in session, cash constraints led them to eventually send a single emissary. In Mumbai for two days now trying to draw legislators' attention to his village's woes, Krishna Khedkar said wearily, "The government likes to say we are drunks and addicts killing ourselves.

But the reality is that we have neither water for our fields nor any alternative source of income. After repeated years of losses, many just give up hope."

Khedkar met Leader of the Opposition in Maharashtra's upper house, NCP leader Dhananjay Munde, who promised to add his might to their agitation. Khedkar hopes to meet Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis too.

In Georai, the concerns in dozens of villages are the same. In Dhondrai and Bhodegaon villages, residents say the MIDC area in Ahmednagar in western Maharashtra gets water from Jayakwadi but they don't. Gawde, who lived in western Maharashtra until 2006, says, "In those parts, not a guntha is dry. And in our area, not a guntha is irrigated."

About 30 villages in the belt have passed gram sabha resolutions supporting the Chaklamba villagers' struggle.

"Fifty more villages are expected to follow suit," said Lata Pandit, Georai taluka president of the Prahaar Janshakti Party floated by independent MLA Bachu Kadu, which fielded a farm widow from Yavatmal in the recent Lok Sabha election. Pandit says the party will agitate with Chaklamba's residents.

In Mumbai, Khedkar is hanging out with a friend from the village - one of the 1,500 young men from Chaklamba who have migrated in search of work.

Of the nearly 10,000-strong population of Chaklamba, 7,000 migrate annually for the sugarcane harvest, working as labourers. "Not just communities that traditionally work as cane harvesters, poor people from all communities are signing up with the contractor. When they leave, it becomes a 'zero village'. There is no business for local shops or businesses, there is no work on local farms anyway, and we become a village with just the senior citizens, some looking after grandkids left behind," Khedkar says.

GDP downgrade

EAC note said, "Given the fact that his paper lacks rigour in terms of specific data sources and description; alternative hypothesis; rationale of equation specifications, use of dummies, and robustness-check diagnostics of estimated equations; and choice of countries in the sample and a specific list; it would not stand the scrutiny of academic or policy research standards."

It went on to state that Subramanian, in the capacity of Chief Economic Adviser, presided over the army of government economists and statisticians, and is aware of the enormous magnitude and complexity of the exercise to compute GDP of the continent-size highly diverse emerging economy of India. "To consider attempting to approximate GDP of such a country on the basis of some correlations and four variables using simplistic econometric techniques and challenging the existing edifice of data collection is not only demoralising to those dedicated personnel but also technically inappropriate," it said.

Stating that Subramanian's paper is not peer-reviewed, it pointed that Subramanian cherry-picked a few indicators and performed a rather unconvincing regression analysis to prove his hypothesis that India's GDP was over-estimated.

The EAC note states that the former CEA used 17 indicators and a majority of these were taken directly from Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), a private agency that is not a primary source of information but collects it from different sources.

"On a more fundamental basis, the national income accounting framework estimates value addition of different economic activities, and not merely changes in indicators of these activities. It is, therefore, conceptually incorrect to relate levels of GDP to levels of indicators," the note pointed.

Besides this 'basic flaw' the note points that several arguments by the author raise "serious concerns." It states that while Subramanian does not state the strength of the correlation between these indicators and GDP in the period from 2001-02 to 2016-17, "it is clear if there are other indicators that are more strongly correlated with GDP in either of the two periods he evaluates."

Pointing that while the indicators suggest a strong link with Industry indicators that contributes around 22% to India's GDP, the representation of Services (60% of GDP) and agriculture (18% of GDP) is as good as missing. "It is difficult to believe that indicators in the Services sector would not correlate with Indian GDP," said the note. "Now there are two possibilities that may have persuaded the author to ignore the indicators from Services and Agriculture, a) These indicators don't exist, b) The author chose to overlook them. In both cases, the analysis with 17 indicators appears incomplete, if not obsolete," it added. Besides, Subramanian chose to "overlook the tax data", said the note. While Subramanian had said in his report that "we do not use tax indicators because of the major changes in direct and indirect taxes in the post-2011 period which render the tax-to-GDP relationship different and unstable, and hence make the indicators unreliable proxies for GDP growth," the EAC said that tax data are hard numbers and "should be an important indicator of growth".

It added that "there have been no major changes in tax laws until the end period in the author's analysis (March 31, 2017). GST was introduced on 1st July 2017. The author's logic of not using tax data appears to be a convenient argument meant to avoid inconvenient conclusions based on hard facts."

While the press release said that "EAC note highlights eight clear points with supportive facts and arguments that debunk Subramanian's paper in entirety," the note however states that India's GDP estimation methodology is by no means a perfect exercise and the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation is working on multiple aspects to improve the accuracy of economic data". It further pointed that India's GDP estimation methodology is at par with its global standing as a responsible, transparent and well-managed economy. If anything, the weakness of Subramanian's attempt to suggest that the growth numbers are overestimated confirms that the estimation process is robust to spurious criticism.

Subramanian, in his paper published by Harvard University, had concluded that between 2011-12 and 2016-17, while official estimates pegged average annual growth at around 7 per cent, actual GDP growth is likely to have been lower, at around 4.5 per cent.

IMEI

this, the stated objectives of India's CEIR specifically refers to facilitating "IMEI-based lawful interception". India had 1.16 billion wireless subscribers as of March 2019, according to TRAI data.

The DoT had announced its plan to implement this project in July 2017 and a pilot was conducted in the Maharashtra. In the interim budget for 2019-20, the government allocated Rs 15 crore to the DoT for the CEIR project.

In line with global practices, DoT's identity register will be a database of IMEI numbers that will consist of three lists - white, grey and black. Mobile phones with IMEI numbers in the white list will be permitted for use, while those in the blacklist will be the ones that are reported stolen or lost and will not be allowed to access the network. Devices with IMEI numbers in the greylist will be the ones that do not conform to standards but will be permitted to connect under supervision.

Two judges

The Gujarat High Court Advocates' Association (GHAA) had earlier protested the delay over Justice Kureshi's appointment as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court, and had described the appointment of an acting Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court as a "clearly uncalled for interference by the Executive".

Justice V Ramasubramanian, the most senior judge of the Madras High Court who was transferred to the Telangana High Court, had been recommended by the Collegium for Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court following the elevation of Justice Surya Kant to the Supreme Court.

Justice R S Chauhan, the most senior judge of the parent High Court of Rajasthan, was already serving as acting Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court.

AES toll

family after his son died and from a family unable to get subsidised ration to dozens totally unaware of the lurking danger that AES poses.

In Jagarnathpur Dok under the Saraiya block of Muzaffarpur are the homes of around 50 Mahadalits. As Raj Kishore Ram (40) tries to come to terms with his four-year-old son Subodh's death due to AES a fortnight ago, he says finding a job is still his priority.

"I have three more children and my wife to feed. After my son died, some people advised us to eat four meals a day, but I can barely manage two," he says, running his palm across his shaven head to remember his lost child. Ram has a ration card which brings home 15 kg wheat, 20 kg rice and 1.5 litres of kerosene every month at a subsidised rate, but it's barely enough.

"When my wife tried to wake up our son, he was shaking without fever. As we noticed the seizures, we took him to SK Medical College and Hospital, Muzaffarpur. After being admitted for two days, he died... We cannot blame the government, we have fate and God to blame for making us poor," said Ram.

A few kilometres away at Shivuri Bahilbara village, Birendra Sahni (50) said he lost his three-year-old Raja Babu to the same disease. A daily wager in Gujarat, Sahni earns Rs 300 per day. "I had to move out of here four years ago as I was not able to find enough work," he says. Though his family has a ration card, they haven't received any grain or kerosene oil for the last four years, he says.

According to Shivuri Bahilbara residents, there was no AES awareness campaign before June. "It is only after the death of several children that an awareness campaign was conducted here last week. Birendra's family was only given some ORS packets," said Ramnath Sahni.

Gujarat Dalit

Saurashtra region where a Dalit has been murdered, allegedly by Kshatriyas.

The victim's family claimed Manji's repeated requests for police protection did not elicit a positive response. Before the attack Wednesday, he had been targeted four times, the last on March 3, 2018 when he was stabbed, claimed Manji's son Tushar. Thereafter, Manji received police protection, but it was withdrawn two months later on May 17, 2018, according to Arvind Makwana of Navsarjan, an Ahmedabad-based NGO working for Dalit rights.

Tushar said his father named two of the five-six persons who assaulted him.

Manji's family has a copy of a memorandum that he had reportedly submitted to police in June 2018. It has details of the previous attacks on him.

Botad SP Mehta said Manji had indeed been attacked in 2010, 2011, 2016 and 2018 and that the police had registered offences after each incident. He said the accused behind Manji's attack were the same as being named by the family for his murder. "The accused in all these cases were same. But the latest case of 2018 was under IPC Section 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and the accused had subsequently got bail," Mehta said.

Asked about the letter in which Manji had alleged a threat to his life, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Sanjay Srivastava declined to comment on it.

Meanwhile, Z R Desai, Deputy Superintendent of Police (SC/ST Cell) of Botad, reached Ahmedabad to register a complaint in connection with Manji's death.

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Off campus, on radar

Colleges away from North, South campuses beginning to see more diversity

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

AT PREMIER colleges in Delhi University, students from outside Delhi account for as much as 70% of the strength, but the demography in its off-campus colleges scattered across the city presents a different yet dynamic picture.

Away from the bustling North Campus, Swami Shraddhanand College in Delhi's Alipur village tells the story of students from outside Delhi vying for a DU degree. Among DU's "rural" campuses, the closest Metro station, Jahangirpuri, is 8 km away. Despite this, of the 1,258 students who were admitted to the college last year, 691 were from outside Delhi. College officials estimate that of the 4,600 students in the college, approximately 1,500, or 33%, are from outside Delhi. A large number, however, are from neighbouring Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.

DU has 61 constituent colleges, but North Campus colleges such as SRCC, Hindu, Miranda House and St Stephen's College and South Campus institutions such as Sri Venkateswara, Jesus and Mary College and Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma remain top picks for students.

Then there are colleges scattered across Delhi, including those in relatively remote locations, established to cater to the education needs of those from Delhi's rural pockets.

On Wednesday, *The Indian Express* had reported how over the past five years, the demography of DU's top colleges has become more diverse — with more and more students from South Indian states joining each year.

While the numbers might not be comparable, off-campus colleges are increasingly getting admissions from outside the city, especially as cut-offs get more cut-throat every year.

In Najafgarh's Kair village, Bhagini Nivedita College is meant to provide access to higher education to women of the area. In 2018-2019, while 480 students were from Delhi, 90 were from neighbouring Haryana, 75 from Uttar Pradesh, 20 from Uttarakhand, 20 from Bihar and seven from Rajasthan.

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"The college doesn't have a hostel, so students take houses on rent in nearby villages and live together. They arrange for a van to pick up groups to travel to college," said Dr Alokka Dutta, who teaches there.

Swami Shraddhanand College does not have a hostel either, and principal Dr P V Khatri also speaks of the development of an economy in the village to accommodate students.

"We have 30-40 students from various North Eastern states, and many from towns in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar. Setting up PGs to accommodate them has become a business for local people. There are also many who live near North Campus or in Mukherjee Nagar and travel around 40 minutes — taking a Metro and then a bus or shuttle to reach college," he said.

Principals across off-campus colleges believe a Delhi University degree has become valued to the extent that applicants are willing to travel across the country to study even in relatively lesser known colleges for it.

Dr Khatri said the trend is gathering pace. "This is a more

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recent development. I think this was facilitated by the entire admission process moving online. DU's popularity has gone up so much that many youngsters with comparatively lower percentages, who want a DU degree, come to colleges like ours," he said.

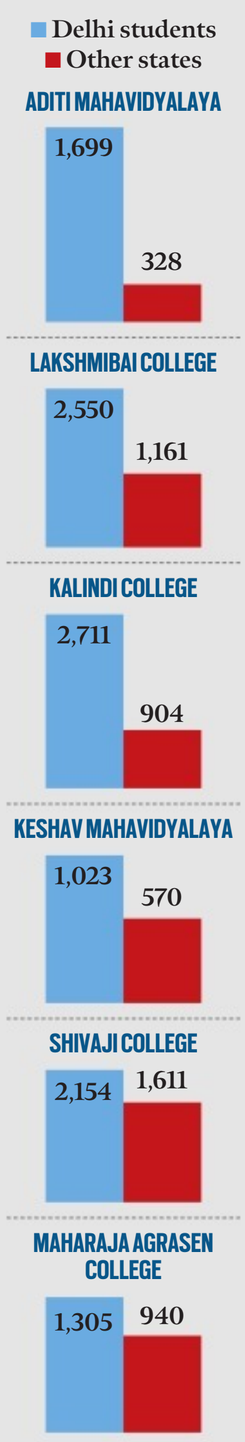
"The hard truth is that everyone wants to study in a set of North Campus colleges, where cut-offs are close to 98%. Then there are other North and South campus which are favoured, where now the cut-offs go up to 96%. Our college would be on a tier below those, yet there is a huge number looking at us. DU colleges are preferred so much nowadays — because of the exposure they provide and the teaching quality — that aspirants are willing to study in any college. We have popular courses like BSc (Honours) Maths, BA (Honours) Physics and BCom (Honours) for which there is high demand. We have representation from almost every Indian state among students," said Keshav Mahavidyalaya principal Dr Madhu Pruthi. The college is located in West Delhi's Pitampura, and approximately 36% of its 2018-2019 student body was from outside Delhi.

While it has a women's hostel, albeit with a limited capacity of 78, some off-campus colleges have even created institutional support systems for students who are living in PGs.

At Shivaji College in West Delhi's Shivaji Enclave, 43% of students are from outside Delhi.

"There are students from North Eastern states, Jharkhand, Bihar, towns in Haryana and UP... since we don't have a hostel, they live in PGs in Shivaji Enclave, Vishal Enclave and Rajouri Garden. Three years ago, we began a mentorship programme, where a teacher is made the mentor of 20-25 students from their department. This helps us understand the problems of students living in PGs and we can act as their guardians. This has brought several issues to our notice, like some students requiring breakfast in the canteen or for library hours to be extended," said principal Dr Shashi Nijhawan.

BEYOND NORTH & SOUTH



(Data gathered from National Institute Ranking Framework reports; other states include NCR cities in Haryana and UP)

POLICE ACTION ON TEMPO DRIVER, SON

HC raps police: If this is not brutality, then what is it?

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday pulled up police for allegedly assaulting a tempo driver and his minor son in a North Delhi locality on Sunday, and said if the "uniform force is acting in this manner, it would scare citizens".

A bench of Justice Jayant Nath and Justice Najmi Waziri also sought a report from the Ministry of Home Affairs on the assault.

It restrained the media from naming the minor in their reports or TV programmes, observing that the "citizens must feel reassured that the force is for them, especially children".

The bench also issued notice to the Delhi Police and directed that an interim report on the incident be filed before it by the Joint Commissioner concerned, without fail, before the next date of hearing, July 2.

The bench, which watched the video of the incident in open court, also pointed to the "brutality" by the police personnel, who were seen dragging the juvenile and kicking him.

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dragged the boy and thrashed him with *danda*. If this is not police brutality, then what is it?" it remarked.

It said the man might be armed, but "was the minor having any weapon".

"He rescued his father with (his) bare hands, but you (police personnel) dragged (him) in broad daylight and... in public," it said, adding, "the Delhi Police has many fine officers. If there are some who can't control themselves and have no respect for the law, action needs to be taken against them. Those who assaulted the father are separate, but identify the ones who assaulted the child..."

Additional Standing Counsel Satyakam, appearing for police, told the court: "We are not here to defend them (errant police officers). We are looking into it and will file a report."

He also apprised the court that three policemen have been suspended for "unprofessional behaviour" and a probe has been initiated.

"Police also registered cross FIRs against the driver and the policemen involved in the incident. Both cases have been transferred to the Crime Branch for detailed investigation," Satyakam said.

The bench sought to know why only three personnel have faced action: "We can clearly see that there were around eight-nine personnel dragging the minor... The remaining need to be identified."

The bench expressed its anger while hearing a petition seeking to secure and protect fundamental human rights of innocent citizens. The plea, filed through advocates Sangeeta Bharti and Rubinder Ghumman, sought an independent probe by the CBI or a similar agency into the "brutal attack".

The plea also called for the status report of the case, along with CCTV footage from the police station, and sought directions to the Centre, Delhi government and others to compensate the family.

Cracks widen as Cong factions seek leadership change

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

CRACKS WITHIN the Congress's Delhi unit appear to have widened, with demands for replacing party chief Sheila Dikshit or Delhi in-charge of the Congress P C Chacko gaining momentum. Concerned over the developments, the party's central unit has reached out to several senior leaders, seeking their views on the state unit.

According to sources, the Delhi unit is now divided into two groups — one supporting Dikshit, and the other Chacko.

"Discussions on the party's future strategy for the upcoming Assembly polls have begun. The party's performance in the recent Lok Sabha elections, along with the unit head's participation, will be considered by top leaders before taking any decision," said a senior leader.

Another leader said Dikshit met Congress chief Rahul Gandhi Wednesday. "We hear the party president is planning to make changes... Chacko may be replaced as we have lost many elections during his tenure," he said.

While Chacko did not respond to calls seeking a comment, Dikshit said: "All such talks are going on but until something happens, I can't say anything."

The Congress climbed to the second position in the Lok Sabha polls in the capital last month, as compared to the previous elections.

On Monday, in a letter to Gandhi, ex-chairman of the erst-

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while Delhi Metropolitan Council, Purushottam Goyal, asked for Dikshit's removal and suggested that the party contest Assembly polls next year with a "fresh face" at the helm. On the other hand, another Congress leader Rohit Manchanda demanded Chacko's resignation over the poll drubbing.

"The party's future depends on his (Gandhi's) decision. We need to seriously assess reasons behind the party's defeat. Once he takes back his resignation, the decision on all four states where Assembly polls are due will be taken," said another senior leader.

Meanwhile, a five-member panel formed by Dikshit to analyse the reasons behind the Lok Sabha defeat submitted its report Wednesday. The panel, comprising ex-MP Parvez Hashmi, former ministers Dr A K Walia and Dr Yoganand Shastri, AICC national spokesperson Pawan Khera and ex-MLA Jai Kishan, was formed on May 27.

The decision to form the committee ran into trouble after many candidates questioned the choice of committee members and did not participate in any discussions.

Centre asks Kejriwal to expedite disability ID project

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

UNION MINISTER of Social Justice and Empowerment Dr Thaawarchand Gehlot has written to Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal requesting him to expedite the process of issuing Unique Disability IDs (UDIDs) to persons with disabilities (PwD).

The Indian Express on June 7 had reported that the card is stuck between the Centre and Delhi government, with only 22 such cards being issued in the capital in one year. It was introduced in Delhi last year.

In the June 4 letter, a copy of which was accessed by *The Indian Express*, Gehlot suggested that Kejriwal instruct the departments of health and social welfare — responsible for carrying out the process — to take steps required to implement the project.

"The pace of implementation in some states such as Delhi, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Kerala and Arunachal Pradesh is minimal... In case implementation has already started, measures to fasten its pace should be taken so that all PwDs...can be brought under the database," he said in the letter.

The card, which acts as a document of identification and verification for differently abled persons to avail various benefits, was initiated by the Ministry.

The capital has 2.34 lakh differently abled persons, as per the 2011 Census. According to Delhi government records, 1.34 lakh disability certificates — mandatory for issuing UDIDs — have been issued to date.

"I haven't seen the letter yet. We will decide the course of action once I go through it," said Delhi Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam.

"The pace of the implementation is not encouraging... We have written to all states...," said K Vikram Simha Rao, Director, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, MSJE.

On May 2, the Delhi government had designated 27 government hospitals in all 11 districts to issue disability certificates for 21 conditions. "Many hospitals don't have IDs to run the portal. Until this is issued, hospitals cannot operate the portal...," a senior Delhi government official had said.

BRIEFLY

Tiwari invites Kejriwal, Sheila for Yoga Day event

New Delhi: Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari Wednesday invited CM Arvind Kejriwal and DPCC chief Sheila Dikshit to join him at an event to be organised by his party on International Yoga Day on June 21. He said the Delhi BJP will host a yoga session on Friday morning in Ghonda and he wished to invite Kejriwal and Dikshit.

18-yr-old stabbed in robbery bid

New Delhi: An 18-year-old man was stabbed to death allegedly by two motorcycle borne assailants, who tried to rob the victim and his three friends, in North Delhi's Timarpur, police said.

Tailor nabbed

New Delhi: A tailor was arrested for allegedly attacking a woman with scissors after an argument, police said.

Fire at Barapullah

New Delhi: A fire broke out in a high-tension wire at Barapullah flyover Wednesday. Three fire tenders rushed to the spot and the blaze was doused at 1.30 pm. **ENS**

Fire safety: South body yet to act against coaching centres

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

THE SOUTH Corporation, which had promised to crack down on coaching institutes violating safety standards after 21 students lost their lives in the Surat fire last month, has not initiated sealing action against any centre, officials said. In the South zone, which includes coaching centre hubs such as Kalu Sarai, Lado Sarai, Green Park, Katwaria Sarai and Munirka, officials said they were yet to receive the fire department's fire safety audit to take action.

Fire department chief Vipin Kental, however, said they have already audited coaching centres functioning from high rise buildings and issued notices to 23 for safety violations. He also said the MCDs have been intimated. "For the remaining coaching centres, there is no regulatory mechanism. So we have written to the MCDs, education department

Civic officials said they are awaiting fire dept's report

and other agencies to frame a regulatory mechanism first," he said.

South deputy commissioner Vishvendra Singh said he has not received the report. "Once we receive it, we will ensure strict action against violators."

Officials in other zones said they have served notices to some centres, but have not taken any action till now. A senior South MCD official said: "The exercise has not been undertaken with the same vigour with which it was announced."

In contrast, the East civic body has sealed two coaching centres in Laxmi Nagar. The North civic body too is conducting a safety audit of coaching centres. It is being carried out by the team that was formed to inspect safety standards of buildings after the fire in Hotel Arpit Palace, which killed 17 people, in February.

Leader of the Congress party, which is in opposition in the South civic body, Abhishek Dutt, said: "Whenever there is a tragedy, the South corporation makes big claims but nothing happens. They said several times that they will take action against malls charging parking fee but nothing came about. Same thing on guest houses and hotels, and now on coaching centres."

South Mayor Sunita Kangra did not respond to repeated calls seeking a comment on the issue. Former mayor Narender Chawla attributed the delay to manpower and financial problems: "I will seek a report on the issue."

DU's first cut-off out on June 28

New Delhi: Delhi University will announce its first cut-off list for admission to various undergraduate courses in its colleges on June 28.

The varsity announced its revised admission schedule Wednesday.

DU had earlier extended its registration date to June 22 after the Delhi High Court ordered it to follow last year's eligibility criteria for granting admission.

The varsity said the first cut-off will be released on June 28, second on July 4, third on July 9, fourth on July 15 and fifth cut-off list on July 20 for undergraduate courses.

The first admission list for postgraduate courses will be released by the university on July 17 and the second one on July 22.

The third and fourth lists will be published by the varsity on July 27 and August 2 respectively. **PTI**

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Noida Metro's revenue plan: Film shoots on Aqua Line

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NOIDA, JUNE 19

THE NOIDA Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) is welcoming chase sequences, action scenes and romantic moments on the Aqua Line — albeit by actors. The move by the Corporation to offer space for film direction is part of its bid to generate non-fare revenue.

As a new 10-km line between Blue Line's Botanical Garden and Aqua Line's Sector 142 station is being proposed, NMRC is exploring fare and non-fare options to generate revenue.

"A few stations have reported lower ridership when compared to other stations. We are exploring various options, including utilising the Metro space to garner revenue, which in turn will also increase ridership. Though at the planning stage, we are looking to lease out spaces to

NMRC is exploring options to generate revenue

coaching centres, shopping franchises, food courts and others. We have formed a policy to invite shooting of films for various sequences as the spacious stations can provide a good setting," said NMRC Executive Director P D Upadhyay.

NMRC will also allow people to host theme-based events on the Metro premises, such as those highlighting women empowerment.

The foot overbridge between Sector 51 of Aqua Line and Sector 52 of the Blue Line is yet to be constructed and Noida Authority has released tenders. At the moment, NMRC provides feeder buses and e-rickshaws to ease last-mile connectivity. "We have hit the 20,000 ridership mark and there has been a steady increase. Passengers mainly face problems due to lack of immediate connectivity. We are also planning a line between Botanical Garden and Greater Noida, which has been approved by the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority. It is to further provide seamless connectivity," said an NMRC official.

The foot overbridge and the new proposed line could take up to three years for operations, said an official.

"We have identified four nodal points for which bus routes have been made operational. We are in conversation with RWAs and residents to further improve last-mile connectivity," said Upadhyay.

Short circuit in basement of Okhla building sparks fire, residents rescued

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

A FIRE broke out in the basement of a six-storey building in South Delhi's Okhla in the early hours of Wednesday, which spread to the entire building and trapped residents. While vehicles parked in the basement were gutted, the residents were rescued, officials said.

Delhi Fire Services (DFS) said the fire broke out in the basement of a building in Abdul Fazal Enclave around 3 am. Four fire tenders were rushed to the spot.

"We received a call at 3.20 am about a fire in Okhla. Several people were stuck inside the building and windows had to be broken to rescue them. The operation took more than an hour to execute," said Atul Garg, Chief Fire Officer, DFS.

Vehicles parked in the basement were gutted.
Amit Mehra

DFS officials claimed the lane leading to the building was congested, which led to a slight delay in reaching the spot. "Prima facie, the incident took place due to a spark in the electricity meter. All vehicles were gutted," said Garg.

More than 15 people were stuck inside the building. While the DFS rescued seven, residents from the second and third floors escaped by jumping from their balconies onto adjacent buildings. Some rushed to the terrace and escaped after jumping to the terrace of other buildings.

Mohd Javed (32), a resident, said, "I was sleeping when I heard a noise. I went to the balcony and saw the building was on fire. I tried to escape using the stairs, but the stairway was filled with smoke. I waited for the firemen to arrive. My car was burnt.."

Mohd Ahmed, who runs a chemist's shop near the building, said, "The fire destroyed half the building..."

The building was constructed last year. The first floor has been kept vacant for commercial use, while the other floors have four flats each, said fire officials.

Delhi Police to launch online facility for missing person complaints, HC told

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

AFTER THE Delhi High Court directed Delhi Police to consider allowing online registration of FIRs via SMS, emails and WhatsApp, police will launch an e-facility in 90 days, enabling family members of missing persons to register complaints through an icon on their website.

This was revealed before the High Court by a senior Delhi Police officer, who added that a mobile app for the purpose will take a month more to come up.

Online lodging of FIRs via SMS, emails and WhatsApp became the need of the hour, after a bench of Justice Manmohan and Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal found, in a case relating to a maid's disappearance, that "due to delay in lodging of FIR, the golden hour of investigation has been lost and in all probability important leads have dried up".

It added that "with online registration of FIRs, the human interface — which normally causes delay in registration of FIR — would be obviated."

The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Legal Cell), who handed over the status report to the court, also gave a proposed road map for online reporting of missing persons through the Delhi Police web portal and mobile app, and listed steps for lodging such complaints.

The report said a link would be provided on the Delhi Police website to lodge a missing person complaint. It added that "on clicking the 'Report a Missing Person/Child' link, the missing person registration form will seek" details of the complainant and of the person/child missing.

After submission of relevant information, the same will be forwarded to stakeholders concerned to "initiate a police response mechanism".

"An enquiry officer will be assigned at the police station level for further enquiry...," it said. The SHO of the police station concerned shall then ensure the FIR is lodged immediately.

The steps listed by police also state that the complainant will be provided regular alerts on his/her mobile on the case's progress. It said an ACP-level officer shall ensure the SHO concerned takes the required action on the information received, within 24 hours.

Taking note, the court said the "time frame mentioned in the said affidavit and the road map shall be duly complied with".

Police submitted the details, after the court had expressed anguish in May over the delay in lodging an FIR in the case of a man, who has been missing since August 2018.

INVITATION OF Re-E-QUOTATION

Sealed Re-E-Quotations are invited for Contract Rate of Repair of 2 Nos. VT Axial Pump 50 Cs. Capacity at Pump House NB-1 having lift 23.02". The quotations will be received upto 03.00 P.M. on 29.06.2019 and the same shall be opened in the office of undersigned on 01.07.2019 at 3.00 P.M. in presence of bidders who desire to be present. The sealed quotations for repair must be submitted along with Earnest Money in the form of DD/DAC in favour of Executive Engineer, M/Garh Water Services Mechanical Division, Narnaul. The Earnest Money required @2% of the quotation amount or quoted price by the bidder whichever is higher.

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CT/GD NAREN RAJBANSHI

CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of thCISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of these brave-hearts.On this day, hearts.On this day, they laid down their lives in the line of duty while fighting with the terroristsin the line of duty while fighting with the terroristsin the line of duty while fighting with the terrorists. Their courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration uld remain an abiding source of inspiration for the forcefor the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to them for thdebted to them for their noblest deeds.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Item rate tender through Delhi Government's e-procurement website (https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in) are invited by Executive Engineer (E) PWD EDU. M 1, (Old M-153 N) ITI Campus, Pusa, New Delhi on behalf of the President of India for the following works:-

NIT No. 01/EE(E)/PWD Edu. M 1/2019-20 (Tender ID No. 2019_PWD_173860_1

Name of Work:- SITC of PA System, CCTV, Smart board for class rooms, Air-Conditioning in MP hall and EI works in Govt. Co.-Ed. SS Dwarka Sector-22, Delhi (School of Excellence).

Estimated Cost:- 92,56,168/-

Last Date and time for downloading and uploading of tender:-21.06.2019 15:00 Hrs.; Date and Time for opening of tender:- 21.06.2019 15:30 Hrs.;

DIP/Shabdarth/0242/19-20

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

e-tender Notice No. 15 of 2019-20 (Open) -Engg / MGS.

On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM/Engg/MGS for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings.

Tender No. 20-MGS-Sr. DEN-II-19-20 (i) Name of work with its location : Transportation and stacking of different P.Way Materials in Yards under ADEN/Gaya. **(ii) Approx. cost of the work** : ₹ 6801190.00 **(iii) Earnest Money** : ₹ 136000.00

Tender No. 21-MGS-Sr. DEN-II-19-20 (i) Name of work with its location : Provision of EI Building at CPBH under AEN/DOS. **(ii) Approx. cost of the work :** ₹ 18792511.69 **(iii) Earnest Money :** ₹ 244000.00

• Date & time for submission of e-tender : 08.07.2019, Up to 12.00 hrs. **• Website Particulars of e-tendering.: www.ireps.gov.in**

Divisional Railway Manager,
East Central Railway, Mughalsarai

PR/527/MGS/ENGG/T/19-20/36

NSUI offers admission help to children of soldiers killed in line of duty

New Delhi: The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) Wednesday said it would pay a year's fee for children of soldiers killed on duty or of farmers who committed suicide who get admission to Delhi University's (DU) undergraduate courses.

NSUI state president Akshay Lakra said there is "no upper limit" for the benefit, and that they will help anyone who writes to them. "In the recent elections, both the Army and farmers were used as political tools by a certain party. When it comes to serving them, nothing is being done. Army personnel and farmers are important organs of this country and need to be served. So, we decided to take this step," said Lakra.

The decision was announced Wednesday on the occasion of Congress president Rahul Gandhi's birthday. **ENS**

District Health & Family Welfare Society District, Bhiwani

D.H. & F.W.S., Bhiwani invites Applications for the following Posts under NHM purely on Contract basis initially upto 31.03.2020. The numbers and details of various Posts are as under:-

Sr. No.	Designation	No. Categories of Posts	Age	Remmuneration per Month	Qualification	Interview Date
1.	Pediatrician (SNCU)	1 (Gen.)	Upto 65 Years	1 Lac Per Month Consolidated	(i) MBBS or Equivalent Degree from an Institution Recognized by the Medical Council of India (ii) PG Degree/ Diploma in Paediatrics (iii) Hindi/ Sanskrit upto Matric (iv) Must have valid Registration from the Haryana Medical Council/ Medical Council of India/ State Medical Council.	25th of Every Month
2.	Obthalmic Surgeon (KLJ Eye Hospital)	1 (Gen.)	Upto 65 Years	1 Lac Per Month Consolidated	(i) MBBS or Equivalent Degree from an Institution Recognized by the Medical Council of India (ii) PG Degree/ Diploma in Opthalmology (iii) Hindi/ Sanskrit upto Matric (iv) Must have valid Registration from the Haryana Medical Council/ Medical Council of India/ State Medical Council.	
3.	Psychiatrist (DMHP)	1 (Gen.)	Upto 65 Years	1.25 Lacs Consolidated	(i) Post Gradaute Degree Awarded after Completion of Course of Study of minimum 2 years in Mental Health or Psychiatric Social Work (ii) Hindi/ Sanskrit upto Matric.	
4.	Medical Officer (SNCU)	1 (Gen.)	Upto 62 Years	50000 Per Month Consolidated	(i) MBBS or Equivalent Degree from an Institution Recognized by the Medical Council of India (ii) Hindi/ Sanskrit upto Matric (iii) Must have valid Registration from the Haryana Medical Council/ Medical Council of India/ State Medical Council.	

The Eligible Candidates may appear for Walk-in-Interview at Room No. 225, O/o Civil Surgeon, Bhiwani at 09.00 A.M. The Candidates must have to bring all Original Testimonials with 01 Set of Self Attested Photocopy of the same. No TA/DA will be paid.

76991/HRY. Sd/- Civil Surgeon-cum-Chairman (E), Bhiwani.

पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम मुजफ्फरनगर

निविदा सूचना:- अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य/ आपूर्ति हेतु अनुभवी एवं विश्वसनीय प्रतिष्ठित फर्मों/ ठेकेदारों से मुहरबन्द निविदायें दो अलग-अलग भागों में निर्धारित तिथि 27.6.2019 को अपरान्ह 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है, जो उसी दिन अपरान्ह 14.00 बजे खोली जाएगी। निविदा के प्रथम भाग में निविदा के सम्मुख अंकित धरोहर धनराशि, जो किसी भी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक में एफडीआर के रूप में अधोहस्ताक्षरी के पक्ष में बंधक हों व अन्य सभी वांछित प्रपत्र तथा निविदा के दूसरे भाग में दरें होंगी। निविदा प्रपत्र इस कार्यालय से दिनांक 26.06.2019 के अपरान्ह 12.00 बजे तक अंकन रु. 1180.00 (अदेय) के भुगतान करने पर प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की दशा में यह निविदायें उपरोक्तानुसार अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जाएंगी। अधोहस्ताक्षरी को अपूर्ण, त्रुटिपूर्ण अथवा समस्त निविदायें निरस्त करने का अधिकार पूर्णतया सुरक्षित रहेगा। **अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सं.-** 19/ 2019-20: मोहम्मदपुर पावर हाउस के नजदीक क्षतिग्रस्त टावर सं. 06 एवं 07 से सम्बन्धित सामग्री उपलब्ध कराते हुए (स्टोर में उपलब्ध सामान के अतिरिक्त) मरम्मतीकरण का कार्य, धरोहर राशि रु.: 10000.00। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत नगरीय वितरण मण्डल, मुजफ्फरनगर, राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें व जिली चोरी की सूचना हैल्पलाइन नं.-** 9412207451 एवं 0522-2287747 **पर दें।**

हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत नगर वितरण मण्डल, मुजफ्फरनगर,
पत्रांक सं. 1392/ वि.न.वि.मं./ मु. नगर/ कार्य, दिनांकः 19.06.2019

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No:- SNT-RE-DNR-113, Dt.: 18.06.2019

Tender Notice, Open E-tenders in single packet system are invited by Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom. Engineer, Railway Electrification, Danapur for & on behalf of the President of India for the works of - **S. No. :** 1, **Name of the work with its Location :** Work of trenching & laying of underground signalling cables/power cable, casting of foundations, supply of certain equipment / materials, erection of apparatus cases & fixing of equipment, wiring, testing & commissioning in connection with modification of Panel Interlocking at stations & MACLS at LC Gate in Muzaffarpur - Sitamarhi section over East Central Railway under Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, Railway Electrification, Danapur to suit 25 K.V. AC Traction. **S. No. :** 2, **Approximate Cost of work:** Rs. 19444753.26 (Rs. One Crore Ninety Four Lakh Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three and Twenty Six Paise only), **S. No. :** 3, **Earnest Money :** Rs. 247200.00 (Rs. Two Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred only) **S. No. :** 4, **Tender closing date and time :** 26.07.2019 up to 12.00 hrs., **S. No. :** 5, **Website particular and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen. : (https://www.ireps.gov.in),** Notice Board at the office of Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Danapur, Near Jagjeevan Stadium, PO.: Khagaul, District : Patna, PIN-801105, **NOTE :-** Original/revised bids are to be submitted online up to closing date and time on IREPS website only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be summarily rejected. Tenderer should get the digital signing certificate and register them on this website to participate in the tender.

Dy. CSTE/RE/Railway Electrification, Danapur

PR/532/RE/S&T/T/19-20/52

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

सं. ईसीआर-सीएओ-कॉन-उत्तर-ई. निविदा-23-19-20, दिनांक 17.06.2019

E-TENDER NOTICE No.-ECR-CAO-CON-NORTH-ETN-23-19-20, E-tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work :

SN 1, Name of work : Fusion Welding of 13/39/130/260 meters length 60 Kg/52 Kg. rails by SKV process in Samastipur-Darbhanga Doubling Project. **S.N. 2. Approx cost of the work :** Rs. 1,98,33,002.74, **S.N.3 Earnest money :** Rs. 2,49,200/-, **S.N. 4 Date and time for closing of tender :** 12.07.2019 at 14.30 hrs., **S.N. 5, Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. :** The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in** and also can see in the office of CAO/Con/ECR, MHX, Patna. **Note :** Tenderers are requested to visit the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/ corrections etc. in response to this E-tender.

CAO/Con/North
E.C.Rly., Mahendrughat, Patna

PR/535/CON/ENGG/T/19-20/40

Office of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Line Construction Division-1, Bemina, Srinagar.

Tele Fax: 0194-2492429, E-mail: tlcdistpdd@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No.: TLCD-I/07 of 2019 **Dated: 18.06.2019**

Executive Engineer, TLCD-1st Bemina, Srinagar on behalf of the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State invites e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) valid for 180 days from Reputed, Experienced and Financially Sound D-Class Civil Contractors fulfilling the Eligibility Criteria specified in the standard bidding documents for the work detailed below. e-Tenders need to be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of DD/CDR/BG from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost pledged to Executive Engineer, TLCD-Ist, Bemina, Srinagar, PDD, Kashmir, J&K.

The complete bidding process is Online. However, Hardcopies consisting of Tender Fee & EMD (Original Instruments) in Cover-I and Techno-Commercial Bid (As per SBD) in Cover-II has to be submitted only by the Lowest Bidder in the Office of Executive Engineer, TLCD-Ist, Bemina, Srinagar, on the day which will be communicated to lowest bidder. Financial Bids must be submitted Online only as per prescribed format.

The Standard Bidding Document is available at Govt. e-Procurement website: http://jktenders.gov.in.

NIT Reference	Scope of The Work	Esti. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	EMD (Rs. in Lacs)	Time & Place of Sale of Tender Documents	Cost of Tender Documents	Last Date of Online Submission of Bids	Time of Completion on after issuing of LOA
e-NIT TLCD-I/07 of 2019 Dt.:18.06.2019	Construction of Cement Concrete Platform for Resting of Vital/ Key Materials at Divisional Store Yards of TLCD-1st, Bemina.	Rs. 1433674	Rs. 28673	Tenders will be available Online on Govt. e-Procurement website: www.jktenders.gov.in from 19.06.2019 04.00 P.M.	Rs. 1000.00 (One Thousand in the shape of Non-refundable treasury Chalan)	12.07.2019 02.00 P.M.	20 days

Position of Funds: Demanded

CRITICAL DATES

1.	Issue of NIT	18.06.2019
2.	Downloading of Bidding Documents **(Start)**	19.06.2019 (10.00 A.M.)
3.	Downloading of Bidding Documents **(End)**	11.07.2019 (06.00 P.M.)
4.	e-Bid Submission **(Start)** Date & Time (Submission of e-Tender Fee, EMD and other Supporting Documents in PDF Formats)	19.06.2019 (02.00 P.M.)
5.	e-Bid Submission **(End)** Date & Time (Submission of e-Tender Fee, EMD and other Supporting Documents in PDF Format)	11.07.2019 (04.00 P.M.)
6.	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid Opening Date and Time.	12.07.2019 (02.00 P.M.)
7.	Venue of Opening of Techno-Commercial Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, TLCD-Ist, Bemina, Srinagar
8.	Cost of e-Bid Document (To be Submitted in the Form of e-Challan or Treasury Challan/Receipt)	Rs. 1,000/-
9.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (2% of Advt. Cost)	Rs. 28,673/-

- Only the Bidders Possessing the Qualifying Criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the Bidding Process.
- Clarifications can also be sought from the office of the undersigned on E-mail: **tlcdistpdd@gmail.com** or **Fax: 0194-2492429**.
- Before participating in the Bids, the Bidder shall acquaint himself with the Site of Work and Local Conditions.
- The Department reserves the right to reject any or all the Bids without assigning any reason thereof.

No.: TLCD-I/656-59
Dated: 18.06.2019
DIPK-NB-1290/19

Executive Engineer,
TLCD-1st, PDD Bemina, Sgr.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

SRDEN/C/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No **51-DRM-MB-19-20** closing date 18.07.2019 16:00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, Credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. **NIT HEADER**

Name of Work	Zone 03 (2019-20) for staff quarters and service buildings in ZRTI/CH under ADEN/CH		
Bidding Type	Normal Tender		
Tender Type	Open	Bidding System	Single Packet
Tender Closing Date Time	18.07.2019 16:00	Date Time of Uploading Tender	17.06.2019 17:29
Pre-Bid Conference Required	No	Pre-Bid Conference Date Time	Not Applicable
Advertised Value (Rs.)	3999992.31	Tendering Section	DEN-III
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Each Schedule	Bidding Unit	% age above/ below/at par
Earnest Money (Rs.)	80000.00	Validity of Offer Days	45
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	3000.00	Period of Completion	12 Months
Contract Type	Works	Contract Category	Expenditure
Bidding Start Date	04.07.2019	Are Joint Venture (JV) firms allowed to bid	No
Ranking Order for Bids	Lowest to Highest	Expenditure Type	Revenue

TENDER NOTICE No. 51-DRM-MB-19-20 DATED : 17.06.2019 1940/19

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PROVISION OF TOILET & LIFT AND OTHER REPAIRING WORKS IN TINSUKIA DIVISION

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. TSK/Engg/ 27 of 2019; dated 17-06-2019. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Item No.1. Brief Description of item:** At Mariani: Repairs to split bamboo wall quarter (Total = 40 Units). **Tender Value:** ₹1,41,00,728/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹2,20,500/-. **Item No.2. Brief Description of item:** At Dibrugarh: Repairs to existing washable apron at Line No. 1, 2 & 3. **Tender Value:** ₹2,20,31,265/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹2,60,200/-. **Item No.3. Brief Description of item:** At Tinsukia Division: Provision/Upkeeping of toilets at all stations including Divyang friendly toilets under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/I/Tinsukia. **Tender Value:** ₹42,49,757/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹85,000/-. **Item No.4. Brief Description of item:** At Tinsukia Division: Provision/Upkeeping of toilets at all stations including Divyang friendly toilets under the jurisdiction of DEN/II/Tinsukia. **Tender Value:** ₹42,30,418/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹84,600/-. **Item No.5. Brief Description of item:** At Tinsukia Division: Associated works for Provision of two (02) Nos. Lift at New Tinsukia & two (02) Nos. lift at Mariani Railway Station. **Tender Value:** ₹58,03,825/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹1,16,100/-. **All above E-tenders will be closed at** 15:00 hrs. on 12-07-2019 and **Opened at** 16:00 hrs. on 12-07-2019. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available **upto 15.00 hrs of 12-07-2019** in website http://www.ireps.gov.in.

Divisional Railway Manager (Works)/Tinsukia

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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NORTHERN RAILWAY

QUOTATION NOTICE

File No. 23AC/393/Cycle-Scooter/MUT/2016

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager / Chg., Northern Railway, New Delhi invites sealed Quotations for the allotment of Cycle-Scooter-Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo parking at Meerut Cantt Railway Station (MUT) as per New Parking Policy issued by HQ office letter no. 120-MC-Parking-Policy-2015 dated 18.11.2016 for the period of 3 (three) months, detail is as under:-

S N	Railway Station	Station Ctg	Type of pkg.	Pkg. area (in Sq mtrs)	*Reserve Price for three months (In Rs.)	EMD@2% of Total Contract Value (In Rs.)
1	Meerut Cantt (MUT	"A"	Cycle-Scooter-Car -Bus-Truck-Tempo	1187.39	3,92,837	7,900

*** Applicable Taxes will be extra.**

In addition to above Reserve price, GST as applicable on date (presently @ 18% and TCS @ 2% or as applicable over the license fees has to be paid by parking contractor.

Date and Time for submission of Quotation: - Up to 15:00 Hrs. on 26.06.2019 to be open immediately.

For more Information and obtaining Quotation forms, interested bidders may contact to the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager /Coaching, DRM Office, State Entry Road New Delhi From 19.06.2019 to 25.06.2019 in any working days between 10:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs and on 26.06.2019 Up to 13:00.hrs. The draft submitted for Earnest Money deposit should be in favour of "Senior Divisional Finance Manager New Delhi" and have been prepared from the bidders own bank account and in case found otherwise/ false, Railway Administration shall be at liberty to initiate any action, including termination as deemed fit at a later date also.

