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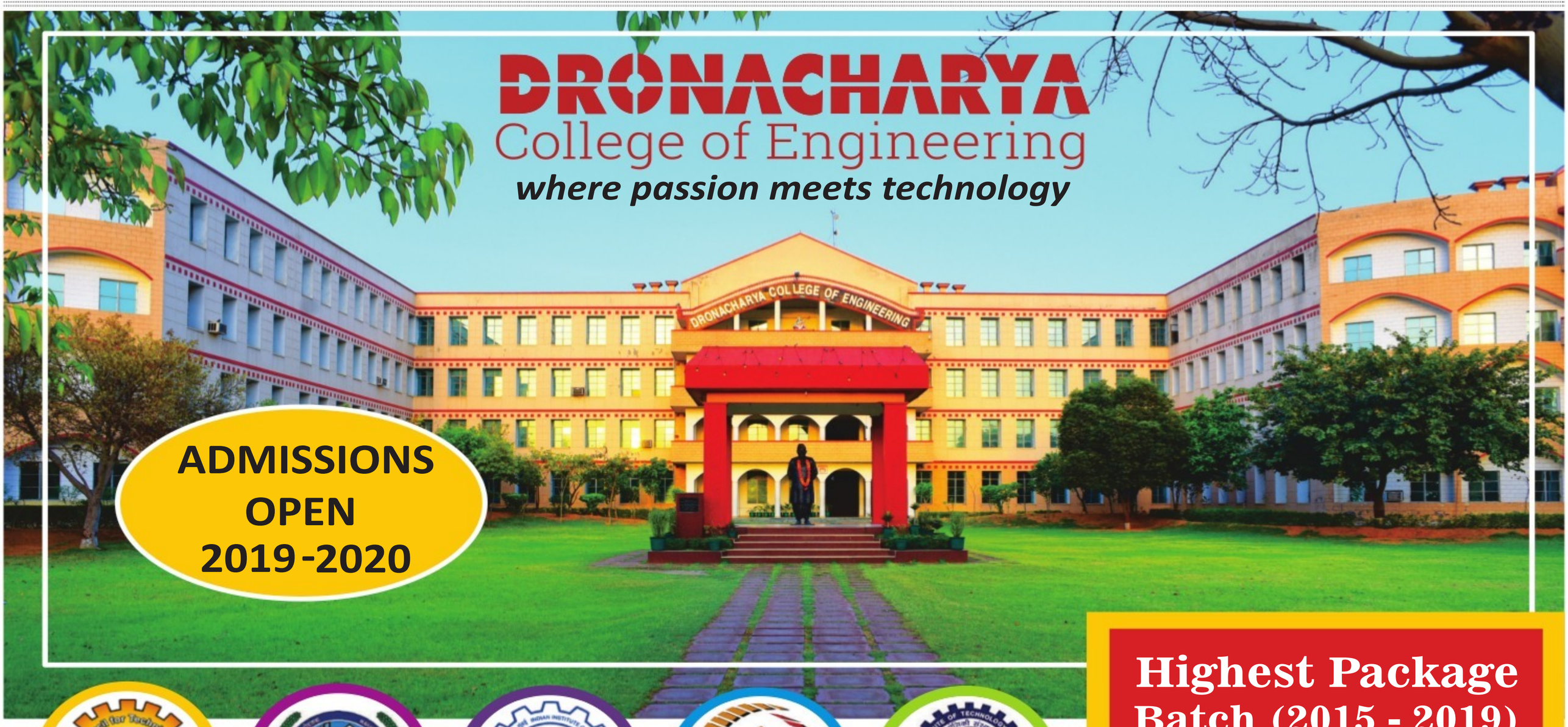

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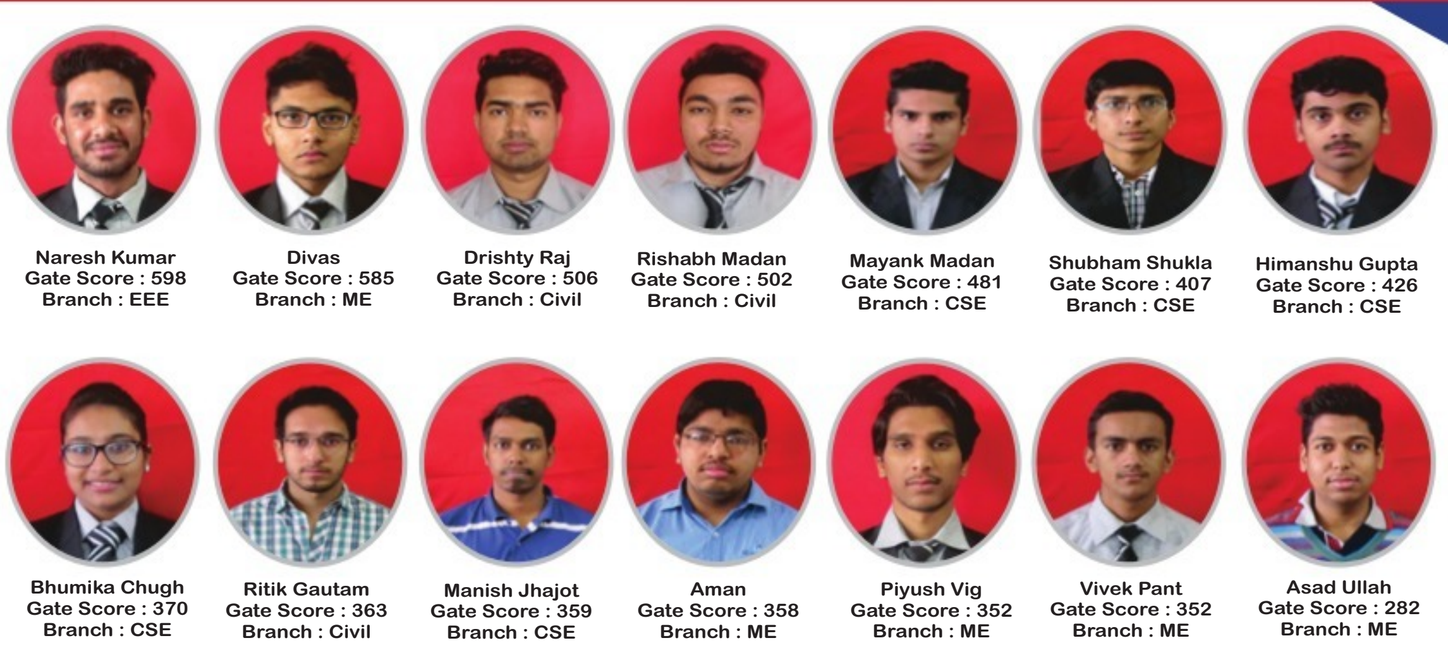

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1. For details and making On-line Bids visit website **http://ireps.gov.in** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in** **2.** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in.**

All Limited tender and Advertised tenders will normally **close at 11.25 Hrs and 14.25 Hrs** respectively on the stipulated date and will be **opened at 11.30 Hrs and 14.30 Hrs** in the same sequence.

NOTE: GST No. of RCF is **03AAAGM0289C1ZT**. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

PCMM

Notice No: G-122-01/PCMM/026/2019-20 **Dated: 24.06.2019**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PORTS AND INLAND WATER TRANSPORT)
Project Management Unit
Sustainable Coastal Protection & Management Investment Program
Old Port Office Building, Bunder, Mangalore - 575001
Phone: 0824-2441382/2441392, email:adbpmu@gmail.com

Corrigendum

Date: 21.06.2019

ADB Loan 3549 IND: Sustainable Coastal Protection & Management Investment Program.

With reference to the Invitation for re-bids **IFB No: PMU/IFB/TR-2/CP3-01(A)/2019-20/122 dated 30th May 2019** and **IFB No: PMU/IFB/TR-2/CP3-01(B)/2019-20/123 dated 30th May 2019** for the works specified in the notifications, a corrigendum (Corrigendum-01) has been issued. Details are available in project **www.scpmipk.org**.

***Sd/-* Project Director**

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR 2, PANCHKULA-134151
(Website: www.hssc.gov.in)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice for Scrutiny of Document for the post of Laboratory Attendent against Advt. No. 11/2017, Category No. 05 of Higher Education Department, Haryana.

It continuation of earlier Notice dated 05.12.2018 and **for the Post of Laboratory Attendent against Advt. No. 11/2017, Category No. 05 of Higher Education Department Haryana,** the Commission has decided to call the candidates for Scrutiny of Documents on **28.06.2019** and who were remained absent on **12.12.2018** for Scrutiny of Documents.

2. **Any candidate with directions of Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court may also come for Scrutiny of Documents on 28.06.2019 for the above said posts. No further opportunities will be given thereafter.**

3. The candidates are also directed to bring all original documents, downloaded application form, along with one set of self attested copies of all documents mentioned in their application form and One ID Proof. The notice is also available on the website: **www.hssc.gov.in** of the Commission.

Note: Other terms and conditions are same as mentioned in notice dated 05.12.2018.

Sd/- Under Secretary,
for Haryana Staff Selection Commission,
Panchkula.

Place: Panchkula
Dated, 23rd June, 2019

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE
(through e-tendering)

Tender No. 558-Sig-16-Tele-OT-905 **Dated : 24.06.2019**

Name of work with its location	Replacement of non-RDSO type old Multiline TIDBs with RDSO approved 10 Line TIDBs at NDLS Railway station.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 70,44,738.58/- only
Tender Document Fee (₹)	₹ 5,900/- only.
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 1,30,900/- only
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-I, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender/closing of tender	Tender uploading/Closing date & time - 17.07.2019 up to 15:00 hrs.
Website particular & Notice Board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in** & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Gist of e-NIT No. 12 of 2019-20 Dated 21.06.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, invites Online e-bids in Two (02) cover system from Registered Firms/ Agencies having expertise as detailed in the tender document for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. in Lacs)
1.	Providing, Fitting, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Mono Block Pump Set 100 ND Sluice Valve at STP & Providing & Fitting Manhole Coverings of Drinking Water Sumps at Pump House I & II, SKIMS, Soura.	2.33

The complete tender document is available at website: http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested Bidders/Tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarifications and submit their bids online upto the date and time mentioned in the table below. Tender Document contains qualifying criteria for bidders. Bills of Quantities & Terms and Conditions of the contract and other relevant details.

i.	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale of Tender documents (Starting Date)	24.06.2019 at 11.00 hours
ii.	Date & Time of Bidding Queries/ clarification/Pre-Bid meet	29.06.2019 at 11.00 hours
iii.	Last Date & Time of Bid uploading	03.07.2019 upto 16.00 hours
iv.	Date of Submission of hard copies (Only Original EMD/ DD for Document Fee).	04.07.2019 upto 14.00 hours
v.	Date & Time of Commercial/ Technical Bid (Cover-I) opening	06.07.2019 at 11.00 hours (or next convenient day)
vi.	Date & Time of Financial Bid (Cover-IInd) opening of qualifying Bidders.	Shall be intimated separately
vii.	Cost of e-Bid Document	Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two Hundred only)
viii.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (CDR/FDR)	Rs. 4,700/- (Rupees Four Thousand & Seven Hundred only)
ix.	Completion Time	Fifteen (15) days
x.	Budget Head	M&R Non Plan for the Year 2019-20

No. SIMS 139 EX. 455/19-595-604--3218-3221
Dated: 21.06.2019

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Mechanical, SKIMS.

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	07/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 30.06.2018 (TENDER ID: 97019)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 27.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
2.	HVPNL	10/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 05.09.2018 (TENDER ID: 97625)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 27.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
3.	HVPNL	26/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 04.02.2019 (TENDER ID: 115037)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 27.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
4.	HVPNL	12/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 10.09.2018 (TENDER ID: 98263)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 27.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
5.	HVPNL	16/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 03.10.2018 (TENDER ID: 100770)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 27.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
6.	HVPNL	27/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 06.02.2019 (TENDER ID: 115557)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 27.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
7.	HPGCL	NIT REFERENCE NO 124399, BIDDING DOCUMENT NO 3/CE/PLG/NTPC/RGTPP/FGD-249 & CORRIGENDUM-1 DATED 07.06.2019 &CORRIGENDUM-2 DATED 18.06.2019	AMENDMENTS REGARDING BIDDING DOCUMENTS. (PLEASE CHECK DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS)	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022439 celpg@hpgcl.org.in
8.	THE ROHTAK CO OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	2019_HBC_81651_1	SUPPLY OF PLASTIC PALLETS INSTEAD OF PROCESS DESIGN, SUPPLY AND COMMISSIONING OF ETP	www.vitaindia.com	vitarohtak@gmail.com

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TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER
1.	PWD BR, AMBALA	SPECIAL REPAIR BY PROVIDING STRENGTHENING WITH CCP ON ANAJ MANDI MULLANA ROAD TO AMBALA DISTRICT (ROAD ID 10405) (RE-INVITED). + 1 OTHER WORKS	20.06.2019 01.07.2019	255.79 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement. gov.in	9417362462 pwd-eepd2-ambala@hry.nic.in
2.	PWD B&R, SONEPAT	IMPROVEMENT BY PROVIDING WIDENING & STRENGTHENING ON KATHURA TO DHANANA ROAD FROM RD 0.00 TO 8.00 (ROAD ID- 9687) IN SONEPAT DISTT. UNDER NABARD SCHEME RIDF-XXIV. (RE-INVITED) + 1 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 02.07.2019	1281.79 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0130-2244690 pwd-eepd1-sonepat@hry.nic.in
3.	PWD B&R, KAITHAL	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM VILLAGE TARAGARH TO KICHHANA ROAD IN KAITHAL DISTRICT (HON'BLE C.M ANNOUCEMENT CODE 25124) + 1 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 01.07.2019	309.80 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-234087 eepd2.pwd.ktl-hry@nic.in
4.	PWD B&R, NUH	S/R FOR WDG. STG. & CCB ON SOHNA MILE-10 OF N.P. ROAD TO KHERA KHALILPUR KM 0 TO 2.75 IN NUH DISTT. (ROAD ID 1113) (WITH EXTENDED LENGTH) + 11 OTHER WOKS	25.06.2019 04.07.2019	616.08 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01267-271237
5.	PWD B&R, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF BURJS AND BARBED WIRE FENCING FOR LAND AT AIR PORT HISAR IN HISAR DISTRICT + 1 OTHER WORKS	25.06.2019 04.07.2019	242.77 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662-239887 pwd-eepd3-hissar@hry.nic.in
6.	PWD B&R, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM PATTAN TO HINDWAN KM 0.00 TO 2.310 IN HISAR DISTT (CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE NO. 23760 DATED 01.10.2018) – RECALL + 3 OTHER WORKS	24.06.2019 03.07.2019	491.45 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
7.	PWD B&R, KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL ROOM WITH TOILET IN CIRCUIT HOUSE AT KARNAL DISTRICT, KARNAL.	21.06.2019 01.07.2019	13.13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0184-2251029 pwd-eepd karnal@hry.nic.in
8.	PWD B&R, NARAINGARH	SPECIAL REPAIR TO DHOBI GHAT IN CIVIL HOSPITAL AT NARAIN-GARH IN AMBALA DISTT. (RE-INVITED)	23.06.2019 30.06.2019	5.80 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01734-284035
9.	IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPTT. KARNAL	1. ENGAGING 25 NO. MULTI TASKING STAFF (MTS) GROUP D THROUGH OUTSOURCING POLICY PART-1 OF HARYANA GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR 2019-20 IN KARNAL WATER SERVICES DIVISION, KARNAL. + 1 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 01.07.2019	45.5 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0184-2255291 xenknlwsdivnknl@gmail.com
10.	IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPTT. BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION PIPE CULVERT AT RD 10920-BADESARA MINOR. + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 29.06.2019	19760	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664247757 /xen-bondbhw.irr@gov.in
11.	IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPTT. REWARI	REPAIRING OF STONE PITCHING AT RIGHT & LEFT EMBANKMENT NEAR MASANI BARRAGE STRUCTURE. + 5 OTHER WORS	CLOSING DATE 04.07.2019	10.36 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	Xen-ws2rwr.irr@gov.in
12.	IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPTT. DELHI	DEWEEDING AND REMOVING HINDRANCES ETC. FROM THE INTERNAL SECTION OF NAHRA LINK DRAIN NO. 2 FROM RD 0 TO 7000 BEFORE MONSOON FOR THE YEAR 2019 + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 26.06.2019	2.23 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9958527609 xen-wsdel.irr@gov.in
13.	IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPTT. SIRSA	REMODELING OF MAMMERKHERA DISTY. FROM RD 158500 TO 193970 TAIL OFF TAKING AT RD 258500-L BMB AND 15 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 02.07.2019	503.09 LACS	Hid.gov.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
14.	IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPTT. REWARI	DEWEEDING OF BHURTHAL DISTY. AND SEIKHPUR MINOR FROM K.M. 0.000 TO TAIL + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 27.06.2019	93.09 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenwsdvnrri1@gmail.com
15.	IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPTT. MAHENDERGARH	EXTENSION OF NIMBHERA MINOR (THROUGH UNDER GROUND PRES-SURIZED PIPE LINE) FROM KM. 0.000 TO 20.880 OFF TAKING FROM DOWN STREAM PH MD-3 AT KM. 18.220 OF MAHENDERGARH DISTY	CLOSING DATE 09.07.2019	2372 LACS	https://hid.gov.in	01285-220287 xen-wsmgarh.irr@gov.in
16.	IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPTT. REWARI	INSTALLATION OF 3 NO. PEIZOMETRIC TUBES FOR MEASUREMENT OF GROUND WATER LEVEL IN ADJOINING AREA OF FRH MASANI, GHS NIKHRI & GSSS MASANI.	CLOSING DATE 27.06.2019	18400	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenws2rri@gmail.com
17.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG., SIRSA	LEFT OUT WORK OF AUG. SEWERAGE SCHEME SIRSA TOWN, DISTT. SIRSA	24.06.2019 03.07.2019	5.86 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9991195788 ee3sirsa@phedharyana.gov.in
18.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG., TOHANA	TENDER NO. 2019_HRY_81327 NAME OF WORK :- DNIT FOR CONST. OF INDEPENDENT CANAL BASED WATER WORKS FOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEME BHUNDERWAS TEHSIL RATIA DISTT. FATEHABAD RCC PIPE CHANNEL 400MM DIA, 1 NO.	19.06.2019 29.06.2019	159.80 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01692-230023 eetohana@gmail.com
19.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG., TOHANA	DNIT FOR CONST. OF INDEPENDENT CANAL BASED WATER WORKS, RCC PIPE CHANEL 200MM DIA, 1 NO. S/S TANK OF SIZE 80' X 80' X 12', RCC SUCTION WELL AND SCOUR WELL OF SIZE 5' I/D, 1 NO RCC HIGH LEVEL TANK 18' X 12' X 6', 2 NO. + 1 OTHER WORKS	21.06.2019 02.07.2019	60.22 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01692-230023 eetohana@gmail.com
20.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG., MANDI DABWALI	PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES AT DHANI SH. SAHIB RAM BISHNOI AND OTHERS OF VILLAGE JANDWALA BISHNOIAN DISTT. SIRSA. +1 OTHER WORKS	21.06.2019 28.06.2019	13.81 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01668-223902 ee.mandidabwali@gmail.com
21.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG., HANSI	KHERI GAGAN : -CONSTRUCTION OF BOOSTING STN. & UPGRADATION OF DISTRIBUTION SYATEM FOR VILLAGE KHERI GAGAN DISTT. HISAR + 2 OTHER WORKS	19.06.2019 28.06.2019	95.88 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01663-256145 eehansi@gmail.com
22.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT BHIWANI	HIRING OF E-RICKSHAW WITH MIKING FOR URBAN AREAS OF BHIWANI	21.06.2019 28.06.2019	5000	https://etenders.hry.nic.in Tender Ref. No. CMO/ERickshaw/2019/3 Tender ID No.:- 2019_HRY_81796_1	01664-242110
23.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT ROHTAK	E-TENDER NOTICE FOR NORTH INDIAN PACKED LUNCHOFDISTT. ROHTAK	CLOSING DATE 04.07.2019	5000	https://etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO Trg/NIPL/10/2019, 2019_HRY_81715_1	9813131486 dcstrg.rtk@gmail.com
24.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF 3 NO. VILLAGES MODEL POND+ 3 NO. VILLAGES VETY. HOSPITAL + 3 NO. VILLAGES VETY. DISPENSARY & 2 NO. OTHER WORKS	24.06.2019 08.07.2019	456.90 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0184-2262916 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in
25.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, FATEHABAD	3 NOS CONST OF GRAM SACHIWALYA ,CONST OF BUS QUEUE 3 NOS, AND 1 NOS BOB BUILDING (RE-TENDER)	22.06.2019 29.06.2019	209.45 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01667-230855
26.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, PALWAL	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NOS HALLS IN BRIJ PRIKRAMA MARG AT VILLAGE DAKORA, BLOCK HODAL, DISTT. PALWAL+3 OTHERS WORKS	24.06.2019 03.07.2019	83.60 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01275-298060

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FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)

SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

Date: 17.06.2019

O.A.No. 272/2019

Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

Original Application No. 272 of 2019

ICICI Bank Ltd. ..... Applicant
Versus
K GUNASEKARAN & OTHERS .....Defendant

To,
1. K GUNASEKARAN
H. 103, Irwo Classic A, Sector- 57, Haryana, Gurgaon- 122002.
Also At:
Flat No. 1701, 17th Floor Tower- E Manorath, Plot No. GH- 4b/1 Sector 16 Greater Noida- 201307.
2. Vijeya Padmavathi
H 103, Irwo Classic A, Sector- 57, Haryana, Gurgaon- 122002
Also At: Flat No. 1701, 17th Floor Tower- E Manorath, Plot No. GH-4b/1 Sector 16 Greater Noida-201307.
3. M/s Mascot Soho Homes Pvt Ltd Corporate Office:
D- 59, Ground Floor, Sector- 63, Noida.

In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly the authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 16/09/2019. at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction, Part of Uttar Pradesh)

Summons For Filing & Appearance By Publication

O.A No. 184/2019

Date: 17.06.2019

(Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

Original Application No. 184 of 2019

ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
V/s
Mr. Ravinder Kumar & Others ...Defendant

To,
1. Mr. Ravinder Kumar
H. No. 134, Ward No. 10, Hatt Road Anaj Mandi Safidon Gurgaon-122001.
Also At:
Flat No. T-2/A-1101, 11th floor Subhkamna City Situated At Plot No. GH-02/A, Sector 1 Noida-201301.
Also At:
ABB Limited Plot No. 4A 5 and 6 Phase Panya Industrial Area Bangalore Gurgaon, Haryana Gurgaon-122001.
2. Mr. Subhash Chander
H. No. 134, Ward No. 10, Hatt Road Anaj Mandi Safidon Gurgaon-122001.
Also At:
Flat No. T-2/A-1101, 11th floor Subhkamna City Situated At Plot No. GH-02/A, Sector 1 Noida-201301.
3. M/s Shubhkamna Buildtech Pvt. Ltd. Corporate Office
A-80, Sector-2, Noida

In the above noted Original application you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 16.09.2019 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar Debts
Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U8511KA1970SGC001919

No. A1 M1 B3/WCL-RT-CTA/JUNE **Date: 25.06.2019**

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Kosi Kalan		ATM No.-11	In circulating area near cycle stand entry gate.
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Agra Cantt.		ATM No.-14	Agra-Railway institute compound
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		ATM No.-16	Agra-DRM Office compound at RPF Gaurd room
		ATM No.-17	Agra-Railway north colony near Idgah Bus Stand.
		ATM No.-18	Agra-Near Masala Centre at the gate of officer railway colony.
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Mayawati ends alliance with SP, says BSP will fight all polls alone

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

ENDING HER alliance with the Samajwadi Party (SP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president Mayawati on Monday declared that her party would contest all future elections, "small and big", on its own.

Earlier this month, while saying that the BSP would contest the Uttar Pradesh Assembly by-polls on its own, Mayawati had said that it was not a "permanent break" from the SP. She had said that she could work with SP leader Akhilesh Yadav again in the future if he "fulfills his political duties".

But in a series of tweets in Hindi on Monday, Mayawati said: "Everyone is aware that forgetting the differences in the past, as also the anti-BSP and anti-Dalit decisions like reservation in promotions and the law and order situaton during the SP rule in 2012-17, the BSP adhered to the '*gathbandhan dharma*' with the SP in the interest of the country."

"But the SP's behaviour after the Lok Sabha elections has forced the BSP to think whether it will be possible to defeat the BJP in the future. This is not possible. Therefore, in the interest of the party and the movement, the party will contest all small and big elections on its own strength," she said.

Mayawati with Akhilesh Yadav. *Express file*

She did not elaborate on what she meant by the SP's behaviour.

When contacted, SP spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary said party president Akhilesh Yadav had already made it clear that the SP would fight elections on its own if the alliance was broken.

Mayawati made the announcement a day after she held a party meeting in Lucknow on Sunday to review the party's performance in the Lok Sabha elections.

Sources said that Mayawati, while addressing the meeting, blamed the SP for the defeat of the alliance in the Lok Sabha polls. According to sources, she accused the SP leadership of ignoring Muslims in distribution of tickets.

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In reply to SC, EC reiterates stand on RS seats: Separate polls in Gujarat

ANANTHAKRISHAN G
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) on Monday reiterated that the two Rajya Sabha seats which fell vacant in Gujarat following the election of BJP leaders Amit Shah and Smriti Irani to the Lok Sabha were casual vacancies, and there was nothing in the law which said separate elections should not be held for them.