Relevant information is also available on the official Web site of Railways i.e. **www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in** 1945/19

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Municipal Corporation Kota (Rajasthan)
Rajeev Gandhi Bhawan Dushera Ground Kota

Tel Ph. No.:0744-2500197, Email: nnkota@gmail.com, website: www.kotamc.org

No:- NNK./Gan. Store/2019/ 4750-55 **Date:-18.6.19**

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Commissioner Municipal Corporation Kota invites online bids from registered Sports Goods Vendors/Manufacturers through double stage bid system for "Supply of Sports Goods". Eligibility for this work is described in the tender document. Other details are mentioned below:-

1	Name of work	Supply of Sports Goods as per specification
2	Nodal agency for bidding process	Municipal Corporation Kota
3	Supply Period	Within 30 days from issuance of work order.
4	Tender Cost	50,00,000/-
5	Cost of Tender document (Non refundable)	2500/- (Three Thousand Five Hundred Only)
6	Processing fee	500/- In favour of MD. RISL, Jaipur Payable at jaipur
7	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	1,00,000/- in favour of Commissioner Municipal Corporation Kota
8	Website for downloding tender document	www.kotamc.org, http//sppp.raj.nic.in, https://eproc.rajathan.gov.in
9	Bid validity period	60 Days
10	Date and time of downloading of bid/document	20-6-2019 (11 AM) to 6-7-19 (6.00 PM)
11	Date and time of online submission of bid/ document	6-7-19 (up to 6.00 PM)
12	Last date of submission of DD in the office of chief Account Offecer, Municipal Corporation Kota	7-7-19 (up to 2.00 PM)
13	Date and time of opening of technical Bid	7-7-19 (up to 5.00 PM)
14	Date and time of opening of Financial Bid	will be intimated to the technical qualified successful bidders.

Bid will be considered only in the condition that all the required documents like copy of GST registration certificate, PAN Card, registration certificate of firm etc. are furnished. For any clarification, please contact Chief Account's officer Room No. 402 Municipal Corporation Kota

COMMISSIONER
Municipal Corporation Kota

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No.IX, I&FC Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the following works:

1. **NIT No:**EE/CD-IX/NIT/04/2019-20
Name of work:- -Rural Village Development Board in N C T of Delhi.
Sub Work:- Development of road and galies at Rithala village in Rithala Assembly Constituency-06.
Estimated Cost: Rs. 3,51,15,449/-
Earnest Money: Rs. 7,02,309/-
Period of completion: 06 Month,
Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 24.06.2019.
(**Tender I.D.-** 2019_1FC_174132_1)

1. **NIT No:**EE/CD-IX/NIT/05/2019-20
Name of work:- Development of unauthorized colonies in Rithala Assembly Constituency-06.
Sub Work:- Construction of road and side drain in unauthorized colony in Rithala Extension Village Rithala AC-06. (Regn.325).
Estimated Cost: Rs. 2,39,69,940/-
Earnest Money: Rs. 4,79,399/-
Period of completion: 09 Month,
Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 24.06.2019.
(**Tender I.D.-** 2019_IFC_174150_1)

Note. 1) The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website
https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-IX
I&FC DEPARTEMENT
GOVT. OF DELHI

DIP/Shabdarth/0238/19-20

ocac ODISHA COMPUTER APPLICATION CENTRE
(Technical Directorate of E & I.T. Deptt., Govt. of Odisha)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Enq. No. :- OCAC-TJ-05/2019/ENQ/19018

Proposals are invited from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) for supply, delivery, installation and maintenance support of 15000 Laptops for Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha to be distributed among the +2 pass out meritorius students.

Last date for submission of proposal is **20.07.2019 upto 02:00 PM.**

For details of RFP please visit the websites **www.ocac.in** & **www.odisha.gov.in**

N.B. :- *OCAC reserves the right to accept/reject any/all proposals without assigning any reason thereof.*

General Manager(Admin.), OCAC, Plot No.-N-1/7-D, Acharya Vihar, P.O.-RRL, Bhubaneswar-751013, Ph.: 0674-2567280/2567064/2567295

No rain in sight, temp to soar in four days

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

TEMPERATURES ARE likely to increase in the capital and adjoining areas over the next three-four days as chances of rain are slim at present, said officials. With the sky remaining mostly clear on Wednesday, the maximum temperature rose slightly to settle at 36.8 degrees Celsius.

Sporadic rain and windy conditions had kept the mercury in check for around three days. The city had recorded a low of 24.2 degrees Celsius, four notches below normal, and humidity levels were between 41 and 85 per cent, a meteorological department official said.

The weather stations at Palam, Lodhi Road and Ayanagar recorded maximum temperatures at 38, 37.1 and 37.2 degrees Celsius respectively.

The weatherman predicted a partly cloudy sky on Thursday. The maximum and minimum are likely to hover around 39 and 25 degrees Celsius respectively.

Private forecaster Skymet Weather said dry North Westerly winds would cause temperatures to soar over the next three-four days.

"The mercury is likely to cross the 40-degree mark. Chances of rain are slim. There can be some rain activity on June 25 due to a fresh Western Disturbance," Mahesh Palawat of Skymet Weather said.

Light rain on Monday kept the mercury in check for three days. *Abhinav Saha*

Man who flashed woman held

New Delhi: Police have arrested a 25-year-old man for allegedly flashing a woman at a Metro station in Gurgaon.

According to police, the accused was allegedly watching obscene content on his phone while committing the act.

The accused has been identified as Dinesh, a resident of Sector 57 in Gurgaon, said police. He hails from Hamirpur district in Uttar Pradesh, said police.

"Dinesh has been working as an office boy in an organisation in Gurgaon for the last six months. He worked as a driver before this," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Pramod Singh Kushwah said.

The 29-year-old woman had Friday alleged that the man allegedly masturbated on her when she was walking out of Huda City Centre Metro station. "I was climbing down the escalators when I felt something on my back. When I turned, a man was...masturbating on me," she had alleged on Twitter. **ENS**

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

O.A. No. 405/2018
Corporation Bank Applicant
Versus
Sh. Amit Aggarwal & Ors. Defendants

To,
1. Sh. Amit Aggarwal S/o Sh. Sudershan Aggarwal, E-366, Block - E, Greater Kailash - II, New Delhi - 110048
2. Ms. Madhuri Aggarwal W/o Sh. Amit Aggarwal, E-366, Block - E, Greater Kailash - II, New Delhi - 110048
3. White House
The Vocational Education Foundation (Builder & Developer) through its Managing Directors, D-302, Sector-10, Noida, U.P., Also at : Plot No. 8, Sector-PI, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of **51,54,506.00 (Rs Fifty One Lacs Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Six Only)** 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 before Ld. Registrar on **19-08-2019 at 10.30 A.M.**

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

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **25th day of May, 2019.**
by order of this Tribunal, For Registrar

AAP SEEKS THEIR DISQUALIFICATION, WRITES TO SPEAKER

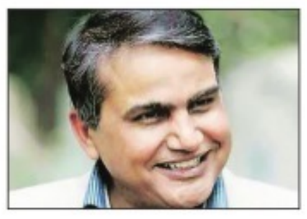
2 MLAs who crossed to BJP get Delhi Assembly notice

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

AAP HAS written to Delhi Assembly speaker Ram Niwas Goel seeking disqualification of two MLAs, Devinder Sehrawat and Anil Bajpai, for joining the BJP while being elected members from AAP. Sehrawat, who is the Bijwasan MLA, and Bajpai, who is the MLA from Gandhi Nagar, joined the BJP on May 6 and May 3 respectively, days before the Lok Sabha polls.

Goel confirmed the development. "A notice has been issued to both under the Anti-Defection law. They have to respond by June 24, failing which they will be disqualified," he said, adding that both had been issued a notice Wednesday, after AAP national spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj lodged a complaint against them.

This is the first time the party has sought disqualification of any its MLAs despite others rebelling against the party.



Gandhi Nagar MLA Anil Bajpai, Bijwasan MLA Devinder Sehrawat joined the BJP days before the Lok Sabha polls

While Sehrawat also confirmed the development, Bajpai could not be reached. "Anil Bajpai and I received a notice from the deputy secretary of the Delhi Assembly, quoting a complaint from Bhardwaj, late in the evening today. It asked why we should not be disqualified, considering we had shared the stage with BJP leaders on a few occasions. The point is, we have not formally joined the BJP. We never signed the membership forms. This is public knowledge. We will contest this tooth and nail," he said.

"The complaint doesn't fulfil the grounds for disqualification. The Anti-Defection law comes into force when an MLA/MP crosses the floor of the house... Sharing a stage cannot invite disqualification. In the past, BJP MPs Kirti Azad and Shatrughan Sinha have shared the stage with AAP leaders but it never invited disqualification. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has also shared stage with Congress leaders in the past," Sehrawat said.

Bhardwaj did not respond to calls seeking a comment. According to sources, the complaint by him points to instances of the two MLAs sharing a stage with BJP leaders and declaring publicly that they had joined BJP.

In March, Sultanpur Majra MLA Sandeep Kumar had spoken from a stage where Congress leaders were present. Sacked from his post as a minister in 2016, after allegations of sexually exploiting a woman were made against him, Kumar made his willingness to join the Congress public.

Kapil Mishra, Karawal Nagar MLA and former water minister, also rebelled in 2017 and has been seen with BJP leaders regularly. Mishra said he had not received any such notice: "It is tough for the party to seek my disqualification as I have not joined any other party."

Sehrawat said he has reached out to lawyers and constitutional experts regarding the notice.

As encephalitis claims 114 lives in Bihar, Sisodia says ready to help

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish Sisodia has offered to send medical teams, paramedics and ambulances to Bihar, battling an outbreak of acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) that has claimed lives of 114 children.

"The images of children crying and suffering in Bihar's hospitals have been heartbreaking for all of us... on behalf of the Delhi government, I want to offer any help needed by the Bihar government in tackling this crisis. Delhi can offer help in the form of medical teams, paramedics, ambulances, and anything else that may be required," Sisodia said.

He also took aim at the Centre on Ayushman Bharat scheme

Sisodia and Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain, however, also took aim at the BJP by criticising the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Former union minister Vijay Goel hit back, accusing AAP leaders of politicising the issue: "Sisodia should stop indulging in theatrics and refrain from politicising the deaths of kids in Bihar... It would have served him better had he looked at the condition of government hospitals in Delhi. Lakhs of poor people have benefited from the Ayushman Bharat scheme but the Kejriwal government deliberately stalled it."

The Delhi government and the Centre have sparred on the implementation of the scheme in the capital. Last month, Jain had said the scheme will not be implemented in Delhi as the eligibility criteria excludes several people who need subsidised healthcare.

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Durgapur - 713203

Adv. No. DSP/PERS-NW/CO/RECTT/2019/1608
Date: 10.06.2019

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Please visit our website at www.sail.co.in for details and downloading the format of the application and the undertaking

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			SC	ST	OBC	UR	EWS		
1.	Accidental Emergency (Casualty)	04	00	01	00	03	00	10.07.2019	11.07.2019
2.	Anatomy	03	00	01	00	02	00	12.07.2019	15.07.2019
3.	Anesthesia	14	03	01	06	02	02	16.07.2019	17.07.2019
4.	Biochemistry	06	01	00	02	03	00	18.07.2019	19.07.2019
5.	Community Medicine	03	00	00	01	01	01	22.07.2019	23.07.2019
6.	Dental & Oral Surgery	01	00	00	00	01	00	24.07.2019	25.07.2019
7.	Dermatology	02	00	00	01	01	00	25.07.2019	26.07.2019
8.	ENT	01	00	00	00	01	00	26.07.2019	29.07.2019
9.	Forensic Medicine	02	01	00	00	01	00	29.07.2019	30.07.2019
10.	Microbiology	05	00	01	01	02	01	30.07.2019	31.07.2019
11.	General Medicine	09	01	00	03	03	02	01.08.2019	02.08.2019
12.	Neurology	04	01	00	02	01	00	05.08.2019	06.08.2019
13.	Ophthalmology	02	00	00	00	02	00	07.08.2019	08.08.2019
14.	Orthopedics	05	01	00	01	02	01	08.08.2019	09.08.2019
15.	Obstetrics & Gynecology	09	01	01	02	02	03	13.08.2019	14.08.2019
16.	Pathology & Blood bank	05	01	01	00	02	01	16.08.2019	19.08.2019
17.	Pediatrics	11	02	00	03	02	04	20.08.2019	21.08.2019
18.	Pharmacology	04	01	00	01	01	01	22.08.2019	23.08.2019
19.	Physiology	02	01	00	00	01	00	26..08.2019	27.08.2019
20.	PMR	02	00	00	01	00	01	27.08.2019	28.08.2019
21.	Psychiatry	04	01	00	01	01	01	28.08.2019	29.08.2019
22.	Radiotherapy	03	00	00	01	02	00	30.08.2019	02.09.2019
23.	Radio-diagnosis	04	00	01	02	01	00	30.08.2019	02.09.2019
24.	Surgery	09	01	00	05	01	02	03.09.2019	04.09.2019
	Total	114	16	7	33	38	20		

i. The numbers of vacant posts indicated above are provisional and subject to the change without any notice.
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Sd/-
davp 17148/11/0004/1920 **Deputy Director (Admn.)**

SBI **STATE BANK OF INDIA, Stressed Assets Management Branch-II,**
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E mail id : sbi.50950@sbi.co.in, Ph. : 011-23701208, 011-23701209

Possession Notice [Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **State Bank of India** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 13.02.2019, calling upon the borrower, **M/s Gopish Pharma Limited,** H-1455, Sector–H, DSIIDC, Narela Industrial Complex, Delhi - 110040 **and the following Directors / Guarantors: M/s Gopish Pharma Limited,** H-1455, Sector – H, DSIIDC, Narela Industrial Area, Delhi - 110040, and at Ropar Road, Near Dherowal Barrier, Village: Behrampur, Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt. Solan Himachal Pradesh - 174101, **1. Shri Ratish Goyal S/o Shri Ravi Prakash Goyal (Director & Guarantor)** A- 96, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, **2. Shri Ravi Prakash Goyal S/O Shri Hari Dev Goyal, (Guarantor),** A-96, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, **3. Smt. Santosh Goyal W/O Shri Ravi Prakash Goyal, Also at** : A-96, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, (herein after the borrower and guarantors are collectively referred to as "the Borrowers") to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 11,48,34,435.73 (Rs Eleven Crore Forty Eight Lac Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five and Paisa Seventy Three Only) as on 30.03.2017** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice and future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub- section 4 of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules,2002 on this the **14th day of June. 2019.**

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs.11,48,34,435.73/- (Rs Eleven Crore Forty Eight Lac Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five and Paisa Seventy Three Only) as on 30.03.2017 and future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc.**

The borrower's attention is invited to the recently amended provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, whereunder you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY(S)

1. Plot No. 1455, Block – H, DSIIDC, Narela Standing in the name of Shri Ravi Prakash Goyal admeasuring 418.6 Square Yards.
2. Plot of Land Measuring 5 Bigha, 5 Biswa Situated at Khatuni No.2/14, Khasra No. 336/19 Kitat, Village-behrampur Hadbust 104, Pargana and Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt.-solan, Himachal Pradesh standing in the name of M/s. Gopish Pharma Ltd.

Date : 14-06-2019 Place : Delhi / Nalagarh **Sd/- Authorized Officer, State Bank of India**

SBI **STATE BANK OF INDIA, STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH-I**
12th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan (STC Building), 1, Tolstoy Marg, Janpath, New Delhi-110001, E-mail : sbi.04109@sbi.co.in

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT)

A notice is hereby given that the following Guarantor/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name of Borrowers/Guarantors Date of NPA	Details of Properties/ Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Demand Notice Date Amount Outstanding
Mr. Syed Mazahir Askari S/o Mr. Syed Mazahir Ali, Guarantor of SRS Meditech Limited, D-503, Omaxe Royal Residency, Sector-44, Noida-201301 **Mr. Zain Askar S/o Mr. Syed Mazahir Askari** i, Guarantor of SRS Meditech Limited, D-503, Omaxe Royal Residency, Sector-44, Noida-201301 **Mr. Singh Raj Singh S/O Mr. Gopi,** Guarantor of SRS Meditech Limited, House No. 45, Atta Gunpura, PS-Dhankaur, Gautam Budh Nagar-203201 **2. Mr. Singh Raj Singh S/O Mr. Gopi,** Guarantor of SRS Meditech Limited, B 30, Silver Oak Estate,Greater Noida, G B Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201306 **Mr. Radhey Shyam S/o Mr. Krishan,** Guarantor of SRS Meditech Limited, 266, Gandhinagar Satha, Gandhi Nagar, Bulandshahr, U.P. **2. Mr. Radhey Shyam S/o Mr. Krishan, Guarantor of SRS Meditech Limited,** Commercial Building bearing Survey Number(s) 30, Main Maman Choki To Maman Road Tiraha, Paragana Naran, District Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, 203001 **Mrs. Naseema Bano,** Guarantor SRS Meditech Limited, House No. 450/119/2, Girdhari Lal Mathura Road, Mohallaha MuftiGanj, Thakurganj, Ward Doulat Ganj, Lucknow (U.P)-226003 **Loan Accounts have been classified as a NPA on 28-12-2018**	**1. EM of: Residential Building bearing Survey Number(s) : B 30, Silver Oak Estate,Greater Noida, G B Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201306,** Bounded as :-East: House No.14 & 15, West: House No.31, North: House No.24, South: Road 12 meter. **Owned by Mr. Singh Raj Singh S/o Shri Gopi.** **2. EM of : Residential Building bearing Survey Number(s) : 450/119/2, Lucknow-226001,** Bounded as :- East: House of Sri Prem Ji Asthana, West: House of Smt Sarwat Jahan & Sri Akbar Mirja, North: House of Sri Mustaki Zadi & Sri Muzzaffer Hussain, South: Road (12-15 feet). Owned by Smt. Naseema Bana W/o Sri Moulana Syed Mazahir Ali Saheb **3. EM of : Residential Building bearing Survey Number(s) : 157, Greater Noida, G B Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201308,** Bounded as : East: Plot 141, West: Plot 158-A, North: Plot 156, South: Road 12 Mtr Owned by Mr. Singh Raj Singh S/o Shri Gopi. **4. EM of : Residential Building bearing Survey Number(s) : D 503 5th Floor, Noida, G B Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201301,** Bounded as : East: Stair Case, West: D-502, North: Open, South: D-501 **Owned by Mr. Syed Mazahir Askari S/o Shri Syed Mazahir Ali** **5. EM of : Commercial Building bearing Survey Number(s) : 30, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, 203001,** Bounded as : East: other property, West: Main Mamun Road, North: Hazi Bundu Godown, South: S.K. Ploywood **Owned by Mr. Radhey Shyam S/o Mr. Krishan** **6. EM of : Residential Plot bearing Survey Number(s) : F 25, Yamuna Expressway, Dankaur, G B Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201310,** Bounded as : East: Plot-26, West: Road, North: Road, South: Plot- 69 Owned by Mr. Singh Raj Singh S/o Shri Gopi.	Demand Notice Dated **28-05-2019** **Amount Outstanding ₹ 17,09,38,662.30 as on 30-04-2019 + interest + Legal Charges.**

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Guarantor(s) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

Dated : 19-06-2019, Place : New Delhi **Authorised Officer, State Bank of India**

Om Birla elected Lok Sabha Speaker

Says will run House in impartial manner, PM urges him to be tough 'even if anyone from our side crosses limit'

Newly elected Speaker Om Birla on Wednesday. *Renuka Puri*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

IN A unanimous election, in conformity with the convention that marked assumption of the high office by 16 of his predecessors, BJP nominee Om Birla was on Wednesday elected Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

The motion moved by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and seconded by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was carried through with one voice and a show of hands.

Eleven notices for moving motions for Birla's election, given by different parties, had been received. Pro tem Speaker Virendra Kumar allowed the Congress and the DMK to also propose Birla's candidature, even though their notices had been received a little past the deadline on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said: "I, on behalf of the government and the treasury benches, assure you of full support in conducting the House. I also assure you that your order will prevail and you must be tough even if anyone from our side (treasury benches) crosses the limit."

Modi recalled that Birla had joined politics during his student days in his hometown Kota, Rajasthan. He told the House that the new Speaker ran a charity engaged in providing food to the poor, and woolens to the needy in winters. During the 2011 earthquake in Gujarat's Bhuj and the 2013 floods in Uttarakhand, Birla had rendered assistance to victims by mobilising his own teams, the Prime Minister recalled.

"Personally, I remember working with Om Birla-ji for a long time," Modi said. Referring to the emergence of Kota from a city tucked in a corner of Rajasthan as a centre of education, he said this had been due to Birla's "contribution and initiative."

The Prime Minister observed that Birla had a smiling disposition and spoke mildly. "Therefore," he added, "I fear someone may take an undue advantage of it."

Previously, Modi said, three or four years of a government's term used to pass off peacefully and "trouble began in the election year", but now elections approach after every three or four months, so the "message" is being sent across "from here".

Birla said he would run the House in an impartial manner. While asserting that the Chair should not be biased, he assured the members that he would preside over the proceedings in accordance with rules and regulations, and "safeguard the interests of the members, irrespective of the strength of their parties in the House".

Lauding Prime Minister Modi for running a transparent government, Birla said that considering the way people had reposed their faith in it, he expects the government to be "more responsible and answerable in the House".

Everyone should be heard and the government should respond to them, he said.

He sought cooperation from all members for smooth functioning of the House. "I have been a member like you from 2014 to 2019, and we should raise the issues which matter to the last person standing in the row," Birla said.

Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal said: "Regional parties and the minorities always have less numbers in this House.... I would request you that the minorities, regional parties and states with small numbers be given more time."

Regional languages score over English in Lok Sabha oath

ZEESHAN SHAIKH
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

THE 17TH Lok Sabha has seen a significant drop in the number of MPs taking oath in English, with members increasingly choosing regional languages to take the oath. This shift from English to regional languages has largely been observed among members from the southern states.

The number of MPs who took oath in English has come down from 114 in 2014 to 54 in 2019.

The 17th Lok Sabha has seen members taking oath in as many as 20 different languages.

As per the rules of the House, a member can take the oath in any language specified in the eighth schedule of the Constitution.

Hindi remains the most dominant with 210 members taking oath in the language. The number is higher compared to 2014 when 202 MPs took oath in the language, but lower than 2009 when 229 MPs had preferred Hindi.

This shift from English to regional languages has been seen largely among MPs from the southern states, especially Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. In 2014, only 7 MPs took their oath in Tamil; this has now increased to 39.

Similarly, the number of members who took oath in Telugu has gone up from 13 in 2014 to 24 this time. The number of MPs who took oath in Bengali has increased from 22 to 29. While 39 members took oath in Sanskrit in 2014, the number has risen to 44 this time.

This is also the first time when two MPs have taken the oath in Nepali.

Language	2009	2014	2019
Hindi	229	202	210
English	100	114	54
Sanskrit	10	39	44
Bengali	24	22	29
Oriya	11	15	14
Tamil	40	7	39
Assamese	7	7	8
Kannada	26	27	27
Punjabi	11	10	12
Gujarat	13	23	15
Telugu	23	13	24
Maithili	2	5	3
Urdu	5	3	5
Dogri	2		2
Malayalam	5	5	4
Marathi	21	38	36
Manipuri	1	1	1
Santhali		2	2
Kashmiri		1	3
Nepali			2
Total*	530	534	534

*MPs whose data was available

PM introduces new Council of Ministers

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday introduced his Council of Ministers to the Lok Sabha.

As he read out the names and portfolios of ministers following protocol, they stood up and greeted the members of House with folded hands.

It is a customary practice for a PM to introduce his council of ministers after a new government takes over. The same practice is followed in case of a reshuffle of ministries. **ENS**

Athawale remarks leave House members in splits

New Delhi: Union minister and RPI leader Ramdas Athawale on Wednesday left Lok Sabha MPs in peals of laughter. In his congratulatory remarks after the election of Om Birla as Speaker, Athawale said he is happy that Rahul got a chance to sit in Lok Sabha. "I congratulate you on getting an opportunity to sit there (in Opposition benches). I was with UPA when it was in power. Congress leaders asked me to join them again. But I saw which way the wind was blowing and stayed with NDA." **PTI**

After applause, Oppn reminds Speaker: Have to be neutral

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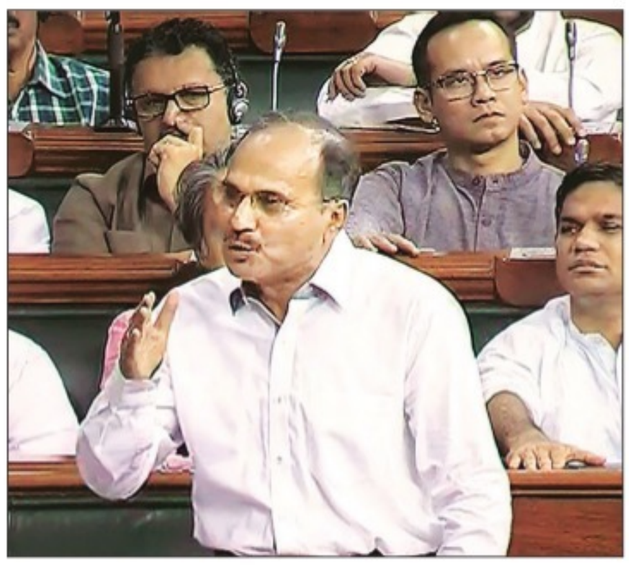
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19



Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury in Parliament on Wednesday. *PTI*

CONGRESS'S LEADER in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury mounted a veiled attack on the government while speaking in Lok Sabha after the Speaker's election on Wednesday.

Congratulating Om Birla on his election to the office of Speaker, Chowdhury pointed out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said outside the House that henceforth there will be no "ruling (*paksh*) or opposition (*vipaksh*) — only an impartial system". Calling it a "very good concept", he pointed out that India has a Parliamentary system, and that in a multi-party democracy many sides exist besides the ruling side and the Opposition. "Only you have to be neutral," he urged Birla.

Citing Tuesday's incidents of slogan-shouting in Lok Sabha during the oath-taking ceremony, he said slogans such as "Jai Shri Ram" and "Allah-hu Akbar" were "not good".

"It is a question of the dignity of the House," he said, and explained his point with a Hindi couplet: "*Woh hi Ram jo Dashrath ka beta, woh hi Ram jo ghar-ghar mein leta; woh hi Ram jagat pasera, woh hi Ram sabse nyara.*"

He followed this with "*La Ilaha...*", and cited an Urdu couplet: "*Jab Mullah ko Masjid mein Ram nazar aayein, jab pujari ko Mandir mein Rehman nazar aayein, duniya ki surat badal jayegi, jab insaan ko insaan mein insaan nazar aayein.*"

Pointing out that 67 per cent of India's 90 crore voters cast their vote in the Lok Sabha polls, he said, "In Malogam, a village in Anjaw district of Arunachal Pradesh, which has only one voter, six officials collected his solitary vote after a two-day trek of 6 km. We have to maintain the dignity of this democracy."

He said, "I want to tell the Prime Minister that the intention of our party is clear. We believe in debate, dissent and decision, but we should get an opportunity. You (Speaker) have the responsibility to run Parliament properly because you are the presiding officer, the custodian of this House."

Chowdhury sought to bring it to Birla's attention that many Bills were not referred to standing committees for scrutiny in the previous Lok Sabha. "Following the path of (promulgating) ordinances is also not good," he said, and maintained that discussions should be held threadbare and all stakeholders should be taken on board in a Parliamentary democracy.

Other Opposition leaders also pleaded for impartiality of the Chair and to ensure that all parties, whether big or small, get ample opportunity to articulate their views. T R Baalu of DMK said: "Sir, you have been selected and elected by the BJP.... Lotus (BJP's poll symbol) grows in water, lives in water, but water would not stick to lotus. Keeping this in mind, I can only say that maybe the BJP has selected you, but you should be impartial and see that everyone is taken along."

Sudip Bandyopadhyay of TMC said that a "brute majoritarianism" sometimes affected functioning of the House. "Many times, the Central government acts as if it can govern the whole country," he said, and was promptly interrupted by Birla, who said this is not the occasion to speak on the matter.

BJD's Pinaki Mishra made it known that the Speaker will face least problem from his party because it never interrupted proceedings or came into the Well. However, he added, "There is a very dominant government, (and) we will need your protection."

N K Premachandran of RSP pointed out that he had raised 500 amendments to different Bills during the 16th Lok Sabha, but none of them was accepted by the government. Nama Nageshwar Rao of TRS sought "justice" for all members, while Shyam Singh Yadav of BSP said first-time MPs should also get sufficient time during discussions. AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi said the Speaker should uphold the theory of separation of powers, and told Birla that he is a referee.

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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender in Rs.	Earnest Money Amount in Rs.	Blank Tender form amount in Rs.	Time limit for Completion of Work
1	Repairs to Passenger Jetty and approach road at Nanar. Tal. Rajapur, Dist. Ratnagiri.	64,16,799/-	64,500/-	1,180/-	09 Months (Including Mansoon)
2	Construction of Jetty near Datta Mandir at Juve. Tal. and Dist. Ratnagiri.	38,80,170/-	39,000/-	590/-	09 Months (Including Mansoon)
3	Repairs of Jaygad Ghat road to Jaigad bunder road. Tal. and Dist. Ratnagiri.	29,17,831/-	29,500/-	590/-	09 Months (Including Mansoon)
4	Construction of weather Shed and Water Supply arrangement at Patharebag. Tal. and Dist. Ratnagiri.	28,02,762/-	28,500/-	590/-	09 Months (Including Mansoon)
5	Providing and Laying of Paving Blocks at Patharebag Port Quarters. Tal. and Dist. Ratnagiri.	16,52,605/-	17,000/-	590/-	09 Months (Including Mansoon)
6	Repairs to road from Patharebag Port Quarters Premises to main road, Tal. and Dist. Ratnagiri.	12,46,052/-	12,500/-	590/-	09 Months (Including Mansoon)
7	Reconstruction of Passenger shed at Sogamwadi passenger jetty. Tal. Rajapur, Dist. Ratnagiri.	8,98,334/-	9,000/-	590/-	09 Months (Including Mansoon)
8	Reconstruction of Passenger Shed at Burumbewadi passenger jetty. Tal. Rajapur, Dist. Ratnagiri.	8,43,057/-	8,500/-	590/-	09 Months (Including Mansoon)

The details can be viewed online and downloaded directly from the Government of Maharashtra E-Tendering Portal https://mahatenders.gov.in on sub Portal of Home Department www.mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in from **19.06.2019** at **1000** hours (IST) onwards.

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HANDICRAFTS LEH

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIT NO. 1 ADHL OF 2019 **DATED: 04.06. 2019**

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu and Kashmir state e-Tender are invited from registered Government/Semi Govt. dept original Manufacture/Authorized Distributors and those firms/ dealers who are either registered by those who are dealing actually in the goods for which e-Tender is floated for supply of Handicrafts raw-materials tools & equipment items. The tender will come into force w.e.f 05.06.2019 as per the details given below in the tender document for the year 2019-20

A	Date of issue of tender notice	04.06.2019
B	Date of publishing of tender notice	05.06.2019
C	Period of downloading of bidders document	05.06.2019 to 25.06.2019
D	Online bid submission date start	05.06.2019. 12 noon
E	Online bid submission end date	25.06.2019 3pm
F	Date of receiving the hard copies (original)	25.06.2019 in the office of Assistant Director Handicrafts Leh.
G	Date of opening of tender	01.07.2019 or any other convenient day

1. The bidding documents, bill of quantities (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of the contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktender.gov.in as per schedule of date given below.
2. The Participate in the bidding process the bidder has to get Digital signature certificate (DSC) as per information technology Act 2000
3. The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic formats with digital signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
4. Tender has to be submitted under two cover system.

A. Cover 1st (Technical Bid) Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copy of all following document.
- i. Scan copy of EMD worth Rs.30000= (Rupees Thirty thousand only) pledged to Chairman District Purchase Committee Leh.
- ii. Scan copy of GST registration certificate.
- iii. Scan copy of latest GST return certificate.
- iv. Scan copy of PAN Card.
- v. Scan copy of tender fees in the shape of Bank draft of Rs.1000= Rupees one thousand only in favour of the Assistant Director Handicrafts Leh.
- vi. A Certificate to the effect tenderer is registered with appropriate authority to deal with procurement supply and distribution.

B. Cover 2nd (Financial Bid) rate to be submitted by the bidders in the bill of quantity (BOQ) items wise.

5. The original document should be submitted to the tenders opening authority by registered/ by hand before due date of submission of tender and in case of failure the tender shall be deemed to be null and void.
6. The tender must quote rates for items only in the prescribed BOQ (items wise) available on website.
7. Bidders are advice not make any change in BOQ(Bill of Quantity) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling of the items rates include of All taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contents.
8. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
9. The intending tenders are advised to go through the following terms and condition carefully before intending for the supply. Tender form shall not be excepted if fails to fulfill the condition.
10. Tenders are advised to use" My Document" area in their use on www.jktender.gov.in e-tendering portal to store important document like balance sheet. VAT certificate sale Tax clearance certificate. IT certificate and other related documents etc. and attach certificates as Non statuary document while submitting their bids.
11. Tenders are advised to scan their documents 100 DP(Dot per Inch) resolution with black and white PDF scan properly.

TERMS AND CONDITION:

1. Rate must be quoted FOR store of Handicrafts Leh. The rates should be inclusive of GST duties and other incidental handing charges etc. including tax if any.
2. Tender not accompanied with requisite tender fee/ earnest Money shall be rejected out rightly.
3. The rate quoted should be written both in words and figures.
4. In no case he price escalations shall be allowed/considered during the period of the contract.
5. The contract shall remain for one year from the date of issuance of the contract.
6. No conditional tender shall be entertained.
7. All the terms and condition of the NIT shall also forms a part of supply order and agreement.
8. The successful tender shall have to abide the standard terms and conditions of contractual obligations as laid down in J&K financial Rule/ code and the conditions as per contract.
9. If the items are not of good quality. The supply shall be rejected and will have to be replaced within reasonable time by the supplier immediately at his own risk cost and responsibility.
10. If approved supplier fails either to supply the items of the prescribed specification to deliver the goods with the specified period. The District Purchase committee Leh shall be at liberty to arrange supplies either through re-tender or otherwise after giving notice to approved supplier, the Earnest Money deposit and other deposits if an available with department shall be retained to make good an loss or extra cost incurred by the department in procurement of those supplies. The validity period and delivery period can be extended as mutually agreed to.
11. The tender whose tender is accepted shall arrange the supplies within stipulated time period as envisaged in supply order.
12. The payment of supplies shall be subject to verification and examination with regard to specification and standard of the items, the payment shall be made to the supplier after receipt/ verification of the materials in the store through endorsed bill. The bank charges on account of remittance shall have to be borne by the supplier. Which shall be deducted from the payment itself.
13. The successful tenderers shall supply the items strictly as per the samples of the department.
14. In case of belated supplies penalty up to 10% of the total cost of delayed supplies shall be imposed and recovered out of the security deposited or through any other source or manner as public dues by the District Purchase Committee.
15. In case of any dispute/ difference of doubts between the purchasing officer and the approved supplier the orders of the chairman District Purchase Committee Leh shall be final and binding on both the parities.
16. Jurisdiction of any legal proceeding shall be Hon'ble District Court leh Ladakh.
17. Any other condition that is not indicated herein can be incorporated in the supply order of agreement before execution of contract if need arises.
18. The successful tenderers has to execute an agreement with the Chairman District Purchase Committee Leh a within a week times from the date of issue of rate contract and has to deposit 5% of the supply as security deposit less by the amount of Earnest Money already furnished.
19. The Earnest Money furnished in shape of CDR/FDR shall be released in favour of the unsuccessful tenderer within a week time from the date of finalization/ issuance of rate contract. The Earnest Money of the successful tender shall be kept as security deposit.
20. The Chairman District Purchase Committee leh reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reasons thereof.
21. Local SSI unit shall be required to pay 5000/ 50% of the earnest money whichever is less as a security.
22. Tender document shall also be supplied to the local SSI unit 500/ 50% of the price of the document.
23. SICOP shall be treated at par with the local SSI unit for the purpose of the aforementioned provisions.
24. Local unit is entitled for price preference under industrial policy of J&K 2016.

No: ADHL/Estt/NIT/2019-20
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Assistant Director,
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GUJARAT

RS bypolls: SC notice to EC, will examine nature of vacancies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday said it will examine the question whether the two vacancies created in Rajya Sabha following election of BJP leaders Amit Shah and Smriti Irani to Lok Sabha were casual or statutory.

A bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Surya Kant said this while issuing a notice to Election Commission (EC) on a plea by the Congress's Gujarat unit, seeking simultaneous polls to the two seats.

The court listed the matter for detailed hearing on June 25 and gave the poll panel time until June 24 to file a written response.

The petition by Pareshbhai Dhanani, Leader of Opposition in Gujarat Assembly, has challenged the EC's classification of the two vacancies as 'casual' for conducting separate by-elections. It has emphasised that Section 69(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, read with Sections 67A and 68(4), makes them 'statutory vacancies'. The bench observed that there were decisions of the apex court and the High Court that need to be looked into.

Appearing for the petitioner, senior advocate Vivek Tankha said these decisions support the Congress's contention. Justice Gupta replied, "I am not very sure.... It will have to be heard...whether it is a casual vacancy or statutory.... Which way it will go, we don't know."

The EC's counsel contended that a writ petition under Article 32 cannot be filed in the matter. "Which is why we said it will have to be adjudicated," Justice Surya Kant observed.

The EC, in a notification issued earlier, had stated that by-election to the two seats will be held separately with separate ballot papers, where MLAs will have to vote twice and the candidate with the highest number of votes will win.

This is different from the way the polls were conducted in 2017, which was held by the preference system of voting.

Seeking that the poll panel's June 15 notification be set aside, Dhanani urged the court to direct the EC to "expeditiously hold simultaneous elections against the vacancies...in accordance with the provisions of the Representation of People's Act 1951".

Rape-accused BSP MP's plea for surrender to be heard today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JUNE 19

NEWLY ELECTED BSP MP from Ghosi, Atul Kumar Singh alias Atul Rai, who is wanted in a rape case registered last month, has moved a surrender application in a Varanasi court that will be heard on Thursday. Police is on the lookout for Singh, who has not taken oath in Lok Sabha yet.

Last month, the Varanasi court declared Rai a proclaimed offender after police submitted a report, claiming that he was untraceable. Last week, police pasted a copy of the court order, asking Singh to surrender at the MP's addresses in Ghazipur and Varanasi.

"Two days ago, BSP MP Atul Rai filed a surrender application in a Varanasi court. The court will take up the case Thursday. If Rai does not appear, we will take further action," said SHO, Lanka Police station, Bharat Bhushan.

The rape case against Rai was registered on May 1 at Lanka police station after a woman alleged that he had been sexually harassing her. After Rai went absconding, police moved court and obtained a non-bailable warrant later filed another application to declare him a proclaimed offender.

Sunny Deol gets notice for exceeding election campaign expenditure limit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 19

Deol has been elected MP from Gurdaspur in Punjab

ACTOR AND BJP MP from Gurdaspur, Sunny Deol, has been issued a notice, after his Lok Sabha poll campaign expenditure was found to have exceeded the statutory limit of Rs 70 lakh.

Gurdaspur Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Vipul Ujjwal said Deol's poll expenses were a "little bit higher than the allowed limit as per preliminary record". He said he cannot share the exact amount in excess because it was not "the final figure".

A PTI report said that "....as per preliminary calculations, Deol's poll expenditure was found to be Rs 86 lakh".

"It is basically a letter which is sent to every candidate. It is a notice to reconcile the poll expenditure... If they reconcile the amount, it will come down," Ujjwal said, adding that the amount calculated was based on "shadow registers" maintained by poll teams. He said if Deol had any objections, he will be heard out.

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL

NEW OFFICE, OLD TIES

FOLLOWING HIS nomination as national working president of the BJP, former Union minister J P Nadda will work from a ground-floor office in the party's central headquarters. He has been provided an office that was so far being used by party chief Amit Shah to meet party workers. Nadda had earlier been provided an office in the old party headquarters at Ashoka Road but had not been allotted an office in the new building on Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg because he was a minister in the first Narendra Modi government.

NO NAME-DROPPING

AFTER BJP MP from Bhopal Pragya Singh Thakur's move to modify her oath by attaching the name of her spiritual guru as a suffix to her name stirred a controversy in the opening session of 17th Lok Sabha on Monday, and pro tem Speaker Virendra Kumar ruled that only the name written on Thakur's election certificate will get recorded, other BJP MPs appear to have become cautious. In one such apparent instance, Union HRD Minister and Haridwar MP Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, while taking oath as Lok Sabha member, spelt out his name as only Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank. His election affidavit does not have a "Dr" as prefix to his name. Earlier, while taking oath as Cabinet minister on May 30, Nishank had used "Dr" with his name. His profile on the Lok Sabha website also shows his name as "Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank".

ONLY CHIEF, PLEASE

WHILE THE Aam Aadmi Party did not choose to boycott the all-party meeting to discuss the proposal of 'one country, one election' on Wednesday, there was no AAP representative in the meeting. Party chief and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had received a letter from Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, inviting him for consultation. Expressing his inability to attend, Kejriwal had nominated party leader Raghav Chadha to represent AAP. Hours before the meeting, it was communicated to the party that only party presidents will be allowed to take part. Left with no option, the party submitted its opinion on the issue in writing.

SP, BSP BOYCOTT 'ONE COUNTRY, ONE ELECTION' MEET

Maya wants talks on EVMs, Akhilesh says govt must fulfil promises first

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

THE BSP and SP on Wednesday opted out of the all-party meeting called by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for discussions on 'one country, one election' idea.

While BSP supremo Mayawati said a discussion on EVM is more important than the idea of 'one country, one election', SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said the government should focus on fulfilling promises on which it came to power.

Mayawati said the idea of 'one country, one election' is "anti-democratic" and against the Constitution. "If the meeting of presidents of the political parties called by the central government today was convened to find solution to the concerns about EVMs, then I would have definitely attended it," she said in a statement.

The BSP chief said that the people's faith in EVMs had dwindled to "worrisome level". "The country's democracy and Constitution are facing real threats following the stubbornness of the ruling party for conducting elections through EVMs instead of ballot paper," she said.

Mayawati, Akhilesh Yadav

Mayawati also said elections in any democratic country can never be a problem and they should not be weighed from the point of view of expenditure and extravagance. "The 'one country, one election' is an attempt to divert the attention from burning national issues such as poverty, inflation, unemployment and increase in violence, and is simply an illusion."

Akhilesh said, "They have made so many promises... I believe that their exercise from the first day should be to think how they are going to fulfil those promises... there are a lot of political parties which are never going to agree on this (one country, one election)."

While not giving any reason behind Akhilesh's decision to not attend the meeting, SP national spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary said that it was a decision of the party that they will not be part of the meeting.

His party boycotts meet, Deora calls for discussion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

CONGRESS LEADER and head of the party's Mumbai regional committee on Wednesday came out in support of the 'one country, one election' idea, calling for a discussion on the proposal, even as his party decided not to participate in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's all-party meeting to discuss the idea.

Deora said the government's "proposal to hold simultaneous elections is worthy of debate" and Indian democracy "is neither fragile nor immature and the debate of one country, one election calls for an open mind on either side of the spectrum". He also said that being in continuous election mode proves to be a "roadblock" towards finding long-term solutions to the challenges faced by the country.

In a statement, Deora, who lost in the recent Lok Sabha polls, said that India conducted simultaneous elections till 1967, and as a former MP who has contested four

'Being in continuous election mode a roadblock to good governance'

elections, "I believe that being in continuous election mode is a roadblock to good governance, distracts politicians from addressing real issues and adds populism to the character of governance which is not necessarily a long-term solution to some of the gravest problems Indians face". The country needs a "singular agenda for social and economic growth".

Calling it "not an ordinary reform", Deora said that it will have "a long-lasting impact".

However, he said the Centre must address the apprehensions of the parties opposing the idea. "The scepticism of political parties should not be ridiculed."

Cong dissolves Karnataka PCC, retains president, working chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 19

THE ALL India Congress Committee (AICC) on Wednesday approved the dissolution of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), retaining only its president Dinesh Gundu Rao and working president Eshwar Khandre, in an attempt to revamp the state unit.

"The AICC has decided to dissolve the present committee of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee. The president and working president remain unchanged," said an AICC release signed by the general secretary in charge of Karnataka, K C Venugopal.

While the request to revamp the KPCC was made before the Lok Sabha polls, the AICC has now cleared the move to strengthen the party unit, said officials. The Congress, which ruled Karnataka from 2013-18, won only one seat in the recent Lok Sabha elections. The move is expected to give Rao a greater say in managing the affairs of the party, from the state level to the booth level.

"The Congress committee in Karnataka has 400-450 members... but only a few are involved in party activities even during elections. The committee will now be revamped to make it more compact and will comprise a team reporting to the party president Dinesh Gundu Rao," said a party office-bearer.

"The KPCC is currently a jumbo committee where 70 per cent of people are inactive. The former party president, G Parameshwara, was in charge for eight years and several people were added to the committee during his term. A new committee will now be created, in consultation with leaders, by the party president over the next month or so," said another office-bearer.

The KPCC's website shows that it has 21 vice-presidents, 65 general secretaries, 170 secretaries and 452 members. While the party president and working president were appointed in July 2018, most of the others have been in the committee for at least two years.

"There are so many members but no one puts in work when required, and it is the same handful of members who are shouldering responsibility even after the polls," an office-bearer said.

The revamp comes in the background of acrimony in the party over denial of positions in the JDS-Congress coalition government. One of the disgruntled MLAs, Roshan Baig, was suspended by the party on Tuesday for calling AICC general secretary K C Venugopal a "buffoon", former CM Siddaramaiah "arrogant" and state party president Dinesh Gundu Rao a "flop show" following the party's performance in the Lok Sabha polls.

Several veteran leaders like Ramalinga Reddy and H K Patil have been speaking out against the functioning of the party. A bunch of younger Congress MLAs like Ramesh Jharkiholi and six to seven others have also been reportedly cosying upto the BJP in recent days as the BJP attempts to break the fragile JDS-Congress alliance in the state.

EXPLAINED

Bid to revamp, revive

OVER THE years, the Karnataka PCC has handed out party positions to members on the basis of their proximity to top party leaders. As a result, the state unit has assumed unwieldy proportions. With the party's defeat in the Lok Sabha elections triggering growing voices of dissent within the state unit, the move to revamp the KPCC is seen as an effort to revive the party.

SWEET GESTURE

Congress president Rahul Gandhi offers sweets on his birthday at the AICC office in New Delhi on Wednesday. *Prem Nath Pandey*

17 councillors join BJP, TMC govt dissolves Darjeeling civic board

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 19

AFTER DISSOLVING Naihati municipality board in North 24 Parganas district, the Trinamool Congress government has now dissolved Darjeeling municipality board.

CM Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday appointed the additional district magistrate (general) as the administrator to run the Darjeeling municipality for a period of six months or till newly-elected councillors take over.

The government's move came days after 17 out of 30 municipal councillors switched to the BJP from the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha's Binay Tamang faction. The municipality has 32 wards, two of which are currently vacant.