In its affidavit in reply to a petition filed by the Gujarat Congress seeking simultaneous elections to the two seats, the EC told the Supreme Court that "the (Representation of the People) Act clearly includes every vacancy arising prior to the expiration of the term of a member of the Council of States within the ambit of casual vacancy... There is no provision in law that requires that if there are multiple casual vacancies, they must be filled up by a single bye-election".

The affidavit, filed by EC counsel Amit Sharma, said it "has consistently considered every vacancy arising prior to the expiration of a member's term as a casual vacancy" and "has therefore consistently held separate elections for each vacancy...

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BEFORE THE BUDGET

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at Parliament on Monday. *Anil Sharma*

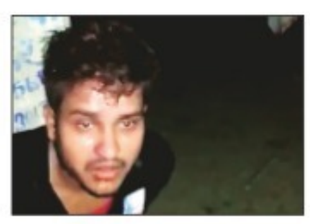
JHARKHAND ATTACK

Police recorded victim's 'confession' on bike theft, did not mention assault

ABHISHEK ANGAD
SARAIKELA-KHARSAWAN (JHARKHAND), JUNE 24

A FEW hours after Tabrez Ansari was attacked by a mob, which accused him of theft and allegedly forced him to chant "*Jai Shri Ram*" and "*Jai Hanuman*", Jharkhand Police recorded a "confession statement" from the 22-year-old — but without a single line on the assault that was recorded by the attackers on their mobile phones.

Ansari was arrested by police after the assault on June 18 for theft and sent to judicial custody.



Tabrez Ansari. *Video grab*

He died on Saturday, after he was rushed to the civil hospital in Saraikela-Kharsawan district and later to the Tata Main Hospital in Jamshedpur.

On Monday, police arrested 11 residents of Ghatkidih village, where the attack took place, and suspended two police personnel.

"We had registered a case against the villagers when we were informed of the beating. We arrested one accused initially, and later 10 others. We found that the officer in charge of Kharsawan police station and an ASI did not handle the matter

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RBI Dy Governor who disagreed quits six months before term ends

Viral Acharya differed with RBI Governor on rate cuts, inflation

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 24

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Viral V Acharya, a strong votary of the central bank's independence and seen as having differed with Governor Shaktikanta Das on the inflation trajectory, growth prospects and policy rates, has resigned from his post, a little over six months before his term was scheduled to end.

Confirming his resignation, the RBI said, "A few weeks ago, Acharya submitted a letter to the RBI informing that due to unavoidable personal circumstances, he is unable to continue his term as a Deputy Governor of the RBI beyond July 23, 2019."

Viral Acharya

Though Acharya put in his papers "weeks ago", the RBI is yet to take a decision on his release. "Consequential action arising from his letter is under consideration of the competent authority," the central bank said in a statement Monday.

Acharya, 45, joined the RBI in January 2017 and was its youngest Deputy Governor, post economic liberalisation, in charge of the monetary policy department. He had differed with Governor Das on inflation issues and repo rate reduction in monetary policy reviews this year.

Acharya, who will be returning to New York University as CV Starr Professor of Economics,

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EXPLAINED

Exit adds to challenge

WHILE ACHARYA'S departure is not a complete surprise, given that the friction between him and the government on issues related to RBI's independence have surfaced on multiple occasions, the composition of the monetary policy committee will progressively turn more dovish as Acharya was on the more hawkish side. Acharya joins the list of technocrats in economic policy-making who have chosen to quit after disagreeing with the government.

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Doors open for talks with Hurriyat, but only within Constitution: BJP

NAVEED IQBAL & ARUN SHARMA
SRINAGAR, JAMMU, JUNE 24

TWO DAYS after Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik signalled that separatist Hurriyat leaders were ready for talks, BJP national vice-president and J&K in-charge Avinash Rai Khanna said Monday that "our doors are open for anyone who wants to talk while keeping their faith in the Constitution of India."

His remarks also come after Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq told *The Indian Express* that the Hurriyat would respond "positively" if "meaningful dialogue" is initiated by New Delhi.

Speaking on the sidelines of an event in Srinagar, Khanna said that though there is no formal offer from the Centre, "What I'm saying, is an offer. Develop faith in the country's Constitution and assist in maintaining the law and order situation, then we can talk."

He also said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has created such an atmosphere in the country that any person can contribute to the peace process. Khanna's remarks assume significance with BJP president Amit Shah taking over the Union Home Ministry in the second Modi government.

The J&K BJP unit, too, said that the Hurriyat would need to "publicly acknowledge the indisputable status of Jammu and Kashmir and that it is an integral

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After Mamata order, TMC leaders face demands for refund of 'cut money'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 24

WITH THE BJP rapidly making inroads in West Bengal, TMC chief and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asked her party leaders last week to ensure that "cut money" or illegal commissions allegedly charged by some workers to help people avail government benefits are refunded.

Told party leaders to return commission

This, however, has led to an unusual situation: TMC leaders are being targeted by many seeking such refunds. Police

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CHANCE TO BETTER INDIA-U.S. TIES
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At Ground Zero of AES, govt schemes have little impact

Saroj Devi , mother of 12-year-old Sunny who died of AES, in Muzaffarpur. *Ritesh Shukla*

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SANTOSH SINGH
MUZAFFARPUR, VAISHALI, JUNE 24

■ Rajesh Manjhi, from Harvanshpur village in Vaishali, lost his seven-year-old daughter to AES a fortnight ago. Manjhi, with just a ration card to show for the government's role in his life, has now moved to Lalganj, about 10 km away, with his five children, to escape the shadow of disease.

■ Raj Kishor Ram, who lost his four-year-old son to AES a fortnight ago, lives in a thatched house in Muzaffarpur's Jagarnathpur Dok village. Again, his only link to the government is a ration card.

IT'S A common thread running through the stories of patients and families in Muzaffarpur and Vaishali, the Ground Zero of the latest AES outbreak in Bihar that has led to 130 deaths so far — their lives have largely been untouched by state and central schemes, from health and nutrition to sanitation and social welfare.

With the Supreme Court Monday seeking a report on the outbreak, *The Indian Express* spoke to 12 families of AES victims in this arc, all of them from SC and EBC communities, and found none of them even had a toilet at home.

Most of them said the only benefit they get from the government is the 5 kg of rice or wheat for each member and kerosene at subsidised rate through ration cards. Some said they have received Ayushman Bharat health cards that entitle them to cashless medical care in government or private hospitals for up to Rs 5 lakh. But then, they said, no one has told them how to use the cards.

When contacted, Bihar Health Minister Mangal Pandey

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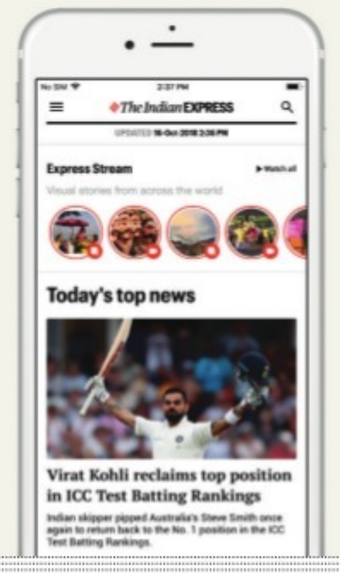

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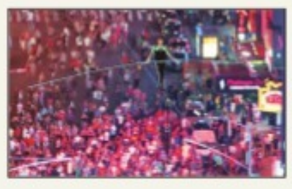

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Mayawati

The BSP won 10 of the 38 seats it contested, while the SP won 5 of the 37 seats from where it fielded candidates. The RLD, which was also a part of the alliance, drew a blank in all the three seats it contested.

Mayawati had earlier blamed "internal sabotage" in the SP's vote base of "Yadav samaj", saying that it "drifted away" from the alliance, even in the SP strongholds. According to sources in the SP, after Mayawati's statement, Akhilesh had asked the party to get ready to fight the Assembly bypolls on its own.

In early 2018, the SP and BSP had joined hands for the Lok Sabha bypolls in Gorakhpur and Phulpur, where they defeated the BJP. They remained together for the Kairana Lok Sabha bypoll, where they fielded a Muslim candidate on the RLD symbol.

EC stand

arising prior to the expiration of a member's term".

The poll panel submitted "that a plain reading of Section 69(2), Section 147(1) and Section 154(3) leads to the unmistakable conclusion that every vacancy arising prior to the expiration of a member's term is included within the scope of casual vacancy under the Act."

"It is submitted that any vacancy arising prior to the end of the term of a member is a casual vacancy governed by Section 147(1) of the Act which requires separate elections for each seat falling vacant. It is submitted that the words 'become vacant' and 'becomes vacant' used in Section 69(2) and Section 147(1) respectively are identical. This clearly denotes Parliament's intent to include a vacancy arising due to the operation of Section 69(2) within the ambit of casual vacancy under Section 147(1) of the Act," it said.

The EC said "it is common ground that a person having been elected at a bye-election shall serve only the remainder of the term of his predecessor's term of office, irrespective of the reason for which the vacancy has arisen. It is noteworthy that while providing for the aforesaid rule, the phraseology used in Section 154(3) is also 'casual vacancy'."

The petition filed by Paresh Dhanani, Congress Legislature Party leader in the Gujarat Assembly, challenged the EC's classification of the two vacancies as "casual" for conducting separate bypolls, and emphasised that Section 69(2) of the Act, read with Section 67A and Section 68(4), makes them "statutory vacancies".

Rejecting this, the EC, in its affidavit, said: "It is therefore clear that there are only two categories of vacancies within the scope of the Act i.e. (a) regular vacancies arising due to the expiration of a member's term that is filled by the biennial election to the Council of States, and (b) casual vacancies arising prior to the expiration of a member's term which are filled by a separate election for each seat falling vacant".

It said "the contention of the petitioner that there exists another classification of vacancies, i.e. 'statutory vacancies', is unknown to the applicable constitutional and statutory scheme".

The poll panel also questioned the maintainability of the petition, saying that Article 329(b) bars courts from interfering with the election process once it has been set in motion.

The court will take up the petition for hearing on Tuesday.

Hurriyat

part of India," and "commit their loyalty to the Constitution of India and seek talks only under its ambit". In a statement Monday, BJP's state spokesperson Brigadier (retired) Anil Gupta said: "Any talks with the JRL (Joint Resistance Leadership)/Hurriyat at this stage without them publicly accepting these pre-conditions will be counter-productive and a retrograde step."

"None of the Hurriyat leaders have signalled any change in their stance and continue to promote separatism," Gupta said, adding that "mere appeals for talks with the Centre is no indicator of any change in their mindset".

Political parties in the state have welcomed the development, considering the deadlock over Kashmir for the past 13 years.

National Conference president and Srinagar MP Farooq Abdullah said that talks "must be held" with the Hurriyat and called for including Pakistan in the dialogue. "The Governor has himself stated that Hurriyat is ready for talks, and if they are, then talks should be held. Everyone should be included in the talks, including Pakistan."

Former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said on Twitter, "The underlying purpose of PDP-BJP alliance was to facilitate dialogue between GoI & all stakeholders. Tried my best to make it happen in my tenure as CM but relieved that Hurriyat has finally softened their stand."

AES outbreak

said: "We are coordinating with the Social Welfare Department on the progress of schemes. But our top priority now is to boost health services in Muzaffarpur." Bihar Chief Secretary Deepak Kumar has ordered a socio-economic survey of over 650 AES-affected families to address malnutrition and sanitation.

On the ground, meanwhile, the disconnect is obvious. Consider this:

RATION CARDS: Most of the 12 families have ration cards. A yellow card holder under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana, a central scheme to provide subsidised food to the poorest, gets a fixed 35 kg of grain at 5 kg per person. "We were told by some families that we miss out on buying ration during a month, the scheme would lapse. So many of us have not utilised it. Besides, the dealers do not give us any additional grain," says Chaturi Sahni of Harvanshpur village in Vaishali.

POSHAHAR YOJANA: Experts say malnutrition and dip in sugar levels are key reasons for the spread of AES. And according to the 2015-16 National Family Health Survey 4 (NFHS-4) report, 48 per cent children below five in Bihar were found to be affected by stunted growth. But under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), a child between three and six is given free meals: khichri (Monday), pulao (Tuesday), khichri and milk (Wednesday), halwa (Thursday), rasiya and egg (Friday), and khichri (Saturday). Besides, mothers with children below three get to take home ration of 3 kg rice, 1.5 kg lentils and pulses, and 500 gm soyabean.

However, AES-affected families from Saraiya in Muzaffarpur said that what they actually get is far lesser. Raj Kishor Ram said his children get only khichri and pulao at anganwadis, never milk and egg. AES-hit families in Kanti and Bhagwanpur blocks, in Vaishali, also said that they get only khichri under the scheme.