The Darjeeling municipality board was dissolved under sub-section (2) of section 431 of the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993, an order issued by its Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department stated.

The order stated that with the dissolution of the municipality, an administrative vacuum has emerged, which is "required to be filled to ensure smooth running of public services in the municipal area... in public interest".

It stated that with the dissolution, all powers and functions vested upon municipal authorities shall be exercised by the administrator appointed by the state government.

The ADM (general,) Darjeeling, has been appointed as the administrator of the Darjeeling municipality with "immediate effect for a period not exceeding six months or until the newly elected Councillors take over charge, whichever is earlier," the order stated.

Meanwhile, the BJP slammed the government's move, saying it will move the court against the decision. "This is dictatorship and it amounts to the murder of democracy," BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya said.

Jaishankar meets Russian Dy PM, discusses Modi's Vladivostok visit

New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yury Trutnev on Wednesday and discussed ways to strengthen bilateral ties as well as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Vladivostok for the Eastern Economic Forum later this year.

Jaishankar's meeting with Trutnev comes days after Prime Minister Modi met Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in Bishkek, where the two leaders reviewed all aspects of bilateral relations to further strengthen the strategic relationship.

"EAM @DrSJaishankar met with Deputy Prime Minister & Presidential Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District of Russia Yury Trutnev. Discussed various aspects of India-Russia relationship, including the visit by PM @narendramodi to Vladivostok for the Eastern Economic Forum," MEA Spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted.

Trutnev, who led a high-level delegation to India from June 15-19, also held meetings with NSA Ajit Doval and Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan. **PTI**

BJP workers protest against induction of TMC MLA

Kolkata: A day after Trinamool Congress MLA Biswajit Das switched over to the BJP, the saffron party workers in his assembly constituency protested on Wednesday and demanded his removal from the party, claiming that he used to torture them.

Das, a two-time MLA of Bangaon Uttar, is the latest TMC MLA to have switched sides. He joined the BJP in New Delhi on Tuesday along with 12 councillors.

BJP workers carrying party flags and posters hit the streets of Bangaon on Wednesday demanding the immediate removal of Das from the party.

"What is the use of fighting the TMC if those TMC leaders who had once tortured our workers join the party as the winds of change are blowing in the state. These opportunists will ruin our party's image," a local BJP leader said.

When contacted, local BJP MP Santanu Thakur said he will look into the matter.

Earlier, TMC MLA Manirul Islam joining the BJP had elicited similar reactions from party workers of Birbhum district last month, leaving the BJP leadership in the state red-faced. **PTI**

ADVERSE REMARK IN APPRAISAL REPORT

In letter to Khattar, Khemka seeks compliance of HC order

VARINDER BHATIA
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 19

THREE MONTHS after the Punjab and Haryana High Court rejected Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's "adverse" remarks in the Performance Appraisal Report (2016-2017) of IAS officer Ashok Khemka, the latter has written to the Chief Minister, seeking compliance with the order.

The officer had sought to expunge the remarks by Khattar in his annual performance appraisal report for 2016-17 and restoration of the overall grade of 9.92 as given by the Reviewing Authority.

On March 18, the division bench of Justices Rajiv Sharma and Kuldip Singh had said, "The remarks of the Accepting Officer

Ashok Khemka

and the grading of 9.00 given by the Accepting Authority are hereby set aside and the opinion given by the Reviewing Authority is restored. The grading of 9.92 given by the Reviewing Authority is also restored and will prevail upon the grading given by the Reporting Authority."

The next day, Khemka had written to Chief Secretary D S Dhesi, seeking immediate compliance of the order, but it wasn't done.

On June 13, Khemka wrote to Khattar, "As chief minister of the state, you are the commander-in-chief of the executive. It is your political and moral duty to ensure that the state fulfils the mandates cast upon it by the courts. Laxity, especially towards court orders, sends an implicit message that the high and mighty consider themselves above the rule of law. Moreover, because the order impugns your actions (as the Accepting Authority) and quashes them as illegal, it is your legal and moral duty to ensure that compliance of the order is met at the earliest."

Chief Secretary D S Dhesi told *The Indian Express* that the state government has challenged the high court order in Supreme Court.

BJP offered Rs 10 cr to JDS MLA, says Kumaraswamy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 19

KARNATAKA CHIEF Minister H D Kumaraswamy has accused the Opposition BJP in the state of making a fresh bid to overthrow his JDS-Congress coalition government by trying to lure an unnamed JDS MLA with a Rs 10 crore offer to defect to the BJP.

"I was going to sleep the other night and one of our MLAs called me and said in a desperate voice that he had been offered Rs 10 crore to join the other side. He was told that the government would fall by the next evening and that Rs 10 crore would be dispatched to his home to invite him to join 10 others who had already defected," Kumaraswamy said at a public event in Channapatna region from where he was elected to the Assembly last year.

Earlier this week, BJP state president B S Yeddyurappa said his party was not interested in

H D Kumaraswamy

toppling the coalition. "Our party leadership has asked us not to do anything to topple the government and to wait for it to collapse on its own. We will not do anything. We do not want to go to polls but will wait for the coalition to collapse on its own," he said.

The BJP has 105 MLAs in the 224-member Assembly while the JDS-Congress coalition has 116 MLAs, apart from two Independents and a BSP MLA currently associated with the JDS.

DALITS PROTECTED BY COPS IN 32 VILLAGES

CM proposes harmony drive in 32 Gujarat villages

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GANDHINAGAR, JUNE 19

WITH PEOPLE from Dalit communities in 32 villages of Gujarat's 20 districts living under police protection, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has suggested launching a campaign to promote "*samajik samrasta* (social harmony)" in these villages so that the police protection can be lifted.

The issue was on Wednesday discussed in a meeting of the state-level vigilance and monitoring committee that looks after effective implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, or the Atrocity Act.

The meeting, slated to be held twice a year under the provisions of the Atrocity Act, was attended by Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel, Education Minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Ishvar Parmar, Leader of Opposition Paresh Dhanani, Chief Secretary J N Singh, Principal Secretary (Social Justice and Empowerment Department) Manoj Aggarwal, and state DGP Shivanand Jha, among others.

Dhanani said: "In 12 cases (out of 32 villages) the protection is given to individual Dalit families. In 20 (other) cases, entire Dalit

Vijay Rupani

mohallas have been provided protection."

In October last year, when the committee's meeting was held last, there were 30 such villages where Dalits were living under police protection, he said. Since then, he said, police protection was withdrawn from four villages as the situation was seen as having improved.

"But six more villages have been added to the list," the Congress leader added.

According to Dhanani, Chief Minister Rupani has instructed the officials concerned — such as the district collector, district superintendent of police and local leaders — to take initiatives on campaign mode in an effort to improve the situation of social harmony in these villages, so that people from these communities can live without police protection.

Dhanani said that since October 2018 more than 933 cases of atrocities against people from Dalit and tribal communities have been reported. At the same time, he added, the conviction rate in cases of Atrocity Act is less than 3 per cent.

Sources said that Rupani has asked Home and Law departments to work out a plan to improve the conviction rate.

"I pointed out that the state government should take initiatives to ensure that the conviction rate in these cases improve. I also suggested that steps should be taken to ensure disposal of over 10,000 pending Atrocity Act cases in Gujarat," the Opposition leader said.

In a release issued after the meeting, the state government stated that in the last one year, the government has paid compensation of Rs 16 crore to Dalit victims of atrocities. In the same period, the government stated, victims from ST communities have been paid Rs 2.84 crore compensation.

Mehbooba urges Modi to declare ceasefire in J&K after Amarnath Yatra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 19

PDP PRESIDENT and former J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to declare ceasefire in the state after the Amarnath Yatra.

About the discussions on 'one country, one election', the PDP chief said that India is de-

Mehbooba Mufti

fined by its diversity in culture, linguistics, eating and living habits, and "therefore politically also this diversity should be allowed to thrive".

Speaking at the all-party meet called by the PM on Wednesday, Mufti also demanded a political outreach by the central government.

"Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas should be implemented on the ground and the best place to start with that is Kashmir, which feels alienated, bruised and wounded," Mufti said. "Now that the PM has come back with a...stronger mandate, we expect him to act decisively."

Man booked for making boy sit on hot floor in Maharashtra

Nagpur: A man has been booked under the atrocities Act for allegedly making an eight-year-old boy sit on a hot temple floor in Wardha. Police said the accused, Amol Dhore, made him sit on the hot floor as punishment as he suspected him of stealing coins from the temple.

The alleged incident took place on June 16. The boy suffered burn wounds and has been admitted to a hospital. A case has been registered at Arvi police station in Wardha.

"The accused allegedly punished the boy because he suspected he had stolen coins from the temple," said Pradeep Vairale, sub-divisional police officer of Arvi. As the boy belongs to Matang (Scheduled Caste) community, police have slapped sections of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against the accused. The accused is in magisterial custody. **ENS**

Beaten by co-workers in Pune, Dalit man dies

Rajasthan man succumbs to injuries; 3 held, probe on

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, JUNE 19

THREE PERSONS from Rajasthan have been booked on charges of murder and under sections of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, for allegedly brutally thrashing a Dalit man, who eventually died of his injuries.

Police have identified the deceased as Ram Swaroop (21), who was from Nagaur in Rajasthan.

The three accused in the case are also from Nagaur and belong to an upper caste, said police. According to the complaint, Ram Swaroop came to Pune about two months ago to work with one of the accused, Pappu Ram, at a furniture shop in the city's Kharadi area.

Deceased Ram Swaroop was beaten up for refusing to do daily chores, the police say.

But Pappu Ram and his aides Jagdish and Hazariram allegedly forced Swaroop to perform chores such as washing their clothes, cleaning utensils and sweeping their residence.

After a few days, when Swaroop refused to do these chores any more, Pappu and the two other accused locked him inside a room and thrashed him, said police.

Swaroop was seriously injured in the beating, which took place on May 5, but the accused allegedly sent him back to Rajasthan by train the next day despite his injuries. On reaching Rajasthan, Swaroop was treated at hospitals in Jaipur and Jodhpur, but succumbed to his injuries about a month later, on June 4.

His father then filed a complaint with Rajasthan Police under sections 342, 302 and 34 (pertaining to charges of wrongful confinement, murder) of the Indian Penal Code and sections 3(1)(2)(5) of the SC & ST Prevention of Atrocities Act. As the offence took place in Pune, the Rajasthan Police transferred the case to the Pune City Police for further investigation.

"The investigation is on and we will be sending a team to Rajasthan," said Assistant Commissioner of Police Shivaji Pawar, who is investigating the case.

4 elephants from Assam set to take 70-hr train journey for Ahmedabad rath yatra

TORA AGARWALA & VAIBHAV JHA
GUWAHATI/ AHMEDABAD

FOUR CAPTIVE elephants will undertake a perilous 70-hour train journey from Assam to Gujarat to take part in the annual rath yatra in Ahmedabad. Jagannath Temple in Ahmedabad had asked Assam's Forest Department for these elephants for the July 4 event, as three temple elephants had died of old age last year.

While it is not yet known when the journey will take place, officials of Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) confirmed having received an application on Tuesday to transport four pachyderms from Tinsukia in Upper Assam to Ahmedabad. They received an advance of Rs 1,500, officials added.

The elephants will be transported in a VP (parcel van) coach, a closed non-airconditioned wagon, roughly the size of a passenger coach, usually used to transport goods and attached to a passenger train. NFR officials said provisions will be made for water on board, and that a veterinarian will accompany the animals. A transit permit has been issued by Chief Conservator of Forest (Jorhat) Ranjan Kumar Das and signed by Chief Wildlife Warden and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ranjana Gupta for this.

Jagannath Temple had sought the animals after four of its trust's elephants died last year. *File*

Pointing out the "extreme conditions" in which the elephants will have to travel, a Guwahati-based wildlife expert, who did not wish to be named, said that in Assam, it is considered hit even at 28-30 degrees Celsius. "Besides, there is a lot of moisture in the air. North India, on the other hand, has dry, hot weather and hits 45 degrees and upwards."

Despite persistent efforts, both PCCF Gupta and CCF Das were unavailable for a comment.

Another issue is the inter-state transfer of captive elephants. Forest officials said the four elephants are owned by individuals hailing from Upper Assam.

In the past, there have been instances of captive elephants disappearing from Assam. Elephants are expensive to maintain, and owners are increasingly trying to get rid of them, officials said.

Wildlife conservationist Kaushik Barua said, "The government might have legal permission to do this but my main concern is the weather. Nobody would transport elephants in this weather. It is dangerous."

Lord Jagannath Temple trustee Mahendra Jha told *The Indian Express*: "Last year, three elephants of our temple trust died due to old age and we have 17 elephants left. The four elephants will join them, if and when they arrive."

But he said the possibility was low as the elephants would need time to acclimatise. "Even if they are tamed and arrive before July 4, they will not join the procession, as they are not used to the ambience of the yatra," he said. "They will first live in temple premises for some time to get used to the climate and environment."

EXPLAINED

Why it is controversial

Elephant is a Schedule 1 protected animal and as per the Environment and Forest Ministry, no elephant can be made to walk for more than 3 hours or 30 km at a stretch. Elephants are also not allowed to be transported for 6 hours at a stretch as per guidelines. While it is common for elephants to be transported by train, those transporting them have to follow the rulebook, which is provide a veterinarian on board, among others. Elephants are also prone to running amok in conditions of extreme heat, which is the case in Gujarat.

Kalluri among three made ADGP

Raipur: SRP Kalluri is among three 1994 batch IPS officers promoted by the Chhattisgarh government to the rank of Additional Director General of Police. GP Singh and Himanshu Guptaare the other two officers. While Singh is presently in charge of Economic Offences and the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Gupta is IG of Durg range and Kalluri is additional transport commissioner. Kalluri has a controversial record, with allegations of police excesses, and intimidation against journalists, human rights activists, and civil societies during his service in Bastar. **ENS**

Chhattisgarh ex-CM's son booked in cheating case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
RAIPUR, JUNE 19

FORMER BJP MP from Rajnandgaon and son of former Chief Minister Raman Singh, Abhishek Singh, is among 19 others against whom a case of cheating has been registered in an alleged chit fund scam case in Surguja district. The case was registered after the district court ordered an FIR in a complaint by Premsagar Gupta. Former BJP MP Madhusudan Yadav is also an accused in the case.

According to Gupta, he had invested Rs 98,876 in a company called Anmol India, which it did not return. He complained to the local police, and when no action was taken, he approached the courts. According to the complaint, Singh and Yadav were "campaigners" for the company.

Senior police officials said a case has been registered under section 420(cheating) of the Indian Penal Code, and section 10 of the Protection of Interest of Chhattisgarh Depositors Act, 2005. IG, Surguja, KC Agarwal said, "The case has been registered based on court directions. Investigations will now ensue. No arrests have been made so far."

Abhishek Singh has maintained that he is innocent and that he has no connections with the company, and that any investigation will absolve him of all charges.

In MP, 5 cops suspended after 'custodial death'

Bhopal: A judicial inquiry was ordered and five police officials were suspended over the alleged custodial death of a youth who drove his speeding vehicle into the railing of a bus rapid transit corridor here in Bairagarh locality late on Tuesday.

Police claimed Shivam Mishra, in his 20s, and his friend were in an inebriated condition and driving rashly when the accident took place. Police took Shivam, whose father and uncle are police officials, and his friend. Shivam's family alleged that his died in custody. Shivam's father Suresh Mishra demanded a case of murder be lodged against those responsible.

A senior police officer said a short post-mortem report showed that Shivam had died of cardiac arrest. Former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan accused the police of mercilessly beating the youth to death. **ENS**

Single parent's kid denied admission, notice issued

GARGI VERMA
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

THE EDUCATION Department of the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation has served a notice to St Lawrence School in Vashi for allegedly denying admission to a seven-year-old for having a single parent. The notice was issued on June 17, following which the principal wrote an apology letter to the education department saying the school could now admit the child.

On June 13, in a video that was uploaded on social media by the boy's mother, a woman, purported to be the principal, was seen saying the child could not be granted admission as "children of single parents are difficult to handle".

The boy's mother, 27-year-old Sujata Mohite, said, "The letter from the education department informed me that the school has decided to give admission to my son and that I should contact them for the procedure."

The letter from the school, signed by the headmistress Saira Kennedy, stated, "As there was no seats available in Std II, I could not grant the admission. Hence, I am really sorry for the mistake from my part by saying single parent."

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH
Chanakya Bhawan, 3 rd Floor, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021
TENDER NOTICE
Ref. No. LO/LAUNDRY/CB/2019/892 **Dated:-14/06/2019**
Sealed tender are invited from reputed Washermen/ Launderers for Washing, Ironing and Dry-Cleaning of linen and other clothing in Chhattisgarh Bhawan 7, Sardar Patel Marg, Chanakyapuri New Delhi and Chhattisgarh Sadan, 8-12, Factory Road, Safdarjung, New Delhi. The tender documents may be obtained from 3rd Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021 on payment of Rs. 500/- (non-refundable) in cash on or before 08.07.2019 between 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM on all working days. Tender documents can be downloaded from www.rcchhattisgarh.gov.in. Last date of receipt of tender is 09.07.2019 upto 02.30 PM.
sd/-
Resident Commissioner
Chhattisgarh Bhawan
70781

Bhopal Municipal Corporation
IIND Floor, Above Passport Office, Kushabhau Thakre Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT) Campus, Ambedkar Marg, Near Chetak Bridge, Bhopal (M.P)
No.: BMC/2019/64 **Bhopal Date 17.06.2019**
Tender for online submissions are invited on website **www.mptenders.gov.in** under "Live Tender" and Department Name "Bhopal Municipal Corporation" for following work. Detailed NIT. Tender Schedule and other information can be seen on the website **www.mptenders.gov.in.**

S.No.	System NIT no.	Name of Work
1	2019_UAD_32032_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-A Zone- 01
2	2019_UAD_32044_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-B Zone- 02
\3	2019_UAD_32046_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-C Zone- 03 and 04
4	2019_UAD_32048_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-D Zone- 05 and 06
5	2019_UAD_32058_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-E Zone- 07 and 08
6	2019_UAD_32065_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-F Zone-09
7	2019_UAD_32068_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-G Zone-10 and 17
8	2019_UAD_32070_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-H Zone-11,12 and 14
9	2019_UAD_32072_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-I Zone- 13 and 19
10	2019_UAD_32077_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-J Zone- 15 and 16
11	2019_UAD_32079_1	"Operation & Maintenance of Modular Toilet Blocks (MTB) and Urinals under Bhopal Municipal Corporation" Cluster-K Zone- 18

Corrigendum and Amendment for above NIT shall not be issued separately in newspapers & correction if any would be Published on website only.
Sd/-
City Engineer (SBM)
Municipal Corporation, Bhopal
T.N. 298/019/020

Bihar School Examination Board
NOTICE INVITING e-Tender
(Through e-procurement mode only over https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Tender Notice No.:- PR 259/2019
Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced & technologically sound Firms /Companies/ Agencies/ Societies having adequate infrastructure and Experience of **Supplying of Corrugated Box Pasted with variable Printed Adhesive Stickers for Secondary and Intermediate (Annual and Compartmental) Examination 2020 and other examinations as per decision of BSEB.**
Scope of Work : Supply of Corrugated Box pasted with variable Printed Adhesive Stickers on it, for packing of Examination materials of Secondary and Intermediate (Annual and Compartmental) Examination 2020 and other examinations as per decision of BSEB

Cost of Tender document (In Rupees)	Tender processing Fee (Non Refundable) (inclusive of GST @18.00%) to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit card) (in Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)
500 /- (Five Hundred Rupees only)	1,180/- (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Rupees only)	1,00,000/- (One Lakh Rupees only)

Tender Schedule/ Programme:

Date and Time for Activity	Date/Time : Duration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	**From : 20/06/2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 12/07/2019 (13:00 Hrs.) (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)**
Pre-Bid meeting	**28/06/2019 at 12:45 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/Time for submission / uploading of offer/Bid	**12/07/2019 upto 15:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)**
Submission of form fee & EMD in Hard copy/ Original	**12/07/2019 upto 15:30 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	**12/07/2019 at 16:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Date to be announced later by competent authority

- Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from e-tender website **https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in**
- For support related to e-tendering process, Bidders may contact at "e-Procurement HELP DESK First Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No.-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna- 800001, Ph. No: 0612-2523006, Mob- 7542028164" or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at **https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.**
- Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be published on e-Procurement Portal, Bihar **https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in** itself
- **Contact Details :** Sh. Jai Kishore Singh, Nodal officer - 9431396069, E-Mail ID – eproc.bseb@gmail.com
- **Note: -** Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/ reject/reschedule any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, KALAHANDI RWS&S DIVISION, BHAWANIPATNA
INVITATION OF BID THROUGH e-TENDERING
102-O
Bid Identification NO- 02/EE/RWSS/2019-20/ Bpt Dated. 18.06.2019
01. Name of the work:- As per ANNEXURE - A

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding on office hour only.		Date of opening (Technical Bid)
		From	To	
1	2	3	4	5
Executive Engineer Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna	02/EE/RWSS/ 2019-20 / Bpt Dated- 18.06.2019	25.06.2019	16.07.2019	17.07.2019 at 11:30 AM onwards.

Cost of tender paper & payment of EMD to be made online payment system.
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **http://tenderodisha.gov.in**.
Executive Engineer
Kalahandi RWS&S Division
Bhawanipatna
25005/11/0004/1920

झारखण्ड सरकार
सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क विभाग
(जनसम्पर्क निदेशालय)
अति अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा सूचना
जनसम्पर्क निदेशालय, झारखण्ड, राँची के द्वारा सरकार की लोककल्याणकारी नीतियों, योजनाओं, उपलब्धियों तथा जनजागरूकता से संबंधित कार्यक्रमों को "लाइट एवं साउंड सुविधायुक्त वाहन" के माध्यम से प्रस्तुति कर आम-जन तक पहुँचाने के उद्देश्य से दर निर्धारण करने हेतु अति अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
2. निविदाएँ, कार्यालय के द्वितीय तल अवस्थित प्रेषण शाखा में स्वयं या अपने नामित प्रतिनिधि के द्वारा दिनांक 28/06/2019 को अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक स्वीकार की जायेंगी। निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय के बाद निविदा किसी भी स्थिति में स्वीकार नहीं होगी। प्राप्त सभी निविदाओं को **दिनांक 28/06/2019** को अपराह्न **4:00 बजे** क्रय समिति के समक्ष खोली जायेगी।
3. निविदादाता को अलग-अलग लिफाफे में तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय बिड देना होगा। जिन निविदादाताओं का तकनीकी बिड निविदा क्रय समिति द्वारा स्वीकृत किया जायेगा, उन्हीं निविदादाताओं के वित्तीय बिड विचारणीय होंगे। पुनर्निविदा की शर्तें एव तकनीकी/वित्तीय बिड का प्रारूप कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट एवं विभागीय वेबसाइट prdjharkhand.in पर उपलब्ध है।
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RECONDITIONING OF TURNOUTS AT RANGIYA DIVISION
E-Tender Notice No. 08-Engg-RNY-2019-20. Work tenders through E-Tendering System are invited for the following works: **Tender No. 1. Brief Description of Item:** Reconditioning of 1 in 12 and 1 in 8.5 CMS X-ing body and switches under the jurisdiction of DEN/III/Rangiya Section. **Tender Value:** ₹27,11,838.40/-, **Earnest Money:** ₹54,200/-, **Date of Closing of E-tender: 13.00** hrs. of **09-07-2019 and opened at 15.00** hrs. of **09-07-2019** in the office of the undersigned. For details please visit **www.ireps.gov.in**
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NORTH

15 killed, 32 injured in two road accidents in UP

Lucknow: At least 15 people were killed and 32 were injured in two road accidents in Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday. In Sambhal district, eight people were killed and 12 injured in an accident on the Moradabad-Agra Highway. In Fatehpur district, seven people were killed and 20 others were injured in another accident. In Sambhal, the accident, which happened around 1.30 am, was between a pick-up SUV vehicle and a canter truck took place under Bahjoi police station area while in Fatehpur the accident occurred when a bus and a truck collided head-on under the Chandpur police station limits. **ENS**

A girl carries drinking water at a slum in Mumbai on Wednesday. A 43 per cent shortfall in monsoon rain is being projected by the weather department this year across the country. *AP*

EAST

Mizoram 'encourages' officials to wear traditional garb at work

Guwahati: The Mizoram government has issued a circular "encouraging" government employees to come to office in traditional wear voluntarily at least once a week, saying that the step is expected to "inculcate closeness to culture and tradition". The circular, dated June 17 and issued by Pu Biaktluanga, Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Mizoram, stated, "The state government of Mizoram desires to encourage all the employees under its umbrella... to wear Mizo traditional... attires at work place at least once a week." **ENS**

WEST

Woman held for possessing narcotics in Thane

Thane: A 28-year-old woman was arrested in Thane for allegedly possessing mephedrone, a narcotic substance, police said on Wednesday. Acting on a tip-off, a police team on Monday night raided a house in Mumbra township where they caught the woman and seized around 197 gm of the prohibited drug from her possession, senior police inspector Madhukar Kad said. The woman, identified as Sayeeda Shaikh, was arrested and booked under relevant provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, he said. The police were trying to find out from where the woman got the contraband and to whom she intended to sell it, he said. **PTI**

SOUTH

Man worships Donald Trump in Telangana, erects statue

Hyderabad: An admirer of Donald Trump's "strong leadership" and "bold attitude" in Telangana has erected a six-foot-tall statue of the President of the Unites States at his home and worships him like a "god". As tensions over trade-related issues heat up between India and the United States , Bussa Krishna, a 32-year-old farmer from Konne village in Jangaon district, unveiled the Trump statue and applied 'tilak' and garlanded it before performing "Abhishekam" and "Aarti" by chanting "Jai Jai Trump." His mother said Krishna spent Rs 1.3 lakh to install the statue and even organised a feast for villagers. **PTI**

GOOD SAMARITAN IN KHAKI

As the strike by school van and auto-rickshaw drivers entered the second day following a crackdown by RTO and traffic police against vehicles flouting rules, Vadodara police on Wednesday ferried students to school in PCR vans and motorbikes. *Bhupendra Rana*

J&K Jamaat ban case: Tribunal begins hearing, govt seeks in-camera proceedings

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JUNE 19

THE J&K government sought in-camera proceedings and redaction of witnesses as a three-day hearing against the ban on the Jamaat-e-Islami (Jammu and Kashmir) began before the Unlawful Activities Prevention Tribunal in Srinagar on Wednesday.

The court allowed both the applications by the government.

As the hearing began, the government asked the Tribunal to order in-camera hearing and redaction of witnesses (protection against the identification of witnesses).

As the Tribunal allowed both the appeals, two senior officials of the state government who had submitted their affidavits deposed for cross-examination. A third government official, who has filed an affidavit, would be cross-examined on Thursday.

The Tribunal has also issued a notification saying that anybody among the public can come and depose before them. An official said that the Tribunal has received one affidavit from an individual who is ready to depose.

The hearing at the Tribunal that is presided over by Delhi High Court judge Justice Chander Shekhar would continue on Thursday.

In February, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued a notification banning the socio-political organisation under section 3 of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

In its notification, the Home Ministry had cited a host of reasons for declaring the organisation as a banned outfit.

"JeI is in close touch with militant outfits and is supporting extremism and militancy in J&K and elsewhere," the notification read. "JeI is supporting claims for secession and supporting terrorist and separatist groups fighting for this purpose."

The notification had further said that the organisation is "involved in anti-national and subversive" activities in the country "intending to cause disaffection".

J&K police claim to have foiled major terror attack

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, JUNE 19

TWO DAYS after a car bomb attack in south Kashmir's Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir police on Wednesday claimed to have foiled a major "terror" attack plan by recovering a sophisticated improvised explosive device (IED) in Shopian district.

Police said the IED was recovered after five youths were arrested in Shopian. J&K Police said in an official release that the arrested youths, who have been identified as "associates" of militants, had said during questioning that with a help of a Hizbul Mujahedeen (HM) militant, they were planning to plant an IED to target security forces.

"During questioning, it was revealed that terrorist of proscribed outfit HM, along with above stated associates were planning to target police and security forces by planting an IED in the area," said the police. "A sophisticated IED was recovered from their possession and major terror attempt, which they had planned, was foiled," the police said.

GUWAHATI

Headless body of woman found near Kamakhya temple, human sacrifice suspected

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JUNE 19

HEADLESS BODY of a woman was found on Wednesday evening around a kilometre away from the Kamakhya temple in Guwahati. Police suspect it could be a case of human sacrifice.

"The presence of an earthen lamp and a pot near the body suggests that a religious ritual might have taken place. Prima facie it appears that it could be a case of human sacrifice and we are investigating that angle. We have sent police teams to all prominent cremation grounds in Guwahati to check if someone carrying a head has been seen. The hunt for the killer is on," DCP, Guwahati West, K K Chowdhury, told The Indian Express. He said police suspect that the killer might go to a cremation ground with the head to perform rituals.

Another police source said it could be a murder case.

The incident has taken place shortly before the four-day Ambubachi festival starting from Saturday when the temple would remain closed for three days. Ambubachi, which celebrates the menstruation period of Goddess Kamakhya, is popular among the tantrik cult. Hundreds of devotees have already arrived at the temple complex as on Wednesday.

The body was found wrapped in a blanket on a staircase that runs from the base of Nilachal Hill which houses the temple. A glass, a packet of food, a handfan and slippers were found near the body, said Chowdhury. The woman appears to be about 40 years old and is yet to be identified, he added. Apart from the beheading, there is no injury mark on the body, which will be sent for post-mortem on Thursday.

KOLKATA

Former Miss India chased by bikers: Cop suspended, probe on

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 19

TWO DAYS after former Miss India and actor Ushoshi Sengupta was allegedly harassed by a gang of bikers in Kolkata while she was returning home with a colleague in an Uber cab, police on Wednesday suspended a sub-inspector for inaction. Police have arrested seven men for allegedly chasing the car in which Sengupta was travelling, and roughing up the Uber driver.

The model-turned-actor, who had posted her ordeal on Facebook, had alleged that police initially refused to accept her complaint citing a jurisdiction issue. Sengupta claimed that she had sought the help of officers of Maidan police station in the heart of the city, and later went to Charu Market police station in south Kolkata. On both occasions, she was allegedly told that the incident did not happen in their jurisdiction.

Sub-Inspector Piyush Bal of Charu Market police station has been suspended for failing to file the complaint and misinforming the complainant, a senior officer of Kolkata Police told *The Indian Express*, adding that some of his colleagues are also being questioned.

An inquiry team has also been formed by Kolkata Police under DC (South Kolkata) Meeraj Khalid to probe the police role into the entire incident.

Meanwhile, all the seven arrested have been remanded to police custody till June 21.

The bikers kept smiling and harassing me, it was shocking: Ushoshi Sengupta

"The accused have been remanded to police custody and we will inquire why Ushoshi's complaint was not admitted by the police at the first instance", a senior officer said. Police said that they will also examine the CCTV footage to find out what happened on Monday night, right from the time she took the cab. Those arrested have been identified as Sheikh Rahit, Fardin Khan, Sheikh Sabir Ali, Sheikh Gani, Sheikh Imran Ali, Sheikh Wasim and Atif Khan alias Mohd Samsad.

"The accused restrained the complainant and assaulted the cab driver, Tarak Debnath, at Exide crossing. Later, the accused followed them and when the complainant stopped the car to drop her friend, the accused pushed her and damaged the car," said a police officer.

The seven have been booked under IPC sections 341 (wrongful restraint), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 427 (mischief causing damage), 354 A (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention). According to PTI, police have also launched a search for three other unknown miscreants, who were part of the gang of bikers. So far, the police have managed to seize only one scooty of the several two-wheelers allegedly used to chase the actor.

Meanwhile, Sengupta said that the police acted on her complaint only after her Facebook post went viral on social media. "As soon as I shared the post on Facebook and it went viral, police took prompt action. They could have done the same thing before," Sengupta said on Wednesday.

Narrating her ordeal, Sengupta said she was "shocked to see the fearlessness of the bikers as they kept smiling while harassing me".

"How can these boys be so fearless as if no one will take action against them? They were smiling while harassing me and my cab driver. I love this city (Kolkata), but what I saw on Monday night was scary. I have the privilege because I am a former Miss India and now I am getting all the support. But imagine how tough it must be for common girls," 30-year-old Sengupta, who was crowned Miss India Universe in 2010, told reporters on Wednesday.

"Last night absolutely shook me. This is not the Kolkata...I left my flourishing career outside to come back and live...I stand up for every girl, every citizen who is scared to live in this situation," Sengupta wrote in a Facebook post that went viral.

KERALA

Constable who set woman colleague on fire dies of burns

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 19

THE POLICE constable, who hacked and then set on fire his woman colleague last week, on Wednesday succumbed to burn injuries he sustained during the crime.

A N Ajas (33) had been suspended from service on Tuesday. He worked at traffic station, Aluva, in Ernakulam rural district, while the victim Soumya Pushpakaran worked with Vallikunnam police in Alappuzha.

Police said the health condition of Ajas, who had suffered 50 per cent burns, had deteriorated on Tuesday evening and he had developed pneumonia and was under undergoing dialysis.

Ajas had told a magistrate, who recorded his statement before death, that he set the woman on fire after she rejected his marriage proposal. Soumya's mother Indira had told the media that Ajas had been harassing her daughter.

SP leader abducted, killed by Maoists in Chhattisgarh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
RAIPUR, JUNE 19

A SAMAJWADI Party (SP) leader who had contested the Assembly elections from Bijapur, was abducted and killed by Maoists on Wednesday. Senior police officials said that the leader Santosh Punem, who also worked as a contractor, was taken away from a site near his village, Marimalla, and then murdered.

Punem was the state vice president of the party, and had contested the Bijapur Assembly seat in 2018, garnering 999 votes. Senior police officials said that Marimalla is a village deep inside the forests, at least 15 km away from the closest police station.

"Exact details on the reasons for this killing are difficult to gauge at this point. Preliminary investigations seem to suggest that this was because of his construction related work in Marimalla village itself. Investigations are on," a senior police officer said.

Meanwhile, two Chhattisgarh police constables were shot by their own colleague at Minganchal camp in Bijapur district. Police officials said that the incident took place on Wednesday evening. The accused soldier identified as Sanjay Nishad fired seven rounds from his INSAS LMG inside the barracks, killing Sanjay Kumar Bhaskar and Surendra Kumar Sahu. "The reason for the killing is being ascertained. Further investigations are underway. All three jawans are from the Chhattisgarh Armed Forces," a senior officer said.

SC to hear PIL on sending experts to Bihar in bid to contain AES outbreak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

THE SUPREME Court will hear on June 24, a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking a direction to the Centre to send a team of experts to contain the Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) outbreak which claimed lives of over 100 children in Muzaffarpur, Bihar, and to ask the state to provide monetary compensation to the victims' families.

The PIL filed by Advocate Manohar Pratap and Sanpreet Singh Ajmani was mentioned on Wednesday for urgent hearing before a bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Surya Kant. The court agreed to hear it at the earliest.

The petitioners charged that the state and the Centre were neglecting children's deaths which were happenning "due to unavailability of medicines, proper care and lack of intensive care units in the hospitals of the area."

The doctors' strike which coincided with the deaths had also hampered efforts to provide them with proper care, they said, adding "there is no availability of doctors, beds, intensive care units, medical professionals to deal with an epidemic level situation which has resulted in more than 126 reported deaths of children in state of Bihar particularly in Muzaffarpur and its adjoining areas."

The petitioners requested the apex court to direct the state government to give compensation of Rs 10 lakh to families of victims who lost their lives due to "negligence of the state machinery".

The PIL also wants the court to ask the Centre and states to widely publish and advertise the preventive steps and first aid to be given to the AES affected.

Cong terms AES deaths national horror, targets Nitish govt

New Delhi: The Congress on Wednesday targeted the Bihar government for the deaths of over 140 children due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES), terming the outbreak a "national horror". The party demanded that the Union government assign a team of doctors and have a national action programme to tackle the problem.

Congress spokesperson and Lok Sabha MP Gaurav Gogoi said parents of children suffering from AES are running from primary healthcare centres to hospitals where they are told there are not enough beds or medicines. He said, "it is a sorry state of affairs and we feel that the state government in Bihar has been both unprepared and insensitive".

"We can see the insensitivity in the remarks of the state Health Minister, when he is asking for cricket score in the middle of important meeting..." he said. **ENS**

Farmer held in Maharashtra for sale of Ht Bt cotton seeds

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
PUNE, JUNE 19

A FARMER was arrested in Buldhana district of Maharashtra on Wednesday for allegedly selling unapproved seeds of herbicide-tolerant (Ht) Bt cotton. The accused, identified as Vasant Mulay, has been charged under provisions of the Seeds Act and Cotton Act, said Narendra Naik, a senior officer of the district agriculture department.

"Mulay was arrested when he tried to sell the seeds. 21 packets of such seeds were confiscated from him," said Naik. The district agriculture department had laid a trap where a dummy buyer of Ht Bt cotton seed was sent to Mulay, who is from Umrad village in Sindhkhed Raja taluka. Agriculture officers said the seeds were likely sourced from Gujarat.

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(A Super Speciality, Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Bihar)
IGIMS Medical College, IGIMS Nursing College
Sheikhpura, Patna-14, EPBX : 0612-2297099/2297631,
Website : www.igims.org
CORRIGENDUM
Against Advt. No.- 03/Faculty/Nursing College/IGIMS/2019, of IGIMS Patna is notified as under: The experience mentioned for the post of:- (a) Associate Professor (Reader) to be read as: "Total 7 years of experience after Master's Degree in Nursing with minimum of 3 years teaching experience." (b) Assistant Professor (Lecturer) to be read as: "Five years experience after Master's Degree in Nursing with a minimum of two years teaching experience in Nursing." (c) Tutor to be read as: "After B.Sc (Nursing) 3 years experience in teaching Institution." Rest will remain the same as advertised earlier.
Sd/- DIRECTOR, IGIMS, PATNA

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PLANT HEALTH MANAGEMENT
Dept. of Agri., Cooperation & FW, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad - 500 030, Telangana, INDIA. Telephone: 9140-24015374,
Tele-Fax : 9140-24015346, E-mail : niphm@nic.in, http://niphm.gov.in
ADVERTISEMENT NO. 04/2019
National Institute of Plant Health Management invites applications for the following posts. The gist of pay and the number of posts are given below:

Sl. No	Name of the Post	Direct / Deputation	No. of Posts	Reservation for Direct Recruitment as per roster	Scale of Pay / Pay in Pay Matrix (7th CPC)	Last Date for receipt of applications
1	Registrar	Deputation	01	NA*	Level-12 (Rs. 78800-209200)	30 days from the date of publication in Employment News

*Rule of reservation does not apply for candidates applying on deputation basis
The details of educational qualifications, experience, age and other eligibility criteria etc. along with application proforma may be accessed from web http://niphm.gov.in
Sd/- REGISTRAR

Tamil Nadu Disaster Risk Reduction Agency (TNDRRA)
Ezhilagam Annex Building, V Floor, Chepauk, Chennai -600 005.
NOTIFICATION
Applications are invited from eligible candidates through **email only** for the post of **GIS Specialist & GIS Analyst** on contract basis for the GIS Cell in TNDRRA, Chennai.
The Application Form along with instructions to candidates; Terms of Reference & Scope of Services and Cost of Estimates of Services is available at **www.tnsdma.tn.gov.in**.
The Application along with supporting documents should be scanned and sent through email to **recruitment.tnsdma@gmail.com** on or before 3.00 pm on 15.07.2019.
Director, Disaster Management.
DIPR/611/Display/2019

Office of The District Engineer
District Board, Ramgarh.

VERY SHORT TENDER e – Procurement Notice

Tender Reference no. - ZP/RMG/ 07/2019-20 (2nd Call) Dated – 19/06/2019

Sl No.	Particulars		Details				
	Group No.	Name of work	Estimate cost	Earnest Money	Cost of BOQ	Contractor category	Time of Completion
1	ZP/RMG/GOLA/01	Construction of Multi purpose Hall at Gola	35207000.00	688124.00	10000.00	I	18 Month
3	Date of Tender Uploading in Website		21-06-2019 at 3 : 00 PM				
4	Last Date /Time for Receipt of Bid		27 -06-2019 upto 5 : 00 PM				
5	Date of Submission of EMD/ Cost of BOQ (in hard copy)		28-06-2019 upto 3 : 00 PM In the Campus of Police Station, Ramgarh.				
6	Date of Opening tender		29-06-2019 at 4 : 30 PM				
7	Name & Address of office Inviting tender		District Engineer, District Board , Ramgarh (Jharkhand)				
8	Name & Address of Opening Officer		District Engineer,District Board, Ramgarh .				
9	Contact no. of Procurement office		+91 - 9431333800				
10	Helpline Number of e - procurement Cell		+91 - 06553 - 231504				

- Further details can be seen on official website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
- Estimated cost May Vary.
- Only Zila Parishad, Ramgarh Registered Contractors can Participate in this tender.

District Engineer
District Board, Ramgarh.

P.R.209352 District(19-20):D

HIMACHAL PRADESH, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Telephone:- 01975-238883, e-mail:- hp-una@nic.in

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Superintending Engineer, 15th Circle, HPPWD Una (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of HP invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money (Rs. in lacs)	Deadline for submission of Bid
1.	(i) Up-gradation of L044-NH 70 to Khariala Package No. HP12158. (ii) Up-gradation of L040-T 05 NMT road to Andora Upperla Package No.HP12159	979.76	27.06.2019	19.60	12.07.2019 upto 10.30 A.M.
2.	Up-gradation of L036-T 05 NMT road to Saluri Package No.HP12157.	180.92	27.06.2019	3.62	12.07.2019 upto 10.30 A.M.
3.	Up-gradation of L023-Amban Da Padhar to Bingral Package No.HP12162.	302.14	27.06.2019	6.01	12.07.2019 upto 10.30 A.M.
4.	(i) Up-gradation of L051-T05 NMT to Mubarikpur Package No. HP12163. (ii) Up-gradation of L062-T 01 to Jitpur Beheri Package No.HP12165.	380.33	27.06.2019	7.61	12.07.2019 upto 10.30 A.M.
5.	Up-gradation of L089-T-01 to Maloun Parla Package No.HP12164.	193.32	27.06.2019	3.87	12.07.2019 upto 10.30 A.M.
6.	Up-gradation of L081-T 01 Km 79 700 to Paplehra Package No.HP12166.	369.00	27.06.2019	7.38	12.07.2019 upto 10.30 A.M.
7.	Up-gradation of L030-T 04 to Guglehar HP12160.	249.62	27.06.2019	5.00	12.07.2019 upto 10.30 A.M.
8.	Up-gradation of L022-Maidangarh to Up Muhal Joh Package No. HP12161.	251.92	27.06.2019	5.03	12.07.2019 upto 10.30 A.M.

The bids will be opened on 12-07-2019 at 11:00 AM. The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website https://pmgsytendershp.gov.in . The notice inviting tenders issued vide this office letter No. SE-XV-TENDER-PMGSY/R &B -II/2018-19-20649-20728 of 29/03/2019 & published in various newspaper may be treated as cancelled.

Sd/- (Er. D.S. Dehal)
Superintending Engineer, 15th Circle, H.P.P.W.D Una-174303.

525/H.P.

KERALA CASHEW BOARD LIMITED (KCB)

T.C-29/4016, Women's College-Bakery Junction Road
Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India-695014
Phone No: +91 471 4252855, 4852855
email: kcb@keralacashewboard.com, Web: www.keralacashewboard.com

Tender Id: KCB/9/199/2019/GB Date: 19.06.2019

e-Tender Notice

Kerala Cashew Board Limited invites e-tenders through e-procurement portal for import of 3000 Metric Tonnes of quality **Dried Cashew Nut of 2019 crop of Guinea-Bissau origin.**

Last date for submission and uploading e-tenders : 1700 hours on 10th July 2019. Opening of e-tender : 1100 hours on 11th July 2019

All details can be viewed, downloaded and applied through the e-procurement portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

DEN/II/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites **E-Tenders** against **Tender No. 66-DRM-MB-19-20** closing date **23.07.2019, 16:00 hrs. Name of work:** Heavy repair of various L-xing, Gate Lodges, toilets, Board & Fencing in the section of SSE/W/RAC under ADEN/SPN, **Tender closing date/time:** 23.07.2019, 16:00 hrs., **Cost of work:** Rs. 44,11,759.52, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 88,200.00, **Tender Cost:** Rs. 3,000.00, **Bidding start date:**09.07.2019 and **Period of Completion:** 03 Months. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For detail information please log into www.ireps.gov.in. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card, etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

No.: 66-DRM-MB-19-20 Dated: 18.06.2019. 1954/2019

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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Tourism

Paryatan Bhavn
Patto, Panji, Goa

Tel : 0832-2494200/17 **Fax :** 0832-2494227
Email : deptgoatourism@gmail.com **Web :** goatourism.gov.in

No. 4/2(31-59)P/2019-DT/740 **Date :** 19.06.2019

Corrigendum I
(E-TENDERING MODE ONLY)

SUB. : CORRIGENDUM TOWARDS Tender for Appointment of Public Relations agency for Goa Tourism.