AYUSHMAN BHARAT: An employee at the Saraiya Community Health Centre said that of about 3.8 lakh people in the block, only 28,000 have got Ayushman Bharat cards. At Harvanshpur in Vaishali, some residents showed envelopes with the cards still inside. They said they had not used the cards because they are still waiting for someone to explain what it means. Employees at the health centres in Mushahari and Kanti said the scheme is "picking up but there is a great need to make people aware about how to use the cards".

KANYA UTTHAN YOJANA: Under this state scheme, mothers of girl children who have turned two and have completed the vaccination schedule, get a one-time payment of Rs 2,000. But several of the 12 families in the AES-affected area had not heard about the scheme. "There are about 700 houses in this village of Manjhis. I have not heard of anyone benefitting from this scheme. Most of us have never been to school and do not know about many of the government schemes," said Chandrashekhar Manjhi of Harvanshpur.

PRADHAN MANTRI MATRU VANDANA YOJANA: Under this central scheme, a pregnant woman gets Rs 6,000 for tests, delivery and subsequent vaccination of children. "There are some beneficiaries, but there is little awareness about it," said a health worker in Harvanshpur. In Saraiya and Kanti, too, several residents are not aware of this scheme. "It is the job of government representatives to tell people about such schemes," said Anita Devi of Mirzapur village in Kanti who lost her three-year-old son to AES.

MUKHYAMANTRI CHIKITSA SAHAYATA KOSH: The state government has earmarked a fixed fund for BPL families to help treat critical diseases, with or without surgery, within and outside Bihar: Rs 60,000 for cancer with surgery, and Rs 20,000 without surgery; Rs 35,000-Rs 90,000 for heart ailments; Rs 1,50,000 for serious kidney ailments and Rs 15,000-Rs 25,000 for brain tumour surgeries; and, for other ailments. But no one in the SC and EBC settlements of Saraiya, Kanti, Mushahari and Bhagwanpur knows about this benefit.

SWACHH BHARAT: The Bihar government has promised to make the state Open Defecation Free (ODF) by October, with help from the Centre, but there are complaints of bribes of up to Rs 2,000 being demanded by local officials. "The worst part is that we have to construct the toilet first and then seek reimbursement. Had we been able to make a toilet on our own, what is the need for government help?" said Devi from Mirzapur.

NAL JAL YOJANA: Devi, however, proudly displays the plastic tap in front of her house. Most of her neighbours have it, too. "It runs only two times a day, but we are getting clean drinking water," said Devi, who also praised Bihar Chief Minister for the "good electricity supply". But residents of Narayan Bheriyahi and Harvanshpur said the scheme has not reached them. In the Mahadalit village of Jagarnathpur Dok, the scheme is yet to reach the 50 homes.

MIDDAY MEAL: The one bright spot amid the despair among the AES-hit families is the midday meal scheme, which is being run in 75,000 schools catering to 2.5 crore children. "We have complaints about the quality of food but then, you cannot get a better meal for Rs 5 in these parts," said Birendra Sahni of Sivuri Bihanbara village in Saraiya.

PRADHAN MANTRI AWAS YOJANA: None of 12 AES families has benefitted from this central housing scheme — they live either in thatched houses or those made of mud and brick with thatched roofs. In Harvanshpur, Chandrashekhar Manjhi pointed to the houses of some neighbours that were constructed under the scheme years ago. All of them had plaster peeling off from the ceiling.

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Dy Governor Viral Acharya resigns from RBI

was not expecting another term as he had supported former Governor Urjit Patel in the RBI's feud with the Centre on several issues in late 2018, said a top-level source.

This is the second high profile resignation in the last six months at the RBI. In December 2018, Governor Patel had resigned nearly nine months before the end of his term over differences with the government. The RBI is now left with three Deputy Governors N S Viswanathan, B P Kanungo and M K Jain. And with Viswanathan's term ending next month, two Deputy Governor posts will be vacant.

On October 26, 2018, differences between the RBI and the government came out in the open when Acharya, in a stinging criticism, reminded the government about the need for an independent central bank, warning that "governments that do not respect central bank independence will sooner or later incur the wrath of financial markets, ignite economic fire, and come to rue the day they undermined an important regulatory institution".

Acharya's remarks came after the government reportedly issued directives to the central bank under Section 7 of the RBI Act — a provision under which the government can give directions to the RBI to take certain actions "in the public interest".

Then RBI Governor Patel had differed with the government on several issues, including transferring surplus to the government, more credit flow to small units, easing of curbs on public sector banks and funding support to the NBFC sector. Acharya had sided with Patel during his tussle with the government. Patel, who was Deputy Governor in charge of the monetary policy department before becoming Governor, quit on December 10, 2018. Though speculation was then rife that Acharya would follow suit, he continued in the RBI.

Acharya, who remained vocal on many issues involving the RBI, differed with Governor Das in the February monetary policy review. "I remain concerned about the elevated level of inflation and fiscal implications of sustained food deflation and lack of adequate and sustained downward adjustment in household inflation expectations over the past 12 months," Acharya said while voting against a rate cut in the February policy.

However, taking a dovish stance and voting for a rate cut, Das said the overall food outlook remains benign and the headline inflation one-year ahead is projected to remain below the target level of 4 per cent.

In the April policy, Acharya and Das differed again in their views on inflation and growth. While Governor Das argued for focussing on economic growth with a repo rate cut, Acharya cautioned against another rate cut in the wake of high inflation excluding food and fuel.

The six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to reduce the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 6 per cent in a 4-2 majority decision.

Acharya completed his BTech in Computer Science and Engineering from IIT Mumbai in 1995 and his PhD in finance from NYU-Stern in 2001. Acharya, who joined New York University's Stern School of Business in September 2008, is now CV Starr Professor of Economics. He is expected to return to the Stern School in August this year.

Acharya also co-authored research papers with former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan. Once when his co-passenger in a flight called him 'Raghu Rajan' after seeing his notes containing words like 'crisis' and 'banks', he remarked, "that was the day when I realised if I have Raghu (Raghuram Rajan) as my role model and even I hit 5 per cent or 10 per cent of that, I can easily pass off as a poor man's Raghu Rajan."

TMC leaders face demands for refund of 'cut money'

have even reported cases of assault against some leaders. And others are being asked to give written declarations that they would refund the "cut money".

On Monday, police said the house of TMC deputy pradhan of Mangalkot in Burdwan, Binay Chakraborty, was "raided" by local residents demanding refunds. Chakraborty's car was vandalised and he was forced to take shelter at the local party office. According to police and party leaders, similar incidents have been reported from the districts of Hooghly, Uttar Dinajpur, Malda, Alipurduar, Birbhum, East Burdwan, West Burdwan and West Midnapore.

On Sunday, party leaders said, Trinamool leader in East Burdwan's Oushgram, Ujjwal Mondal, was forced to submit in writing that he would refund amounts ranging from Rs 8,000-Rs 10,000 to beneficiaries of schemes. At Mangalkot in the district, three panchayat members were similarly forced to give an undertaking, leaders said. At Sonamukhi in Bankura, over 50 villagers were reported to have staged a demonstration before a panchayat member. In Birbhum, police said a pregnant panchayat member in Fulur had to flee her home fearing attacks by local residents. Similar incidents have been reported from Nanoor and Ilambazar in Birbhum, and Goghat, Badangunj, and Tarakeshwar in Hooghly.

TMC leaders, however, have accused the BJP of orchestrating many of these attacks. "A campaign is going on to brand all public representatives as corrupt. But there are only one or two per cent of the public representatives of our party who have done this. The administration has taken action against them and will continue to do so in future," said Municipal Affairs Minister Firhad Hakim.

The BJP, meanwhile, has decided to launch a campaign from Tuesday to demand the return of "cut money" from TMC leaders.

"We will visit their houses in a decent manner, without any intention to attack them. We will take the people along with us who have given commissions to such leaders. We will bring them face-to-face. We will ask them to refund the money. We will videotape the visits as proof that we are not using force. We will do the job of government officials," said state BJP Yuva Morcha president Debjit Sarkar.

The issue has also featured in the Assembly where the Opposition Left Front and Congress staged a walkout. Leader of Opposition Abdul Mannan has demanded the formation of a commission to refund "cut money".

Police said they have taken action in several cases. Last Wednesday, Sukesh Yadav, a Trinamool leader from Malda, was arrested for allegedly accepting nearly Rs 1 crore in illegal commissions to facilitate benefits under the Nirmal Bangla Mission for cleanliness. Yadav was the head of the Mahanandatola gram panchayat of Ratua.

Another accused in the case, Pramod Kumar, was arrested for allegedly receiving his "share" of money. "A government employee was arrested in Malda on Saturday. He has been accused of taking money in the name of government schemes. He was posted in Ratua block of Malda district. He was working under the same mission," said a police officer. Last Thursday, police arrested another TMC leader from Haldia on charges of corruption.

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ATTENDANT'S 'PARTNER' AMONG TWO PEOPLE BEING QUESTIONED

Triple murder: Police tackle switched off phones, India-Afghanistan match as alibi

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

TWO PHONES that were switched off around 8.30 pm on Saturday and the India-Afghanistan World Cup match — these are among the threads police are exploring as they question a man and a woman detained in connection with the murders of a senior citizen couple and their nursing attendant in Vasant Vihar.

According to police, the man, who is believed to have been in a relationship with the nursing attendant Khushboo Nautiyal (24), and a woman he was living with have emerged as suspects in the triple murder.

According to police, footage from near the home of Vishnu Mathur (80) and his wife Shashi Mathur (75) shows two people of the same build as the detained suspects arriving at their home around 11 pm Saturday and leaving around 2 am on a motorcycle.

Outside the Vasant Vihar house where an elderly couple and their attendant were found dead with stab injuries. *Prem Nath Pandey*

After they were brought in for questioning, police tried to pinpoint their location using call detail records (CDR) but realised both their phones were switched off at the time. When asked about it, the man told police he was watching the India-Afghanistan match and had kept his phone aside, while the woman claimed she was changing her prepaid connection to postpaid, so her phone network was not working at that time. Police then asked the man about the sequence of the match which, an officer said, he was able to recount to an extent.

On Monday, police also received the post-mortem reports of the victims, which revealed that Khushboo received 30 stab injuries, while the couple received two stab injuries each. This, and the fact that nothing major was stolen from the home, has led police to believe Khushboo may have been the main target.

The three, police said, were found dead when a domestic help, Babli, arrived Sunday morning. She was employed to clean the house while Khushboo had been taking care of an ailing Shashi since August 18 last year.

Police said that around 8.30 am, when Babli arrived at the first-floor DDA flat, she saw blood oozing from beneath the door. She informed neighbours and they opened the door, which was bolted from outside. Police said the neighbours first found Khushboo's body inside the drawing room and then saw the bodies of the couple inside their bedroom.

During investigation, police scanned Khushboo's CDR and discovered she had made several calls to the detained man in the last three weeks, while he had made a single call to her. "Police also found that he was staying in Mandawali with another woman. He has told police he works as a graphic designer with a private company in Sahibabad. As per his phone location, he was in Sahibabad till 6.30 pm Saturday, following which he headed home," an officer said. At 8.30 pm, the phone was switched off. It was switched back on at 5.06 am Sunday so the woman could listen to music, he told police.

Police officers also recreated the crime scene Monday and ascertained that entry into the house was "friendly" and the house had been ransacked. However, their belongings, Rs 6,300 in cash and six expensive watches were left intact. Phones of all three victims are missing, and have been switched off since 1 am Sunday.

Gambhir CCTV plan runs into rough weather

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

A LAXMI Nagar-based vendor of surveillance systems, roped in by East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir to put up CCTVs, has decided not to go ahead with the installation, locations for which were "chosen by the Delhi Police".

Surjit Singh, owner of Hawkeye Systems which runs out of a two-room facility near Laxmi Nagar Metro station, said the "voluntary initiative" was discontinued after installing three CCTVs in Kondli.

On June 22, Gambhir tweeted that for the safety of women and crime control, he has started installing CCTVs in East Delhi. He had also taken a jibe at Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, saying one camera was focused on the "false promises" of the AAP chief.

His announcement came against the backdrop of the Delhi government's ongoing CCTV project, under which 2,000 cameras are being installed in all 70 assembly constituencies.

The former Indian cricketer did not elaborate on the scale of the installation, the agencies involved or the financial aspects. Later, he tweeted that the project was a voluntary gesture by Hawkeye Systems "after I had requested them".

On Monday, *The Indian Express* visited the office of Hawkeye Systems, in the business of selling and installing CCTVs and biometric systems. Singh, the owner, said he was taken aback by the controversy that his initiative out of "good faith" has generated, and he has decided to not go ahead with it.

Singh said the plan was to install 50 analog cameras, equipped with Digital Video Recorders (DVR). "We did not have much clarity on who will handle the footage but it was informally decided that the footage would be erased every 10 days. The installation spots were based on a list given to Gambhir by the East Delhi DCP. In any case, it was a matter of 50 CCTVs, which is nothing for a Lok Sabha constituency. Now I don't want to go ahead with the initiative considering there is so much politics around it," Singh said.

The Delhi government's CCTV project has also come under criticism from groups advocating privacy and digital rights for not having adequate safeguards against misuse or a proper Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The SOP prepared by a committee formed by Lt Governor Anil Baijal was never acknowledged by the elected government.

Meanwhile, Singh maintained he had no association with any political party. "I offered to install CCTVs as I liked the youthful energy that Gambhir brought as an MP. Tomorrow, if any AAP MLA requests me to install CCTVs, I will do that as well," Singh said.

Gaurav Arora, who handles media relations for Gambhir, said the BJP leader held talks with senior police officials and based on their suggestions, the spots were identified. "Hawkeye contacted us and said they want to install CCTVs to make the area more secure. We agreed as we want to make the area safe and secure for people," he said.

DCP (east) Jasmeet Singh said Gambhir's team approached police seeking a list of dark stretches. Later, a person from Hawkeye met them. "We had shared a list of such stretches. The company that approached us said they will be installing CCTVs under their CSR initiative," the officer said.

Promising returns on 'bike cabs', gang dupes over 5,000

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NOIDA POLICE have arrested three men for allegedly duping people under the garb of seeking investment for 'bike taxis'.

The accused — Bablu Yadav, Rohit Chauhan and Jeevan — claimed to run 'Bike For You', a fake cab aggregator company which promised monthly returns to customers against their investment in these 'bike cabs'.

"The arrested accused would convince customers to invest Rs 60,250 per bike. The company would tell customers that they would get a promised amount every month for the amount they invest. They would also tell them that the money would double in a year," said Vaibhav Krishna, SSP, Gautam Budh Nagar.

"The properties of the accused have been seized and recoveries made. A case has been filed and we are investigating the extent of the scam," Krishna added.

Police claimed the scam ran into crores, and that thousands had invested in the hope of doubling their money

According to police, the accused set up a fake company office in Noida Phase 3 and advertised their scheme on multiple platforms, including social media. The accused would tell investors that of the money earned from running cab services, each investor would get Rs 9,000 per month, police said.

While police are yet to determine the exact extent of the fraud, they have claimed the scam ran into many crores as over 5,000 people had invested in the company.

A jeep, an SUV Creta, a KWID and eight bikes bought allegedly from the fraud money has been recovered, said police. A case under IPC section 420 (cheating) and other relevant sections has been filed at Phase 3 police station.

This is the third multi-crore bike taxi scheme found to be operating in Noida-Greater Noida region.

A BSP leader, Sanjay Bhati, had earlier surrendered in court for being wanted for running a scheme called 'Bike Bot', which allegedly duped thousands of people by taking investments for a bike taxi. In another case, an FIR was filed against a couple for allegedly duping a man, allegedly through a bike taxi scheme called Go Way, which promised to double his money in a year. The two accused are absconding.

Rebel AAP MLAs seek time on notice

New Delhi: Rebel AAP MLAs Devinder Sehrawat and Anil Bajpai have sought more time from the Delhi Assembly Speaker to reply to a notice over charges of defection to the BJP.

The hearing on the complaint, filed by AAP national spokesperson and Greater Kailash MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj, is scheduled on Tuesday.

The two MLAs had announced that they had joined BJP in the first week of May, just ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. Sehrawat, the Bijwasan MLA, however had told *The Indian Express* that they never officially joined the party.

In their replies, both MLAs said newspaper clippings annexed with Bhardwaj's petition were "illegible". They also said that the clippings should be typed and translated for them to submit a response.

"I request you to defer the hearing on June 25 and grant me six weeks time from the date of supply of clear typed and translated copies of the petition and annexed documents," Bajpai wrote in his reply. **ENS**

Man who shot at judo player was earlier held over TikTok video

New Delhi: A 23-year-old man arrested for allegedly shooting at a national-level judo player and his friend has earlier featured in TikTok videos brandishing pistols, police said.

The accused, Monu alias Akash, allegedly shot at two men following a rift between two gangs over area supremacy, police said. Monu has four criminal cases against him and was earlier arrested after a TikTok video of him brandishing pistols went viral in March.

Police said he earlier used to work at a hookah parlour in Vikaspuri.

"The accused left his job and joined the Jasmit alias Jimmy group, which is locked in a tussle with the Suraj alias Fighter group," said a police officer. **ENS**

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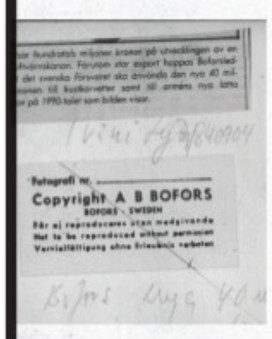

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OUT OF 11 COURSES, DIP ONLY SEEN IN 1

At 98.75%, English and Economics see highest cut-off at St Stephen's College

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

IN THE cut-offs released by St Stephen's College Monday, Economics and English saw the highest cut-off, 98.75%, out of the 11 subjects on offer. While the cut-off increased marginally for several courses, for some it remained the same as last year. Only Physics saw a dip in cut-off from 97.33% last year to 96.66% this year.

The biggest jump in cut-off is in B.Sc Programme (with Computer Science), where it has jumped one percentage point from 95.66% last year to 96.66% this year. History (98.5%) and English (98.75%) have seen an increase of 0.5% and 0.25% respectively as compared to last year.

For other Humanities subjects — Economics, BA Programme and Philosophy — the cut-off remains the same as last year, as it does for Sanskrit too.

For Economics, however, students of all categories would need to have scored 92% in math in order to be eligible for admission. Last year, this figure was 90% for general category students, and lower for all other categories.

For English, applicants need to have at least 90% in English Core or 85% in English Elective in Class XII. Similarly, in math, the subject needs to be compulsorily included in the best of four, while those applying for Sanskrit need to have studied it till Class X.

Most Science subjects have seen an increase in cut-offs except Physics. Math remained the same as last year at 97%.

HIGHER AND HIGHER

COURSE	CUT-OFF 2019	CUT-OFF 2018
Economics	98.75%	98.75%
English	98.75%	98.5%
History	98.5%	98%
BA Programme	98%	98%
Math	97.5%	97.5%
Physics	96.66%	97.33%
Philosophy	97%	97%
Chemistry	96.33%	96%
B Sc Programme (with Chem)	95%	94.66%
B Sc Programme (with Comp Sc)	96.66%	95.66%
Sanskrit	65%	65%

Since it is a religious minority college, St Stephen's reserves 50% seats for Christians and, therefore, has a separate admission process. Unlike other Delhi University (DU) colleges, which admit students only on the basis of their Class XII percentage, Stephen's also takes a written test and interview before admitting students. The weightage for the three categories is 85% for the Class XII marks, 10% for the interview and 5% for the written test. It also releases separate cut-offs for students from humanities, science and commerce streams.

The college received 13,089 applications for its Humanities courses and 6,773 applications for its Science courses. It received 59.2% applications from girls.

Hindu College Principal Anju Shrivastava said the cut-off could signal the trend in other DU colleges, where the cut-off is due on June 28. "They have decided to have higher cut-offs despite having the liberty to select candidates through their admission process (other DU colleges have to mandatorily admit all students who clear the cut-off). We will be going by the CBSE Class XII results, so for us the safe option will be to keep the cut-offs high," she said.

This year, Stephen's admissions have been in the news as a member of the Supreme Council — the college's religious body — is supposed to sit on the interview board for Christian candidates. The move has been challenged by three teacher representatives of the Governing Body, who have approached the Delhi High Court. The matter will be heard on July 2, shortly after the interviews begin on June 28.

367 applicants for 1 seat in BA journalism, 232 for sociology

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

WHILE BA (Honours) English might be the Delhi University undergraduate course with maximum applicants, it is BA (Honours) Journalism which has the highest number of applicants per seat among the most popular programmes — with 367 applicants vying for each seat.

Registration to UG programmes closed Saturday, and the 10 courses with the highest number of applicants are BA (Honours) English; BA (Honours) Political Science; BA Programme; BA (Honours) Economics; BA (Honours) History; BA (Honours) Psychology; BA (Honours) Journalism; BA (Honours) Sociology; BA (Honours) Geography; and B.Com.

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Like last year, BA (Honours) English is the most sought after programme this year as well, with 1,42,970 applications. With 2,460 seats up for grabs across 46 colleges, the number of applicants per seat is 58.

Among the 10 most popular programmes, the three with the highest number of applicants per seat are BA (Honours) Journalism, BA (Honours) Sociology and BA (Honours) Psychology. This is because far fewer colleges offer these courses.

BA (Honours) Journalism is offered in only seven colleges — Bharati College, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, Institute of Home Economics, Kalindi College, Kamala Nehru College, LSR, and Maharaja Agrasen College — between which 306 seats are available for 1,12,233 applicants.

Last year, the highest cut-off in the first list for the programme was 98.5% in Delhi College of Arts and Commerce. The lowest in the first list was 92% at Bharati College.

With 232 applicants competing for each seat, BA (Honours) Sociology, with 483 seats available across 10 colleges and 1,11,933 applications, has the second highest number of applicants per seat.

BA (Honours) Psychology, for which cut-offs had gone as high as 98.25% last year, has 202 students applicants per seat. It has the sixth highest number of applications at 1,12,312 and has 555 seats available across 11 colleges.

Last year, the cut-offs had soared the highest in BA Programme, with LSR setting a 98.75% cut-off for the programme in its first list. This year, it is the third most popular course with 1,25,519 applications. However, it is offered in most Delhi University colleges — there are 10,756 seats available across 50 colleges. Because of this, the number of applicants per seat is 12, which is the most favourable ratio across popular courses.

The course which sees consistently high cut-offs across colleges in past years has been BA (Honours) Economics, with the highest last year being 98.5% in SRCC. The first cut-off list is expected on June 28.

BRIEFLY

BJP leader's wife files theft complaint

New Delhi: Shobha Vijender, wife of BJP's Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta, registered an FIR of theft, alleging that her belongings were stolen near Mandi House Monday morning by unidentified persons. According to police, unknown persons on a scooter told her that an oil-like substance was spilling out of her car. When she and her driver, got out to check, the accused took her belongings from the car and fled.

'SMCs set up as per law'

New Delhi: Responding to Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari's request to the L-G that school management committees in government schools be dissolved, AAP leader Atishi Monday said the bodies had been set up in accordance with provisions of the RTE Act, and enables parents to be a part of a school's decision-making process.

Railway cop rescues elderly man

New Delhi: A Railway Police Force sub-inspector who rescued an elderly passenger from coming under a moving train at Nizamuddin station Sunday has been recommended for a railway award. K P Singh (30) said that around 7am, he saw a 70-year-old man with two large bags trying to board a moving train. "I started moving towards him, he fell and was about to go under, when I pulled him out."

Dentist fires in the air, held

New Delhi: A dentist has been arrested after a video of him firing celebratory shots in the air along with his friends in Shahdara went viral, said police. **ENS**

Kejriwal at the inauguration of a new water treatment plant at Chandrawal, Monday. *Prem Nath Pandey*

CM's promise: 24x7 water by 2024

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal Monday said the Delhi government would request more water allocation for the capital from the Centre, as population growth has increased demand over the years. He also said he believes his government will successfully provide 24-hour piped water supply to the whole of Delhi by 2024.

Speaking at the inauguration of a new water treatment plant at Chandrawal, he said 88% of all colonies in Delhi were getting piped water supply — an increase of 30% since AAP came to power in 2015.

"It is our mission that in the future, everyone in Delhi receives clean water straight from their taps, without requiring any additional filtration... I am optimistic that in the next three-four years, maximum by 2024, we will be successful in providing 24-hour, clean and piped water supply to every citizen," the CM said.

Since coming to power, AAP has promised piped water to the whole of Delhi several times. But several blockages, such as availability of land and the haphazard way unauthorised colonies have come up, has meant that the project has progressed very slowly. In areas where there is no pipeline, water is supplied through tankers. For most of Delhi, illegal borewells are the primary source of water.

At Sanjay Colony near Okhla Phase II. In areas where there is no pipeline, water is supplied through tankers. *Gajendra Yadav*

He added that around 200 colonies still don't have pipelines and said work is underway and will be complete by 2021 in areas where laying lines is feasible.

Manoj Misra, convener of the Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan, welcomed the government's target but stressed that the Delhi Jal Board would have to manage water supply properly: "The main challenge they would face is availability of water. They can lay pipes, but whether these pipes will carry the required amount of water is another issue... Steps need to be taken to address water wastage and recycling water for non-potable purposes."

Later in the day, Kejriwal met Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat demanding that Delhi's water allocation be increased from 875 cusecs fixed in 1996. The minister said his ministry would examine the Delhi government's proposal and give its opinion within three days of receiving it, said a statement from the CM's office.