Ref. : Tender Notice No. 4/2(31-59) P / 2019-DT/4876 Date: 07.03.2019

1. The dates for receipts of request for issue of tender document are extended up to 28.06.2019 and the last date for submission of the tender is 01.07.2019 till 2.30pm

Other details remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Director Tourism

DI/Advt/257/2019

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

Nunar Campus, Ganderbal - 191201 (J&K)

REVISED SCHEDULE OF WRITTEN TEST FOR VARIOUS NON-TEACHING POSITIONS

Central University of Kashmir shall conduct Written Test for various Non-teaching Positions, Advertised by the University vide Employment Notification No.'s 02 of 2019 dated 28.02.2019, 01 of 2018 dated 07.02.2018, 08 of 2017 dated 20.12.2017, 12 of 2016 dated 28.12.2016, 15 of 2015 dated 07.10.2015 & 08 of 2014 dated 08.08.2014 as per the following Schedule:

S.N.	Post	Date/Time of Test		Hall Ticket Download	Venue
		Session-I	Session-II		
01	Assistant Registrar	Paper-A (Objective) 23rd June, 2019 (02.00 P.M. - 03.30 P.M.)	Paper-B (Descriptive) 23rd June, 2019 (04.00 P.M. - 05.30 P.M.)	20th June, 2019	Central University of Kashmir, Green Campus, Opposite Degree College, Ganderbal-191201 (J&K)
02	Upper Division Clerk				
03	Library Assistant				
04	Assistant Engineer				
01	Junior Engineer	Paper-A (Objective) 30th June, 2019 (11.30 A.M. - 01.00 P.M.)	Paper-B (Descriptive) 30th June, 2019 (02.00 P.M. - 03.30 P.M.)	27th June, 2019	
02	Semi Professional Assistant				
03	MTS				
04	Personal Assistant				
01	Lower Division Clerk	Paper-A (Objective) 4th July, 2019 (11.30 A.M. - 01.00 P.M.)	Paper-B (Descriptive) 4th July, 2019 (02.00 P.M. - 03.30 P.M.)	27th June, 2019	

All the concerned Candidates are hereby informed to visit the University website **(www.cukashmir.ac.in)** for the following:
i) Status of Eligibility ii) List of Hall Ticket Numbers (Eligible Candidates only) iii) Syllabus & Scheme of Written Test.
No Communication shall be made in person. The Candidate in their own interest are advised to be in regular touch with the University website for further updates. In case of any query, please contact on Cell No. 7006991091/9797267231, E-mail: **jobs@cukashmir.ac.in**.

Dated: 19.06.2019 **Sd/- Controller of Examinations**

RAJASTHAN HOUSING BOARD

ACE-I/2019-20/77 **NIB No. ACE-/2019-20/1** Date: 11.06.2019

INVITATIONS OF BIDS
From

Reputed Builders, Developers & Construction Agencies for construction of EWS/ LIG Flats Using Cost Effective Technology on Turn Key Basis located at Pratap Nagar & Indira Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur. Rajasthan housing board intends to undertake Low Cost Housing projects for EWS & LIG category under provision 4A(i) & 4A(ii) of the Govt. of Rajasthan policy **"CHIEF MINISTER'S JAN AWAS YOJNA-2015 amended up to date"** (Policy available at www.udhrajasthan.gov.in). Bids are being invited by Rajasthan Housing Board from reputed Builders/Developers having experience of multi storied similar type projects for Construction of multi storied flats for EWS & LIG categories on the Rajasthan Housing Board land located at Pratap Nagar & Indira Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur. The super built up area for EWS flats shall be 325- 350 Sqft and for LIG 500-550 Sqft. The details of land parcel, tentative Project cost, Earnest money & other details are as under;

S.No.	Place of Project	Estimated Project Cost (in Lakh)	Earnest money (in lakh)	Bid Cost incl. GST (In Rs)	Estimated Project period (In months)	Concerned Office with Tel No. & E-mail id	SPPP UBN
1	Housing Project with multi storey flats with planning, designing, engineering, financing, construction, marketing operation, maintenance & transfer at						
1.1	Zone-32, Sector-3, Pratap Nagar, Jaipur, under-4A(ii)	1738.30	34.77	3540.00	30	Div-04, Jaipur rejpr4.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in & acel.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in	RHB1920WL 0B00012
1.2	Plot-A, Zone 266, Sector26 Pratap Nagar, Jaipur Under-4A(ii)	4654.50	93.09	3540.00	42	Div-10, Jaipur rejpr10.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in & acel.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in	RHB1920WL 0B00010
1.3	Dwarikapuri Phase-II, Zone 266, Sector-26, Pratap Nagar, Jaipur under-4A(ii)	4193.50	83.87	3540.00	42	Div-10, Jaipur rejpr10.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in & acel.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in	RHB1920WL 0B00011
1.4	Plot GH-3, Sector-7, Indira Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur Under-4A(i)	978.65	19.573	3540.00	30	Div-2, Jaipur rejpr2.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in & acel.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in	RHB1920WL 0B00013
1.5	Plot GH-4, Sector-7, Indira Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur Under-4A(i)	1294.33	25.89	3540.00	30	Div-2, Jaipur rejpr2.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in & acel.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in	RHB1920WL 0B00014

The developer would take up development of total land however construction of EWS & LIG shall be on minimumn of 75% of the total land. The developer shall be free to construct MIG-B/HIG flats/plots/houses (high rise permitted) on remaining maximum of 25.00% of total land. The builders/developers will be paid per sqft for built up area of Construction of EWS/LIG flats including all requisite internal development depending on the bid (upper ceiling limit shall be Rs. 1150.00 per sqft & Rs. 75.00 per sgft shall be payable in addition for elevators for multi storey flats above G+3). The builders/developers shall also be given other incentive viz maximum permissible BAR 2.25 without betterment levy for 75% part of EWS & LIG and for remaining 25% part for his own construction as per provision of building bye laws. Waiver of building plan approval fees shall also be given for EWS & LIG part. For 25% of land to be used by developer, building plan approval fee shall be paid by developer as per prevailing rules. The builders/developers quoting lowest rate for construction on 75% part of land to be used for EWS/LIG flats shall be awarded the contract.

Developers/Builders would be expected to construct EWS& LIG flats using cost effective technology on turnkey basis, including internal Development like road, water supply, electricity, sewerage, land scaping, public amenities, water harvesting system etc. However the cost towards the construction of peripheral development i.e Construction of approach road, external electrification, Drains/Nallah for EWS & LIG 75% part will be borne by Rajasthan Housing Board and cost of external development on 25% part will be paid by developer. The Part-A of Technical Bid should contain details about the firm (Individual partnership/private limited/public limited company) which explain about the firm's, available technologies with accreditation certificate for mass housing, financial history along with last 3 year's audited reports, details of project executed, details for technical personnel available and construction equipments available as per performa given in bid document & Part-B for financial Bid. The financial Bid shall be opened only of technically qualified bidders.

Interested Developers may submit E-Tender as per following schedule dates.

1	Bid Documents available for download at eproc.rajasthan.gov.in	From 24.06.2019 at 6.00 PM
2	Pre Bid Meeting	09.07.2019, 3.00 PM in the Conference Hall of Rajasthan Housing Board, Avas Bhawan, Janpath, Jaipur
3	Online submission of bids along with all required documents by bidders on eproc.rajasthan.gov.in	Up to 25.07.2019, 6.00 PM
4	Deposition of EM, Tender Fee & processing fee along with original/ certified documents and schedules in the office of BID inviting authority	On 29.07.2019, up to 6.00 PM in the Office ob Addl. Chief Engineer-I
5	Opening of technical Bid	11.00 AM on 31.07.2019 in the office of Resident Engineer, E-proc-cell. Rajasthan Housing Board, Avas Bhawan, Janpath, Jaipur
6	Opening of Financial Bid	11.00 AM on 19.08.2019 in the office of Resident Engineer, E-proc-cell. Rajasthan Housing Board, Avas Bhawan, Janpath, Jaipur

For details visit Website: rhbonline.rajasthan.gov.in & for any clarification/information Please contact Addl. Chief Engineer-I, Tel. No 0141-2741950, email Id: ace1@rhbmail.in.

Raj. Samwad/C/780/2019-20 Addl. Chief Engineer-I, Jaipur.

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HVPNL	NIT NO. 1027 DATED 08.05.2019 /REC-263	CORRIGENDUM-1/ EXTENSION OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION UPTO 29.06.2019 WITH DATE OF OPENING ON 01.07.2019	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
2.	HVPNL	NIT NO. 1025 DATED 05.03.2019 /REC-261	CORRIGENDUM-3/ EXTENSION OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION UPTO 02.07.2019 WITH DATE OF OPENING ON 03.07.2019	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
3.	DHBVN	NIT NO 100/XEN/CIVIL/HSR/ 2018-19 DATED 30.01.2019	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 25.06.2019 (13:00 HRS)	www.dhbvn.org.in	8813022833 xencivilhisar@gmail.com
4.	DHBVN	NIT NO 105/XEN/CIVIL/HSR/ 2018-19 DATED 05.03.2019	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 25.06.2019 (13:00 HRS)	www.dhbvn.org.in	8813022833 xencivilhisar@gmail.com
5.	DHBVN	NIT NO 102/XEN/CIVIL/HSR/ 2018-19 DATED 13.02.2019	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 25.06.2019 (13:00 HRS)	www.dhbvn.org.in	8813022833 xencivilhisar@gmail.com
6.	DHBVN	NIT NO 104/XEN/CIVIL/HSR/ 2018-19 DATED 05.03.2019	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 25.06.2019 (13:00 HRS)	www.dhbvn.org.in	8813022833 xencivilhisar@gmail.com
7.	DHBVN	NIT NO 06/XEN/T&M/2018-19 DATED 06.03.2019 AGAINST E-TENDER NO 121958	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 28.06.2019 (13:00 HRS)	www.dhbvn.org.in	9050325999 xentmdhbvn@gmail.com
8.	DHBVN	NIT NO 12/EOH- 41/2018-19 DATED 01.03.2019	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 28.06.2019 (13:00 HRS)	www.dhbvn.org.in	88130-22833 estateofficerdhbvn@gmail.com
9.	DHBVN	NIT NO 13/EOH-636/VOL-III/2018-19 DATED 01.03.2019	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 28.06.2019 (13:00 HRS)	www.dhbvn.org.in	88130-22833 estateofficerdhbvn@gmail.com

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

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TOHANA	PROVIDING AND FIXING OF LED LIGHT WITH POOL FROM LADIES SATSANG HALL UPTO RUB ON BALIYALA ROAD TO PIR WARD NO 2 AT TOHANA & ONE OTHER WORK	CLOSING 27.06.2019	6.04 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	mctohana@rediffmail.com
2.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	CLEANING & REPAIR OF OPEN DRAIN MAIN ROAD SECTOR 14-15 + 16 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 26.06.2019	409.29 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	semcsonepat@gmail.com
3.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HANSI	CONST OF PIPE NALA FROM KHARATI DAIRY TO KHARAR CHUNGI IN W. NOSHIV2018.26 + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING 20.06.2019	50 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	Exec Eng
4.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HISAR	PROVIDING AND FIXING PRECAST SLAB IN VARIOUS PLACES WARD NO 11 TO 20 ON STORM WATER DRAIN IN HISAR + 5 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 01.07.2019	33.69 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmchissar@gmail.com
5.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF STORM WATER DRAIN INCLUDING REPAIRING AND CLEANING IN SEC-46, SEC -47, SEC-51, SEC-57 AND SAMASPUR + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 24.06.2019	261.38 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7988669791 ee3@mcg.gov.in
6.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	PROVIDING LED STREET LIGHT FITTING ON APPROACH ROAD FROM VILLAGE MOGINAND TO VILLAGE NAGGAL WARD NO.19 + 2 OTHER WORKS	14.06.2019 24.06.2019	20.96 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
7.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNANAGAR-JAGADHRI	CONSTRUCTION OF LEACH PITS IN DIFFERENT PARKS FOR RAIN WATER HARVASTING PURPOSE IN W.NO 07.08.09 AND 10, YAMUNANAGAR	19.06.2019 28.06.2019	9.11 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818656867 xen.mcynr@gmail.com
8.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION IN CNG SAMSHAN GHAT, VILLAGE NATHUPUR, WARD NO-35 + 2 OTHER WORKS	18.06.2019 27.06.2019	38.33 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	ee8@mcg.gov.in
9.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	CLEANING, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTIONS OF ROAD GULLY IN SECTOR-20, PART-II AND ASHIANA, WARD NO.18, PANCHKULA + 9 OTHER WORKS	19.06.2019 28.06.2019	45.13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
10.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHARKHI DADRI	CONST. OF FOOTPATH WITH IPB ON STADIUM ROAD IN CHARKHI DADRI + 5 OTHER WORKS	14.06.2019 24.06.2019	4.99 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in	9813082444
11.	HARYANA SEEDS DEVELOPMENT LIMITED	ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE 56% + 11 OTHER WORKS	19.06.2019 28.06.2019	91000	etenders.hry.nic.in	9417669911 hsdcl@hry.nic.in
12.	HSAMB HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE CUM REST HOUSE & E-NAM OFFICE BUILDING IN NGM AT BASS	18.06.2019 09.07.2019	97.02 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	98960-31645 xenhsamb.hisar@gmail.com
13.	HSAMB AMBALA	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE FAZAILPUR TO DHANYODI IN MULLANA CONSTITUENCY DISTT.AMBALA (ROAD ID-9300) + 5 OTHER WORKS	20.06.2019 02.07.2019	3.22 CRORE	www.hsamb.org.in	0171-2530675 xenambala2018.hsamb@gmail.com
14.	ROHTAK CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	SUPPLY OF PLASTIC PALLETS (PERFORATED)	21.06.2019 12.07.2019	10000	www.vitaindia.org.in	vitarohtak@gmail.com
15.	ROHTAK CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	THE JOB OF OPERATION & PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE OF E.T.P	20.06.2019 11.07.2019	40000	www.vitaindia.org.in	vitarohtak@gmail.com
16.	ROHTAK CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	PROCESS DESIGN SUPPLY INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF E.T.P ON TURNKEY BASIS	20.06.2019 11.07.2019	2.25 LACS	www.vitaindia.org.in	vitarohtak@gmail.com
17.	UHBVN PANCHKULA	COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MINTENANCE AND ONSITE SUPPORT OF DISASTER RECOVERY CENTRE AT POWER COLONY PANCHKULA	15.06.2019 26.06.2019	48 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
18.	UHBVN PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NOS. JE STORE AND 1 NO, SHED AT CASH COUNTER IN O/S SDO OP S/DIVISION UHBVN PINJORE	15.06.2019 26.06.2019	5.99 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
19.	UHBVN PANCHKULA	PROCUREMENT OF GI WIRE 8 SWG (4 MM) FOR UHBVN & DHBVN	15.06.2019 08.07.2019	13.60 CRORES	www.uhbvn.org.in	8591212228 cemm@uhbvn.org.in
20.	UHBVN PANCHKULA	PROCUREMENT OF GSS WIRE 7/8 SWG (4 MM) FOR UHBVN & DHBVN	15.06.2019 08.07.2019	2.15 CRORES	www.uhbvn.org.in	8591212228 cemm@uhbvn.org.in
21.	HVPN	PROVIDING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS REST HOUSES INCLUDING, WATER SUPPLY,SEWERAGE SYSTEM, STORM WATER,DRAINAGE ETC	14.06.2019 24.06.2019	71207	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
22.	HVPN	11KV 13 PANEL BOARD VCBS 1250A	21.06.2019 22.07.2019	EMD-32.61 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in

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SECTION-1

Chief Engineer (MZ), HP. PWD., Mandi

(Name of Authority Inviting Bids)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

1. The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, HP.PWD., Mandi on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the Percentage Rate/Item Rate Bids, in Electronic Tendering System, for Construction of Roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the Eligible and Approved Contractors Registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T/Railways /other State Govt. /Central Govt agencies. Non-registered may submit the Bids; however, Successful Bidder has to Register in Appropriate Class with Appropriate Authority in HPPWD.

Sr. No.	District	Package No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (Rs.Lakh)		Total Cost (Rs. Lakh)	Period of Completion (In Days)	Bid Security (Rs. Lakh) (2% of Total Cost)	Eligible Class of Contractor/ Firm
				Construction	Maintenance				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Mandi	HP-08-71	Construction of Balance Work of Slapper Seri Kothi Road (Portion Dharli to Serikothi) Km. 13/0 to 18/0 (Panchayat Connectivity) (SH:- Clearing and Grubbing Road Land Setting Out, Formation Cutting 5/7 mtr. wide i/c R/wall, P/L Essential Soling, Katcha Drain, Kilometre CD Work and Informatory Board etc.) under PMGSY Package No. HP-08-71.	326.24	0.00	326.24	365	6.52	Class-A

All Duties, Taxes, Royalties and other Levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, but excluding GST shall be included in the Rates, Prices, and Total Bid Price Submitted by the Bidder and GST at prevalent rates will be added to the value offered by the Bidder separately.

2. **Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-Procurement: 20.06.2019**.
3. **Cost of Bid Form:** Rs. 5000/- only (Non-refundable) in form of Demand Draft in favour of the Executive Engineer, Sunder Nagar Division, HP.PWD., Sunder Nagar
4. **Availability of Bid Document and Mode of Submission:** The Bid Document is available Online and Bid should be Submitted Online on website: **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**. The Bidder would be required to register in the website which is Free of Cost. For Submission of Bids, the Bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the Authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring Bidders who have not obtained the user ID and Password for participating in e-Tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: **www. pmgsytenders.gov.in**.

Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-Tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid Digital Signature issued from Authorized CAs can use the same in this Tender.

* Non-registered Bidders may Submit Bids; however, the successful Bidders must get Registered in Appropriate Class with Appropriate Authorities before signing the Contract.

5. **Submission of Original Documents:** The Bidders are required to submit (a) Original Demand Draft towards the Cost of Bid document and (b) Original Bid Security in Approved Form and (c) Original Affidavit regarding Correctness of information furnished with Bid Document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B(a) (ii) of ITB with Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, HP.PWD., Mandi (Address and details of office where to be submitted) , on a date not later than three working days after the opening of Technical Qualification part of the Bid, either by Registered Post or By Hand.
6. **Last Date/ Time for Receipt of Bids through e-Tendering: 11.07.2019 upto 1030 Hours.**
7. The Site for the work is available.
8. Only Online Submission of Bids is permitted, therefore; Bids must be Submitted Online on website: **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**. The Technical Qualification part of the Bids will be Opened Online at **1100 hours** on **11.07.2019** by the Authorized Officers. If the office happens to be closed on the Date of Opening of the Bids as specified, the Bids will be Opened Online on the next working day at the same Time.
9. The Bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine maintenance are indicated in the Bill of Quantities. Further, the payment for routine maintenance to the Contractor shall be regulated based on his performance of maintenance activities.
10. The Bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than ninety days after the deadline date for Bid Submission.
11. Bidders may Bid for any one or more of the works mentioned in the Table above. To qualify for a package of Contracts made up of this and other contracts for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.
12. Other details can be seen in the Bidding Documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Bidder. It is the Bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the Tender.

The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons thereof.

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TELLING NUMBERS

QS rankings: which universities climbed or slipped, and why

9 FROM INDIA IN WORLD TOP 500; 7 ARE IITs

UNIVERSITY	INDIA RANKING			WORLD RANKING		
	2020	2019	Change	2020	2019	Change
IIT Bombay	1	1	–	152	162	▲
IIT Delhi	2	3	▲	182	172	▼
IISc Bangalore	3	2	▼	184	170	▼
IIT Madras	4	4	–	271	264	▼
IIT Kharagpur	5	6	▲	281	295	▲
IIT Kanpur	6	5	▼	291	283	▼
IIT Roorkee	7	7		383	381	▼
Univ of Delhi	8	9	▲	474	487	▲
IIT Guwahati	9	8	▼	491	472	▼

EARLIER THIS week, the latest QS World University Rankings placed Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on top of the global list for the eighth consecutive year, and IIT Bombay at number one in the list of Indian universities for the second consecutive year (*The Indian Express*, June 18). How are universities ranked, and how have Indian ones fared?

Published annually by global higher education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds, the QS list ranks the world's top 1,000 universities. Besides overall global rankings, it also gives subject rankings in 48 different subjects and five composite faculty areas, as well as for graduate employability and various other aspects.

23 Number of Indian universities in world top 1,000. There were 24 in last year's rankings. University of Hyderabad and Amity University drop out, while O P Jindal Global University is a new entrant. Out of the 23, nine are in the top 500, including seven IITs.

12 Average decline in global ranks for Indian universities. QS attributes it to two main criteria: Faculty/Student Ratio and International Student Ratio. In the Faculty/Student Ratio indicator, which measures teaching capacity, only eight out of 23 feature among the top 500.

37.18 Average citations impact of research produced by Indian universities, measured as citations per faculty member over 5 years. This marks a 30% improvement from 28.54 but is still behind the global average of 50.31

184 IIT Bombay's world rank for the Citations per Faculty indicator. IIT Bombay faculty's research impact ranks above the global average.

100/100 IISc Bangalore score in Citations per Faculty metric. It is the world's second-best score for research impact, adjusted for faculty size. IISc is the first Indian institution to see its research cited more than 100,000 times in a five-year period. An IISc faculty member produces research that is cited 261 times in a five-year period — 5 times the global average.

IISc has world's second best score on research impact, but dropped in overall ranking. *Express Archive*

GLOBAL TOP 10 RANKS

University	2020	2019	Change
MIT	1	1	–
Stanford Univ	2	2	–
Harvard Univ	3	3	–
Oxford	4	5	▲
CalTech	5	4	▼
ETH Zurich	6	7	▲
Cambridge	7	6	▼
UCL	8	10	▲
Imperial College	9	8	▼
Univ of Chicago	10	9	▼

INDIAN UNIVERSITIES RANKED WORLD 501-1000

651-700: Jadavpur University

701-750: Manipal Academy of Higher Education

751-800: Anna University, Jamia Millia Islamia, O P Jindal Global University

801-1000: Aligarh Muslim University, Amrita University, BHU, BITS Pilani, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, University of Calcutta, University of Mumbai, VIT.

3 IISc Bangalore rank this year, down one place. It has been overtaken by IIT Delhi this year. QS attributed IISc's drop to "a weakening performance in the Academic Reputation indicator, which incorporates expert insights of 94,000 academics across the world".

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SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

What does ESI rate cut mean?

Govt says reduced contribution rates will bring relief to workers, encourage more to join formal sector, besides making establishments more viable. Unions say employers benefit more, deal was for smaller cut.

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LAST WEEK, the government reduced the rate of contribution for medical care under the ESI (Employees' State Insurance) Act to 4% from 6.5%. The reduced rates will come into effect from July 1. The first revision in ESI rates since 1997, however, has faced criticism from Left-backed trade unions.

How does ESI work?

An autonomous body, ESI Corporation, regulates medical services being provided by the ESI Scheme in the respective states and Union Territories. Funded by contributions made by the employers and the employees, ESI provides for direct cash compensation for sickness, disablement maternity, death, occupational disease or death due to employment injury etc to organised sector employees and their dependents. The ESI Act applies to premises where 10 or more persons are employed. Employees with wages up to Rs 21,000 a month (earlier Rs 15,000 per month) are entitled to the health insurance cover and other benefits under the ESI Act.

How wide is its coverage?

As part of its second-generation reforms ESIC-2.0, the ESI Corporation decided to implement the ESI scheme all over the country. Accordingly, the ESI Scheme is now being fully implemented in 346 districts and 95 district headquarters areas, and partially in 85 districts.

There are 154 ESI hospitals in the country that are being run by ESIC and by the respective state governments.

As part of efforts to expand social security coverage to more people, the government had carried out a special programme to register employers and employees between December 2016 and June 2017, along with extending the coverage of the ESI Scheme to all districts of the country in a phased manner. The efforts resulted in a rise in the number of registered employees (insured persons) and employers. While the number of insured persons increased to 3.6 crore in 2018-19 from 3.1 crore in 2016-17, the total contribution jumped to Rs 22,279 crore in 2018-19 from Rs 13,662 crore in 2016-17.

ESIC Hospital in Mandi. Across the country, 154 such hospitals are being run by the ESIC and the respective state governments. *Express Archive*

WHAT'S CHANGED

Contributor	Earlier	Revised
Employer	4.75%	3.25%
Employee	1.75%	0.75%
Total	6.50%	4.00%

(% calculated on employee wages)

Rs 22,279 crore
ESI contribution in 2018-19, from 3.6 crore workers and their employers.

6 SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

- Medical benefit
- Sickness benefit (categorised as extended and enhanced)
- Maternity benefit
- Disablement benefit (temporary and permanent disablement)
- Dependant's benefit
- Funeral expenses

What does the revision seek to achieve?

The revised contribution of 4% comprises the employers' contribution of 3.25% of the employees' wages (reduced from 4.75%), and the employees' contribution of 0.75% (reduced from 1.75%). The reduction of ESI rates is, as per government estimates, expected to benefit around 3.6 crore employees and 12.85 lakh employers. The government said the reduced rate of contribution will bring about "substantial relief to workers and it will facilitate further enrolment of workers under the ESI scheme and bring more and more workforce into the formal sector".

Also, reduction in the share of employers' contribution will "reduce the financial liability of the establishments leading to improved viability of these establishments". "This shall also lead to enhanced Ease of Doing Business. It is also expected that reduction in the rate of ESI contribution shall lead to improved compliance of law," the government said in a statement.

Why are some trade unions criticising the revision of rates?

Trade unions such as the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) have described it is a unilateral decision and not in line with a decision taken by the Tripartite Governing Council of the ESI.

The All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) too has issued a statement, saying that instead of reducing the rate of contribution, more benefits should be planned under the health insurance scheme and a practice of inspections should be restored to ensure compliance.

CITU said it is a gross violation of the 175th Tripartite Governing Body meeting of the ESI held on September 18, 2018, where it was unanimously decided that the employers' contribution to ESI would be reduced to 4% of enrolled workers' wages from 4.75%, and the employees' contribution to 1% from 1.75%. This would have brought the total ESI contribution to 5% annually, instead of 4% as announced. Subsequent to that meeting, a draft notification intending to reduce the contribution to 5% had been issued by the government on February 15, 2019 (as per a government release dated February 22, 2019).

CITU said that the eduction in ESI contribution is mainly to benefit the employers/business class. It added that the employers' obligation being reduced by 1.5% and that of workers by only 1% "would lead to huge benefits/savings of the employers to the tune of estimated Rs 8,000-Rs 10,000 crore." CITU also claimed that the increase in enrolment in ESI as stated by the government is due to upward revision of entitlement level from Rs 15,000 to Rs 21,000 from January 1, 2017, as decided by the Tripartite Governing Body.

Has the scheme faced criticism earlier?

Questions have been raised earlier about inefficient spending of contributions. Disparities in money collected from employees and employers and the amount spent on their medical benefits had come under the scanner of the Standing Committee on Labour.

In its report from February 2019, the standing committee has asked for a detailed explanation on the mismatch between the total expenditure of Rs 6,409 crore for 2016-17, out of collected contributions totalling Rs 16,852 crore.

Morsi years: how Egypt changed, didn't

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FORMER PRESIDENT Mohamed Morsi, who died this week, was a key figure in the constant upheaval that Egypt has gone through since the events leading to the ouster of his predecessor Hosni Mubarak. Having become Egypt's first democratically elected President in the wake of a violent movement against Mubarak's autocratic role, Morsi himself was ousted a year later, amid a movement against perceived attempts to monoplise power and Islamise Egypt.

Educated as an engineer, Morsi, 67, belonged to the Muslim Brotherhood, which won the elections after Mubarak's fall in 2011, followed by Morsi winning the presidential elections in June 2012, which made him the first civilian to hold the office. This was until the military ousted him in July 2013, dissolved Parliament and eventually banned the Brotherhood as a "terrorist group".

His regime

Morsi had promised to head a government "for all Egyptians", but critics complained he failed to deliver. Besides accusing him of allowing Islamists to monopolise politics, critics said he mishandled the economy and failed to deal with the very issues that had led to the uprising that brought him to power: calls for rights and social justice, BBC News explained.

Among the moves that turned public opinion against him, Morsi had issued a decree granting himself far-reaching powers (a move aimed at enabling the Islamists to draft a new Constitution). This and other moves led to clashes between his opponents and supporters, leaving more than 50 people dead, BBC News said.

On the first anniversary of his coming to power, millions of protesters took to the streets across Egypt. On July 3, the army took over, suspending the Constitution and announcing the formation of an interim government. Morsi was arrested by the army, then headed by Abdul Fatah al-Sisi, who is now President.

After his fall

Morsi was initially sentenced to death; the ruling was later overturned. His arrest led to more protests, and an army crackdown in which almost 1,000 people were killed, according to figures cited by BBC News. Violence involving Islamist insurgents increased, and the Muslim Brotherhood was eventually declared a terrorist group.

Morsi, then Egyptian President, during a vist to Delhi in March 2013. *AP*

Morsi was accused of inciting his supporters to murder a journalist and two opposition protesters during clashes in December 2012, and ordering the torture and unlawful detention of others. Acquitted of murder, he was sentenced to 20 years in jail for ordering the torture and detention of protesters. The death sentence (later overturned) came on subsequent charges. At the first hearing, he reportedly shouted from the dock and rejected the authority of the courts to try him.

When he died — reportedly collapsing in court — he was on trial for espionage. He was buried under heavy security early on Tuesday. All through, he continued to insist he was Egypt's President.

While Morsi was in jail and seen in public only when he appeared in court, Mubarak was released from jail. This, BBC News said, was "a signal to many that Egypt had not particularly moved on since before the elections which brought Morsi, briefly, to power".

Facebook cryptocurrency: what it aims to be, why it has led to concern

SHRUTI DHAPOLA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

THERE IS a new cryptocurrency called Libra, courtesy Facebook which announced on Tuesday that it will be rolled out by 2020. While this signals Facebook's plans to expand into the digital currency market, it has also raised privacy concerns.

How cryptocurrency works

It is a virtual currency, which users buy and store in any of several available digital wallets, and use it for transactions on a decentralised network that is not controlled by one bank or a government. Bitcoin is among the best known cryptocurrencies. Cryptocurrency is powered by a technology called blockchain, which functions like an open ledger that gets updated in real time. Each transaction on a blockchain network is preserved, and reversing it is impossible. Because data are encrypted, cryptocurrency is supposed to be secure and anonymous. From a digital wallet, however, it is possible for stored coins or currency to be stolen.

For Libra, Facebook announced a dedicated wallet app called Calibra, which will be built into WhatsApp and Messenger as well, to let users store and use Libra coins.

Is Libra different?

The values of most cryptocurrencies, such as Bitcoin, tend to fluctuate against real currencies. The plan is to ensure Libra is stable and give users confidence. Libra will be backed by a reserve of assets designed to "give it intrinsic value" and ensure stability. These assets includes securities and fiat currencies (like dollar, pound). Libra's website says the cryptocurrency will be backed by "short-term government securities in currencies from stable and reputable central banks." However, the "value of the one Libra in any local currency may fluctuate", cautions the page.

Libra is planned as a "global currency" for use anywhere in the world without transaction fees. It will target those who are unbanked, who are believed to number around 1.7 billion across the world. What remains a question, however, is how and why someone without access to formal banking would jump to cryptocurrency.

WHAT'S IN STORE

THE CURRENCY

Libra will be a digital currency backed by a reserve of real assets, including bank deposits. Facebook will aim for stability in prices and stresses that privacy concerns will be addressed.

THE WALLET

Calibra will store Libras. It will be available as a standalone app, also within Messenger and WhatsApp.

India question mark

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs' Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) Authority favours a ban on cryptocurrencies, *The Financial Express* reported in April. IEPF Authority CEO Anurag Agarwal was quoted as saying: "What I am saying is when it comes to investor protection, we have to take a stand against certain things, whether it is a ponzi scheme. And we think that cryptocurrency is a ponzi scheme and it should be banned." Any such ban would hugely restrict the reach of Libra.

The Libra model

Libra will be controlled by the Libra Association, a non-profit based in Geneva. Facebook will have a leadership role for 2019, but will later become one of many members of the association. Other prominent names backing Libra are Uber, Visa, Lyft, Mastercard, Paypal, and PayU from India. The association has 28 members now and aims at 100 founding members by the first half of 2020.

Calibra is a separate company.

Privacy concerns

Regulators, lawmakers and government officials around the world issued critical statements about the project, various news agencies reported. In the US, the head of House Financial Services Committee, Maxine Waters, said: "With the announcement that it plans to create a cryptocurrency, Facebook is continuing its unchecked expansion and extending its reach into the lives of its users." Waters and Senator Sherrod Brown, who is on the Senate Banking Committee, both called on financial regulators to examine the project closely.

France's finance minister, too, was quoted as saying that he had asked central bank heads from G7 countries to write a report on the project by mid-July.

Facebook response

In a statement, Facebook said: "We look forward to responding to lawmakers' questions as this process moves forward."

It has stressed it will respect user privacy and transactions will not be linked to the user's real world identity. Calibra being a subsidiary company separate from Facebook, the data will not be shared with Facebook, it said. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote that Calibra will have a dedicated team of experts in risk management to prevent fraudulent use. If someone loses their Libra coins from Calibra wallet, they will get a refund, Facebook said. For Libra, a new programming language is being built, called Move, which the organisation claims is more secure and private.

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SKIRT TRADE WARS

India should focus, instead, on reviving exports. Integration into global production chains should be given primacy

THE GOVERNMENT HAS announced the imposition of retaliatory tariffs on 28 high value US imports. The move follows Washington's decision to withdraw benefits extended to Indian exporters under the generalised system of preferences (GSP) as well as its reluctance to exempt India from higher tariffs on steel and aluminium imports. The decision to levy tariffs on US agricultural products appears to be strategic — politically, its an important constituency. But, India needs to tread carefully. While failure to react could have been construed as a sign of weakness, there is genuine concern that the move could provoke further action. At a time when export growth has been sluggish, rather than getting dragged into a spat with its largest trading partner, the focus should be to address the bigger problem of India's subdued export performance and the unmistakable rise in protectionist tendencies in the recent past. Efforts to revive export growth, by integrating itself into global production chains, should be given primacy.

The ongoing trade war between the US and China provides India an opportunity to boost its exports. According to reports, a Ministry of Commerce study suggests that of the 774 US tariff lines on which China has imposed extra duties, India has the scope to boost its exports in 151 items. In these 774 items, China's imports from the US stand at an annual $20.4 billion. But while the opportunity exists, the question is whether India can scale up its production to meet the demand. Can it provide quality products competitively? The worry is that countries like Vietnam and Bangladesh are better placed to take advantage of the ongoing trade war. In fact, these countries have seen a surge in their exports, even as India's exports have remained largely at the same level over the past five years. Slow global growth and trade will only complicate matters as countries will compete aggressively for export market share. The IMF has already lowered its world growth forecast to 3.3 per cent in 2019, from 3.6 per cent last year, and the WTO expects trade volume growth to fall to 2.6 per cent in 2019, from 3 per cent in 2018.

Measures to promote domestic manufacturing are needed to boost exports. But they should be WTO compliant. Simplifying tariff structures and lowering tariffs will help integrate India in global production chains and provide the much-needed impetus to exports and employment. Perhaps the visit by the US secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, later this month could also help clear the air on the India-US trade spat.

CAMPUS CONTROL

UP government ordinance on private universities is misguided, open to misuse

THE UTTAR PRADESH Private Universities Ordinance, 2019, cleared by the cabinet on Tuesday, is ostensibly meant to rationalise the many pieces of legislation that govern 27 private universities in the state. Among the strictures in the proposed law, is an exhortation to universities not to allow or be involved in "anti-national activities". The ordinance will also mandate that universities inculcate notions of "national integration, international goodwill and patriotism". Institutions that fail to live up to this amorphous set of ideals will face legal consequences. The UP government's move is problematic on several counts: It betrays a lack of understanding of what a university space is meant to achieve. It over-estimates the power of pedagogy and higher education in shaping young adults. And it seems to be ignorant of the basic principles of crime and punishment, and where the limits of the law are reached.

If an Indian citizen acts against the state, or conspires to do so, there are a host of laws to deal with the matter. Students, faculty and staff at universities are subject to the same laws as other citizens — there are enough provisions in criminal law that deal with terrorism, conspiracy, and waging war against the state. An ordinance that demands that private proprietors and managers of institutes of learning deal with "anti-national activities" is superfluous. The ordinance also seems to assume that patriotism and other "ethical" behaviours can be imposed in a classroom, or through the threat of punitive action. In a world where information and ideas are limitless and practically free, this is a deeply naïve assumption, and will serve only to penalise institutions for behaviour among their students they have no way of actually controlling.

What the proposed law appears to be aiming at is further political control of the higher education space. "Anti-national" is not clearly defined in any legal lexicon. It is, in fact, a term which has been wielded to great effect to further a political agenda, often by demonising universities and students. The BJP members in-charge in UP need only to look back at how the party's own student leaders were treated during the Emergency. Indira Gandhi, too, had wanted a pledge to the nation and a promise to maintain harmony from students. It is precisely because "anti-national" is so vague and open to the interpretations of whatever political formation holds sway, that it has no place in law.

KEEP THAWING

Government's assurance to IOC on visas to athletes from other countries is enormously welcome

IN ASSURING THE international sports fraternity that India will not discriminate against athletes from any country (read Pakistan), the government dug into the Upanishad and fished out the phrase that has been used in the past to promote tourism. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. "The world is one family", wrote the sports ministry in a letter to International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach, to underline "India's world view". In the last few months, India refused visas to Pakistani athletes to compete in international tournaments held in the country, which forced the IOC to suspend India's hosting rights for global events.

The government guaranteed to the IOC they will hereon grant visas to athletes from all countries "without any prejudice to our principled positions and policies on other political matters." This is a welcome step. The participation of Pakistani teams is always an edgy issue whenever India hosts an international event. In February, when Pakistani shooters weren't granted visas for the World Cup in the aftermath of the Pulwama attacks, the IOC — which saw India as a repeat offender — decided to crack the whip. At least five tournaments scheduled to be held in the country were affected because of the world body's decision. The government's new pragmatic stand will make it easier for India to bid for, and host, international tournaments, including qualifying events for next year's Tokyo Olympics. It will also pave the way for India to bid for big-ticket events like the 2026 Youth Olympics, 2030 Asian Games and 2032 Olympics.

This positive development throws up the more complicated question: Will the government now allow cricket teams from Pakistan to compete in India? Cricket, historically, has been the real indicator of the degree of thaw between the two countries. The BCCI has already sought the Centre's permission to host Pakistan women's team for a bilateral series this year. Since the government insists that international players will be allowed in India "without any prejudice to our principled positions", does it mean that the Pakistan cricketer, too, will be crossing the Wagah border very soon?

A coup and a crisis

The ordinary Indian is not doing well in terms of 'well-being'. Modi 2.0 can do something about that

BHASKAR CHAKRAVORTI

THE ELECTIONS MADE one thing amply clear: It's NOT the economy, stupid. Neither the lowest quarterly GDP growth in 20 quarters nor the highest unemployment rate in 45 years could put the brakes on Narendra Modi's thunderous return to South Block. And now, with the election in the history books, it would be stupid not to do something about that economy.

Luckily, India has more than its fair share of clever economists with proposals for boosting growth and jobs. We are also lucky to have former CEA, Arvind Subramanian, released from captivity into the wilds of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who is free to tell us that India's much-ballyhooed growth rate was a mirage. There is no dearth of economic advice and insight. So, I will put the economy to the side for a moment. I am intrigued by a question that is related but separate from macro phenomena, such as growth or jobs: How is the ordinary Indian doing in terms of "well-being"? What can Modi 2.0 do with its historic mandate to make a positive difference in the individual experience?

According to Gallup's 2018 World Poll of 150 countries, India scored the lowest in the world in terms of perception of well-being: A shocking 3 per cent of Indians reported (in 2017) that they were "thriving." In comparison, China's response was 21 per cent. In fact, even in India, the response back in 2014 was 14 per cent. Now, you might find it odd, as I did, that, simultaneously, the majority of these respondents felt local economic conditions were getting better and even gave Modi an 80 per cent approval rating.

Election landslides retain their glow for only so long, a morose electorate cannot be a firm basis for governance. So, here is my recommendation to the Modi 2.0 team. Find out what is behind this shockingly low Gallup number and take steps to address the underlying issues. I would also suggest resisting the knee-jerk "all polls are nonsense" response. The infinitely forwarded euphoric messages on your WhatsApp feed and — as we are now discovering — the official GDP figures could be misleading as well. Besides, Gallup has been in this business for a while, so it is a little bit more credible than your crazy uncle, a fundamentalist friend or a political hack.

First, fixing the economy will, no doubt, help, but it is far from sufficient. It is essential to make a change in the non-economic factors that affect a citizen's day-to-day experience. Gallup's methodology may even offer a hint.

> It is time to make a radical switch from quick-fix measures, catchy slogans or dangerous grand gestures — yes, I was thinking demonetisation — and embrace the complex systemic nature of the problems to be addressed, which has economics tangled with many other factors. Whether you prefer to believe or dismiss Gallup, your WhatsApp feed or the government's GDP figures, let us agree that the state of well-being of the ordinary Indian is far from ideal. I, for one, consider the 3 per cent number a genuine crisis.

One of the key factors that contributed to the low "thriving" score was the response to the question: "If you were in trouble, do you have relatives or friends you can count on to help you whenever you need them, or not?" Indians' responses were among the lowest in the world. If you thought that family and friends is what makes Indian society special, you might be wrong. I would recommend conducting some further research into the underlying reasons. Arguably, the government has little leverage in creating social and familial cohesion; much of this has to come from the ground up. However, leaders, especially someone who has achieved iconic status, as Modi has, can help set the tone for a more civil, compassionate and generous society. The track record of Modi 1.0 has been far from exemplary. This is as good a time as any to make a change.

A second major factor that plays a major role in well-being is the state of health. Here, much work remains undone. The broad metrics are damning and it shows in each individual's experience. India spends just 1.4 per cent of GDP on health, one of the lowest in the world, but it is not just spending alone. There are 0.8 doctors for every 1,000 Indians (even the world average is 1.1). Every year more than 60 million Indians are pushed into poverty because of medical expenses. The country also ranks 145th in terms of life expectancy according to the UN Population Prospects, with an average expected life span at only 67.7.

Moreover, addressing the state of healthcare in India cannot just focus on medical interventions. Myriad reasons for the growing healthcare challenges must be addressed. Here, too, much work remains. For example, only 49 per cent of rural households have access to safely managed water, according to UNICEF. According to the Environmental Performance Index, India ranks 180th out of 180 countries on environmental health, 178th on air quality and 145th on water and sanitation. India also tops the charts in terms of an urban sanitation crisis.

The Modi 1.0 record was far from satisfactory in its attention to healthcare. Several schemes were announced, but it took the government as late as the 2018 budget to announce its grand move, the Ayushman Bharat initiative. No doubt, there were other schemes earlier, such as the Swachh Bharat Mission, Ujjwala or Jan Aushadhi that would contribute to the state of public health. The basic issue is that there is plenty of daylight between splashy announcements and their actual execution. Modi 2.0 must deliver results.

My third proposal for the Modi 2.0 administration would be to adopt a "systems" perspective and recognise that the issues that affect an individual's day-to-day life are inter-connected and solutions must respect this inter-connectivity.

Here is an idea. I know that the ultimate standard in systemic interventions — what might well be the last gasp of the global liberal democratic agenda, the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, are very far from the ordinary Indian's day-to-day life. From a policymaking perspective, however, the UN goals serve a very useful purpose, as a systemic framework to set targets and plans, assemble stakeholders, invest, measure progress, recognise the system-wide interactions and iterate. Systematically making progress over the next 5 years on all 17 goals would go a long way in bringing the ordinary Indian's "thriving" number well above the 3 per cent rock-bottom. Here, too, Modi 1.0 has left us with plenty of headroom for improvement. The only goal where India made modest progress was in pursuit of goal 1, of poverty elimination; it is doing a poor job on every other goal. India ranked 112th out of 156 countries, according to an index of progress on the goals, produced by a team directed by Columbia's Jeffrey Sachs.

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The BJP won 175 out of 191 head-to-head contests against the Congress in the last election; a 92 per cent win rate is a coup. If there is any way to tackle a crisis, it is by organising a coup. Modi 2.0 ought not to let either a coup or a crisis go to waste. Now, that would be truly stupid.

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SPINNING ON AGE

Police action against age-fudging in Delhi junior cricket was long overdue

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LAST WEEK, I read a report about the Delhi Police filing a chargesheet in the age-fudging case involving several of Delhi's junior cricketers and their parents in your esteemed paper and simply chuckled to myself. For me, it is always painful to read about any kind of police action against cricketers, but I had my reasons to be amused.

I have always stressed the importance of ethical upbringing of young players and am not too happy with what I have seen at the grass roots. What outraged me the most was that the very people responsible for grooming budding cricketers — parents, coaches and junior cricket administrators — were helping impressionable young minds to bend the rules. They weren't just telling them to lie about their age, they were conveying to them that cheating is fine.

A few years back, as cricket manager of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), I had filed a written complaint against some Delhi juniors who didn't look or play like under-14 cricketers. I even remember depositing Rs 5,000. What happened to that complaint is anybody's guess. I had done my deed but with no follow-up, I had almost given up hope. But the culture of age-fudging which persisted at the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) and other northern states continued to make me sick. So imagine my pleasant surprise when this chargesheet emerged.

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About four years back, I had heard Rahul Dravid raise the issue of age-fudging during the M A K Pataudi lecture. He was at pains to explain the malaise of overage players competing with genuine juniors. At that lecture, I wholeheartedly applauded Dravid's genuine concern. At the time of that lecture, Dravid had been at the helm of India's junior cricket for some time. Not for a moment am I casting aspersions on Dravid, but I do feel even he must have raised his hands in despair. Any player who has the good of Indian cricket at heart would feel the same about this issue.

Now, please allow me to mention our collective fight against all of DDCA's malpractices over the years. If it wasn't for Kirti Azad's sustained recorded communication with the DDCA and Delhi Police, this mess of age-fudging might have never seen the light of day.

There's no doubt in my mind that in this sordid drama, it isn't the junior players who are the actual culprits. It is the manipulative parents, dubious coaches, compromised schools and, of course, the ever-conniving top DDCA officials who are the real villains.

It saddens me no end to contemplate the eventuality that the law takes its course and some junior cricketers and their guides/mentors might go behind bars. But I sincerely hope the DDCA officials involved are made accountable. I say this because I know these officials are still running the seedy syndicate and playing with the cricketing careers of young players in Delhi. I say this because of the forgettable phase in Delhi cricket when anybody and everybody in DDCA felt above everything. That wasn't quite cricket and I sincerely hope the then DDCA sports secretary, at whose behest all nefarious activities were taking place, is brought to book. I'd like to compliment the present DDCA president for not coming in the way of the Delhi Police investigation.

Finally, we owe it to Rahul "The Wall" Dravid to clean up the unscrupulous age-fudging phenomenon from Indian cricket. I have no hesitation in saying that the North Zone happens to be the hub of this scam. And I say this with a lot of hurt and shame.

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AIZAWL UNREST

THE POLICE WERE issued orders to shoot at sight anybody indulging in arson, loot or violence in the Mizoram capital, Aizawl. The orders were issued following attempts to loot and set on fire properties of non-Mizos when the curfew was relaxed for three hours at 8 am in the strife-torn capital. The army columns staged a flagmarch through the town's main thoroughfares immediately after the curfew was reimposed. The police resorted to lathicharge in the Bara Bazar area when miscreants tried to ransack some shops belonging to non-Mizos. The Lt-Govemor of Mizoram, N P Mathur, appealed to all sections of the public to help the administration maintain peace.