Shekhawat also tweeted a picture from the meeting, stating that he discussed the capital's water issues with a CM-led delegation. The CM replied to the photo, saying: "The meeting with you was immensely constructive. We have to work together to get rid of Delhi's water problems. Thank you very much."

Delhi gets 70% of its water from the Yamuna, and the remaining comes other sources including the upper Ganga canal in Sonia Vihar and government-controlled borewells. The Chandrawal water treatment plant, expected to be completed by 2022, will supply an additional 477 million litres per day of water (105 MGD), DJB CEO Nikhil Kumar said.

Excise dept raids party at Lalit, cites licence issue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE DELHI government's Excise department Sunday raided a 'Boiler Room party' organised at The Hotel Lalit on Barakhamba Road, claiming that organisers had not procured "required licences for the event".

Excise department officials claimed they found out about the event after getting their hands on an invite which read: "Boiler Room comes to Delhi for a night of raving". "We did not find any (narcotic) substances when we raided the premises... they (the hotel staff) switched off the lights and several people managed to flee," said ACP Alok Kumar, who headed the raid.

The Boiler Room, founded in London, is an online music broadcasting platform which commissions streaming music sessions around the world.

"In Delhi, the event was hosted on Sunday, and artists from Italy, Denmark and Mumbai were expected to perform at the event attended by over 5,000 people, the officer said.

Police said no FIR has been registered and the organisers are being questioned.

The hotel, in an official statement said: "The Lalit has always been a law abiding organisation. We are cooperating with the authorities to clarify the issues."

The Excise department claimed the event was organised "in the basement which was a violation, as that space could only be used for parking vehicles".

Officials also claimed that "several bar counters were found in the basement and authorities did not have permissions from NDMC, fire department, Delhi Police and health department".

"We found that the hotel took 9 P-13 permits for serving liquor in Kitty Su, the crystal ball room and for a pool side party. However, when we raided the location, we found them organising the party at the basement, which is illegal," Kumar said.

The Excise department also claimed that hotel authorities were involved in selling commercial tickets and sold liquor in the basement for which they had to take P-10 (A) permits costing Rs 1 lakh as per the law. "Instead, they have applied for P-13 permits, paying a fee of Rs 5,000, and this is an evasion of fee," Kumar said.

JNU set to propose compulsory Hindi for UG, teachers and students oppose move

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE JAWAHARLAL Nehru University administration, in its upcoming Academic Council meeting scheduled on June 28, will propose an agenda to make Hindi a compulsory subject for undergraduate courses in the university — a move that has invited criticism from both student and teacher bodies.

The proposal, also in Hindi, states that this is in response to an earlier letter sent to the JNU V-C in October 2018 from the University Grants Commission (UGC) informing him that the MHRD had asked that the "national language" Hindi be made compulsory in all schools and colleges, and asked the V-C to send an action taken report in this regard.

In JNU, the undergraduate courses are either B.Tech or BA language courses such as Arabic, French, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Japanese, German, Persian, Pashto and Korean.

UGC Secretary Rajnish Jain told *The Indian Express* that the letter in October was sent to JNU and "some other universities" to "seek their views". "It is not mandatory in nature. We just wrote seeking views because some minister had asked if this can be done," he said.

JNU Rector Chintamani Mahapatra said, "No such decision has been taken." He did not respond to further queries.

JNUSU representatives have also been called by the administration to attend Friday's meeting, after not being sent an invite for successive AC meetings citing disciplinary cases against them.

The JNU Students' Union asked that the agenda item be dropped. JNUSU president N Sai Balaji said, "It must be reiterated that India does not have a national language. Rather, the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India lists 22 official languages in accordance with the diverse and plural nature of our country...This is an affront and violation not only of the plural nature of JNU, but also of the principles enshrined in the Indian Constitution."

"At a time when popular pressure has forced the BJP government to revise its Draft Education Policy and three-language formula, this underhand imposition of Hindi in JNU by the V-C is shameful," he added.

JNU Teachers' Association secretary Avinash Kumar said: "The administration may say it's only at proposal stage, but going by precedents, everything proposed in the AC meeting is passed as it is. Moreover, when the country is debating the language issue, introducing such an agenda making Hindi mandatory is unfortunate..."

Katara case: HC upholds dismissal of 2 cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE DELHI High Court has upheld the dismissal of two policemen who allowed Vikas Yadav, serving a 25-year sentence for the murder of Nitish Katara, to leave his hospital room in AIIMS without parole on the night of Diwali in 2011, when he was facing trial in the case.

"Disciplinary and appellate authorities have said enough, gravity of misconduct established against petitioners is enough to justify punishment...," said a bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar.

It dismissed constable Ramesh Kumar and head constable Ishwar Singh's appeal against the Central Administrative Tribunal and Disciplinary Authority's decision, which had agreed with the disciplinary action taken against them in 2012.

The two filed an appeal, contending that neither authority recorded any finding that the grave misconduct found against the petitioners has rendered them unfit for service.

But the HC observed: "We do not find merit in the submission... the Disciplinary Authority... has clearly recorded that in view of the grave and serious misconduct found against the petitioners, their conduct is intolerable..."

ACCEPTANCE FOR COOKING, BATHING HIGHER

In Barapullah, many open to using treated water, but not for drinking

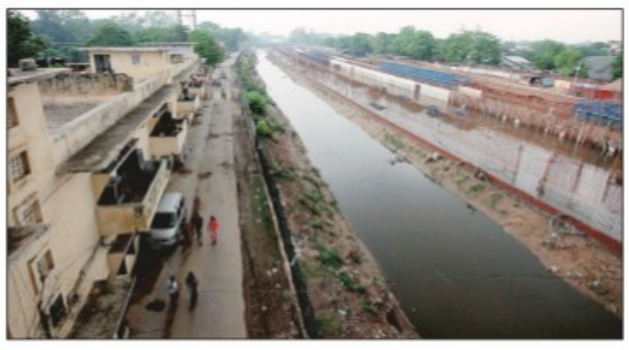
SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

MORE THAN 40% of households near the Barapullah drain have indicated their willingness to use treated waste water for purposes such as drinking and cooking, and over 70% for bathing, a perception survey has shown.

Over 420 households from high, middle and low income groups, living near the Barapullah drain, were interviewed for the perception survey — part of a five-year joint initiative named LOTUSHR between Indian and Dutch research institutes on developing a holistic wastewater management approach.

It found that more than half of the respondents were open to using treated waste water for different purposes. However, the level of acceptability varies for different uses, with discharging treated water into a river having the highest acceptability rate and drinking it having the lowest.

Respondents to the survey also had some religious and social reservations. More than 25% of those surveyed said they would not use treated waste water for religious purposes, even if safety was guaranteed. "These reservations include unwillingness to use treated waste water during religious ceremonies, for example to clean pooja mandals and washing idols. The pure 'yuck' factor is a social reservation for many linked to considering using treated or untreated waste water," said Mehar Kaur of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), which is a part of the initiative.



The level of acceptability varies for different uses. *Archive*

The perception survey also found that a majority of respondents were aware of "water shortage" in the capital and had even faced it themselves. It recommended a number of measures to increase waste water reuse, including generating awareness about water scarcity, sharing information about waste water treatment process, and reliable evaluation of treatment system to build confidence among people.

Across the world, many countries have been recycling waste water. America's Orange County in California has been recharging groundwater by pumping recycled waste water into aquifers. Singapore's NEWater process has been recycling treated used water to meet 40% of its population's needs at present. Perth, in Western Australia, has also been treating waste water and recycling it in a number of ways, including replenishment of groundwater.

The Delhi government too plans to release treated waste water into the Yamuna from Palla after routing it through the Coronation Pillar STP to augment the city's water supply by 15% to 20%, according to reports. "This project brings in the link between science, technology and humans by understanding perception and risks around acceptability to science-based and technological solutions to environmental problems," said Kaur.

The project team said that it is possible to treat waste water up to a drinking standard, but the technology has not been adopted yet.

ACTION LIKELY TODAY

Sealing heat on Amar Colony, Ministry, SC panel at odds

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE SEALING drive at Amar Colony, slated for Tuesday, has the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Supreme Court-appointed Monitoring Committee at loggerheads, with the former stating that sealing cannot be carried out as the area enjoys immunity under special provisions and the latter saying it will go ahead with its plan to seal 250 commercial premises.

The sealing scare hit Amar Colony, the third time in a little over a year, as 250 properties got notices over unauthorised construction and for using residential areas for commercial activity.

These properties are 'type C' tenements where the ground floor is being used commercially, and upper floors are being used for residential purposes.

Over 250 properties have received notices. *Amit Mehra*

The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Act 2011, which came into effect in 2006, prohibits sealing drives against unauthorised shops, factories and hotels built before that year. Allowance period has been extended five times, most recently till December 31, 2020.

Monitoring committee member Bhure Lal, however, said the team will go ahead with sealing Tuesday. He said it was not just unauthorised constructions the committee was looking at, but also the commercial use of residential areas. "If officials and police do not support us, let them answer in court," Lal said.

Sources in the South MCD said there are 24 blocks with 256 houses each in Amar Colony where people have constructed more than three floors when they were allowed just two.

The corporation, sources said, has prepared a list of 11,000 residential properties in the area constructed by government agencies which have been misused for commercial purposes or where encroachment has been reported.

Councillor of the area, Congress's Abhishek Dutt, said the ministry's intervention is delayed. "What they have done now should have been done much earlier," he said.

Delhi Urban Development Minister Satyendar Jain also said that if sealing takes place, it will be in "gross violation" of the special provisions.

"If the Monitoring Committee wants to undertake any demolition or take any action, it must take permission from the Supreme Court before doing so. Sealing cannot be carried out in Amar Colony because all buildings in Amar Colony are pre-2009 and have protection under law. If sealing is carried despite this, it will be in gross violation... and an Act of Parliament will have no meaning left," he said.

Neighbour held for raping, killing minor girl

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

A WEEK after a seven-year-old girl was raped, murdered and her body dumped inside an abandoned sewage treatment plant in outer Delhi, police arrested her neighbour Sunday. According to police, the accused wanted revenge on the girl's father, who was allegedly in a relationship with his sister.

While the post-mortem report is awaited, police said they have found evidence of rape, and invoked the POCSO Act. "The accused claimed the girl's father was in a relationship with his sister and the two were caught together by his family. We have concrete evidence tying the accused to the murder. There are also two eyewitnesses, whose statements have been taken," DCP Gaurav Sharma said.

According to police, the girl went missing on June 15, following which her parents approached the local police station.

An eight-member team was constituted to trace the accused, who was eventually zeroed in on the basis of multiple eyewitness statements.

As BJP leaders meet today, focus on how to increase Delhi unit's membership

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

BJP'S NATIONAL General Secretary (Organisation) Ramlal will hold a meeting with office bearers of the party's Delhi unit Tuesday, during which members will discuss the line of action for the upcoming Assembly elections, a senior leader told *The Indian Express*.

Delhi BJP general secretary Kuljeet Chahal said the membership in-charge of all 14 districts will discuss how to increase the party's membership.

Ramlal will meet office bearers today

The BJP recently appointed the heads for 14 districts and Chahal has been given the task to add 10 lakh more members to the party in the coming months.

Another party leader said, "Since Ramlal *ji* forms a bridge between RSS and BJP, his message will mostly be about strengthening the booth-level base."

Those who will attend the meeting include Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari and senior office bearers. "The BJP has formed three different criteria for its membership drive. One includes people who have constantly voted for the party in general, Assembly and ward elections. Second are people have voted for us in general elections but not in Assembly polls, and third are people who don't vote for us," said a senior leader.

He said that in the meeting, Ramlal will advise workers on the strategy to bring the second and third sections into the fold.

The BJP is also going to start a survey in which it will take feedback from people. "Our target will mainly be the people who voted for us in general elections but might deflect towards AAP or Congress in the Assembly polls," the leader said.

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Introduction of a new CDM project applying air-conditioners by LGEIL

LG Electronics Private Limited (hereinafter, referred as to "LGEIL") is planning on developing a new CDM project applying energy efficient air-conditioners at residential areas in India. This project will contribute to emission reduction of greenhouse gases to mitigate global warming and sustainable development of India by reducing electricity consumption at demand side.

CDM is one of the mechanisms defined in the Kyoto Protocol (IPCC, 2007) that provides for emissions reduction projects which generate carbon credits named CERs (Certified Emission Reductions) which may be traded in emission trading schemes. The purpose of the CDM is to promote clean development in developing countries. The CDM is one of the Protocol's "project-based" mechanisms; in that the CDM is designed to promote projects that reduce emissions.

LGEIL already had developed a CDM project by manufacturing & selling energy efficient refrigerators in Indian domestic market, and successfully registered to UN in 2013. CERs of 340,000 tCO2 were issued from UN by now, and it's estimated that the CERs to be issued in the future is growing every year.

In this regard, LGEIL wishes to hold a meeting named LSC (Local Stakeholder Consultation) to explain a new CDM project applying air-conditioners, and have a Q&A time. The detail of the meeting is described as below:

- Date: July 27th, 2019 (Time: 10.00~12.00 P.M.)
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- Agenda
  - About LGEIL
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FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

"I suggest to the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs as well as to the Leader of the House to discuss with the concerned ministers and see to it that hereafter the replies reach members within a period of 30 days."

VENKAIAH NAIDU, Chairman asked the concerned ministers to reply to members on issues raised by them during Zero Hour as well as through special mentions.

LOK SABHA

"You may give in writing for a discussion (on the three-language policy issue)."

OM BIRLA, Speaker responded to demands by DMK members TR Baalu and Kanimozhi and AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi for a specific reply by HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I had before me the role model of the great Swami Vivekananda who was known as Narendra in his boyhood and another Narendra, my Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi who himself comes from a humble background, and has seen and experienced poverty."

PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI , Minister of State while initiating a discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address in the Lok Sabha.

ROLL CALL

PRIME MINISTER: Present
SONIA GANDHI: Present
RAHUL GANDHI: Not Present

5 QUESTIONS

BJP'S CHURU MP **RAHUL KASWAN** TALKS TO **PRADEEP KAUSHAL** AFTER HE RAISED THE ISSUE OF SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS IN SANSKRIT UNIVERSITIES.

You took up the issue of shortage of teachers in Sanskrit universities. How did you come to know of this problem?
I learnt from the students of Sanskrit institutions in my state, Rajasthan, that a large number of posts of teachers were vacant. Obviously, this had a huge impact on the quality of education.

What is the scale of shortage?
As HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has stated, over 800 of the total 1,748 posts of teachers in Sanskrit universities and institutions funded by central and state governments are vacant. This comes to more than 50 per cent.

What in your view is the reason for this shortage? Do you think there are enough qualified people?
I believe, yes. There is no reason why people who do not meet the bar should be recruited. However, it should be fast-tracked.

What should be done immediately?
The government says it has undertaken a special drive to fill up vacancies. It is currently engaging guest and part-time faculty to meet the shortage.

Are there enough students interested in studying Sanskrit?
There are about 120 universities which offer Sanskrit as a subject. There are 15 Sanskrit universities, three of them being funded by the Centre. There are 1,000 traditional Sanskrit colleges affiliated to these universities. They account for a total of 10 lakh students. I think youth should be motivated to study Sanskrit.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Sarangi slams UPA-era 'paralysis', Adhir says Modi a 'big salesman'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE DISCUSSION on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address witnessed a war of words between the ruling BJP and the Opposition in Lok Sabha on Monday.

While Union Minister and Balasore MP Pratap Chandra Sarangi heaped praises on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said the UPA regime was a period of policy paralysis, Congress's leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said Modi is a "very big salesman".

Initiating the discussion on behalf of the government, Sarangi said "criticising Modi is like hitting one's head against the Himalayas" and took a dig at the Opposition for allegedly seeking proof of Balakot air strikes.

With the Prime Minister present in the House, Sarangi said the Opposition should respect people's mandate for a man with a humble background and against dynasty.

The Balasore MP switched from English to Hindi and to Sanskrit, Odia and Bengali, and also took to singing at times. He recited Sanskrit shlokas, couplets from Ramcharitmanas of Tulsidas and Odia poetry, prompting Saugata Roy of Trinamool Congress to ask Speaker Om Birla if he was following what the minister was saying.

Sarangi also compared "one Narendra (Modi)" with another "Narendra (Swami Vivekananda)", drawing loud protests from Congress and Trinamool MPs. Chowdhury said something in retort, which was later expunged by the Speaker from the record.

Making a pitch for nationalism, Sarangi wondered if those who did not "believe in Vande Mataram" and raised slogans like "Pakistan zindabad" and "Afzal Guru zindabad" had any right to live in India. The "tukde-tukde gang", he said, will not be tolerated.

The Congress, he said, gave the country "an accidental prime minister" and a rule of "policy paralysis" and "corruption".

It was left to Modi to provide a strong leadership and end the policy paralysis, he said, adding that the Prime Minister earned global respect for India, targeted terrorists based in Pakistan and took measures for the poor.

He also expressed his gratitude to Modi for having made a poor man like him a minister. He said the government was committed to the welfare of the poor and by 2022, every poor person will have a pucca house with toilet.

In his response, Congress's Chowdhury said Sarangi "crossed all limits" in his praise for Modi. This prompted many in treasury benches to refer to the "India is Indira and Indira is India" comment when Indira Gandhi was the prime minister.

Chowdhury said the BJP had returned to power because Modi was a "very big salesman" and the Congress failed to "market its products" in the Lok Sabha polls.

Hitting back after Sarangi referred to the alleged irregularities in the sale of 2G spectrum and coal block allocations, he said if there was a wrongdoing, why are UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi and Congress president Rahul Gandhi not in jail.

Chowdhury accused the government of "political plagiarism" syndrome, saying it claims achievements for everything while ignoring the foundation laid down by the Congress.

Invoking former Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, Chowdhury listed out the achievements under Congress governments and accused BJP of just renaming 19 of the 23 schemes of the Congress.

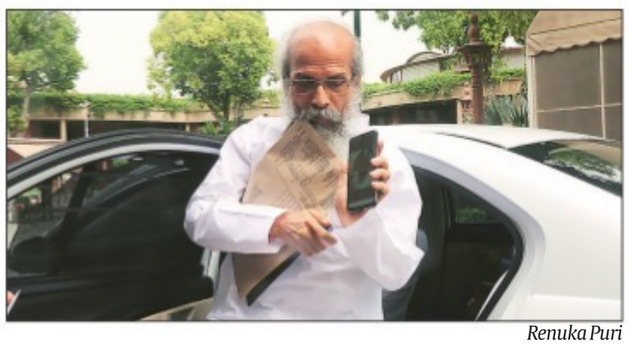
Saugata Roy of the Trinamool reiterated his party's stand against use of EVMs and demanded that the Election Commission revert to ballot papers.

"EVMs should be jettisoned. I am opposed to EVMs. Ballot papers should be brought back," Roy said. He said that a day before election results were declared, the BJP president said his party will win 300 seats and the party won 303 seats. "How is it possible?" he asked.

Danish Ali of the BSP too questioned the reliability of EVMs. "Thanks to the EVMs, the government has come to power through the backdoor," he said.

Ali also alleged that electoral bonds were used to help parties like BJP get funds from corporate houses.

Anil Sharma



Renuka Puri

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury at Parliament House; Minister of State Pratap Chandra Sarangi (left) at the complex on Monday.

Come to RS more often, things can be mended: Azad to PM

Nadda slams Oppn for disruptions, seeks rethink

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

LEADER OF Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Nabi Azad, launched a scathing attack on the government over the continuation of newly-elected Bhopal MP Sadhvi Pragya Thakur in the BJP after her statement about Nathuram Godse being a "patriot". The Congress leader was speaking during the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address, which started with observations about the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Azad said there is still time for the BJP to wipe the "stain" before October when the Father of the Nation's birthday will be celebrated. With PM Narendra Modi in the House, Azad told him that "a lot of things can be mended" if he comes more often and engages more with the opposition.

Earlier, moving the motion, BJP working president J P Nadda had slammed the opposition for repeated disruptions in the Upper House and asked them to rethink their strategy now that the people have given the BJP government a clear mandate.

The issue of Modi's presence in the Rajya Sabha — or the lack of it — has been a bone of contention in Parliament, particularly in the Upper House where the opposition has better numbers.

"... President's address starts with the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi... I felt bad that the same year, some MPs of the ruling party think his assassin was a patriot... I have her quote but I don't want to say it... you should have dismissed her immediately... there is still time for BJP before October to remove the stain," Azad said.

Modi sat through Azad's full speech. The Congress leader told the Prime Minister that his goal of "sabka vishwas" could not be met by confused signals because "hope can only be in black and white".

Responding to Nadda's plea that the Opposition should mend their ways, Azad said, "We will be in opposition for 1,000 years but we will not walk your talk. We cannot run the government on television; we believe in democracy, socialism, federalism, pluralism..."

Earlier, giving detailed accounts of the progress made by the government, Nadda said that India had moved on from being a mere spectator in the international arena to being a player. "This House has seen a lot of disruptions... in a democracy we can agree to disagree but disagreement just for the sake of it is not good... we got this huge mandate because of our policies. I would request you to rethink whether your path is right..." Nadda said.

Pushing the PM's 'one nation one election' idea, Nadda said the NDA had put an end to the "despair of 2014" and the new India is leaping ahead. Azad said that the opposition wants the old India of communal amity back rather than the new one of lynchings and data burial.

RJD MP Manoj Jha expressed concern about the government's propensity to "generate data that suits them". "In this country it seems we need SPG for data protection... secularism... has disappeared from the President's address... "

SP leader Ramgopal Yadav accused the government of bias in the way it dealt with states. "When we were in government in Uttar Pradesh every second day the President would write letters. Now 24 people have died in 17 days and there is no letter..."

CPM MP T K Rangarajan said the elections were a fight between the soft Hindutva of Congress and the hard Hindutva of BJP but what worked was the "magic" of Pulwama.

PM Modi sat through Azad's full speech

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Jaishankar, Jugalji Thakor are BJP candidates for Gujarat Rajya Sabha bypolls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GANDHINAGAR, JUNE 24

MINISTER OF External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and OBC youth leader from Mehsana, Jugalji Thakor (Lokhandwala), are all set to file their nominations on Tuesday as BJP candidates from Gujarat for the upcoming Rajya Sabha bypolls.

The BJP declared their names late on Monday for the two RS seats where bypolls were necessitated following the election of BJP national president Amit Shah and Union Minister Smriti Irani to the Lok Sabha.

A retired IFS officer of 1977 batch, Jaishankar was a surprise inclusion in the Narendra Modi government. After his induction into the Union Cabinet, Jaishankar is required to get elected to the Parliament within six months. On Monday, he formally joined the BJP in the presence of party's national working president J P Nadda and other senior leaders at the BJP parliamentary office.

Meanwhile, the announcement of Jugalji Thakor (51) as RS candidate came as a surprise. Thakor, hailing from Mehsana district of North Gujarat, is an OBC youth leader who is also a secretary of Gujarat BJP's OBC Cell. He is into real estate and hotel business apart from social work.

Party sources said that Jugalji's father, Mathurji, was a Congress loyalist. However, Jugalji was associated with the BJP and played a significant role in strengthening the party among the OBC communities in North Gujarat. He is also believed to have played a significant role in getting party candidate, Bharatsinh Dabhi, elected from Patan constituency in the recent Lok Sabha elections.

Sources also said that during the OBC agitation launched by Alpesh Thakor in 2015-16, Jugalji's efforts kept the OBC voters with the BJP, especially in North Gujarat. "Jugalji has been rewarded by the party for his work," said a senior party worker, who worked with Jugalji for years, on condition of anonymity.

Both Jaishankar and Jugalji, said a party release, will file their nominations for the bypolls around 11.30am on Tuesday, the last day for filing of nominations.

BJD, BJP candidates file nominations

Bhubaneswar: Two BJD candidates and one BJP nominee on Monday filed their nomination papers for the bye-election to the three vacant Rajya Sabha seats of Odisha.

While BJD's Amar Patnaik and Sasmit Patra filed their nomination papers for two Rajya Sabha seats in presence of party president and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, BJP candidate Ashwini Vaishnav also submitted his papers to the returning officer. **PTI**

Draft education policy proposes flexibility in language choice: Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE DRAFT National Education Policy (NEP) report on the three-language formula proposes flexibility regarding the choice of language, Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank stated in Lok Sabha during the Question Hour on Monday.

The minister also assured members from the DMK, the Congress and the AIMIM that the policy will be finalised only after examining all suggestions and comments of stakeholders. "This is still a draft," he told the members.

The committee for draft National Education Policy headed by former ISRO chairman K Kasturirangan submitted its report to the HRD Ministry on May 31. The report, which initially suggested teaching Hindi in non-Hindi states, had triggered a controversy. The Centre later dropped the clause.

Claiming that the minister was avoiding a categorical response to the issue flagged by him, AIMIM member Asaduddin Owaisi sought to know if the government intended to implement a "compulsory" three-language formula in all the states and make Hindi a mandatory subject.

He was soon joined by Kanimozhi and T R Baalu of the DMK. They also demanded a clear reply from the minister. Pokhriyal said the government was taking steps to strengthen all Indian languages.

HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

He declared, "It is not the policy announced by the government. After getting feedback from the general public and consulting state governments, the National Education Policy will be finalised by the Centre."

There will be no imposition of any language and there will be no discrimination against any language, he declared.

Vacancies for Sanskrit teachers

Over 800 posts of teachers of the total 1,748 are lying vacant in Sanskrit universities and institutions funded by central and state governments, the HRD Minister told Lok Sabha. He said the government has launched a special drive to fill up vacancies and is currently engaging guest and part-time faculty to meet the shortage.