SALT II IMPACT

WELCOMING THE SALT II agreement as a "halting step" towards detente and peace, the deputy prime minister and defence minister, Jagjivan Ram, said that the possibility of Pakistan acquiring nuclear military capability had caused "much understandable concern". This needed to be assessed carefully for its impact on India's security environment in military as well as political terms. "There was unmistakable evidence of the involvement of outside powers there. What was even more disturbing from India's point of view was the charge against some of our neighbouring countries of open involvement in the internal affairs of Afghanistan," he said.

WAGE INCREASE

MORE THAN 2,50,000 workers of the steel industry will get increased wages and additional social welfare benefits under a new wage agreement signed in Delhi. The agreement provided, that the lowest paid worker in the steel plants will receive a wage increase of Rs 67.60 per month. The last wage agreement for steel workers expired in August 1978. The chairman of the steel authority, P L Agarwal, said that there had been no pressure or threats of strikes or demonstrations before the comprehensive agreement was arrived at.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

Death of Mohamed Morsi shows that the hopes and aspirations inspired by the Arab Spring have been dashed, and that the old, repressive order very much dominates in Egypt.

—DAWN

Need to equip judiciary to deal with forces of populism

Non-political appointments, security of tenure and rigorous procedure for removal are among the several measures needed to strengthen the institution, bolster its independence

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THE WORD "INDEPENDENT" has been variously defined and understood across different societies and cultures. However, in legal systems the word means and implies "not dependent on" or "not controlled by" any outside agency or source. Independence could be said to be the very soul of a functional judiciary. Whatever be the political system of governance, people across nations aspire for a free and independent judicial system to serve them. Every judicial system is required to functionally wield what may be referred to as the "power to judge" or the "power to finally decide" — what is "judged" or "finally decided" is human conduct or decisions or a state of things. It is natural that such "power" would come to be exercised when any such decisions, conduct or state of things, different and divergent from the accepted ones, is questioned, challenged and even sought to be brought in line with the accepted one. It is such "function" and "decision" of the judge that must be "independent" of any extraneous consideration or of any fear or prejudice of the judge himself.

Independence of the judiciary as an institution is different from independence of judges as the fountainheads of justice. Despite such institutional independence being different in its ambit and requirements, from individual independence of judges, we must recognise that both are mutually interdependent and vital for any judicial system to be known as strong and responsive.

A lot has been written and talked about measures which, if properly implemented, go on to secure the independence of judges as well as the judiciary, as an institution. Non-political appointments, security of tenure and rigorous procedure for removal, securing the reputation of and remuneration and immunities for the judges, in-house accountability procedures, and implementation of code of judges' conduct are some such measures.

Strengthening of institutions works best when they are strengthened from within and not when strength is sought to be infused from an external source. Strength that evolves from inside touches the character and core of the institution; in contrast, an external source could only lend "support" to the institution. Such external support would rarely strengthen the core of the institution. That apart, independence of judiciary is not a one-time pill — it is a "state of affairs" that has to remain constant, in the face of continuous and recurrent waves of onslaught aimed at disturbing such a "state". It is also an aspiration that the stakeholders and leaders of the judicial organ must constantly seek out and defend.

We must remind ourselves that functionally, the judicial organ does not and can never win over friends — because the judiciary is not meant to be in the business of making or breaking of relationships/bonds/alliances/ nor does the judiciary pander to any constituency. Every court of law may seem like an island, existing in isolation and sovereign within its bounds, yet the judiciary and all its components are bound by common threads that are difficult for someone who is not a stakeholder to even begin to understand.

Amongst the several steps that would be required to strengthen the independence of judiciary, the foremost would be to develop and nurture leadership at all levels of the institution. Leadership roles bring decisiveness and direction at all levels. For the institution to secure its independence, it is imperative that leaders at all levels of the institution are on the same page and they think, act and speak likewise. Leadership skills at ground levels will also assist in securing the independence of individual judges.

The judiciary also needs to work on securing its independence in financial matters. The control of revenues and on expenditure essentially vests with governments. However, such control is more often than not seen to be exercised as a tool of arm-twisting. There is an apparent lack of understanding globally that, by the dint of their constitutional role, the judicial organs essentially act like buffers and pressure valves, standing between the state agencies and the restive populace, absorbing all the heat and dust thrown up by the cycle of governance, or a lack thereof. This lack of understanding, coupled with the fact that the judiciary does not pander to any constituency, translates into low budgetary support for the judiciary — including for its infrastructure and human resource components. It would not be surprising if data would reflect that nations which support and invest heavily in developing a strong judicial infrastructure, with sufficient financial resources and powers, would be nations with more stable governments and administrations. In this context, it is apposite to clarify that the pitch is not for mere parking of finances by the governments in the hands of the judiciary, but it is for complete autonomy in all financial matters. Absence of the requisite financial autonomy, would be gainsaying financial independence.

Now, a little about India. The Indian Constitution under Article 50 makes it obligatory for the state to undertake steps to separate the executive from the judiciary. The judges' appointment process as envisaged under Articles 124 and 217 of the Indian Constitution for Supreme Court and High Court respectively envisages judicial oversight. The tenure has been also secured and removal is possible only by if there is proved misbehaviour and incapacity. Their salaries have been prescribed under the constitution itself.

Let me point out how the Indian Supreme Court has dealt with the above issues. If one goes for a more nuanced scrutiny it becomes obvious that except for some outliers, in almost all other cases, the executive in India has historically shown deference to the judiciary in the appointment of judges to the higher judiciary. It must also be clarified that so far as the subordinate judiciary is concerned, the selection process is through competitive exams. For the higher judiciary, to make the decision making participative and democratic, a collegium system has been envisaged. It constitutes of the Chief Justice of India and two and four other senior-most judges of the Supreme Court in cases of appointment of judges to the high courts and Supreme Court respectively.

The collegium is governed primarily by the consideration of merit in recommending the names. However, it is also alive to the issue of a representative judiciary. Therefore, it looks into the issue of regional representation, demographic representation etc. The Supreme Court of late has started posting the decision of the collegium on its website to meet the standards of transparency.

Before I conclude, I seek to draw attention of this esteemed audience to the fact that in some phases in the journey of a nation, when the legislative and executive wings get swept away from their duties and goals under the Constitution by waves of populism, it is for the judiciary to rise and stand up to the populist forces and protect the constitutional ethos from being desecrated by the populists. To some critics and naysayers, this situation presents a case for hoisting the classical counter narrative — unelected judges, acting under the constitutional mandate, get to overturn the acts of the elected majority. However, it is for us to recollect that such situations across the world have heaped tremendous pressure on the judicial organs, and it is no surprise that in some jurisdictions, the judiciary too has succumbed to populist forces. This is an area that requires the judiciary to prepare itself, to strengthen itself against such populist onslaughts on the independence of the institution. The human agency, through which justice is sought to be administered, has to be adequately secured and fortified in ordinary times, so that it is sufficiently equipped to deal with such forces of populism in extraordinary times, lest they overrun the judicial edifice too. This would be our strongest case for strengthening the independence of judiciary.

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FOR THE RECORD

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A missing inquiry

The death of S P Mookerjee left some unanswered questions

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SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE passed away on June 23, 1953. A minister in undivided Bengal and in Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet, Mookerjee was a prominent Opposition leader and founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. He was detained without trial by Sheikh Abdullah's government after his arrest in Kathua on May 11, 1953.

On June 30, 1953, Nehru wrote to Jogmaya Devi, Mookerjee's mother, conveying his condolences. On July 4, Devi responded: "My son died in detention, detention without trial. You say, you had visited Kashmir during my son's detention. You speak of the affection you had for him. But what prevented you, I wonder, from meeting him there personally and satisfying yourself about his health and arrangements?... Ever since his detention there, the first information that I, his mother, received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir was that my son was no more... and in what cruel cryptic way the message was conveyed." Further communication between Devi and Nehru makes for a sad reading.

Much later, on November 27, 1953, a resolution was moved in the West Bengal legislative assembly to hold an inquiry into the circumstances of his death while in detention in Kashmir. It argued for holding an inquiry through a commission headed by a Supreme Court judge. Surprisingly, an assembly member from the Congress party, Shankar Prasad Mitra, moved an amendment to this resolution asking for the words "for holding an inquiry", to be substituted with "for requesting the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to hold an inquiry". He also sought that the sentence "by appointing a Commission with the Judge of the Supreme Court of India to serve as Chairman of the Commission," be omitted. Many who actively opposed the amendment wondered why Bidhan Chandra Roy, the Congress chief minister of West Bengal, who thought an inquiry to be necessary, had later declined it. Mookerjee, after all, had been a great friend of the chief minister's. What had been asked for was an inquiry by a SC judge who could take cognisance of evidence from anywhere, including Kashmir. In this case, the Kashmir government was the accused party. How could it then sit in judgement over this inquiry? But members of the Congress, including Roy, argued in favour of the amendment. The Congress, in effect, sought acceptance of the amendment, and succeeded.

The West Bengal government forwarded the resolution passed in the assembly to the Ministry of States (Kashmir section), Government of India. This letter was received on February 23, 1954. After six months, the matter was eventually processed in the Ministry of States. The following is the observation from the relevant file in the Ministry: "It is for consideration whether we may inform the Government of West Bengal that as the matter primarily concerns the Government of J&K, the Government of India did not consider it proper to pursue the matter. When the request for an inquiry into the circumstances of Shri Syama Prasad Mukherjee's death was raised in Parliament, the attitude which we adopted was that this was a matter which concerned the Government of J&K alone. The resolution passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly is consistent with this stand since it only asks the Government of India to pass on the request to the Jammu & Kashmir Government. We have now two courses open to us: We may either send the copy of the resolution and proceedings to J&K Government for such action as they may consider necessary; or we may return the proceedings to the West Bengal Government and ask them to address the J&K Government themselves. While the latter course might be strictly correct one, it would have the effect of rebuff to the Government of West Bengal where Dr Mukherjee's death has agitated the public mind very much. There may therefore, be no harm if we adopt the first alternative. I do not think this is likely to give rise to any misunderstanding with the J&K Government." K N V Nambisan from the Ministry of States signed this note on September 7, 1954. The first course was agreed upon by both the secretary and the minister. On September 22, 1954, the Ministry of States forward the resolution to the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, for such action as considered necessary. Nothing came out of this routine letter sent by the Ministry of States to the Government of J&K.

A notice for a starred question was given in Parliament on August 19, 1954 — the Minister of Home Affairs was asked to clarify whether the Bengal CM had visited Kashmir in June 1954 and made an enquiry about Mookerjee's death. On July 20, 1954, the Ministry of States had asked the Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary about the reported visit of Roy. On July 19, 1954, the Ministry of States had written to the Lok Sabha secretariat stating that they had no information except what appeared in the newspaper about the stay of Roy in Jammu and Kashmir. The letter further stated that the circumstances relating to the death of Mookerjee, while in detention, was a matter which concerned the Jammu and Kashmir government, not the GoI. On August 5, 1954, Ghulam Ahmad, chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir wrote to V Narayanan, joint secretary to the GoI (Ministry of States): "Dr B C Roy did come to Kashmir for a holiday and spent about a month here. During his stay he visited various beauty spots in the Valley. He did see the bungalow where the late Dr Mukherjee was putting up during his stay in Kashmir as well as the room in the hospital to which he had been removed prior to his death. Col. Sir Ram Nath Chopra, our Director Health Services, took him to the hospital one day and Dr B C Roy might have made some verbal enquiries on the spot. You will, therefore, see that no official inquiry was held by the Doctor and as such no report could have been submitted by him. The question in the Lok Sabha may, therefore, be replied suitably on the basis of this information."

The critical matter of enquiry into the death of Mookerjee rested thereafter.

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The next structural change

Simultaneous polls are needed to address distortions in the electoral system

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SHOULD THERE BE economic reforms? Almost instinctively, most people would answer this question in the affirmative. But why are reforms necessary? Leaving aside the ideological and conceptual changes in direction, most of the time, reforms are simply necessary because processes usually do not perform as well in the long term as they do in the short term.

Now, if this is true for the economy, would it not be equally true for other aspects, say the process of holding elections? The renewed pitch for "One Nation One Election" if understood in terms of process improvement, or reforms, makes eminent sense. What are the distortions that have crept in due to the year-round election cycle?

First, the Rajya Sabha has simply stopped reflecting the current will of the people. No, this is not an argument to assert that Rajya Sabha should reflect the reality of the Lok Sabha mandate, although some people have made a plausible case for that as well. But is it anybody's case that the Rajya Sabha members should not reflect the current will of their respective state's mandate? Consider the situation that a fixed term (six years) for a Rajya Sabha MP has produced. Eleven Rajya Sabha members were elected from Uttar Pradesh in June 2016: Seven of them were from the SP, two from the BSP and just one each from the BJP and Congress. These results reflected the reality of the then state assembly of UP. These seats will be up for re-election in June 2022. In between, the people of the state decisively voted in favour of the BJP in March 2017. The UP assembly is due for elections in February-March 2022. This would mean that the assembly elected in 2017 would have had zero say in its entire tenure on these 11 seats.

If the BJP faces this quandary in UP, the Congress does so in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. In the March 2018 Rajya Sabha elections, Rajasthan assembly returned three out of three members for the BJP. These seats would now be due for election only in March 2024. The assembly elected in December 2018, which the BJP lost, and which will again go for election in December 2023, will simply have no say over these seats. These are not just isolated examples but prevalent across the board.

Second, assembly elections two years either side of Parliamentary elections, in states ruled by a different party than that at the Centre, have led to an almost continuous confrontationist attitude, severely compromising federal cooperation and governance delivery. Take the case of West Bengal. Before the 2019 general elections, Ayushman Bharat was suspended, PM Kisan was not implemented, CBI jurisdiction was impeded. Even a natural calamity could not persuade the chief minister to cooperate with the Centre. The general elections are now over but has the situation returned to normal? No, because the state elections are less than two years away.

Third, although governments are nominally elected for five years, the frequent imposition of the Model Code suspends decision making and implementation every few months. Alternatively, every decision taken is looked through the prism of the next round of elections. This has squeezed out space for ideas that may be vital but have no immediate electoral salience.

Fourth, the competitive nature of electoral democracy inevitably means choosing to make the easiest promise. Think of the Delhi government's promise of free rides to women in the Delhi metro. Routed in the general elections and fearing similar result six months later, who would want to invest time in arduous efforts to effect real, long-term changes?

Fifth, the ubiquitous nature of social media has meant that almost everybody is now not just an informed political animal but a participating political animal. Once you have taken a position on a political issue, then the very nature of the beast will compel you to keep on participating with your political lens, for the next election is around the corner and how can you let your side down? What this does is that it completely eliminates any chance of reconciliation post elections.

By chairing an all-party meeting on the issue so early in his second term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has put "One Nation, One Election" centrestage. There have been various models proposed for implementing the idea of simultaneous elections. They will surely be debated and a plausible method to reconcile the practicalities be evolved. It took us about a decade to agree to GST. It was a one-time adjustment at the national and state level and we have already started seeing the benefits of this structural change. "One Nation One Election" is also about one-time structural change. First align various cycles and then evolve a structure, by consensus, which can serve us for the decades to come. It is an idea whose time has come.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

STATE OF NEGLECT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A failing state' (IE, June 19). The most unfortunate aspect of the deaths of over 100 children in Bihar has been the silence in political corridors. The Opposition should have helped the victims and held the administration accountable; the government should have acted promptly rather than repeating decade old promises.

Safdar Ali, *Kolkata*

PM'S OUTREACH

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Not just numbers' (IE, June 19). Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP have started their new innings in Parliament by reaching out to the Opposition. As the monsoon session began on Monday, the PM emphasised that the Opposition need not be perturbed by their numbers in the house and should participate actively in the Lok Sabha proceedings. This reaching out to the Opposition is welcome.

Sanjay Chopra, *Mohali*

WATER MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A new approach' (IE, June 18).The integration of the ministries that deal with water issues is a welcome measure. The water crisis is real and the government needs to take with it all segments of the society. The problem needs to be resolved on a mission mode.

Puneet Dhawan, *Patiala*

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

To encourage quality reader intervention, The Indian Express offers the Letter of the Week award. The letter adjudged the best for the week is published every Saturday. Letters may be e-mailed to editpage@expressindia.com or sent to The Indian Express, B-1/B, Sector 10, Noida-UP 201301. Letter writers should mention their postal address and phone number.

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LAW ON PAPER

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Apathy and denial' (IE, June 18). It is a matter of shame that manual scavengers lose their lives while cleaning sewer in various cities of our country — despite manual scavenging being banned by the law. Apathy towards scavengers is particularly reprehensible at a time when Swachh Bharat is a flagship government programme. If private contractors are flouting rules, they should be debarred from taking up contracts.

Bal Govind, *Noida*

MEANWHILE

US GETS 1ST NATIVE AMERICAN POET LAUREATE

Joy Harjo was named US poet laureate, becoming the first Native American to be given the honour. Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden said in a statement that Harjo helped tell an "American story" of traditions, both lost and maintained, of "reckoning and myth-making".

TOP OF THE WORLD

Morsi died Monday after collapsing inside a court in Cairo

TURKEY

Erdogan says Egypt's Morsi was killed

Istanbul: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Wednesday said his close ally Mohamed Morsi was "killed" and accused Egyptian authorities of failing to intervene to save the ex-president. "Morsi was struggling on the floor in the courtroom for 20 minutes. Authorities unfortunately did not intervene to save him," Erdogan said during a televised speech in Istanbul. "Morsi was killed, he did not die of natural causes." Erdogan forged close ties with Morsi, Egypt's first civilian president and a prominent Muslim Brotherhood member.

SRI LANKA

Lanka's first satellite goes into orbit

Colombo: Sri Lanka's first satellite 'Raavana-1', designed and developed by two local engineers, was successfully launched into orbit this week from the International Space Station (ISS) along with two other BIRDS 3 satellites from Japan and Nepal. Raavana-1, the cube satellite measuring 11.3 cm x 10 cm x 10 cm, and weighing around 1.05 kg, was launched into orbit at 3.45 pm (Sri Lanka time) on Monday, the *Colombo Page* reported. The satellite was designed and developed by two Sri Lankan engineers studying at Japan's Kyushu Institute of Technology.

USA

'Promised $9 m online, teen killed best friend'

Los Angeles: An American teenager has been charged with conspiring to murder her "best friend" after a man she met online offered her $9 million to commit the crime. According to investigators, Denali Brehmer, an 18-year-old from Alaska, was recruited to kill her friend by a man a few years her elder, 21-year-old Darin Schilmiller of Indiana. The pair had previously hooked up online, with Schilmiller assuming a fake identity and posing as a millionaire named "Tyler".

Credible evidence linking MbS to Khashoggi murder: UN report

Report calls for sanctions on Saudi Crown Prince's foreign assets; Riyadh says allegations baseless

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SAUDI CROWN Prince Mohammed bin Salman, also known as MbS, and other senior Saudi officials should be investigated over the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi since there is credible evidence they are liable for his death, a UN rights investigator said on Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia's minister of state for foreign affairs, Adel al-Jubeir, rejected the investigator's report as "nothing new".

He added in a tweet: "The report of the rapporteur in the human rights council contains clear contradictions and baseless allegations which challenge its credibility."

Khashoggi's death stirred widespread disgust and hurt the image of crown prince, previously admired in the West for pushing to end the kingdom's oil dependence and easing social restrictions including by allowing women to drive.

'DID HE SLEEP?... KEEP PUSHING'

THE REPORT by the UN special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Agnes Callamard, offered a chilling minute-by-minute account of the events surrounding the killing inside the Saudi consulate based on audio shared by Turkish officials.

A VOICE identified as a pathologist is heard saying: "Joints will be separated. It is not a problem. The body is heavy. First time I cut on the ground. If we take plastic bags and cut it into pieces, it will be finished."

Jamal Khashoggi was a vocal critic of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. *Reuters*

A SAUDI intelligence agent named Maher Abdulaziz Mutreb is heard asking if "the sacrificial animal" has arrived. Shortly after 1 pm, a voice says: "he has arrived".

ON ARRIVAL, Khashoggi was told he would be forcibly returned to Saudi Arabia and was told to text his sons.

HE WAS told he would be given anesthesia, and sounds of struggle followed. Agents were heard saying: "Did he sleep?" and "Keep pushing."

Agnes Callamard, the UN special rapporteur on extrajudicial executions, called on countries to invoke universal jurisdiction for what she called the international crime and make arrests if individuals' responsibility is proven.

She also called for sanctions on the Crown Prince's personal assets.

The report, based on a six-month investigation, also calls on the United States to "open an FBI investigation, if one is not already open, and pursue criminal prosecutions within the United States as appropriate."

Khashoggi, a critic of the prince and a *Washington Post* columnist, was last seen at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on Oct 2 where he was to receive papers ahead of his wedding.

His body was dismembered and removed from the building, the Saudi prosecutor has said, and his remains have not been found.

"What needs to be investigated is the extent to which the crown prince knew or should have known of what would have happened to Mr. Khashoggi, whether he directly or indirectly incited the killing...whether he could have prevented the execution when the mission started and failed to do so," Callamard told reporters.

"It is the conclusion of the Special Rapporteur that Mr Khashoggi has been the victim of a deliberate, premeditated execution, an extrajudicial killing for which the state of Saudi Arabia is responsible under international human rights law," her report said.

A hole, which the US Navy says was made by a limpet mine, is seen on the oil tanker *Kokuka Courageous*. *AP*

Iran: Will not give Europe more time to save nuclear deal

Oil tanker attack mine resembles those used by Iran, says US Navy expert

AGENCIES
LONDON, JUNE 19

IRAN SAID on Wednesday it would not give European powers more time beyond July 8 to save its nuclear deal by shielding it from US sanctions.

The spokesman for Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation said Tehran was ready to go through with a threat to enrich uranium to a higher level if Europe did not step in, a move that would breach the terms of a nuclear pact with world powers.

Any such breach would raise already heightened tensions between Iran and the US.

Tehran said in May it would reduce compliance with the nuclear pact it agreed with world powers in 2015, in protest at the US' decision to unilaterally pull out of the agreement and reimpose sanctions last year. Iran added that it would start enriching uranium at a higher level unless other European signatories to the deal protected its economy from the US sanctions within 60 days.

"Iran's two-month deadline to remaining signatories of the JCPOA (nuclear deal) cannot be extended, and the second phase will be implemented exactly as planned," atomic agency spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi told Tasnim news agency.

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> IRAN'S ATOMIC AGENCY SPOKESMAN

President Hassan Rouhani said Iran's actions were the "minimum" measures Tehran could adopt one year after the US withdrawal from the deal, but said they were reversible.

Meanwhile, A US Navy explosives expert said Wednesday the limpet mines used to attack a Japanese-owned oil tanker near the Strait of Hormuz last week bore "a striking resemblance" to similar mines displayed by Iran, stopping short of directly blaming Tehran for the assault.

Belgium seeks Uighur family in Xinjiang after disappearance

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BEIJING, JUNE 19

A BELGIAN diplomat was expected to travel to China's restive Xinjiang region on Tuesday to confirm the whereabouts of an Uighur family that was escorted from Belgium's embassy in Beijing by police last month.

The disappearance of the woman and her four children has alarmed her husband, as an estimated one million ethnic Uighurs and other mostly Muslim minorities are believed to be held in internment camps in Xinjiang.

Abdulhamid Tursun, a political refugee in Belgium, said he has not heard from his family since May 31, a few days after they left the embassy under murky circumstances. "I am worried about their safety," he said. "I hope they can safely come be at my side as soon as possible, and our family can reunite."

Belgium's decision to dispatch a diplomat to Xinjiang comes as the embassy faces criticism for allegedly enabling police to take the family to Xinjiang — where they could face detention.

The woman, Horiyat Abdulla, and her four children travelled to Beijing at the end of May to complete missing paperwork for their family reunification visas.

According to Tursun, his wife and children panicked upon learning it would take "at least three months" for their visas to be approved and refused to leave the embassy. They were afraid to return to their hotel because police had visited them multiple times, he explained.

The embassy offered to accompany Abdulla and her four children back to their hotel, but they "refused to leave the embassy in a kind of sit-in", a Belgian ministry spokesman said.

TRUMP LAUNCHES RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN

US President Donald Trump formally kicks off his re-election bid with a campaign rally in Orlando, Florida, Tuesday. *Reuters*

- **US President Donald Trump formally launched his 2020 re-election campaign by presenting himself as the same political outsider who shook up the Washington establishment four years ago and who is now a victim of an attempted ouster by Democrats.**
- **At a packed rally at an arena in Orlando, Trump revisited campaign themes from four years ago, decrying illegal immigration, the news media and his 2016 Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton. Democrats "want to destroy our country as we know it", he said.**

Voluntary euthanasia made legal in Australia's Victoria

ASSOCIATED PRESS
CANBERRA, JUNE 19

VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA became legal in an Australian state on Wednesday more than 20 years after the country repealed the world's first mercy-killing law for the terminally ill.

The process of dying in an assisted suicide after an initial approach to a doctor in Victoria state takes at least 10 days, so the first patient could die from swallowing a lethal cocktail of chemicals on June 29.

Health Minister Jenny Mikakos said she expected as few as one patient a month would be helped to die in the first year.

"We anticipate that once the scheme has been in place for some time, we'll see between 100 and 150 patients access this scheme every year," Mikakos told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Any health practitioner can conscientiously object to taking part in the euthanasia process.

3 Russians, a Ukrainian face murder charges over flight MH17

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NIEUWEGEIN (NETHERLANDS), JUNE 19

THREE RUSSIANS and a Ukrainian will face murder charges for the July 2014 downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over eastern Ukraine in which 298 people were killed, in a trial to start in the Netherlands next March, an investigation team said on Wednesday.

The suspects are likely to be tried in absentia, however, as the Netherlands has said Russia has not cooperated with the investigation and is not expected to hand anyone over.

The Dutch-led international team tasked with assigning criminal responsibility for the plane's destruction named the four suspects as Russians Sergey Dubinsky, Oleg Pulatov and Igor Girkin, and Ukrainian Leonid Kharchenko. It said international arrest warrants for the four have been issued.

MH17 was shot out of the sky on July 17, 2014, over territory held by pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine as it was flying from Amsterdam to the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur. Everyone on board was killed.

Most of those on board were Dutch. The joint investigation team formed by Australia, Belgium, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Ukraine found that the plane was shot down by a Russian missile.

Last year Russian President Vladimir Putin called MH17's downing a "terrible tragedy" but said that Moscow was not to blame and that there are other explanations for what happened.

The governments of the Netherlands and Australia have said they hold Russia legally responsible. Asked if she expected the suspects to attend the trial, Silene Fredriksz, whose son Bryce was on the plane with his girlfriend Daisy, said: "No. No, I don't think so. But I don't care. I just want the truth, and this is the truth."

Moscow has said it does not trust the investigation. "Russia was unable to take part in the investigation despite expressing an interest right from the start and trying to join it", Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said earlier on Wednesday. **REUTERS**

EXPLAINED

Those charged may never face trial

RUSSIA HAS responded to the charges made by the Dutch-led joint investigation team by saying they were aimed at discrediting Moscow. Some Dutch officials have also said that Russia refused to cooperate with the probe. So, it is unlikely Moscow will hand over the suspects, who include former senior intelligence officers, in order for them to face trial. Moreover, the Russian Constitution forbids the extradition of a citizen to another country. Ukraine has, meanwhile, said it had no information on the whereabouts of the lone Ukrainian to be charged.

US OFFICER FACES POLITICALLY CHARGED COURT-MARTIAL OVER KILLING OF TEENAGER IN IRAQ

Got him with my hunting knife: Navy SEAL allegedly bragged about killing captive

JULIE WATSON & BRIAN MELLEY
SAN DIEGO, JUNE 19

A DECORATED Navy SEAL stabbed to death a wounded and captive teenage Islamic State fighter in Iraq and then bragged about it, a military prosecutor told jurors Tuesday during opening statements in a politically charged court-martial.

Lt. Brian John projected photos of the dead prisoner in the military courtroom, along with a text message Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher sent to friends with the image.

"Good story behind this," Gallagher wrote. "Got him with my hunting knife."

The defence told the jury that Gallagher treated the militant's wounds and didn't kill him.

Attorney Tim Parlatore, who has claimed the text was an attempt at dark humour, said there's no body, autopsy or forensic evidence to show a killing happened. He says the case was built on lies by junior SEALs who hated Gallagher because he was tough.

"This case is not about murder," Parlatore said. "It's about mutiny. He didn't murder or attempt to murder anyone."

Gallagher, whose case has drawn US President Donald Trump's attention, faces seven counts that include premeditated murder and attempted murder. He's also accused of shooting two civilians _ an elderly man and a school-age girl _ from sniper perches in Iraq in 2017. He has pleaded not guilty and could face a life sentence.

The trial, which is expected to last up to three weeks, is exposing fractures in the secrecy that typically shrouds the elite special forces as fellow troops testify against Gallagher, who had served eight tours of duty and earned two Bronze Stars for valor.

Lt. Thomas MacNeil, who has roomed with Gallagher, testified that their SEAL team provided support to Iraqi forces clearing an area outside Mosul when he heard a radio transmission on May 3, 2017, that an airstrike had wounded an Islamic State fighter.

US Navy SEAL Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher leaves court with his wife Andrea, her name tattooed on his wrist, in San Diego on Monday. *Reuters*

"I heard Chief Gallagher announce, 'Lay off, he's mine,'" MacNeil said.

Gallagher initially began treating the teen militant's wounds, which was caught on video the jury will see, prosecutors said. The question is what happened after the footage stopped.

John said the wounded prisoner, described as a curly-haired adolescent, was in stable condition after treatment.

After another SEAL left his side, Gallagher pulled a knife from his medical bag and repeatedly stabbed the boy in the neck, John said. Another SEAL saw the assault and said blood was pouring out of the teen.

Parlatore said the militant died of his injuries from the airstrike and noted that Iraqi forces had been with him for two hours before Gallagher became the first to treat him. He also said no blood was found on the knife.

After the boy died, Gallagher had his re-enlistment ceremony conducted with the body and posed with fellow troops for photos.

In one photo shown to the jury, Gallagher is holding the detainee by the hair with one hand and his knife in the other.

MacNeil, who posed with Gallagher and other platoon members in front of the body, testified that the photos were inappropriate because he was taught to not disgrace casualties on the battlefield.

During cross-examination, MacNeil acknowledged their platoon did not strictly follow rules. He acknowledged drinking beer with troops and that platoon members had built a makeshift bar on the roof of their safehouse in Iraq. He also said he had a copy of a music video made after the deployment with the platoon's photos and videos that included images of dead bodies.

The defence does not dispute that Gallagher posed with the corpse. **AP**

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹33,740	₹69.68	$61.16*	₹38,350

*Indian basket as on June 17, 2019

SENSEX: 39,112.74 ▲ 66.40 **NIFTY:** 11,691.45 ▼ 0.05 **NIKKEI:** 21,333.87 ▲ 361.16 **HANG SENG:** 28,202.14 ▲ 703.37 **FTSE:** 7,422.58 ▼ 20.46 **DAX:** 12,342.44 ▲ 10.69

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AHEAD OF UNION BUDGET

FSDC reviews economy, financial stability is the underlying theme

Jalan panel, which is looking into size of capital reserves RBI should hold, may submit report by June-end

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

AT A meeting with financial sector regulators, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday reviewed the state of the economy and discussed with them various budget-related suggestions and proposals.

Sitharaman will present the first budget of the Modi 2.0 government on July 5 against the backdrop of India's economy hitting a five-year low growth of 6.8 per cent in 2018-19.

Financial sector regulators, including RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi, and IRDAI chief Subhash Chandra Khuntia, and top finance ministry officials were present in the meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) headed by the finance minister, an official release said.

"As discussed in the other FSDC meetings, there was a general review of the current state of the economy, of the overall macro-economic situation, global developments, and there was a discussion on the forthcoming budget and various budget-related suggestions and proposals," the RBI Governor said after the meeting.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, MoS Finance Anurag Thakur, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, and Finance Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg during FSDC meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday. *Source: Finance Ministry via Twitter*

The regulators and the concerned secretaries of the government were present in the meeting, he said. The FSDC is the apex body of sectoral regulators.

Finance Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg, Financial Services Secretary Rajiv Kumar, Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey and Expenditure Secretary G C Murmu attended the meeting along with Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India chairman M S Sahoo, and Corporate Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas.

Asked about the outlook for the economy, Das said current situation has already been spelt out after the Monetary Policy Committee meeting earlier this month. "In the post MPC press conference, I have personally elaborated on the risks to global growth. On the outlook for India, for the current year, we have projected 7 per cent. We have also flagged the other issues in the MPC resolution, and in the statement which I made after the MPC. Beyond that I have nothing to add," he said.

Concerns with regard to focus on financial stability have been the underlying theme of all monetary policy decisions, he said. "It is not explicitly stated. Should it be explicitly stated, the jury is still out, and a view has to be taken," he said.

Asked if any stimulus is required to prop up the economy, the governor said, "It is for the government to decide, and its the finance minister's prerogative to take a call on such matters." The RBI Governor further said that the Bimal Jalan committee, which is looking into the size of capital reserves that the RBI should hold, is likely to submit its final report by June-end.

The 20th meeting of the FSDC reviewed the current global and domestic economic situation and financial stability issues including, inter-alia, those concerning Banking and NBFCs, an official statement said.

The Council was also apprised of the progress made towards setting up of the Financial Data Management Centre (FDMC) to facilitate integrated data aggregation and analysis as also a Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-Fin) towards strengthening the cybersecurity framework for the financial sector, it said.

The Council also held consultations to obtain inputs and suggestions of the financial sector regulators for the Budget, it said, adding, all the regulators presented their proposals for the Union Budget 2019-20.

The Council also took note of the activities undertaken by the FSDC Sub-Committee chaired by Governor, RBI, and the action taken by members on the decisions taken in earlier Meetings of the Council. Others who attended the meeting included Chief Economic Adviser Krishnamurthy V Subramanian, and Ravi Mital, Additional Secretary, Department of Financial Services & in charge, Chairperson, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority. **WITH PTI**

GENERAL INSURANCE

Health to overtake motor, become largest segment in next five years: Parekh

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

HDFC CHAIRMAN Deepak Parekh on Wednesday said health insurance is expected to emerge as the largest segment in the insurance segment, overtaking motor insurance, which is currently the largest portfolio for non-life insurers.

"In the general insurance space, it is expected that the share of accident and health insurance will rise from 30 per cent currently to 39 per cent in the next five years. This growth means that accident and health will have a larger share and overtake motor insurance which currently accounts for the largest component in general insurance," Parekh said while announcing the HDFC takeover of Apollo Munich Health Insurance. "Accident and health is currently the fastest growing segment in the non-life insurance sector. The share of accident and health has increased from 9 per cent in FY 2001 to 30 per cent in FY 2019," Parekh said.

According to Parekh, there is a huge opportunity to reach out to more individuals to get them a health insurance policy. "Fortunately, there is a changing mindset where people are beginning to recognise that health insurance should not be construed as an expense, but as a necessity and as an investment to safeguard their future," he said. An estimated 42 crore individuals have health insurance, which includes government and corporate schemes. But when these schemes are stripped out, only 3.3 crore individuals have a retail health policy, Parekh said.

"Not surprisingly, India's health expenditure which is the sum of public and private expenditure is under 4 per cent of GDP compared to a global average of 10 per cent. If one looks at many western countries, the spend on healthcare is predominantly by the public sector or through insurance," he said.

In India, public health & insurance expenditure accounts for one-third, while an overwhelming two-thirds is met by out-of-pocket expenditure, where the individual consumer bears the cost of his or her own healthcare. In the global context, out-of-pocket expenditure stands at only 18 per cent, he said. "Against backdrop of rising life expectancy and high out-of-pocket expenses, it is clear that the potential for growth in health insurance is immense," he said.

HDFC to buy 51.2% stake in Apollo Munich Health Insurance for ₹1,346.8 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

Post-acquisition of the shares by HDFC, Apollo Munich will be merged with HDFC Ergo General Insurance Company

HDFC LTD has agreed to acquire 51.2 per cent stake in Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company for around Rs 1,346.8 crore and later merge the firm with its general insurance subsidiary, HDFC Ergo General Insurance Company in a two-stage deal.

The home mortgage firm has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the entire 50.8 per cent shareholding of Apollo Hospitals Group, promoted by Prathap Reddy, in the health insurance firm for a consideration of Rs 1,336 crore and 0.4 per cent shareholding held by a few employees for Rs 10.84 crore.

Post-acquisition of the shares by HDFC, Apollo Munich will be merged with HDFC Ergo General Insurance, subject to all regulatory, shareholders & other approvals. To support the transaction with its material benefits for Apollo Munich, Munich Health will pay Rs 294 crore to Apollo Hospitals Enterprise and Apollo Energy Ltd in connection with the termination of their joint venture.

The merger with HDFC Ergo will create a health insurance franchise with combined gross direct premium of Rs 10,807 crore

The merged insurance entity on a pro-forma basis has a combined market share of 6.4 per cent of non-life insurance industry, with 308 branches across the country. This also makes the combined entity the second largest private insurer in the accident and health segment with a market share of 8.2 per cent. "The proposed merger is expected to result in significant benefits to policy holders and other stakeholders with an enhanced product suite, touch points, technology innovation, as also via scale based synergies," HDFC said in a statement.

The proposed share acquisition will be subject to regulatory approvals by National Housing Bank (NHB), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and Competition Commission of India. The subsequent merger of Apollo Munich with HDFC Ergo would be subject to approval of shareholders, National Company Law Tribunal and final approval of IRDAI.

Deepak Parekh, chairman of HDFC and HDFC Ergo General Insurance said, "The combined expertise of HDFC Ergo and Apollo Munich will result in greater product innovation, wider distribution and enhanced servicing capabilities, benefiting their 1.2 crore policy holders." "Based on acquisition price of Rs 1,347 crore for 51.2 per cent equity stake in Apollo Munich, the company is valued at a multiple of 1.2 times the gross written premium in FY19. We believe this valuation is reasonable and this transaction will result in strong synergies and bring in economies of scale," he said. "What is particularly attractive for us is Apollo Munich's strong agency network with over 70,000 agents. A diversified distribution network is essential to strengthen market position. We have assured that we will retain all the employees of Apollo Munich."

Shobana Kamineni, chairperson Apollo Munich Health Insurance and Vice Chairperson Apollo Hospitals Enterprise, said, "We are glad to pass on the baton of Apollo Munich to a reputed group like HDFC. We are sure that new shareholder will continue to nurture and scale the business to greater heights... Funds from divestment will enable us to focus on investing and growing core healthcare business."

Markus Riess, chairman, Ergo Group AG Germany and member of the board of Munich Re, said, "Over the years, Munich Re Group has enjoyed an excellent relationship with the Apollo group, in building a powerful franchise in Health insurance. With this transaction, we are very much looking forward to further strengthening our ties with HDFC Group and consolidating presence in India."

'Apple explores moving 15- 30% of production capacity from China'

REUTERS
BENGALURU, JUNE 19

APPLE INC has asked its major suppliers to assess the cost implications of moving 15 per cent-30 per cent of their production capacity from China to Southeast Asia as it prepares for a restructuring of its supply chain, according to a Nikkei Asian Review report on Wednesday.

Apple's request was a result of the extended Sino-US trade dispute, but a trade resolution will not lead to a change in the company's decision, Nikkei said citing multiple sources. The iPhone maker has decided the risks of depending heavily on manufacturing in China are too great and even rising, it said. Earlier this month, credit rating agency Fitch said it views Apple, Dell Technologies Inc and HP Inc as potential blacklist candidates if China blacklists US companies in retaliation for restrictions on Huawei.

Key iPhone assemblers Foxconn, Pegatron Corp, Wistron Corp, major MacBook maker Quanta Computer Inc, iPad maker Compal Electronics Inc , and AirPods makers Inventec Corp, Luxshare-ICT and Goertek have been asked to evaluate options outside of China, Nikkei reported.

The countries being considered include Mexico, India, Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia. India and Vietnam are among the favorites for smartphones, Nikkei said, citing sources who did not want to be identified as the discussions are private.

'22% growth in bookings this summer'

A 22 per cent rise has been seen in bookings this summer, driven by factors like rising demand from smaller cities and India's transition from a saver's economy to a spender's economy, Thomas Cook India said

GROWTH IN SOURCE MARKETS

20% In metro/mini-metro cities like Mumbai, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad and Chennai

30% In tier 2 and 3 markets like Amritsar, Karnal, Guwahati, Ranchi, Aurangabad, Vishakapatnam, Hubli, Udaipur and Vijaywada

30% Rise in last minute travellers, on account of micro-breaks — i.e. recurring holidays of three-seven days — becoming the new trend

28% Rise in demand for adventure travel destinations, like rafting (New Zealand), fissure snorkelling (Iceland), scuba diving (Andamans/Malaysia), alpine treks/glacier climbs (Switzerland/Canada), thanks to growing popularity among millennials

25% Growth in family bonding tours – such as theme park holidays, outdoors adventure, music and culture tourism, sports tourism – in destinations like Singapore, Dubai-Abu Dhabi, France, Hong Kong, UK, New Zealand

Fed holds rates steady, signals cuts possible later this year

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, JUNE 19

THE US Federal Reserve held interest rates steady on Wednesday but signaled possible rate cuts of as much as half a percentage point over the remainder of this year, as it responded to increased economic uncertainty and a drop in expected inflation.

The US central bank said it "will act as appropriate to sustain" the economic expansion as it approaches the 10-year mark and dropped a promise to be "patient" in adjusting rates. Nearly half its policymakers now show a willingness to lower borrowing costs over the next six months.

While new economic projections showed policymakers' views of growth and unemployment largely unchanged, they saw headline inflation at just 1.5 percent for the year, down from the 1.8 percent projected in March.

They also expect to miss their 2 percent inflation target next year as well.

Seven of 17 policymakers said they expected it would be appropriate to cut rates by half of a percentage point by the end of 2019, and an eighth saw a rate cut of a quarter point as appropriate.

That was not enough to change the median outlook for the Fed's targeted overnight lending rate, which officials projected to remain in a range of between 2.25 per cent and 2.50 per cent for the rest of this year.

But it still represented a significant shifting of views on the Fed. It appeared many, and perhaps most, policymakers trimmed a full half percentage point from their outlook for rates. Only one policymaker continues to see a rate hike as likely in 2019.

The long-run federal funds rate, a barometer for the state of the economy over the long term, was cut to 2.50 per cent from 2.80 per cent.

Along with the change in the policy statement, Wednesday's projections open the door for the central bank to lower rates in short order if the economy weakens, or US trade disputes with China and other nations escalate.

The Fed continued to regard the labor market as "strong" and said "sustained expansion of economic activity" and eventually rising inflation were still "the most likely outcomes." The drop in inflation, however, was a blow for a central bank hoping to reach its target sometime next year.

Fed Chairman Jerome Powell will hold a press conference at 2:30 p.m. EDT (1830 GMT) to elaborate on the results of the policy meeting, which was the first since President Donald Trump raised tariffs on $200 billion of Chinese imports and threatened, though ultimately decided against, imposing new tariffs on Mexican goods.

Those actions caused Fed officials to change their tone from largely dismissing the macroeconomic fallout of Trump's trade policies to worrying that a new world order of persistent high tariffs and reordered global supply chains could be emerging.

St. Louis Fed President James Bullard, who had argued that rates should be cut, dissented in Wednesday's policy decision.

EXPLAINED

Lack of change in rates can be positive for emerging markets

THERE IS an extra interest in the outcome to see if President Donald Trump has managed to influence the central bank. The lack of change in interest rates for the present and possible rate cuts in the future can be a positive for FPI flows into emerging markets including India.

This could aid in boosting India's capital account and counter the higher CAD due to surging oil prices.

Reinstate India into GSP: Senator urges USTR

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JUNE 19

A TOP American Senator, from the opposition Democratic Party, on Tuesday urged US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, to reinstate India into the Generalized System of Preference, which President Donald Trump has terminated.

India's designation as a beneficiary developing nation under the key GSP trade programme was terminated by Trump after determining that it had not assured the US that it will provide "equitable and reasonable access to its markets". The termination is effective from June 5.

"I hope we can work to solve our issues with India so they can be reinstated into the GSP," Senator Robert Menendez told Lighthizer during a Congressional hearing Tuesday. But at the same time, he appeared to be supportive of the concerns of the Trump administration with regard to India. "You have to know that if I'm a trading partner I want to have some predictive ability and when I make a deal with you and then you start tariffs on me for something that has absolutely nothing to do with trade then that is unpredictable," Menendez said.

Lighthizer did not directly respond to the question from Menendez in this regard, but in his opening statement said the Trump administration has been reviewing the GSP eligibility. **PTI**

RULING COULD ERODE VALUE OF THE ADIDAS BRAND

Adidas three-stripe trademark ruled invalid by EU court

REUTERS
LUXEMBOURG, JUNE 19

ADIDAS HAS failed in an attempt to broaden trademark protection for its three-stripes symbol in the European Union as rivals seek to muscle into the market for striped shoes and clothing.

Adidas had tried to establish a wider trademark for "three parallel equidistant stripes of equal width applied to the product in whichever direction".

The German sporting goods company has trademark protection for its slanted three-stripe logo. "The verdict does not affect our ability to use and protect the three stripes," a spokeswoman said. The sporting gods industry has seen a rise in trademark and patent disputes as the biggest players try to differentiate their products and justify premium pricing. High-profile cases have included Adidas clashing with Skechers USA and Nike taking on Puma. Wednesday's ruling could erode the value of the Adidas brand, currently worth $14.3 billion, according to David Haigh, chief executive of consultancy Brand Finance.

"The name is more important but the recognisable three stripes are also a major contributor to recognition," he said.

"Whilst we are disappointed with the decision, we are further evaluating it and are welcoming the useful guidance that the court will give us for protecting our 3-stripe mark applied to our products in whichever direction in the future,"

ADIDAS STATEMENT

Adidas shares were down 1.8 per cent at 1210 GMT.

The General Court of the European Union said it had upheld a 2016 decision of the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) to annul a previous acceptance of the trademark, which Adidas registered in 2014 for clothing, footwear and headgear. That trademark was challenged by Belgium's Shoe Branding Europe after a decade-long dispute with Adidas.

The same EU court had rendered Shoe Branding's own two-stripe trademark invalid last year, saying the stripes were too similar to those of Adidas.

Shoe Branding bought Patrick, which was founded in 1892 and says it is the oldest sports brand in Europe, in 2008. Patrick features two stripes on its shoes and clothing, although they slope in the opposite direction to those on Adidas shoes.

Adidas needed to show that three parallel stripes, regardless of direction on the product, had acquired a "distinctive character" throughout the EU based on its use so that consumers inherently knew a product was from Adidas and could distinguish it from products of another company.

The court said the mark was not a pattern but an "ordinary figurative mark" and it was not relevant to take into account specific uses involving colours.

Adidas, which can still appeal to the European Court of Justice, said in a statement the ruling did not impact other protected uses of the trademark in Europe.

"Whilst we are disappointed with the decision, we are further evaluating it and are welcoming the useful guidance that the court will give us for protecting our 3-stripe mark applied to our products in whichever direction in the future," it said.

The court said Adidas had provided evidence related to the mark's use in five EU countries, but not throughout the bloc.

Geert Glas, an intellectual property lawyer at Allen & Overy in Brussels, said the decision seemed to be more based on procedure and that Adidas should be able to produce evidence showing that the three stripes had distinctiveness in Europe.

"It's a setback for Adidas, but it shouldn't be the end of their three stripes trademark," Glas said.

ED arrests 2 former IL&FS executives in PMLA probe

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Wednesday arrested two senior officials of the IL&FS Group— Arun K Saha, former Joint Managing Director of IL&FSand director of IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN) and K Ramchand, former Managing Director of IL&FS Transportation Network, (ITNL) in connection with it money laundering investigation into the collapse of IL&FS Group.

According to an ED press statement both Saha and Ramchand were arrested as they were involved in "various illegal activities detrimental to the IL&FS Group".

"They were involved in sanctioning and disbursement of loan without taking proper security, to the Groups which were already in financial distress and unable to pay earlier loan", the ED said.

The agency also said that both Saha and Ramchand were "involved in routing indirectly the funds from IFIN to ITNL through third parties who were contractors of ITNL, in flagrant violation of the RBI norms."

The ED said the two officials have been arrested under section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002, (PMLA), as they were " not cooperating and being evasive " in their response to the probe agency.

In February, the ED registered a money laundering case against IL&FS Rail, a subsidiary of ITNL based on a FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing of the Delhi Police against IL&FS Rail.

The IL&FS Group that has total liabilities of Rs 94,000 crore has also come under the scanner of the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO). The SFIO has found several irregularities across corporate governance and financial parameters that led to a default crisis at IL&FS.

Sources said the ED is likely to widened its money laundering probe to include other companies of the IL&FS group based on a chargesheet filed by the SFIO on May 30. The SFIO has charged at least 30 individuals including the former top management of IL&FS and it's independent director under section 447 of the Companies Act 2013.

The alleged financial irregularities at IL&FS came to light last September, after some group entities started defaulting on debt repayments. The entire group has been defaulting on repayments since then. The government subsequently superseded the company's board, and appointed a new management to work on a resolution plan.

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EIGHT-MEMBER COMMITTEE SUBMITS REPORT TO RBI

Sinha panel for doubling cap on collateral-free loans to MSMEs

Level to be raised to ₹20 lakh to boost fund requirement of the MSME sector

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

THE U K Sinha committee on micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) has proposed doubling the limit on collateral-free loans to Rs 20 lakh from the current level of Rs 10 lakh to boost the fund requirement of the MSME sector.

The proposal is to provide the loans under the MUDRA scheme of the central government as working capital and term loans for business enterprises in manufacturing, trading, services and agriculture activities.

The eight-member Sinha committee submitted its report to the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India on Tuesday.

The RBI constituted an 'Expert Committee on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises' under the chairmanship of former Securities and Exchange Bureau of India (Sebi) chairman U K Sinha in January 2019 to suggest long-term measures for the economic and financial sustainability of the MSME sector. The committee held its deliberations including consultations with various stakeholders.

"MSMEs remain, by their predominantly informal nature, vulnerable to structural and cyclical shocks, at times with persistent effects.

"It is important to understand the economic forces and transactions costs affecting the performance of the MSMEs, while often the rehabilitation approach to the MSMEs stress has focused on deploying favourable credit terms and regulatory forbearances," the central bank had said.

Under the aegis of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), MUDRA has created three products: *Shishu*, *Kishor* and *Tarun* to signify the stage of growth, development and funding needs of the beneficiary micro unit/entrepreneur and also provide a reference point for the next phase of growth.

Under the *Shishu* scheme, loans up to Rs 50,000 will be offered. Under *Kishor* scheme, loans above Rs 50,000 and up to 5 lakh are offered. *Tarun* scheme covers loans above Rs 5 lakh and up to Rs 10 lakh.

The Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) Bank refinances the loans, which are offered through commercial banks and financial institutions. The state level performance is being monitored by State Level Bankers Committee.

In the last financial year, MUDRA loans worth over Rs 3.21 lakh crore were sanctioned against a target of Rs 3 lakh crore.

In FY2018, Tamil Nadu topped with Rs 25,331.68 crore worth of MUDRA loans sanctioned, closely followed by Karnataka with Rs 23,009.73 crore. Maharashtra stood third with Rs 22,751.40 crore MUDRA loans sanctioned.

The top ten states contributed 71 per cent of total sanctions in FY2018.

GIVING TERM LOANS UNDER MUDRA SCHEME

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BRIEFLY

No multi-brand retail by foreign firms: Goyal

New Delhi: The government will not allow foreign companies to operate in multi-brand segment and necessary action will be taken against people indulging in predatory pricing, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said Wednesday. The minister said this in a meeting with representatives of associations of kirana stores, traders and retailers here.

E-vehicles: Govt proposes no registration fee

New Delhi: The Centre on Wednesday proposed to waive registration charges for electric vehicles to boost adoption of environment-friendly vehicles. The Road Transport and Highways Ministry issued the draft notification to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR), 1989, saying battery-operated vehicles "shall be exempted from payment of fees for purpose of issue or renewal of registration certificate and assignment of new registration mark".

IndiaMart's ₹475-cr IPO to open on Jun 24

New Delhi: IndiaMart InterMesh on Wednesday said it will launch its initial public offering from June 24 and has fixed a price band of Rs 970–973 per share.

IndusInd Bank, BFIL merger from July 4

New Delhi: Private sector lender IndusInd Bank and Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd (BFIL) said Wednesday their merger will be effective from July 4.

Blackstone to buy office space in One BKC

Mumbai: American private equity major Blackstone has agreed to buy nearly 0.7 million square feet of office space in One BKC from city-based developer Radius, for a reported Rs 2,500 crore, making it the largest deal in India's office space. **PTI**

INSOLVENCY

NCLT to hear 3 pleas against Jet today

MITALI SALIAN
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

THE NATIONAL Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) is set to hear the State Bank of India's application to initiate insolvency proceedings against Jet Airways, along with two similar petitions filed by operational creditors — Shaman Wheels and Gaggar Enterprises on Thursday.

SBI, represented by Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, has filed a plea under Section 7 of the IBC, that allows financial creditor to file an application against the corporate debtor. Meanwhile, at the hearing on Wednesday, Kiran Sharma, junior to Sumant Batra who is representing Rocco Mulder, appointed by the North Holland District Court as trustee or 'administrator in bankruptcy' of Jet Airways (India) during its bankruptcy hearings, apprised the NCLT of the Netherlands court's judgment declaring the airline 'to be in a state of bankruptcy'.

At the hearing on Thursday, Sharma is expected to put the Dutch court's judgment on record and file an intervention application. In May, the Dutch court declared Jet Airways as bankrupt following a plea submitted by two European operational creditors H Essar Finance Company and Wallenborn Transports with unpaid dues amounting to about Rs 280 crore. Meanwhile, a representative of the now-defunct airline's pilots' union requested that it be made party to the SBI bankruptcy petition and served notice as well. The tribunal is expected to consider the same on Thursday.

The grounded airline owes more than Rs 8,000 crore to the consortium of banks led by SBI, while it has a much larger debt pile by way of accumulated losses, vendor and salary dues. Jet halted operations on April 17 after lenders rejected its request to provide emergency funding. The civil aviation ministry has allotted a significant portion of the airline's slots in airports to other carriers. **FE**

Shares fall another 18.5%

New Delhi: Shares of Jet Airways further plummeted 18.5 per cent Wednesday after the consortium of bankers took the grounded airline to the NCLT.

The scrip tanked 18.17 per cent to close at Rs 33.10 on the BSE. During the day, it dropped 28.18 per cent to hit an all-time low of Rs 29.05. On the NSE, shares of the airline plunged 18.51 per cent to close at Rs 33. **PTI**

'US tells India it is mulling caps on H-1B visas to deter data rules'

REUTERS
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

THE UNITED States has told India it is considering caps on H-1B work visas for nations that force foreign companies to store data locally, three sources with knowledge of the matter told *Reuters*, widening the two countries' row over tariffs and trade.

The plan to restrict the H-1B visa programme comes days ahead of US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's visit here. The warning comes as trade tensions between the US and India have resulted in tit-for-tat tariff actions in recent weeks. Two senior Indian government officials said on Wednesday they were briefed last week on a US government plan to cap H-1B visas issued each year to Indians at between 10 per cent and 15 per cent of the annual quota.

There is no current country-specific limit on the 85,000 H-1B work visas granted each year and an estimated 70 per cent go to Indians. Both officials said they were told the plan was linked to the global push for "data localisation".

NDTV to file appeal against Sebi order imposing ₹12 lakh fine

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

NEW DELHI Television Ltd (NDTV) Wednesday said it will file an appeal against Sebi's decision to impose a penalty of Rs 12 lakh on the company for failing to make timely disclosures to the stock exchanges. The news channel, however, said it is yet to receive the penalty order from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), the company said in a regulatory filing.

The Sebi order came after the regulator examined multiple disclosure lapses by NDTV and noted non-compliance with the substantial acquisition of shares and takeover (SAST) regulations.

The capital markets regulator noted that Indiabulls Financial Services in January 2008 acquired 40 lakh shares of NDTV, amounting to 6.40 per cent of the total share capital of the firm.

Further, the promoters of NDTV acquired 20.28 per cent of the total share capital of NDTV pursuant to an open offer in July 2008, Sebi said in an order dated June 17. Post the transaction, the entities were to make requisite disclosures to NDTV under relevant provisions of SAST norms, while NDTV in turn was supposed to report the same to BSE as well as NSE, it added.

However, as per the order, the media company made inordinate delay in making disclosures related to the change in shareholdings of its promoters and Indiabulls Financial Services.

Consequently, a penalty of Rs 12 lakh has been imposed on NDTV which shall be payable "jointly and severally" by the media company, it said. On Tuesday, NDTV said the Securities Appellate Tribunal has stayed Sebi's order banning its three promoters — Prannoy Roy, Radhika Roy and their holding firm — from the capital markets for two years.

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US-CHINA TRADE TALKS

'History shows positive outcome is possible'

REUTERS
BEIJING, JUNE 19

CHINA SAID on Wednesday positive outcomes were possible in trade negotiations with the United States, after the presidents of the world's two largest economies agreed to revive their troubled talks at a G20 meeting this month.

US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he would meet Chinese President Xi Jinping at the G20 summit in Osaka, Japan. China, which previously declined to say whether the two leaders would get together, confirmed the meeting. The two countries are in the middle of a costly trade dispute that has put pressure on financial markets and damaged the global economy.

Talks to reach a broad deal broke down last month after officials of the United States accused China of backing away from agreed commitments. Interaction since then has been limited, and Trump has threatened to put more tariffs on Chinese products in an escalation that businesses in both countries want to avoid.

Speaking at a daily news briefing, foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said it was important to find a solution that was acceptable to both sides.

"I'm not getting ahead of myself, but communication over four decades shows it is possible to achieve positive outcomes," he said.

Lu said he could not give an exact agenda for the meeting.

"The two leaders will talk about whatever they want," he said. "A deal is not only in the interests of the two peoples but meets the aspirations of the whole world."

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TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001117/19-20 Design, supply, installation, testing & commissioning of control & relay panel and SCADA System at 66Kv Bawana-6 Grid	27.05.2019	27.06.2019 at 1600 Hrs/ 27.06.2019 at 1630 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001118/19-20 Construction of new control room building along with electrical work at 66kv Bawana-6 Grid	27.05.2019	27.06.2019 at 1600 Hrs/ 27.06.2019 at 1630 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001108/19-20 Rate contract for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 11kv capacitor banks	27.05.2019	24.06.2019 at 1600 Hrs/ 24.06.2019 at 1700 Hrs

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Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Rs.7.17 Cr/-
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Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Rs. 12,000/-
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GM CROP TECHNOLOGY

The cost of weeding

Maharashtra's farmers want to plant herbicide-tolerant cotton, with or without government approval

Sitaram Amrut Jadhav with labourers removing weeds at his cotton field in Tilapur village of Ahmednagar district. *Partha Sarathi Biswas*

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
AHMEDNAGAR (MAHARASHTRA), JUNE 19

SITARAM AMRUT Jadhav is busy arranging plastic bags for covering his cotton plants on three acres.

"They will help me spray glyphosate (a chemical herbicide) to kill all the weeds growing between the rows, without destroying the plants," explains the 47-year-old farmer from Tilapur village in Rahuri taluka of Ahmednagar district. But this stratagem can work only for the plants that are neither too small nor tall. "It's not possible to cover those that are of less than 5 cm height or have grown beyond one foot (30 cm). For these, I cannot use glyphosate and will have to rely on manual labour for removing the weeds," he adds.

Jadhav sowed the cotton on his three acres, which have irrigation facility, towards end-May. He's now waiting for the monsoon rains to plant cotton on another 11 acres out of his total 30-acre holding, which also includes 15 acres under sugarcane and one acre under fodder crops. Last year, Jadhav harvested an average 18 quintals of *kapas* (raw un-ginned cotton) per acre — much more than the 10-12 quintals yields of most farmers — and realised a rate of around Rs 5,800/quintal. "I am optimistic about *bhav* (prices) this time, too. My only worry is *paani* (water) and *taan* (weeds)," he adds.

The desperation to control *taan* also accounts for an ongoing "Civil Disobedience Movement" among farmers — especially in districts such as Akola, Yavatmal and Parbhani — to illegally cultivate genetically modified (GM) herbicide-tolerant or HT cotton. This cotton contains a 'cp4-epsps' gene isolated from a soil bacterium *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, which produces a modified protein that allows the plant to tolerate application of glyphosate. Thus, while farmers cannot spray glyphosate on normal cotton, as the chemical cannot distinguish between weeds and the crop itself, they can do it in HT cotton.

On June 10, over 1,000 farmers gathered at Akoli Jahangir, a village in Akola's Akot taluka, to plant HT cotton that is an "approved" GM event — unlike Bt cotton, which incorporates 'cry1Ac' and 'cry2Ab' genes from the *Bacillus thuringiensis* soil bacterium, coding for protein toxic to various bollworm insect pests.

More than 300 km from Akola, cotton growers here unequivocally support the Civil Disobedience Movement led by Shetkari Sanghatana, an organisation founded by the late farmer leader Sharad Joshi. "We need a solution for *taan*. If it comes from GM, why not?," quips Jadhav.

Cotton is far more susceptible to weeds than crops like sugarcane or soyabean. The reason for it is the wide spacing requirement: Farmers typically maintain a four-foot (120 cm) distance between two rows and two feet (60 cm) from plant to plant. This is as against the much denser spacing in soyabean — 1.5 feet (45 cm) row-to-row and 0.5 feet (15 cm) plant-to-plant — that gives hardly any room for weeds to grow. "In cane, the spacing is more or less that of cotton. But since the plant is sturdier, I can use chemical herbicides such as Atrazine and Oxyfluorfen or power weeder/tiller to control the weeds," points out Jadhav.

The most common weeds that grow between the rows and plants of cotton include *Echinochloa* (barnyard grass) and *Cyperus rotundus* (nut grass). Apart from these grassy weeds, there are broad-leaved weeds like *Amaranthus* and *Parthenium*

In cotton, farmers have to wage war against weeds right from three weeks after sowing, when the crop is in the early-leaf stage and the plants barely five cm tall. "You need at least 10 labourers per acre and they have to be paid a daily wage rate of Rs 250 each. In the entire crop cycle of 180-odd days, there will be minimum four rounds of manual weeding — after three weeks, five weeks, seven weeks (before square or fruiting-bud formation) and 10 weeks (before start of flowering). The total weeding cost will be Rs 10,000 per acre," states Jadhav. This is a cost that has to be borne; the alternative is yield losses from the weeds competing with the crop for nutrients, water and sunlight.

For Shamrao Pawar, who grows cotton on 4 out of his 12 acres land in the neighbouring village of Wanjulpoi, it's not simply the cost, but timely availability of weeding labour that is a challenge. "Ten years ago, if I wanted five hands, 10 would turn up. Today, not even two will come," he claims. Pawar's field — his crop was also sown in the last week of May — is already full of weeds. With labour difficult to find, he and his brother, along with other family members, have taken up the work of weed removal themselves.

The most common weeds that grow between the rows and plants of cotton include *Echinochloa* (barnyard grass) and *Cyperus rotundus* (nut grass). Apart from these grassy weeds, there are broad-leaved weeds such as *Amaranthus* and *Parthenium*. As a broad-spectrum herbicide, glyphosate is effective against all of them. "We just need to apply one litre per acre. The chemical costs Rs 400, while the male labourers spraying it have to be paid another Rs 400. But this is still one-third the cost of manual weeding (Rs 2,500/acre). Unfortunately, with the existing (non-HT) hybrids, glyphosate can be sprayed only once, for the second round when the crop is five weeks old. We cannot use it once the plants are more than one foot tall," notes Pawar.

Pawar ranks the costs of weeding ahead of even picking. Picking labourers charge Rs 8-10 per kg. For an average 14 quintals yield, that translates into Rs 11,000-14,000 per acre. "But that cost is relatively predictable. During July-August, when it is rains and *taan* growth is most rampant, weeding labour is next to impossible to get. At times, we have to bring them from faraway places and pay for their transport — or risk allowing the *taan* to take over our fields," he remarks.

Besides weeding and picking, the other major costs for cotton growers are field preparation (Rs 7,000), fertilisers (Rs 3,000 per acre), insecticides (Rs 2,000, mainly for sucking pests like aphids, thrips, jassids and white fly) and seed (Rs 1,095). They all add up to roughly Rs 35,000 per acre. At 14 quintals yield and Rs 5,800/quintal realisation, the returns per acre work out to Rs 46,000 or so.

Either way, one thing is clear: Cotton growers don't need to be told about the benefits of HT cotton. They would want to plant it, with or without the government's approval.

The retail paradox

Wholesale food inflation is up, but consumers aren't feeling the pinch yet

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IN A departure from the usual pattern, food prices in India are rising at a much faster rate at the wholesale level than retail end.

According to official data, annual inflation in the wholesale price index (WPI) for food articles has gone up from minus 0.21% to 6.98% between September 2018 and May 2019. The same period has seen inflation in the consumer food price index (CPFI) increase from 0.51% to just 1.83%.

Chart 1, which plots the year-on-year movement in the two indices since January 2018, shows retail food inflation ruling higher than the corresponding wholesale rate till November 2018. That trend — seemingly natural for a country with distribution inefficiencies and too many intermediaries between farm and fork — has, however, reversed over the last six months. In May, CPFI inflation was 5.15 percentage points more than WPI food inflation.

The return of inflation at the wholesale end is apparent even in non-food farm articles that include fibres (cotton, jute, etc), oilseeds, fodder, tobacco, rubber and hides. Between January and May this year, the increase in WPI inflation for these items — many of them inputs for production of milk, chicken and other livestock products — has been from 2.32% to 6.23%, which is more or less that for food articles (see Chart 2).

The question to ask is: Why is this wholesale inflation not being reflected at the retail end? Retail food inflation at well below 2% has given the Reserve Bank of India enough room to cut policy interest rates thrice this year; that flexibility would have been far less at 6-7 per cent.

One reason for the lower CFPI inflation can be better "channel efficiency" or compression of the value chain between the farmgate and retail prices. But such dramatic reductions in markups — what the trade adds to its costs — or number of middlemen between producers and consumers are unlikely, at least in the short run.

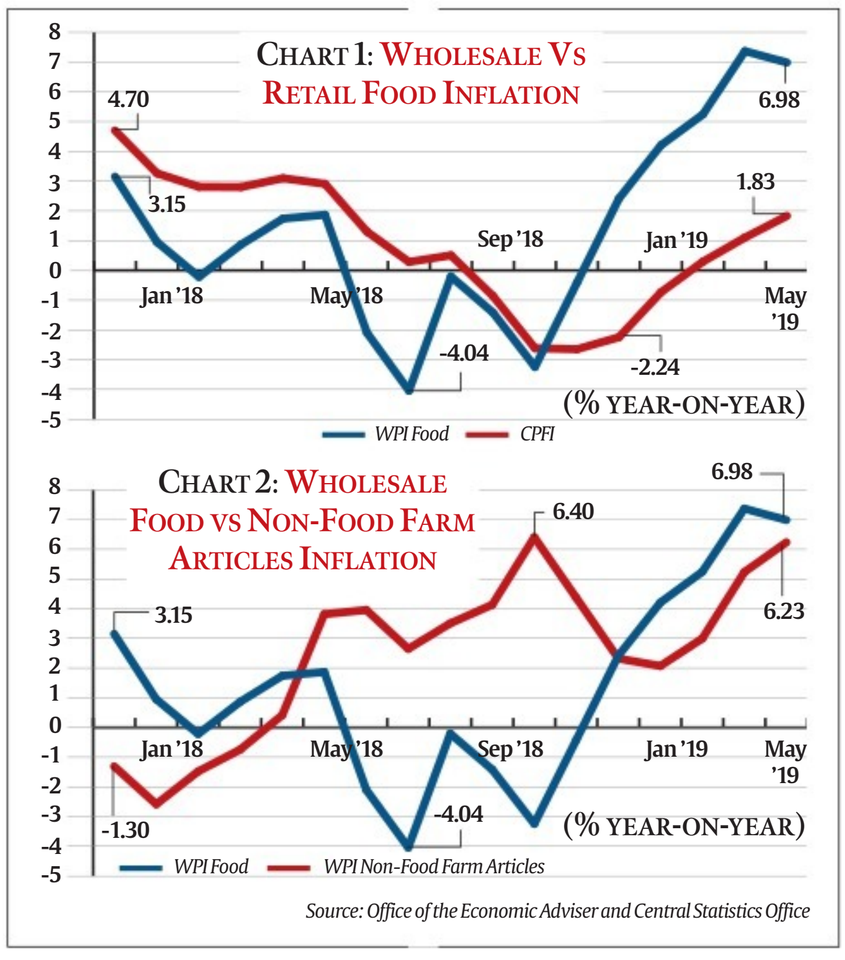
A more plausible explanation could be supply-side pressures building up due to a combination of drought and sustained low produce prices. The effects of these, leading to reduced plantings and investment in inputs by farmers, are initially felt in crop arrivals at wholesale markets or primary point of sale. The resultant wholesale inflation would ultimately get transmitted to the final consumer, but with a lag. The trade, which includes organised players, may not find it easy to pass on costs immediately, especially in an uncertain demand environment such as that prevailing today. It would rather reconcile to a squeeze in margins, albeit temporary.

The best example here is of milk, where farmers did not, for much of the period from mid-2014 to end-2018, receive good rates. Many of them responded over time by underfeeding their animals or rationalising herd sizes. That was bound to affect supply at some point, with the water and fodder shortages from prolonged dry weather — since last September in most parts — only aggravating matters.

Dairy cooperatives in Gujarat have, in the last one year, reported huge increases in the cost of cattlefeed ingredients. Between May 2018 and May 2019, their average purchase price of maize has shot up from Rs 14,000 to Rs 21,600 per tonne, while similarly soaring from Rs 9,050 to Rs 16,700 for de-oiled rice bran, from Rs 15,100 to Rs 22,000 for fine rice polish, from Rs 4,700 to Rs 7,100 for molasses, from Rs 11,500 to Rs 21,400 for corn gluten feed, and from Rs 19,400 to Rs 29,100 for cottonseed extractions.

Since December-January, Gujarat's dairy unions have, in order to compensate farmers for higher feed and fodder costs, also hiked their procurement price of milk by roughly Rs 70 per kg of fat. This increase translates into just over Rs 4.30 for a litre of full-cream milk with 6% fat content, whereas Amul, Mother Dairy and other brands have revised their retail prices up by only Rs 2/litre.

If the monsoon does not pick up — rainfall has been 43% below normal so far this month — it won't be too long before consumers, too, begin to feel the pinch from food inflation.



Source: Office of the Economic Adviser and Central Statistics Office

EARLY SHOWERS

Saurashtra farmers get a headstart from Cyclone Vayu

Sowing operations in the country's cotton-cum-groundnut bowl have taken off even without the monsoon's formal arrival

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AMID A LIGHT drizzle, Dhanji Sakariya does not stop sowing groundnut in the five-*bigha* plot that he tills as a share-cropper. He and his bullocks seem in a hurry to finish the job.

"These showers aren't enough. I am sowing in the hope that it will rain more in the next 4-5 days. If that doesn't happen, I may end up wasting the seeds. Right now, there isn't enough moisture in the soil to sustain the sprouts that will emerge in a couple of days," opines this farmer from Baldhoi village in Jasdan taluka of Rajkot district.

But the risk is worth taking: "If I sow later, yields may get affected by dry weather towards the monsoon's end. Also, sowing now will make it easier to go in for a rabi (winter) crop".

For Sakariya and most other farmers in Gujarat's Saurashtra region, agriculture is truly a gamble in the monsoon. Last year, the 45-year-old planted cotton in his entire five *bigha* (6.25 *bigha* equals one hectare). But as the monsoon was poor and there wasn't enough water in his well for irrigation, he could harvest only 10 quintals of *kapas* (raw un-ginned cotton).

"This year, I have sown groundnut, in the expectation of a normal monsoon. Being a short-duration crop (90-120 days, as against 180-240 days for cotton), groundnut allows me to take a second crop of wheat or *chana* (chickpea) during rabi. Cotton is a good bet in bad monsoon years, like in 2018. Even if my well goes dry before the start of winter, the crop would have matured and I can harvest a certain minimum yield with little irrigation thereon," explains Sakariya, who also maintains a cow and a buffalo in addition to his bullock-pair.

Gujarat is India's largest cotton and groundnut-producing state, with the bulk of the output of both cash crops coming from Saurashtra. The southwest monsoon generally hits the region towards the last week of June.

This time, thanks to the cyclonic storm Vayu, the first showers were received on June 12, even without the monsoon's formal arrival. Gir Somnath, Junagadh and Amreli districts got heavy rains on June 13 and 14, when the very severe tropical cyclone skirted the Saurashtra coast before drifting west-southwestwards. Much of the region has recorded good pre-monsoon precipitation over the last one week. The hope of this being a prelude to the real monsoon has led farmers like Sakariya to take up sowing a couple of weeks earlier — unlike in most other parts of India, where kharif plantings are lagging due to the delayed onset of the season's rains.

Dhanji Sakariya sowing groundnut at his field in Rajkot's Baldhoi village. *Gopal Kateshiya*

In Gir Somnath's Talala taluka — known for its Kesar variety of mangoes — farmers are actually waiting for a respite from rains to enable sowing. "My field is too wet now. It has been pouring almost daily for the last five days. I shall plant soyabean on 25 *bigha* once the rains stop," states Dahya Vaghasiya, a 35-*bigha* farmer from Ankolvadi village, who has a mango orchard on his remaining 10 *bigha*.

Vaghasiya has been growing soyabean for the last three years. He used to previously cultivate groundnut, but that crop has become vulnerable to *nilgai* (blue bull), wild boar, monkey and even peacock raids. "They don't touch soyabean, whose average yields (four quintals per *bigha*) and realisations (Rs 750 per 20 kg) are around the same as groundnut. Moreover, soyabean requires far less labour," points out the 60-year-old, who also has a 66-feet-deep open well for irrigating his crops. "The current rains may have been Cyclone Vayu and not monsoon-induced. But the timing couldn't have been better for sowing. If the monsoon rains follow, we can be assured of high yields and bright prospects for the rabi crop as well," he adds.

In drought-hit Devbhoomi Dwarka, too, farmers have gone in for early kharif plantings. "I am praying that the monsoon comes in the next 10 days. If it does not, my already-sown crop will wilt, as I have no irrigation facility," notes Bhimshi Bhatiya from Bhandariya village in the district's Khambhalia taluka. This 40-year-old farmer has sown groundnut in seven *bigha* and cotton in the rest of his 25-*bigha* holding. "Groundnut stems are good fodder for my four buffaloes. Many farmers in my village have stopped cultivating cotton due to repeated pink bollworm infestations. But I have stuck to it, as one shouldn't risk growing just one crop," he remarks.

Haresh Buha (32), who owns 50 *bigha* near Savarkundla in Amreli district, has no such hiccups though. He has sown cotton in his entire holding, which includes another 30 *bigha* being cultivated on a share-cropping basis. "I harvest an average of four quintals per *bigha* and am very happy with a price of Rs 5,500/quintal. I have also learnt to manage pink bollworm. If the crop fails, I simply uproot my cotton and plant rabi crops such as wheat, *chana* or *jeera* (cumin-seed)," informs this young farmer, who realised an average rate of Rs 5,750 for the 200-odd quintals of *kapas* that he sold in 2018-19. He also has two borewells, each 1,000-feet-deep, for irrigating his crop.

The only district in Saurashtra still to get a decent first spell of rains is Surendranagar, the country's largest cotton-growing district. "I usually sow cotton in late-May or early-June. Besides, the Narmada canal is next to my field. This year, however, there is no water in the canal and I'm now waiting for the monsoon rains," says Vipul Joshi, a farmer from Panshina village in Limdi taluka.

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PERSONAL

IT Is For General Information That I Shiksha W/o Late Manoj Bhardwaj D/o Anant Ram Sharma R/o A- 504, Anmol Apartments, Plot No. 3A, Sec-2, Dwarka, New Delhi- 110075, Declare That My Ex Husband Expired On 12th May 2011 And The Death Certificate Was Issued With Registration No. MCDOLIR-0211004354424. Further I Remarried With Prashant Shyngle Vide Marriage Certificate No. 90730000073194 On Dated 06.04.2019 Henceforth Name Of My Minor Son Maadhav Aged About 14 Years May Be Known As Maadhav Shyngle And Also The Name Of Father Of My Minor Son May Be Known As Prashant Shyngle In Future For All Purposes. 0070660547-2

I,Manoj Kumar S/O-Chaman Lal R/O-B-55,B K Dutt Colony, Karbala Delhi-110003 Have Changed My Minor Son Name Ruhan Chitkara To Ruhaan Chitkara. 0040499872-2

I,Dushyant Kumar S/o-Sh.Kanti Prasad R/o-R-39,Guru Preet Nagar,Uttam Nagar,New Delhi-110059,have changed my name to Dushyant kumar Sharma for all future purposes. 0040499871-2

I Chandrashekhar Balakant Jha S/o Shri Balakant Jha R/o Alpine C-203 Grand Omaxe Sector-93B, Noida Gautambudh Nagar, U.P.-201304, inform that by mistake in some documents my name has been wrongly mentioned as Chandrashekhar, Chandrashekhar B. Jha Chandrashekhar Jha. My Correct name is Chandrashekhar Balakant Jha for all future purposes. 0040499871-1

I, hitherto known as Madonna d/o Sh. Ghanshyam Singh Pal residing at F1/1C-3, Milan Appartments, Behind Bhagat Chandra Hospital, Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name Madonna Singh Pal/Sunidhi Singh to Madonna for all future purposes. 0040499786-1

I, Vineet Jain S/O Anand Parkas Jain Employed as -Sr. HR executive in the British Telecom gurgaon, R/O H.No 2/1-D-2B, Gali No-8, East Azad Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed the name of my minor Daughter Ojal Jain Aged-10 years 7 months & She Shall hereafter be Known as Samridhi Jain. 0040499939-6

I, hitherto known as Samridhi Singh d/o Sh. Ghanshyam Singh Pal residing at F1/1C-3, Milan Appartments, Behind Bhagat Chandra Hospital, Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name Urvashi Pal to Samridhi Singh for all future purposes. 0040499793-1

I, Vijay S/o Sh. Krishan Kumar R/o VPO Gwaliar (Pachgaon) Teh. Manesar Distt. Gurugram, have changed my minor daughter's name from Yahana to Nishika for all purposes. 0040499873-1

I, Suvesh Malhotra R/o 7D Vikrant Apartments, Sector 13, Rohini, New Delhi-110085have changed my minor daughter's name from Arshia Malhotra to Eira Malhotra for all purposes. 0070661029-1

I, Sushil R/o E42 Shakurpur JJ Colony Delhi 11034 have changed my name to Sushil Goyal. 0070661053-1

I, Sunita D/o Yamuna Prasad R/o G-122/7, Ground Floor, Chhattarpur Extension, Delhi-110074, have changed name to Sunita Kumari Jaiswal. 0040499899-1

I, Sumedha Chowdhry W/O Ashish Bhutani Resident of Tower-6A, 1803, Valley View Estate, Gwal Pahari, Gurgaon Haryana-122003 have changed my name to Sumedha Chowdhry Bhutani for all purposes. 0040499895-3

I, Suman Devi W/O- Naresh Garg R/O- H.No-87,G.Floor Deepali Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034 Have Changed My Name To Suman Garg. 0040499872-7

I, Shiv Shankar Prasad Gupta S/o Late Hari Lal Gupta R/o RZ E-41, Mahavir Enclave, Palam Dabri Road, N.D-45, informs that Shiv Shankar Prasad Gupta and Shio Shankar Prasad Gupta are one & the same person for all future purposes. 0040499781-1

I, Shailendra Malik S/o Ram Saran Singh R/o H-904, Prateek Laurel, Sector-120, Noida, UP - 201301, informs that my daughter Ishita Malik's DOB 30-09-2010 is wrongly mentioned in school record, the correct DOB is 01-12-2009 as mentioned in Passport & Aadhar card. 0040499870-1

I, Shabnab Perveen D/O-Shri Farukh R/O-H.No.E-576, Street No.22, Near Noor Masjid, Old Mustafabad Dayalpur, Delhi-110094 Have Changed My Name To Shabnam Parveen. 0040499899-6

I, Meeta Garg W/O Mahavir Prasad Ro - 107, Pana Udyan, Main Bazar, Narela, Delhi-40, Changed My Name To Meeta Gupta. 0040499927-4

I, Manoj Kumar S/O-Chaman Lal R/O-B-55,B K Dutt Colony, Karbala, Delhi-110003 Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Ruhi Chitkara To Rayna Chitkara . 0040499872-1

I, Satish Singhal S/o Late. Radhakishan Singhal R/o-G-509/3,Kamla Nagar,Agra have changed my Name from Satish Singhal to Satish Kumar Singhal. 0040499846-2

I, Sarla,W/O-Shri Sachin,R/O D-136, Ganga Vihar, Delhi-110094, Have Changed My Name To Rachna For All Purpose. 0040499872-3

I, Sapna Sharma W/O Davinder Sharma R/O E-22, Seema Cghs Ltd, Sec-11, Plot No. 7, Dwarka, Delhi-75 Changed My Child Name From Ananya To Ananya Sharma. 0040499927-3

I, Sanjay Kumar S/O Kashmiri Lal Resident 9/540,Frash Khana,Near-Mata Mandir, Sonipat, Haryana Have Changed My Name To Sanjay Dhawan. 0040499939-2

I, Sandeep Kumar S/O-Govardhan Dass R/O-T-101,Gali No-3,Gautam Puri New Seelam Pur Delhi-110053 Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Kumar Jain. 0040499939-9

I, Sachin Rastogi Son of Lakhmi Chand Rastogi Resident of R-75, Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi-110019, declare that in my school records my father name has been written as Laxmi Chand Rastogi and my date of birth has been written as 26/05/1982. My father's correct name should be considered as Lakhmi Chand Rastogi and my date of birth should be considered as 26/05/1983 for all future purposes. 0040499927-10

I, Tanisha D/O - Sunil Kumar R/O-3c/38 1st Floor, New Rohtak Road Karol Bagh Delhi-110005 Have Changed My Name To Tanisha Gupta. 0040499872-6

I, Rupa D/o Yamuna Prasad R/o G-122/7, Ground Floor, Chhattarpur Extension, Delhi-110074, have changed name to Rupa Jaiswal. 0040499899-2

I, Rohit Uppadhay S/o Ramesh Chand Uppadhaya R/o 446, Type-2, Sector-2, Sadiq Nagar, New Delhi-110049, have changed my name to Rohit Uppadhaya for all purposes. 0040499880-1

I, Rohit Kumar S/O Kailash Dutt Bhardwaj R/O B-1/1, Welcomgroup, Plot No-6, Sector-3, Dwarka, New Delhi-110059. Have changed my name to Rohit Kumar Bhardwaj. 0040499939-8

I, Rashmi Kushwaha W/o Amlendra Prasad R/o 117/273, O Block, Geeta Nagar, Kanpur U.P.-108025 do hereby solemnly inform that in policy no-126404078 my daughter name is wrongly written as Adwitiya Kushwaha instead of Anindhya Kushwaha, both are same person. 0040499844-1

I, Ramanand Shah S/o Sh. Jaleshwar Shah R/o D-379, Block-D, Indira Camp, Okhla Phase-I, Okhla Industrial Estate, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Ramanand Gupta for all purposes. 0040499939-3

I, Rajiv Mittal S/o Sh. Tara Chand Mittal R/o E-82, Ground Floor, Sector-1, Avantika, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my name to Rajeev Mittal for all purpose. That Rajiv Mittal & Rajeev Mittal is one and same person. 0040499841-1

I, Preety W/o Parveen Malik R/o 118, west Mukherjee Nagar Ground Floor, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Preeti Malik for all future purposes. 0040499930-4

I, Pardeep Bhatia S/o Bhushan Lal Bhatia R/o 1/133, Chiranjeev Vihar, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201002, have changed my name to Pradeep Bhatia for all purposes. 0040499880-2

I, Padam Bahadur Rana S/o Late Sh. Babu Ram Rana R/o H. No.-D 61, Goyla Dairy, Part-2, Qutab Vihar, Delhi-71, have changed my name to Padam Bahadur Rana instead of Padam Bahadur for all future purpose. 0040499867-1

I, Omwati W/o Late Sh. Daya Chand R/o 220, Devli Village, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name from Ombathi to Omwati for all purposes. 0040499917-1

I, Naresh Chand Goel S/O-Late Sh. Ram Gopal Goel R/O-C4/183,Yamuna Vihar Delhi-53 have changed my name to Naresh Chandra Goel for all purposes. 0040499899-4

I, Mohammad Shakir Hasan R/o D-94, Gali no 01, Chand bagh, Karawal Nagar Delhi 110094 have changed my name to Mohammad Shakir Hussain. 0070661057-1

I, Manoj @Manoj Akhria S/o,Late Kundan Lal R/o P-041, DLF-Capital Greens, Motinagar, Delhi-110015,have changed my name to Manoj Kumar Akhria. 0040499899-7

I, K.K. Bhasin S/o Late Shri Amolak Ram Bhasin R/o GA-11 Shivaji Enclave Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-27, state that both the names K.K. Bhasin and Krishan Kumar Bhasin are same person and I will be known as Krishan Kumar Bhasin. 0040499895-10

I, Deepak Tayal S/O Shri Pawan Tayal R/O E-859, Saraswati Vihar, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my minor daughter name from Vaanya Tayal to Vanya Tayal. 0040499981-1

I, Manjusha Pillai W/o-Arun Vasudevan Pillai R/o 5/713/301, 2nd-Floor Sector-5 Vaishali Ghaziabad UP-201010. changed my name to Manjusha Nair. 0040499872-4

I, Kuldeep Kaur D/o-Pritam Singh R/o-D-324, West Vinod Nagar, Mandawali Fazalpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Kuldeep Kaur Punj. 0040499939-7

I, Kritika Singh D/o-Mr. Ram Narain Singh R/o 49-A, Pocket-12A,Vaishalli Apartment,Kalkaji Extension, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Kratika Singh for all purposes. 0040499895-1

I, Kalika Arora Chauhan W/O-Sharad Chauhan R/o-72 Duplex,Swarnim Vihar, Noida,Sector-82,UP-201304 have changed my name to Kalika Arora Vide Affidavit Dated 29.05.2019 Before Notary Public/new Delhi. 0040499899-5

I, Jyoti Kumari R/o H.No.535, G/F Baba Mohalla, Near CBR Chowk, Aya Nagar, New Delhi - 110047 have changed my name to Jyoti Gupta. 0070661052-1

I, Hemant Kathuria father of Charvy R/o 2B-61, NIT, Faridabad, have changed my minor daughter's name charvy to Charvy Kathuria. 0040499899-3

I, Hemant Gautam S/O Gyan Chand Gautam Resident of C-16, Budh Vihar, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Hemant Sharma for all purposes. 0040499895-5

I, Gurpreet Singh Mukkar S/o Karnal Singh R/o-B-71/1 Jagatpuri,Delhi-110051,have changed my daughter name from Bismeet Kaur Mukkar to Bismeet Kaur for all purposes. 0040499872-9

I, Girjesh Sharma W/O Vijay Kumar R/O Rz-6,Santosh Park, Nr.Nirankari Bhawan,Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059. Changedmy Nameto Girjesh Gupta. 0040499927-5

I, Farhana Humayun D/o Abdul Hai R/o 4/357D Dodhpur, Near Masjid Hathi Dooba, Koil, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202001 have changed my name to Farhana. 0040499895-8

I, Dimpal Jain W/o Amit Jain R/o 84(2), Jain Nagar, Bhavala, Chhaprauli, Baghpat, U.P-250617 have changed my name to Prerna Jain. 0040499869-2

I, Deeksha Multani D/O Harjinder Singh R/O House No-A-167, Vijay Laxmi Park, Nilothi Extention, Nangloi, New Delhi-110041 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO Diksha Multani. 0040499939-5

I, Chanchal W/o Sh.Raj KUmar R/o-T-572A, Baljeet Nagar,New Delhi-110008,have changed my name to Priya Arora for all future purposes. 0040499871-3

I, Chanchal W/O Hemant Sharma Resident of C-16, Budh Vihar, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Chanchal Sharma for all purposes. 0040499895-4

I, Brijendra Kumar Saini S/O Late Sh. Ram Swarup Saini R/O D-107, Near Arya Samaj Mandir, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092 Informs That Brijendra Kumar Saini And Vrijendra Kumar Saini Are Same And One Person. 0040499839-1

I, Bhavika D/o Gurpreet Singh R/o H.No.161, Ist-Floor, Avtar Enclave, Paschim Vihar, N.Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Bhavika Sahni. 0040499899-8

I, Satish s/o Ram Parshad, R/o 384, UGF,Pocket-1, Paschim Puri. New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Satish Kumar. 0040499895-7

I, Bharat Bhushan S/o Bhagwan Dass R/o VP-88-D Maurya Enclave Pitampura Delhi-34 changed my name to Bharat for all purposes. 0040499895-9

I, Balvinder Singh s/o S.Karam Singh r/o F-309, Karampura, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Balvinder Singh Bhogal. 0040499864-1

I, Ashok Hasija S/o Khush Dayal Hasija R/o-A-79 Shakti Apartment Sector-9 Rohini Delhi-85.changed my name to Ashok Kumar Hasija. 0040499895-2

I, Asha Garg W/o Ravi Garg R/o. Eros Sampoornam, Sector-2, Greater Noida, U.P-201306 have changed my name to ASHA GUPTA. 0040499846-1

I, Arvind Kr Jain S/o Virendra Kumar Jain R/o 489, Sector-1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Arvind Jain. 0040499939-4

I, Anuradha Kumari Srivastava W/o Arun Vidyarthi R/o 1012, Janta Flats, GTB Enclave, North-East, Delhi-110093, have changed my name to Anuradha Vidyarthi for all future purposes. 0040499842-1

I, Anshu Shakya S/O -JAI Bhagwan R/O - 476, Katra Revari Wala, Subzi Mandi, Ghanta Ghar, Delhi-0007, Changed My Name To Anshu. 0040499927-1

I, Anil Kumar S/O Satish Chandra Belwal, H.No. 169 Gali No. 9, Block - A, Vinay Nagar, Sector - 91, Faridabad Haryana have changed my name to Anil Belwal. 0070661058-1

I, Amit Kumar S/o Mahaveer Prasad R/o 84(2), Jain Nagar, Bhavala, Chhaprauli, Baghpat, U.P-250617 have changed my name to Amit Jain . 0040499869-1

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Suresh Chand R/o 185/33 Main Krishna Gali No.5. Adarsh Mohalla Maujpur North East Delhi-110053. 0040499872-5

I, Aditya S/O Hemant Sharma Resident of C-16, Budh Vihar, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Aditya Sharma for all purposes. 0040499895-6

I Suresh Chandumal Murjani alias Suresh Kumar alias Murjani Suresh Chandumal S/o Chandumal Murjani R/o LD-64, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Suresh Chandumal Murjani. 0070661062-1

I Sudesh Kumari Dabas W/o Ashok Kumar Dabas R/o A-152, Laxmi Park, Nangloi, Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Sudesh Dabas. 0070661066-1

I Shri Gopal Gupta S/O Late Hari Chand R/O A-5,Kalindi Colony,New-Delhi-110065 Have Changed my Name to Sri Gopal Gupta. 0040499927-9

I Sapna Sharma W/O Davinder Sharma R/O E-22, Seema Cghs Ltd, Sec-11, Plot No. 7, Dwarka, Delhi-75 Changed My Child Name From Mihika To Mihika Sharma 0040499927-2

I Raminder Singh S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh R/o WZ-11D, Street No. 18/22, Sant Garh, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Raminder Singh Sasan for all purposes. 0040499835-1

I Puneet Kumar Lamba S/o Satyapal Lamba R/o-III-E-158 Nehru Nagar Ghaziabad U.P. have changed my name to Puneet Lamba 0040499872-8

I Manoti D/O. Manoj Kumar R/O. 23/89 AB, first floor, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Manoti Alawadi for all purposes. 0040499899-9

I Hitherto known as Saijal Sadh W/o Sunesh Kumar Sadh R/o-43/1 to 43/6,Gali No.1,East Azad Nagar,Delhi-110051 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sejal Sadh 0040499872-10

I Hari Bahadur Suncheuri S/o Makhan Singh Suncheuri R/o.23, Pocket-2, Schedule-A, P.B.G. NDMC, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Delhi-110004 my Service Record my wife name wrongly written as Rita Gajmer instead of Rita Suncheuri and her D.O.B. is Recorded as 02.07.1982 instead of 01.08.1977. 0040499927-6

I Hari Bahadur Suncheuri S/o Makhan Singh Suncheuri R/o.23, Pocket-2, Schedule-A, P.B.G. NDMC, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Delhi-110004 my Service Record my father name wrongly written as Hari Bahadur instead of Hari Bahadur Suncheuri. 0040499927-8

I Hari Bahadur S/o Makhan Singh Suncheuri R/o.23, Pocket-2, Schedule-A, P.B.G. NDMC, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Delhi-110004 have changed my name to Hari Bahadur Suncheuri. 0040499927-7

I Anita D/o Late Sh. Hari Ram W/o Sh. Bal Kishan R/o House No. 5C-49, Second Floor, NIT-5, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 have changed my name to Anita Gola for all purposes. 0040499835-2

I Alka Tyagi W/O. Ravinder Tyagi R/O. WZ-12-B, keshopur Village, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018 inform that my name in my husband's passport wrongly written as Alka. Correct is Alka Tyagi. 0040499899-10

I,Jai Shanker V Nair S/o Vijayan Nair R/o H.No.16-I,1St floor, Pocket-2, Janta Flats, Kondli, Delhi-110096, have changed my name Jai Shankar to Jai Shanker V Nair for all future purpose. 0040499863-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Raj Kapoor S/o Gagan Kapoor R/o 43 Ram Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have lost my original qualifying examination certificate (Xth pass) of main secondary examination of 2010-12, Roll no. 8124742 issued by CBSE, if found, contact Raj Kapoor: 9811198366. 0040499834-1

Lost Original Property paper of Plot No. 7, Block B-2, Sewak Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, in the name of DeepikaD/o Shri T.R Taneja (After Death) FIR has been lodged in Dwarka Police Station on 22.03.2019 LR No. 851836/2019, Please Inform: 9213387710. 0040499847-1

I Manpreet Singh Bindra S/o Sh. Kuldeep Singh Bindra R/o B-198, Gujranwala Town, Part-1, 2nd Floor, Delhi-110009 have lost my original Lease Deed of Shop No. 67, Gokhale Market, Mori Gate, Delhi-110054. Finders may contact at Mobile No. 9350043245. 0040499835-4

I, Muhammed Sajjad Hasan K S/o Rukhiya,331E, Brahmaputra Hostel,JNU lost my MA mark sheet with enrollment number 14/65/HS/034 on 10/06/2019. Filed FIR LR No:1154307/2019 under crime branch, Delhi. If found please call 9560986967. 0040499554-1

I Manish Gupta S/o Late Shiv Shankar Gupta R/o R-35, Shakarpur, Vikas Marg, Delhi-110092 have lost my original DDA Allotment Demand Letter No. 71300 of File No. L/483 (60) 2009/NPRS/LN bearing Property No. B-359, Top Floor, Type-B, Loknayak Puram, Delhi. Finders may contact at Mobile No. 9873250559. 0040499835-3

I, Puneet Sharma S/o Nand Kishore Sharma have lost my 10th Class CBSE Marksheet and Certificate, Roll no. 6140998, year-2004, finder Contact-9582245836. 0040499939-1

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to public at large that my clientess Anita W/o. Late Raj Kumar R/o. 37/A3, Shri Ram Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054, hereby declaring/ debarring/ disowning her son namely Yogesh Kumar from her life & all properties (Movable & Immovable) situated in Delhi and outside of Delhi because he is not loyal, obedient and out of Control of my clientess so anybody dealing with him, he/she/they would be liable for that dealing. My client & her family will not be responsible for any kind of his acts in future from today.

THAKUR KEHAR SINGH -ADVOCATE
M-10, SBI Road,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi -11054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to general public at large that my clients Ashwani Kumar S/o Laxman Singh and Smt. Parveen Lata W/o Ashwani Kumar R/o House No. D-730-A, Street No 19-A, Bhajan pura, Delhi-110053 do hereby disown and debar their daughter Anjali Thakur from all their movable and immovable properties with immediate effect because she had married to some unknown person without knowledge and consent of my clients.
Anybody dealing with her shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk cost and responsibility.

Sd/- DAYA NAND, ADVOCATE
S.R IInd, B Coumpus, Janakpuri, New Delhi-58

PUBLIC NOTICE

"This is to general public that my client Smt. Damanjeet Kaur w/o Sh. Amarjeet Singh R/o A-84B, 3rd Floor, Kewal Park Extention, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi- 110033 took legally divorce in 2015, my client got second marriage in 2016 with Sardar Amarjeet singh. My client have legally custody as per court order of her minor son namely Master Gunneet Singh and my client's husband namely Sardar Amarjeet Singh is caring and bearing all expenses of my client's son.
In future my client's husband namely Sardar Amarjeet Singh will be known present as a legally father of minor son namely Gunneet Singh".

Sd/-
RANI BHARDWAJ (ADVOCATE)
Enrl. No. D/1326/2012
Ch. No. 363, Lawyers Block Saket Court, New Delhi- 17
(M). 9643680913, 8010410831

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Shri Rakesh Anand, S/o Shri Jai Narain, R/o 369/1, Than Singh Nagar, Anand Parbat, New Delhi, have purchased a property No. 290, Pocket-3, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi measuring area 48 sq. meters from Shri Jogesh Chaddha, S/o Sh B.L. Chaddha, R/o H. No. 290-Pocket-3, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi. If anyone else have any objection, please contact at Mobile No. 9999104065 within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Anoop Singh Saroha, Advocate
Ch. C-91, C.L. Joseph Block,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all public that my client Dinesh Singh & his wife Smt. Chander Kanta both R/o 519-A, Gali No.5, Block-B, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi, have severed all relations with their son namely Vivek Singh and his wife Smt. Shivani and disowned them from all their immovable and movable properties due to their disobedience and bad behavior. My clients' shall not responsible for their any acts and deeds in any manner whatsoever.

Hemlata Sharma (Advocate)
Ch. No. 15, Saket Courts, Delhi-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sh. Hari Narayan S/o Late Sh. Sohan Lal & Magan Devi W/o Sh. Hari Narayan R/o 2073/20 Gali No.8, Block L, Sangam Vihar, Delhi-110062 have severed all their relations from their son Jagdish Kumar & his wife Hema Rani were disowned & debarred them from all moveable & immovable properties, assets and bank balances and shall not be responsible for the acts, deeds, ominous and things done by Shri Jagdish Kumar S/o Sh. Hari Naranyan & his wife namely Hema Rani in past, present or future.

Omveer Singh (Advocate)
Ch. No. 723, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENT (1) SMT. KIRAN TANEJA W/O SH. RAGHU NATH LAL TANEJA & (2) SH. RAGHU NATH LAL TANEJA S/O LATE SH. HOTU RAM TANEJA BOTH R/O FLAT NO. VP-78-C&D, PITAM PURA, DELHI, I RENU BALA (ADVOCATE) SERVE THIS PUBLIC NOTICE THAT HENCEFORTH MY CLIENT HEREBY SEVERE ALL THEIR RELATION WITH THEIR SON SHYAM TANEJA, THEIR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SAPNA TANEJA & THEIR GRAND SON VIHAAN TANEJA (MINOR) S/O SHYAM TANEJA R/O UNKNOWN AND HEREBY DEBAR AND DISOWN THEM FROM ALL THEIR MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES, AS THEY ARE NOT OBEDIENT TO MY CLIENT & DUE TO THEIR DISRESPECTFUL, OUT OF CONTROL BEHAVIOR. ANYONE DEALING WITH THEM WILL BE DOING SO AT HIS/HER THEIR OWN RISKS AND IN CASE THEY HURT OR MAKE FRAUD WITH ANYONE, MY CLIENT SHALL HAVE NO CONCERN

Sd/-
RENU BALA
Advocate
Enrol No. D-4533/2014

LOST & FOUND

LOST & FOUND

General Public is hereby informed that I have lost the Mutation Letter/Legal Heirs certificate issued by concerned authority in the name of (1) Sh. Ram Sarup S/o Sh. Lok Ram (2) Smt. Kamlesh (3) Smt. Bimlesh (4) Smt. Neelam (5). Smt. Sunita all legal heirs of Smt. Chander Wati D/o Sh. Girdhari Singh, in respect of in respect of property bearing No. 601, on land measuring 200 Sq. Yds., part of Khasra No. 10/2, situated in the abadi known as Raj Nagar-I, Palam Colony, area of Village: Palam, New Delhi. The General Public is hereby requested that kindly inform in case the aforesaid documents are found and return the same on the abovementioned address.

By Sh. Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Mannu Ram R/o WZ-626-A, Raj Nagar-I, Palam Colony, New Delhi

lost & found

My allotment cum builder buyer agreement Vhi No-1 Jild No-5956 Page No- 81 to 166 Siral No-3562 registered on Date 09-04-2014 for On Ground Floor Tower Alexandra-D006 Ground Omaxe Sector-93 B Noida Distt. Gautambudh Nagar UP has lost last Two Pages of Registery at Hauzkhas South Delhi 11016 on 03-05-2019. If it is used in bank and court, etc then it will be deemed illegal.

Madhu Saigal & Aditya Saigal
Mob-9999999893

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that, my client Sh. Arun Kumar Mathur S/o Sh. Jagdish Sahai R/o A-429 First & Second Floor, Bunker Colony, Ashok Vihar, Phase-IV, Delhi-11052, want to purchase Property No. WZ-407/A-423, First Floor (without roof rights) situated at Rishi Nagar, Delhi-110034, from Smt. Renu Kohli wife of Late Sh. K.C.Kohli. And Smt. Renu Kohli had purchased the above said property from (1) Smt. Sudha Lal W/o Sh. G.B.Lal & (2) Smt. Sangeeta Arora wife of Sh. Sumesh Arora by virtue of Sale Deed dated 21.05.2019 in the office of S. R Delhi. Any person(s) claiming any objection in the above said property may contact with above named person/client at above address/phone no. 9873477060 within 15 days of publication of this notice.
All the information given by my client and I, Vinod Wadhwa Advocate, giving this Public Notice on behalf of my client. And any person can contact me in Mob: 9350232640.

Sd/-
(VINOD WADHWA) Advocate
Chamber No. 184, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110006

E - TENDERING PRESS NOTICE.

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No.V, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Near Paryavaran Complex, Saiduilajab New Delhi 110030 invites on behalf of President of India, on line percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors registered with Irrigation and Flood Control Department up to **3:00 P.M on dates mentioned as below.**

1. NIT 10/2019-20/EE/CD-V/ Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_ 174181_1 (Percentage rate).
H.O.A:- 4225 SC/ST Basties.
N.O.W.:- Construction of Boundary wall of Parks at Jawahar Colony in Mandl Pahari of the Chhattarpur Assembly Constituency.
E.C.Rs. 10,83,910/- Earnest Money Rs 21,678/- Period of Completion. 60 Days. (Date of opening 22.06.2019)

2. NIT 11/2019-20/EE/CD-V/ Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_ 174193_1 (Percentage rate).
H.O.A:- MLALAD.
N.O.W.:- Providing & fixing of 500 nos. signage boards at different locations in Okhla Constituency AC-54.
E.C.Rs. 87,36,765/- Earnest Money Rs 1,74,735/- Period of Completion 150 Days. (Date of opening 22.06.2019).

3. NIT 12/2019-20/EE/CD-V/ Acs /(ID No. 2019_IFC_ 174195_1 (Percentage rate).
H.O.A:- MLALAD.
N.O.W.:-Providing fixing of security gates in different location in Batla House & Okhla Vihar in Okhla Constituency.
E.C.Rs. 89,52,987/- Earnest Money Rs 1,79,060/- Period of Completion 150 Days. (Date of opening 22.06.2019).

4. NIT 13/2019-20/EE/CD-V/ Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_ 174200_1 (Percentage rate).
H.O.A:- MLALAD.
N.O.W.:- Providing fixing of security gates in different location in Okhla area in Okhla Constituency (AC-54).
E.C.Rs. 89,52,987/- Earnest Money Rs 1,79,060/- Period of Completion 150 Days. (Date of opening 22.06.2019).

5. NIT 14/2019-20/EE/CD-V/ Acs /(ID No. 2019_IFC_ 174204_1 (Percentage rate).
H.O.A:- 2711 NP.
N.O.W.:- Cleaning / Removal of Jungle from RD 0 M to RD 3550 on both sides of RME (From Madanpur Khadar to Jaitpur Police Post).
E.C.Rs. 7,71,975/- Earnest Money Rs 15,440/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 22.06.2019).

Note:- 1). The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case the last date of opening of tender is extended the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.
2) Earnest Money in physical form i.e. deposited at FDR/ Banker cheque /Demand Draft of schedule bank issued in favour of EE CD V I&FC Deptt. should be deposited in the office of EE CD V I&FC Deptt. Govt. of NCT of Delhi Saidulajab near Paryavaran complex New Delhi 30. On or before the last date and time.
3). Details of above mentioned work can be seen and downloaded from website **http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**
4). Tender submitted through e-procurement portal shall be accepted only.
5) Corrigendum, if any will be published on e-procurement web side only.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
CD.V.
DIP/Shabdarth/0241/19-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client Smt. Shama Kashyap W/o Late Sh. Swatanter Kumar R/o WZ-26A, Om Vihar, Phase-2, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59 do hereby disown her son Mr. Yash Kashyap and his wife Pratham Chalukya alongwith their son due to their unpleasant behavior towards my client therefore neither Mr. Yash Kashyap nor any of his legal heirs will have any right over my clients movable or immovable properties and my client shall not be responsible for any of their acts in future.

Kunal Sharma Bhargava (Adv.)
Enrl. No. D/2744/2015
Delhi High Court

E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. IV, Irrigation & Flood Control Department Govt. of NCT of Delhi, L.M. Bund Office Complex, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-31 invites on behalf of President of India online Percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors registered with of Irrigation & Flood Control Department upto 3.00PM dated on 20.06.2019 for the works:
H.O.A.:, 4217, Execution of Development works in Trans Yamuna Area

1. NIT No.09/RE/CD-IV/IFC/2018-19 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174065_1)
Name of work:-Providing and fixing iron 200 Iron Boards in streets of Seelampur Assembly Constituency, AC-65. Estimated Cost of Rs 17,37,900/-Earnest Money Rs 34,758/- period of completion 90 days.
H.O.A.: 2711 NON PLAN (REVENUE) MAINTEANCE DRAINAGE

2. NIT No.201/RE/CD-IV/IFC/ 2018-19 (ID No. 2019_IFC_173852_1)
Name of work:- Annual Clearance and maintenance of Relief drain from R.D. 965m. to R.D. 2180m, for a period of twelve months. Estimated Cost of Rs 21,55,088/- Earnest Money Rs 43,102/- period of completion 365 days
H.O.A.: 2711 NON PLAN (REVENUE) MAINTEANCE DRAINAGE

3. NIT No.09/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_173680_1)
Name of work: Providing and fixing steel grating for collection of floating material at various location of Trunk Drain No. I including its removal & disposal in nearby EDMC Dhalao. Estimated Cost of Rs 17,05,685/-Earnest Money Rs 34,114/- period of completion 120 days
H.O.A.: 4711 PLAN OTHER DRAIANGE WORKS

4. NIT No.10/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_173854_1)
Name of work: Providing Flood Protection Work along river Yamuna between R.D. 0 m to R.D. 800 m of L.F. Bund. (Sonia Vihar Pushta) North East Delhi. Estimated Cost of Rs 3,40,75,120/- Earnest Money Rs 6,81,502/- period of completion 180 days
H.O.A.: 4711 PLAN OTHER DRAIANGE WORKS

5. NIT No.11/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174023_1)
Name of work: Restoration of damaged parapet wall on city side of L.F Bund between R.D. 900 m to R.D 5750m. Estimated Cost of Rs 1,86,12,537/- Earnest Money Rs 3,72,251/- period of completion 150 days
H.O.A.: 4406 PLAN FOREST

6. NIT No.12/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174029_1)
Name of work: Providing and Fixing of RCC post fencing with medium blade (RBT) at Garhi Mandu Yamuna Flood Plains area near Usmanpur, 19.52 ha. Land allotted against the NHAI Project under North Forest Division. Estimated Cost of Rs 93,97,923/- Earnest Money Rs 1,87,958/- period of completion 150 days
H.O.A.: 4406 PLAN FOREST

7. NIT No.13/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174034_1)
Name of work: Providing and Fixing of RCC post fencing with medium Blade (RBT) around periphery of 17.13 ha. land at Garhi Mandu Yamuna Flood Plains area near Usmanpur under North Forest Division. Estimated Cost of Rs 74,45,777/- Earnest Money Rs 1,48,916/- period of completion 150 days
H.O.A.: 4406 PLAN FOREST

8. NIT No.14/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174036_1)
Name of work: Providing and Fixing of RCC Post fencing with Medium Blade (RBT) around periphery of 7.00 hactare land at Garhi Mandu Yamuna Flood Plains area near Usmanpur under North Forest Division. Estimated Cost of Rs 55,47,700/- Earnest Money Rs 1,10,954/- period of completion 150 days

Note: 1) The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tender. In case only the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.
2) The following Scanned copies are required to be uploaded: (i) Scanned copy of Registration with IFC. (ii) Scanned copy of GST. (iii)Scanned copy of EMD. (iv) Scanned copy of PAN Card/Permanent Account No (v) scanned copy of Email/contact no Address (vi) ESIC registration No. (vii) EPFO registration No. viii) Certificate works experience as conditions 1.2 of PWD-6. (E-tendering) (Only S.NO. 3 and 4) (ix) An undertaking as prescribed under 6 iii of Pwd-6. (Only S.NO. 3 and 4)
(3) EMD's in the form of DD/FDR in favour of EE, CD IV may be submitted in the O/o of EE, CD-IV physically upto 3.00 P.M. in the date of opening tender. If the same shall not be deposited physically, the tender shall be treated as cancelled. The Detail of above mentioned work can be seen and downloaded from website
http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
4) No manual tender shall be accepted; only tender submitted through e-procurement portal shall be considered.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER: CD-IV
DIP/Shabdarth/0234/19-20

सूचना

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

सं. ईसीआर/सीएओ/कॉन/डब्ल्यू टी/ई. निविदा/उत्तर/38/19–20, दिनांक 17.06.2019

E-Tender Notice No.- ECR-CAO-C-N-ETN-38-19-20, E-tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned works :
SN 1, Name of work with it's location : Unloading of ballast from BCN wagons, loading of ballast in BOBYN wagons, construction of one siding line, construction of approach road etc. in Garhara Yard. **S.N. 2. Approx cost of the work :** Rs. 4,22,70,972.19, **S.N.3 Earnest money to be deposited (Rs.) :** Rs. 3,61,400/-, **S.N. 4 Date and time for closing of tender :** 10.07.2019 at 14.30 hrs., **S.N. 5, Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. :** The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in Note :** In case of any descripencies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/ corrections etc. in response to this E-tender. **CAO/Con/North**
E.C.Rly., Mahendrughat, Patna
PR/534/CON/ENGG/T/19-20/40

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

DRM (Electrical) NWR Ajmer on behalf of The President of India invites E - Tenders for the following work up to 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **(1) Tender No.:** DRM- Elect- 26 -2019-20, **Name of work**: All Div.- Electrical work due to development to Beawar, Marwar Jn. & Mavli Jn. stations as Adarsh Station. **Approximate cost of work :** ₹ 2069149/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 41400/- **(2) Tender No.:** DRM- Elect- 27 -2018-19, **Name of work**: Electrical work due to Raising of P.F. Medium level / Low level to High level at 14 stations between Madar to Palanpur section. **Approximate cost of work :** ₹ 8391698/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 167800/- **(3) Tender No.:** DRM- Elect- 28 -2018-19, **Name of work**: All Div.: Rewiring of staff quarters on age cum condition basis as per new scale of fitting at Udaipur City and Ranapratapnagar station under jurisdiction of SSE-P- Udaipur City. **Approximate cost of work :** ₹ 2859110/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 57200/- **(4) Tender No.:** DRM- Elect- 29 -2018-19, **Name of work**: All Div.: Electrical work for shifting of Gang no. 3, 5, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 from between section to station in DET -Hatundi section. **Approximate cost of work :** ₹ 518532/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 10400/- **Date & Time of closing E-Tender :** 11.07.2019 at 15.00 Hrs. **Date & Time of opening E-Tender :** 11.07.2019 at 15.30 Hrs. The details of above E - tenders are available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** 573-DE/19

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No.IX, I&FC Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the following works:

1. **NIT No:** EE/CD-IX/NIT/27/2nd call/2018-19
Name of work:- Providing and fixing Steel Gates in Vijay Vihar Phase-I in Rithala (AC-06). **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 77,55,205/ **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,55,104/ **Period of completion:** 05 Month, Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 28.06.2019. (Tender I.D.-2019_IFC_174407_1)

2. **NIT No:** EE/CD-IX/NIT/28/2nd call/2018-19
Name of work:- Providing and fixing Steel Gates in Budh Vihar Phase-II in Rithala (AC-06). **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 77,55,205/ **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,55,104/ **Period of completion:** 05 Month, Last date & time of submission of tender upto 03:00 p.m on 28.06.2019. (Tender I.D.-2019_IFC_174405_1)

3. **NIT No:** EE/CD-IX/NIT/29/2nd call/2018-19
Name of work:- Providing and fixing Steel Gates in Vihay Vihar Phase-II in Rithala (AC 06). **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 77,55,205/ **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,55,104/ **Period of completion:** 05 Month, Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 28.06.2019. (Tender I.D.-2019_IFC_174409_1)

Note.1) The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from
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RARE EARTHS

Magnetic attraction

If China cuts off exports, it would hurt America but also undermine its own long-term economic goals

IT LOOKS AT first like a classic Chinese painting: water-soaked paddies nestled against endless green hills. But then the brown begins. Abandoned brown pits on the hilltops. Brown gashes down their sides. Brown sludge in the streams. Ganzhou, until a few years ago, was southern China's mining country. The damage done in the name of economic growth involves an industry that has given China leverage in its trade war with America. The rocks extracted are rich in rare-earth minerals, used in everything from planes to smartphones. It is a dirty business that China dominates.

Rare earths, covering 17 elements on the periodic table, are in fact common. But China holds two-fifths of global reserves. In 1992 Deng Xiaoping quipped that "the Middle East has oil, China has rare earths." The chemicals used to extract them from the ore create toxic run-off, and for years China was more willing to bear that cost than other countries. By the early 2000s it accounted for almost all the world's production. "There were no laws back then and everyone here was digging up the ground," says Xie Yizhen, a local who worked in mining for 18 years.

Crucially, China has translated its control of the raw materials into dominance of the valuable next steps: turning oxides into metals and metals into products. To extend Mr Deng's comparison, it is as if the Middle East not only sat on most of the world's oil but also, almost exclusively, refined it and then made products out of it.

This is why rare earths now figure in the trade war. America can hobble Chinese tech giants by stopping American firms from selling them components such as semiconductors. But China could, in return, cut off their supplies of rare-earth products. The most important of these are specialised magnets for motors in electric vehicles, generators in wind turbines and missile-guidance systems. China produces more than 90% of the world's output, according to Citigroup, a bank. Even the Pentagon, through its suppliers, is a client.

China's rare-earth power is not a new worry. In 2010 it restricted exports—in order, it said, to protect its environment. The World Trade Organisation ruled against the restrictions after America and others challenged them. But since then many countries have fretted about relying on China.

So it is no surprise that in the past few weeks China has brandished rare earths as a possible weapon. State media have played up the threat. "China gears up to use rare-earth advantage" ran a headline in Global Times, a nationalist tabloid, on June 9th.

But doing so is not so simple. After the scare in 2010 Japan lent money to Lynas, an Australian mining company with a refinery in Malaysia. Today, it can meet nearly a third of Japanese demand for rare earths. The Mountain Pass mine in California, which once supplied most of the world's rare earths but which shut in the early 2000s, has reopened. And on June 11th America said it would help other countries to develop their reserves. China's share of global rare-earth production fell from more than 95% in 2010 to 70% last year, and is likely to dip lower (see chart).

A worker pours the rare-earth metal lanthanum, which is used in camera lenses and other types of glass, into a mould at a smelting workshop in Inner Mongolia. *Reuters*

A rare gift

China has much more leverage in downstream products. America last year bought about $250m of rare-earth magnets from China, and there are no easy alternative sources. "These magnets are the farthest thing from a commodity that we can imagine," says Ryan Castilloux, of Adamas Intelligence, a rare-earths consultancy. They are made to exact specifications. And, says Mr Castilloux, the industry is small enough for China to be able to spot any American attempts to skirt a Chinese ban by importing magnets through other countries.

The Pentagon would probably be able to cope. An industry joke has it that it can carry its annual supply of heavy rare earths (the kind used in its missiles) in a single suitcase. Businesses would find it harder. David Merriman of Roskill, a metals research firm, says it would disrupt the supply chain enough to put American car companies "at a competitive disadvantage".

But it is far from certain that China will block exports to America. Doing so would also hurt Chinese companies, which are often the ones that build the motors and batteries for American customers using rare-earth magnets. Longer term, a ban would encourage the same process that happened in mining. Foreign firms, perhaps with government support, will invest in facilities to make finished products.

At mines like this one in Jiangxi province, China produces 95 per cent of the world's rare-earth minerals, a key resource for the future of energy. *Reuters*

That would set back China's grand strategy for rare earths, seen in the hills around Ganzhou. Over the past few years it has shut scores of unlicensed mines. At a huge cost, it is trying to clean up local rivers. The big state-owned mining firm in the area has started filling in some of its pits with grass and shrubs. China is still excavating plenty of rare-earth elements, especially in the north, but it has decided that it can buy much of what it needs abroad, and spare its own environment. Last year, it became a net importer of rare-earth concentrate.

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Instead, China has shifted its focus to rare-earth products, to increase its downstream advantage. In an industrial park on the edge of Ganzhou, the government is ploughing money into factories that make rare-earth magnets and alloys. This manufacturing is much cleaner than the mining, and captures more value. Tellingly, when Xi Jinping, China's president, visited the city last month, news reports showed him at JL MAG, a magnet company, not a mine.

At another company in Ganzhou, a manager shows off several of its products: little disc magnets, each containing about 30% rare earths. When the magnets are smaller than a fingernail, it is hard to pull them apart. When they are slightly bigger, just wider than a thumb, it is impossible to do so. That is a good metaphor for what China ultimately wants from rare earths, and for its economy more generally: to reach a size where no country, not even America, can pull away. Cutting America off now would undercut that ambition.

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RELIGION AND FREEDOM

I can do no other

Is offering assistance to illegal immigrants a protected religious practice?

ONE TROUBLE with liberty is that you never know what people will do with it. In recent years, American conservatives have been passionate defenders of individual religious freedoms, such as the right to have nothing to do with same-sex weddings. But Scott Warren (pictured), an idealistic geographer who is facing felony charges for succouring migrants in the Arizona desert, has now become a standard-bearer for a very different sort of conscientious objection.

On June 11th his trial, which has been closely watched at the liberal end of America's religious spectrum, reached deadlock after jurors failed to agree despite three days of deliberation. That was a better result than Mr Warren and his many supporters feared. Prosecutors may seek a retrial.

Lawyers for Mr Warren, who has taught at Arizona State University, have insisted that a generically spiritual motive lay behind the actions he took, which involved feeding and sheltering two migrants. He has been charged with conspiring to harbour and transport illegal aliens, crimes punishable by up to 20 years in jail.

With the help of some eminent scholars, his defenders had made an unsuccessful but plausible enough effort to shelter him behind the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, a measure intended to protect a broad variety of religiously motived acts from the heavy hand of the law.

Mr Warren is by no means the only progressive hero invoking religious liberty. The Clinton law is also being cited by seven left-wing Catholic activists from the anti-nuclear Plowshares movement, who face the possibility of 25 years in jail after entering a naval submarine base.

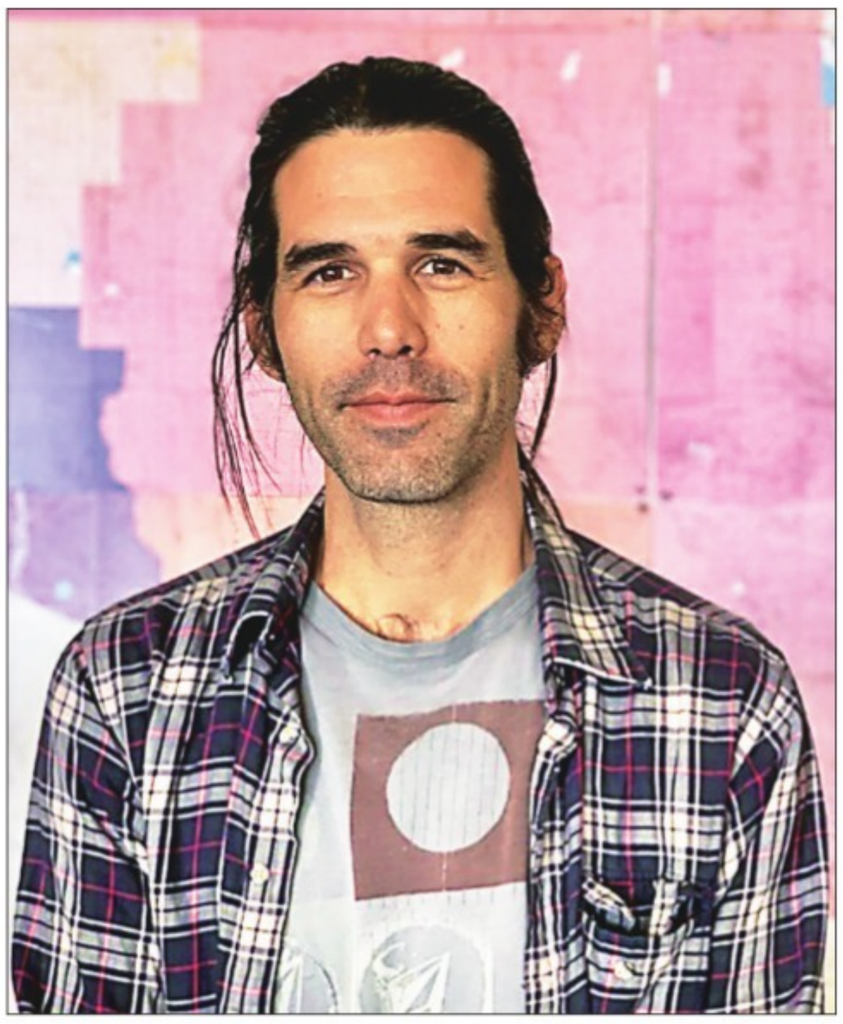
Where does religion come in? Mr Warren is a leading light in No More Deaths, an NGO associated with the Universalist Unitarian Church, a liberal denomination, which tries to reduce the number of would-be migrants who perish in the desert. Nearly 3,000 bodies have been found in southern Arizona since 2001.

Although not formally religious himself, Mr Warren has much to say about the numinous nature of the desert and the rituals he performs when (as has happened 18 times) he discovers a dead body. On June 5th robed representatives of more conventional faiths, including a rabbi and an imam as well as many Protestant churches, came to the courthouse in Tucson to show their solidarity.

Jim Wallis, a prolific writer who is one of the best-known figures on America's religious left, says the case was crystal-clear: "He is being prosecuted for following the command of Jesus, which is to feed the hungry, refresh the thirsty and invite in the stranger." The case was so simple that it should not be a matter of political contention, he thought.

But the cause of religious freedom, which is one of America's founding ideals, has mutated ideologically in odd ways. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) drew near-unanimous support in Congress and was signed by Bill Clinton. It laid down that the government could not "substantially burden" an individual's religious liberty unless it had a "compelling interest" in doing so. The law was a counterweight to a Supreme Court ruling (concerning the use of intoxicants in Native-American rituals) which had made it a bit easier for the government to override individual liberty in matters of belief.

Then, in 1997, the Supreme Court ruled that the RFRA could not constrain the behaviour of state governments. That prompted states to pass their own versions of the RFRA, of which the most controversial was the one signed in Indiana by Governor Mike Pence, now the vice-president, which was denounced as a charter for discrimination against gay people.



Scott Warren, an idealistic geographer who is facing felony charges for succouring migrants in the Arizona desert, has now become a standard-bearer for a very different sort of conscientious objection. *Handout via Reuters*

As Elizabeth Sepper of the University of Texas, points out, the Clinton RFRA was intended to protect small, idiosyncratic minorities or individuals. Recently, RFRA-type laws have been used to shield members of the Christian majority from having to obey anti-discrimination laws. That has made the "religious freedom" slogan so unpopular on the left that House Democrats introduced a bill over the winter that would limit the scope of freedom-of-conscience cases to harm third parties.

Mr Warren is by no means the only progressive hero invoking religious liberty in court. The Clinton law is also being cited by seven left-wing Catholic activists from the anti-nuclear Plowshares movement, who face the possibility of 25 years in jail after entering a naval submarine base in 2018.

In some ways, the use of religious-freedom laws in left-wing causes is a mirror image of the tactics energetically employed by conservatives. By rooting successfully for the right of devout employers to opt out of contraceptive coverage, conservatives have loosened the accepted meaning of the term "substantial burden" and reduced the onus of proof.

If the pious owners of a corporation can argue that their freedom is substantially burdened by a health-care plan, then it becomes a bit more plausible for an altruistic aid worker, or even a pacifist nun, to say that freedom is being curtailed unless they too are free to act on their ideals. As Brie Loskota of the University of Southern California puts it: "Conservatives have turned religious freedom into a super-right that undermines all others…their new idea is that an individual conscience can override absolutely anything."

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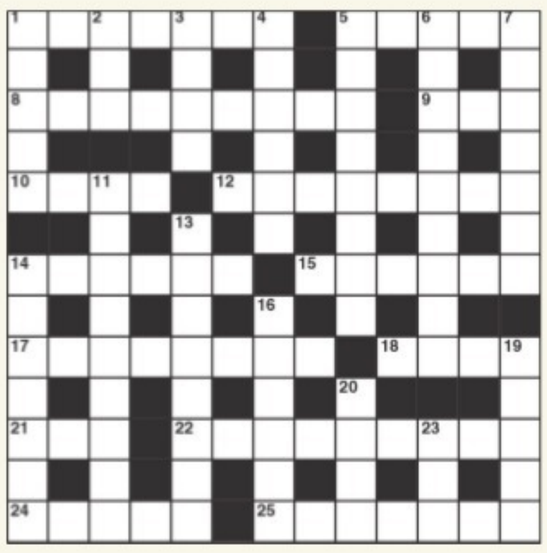


ACROSS

1 Toe Eric broke may be set (7)
5 Girl's name that is used by another (5)
8 Gypsum and basalt are different (9)
9 Lived with a sister initially (3)
10 Artist's model who barely earns a living (4)
12 Beach shoes are adjusted for it (8)
14 The little devil breaks cover and gets clear (6)
15 Think what people who count will do (6)
17 Taken by those who are sick and tired of work? (4,4)
18 The spirit of play? (4)
21 She appears in Genesis and Revelation (3)
22 Celt with an eye disorder easily made light of (9)
24 Takes in a form of food (5)
25 A spot of illicit drinking (7)

Down

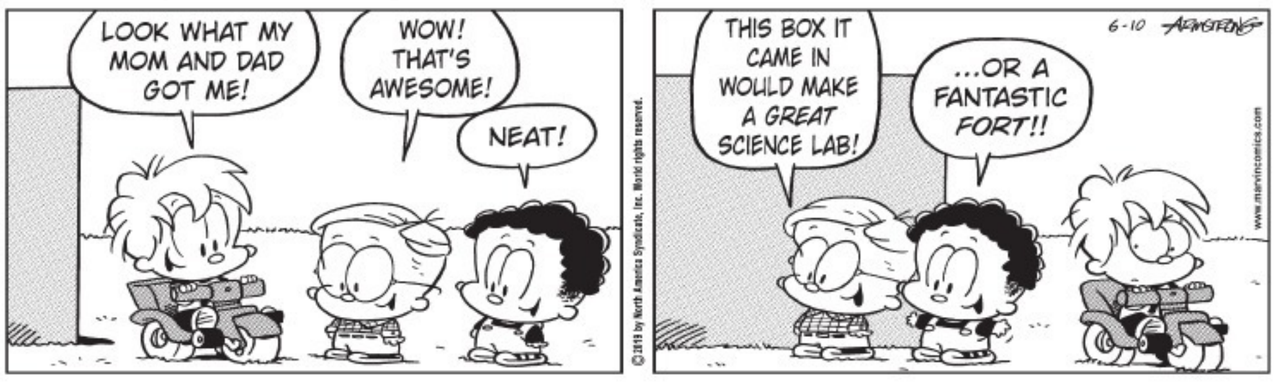
1 Broken china holds together somehow (5)
2 One may strain to improve it (3)
3 First ride on a new horse (4)
4 One of two that is returned to the right (6)
5 Held in apprehension? (8)
6 It provides humour for US city dweller (3,6)
7 Oriental of earnest disposition (7)
11 Elaborate metalwork to stop a bit of play (9)
13 Modified Russian fighter goes up with a bang! (8)
14 Generous gifts said to be from Swiss capital (7)
16 Underwear made from fibres (6)
19 Main area once a disaster (5)
20 Neat residence (4)
23 Look in the yellow pages (3)

Solutions Crossword 3836: Across: 1Metaphor, 5 Cold, 9 Capri, 10 Tristan, 11 Colour scheme, 13 Rotate, 14 Elopes, 17 Grave charges, 20 Editors, 21 Olive, 22 Sham, 23 Dear dear. **Down:** 1 Mock, 2 Topcoat, 3 Paid on the dot, 4 Outcry, 6 Outre, 7 Danseuse, 8 Circular tour, 12 Progress, 15 Precise, 16 Chaste, 18 Anita, 19 Gear..

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The fact that Mercury has been setting up several relationships, only to change its mind at the last moment, indicates that a promised contact may fail to bear fruit unless you take emergency action, completing vital arrangements on your own authority.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
You'll be in the fast lane today — although not too fast, let's hope. You may find that irritations connected to a worldly or financial ambition disrupt your attempts to relax. If your responsibilities are of an informal and flexible nature, then so much the better.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury is making a very rare alignment with Jupiter, suggesting that you will only get by if you have as broad an appreciation of the facts as possible. All your past experiences, no matter how trivial, could now help you to victory.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The winds of change seem to have slackened off a little, although I would advise you against dropping your guard. Complacency is the Cancerian's worst enemy at the present time — especially if you forget just how sensitive close partners can be.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
A change, it is said, is as good as a rest. Now that the Sun, your planetary ruler, is cruising through laid-back Pisces, why don't you push onerous responsibilities to one side and put your feet up. One thing though— don't take foolish financial risks.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Ever since Mercury altered its position you have been dreaming up new schemes to make your work-load easier. It should now become clear to all but the most obstinate Virgo that part of the answer lies in co-operation with people you have badly misjudged.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Don't worry if you have a difficult day, as the evening should be considerably more to your liking. The whole point is that you've had enough of partners' or family members' endless demands and complaints. Isn't it time they praised you instead? I think so.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
The news that your two celestial rulers, Mars and Pluto, are so finely positioned, can only do you good. What's more, in the long run, life can only get better. Yet tread carefully, for decisions you make now, especially financial ones, will have a major impact in a couple of weeks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
Just when you thought all was lost, a new scheme is likely to pop into your head. You should be open and ready to accept whatever happens, and also prepared to take the flak when people realise what you're up to. Stand by your guns and stick up for the truth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
This really is the lull before the storm. Yet unlike some previous battles this one will be firmly rooted in specific issues, such as money. Not only that, but this time you will have a number of important allies on your side. One of the chief of these is your own confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Nobody can accuse you of being blinkered, but the Moon inclines you to ignore those facts or elementary truths which don't happen to suit you. If you can get away with taking no notice of the facts, well done. But, if you can't, then you'd better take good care.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
You have a number of excellent ideas, but it does seem as if one or two doubts are also surfacing. This is all to the good. What I mean by this is that if you develop the power to criticise your own actions, you'll be able to cut out certain of your weaknesses.

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.

The____is the only individual who is truly alive. - George Allen (8)

JLWEE
ATUYCI
TWYAR
AELSHV

SOLUTION: JEWEL, WARTY, ACUITY, HALVES
Answer: The **achiever** is the only individual who is truly alive. - George Allen

SUDOKU 3883

Difficulty Level 4s
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

6			7					5
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				3			1	
1	3				6		7	
		4				2		
	9		3				5	8
	1			9				
				5		4		
4					3			1

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3882

7	4	9	2	8	3	6	5	1
1	3	2	6	5	7	4	8	9
6	5	8	1	4	9	2	7	3
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9	7	5	3	6	2	1	4	8
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Civil Engineering Department
NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Executive Engineer (BM-III)
Palika Parking, New Delhi-110001
e-procurement Tender Notice

ID No. : 2019_NDMC_174464_1
Name of Work : Improvement to N.P. Sr. Sec. School, Tilak Lane.
SH : Providing and placing artificial grass mats of thickness 35mm with playing equipments fixed over it and other connected civil works on the reclaimed land at N.P Sr. Sec School, Tilak Marg.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 21,42,533/-
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 18.06.2019
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 28.06.2019 at 4.00 PM
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Note :- To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory.
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Notice Inviting Proposal
Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous organizaiton of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, Noida (UP) invites proposals for production of following science video programme.

Name of the work	Tender Fee in ₹ (Non-refundable)	EMD in ₹	Last date of Submission	Tender Number
Science Monitor and Science This Week-News	5000/-	2,00,000/-	09 July 2019	VP/SOT/1018/Science News Programme/2019

Details and Tender Form can be downloaded from "Tenders/Proposals" section of website: http://www.vigyanprasar.gov.in and *eprocure.gov.in*
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RO No.: 301/UJVNL Date: 19-06-2019
CORRIGENDUM-1
Due to unavoidable reasons, Addendum-1 uploaded on e-procurement portal shall be part of Short Term "e" Procurement Notice no. 01/EE(E&M)/PB/2019-20 for Repairing & Overhauling of 50 Ton Capacity Gantry Crane Make WMI at Virbhadra Barrage, Pashulok, Rishikesh.
1. Other terms and conditions of tender will remain same.
2. Detail of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation may be obtained from the website.
3. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in.
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STEM WATER DISTRI. & INFRA CO. PVT. LTD.
E-Tender Notice No. 5 for 2019-20 (First Extension)
E-TENDER for the following works are invited from eligible registered contractors.
Name of Work : **Structural Strenghting of filter water channel near CCT premises Rs.64,91,492/-**
E-Tender documents available on http://stem.abcprocure.com from **19.06.2019** to **03.07.2019** up to **1200** hrs.
Sd/-
Managing Director

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Office of The Ex. Engineer (E&M), Lucknow Road, Timarpur, Delhi
N.I.T. No. 01/MW(E&M)/2019-20/TC Dated : 18.06.2019
DUAL BID NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Issue of Tender document From	18.06.2019, 17:00
Issue of Tender document To	01.07.2019, 10:01
Tender Closing of Bid	02.07.2019, 10:00
Technical bid opening	02.07.2019, 10:01
Financial Bid Opening	05.07.2019, 10:00 (Tentative)

Online item rate e-tenders in dual bid open category invitation. Tender document can only be downloaded online from **www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER** and not available manually. The interested agencies/firms which are not registered in online tendering with North DMC shall have to register itself first and then only they can participate in the bids. The registration procedure, terms & conditions & other details is available at **www.tenderveizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER** or **http://mcdonline.gov.in/tri/ndmc_mcdprotal/**
S. No. : 1. **Name of work** : Hiring of 2 Nos Hydraulic Excavators for leveling and dressing etc of Municipal solid Waste for five Months at SLF Bhalswa under North DMC. **Head of A/c :** 61-1064, **Estimated Cost Amt.** : 5839161/- **Earnest Money** : 113400/- **Time of Completion** : 05 Month, **Tender Cost** : 1000/- **Rates hold good for** : 6M, **NIT** : 1.1
RO No. 23/DPI/North/2019-20 Executive Engineer (E&M)

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL DIVISION PALAMAU
Very Short Tender Notice
Request for proposal (e- procurement) Notice
Ref No-EE/RDSD/PALAMAU-14/2018-19/RE-01 P.R. No.-203720

Sl. No.	Particular	Details
1.	Name of work	Restoration of G.L.A College Stadium Medininagar Palamau.
2.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 197.198 Lac
3.	Work Completion Period for construction	12 Month
4.	Tender Fee and EMD	Tender Fee Rs. 10,000.00 EMD Rs. 394500.00
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	19.06.2019 at 11.00 am
6.	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	20.06.2019 at 3.00 pm
7.	Date/time of Receipt of Bid	19.06.2019 at 11.00 am To 03.07.2019 up to 5.00 pm
8.	Date of submission of EMD, Tender fee.	05.07.2019 up to 3.00 pm
9.	Technical Bid Opening date	08.07.2019 at 2.00 pm
10.	Name and Address of officer inviting Tender.	Executive Engineer Rural Dev.Spe.Div.Palamau
11.	Contact No. of Procurement officer	9234908682
12.	Help Line No. of e-procurement-cell	0651-2401148 0651-2401750

Note :- Only e- Tenders Will be accepted Further details can be seen on website "http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in"
Executive Engineer
Rural Development Special Division
Palamau.
P.R.209285 Rural Development(19-20):D

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)

	N.I.T. No.	01/19-20 dated 18.06.2019
1.	Name of work with its location	Annual Zone work of Central Hospital for the period ending on 30.06.2020 in the section of SSE/W/NRCH under XEN/NRCH.
2.	Approx. Cost of work	9549880.08
3.	Earnest Money	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 2015/CE/I/CT/5/1 Dated : 31.08.2016 191000.00
4.	Completion period of work	30.06.2020
5.	Cost of tender on cash/by post	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 2015/CE/I/CT/5/1 Dated : 31.08.2016 Rs. 5900.00
6.	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs. on 12.07.2019 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. on 12.07.2019
7.	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/19-20/NRCH/NIT 01 Dated : 18.06.2019 1939/19
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) FOR SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR ERECTION & DISMANTLING/ REMOVAL OF SCAFFOLDING AT PETRONET LNG LIMITED, DAHEJ
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CORRIGENDUM
NOTICE TO THE CANDIDATES
Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission's Advertisement No. 6/2019, 7/2019, 8/2019/ 9/2019 & 10/2019, which were published in various Newspapers and are also available on the Haryana Staff Selection Commission's website i.e. www.hssc.gov.in for inviting applications for various Categories of Posts.
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Therefore, in view of above the Applicant may submit Self Declaration and there is no need to get Undertaking/ Certificate/ Affidavit Attested by the Executive Magistrate.
Performa/Formats for Certificates **Annexures- A-I, A-II, B-I, B-II, D-I, E-I** are Annexed to this Notice.
Sd/-
Under Secretary,
For Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula.
Dated: 19th June, 2019
Note: The above Corrigendum/ Notice is also available on the website: www.hssc.gov.in.
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CHHATTISGARH RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROJECT CIRCLE NO. 01 JAGDALPUR
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NIT No.110 /TS 1208 /CGRRDA/2019 Jagdalpur Date 14/06/2019
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YESTERDAY ONCE MORE

Danny Boyle's new film has created a new parallel universe where The Beatles never existed. His latest directorial venture *Yesterday*, that releases this Friday, has Ed Sheeran, Himesh Patel *(pictured)*, Lily James, and Kate McKinnon in the cast.

Bérénice Bejo in a scene with Dhanush in *The Extraordinary Journey of The Fakir*; she plays an actress in the film

'I'm an actor of the world'

Oscar-nominated Bérénice Bejo, on her *thumkas* with Dhanush and love for different cultures

ALAKA SAHANI

PARIS-BASED actor Bérénice Bejo doesn't consider herself to be much of a dancer. That sounds unbelievable coming from someone who, as the spirited Peppy Miller, tap danced her way into the heart of movie-lovers across the world when the Oscar-winning silent movie *The Artist* (2012) released. Soon, she will be seen doing *thumkas* to *Madaari*, composed by Amit Trivedi, for the upcoming *The Extraordinary Journey of The Fakir*.

"Before we shot the song, I rehearsed the number for three weeks. I'm not used to this kind of dancing. I loved being challenged and it was a great experience," says the 42-year-old actor, who is doing a cameo in Ken Scott's *The Extraordinary Journey of The Fakir* that releases on Friday. This training though was not as intense as *The Artist* demanded. "For *The Artist*, I trained for six months. The trick to make the audience connect to your dance is to have fun," says the actor, who hopes to visit India one day.

Though the actor is based in Paris, after her international breakthrough performance in *The Artist*, she has appeared in several European films such as German-Italian *Three Peaks* (2017) and Italian *Sweet Dreams* (2016). She also played the lead in Iranian filmmaker Asghar Farhadi's *The Past* (2013), which fetched her the Cannes Film Festival Award for Best Actress. Always open to acting in different language movies, she says, "As long as the script appeals to me and I agree with the director's approach, I'm open to working in movies from different countries and cultures," she says, in a telephonic conversation.

The reason behind such openness possibly lies in the fact that she was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and that at the age of three, her parents, filmmaker Miguel Bejo and mother Silvia, a lawyer, came to France with their family to escape the Dirty War. "I don't consider myself to be just a French actor. I am an actor of the world. I love to welcome different cultures and people. At times, this can be daunting too. When I was shooting in Vietnam for *Eternity* (2016), people did not understand English or Spanish. Taking up such assignments demands a lot of energy. Yet, you end up learning so much," says the actor, who is currently working on an Italian movie.

While accepting a role, Bejo lets the script talk to her. "When I read a script and it could be any story, I try to find the connection. I often decline roles if they appear similar to what I have done already," she says. The actor, who earlier in her career found popularity in spy comedies such as *OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies* (2006), says that she loves Italian movies of the '50s-'60s. "The characters in these movies are very real. They are often mean yet lovable and helpful. *The Extraordinary Journey of The Fakir* is similar to that. I also love the way the movie deals with the issue of immigrants," she says.

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> **BÉRÉNICE BEJO**

The movie follows the journey of a street magician of Mumbai as he goes to Paris to find his estranged father. The movie is based on the book *The Extraordinary Journey of The Fakir who Got Trapped in an Ikea Wardrobe* written by French author Romain Puertolas.

As one of the top French actors today, Bajo lives life on her own terms. Married to director Michel Hazanavicius, who directed *The Artist*, she is mother to Lucien and Gloria. She does not want to take up too many acting assignment as she doesn't "want to leave them with nannies". When in Paris, she often cycles to her destination. "It is easier to cycle around in Paris. I prefer this to taking a taxi or driving a car," she says.

Does she regret that despite playing the lead in *The Artist* along with actor Jean Dujardin, she was nominated in Actress in a Supporting Role category for the Academy award? "I don't think about it. My daughter was born by then and I had so much love in my life. I am still part of the five Oscars that the movie won, including Best Actor, Best Picture and Best Director," says the actor. Bejo will once again team up with her husband for *The Lost Prince*, which is about a single father and his seven-year-old daughter.

One Step at a Time

Sattriya dancer Prateesha Suresh on keeping her form alive, and the need for platforms and funding to promote art

SUANSHU KHURANA

ABOUT 15 people sat at the 500-seater Sri Sathya Sai Auditorium at Lodhi Road recently as Mumbai-based Sattriya dancer Prateesha Suresh, in her early 50s, took the stage at a concert organised by Assam People Welfare Association. Those present, spoke in hushed tones about how the concert wasn't promoted enough by the organisers. But when Suresh walked onto the stage, dressed in a sea-green costume in pat silk, to the rhythm of khols, tunes of the flute, and a melodious Borgeet, and presented a story from *Krishna Karnamrita*, the one where Suresh became Bal Krishna, playfully stealing butter and dancing, the lack of people in the hall didn't matter. Suresh didn't stomp her feet as one would in Kathak or Bharatanatyam, but kept the movement nimble and lyrical. "Sattriya is not linear, it's quite soft and very lyrical as an art form," says Suresh.

Sattriya was developed in the 15th century by Srimanta Sankardev, who was influenced by the then prevalent *devadasi* tradition, the Natya Shastra, and Odissi. In the repertoire, he included all three pillars of classical dance *nritta* (dance), *nritya* (expressive dance, solo), and *natya* (dramatics). It was performed only by male monks in monasteries during rituals or festivals, and didn't travel outside Assam for a long time. "A dance form gets popular when it travels out of its state of origin. For a very long time, Indians have been unaware about this art form," says Suresh, who adds that Bharatanatyam remains popular because that is the first form that came out of its region of origin and found support. "There are dance forms that haven't moved out of the state because there's no funding or platform," says Suresh.

About two decades ago, Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) recognised Sattriya as the eighth classical art form. The others include Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi, Mohiniyattam, Kathakali, Kuchipudi and Manipuri. The late scholar Maheswar Neog, who wrote books on Sattriya, with Suresh's guru and Sattriya exponent Roseswar Saikia Barbayan and other dancers worked on "a fluid structure" and promoted it. Women, who were earlier prohibited to perform the dance, were included in the learning. But Suresh believes that if there is no platform, there is no dance. She approached the SNA at various stages for funding and concerts but has been disappointed. Apart from help from Bhupen Hazarika, she hasn't managed to get much. Her ballet proposal file was misplaced by the Akademi. However, they did set up a Sattriya academy in Assam, she says.

(Above) Sattriya dancer Prateesha Suresh; in one of her performances

Growing up in Guwahati, Suresh began learning Sattriya with her older sister. Then Suresh chose Bharatanatyam because of its proper structure and moved to Kalakshetra in Chennai. She graduated in the '90s and was performing Bharatanatyam, when her guru called and told her to get back to Sattriya. "My guru said that 'Sattriya needs you'. I went back and began working on it," says Suresh, who did a series of lecture-demonstrations and performed Sattriya and Bharatanatyam together till 2004. In Delhi, those like Sonal Mansingh, Swapna Sundari, Kapila Vatsyayan attended these lectures, and people began talking about it.

"Sattriya needs time," she says. Children in Assam are now learning the form. "There is hope; we will see more Sattriya in the future," says Suresh.

SNAP SHOTS

In the Mountains

THIS YEAR, Bhutan's festival of art, literature and culture, the Mountain Echoes that will complete 10 years, will be held from August 23 to 25 in Thimphu. The festival is an initiative of the India-Bhutan Foundation and is under the patronage of Her Majesty the Royal Queen Mother Ashi DorjiWangmo Wangchuck *(pictured)*. Author Namita Gokhale, Pramod Kumar KG, Tshering Tashi and Kelly Dorji are the festival directors. Xyza Bacani, a Filipina documentary photographer based in Hong Kong; Neil MacGregor, former director of the National Gallery and British Museum in London; and Toby Walsh, professor of Artificial Intelligence at the University of New South Wales will participate at the festival. There will be author and principal economic advisor to the Government of India Sanjeev Sanyal, actor Bhumi Pednekar, Khenpo Karchung, who is a monk and a Sanskrit teacher at Tago Dorden Tashithang Buddhist University, and travel blogger and author Shivya Nath, as well.

Wizarding Worlds

HARRY POTTER: Wizards Unite, an augmented reality game like Pokémon Go will hit the UK market on Friday. Niantic, the creators of the game, have brought in artefacts, characters, and memories from the Potter world.

New Beginnings

DOMINICAN-AMERICAN slam poet Elizabeth Acevedo has become the first-ever writer of colour to win the UK's most prestigious children's books award, the Carnegie medal. Her verse novel, *The Poet X*, tells the story of a quiet Dominican girl, Xiomara, who joins her school's slam poetry club in Harlem.

The City Chronicler

Photographer Dhruva N Chaudhuri, who passed away Tuesday, had been documenting Delhi since the 1940s

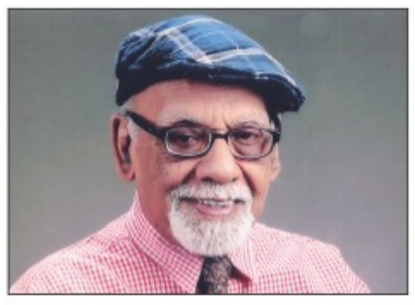
SURBHI GUPTA

DHRUVA N Chaudhuri was a teenager when he bought his first box camera. He would walk around Delhi taking photos. His father, writer Nirad C Chaudhuri, would take his three boys around and share history notes with them. Chaudhuri had shifted from Calcutta in June 1942, and had watched Delhi grow in the last seven decades. The photographer passed away on June 18. He was 86. He is survived by his daughter Satarupa Chaudhuri, who works in the publishing industry.

"He was forever an explorer and full of wonder. Last December, he had a show with All India Radio where he recounted his memories of Kolkata in the 1930s," says Satarupa."Dhurva was a simple soul, never after money or fame. But if something came his way, he'd be like an excited child talking about it," says historian Narayani Gupta.

Born on February 21, 1933, Dhruva started working at 18, as a photojournalist with *The Statesman*, to support his family. Over the years, he worked with various leading dailies and magazines in India, including *The Illustrated Weekly of India*. He books on the city, *Delhi: Light, Shades, Shadows* and *New Delhi: Down the Decades*, published by Niyogi Books, took readers through the days when the city's imperial buildings were being built. He captured the lanes of Old Delhi, the Partition, the flood in river Yamuna, and life in Delhi University. In his third book *Nirad C Chaudhuri: Many Shades, Many Frames*, he told the story of his author-father, known for *The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian* (1951).

"He travelled to places such as Jaisalmer when it was still a goat city in the late 1950s. He was enchanted by the fort and his photos had became the inspiration for Satyajit Ray's novel and film, *Sonar Kella*," says Gupta. Dhruva was a professor of audiovisual communication at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication in the late 1960s, and taught photography at the School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi.



(Clockwise from left) *Finishing Touches* (School of Planning and Architecture, I.P. Estate- Renovation) *Showcased in the exhibition Dawn Upon Delhi: Rise of a Capital, NGMA, New Delhi (13 February – 13 March 2012)/ Housed at the Alkazi Foundation*; A rainy day at Minto Bridge, near Connaught Place, 1956, *courtesy Niyogi Books*; Dhruva N Chaudhuri

The Alkazi Foundation for the Arts had held a tri-city exhibition at NGMA in Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore, where his photographs of Delhi were part of a group show in 2012. Rahaab Allana of the Foundation says, "DN meticulously documented the city as a pictorialist. At the time, pictorial photographic salons were a range and his compositions leaned towards that style, which was inspired by the picturesque. His photographs showed his love for modernist architecture and his silhouettes were distinct. He had seen Delhi as a refugee city and how it transformed into the seat of power. However he was associated on the ground with labourers and workers, the actual builders of the new city, through his work. His photographs presented Delhi in the twilight."

Two years ago, Dhruva visited Kashmere Gate with historian Sohail Hashmi. "We both were born in the area. We decided to visit his Mori Gate residence and requested the owners to let us sit on the terrace, where we remembered our childhood," says Hashmi.

INPUTS BY SHINY VARGHESE

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SOUTH AFRICA 241/6 IN 49 OV

Q de Kock † b Boult	**5** (8b, 1x4)
H Amla b Santner	**55** (83b, 4x4)
F du Plessis (c) b Ferguson	**23** (35b, 4x4)
A Markram c Munro b de Grandhomme	**38** (55b, 4x4)
van der Dussen not out	**67** (64b, 2x4, 3x6)
D Miller c Boult b Ferguson	**36** (37b, 2x4, 1x6)
A Phehlukwayo c Williamson b Ferguson	**0** (5b)
C Morris not out	**6** (7b, 1x4)
Extras: (lb 7, w 4)	11

Fall of wickets: 1-9 (Q de Kock, 1.5 ov), 2-59 (F du Plessis, 13.6 ov), 3-111 (HM Amla, 27.4 ov), 4-136 (AK Markram, 32.3 ov), 5-208 (DA Miller, 44.5 ov), 6-218 (AL Phehlukwayo, 46.3 ov)

Bowling:

M Henry	10-2-34-0
T Boult	10-0-63-1
L Ferguson	10-0-59-3
C de Grandhomme	10-0-33-1
M Santner	9-0-45-1

NEW ZEALAND 245/6 IN 48.3 OV

M Guptill hit wicket b Phehlukwayo	**35** (59b, 5x4)
C Munro c & b Rabada	**9** (5b, 2x4)
K Williamson (c) not out	**103** (138b, 9x4, 1x6)
R Taylor c †de Kock b Morris	**1** (2b)
T Latham † c †de Kock b Morris	**1** (4b)
J Neesham c Amla b Morris	**23** (34b, 3x4)
C de Grandhomme c du Plessis b Ngidi	**60** (47b, 5x4, 2x6)
M Santner not out	**2** (3b)
Extras: (lb 1, w 6, nb 1)	8

Fall of wickets: 1-12 (C Munro, 2.1 ov), 2-72 (MJ Guptill, 14.6 ov), 3-74 (LRPL Taylor, 16.1 ov), 4-80 (TWM Latham, 18.1 ov), 5-137 (JDS Neesham, 32.2 ov), 6-228 (C de Grandhomme, 47.1 ov)

Bowling:

K Rabada	10-0-42-1
L Ngidi	10-1-47-1
C Morris	10-0-49-3
A Phehlukwayo	8.3-0-73-1
Imran Tahir	10-0-33-0

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT	NRR
NZ	5	4	0	0	1	9	+1.591
Eng	5	4	1	0	0	8	+1.862
Aus	5	4	1	0	0	8	+0.812
Ind	4	3	0	0	1	7	+1.029
Ban	5	2	2	0	1	5	-0.270
SL	5	1	2	0	2	4	-1.778
WI	5	1	3	0	1	3	+0.272
SA	6	1	4	0	1	3	-0.193
Pak	5	1	3	0	1	3	-1.933
Afg	5	0	5	0	0	0	-2.089

Top 4 teams after the ninth round will qualify for the semis.

Williamson can

Kane scores unbeaten ton as Blackcaps beat South Africa by four wickets in a nail-biter

Kane Williamson hits a six off Andile Phehlukwayo to bring up his century in the final over of the game. *Reuters*

EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
BIRMINGHAM, JUNE 19

NOTHING MOVED Kane Williamson. Not the heart-aching attempts of South Africa to stay in the World Cup. Not Chris Morris, who almost single-handedly roused South Africa into a gallant fight. Not the guile of Imran Tahir, who might not have picked wickets but tightened the noose in the middle overs. Not the tireless Kagiso Rabada raging away at dusk, trying to conjure a yorker, a bouncer, a leg-cutter — anything that could move the immovable Kane. Not Lungi Ngidi, who fought against time to recover for this game, Not Andile Phelukwayo, who tried to nag him with his disciplined lines.

Losing partners at regular intervals as New Zealand chased 242 in 49 overs, the dogged Williamson was far from his fluent best, but aided by a hard-hitting half-century from Colin de Grandhomme, kept the Kiwis in the contest. Needing seven off five balls, he settled the matter with a slog-swept six off Andile Phehlukwayo to all but eliminate the Proteas.

"Please bowl me a ball, dad", Williamson would say when he was three. No sibling was interested in cricket and his dad would be watching news. Kane would pester and the father would relent. A few years later, the father would have to cut down a bat to make it fit enough for his son to hold. In a Test against, who else but South Africa, Dale Steyn broke his abdomen guard into pieces with a rapid blur. It didn't move Kane. He went on to a 102 on the fourth innings to save that Test. In a Test against Pakistan, where his team-mates were struggling a bit, Kane was blowing bubbles from his gum as he batted.

South Africa tried their best on Wednesday — desperate, hungry, eager, anxious but they couldn't remove him.

At 80 for 4, he must have been worried. No sign on his face, though. A hit wicket and a strangle down the leg side had sent back Martin Guptill and Ross Taylor. Then Tom Latham fell. Chris Morris had taken out Taylor and Latham with a bit of luck and skill. Morris had a great day; son of all-rounder Willie Morris, he has talked about how seeing poverty in India, when he came for IPL, changed his life. Taught him to appreciate his own life. He went back to his own country a chastened and a disciplined man. Paid off house mortgages for his parents, bought a house for himself, and threw himself back into the game. Two days before the game, he fired the first salvo saying New Zealand aren't dark horses but one of the favourites to win the World Cup. Or in other words, the pressure is on them. He tried to ramp it up on match day, bowling with fire, discipline and skill. Even his pace increased. Or so it seemed. But he couldn't move Kane.

The asking rate climbed. Morris with the ball, on a length and cutting it in, but Kane defends. A solid defensive stroke as if he wasn't even thinking about a run. Tuk, Tuk. Then suddenly, given a hint of a room, he would late-cut, cut, drive, push, punch – and as soon as the ball would hone in on that middle stump, he would defend. Occasionally, he would let the balls outside off fizz through to the 'keeper. No hurry, what was the need, really? His admirable solidity infused confidence in his team-mates and made South Africa more anxious. They dived at near-chances – David Miller ran in from short midwicket and threw himself valiantly but couldn't get his fingers under it.

Giving him support was Jimmy Neesham, the man who once almost quit cricket faced with personal demons. A day after he was selected for the World Cup, he talked about it. How he would open curtains and hope for rains so that there would be no cricket. Mental blues strangled him, until he sought help and recovered. He did his bit, supporting Williamson but Morris took him out with a delivery that left him — Hashim Amla, on his last lap in international cricket, diving to his left to hold a good catch.

With Neesham's exit it was 137 for 5, and now things looked difficult for New Zealand. De Grandhomme is known for his big hits and the Edgbaston faithful remember a monster six for Birmigham Bears in the 2017 Twenty20 Blast final. This arena is his English home. Born in Harare, he played for Zimababwe in the 2004 U-19 World Cup but a talent scout spotted him and persuaded him to switch to New Zealand. Here he was playing a dreamy knock. The word was that he would hit a six or two and get out. He didn't, He kept going on with Williamson and slowly the pair got them close.

Very close. But this wasn't choking South Africans. There were little misfields and stuff — but those nerves would have jangled most. They kept fighting, so did the New Zealand pair — Williamson was calm. Every now and then, cameras would zoom to his face: impassive.

When 14 were needed of 12, de Grandhomme's attacking urges took over. He went for a big one and would still have survived but Faf du Plessis ran to his left at long-on, lunged, and fell to the ground wjth the ball in his hands. Whoa!

Still Ngidi produced an inspiring last over. The penultimate one of the game. All his crafty skills that he could conjure. He not only took out de Grandhomme but kept Santner and even Williamson quiet. Just 2 runs in five balls. 12 from 7, it read and once more South Africa seemed ahead. But Williamson wasn't moved.

At this stage, if he had gone for a big hit, it would have been understandable. A four was needed desperately. But it wouldn't be Williamson. Guess what shot he went for? A late cut. Really. Ice-cold nerves. He opened the bat face and became Arjuna Ranatunga. And as the ball rolled through the gap between the 'keeper and short third man, many a South African heart would have sunk.

And finally when seven were needed from dive, in the last over from Phelukwayo, Williamson shuffled across a touch, waited for the slower one, went down on his knees and uncoiled into a whack. South Africa didn't choke, they just couldn't move Williamson at all.

Dhawan — India's first loss in England

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KL RAHUL stepped admirably into Shikhar Dhawan's shoes in the match against Pakistan, but losing one of the most productive opening partnerships in limited-overs cricket can't be a positive development for any side.

Dhawan was part of a prolific top order — also including Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli — that was instrumental in India's recent dominance in the 50-over format. At least one of them is invariably among the runs when India wins or puts up a sizeable score.

Rahul came up with a hard-fought 57 in the last match and put on 136 with Sharma, but the Karnataka batsman gave himself only six out of 10 for the performance and hoped to get better going ahead.

Not that Dhawan was in shabby form before breaking his thumb, which would keep his arm in a cast till mid-July, according to team's administrative manager Sunil Subramanium. He himself hit a match-defining hundred against Australia and had a century partnership with Sharma, with whom he joined forces six years ago. Add to the fact that a left-right opening combination put bowlers under pressure.

Over the years, Sharma and Dhawan have gelled into a formidable partnership and bring out the best in each other. When one of them is going well as the top of the order, the other one feeds him the strike taking a backseat.

Rishabh Pant, drafted in as Dhawan's replacement in the squad, may not get into the playing XI anytime soon. But it will necessitate either Vijay Shankar or Hardik Pandya to bat at number four with the other coming in the late middle order. Pant had an impressive Indian Premier League season, but it would be unfair to expect him to perform under World Cup pressure without a decent outing for more than a month. In any case, he has an ODI experience of just five matches. If anything, Dhawan's injury might open up a spot for Dinesh Karthik in the team.

Pant was considered a surprise omission from the original 15 selected for the World Cup, with the likes of Ricky Ponting and Sourav Ganguly arguing for his inclusion.

With even Bhuvneshwar Kumar out for the time being with a hamstring niggle, India probably didn't want to be left with 13 fit players ahead of the match against Afghanistan on Saturday. With Kedar Jadhav having returned only recently from a shoulder injury, there was no need to take any chances.

Shikhar Dhawan attends India's practice session at Southampton on Wednesday. *AP*

IMPACT PLAYER

How little Liton stood up to the relentless Caribbean chin music

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

LEANING INTO a full-length Shannon Gabriel delivery, Liton Das just brush-stroked it over long-off. A stroke that was all hands and timing, arguably the most graceful of the 17 hits that landed on the other side of the fence in the heavy-scoring match that saw Bangladesh cause a upset of sorts, beating West Indies by 7 wickets at Taunton. Liton's 94 not out and his 189 runs stand with Shakib-al-Hasan resulted in Bangladesh becoming the first team in this World Cup to chase down a 300 plus target.

But his childhood coach, Montu Dutta was wowed by the two sixes that bookended it—two bludgeoning pulls he can't stop swooning over. "Look at his balance, his footwork, the eyes that are right on top of the ball, the follow through. I will take a picture and frame this. He might be a great driver but it's his pulls that make me the happiest," gushes Dutta, head coach of the Bangladesh Krira Shikka Protishtan, the equivalent of National Cricket Academy, which has produced most of Bangladesh's top players in the two decades, from Shakib-al-Hasan to Mushfiqur Rahim and Abdur Razzakk to Soumya Sarkar.

The most telling facet of his pull was how early he switched to the back-foot and waited for the pull. He hardly shuffled across, but still had the time to fetch it from a yard outside the off-stump. "No one plays the pull shot as beautifully as Liton in Bangladesh. Look at the time he has at his disposal," asserts Dutta. Not Tamim Iqbal. Not Shakib-al-Hasan. Not even Mohammad Ashraful, the most talented yet self-destructive batsman the country has produced.

It, though, wasn't the case a few years ago. Dutta narrates his transformation tale with a tinge of personal triumph. "A few years ago, he would have run away from a bouncer. I have lost count of the number of times he had been hit on the helmet or the body. There had been times when even we even feared for his safety while batting. Maybe, he was very short that fast bowlers targetted him with short-balls. It also didn't help him that he never looked to duck or sway from bouncers. He was so feisty that he wanted to take them on," he says, chuckling. Some of the coaches didn't bother about his batting, as he was chiefly in the team for his keeping skills. The well-woven trope: Short, sticky, chatty, you fit the 'keeper's bill'

Liton Das with his coach Montu Datta (left). *Express*

But one evening after practice, Liton barged into Dutta's room and broke down. "Sir, why can't I play the pull shot like others. I want to be a better puller than all of them. Please help me sir or I will quit." Moved, Dutta began sparing more time for him. After all, he had made a lot of sacrifices to be at the academy. His mother wanted him to get into government service and was reluctant to let her eldest son leave her and the family behind at Dinajpur, some eight hours from Dhaka. Liton himself had troubles adjusting to the congestion and traffic snarls of the capital city.

So after the regular sessions were over, he used to take him to nets and feed him with chest-high full tosses from 15 yards. "The same old trick, wet tennis balls at his body. The number of balls he faced went up from 100 in the first week to 300 by the third. After a while, every day I used to wake up with a shoulder strain," he says, giggling.

The initial focus was building a sturdy defence, drilling into him Bangla equivalent of learn-to-crawl-before-you-walk proverb. "I advised him not to hurry into learning a new stroke, but learn it gradually. The routine continued for the best part of a year. I don't think we have worked harder on any stroke. He had all the other strokes but he knew how important it was to develop the pull shot, especially with his ambition to play for the country," he says.

Then one day, just like that, his pulling prowess grabbed the attention of the entire country, when he tore into Rubel Hossain, arguably the fastest bowler Bangladesh has produced. The 50 over premier division match he recalled happened in the summer of 2012, when Liton was just 17. "We needed 46 runs in the last three overs, and he just came and belted Hossain for five successive boundaries," he recollects. All around the park, he specifies. Three of them pulls. "After the first pull, the opposition captain statioined three fielders in the leg. But it didn't matter, he kept playing the pulls, beat them all and we won the match with 2-3 balls to spare," he remembers.

Among those awe-struck by his batting was the bowler Hossain himself. "He gave him a signed cricket kit and told me to take good care of him. Later, I came to know that he had told about Liton to Bangladesh's national team selectors. A couple of them, in fact, came to watch our next match," he says.

Just three years later, he was in the national team. Though his stint with the national team has been largely start-stop, there's no dearth of support back home. "He's a precious talent and should be nurtured carefully. He might take time to blossom but has to be persisted with. The World Cup could be the big turning point of his career, like that knock against Rubel's team (Chittagong Division)." It was the same vibes Dutta got when watching his ward, or Litu as he calls him, tore into Gabriel. The pull he still can't stop swooning over.

LEADING SCORERS

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All hell breaks loose in Pakistan

PCB is conducting a review, former players want heads to roll while talk of a rift within the team is rife

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THE PAKISTAN Cricket Board's (PCB) Board of Governors (BoG) meeting in Lahore on Wednesday took a dim view of Pakistan's on-field travails and decided to carry out a "robust review" of the cricket team and its support staff's performances across formats over the past three years.

Pakistan are placed ninth in the World Cup league standings at the moment, with three points from five matches. But they are mathematically still not out of the tournament. The public announcement of the team's performance appraisal in the middle of the ICC event is believed to be a direct consequence of Pakistan's virtual no-show against India at Old Trafford.

"The BoG had a discussion on the Pakistan cricket team's recent performance across all formats. The members agreed the team's performance in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 to date has been below expectation, but expressed faith, support and confidence in the side, and hoped they will utilise all their talent and potential in the remaining matches to bounce back strongly and finish on a high," a PCB release stated following the BoG meeting.

It added: "It was agreed, and as previously stated, following the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019, the PCB will carry-out a robust review and analysis of the side's and the team support personnel's performances in the past three years and submit their recommendations to the Chairman and the BoG for their consideration."

Over the past three seasons, Pakistan have played 24 Tests, winning eight and losing 15. Their ODI performance, however, has nose-dived since 2018. In that year, they won just eight ODIs - five against Zimbabwe, one against Hong Kong, one against Afghanistan and one against New Zealand - out of 18 they played. It has been worse this term. In 19 matches so far, Pakistan have won only three and lost 15, with the other one ended as a no-result.

The impending performance appraisal process apparently puts a question mark over Sarfaraz Ahmed's future as Pakistan captain. Sarfaraz is copping a lot of flak after the loss against India, especially for his decision to field first.

Before the match, Pakistan's World Cup-winning captain and current Prime Minister Imran Khan had given Sarfaraz some specific instructions with regards to the big game through a series of tweets. One of Imran's tweets had said: "1. In order ro (to) have a winning offensive strategy Sarfaraz must go in with specialist batsmen and bowlers because "Raillu Kattas" rarely perform under pressure — especially the intense kind that will be generated today. 2. Unless pitch is damp, Sarfaraz must win the toss & bat". Pakistan team management's decision to ignore Imran's advice, despite picking two spinners, didn't go down well even with the likes of Wasim Akram and Shoaib Akhtar. While Akram ripped into Pakistan's first-class cricket structure, Akhtar called Sarfaraz "brainless".

Head coach Mickey Arthur, too, will be part of the review, although his term expires at the end of the World Cup. The mood in Pakistan is in favour of a change. It is learnt that the performance of the Inzamam-ul-Haq-led selection committee will be reviewed as well.

Former Pakistan opener Shoaib Mohammad, however, is hopeful that with Imran Khan (chief patron, PCB) at the helm, corrective measures will be taken. "During previous PCB regimes, especially when Najam Sethi was in charge, Pakistan cricket has fallen from the highest level to the pits. Corrective measures must be taken," Shoaib, the great Hanif Mohammad's son, who played 45 Tests and 63 ODIs, said, speaking to The Indian Express.

Shoaib launched a broadside at the coaches, including Arthur, who are in charge at the moment across levels. He described them as "unmitigated failures" in their respective careers. Like many others, Shoaib was also surprised that the Pakistan team management chose to ignore Imran's advice and batted against India.

Negative mindset

"Maybe, their mindset was that the pitch was damp, although it wasn't visible, which was why they didn't take the Prime Minister's guidance. It's a negative mindset, because the technical abilities of the current (Pakistan) players are not so great compared to previous Pakistan teams," he told this paper, adding: "They (coaches) might be Level 1, 2 or 3-certified coaches, but unless you have international cricket experience, how would you know the pressure of playing in front of 100,000 fans? This is the reason why our cricket has dropped to 'ground zero' level."

The ex-opener urged the Pakistan cricket authorities to take a leaf out of Australia and India's books and appoint a former great as the team's head coach. But he defended Sarfaraz. "I have heard a lot of rumours about conspiracy theories against Sarfaraz. If they select a new captain, it will leave the door open for more conspiracy. Sarfaraz should be given more authority instead. His body language shows he has been told off by somebody or the other."

The impending performance appraisal process apparently puts a question mark over Sarfraz Ahmed's future as Pakistan captain. *File*

LEAKED AUDIO HINTS AT PALACE INTRIGUE

There is a talk in Pakistan that Malik has formed an anti-Sarfraz group.

IS SHOAIB Malik plotting a revolt against Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed, with chief selector Inzamam-ul-Haq abetting it? The question has come to fore after an audio clip of actor and former PCB functionary Raju Jamil, purportedly talking about factionalism in the Pakistan team, went viral.

The audio clip alleges that Malik has formed a "group against Sarfraz" comprising "Imad (Wasim), Babar Azam, Asif (Ali) and Imam (ul-Haq)" which is trying to unseat the current Pakistan captain. The audio clip describes the group as "shadow cabinet" that is looking to replace Sarfaraz with Imad. It alleges that Inzamam has "promised" to bring on the change. According to the clip, Jamil had confronted Malik during an ad shoot and asked the latter, what was his problem with Sarfraz. Jamil can be heard claiming that he told off Malik saying: "Your head is Inzamam-ul-Haq." In the clip it has been alleged that Sarfraz's removal has been sought because he is from Karachi. PCB, however, has brushed aside the claims made in the audio clip. It has also threatened legal action against Jamil for making "baseless accusations".

SANIA IN TWITTER STORM

- Sania Mirza and Pakistani actor Veena Malik got into an ugly Twitter spat after the latter criticised the Indian tennis player, who is married to Shoaib Malik, for allegedly taking their son to a sheesha bar.
- Re-tweeting a video of the tennis star, who was with Malik at a restaurant, Veena posted: "Sania, I am actually so worried for the kid. You guys took him to a sheesha place isn't it Hazardous? Also as far as I know Archie's is all about junk food which isn't good for athletes/Boys. You must know well as you are mother and athlete yourself?"
- The video clip that went viral showed Sania, her husband and other Pakistani cricketers in a lounge. The players were accused of smoking sheesha before the match against India, although the Pakistan Cricket Board denied it.
- Taking strong exception to Veena's tweet, Mirza posted: "Veena, I hav not taken my kid to a sheesha place. Not that it's any of your or the rest of the world's business cause I think I care bout my son a lot more than anyone else does :) secondly I am not Pakistan cricket team's dietician nor am I their mother or principal or teacher".

BRIEFLY

Simmons outburst exposes troubles in Afghan camp

Afghanistan look in disarray on and off the field at the World Cup with coach Phil Simmons' Twitter outburst on Wednesday revealing signs of troubles within the team. Gulbadin Naib's men suffered their fifth defeat in as many matches after losing to hosts England on Tuesday when they looked completely defenceless against home captain Eoin Morgan's astonishing six-hitting spree at Old Trafford.

Naib replaced Asghar Afghan as captain ahead of the World Cup in a last minute leadership change that was criticised by senior players including Rashid Khan and Mohammad Nabi.

Former chief selector Dawlat Ahmadzai has blamed the coaching staff for the debacle which irked Simmons. "I am in the middle of a World Cup and trying to get our team to perform to the level we expect but at the end of the World Cup I will tell the Afghanistan people about the part that Mr Dawlat Ahmadzai had to play in our preparation and his part in the dismissal of #AsgharAfghan," Simmons tweeted. "Me asking to renew my contract with ACB is absolutely untrue #FakeNews," he said in another tweet last week.

Stoinis recovers from injury, retained in Australia squad

Marcus Stoinis is now fit to make a comeback for the remainder of Australia's World Cup campaign having recovered from a side strain but coach Justin Langer is not sure of his immediate return. Langer said there is no guarantee of Stoinis, who missed the last two World Cup games due to injury, being a part of playing XI in Thursday's clash against Bangladesh. Stoinis suffered the injury while bowling in the match against India on June 9 which Australia lost by 36 runs.

"We've been monitoring him. He's an elite athlete, he's an elite professional. He's done everything possible to get himself fit. He wouldn't give up the opportunity for anything, would he?" Langer was quoted as saying by *cricket.com.au*. "He (Stoinis) is determined, so it doesn't surprise me with where he's at now. It's credit to the medical staff that are getting him up. So he can have a real impact on the tournament," added Langer. **REUTERS**

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Smith never stops batting, even while in shower

AT THE start of the World Cup, Ricky Ponting was pacing down the corridor of the team hotel at midnight when he heard a continuous thud from one room— like someone knocking heavily on the doors. For a fleeting second, he thought it was some kind of a ghost — the former Australia skipper would recollect his spooked-out colleague Shane Watson in a medieval-castle-turned-hotel in Durham during the 2005 Ashes tour. Later, as he neared the room, he recognised the familiarity of the noise, someone was knocking a cricket ball around. It turned out to be Steve Smith's room, and Ponting left without bothering to disturb him. However, the next day, a story swirled around that Smith was practising cover drives in the shower, triggering banter. Coach Justin Langer even jokingly conveyed this to the media, much to Smith's amusement. He quipped back "I don't know how he's spying on me in the shower! Good on him. Yeah, I'm known to play a few shots here and there."

But on a serious note, Smith says he can't sleep without a bat in his room. "I always have a bat in my room and Ricky was actually rooming about 10 rooms up from me the other day and said, 'Were you batting at seven o'clock this morning?' He could hear me tapping on the ground. I said, 'Yeah, I was actually.'"

Smith's quest for perfection has left some of the team management worried, in terms of him over-doing the stuff. Smith quells the fear: "It's been spoken about a little bit, but I think at the same time you've got to trust people's preparation. I've been around quite a while now and I've played a lot of cricket and you've got to trust the individual's preparation and what they are trying to do. It's fun." he says. But it wouldn't be quite as much fun for his neighbours.

KNOCK SMITH

Steven Smith during a practice session. *Reuters*

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Ashton is Agar Beaver

Discarded left-arm spinner Ashton Agar, until last year Australia No. 1 spinner in limited-overs cricket, was warming up for a few practice games before the limited-over A tour in Northampton when he got an SOS from Aaron Finch. "Ash, we need you at the nets tomorrow."

It was quite late in the night, but Finch and his colleagues woke up to Agar's beaming face in the morning. He was promptly given the brief: "Mate, we want you to bowl like Shakib (al-Hasan) at the nets to our batsmen." Agar replied: "You want me to bowl like Shane Warne? I will do that."

Earlier, Agar couldn't hide his excitement at the unexpected call. He hardly slept that night and took the first train out of Northampton, 70-odd miles from Trent Bridge, where Australia will duel Bangladesh. "I was really excited to be back with them, to get that World Cup feel. I was disappointed to be not in the side. But at least, now I'm in the camp with some of my best friends," he told *The Age*.

Apparently, at the nets, he has done his best to impersonate Shakib, aping his hurried run-up to the crease and bowling faster and flatter. However, his sudden net appearance had the Aussie media sniffing conspiracies, some even conjuring that the Aussie think tank is quite bored with the ineffective Adam Zampa and is planning to replace him with Agar.

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Bring on Australia

He who bats is a ba-ta (young male). Reality dawned on Bangladeshi artist and cartoonist Rafiqun Nabi, as Chris Gayle got out at Taunton. Narrating his experience of watching Bangladesh's victory over West Indies, Nabi wrote in Prothom Alo: "I missed the first hour because of an important meeting. As I was heading home, I couldn't take the car off the main road because of roadwork. I alighted from the car, hit the footpath and saw a large gathering in front of a TV store.

"I asked someone about the match situation. He gave an overexcited reply: 'khali chhoy mara ba-ta Gayle ta shunyo run e out hoyeche (that Gayle bugger, who only hits sixes, departed for a duck)'. Another man standing next to him wasn't impressed. 'Ba-ta kao keno (why do you call him a young male)?' The first one smiled and said: 'aare asubidha ki, je bat kore sei toh ba-ta (what's the problem, he who bats is a ba-ta)'." Gayle, by the way, is 39 years old and will hang up his ODI boots after the World Cup. Nabi has opined that the way Bangladesh chased down a 300-plus total against West Indies will put all their upcoming opponents under pressure. "The next match is against Australia. We have to face big players like Smith and Warner. No worries. Australia are title contenders, which puts them under pressure. Our boys are not bogged down by pressure. The biggest thing is that Bangladesh have nothing to lose."

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Merry Men in Nottingham

Natwest evokes Yuvraj-Kaif and an unsavoury helicopter shot on the Lord's balcony with a shirt. But Bangladesh's own version of a Natwest upset involved the 2005 tripping of Australia – they take on the defending champions at Nottingham. Habibul Bashar and Mohammad Ashraful helped Bangladesh chase down 249. At the 2007 World Cup – a doomed one for India — a 5-wicket win for the Tigers in a calm chase. Bangladesh have also beaten England in the last two World Cups, but for the former minnows, now semifinals contenders, the first big Cup upset came 20 years ago. On May 31, 1999, in Northampton, Wasim Akram won the toss for Pakistan and elected to field. There's nothing wrong with that until you consider what had transpired till that day. Pakistan had played four group stage matches, batted first in all of them and remained undefeated. They were already through to the 'Super Six' stage of the competition, so the match against Bangladesh, who were yet to achieve Test status, was to be a mere formality. Yet Akram's decision to field first in a dead match — perhaps to check how his team would fare outside its comfort zone - was the first instance in a series of unprecedented events.

Be it Bangladesh skipper Akram Khan's careful batting against the pace and swing of Waqar Younis, Shoaib Akhtar and Akram himself, or Khaled Mahmud's solid bowling performance against the 1992 world champions, Bangladesh's successful defence of a target of 224 by 62 runs shocked the cricketing world. Perhaps the only unsurprising element to that match was Inzamam-Ul-Haq being involved in another teammate getting run-out - Saeed Anwar being the casualty this time.

The historic win would push Bangladesh's case, and a year later, the country would secure Test status. **ENS**

BRIEFLY

World archery body's ultimatum to India

Archery's world body has de-listed the Archery Association of India (AAI) as a member and given it a month's time to either get its house in order or face suspension. The decision to de-list AAI will not prevent Indian archers from taking part in international events under the national flag in competitions for which entries have already been made.

Chennaiyin, Minerva share spoils

Mohammed Rafi struck a last minute goal to snatch a 1-1 draw for Chennaiyin FC against Minerva Punjab in their penultimate group match of the AFC Cup Wednesday but the result dented the team's chances of qualifying for the knockout stage. Samuel Lalmuanpuia gave the Minerva the lead in the 62nd minute but scored the equaliser in 90th.

Copa: Venezuela hold Brazil goalless

Brazil were held to a 0-0 draw against Venezuela in the Copa America as a late strike from Philippe Coutinho was disallowed after a controversial VAR decision. Brazil left the field to boos but remain top of Group A with four points from two games, and one game to play. Venezuela have two points from two games and will fancy their chances of advancing with their final game coming against Bolivia, who suffered their second straight defeat earlier Tuesday in a 3-1 loss to Peru.

Marta sets World Cup scoring record

Marta secured her place among the legends of football after the Brazilian become the World Cup's all-time leading scorer in the 1-0 win against Italy in Valenciennes. Brazil set up a knockout stage clash with either hosts France or Germany after the 74th-minute strike moved Marta one goal ahead of the German Miroslav Klose in the record books.

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Paging Tokyo: Advait sets sight on Olympics

SHIVANI NAIK
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ADVAIT PAGE is 6.45 seconds away from what will be a milestone for Indian swimming in 800m freestyle. For a sport decided on milli-seconds, 6 seconds is 6 seconds far too many. But as the country's new crop of aquamen attempt the elusive 'A' Standard of Olympic qualification, Page's start to the season at the Singapore National Championships, brings good tidings. The 18-year-old freestyler from Indore won gold with an India record of 8:00.76, slashing a whole 9 seconds from his timing at the same meet last year. In the process he regained the national mark from good friend and arch competitor Kushagra Rawat – who had clocked 8:07.99 at Malaysia two months ago.

His timing on Wednesday brings him far clear of the B Standard for Tokyo (qualification period started March): 8:08.54, though he is keen on becoming one of the first Indians to make the 'A'-cut: 7:54.31. Advait reckons given his consistent improvement over the last two seasons – where he's slashed precious seconds over the 1500-free, his pet event – the 'A' mark is imminently within his touching distance. "The 'A' standard is very challenging which is why India's top swimmers have also struggled. But given how much we've all improved in the last two seasons, the 'A' mark is not a distant dream. I'm not the only one, there are others too capable of reaching that 'A' standard. Personally, it's gettable this season, though I'll have to work very hard," says the 1500-specialist, with the most promise.

India has never been in the global reckoning in swimming, and cracking the 'A' mark is only the first step in getting into elite contention at the Olympics. A restless bunch of teenagers is on the prowl though. Ranked 185 on the FINA list prior to this race, Advait's 8-minute mark has catapulted him to World No 54 in the current rankings. He is the top-ranked junior in Asia over the 1500-free and was 6th on the world juniors list in the longer race.

What makes him hopeful is how rapidly he's chomped into the seconds at the big events: starting with the Asian Games where he made the finals in both 800 (clocked 8:09.13, came 8th) and 1500m (finished 7th). "I was struggling a bit in training last two months because after competing at international venues like the Asiad and clocking my best times there, it's difficult in the domestic meets and in the local pool. I'm not surprised with slashing 9 seconds, but yes was a little nervous given this was the first meet of the season, and I didn't know where I stood," he said later. Advait has spent his early years, learning swimming in a 'L' shaped pool, and only trained on the Olympic-size 50m pool in a 3-lane facility the last two seasons.

In Wednesday's race, racing in Lane 5, adjoining Rawat (who finished second with 8:07.29), the 6-footer's biggest threat was 400m-specialist Lim Glen from Singapore. "Plan was to go with Kushagra open quick but not that quick, and then try to split negative (faster second half). I expected the Lim to go faster, but I couldn't see him because he was in Lane 3 and that helped my timing, because I pushed assuming he's much ahead," he recalled. He swam 4:01 for the first 400, and then 3:59 on the return, which proved his endurance work had paid off.

"I need to improve on my turns and start, and I know I can go much faster as the season unfolds," he said, informing he was headed to the Gwangju FINA Worlds in July, and the Junior World Championships in August. Given his affinity to the big stage, the swimmer in whom Florida University have shown early cursory interest, expects to push and tame the 'A' mark in the coming months. "I realise my responsibility now that I'm swimming for India. I believe in the hardwork I'm putting in my workouts. I don't want to stress much, and just enjoy swimming in a great quality, shiny pool," he laughs, comparing the arclights of international venues to the decent-but-nothing-fancy pool back home in Indore.

Advait races 400m Individual Medley on Thursday, and is hoping for a bigger splash in the 1500m over the weekend where he's in Lane 4. "I'm hoping to cut bigger time in the 1500," he said, where the 'A' mark is 15:07.38, and Advait was on 15:26 last season. Spotted early by club coach Abhilash – with whom he trains still – for his commitment over the long, lonely and dreary distance even at a young age, Advait continues to stay disciplined even while focussing on academics so he gets into a good swim programme university in the US. "He doesn't eat outside food and never questions heavy workouts in the gym. *Apunka kaam hai bas check karna woh bore na ho jaye* (My job is to make sure he does not get bored)," Abhilash says, adding that a breakout season is up ahead.

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In the main national event to mark International Day of Yoga (IDY), Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead thousands of people in a mass Yoga demonstration based on Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) at Prabhat Tara Maidan in Ranchi from 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM tomorrow.

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