Govt introduces J&K quota Bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

G KISHAN Reddy, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, on Monday introduced a Bill providing people living along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir the benefits of reservation in direct recruitment, promotion and admission in professional courses on par with those living along the Actual Line of Control (ALoC).

The Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2019, will replace an ordinance issued by the previous regime.

Some Opposition members wanted to oppose the introduction of the Bill but Speaker Om Birla rejected their demand, saying that they had not followed the procedure laid for the purpose.

Former J&K chief minister and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, who was present in the House during the Question Hour, was missing when the Bill was introduced.

The Bill once passed by Parliament will amend the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 to bring persons residing in areas adjoining the IB within the ambit of reservation, on par with those living in areas adjoining the ALoC.

Due to continuous cross-border tensions, persons living along the IB suffer from socio-economic and educational backwardness.

Process begins to form House panels

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE GOVERNMENT on Monday kicked off the process for constituting several parliamentary committees.

Standing in for Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, his deputy Arjun Ram Meghwal moved a resolution in the Lok Sabha proposing that the Lower House elect members to the Estimates Committee. Similarly, he also moved a resolution for the election of 15 members to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). Another seven members will be deputed to the committee by the Rajya Sabha.

Separate resolutions were also moved to elect 15 members to the Committee on Public Undertakings and 20 members to the Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

A resolution was also moved to constitute the Standing Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes. It would include 30 members — 20 from the Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha.

RSP MP RAISES PRIVACY ISSUE

Bill to amend Aadhaar Act moved in Lok Sabha

PRADEEP KAUSHAL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

A BILL to allow voluntary use of Aadhaar as an identity proof for opening bank accounts and procuring mobile phone connections was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

Rolling out stiff penalties for violation of norms, the Bill proposes to amend the Aadhaar Act 2016 and replace an ordinance promulgated in March.

Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad introduced the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019. RSP member N K Premachandran, representing Kollam constituency of Kerala, opposed the move.

Prasad maintained that "Aadhaar does not violate privacy". "And, it is in national interest," he affirmed. The minister said all issues which Premachandran had raised had been "dealt with". He said the usage of Aadhaar for opening bank accounts and SIM-linking was so far being done through circulars and rules and added that it will be done through an Act of Parliament now. He said that under the amendment Bill, a child's consent for Aadhaar will be obtained after he became an adult. He said there was also a provision for an offline verification.

Premachandran said the Bill is not in conformity with the Supreme Court judgment in the K S Puttaswamy case, which "restricted the use of Aadhaar for only such schemes that have the colour of subsidy and which are paid out of the Consolidated Fund of India".

The RSP member said the issue of the Personal Data Protection needed to come up first. "Instead of bringing Personal Data Protection Bill, you're amending the Aadhaar Act," he said.

Other MPs also wanted to raise objections to the introduction of the Bill, but Speaker Om Birla said they should have given a notice for it earlier. At this, a new member stood up, pointing out that he had given a notice. He was promptly backed by AIMIM member Asaduddin Owaisi and NCP member Supriya Sule, but the Speaker had in the meantime directed Prasad to respond to objections.

Prasad stated in his response that SIM cards could "be taken with or without Aadhaar". He pointed out that over 60 crore people had taken mobile SIM cards through Aadhaar even though it was not mandatory. People of India, he said, had accepted Aadhaar.

The Bill envisages voluntary use of the Aadhaar number for authentication and as identity proof for opening of bank accounts and for procuring mobile phone connections. It also proposes deletion of section 57 of the Aadhaar Act related to the use of biometric data by private entities. This amendment will also prevent the denial of services for refusing to, or being unable to, undergo authentication. Besides this, the proposed amendments provide for the establishment of a Unique Identification Authority of India Fund.

The changes proposed also include a civil penalty of up to Rs 1 crore on entities that violate provisions of the Aadhaar Act, with an additional fine of up to Rs 10 lakh per day in case of a continuous non-compliance. Similarly, the Bill proposes that unauthorised use of identity information by a requesting entity or offline verification seeking entity would be punishable with imprisonment of up to three years with a fine that may extend to Rs 10,000 or up to Rs 1 lakh in case of a company.

Jagan govt to raze Rs 10-cr building from TDP's tenure

Andhra CM says Praja Vedika built illegally, TDP claims political vendetta

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JUNE 24

HOURS AFTER holding his first meeting at Praja Vedika or people's grievance cell, built by the previous TDP regime on the banks of the Krishna river in Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy announced on Monday that the sprawling complex will be demolished on Wednesday.

The complex has been built at Undavalli village, adjoining the official residence of former CM N Chandrababu Naidu. Calling it a "shameful symbol" of how the TDP government bypassed laws and objections and illegally built it, Jagan said Praja Vedika will be the first illegal building to be demolished, and made it clear that no illegal buildings should be constructed on the river bank.

TDP leaders have, however, said the CM should not take decisions in haste.

After meeting IAS officers in the building, Jagan said: "I deliberately decided to hold the District Collectors' and IAS officers meeting here today in this illegal building. The CM, Cabinet and IAS officers are sitting in a building that is not valid. I want to emphasise that my government will not tolerate or encourage such blatant violation of laws. After this two-day meeting, this building will be demolished."

'Shameful symbol' of how TDP bypassed laws: Jagan Reddy

This does not bode well for Naidu, who may even be asked to leave his official residence, which is adjacent to Praja Vedika. Naidu got it built to hold party meetings, meet people, organise grievance sabhas, and hold official meetings. After he demitted office, he requested Jagan to allow him to use the Praja Vedika by considering it an extension of his official residence.

While the state government is yet to reply to his request, it decided to take over Praja Vedika to hold the Collectors' conference, even as Naidu is abroad.

Jagan said construction along the river bank could be allowed 22.6 m above the flood level but Praja Vedika was built at 19.5 m. Despite objections raised by the executive engineer (Vijayawada), former Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P Narayana ordered it to be built, said the Chief Minister.

The TDP government also overruled river conservation laws and objections by Lokayukta and went ahead with the building. "There were irregularities in the construction. Short tenders with one week notice were called. Nagarjuna Construction Company was given the contract of Rs 5 crore after disqualifying another company. The construction cost was later revised to Rs 8.9 crore," said an official.

In June 2015, after shifting from Hyderabad to Vijayawada, Naidu decided to use the guesthouse of Lingamaneni Group, an infrastructure company whose owners are close to him, as his official residence. The guesthouse owners were served a notice by the Guntur District administration in February 2015 that it was illegal and constructed on encroached land. Despite this, Naidu moved into the bungalow.

"Naidu should vacate the official residence gracefully instead of being evicted. Also, Praja Vedika is not Naidu's personal property. It belongs to the government and we have every right to take over it," said Botsa Satyanarayana, Minister of Urban Development and Municipal Administration.

TDP leaders protested the move, alleging political vendetta. "The government has taken over Praja Vedika without informing Naidu, who is abroad. They should have at least replied to his letter. This reeks of political vendetta," said TDP state president Kala Venkat Rao.

TDP leaders suggested that the government should think carefully before ordering demolitions. "Praja Vedika was built at a cost of nearly Rs 10 crore. Why waste it? It can be used by the government to host official meetings because we do not have such a big space anywhere in Amaravati," said Rao.

CONG DISSOLVES ALL UP DISTRICT UNITS

Mixed signals: Rahul calls meets, yet firm on quitting

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

CONGRESS PRESIDENT Rahul Gandhi has convened meetings of leaders and AICC in-charges of poll-bound Haryana, Jharkhand and Maharashtra later this week, ending his self-imposed non-engagement with organisational matters since the party's defeat in Lok Sabha elections.

But he is said to be still firm on stepping down as Congress president, and sources said a meeting of Congress Working Committee (CWC) could be called soon to end the deadlock.

And in a surprise decision, the AICC on Monday dissolved all district committees of Uttar Pradesh and appointed CLP leader Ajay Kumar Lallu in charge of making organisational changes in eastern UP.

Sources said senior party leaders have concluded that the leadership vacuum in the Congress triggered by Rahul's insistence is costing the party dear and a way out has to be found. A senior leader told *The Indian Express* that a CWC meeting could be convened soon to persuade Rahul to continue for one last time. "If he does not relent, an alternative system will be put in place," the leader said.

The AICC stated that Lallu's appointment would be for a "defined period, during which "organisational changes will be effected." It said the in-charge of UP West will be decided by AICC general secretary in charge of western UP Jyotiraditya Scindia.

EXPLAINED

End of road for Babbar?

THE DECISION to dissolve UP district committes means state Congress president Raj Babbar will no longer be in command. It is not clear whether Babbar, who lost in the Lok Sabha polls, will continue in the post, as he had earlier offered to resign. But with Ajay Lallu given charge of making organisational changes in UP East, and the party stating that a similar appointment will be made for UP West soon, it will leave Babbar with precious little role.

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ALL EYES ON HIS SPEECH

WITH AN eye on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reply in the Lok Sabha to the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address, the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha reshuffled the batting order on Monday. Trinamool Congress's Derek O'Brien, BSP's Satish Mishra and Congress's Digvijaya Singh, who would have spoken on Monday, will now speak on Tuesday — the House will not get adjourned after obituary references to sitting Rajya Sabha MP Madan Lal Saini, who died on Monday, although that is the convention — after Modi has given his reply. This would help tackle some of the issues he might raise in his speech. After the drubbing in the Lok Sabha polls, these are the first signs of floor coordination between opposition parties after a joint notice was submitted last week on electoral reforms.

HEARTBURN IN HOUSE

THERE IS no dearth of sulking leaders when it comes to the 52-member Congress group in the Lok Sabha. Manish Tiwari, for instance, seems to be so upset over the selection of Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury as the floor leader by Sonia Gandhi that he is rarely seen in the House. Even when he does come, Tiwari sits far from the rest of the pack, and leaves soon enough. The second contender, Shashi Tharoor, otherwise a regular, is similarly missing. The third claimant, Kodikunnil Suresh, is the only one who appears reconciled to having been overlooked.

TOUGH ALLY

WHILE THE JD(U) may be an NDA ally, it might not support the government on every move in Parliament. Giving out such hints, JD(U) MP from Munger Rajiv Ranjan Singh, while participating in the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address, said that the government should focus on the country's basic problems and avoid controversial things such as the triple talaq Bill. When the Bill comes to Parliament, Singh said his party will "show what it feels about it". His advice was to sensitise the Muslim community. The BJP MPs who, until then, were cheering Singh, remained silent.

IN SOLIDARITY

People at a condolence meet held in the memory of Dalit deputy sarpanch Manji Solanki, who was allegedly beaten to death by a group of upper caste men. Dalit activists demanded justice in the case at the gathering in Jalila village of Gujarat's Botad district. *Javed Raja*

Cong targets govt over resignation of RBI Dy Governor, wilful defaulters

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WITH RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Viral Acharya resigning from his position at the central bank, the Congress on Monday hit out at the BJP-led government, saying his resignation shows that there is a culture of disrespecting expertise and talent under the current regime. The Opposition party also targeted the government over the rising number of wilful defaulters.

"Even though the BJP has got a renewed mandate, India's economic woes continue to simmer. The tremors of the massive mishandling of the economy in the past five years under a government which mastered the art of disruptive economic policy measures are still being felt. As the country is staring at a below average monsoon and reeling under a severe water crisis, private investment in India is also taking a huge hit, thereby deepening the economic woes of our people," Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said.

He argued that the number of wilful defaulters in nationalised banks has increased by over 60 per cent in the last five years. Citing the figures of a credit information company, Surjewala claimed that the amount involved in wilful defaults had soared by Rs 1,21,700 crore from Rs 39,504 crore in March 2014, adding that India's largest public sector bank, the State Bank of India, alone accounted for Rs 39,471 crore of wilful defaults as of December 2018. "This alone is a surge of a whopping 308 per cent," he said.

On the resignation of RBI Deputy Governor Acharya six months before his term was to end, Surjewala said he had added his name to the long list of experts who attempted to show the "mirror of truth" to the BJP regime. "Four Economic Advisors, two RBI Governors and a Niti Aayog VC have resigned earlier! This only proves that under the current BJP regime, there is a culture of disrespecting expertise, as also talent. BJP govt only needs yes men and puppets — not experts wizards," he said in a statement.

RSS affiliates want Budget to focus on jobs, self-reliance

LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

INDICATING CONCERN over the issue of unemployment and seeking focus on employment generation, representatives of organisations affiliated to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) have conveyed their expectations from the Budget to the Narendra Modi government.

According to sources, representatives of RSS wings, including Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM), Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS), Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) and Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB), also met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on June 15 for a pre-Budget meeting. The General Budget will be presented in Parliament on July 5.

BKS has suggested that agriculture inputs be exempted from GST and asked the government to frame a uniform policy to make agriculture loans friendly for farmers. Speaking to *The Indian Express*, BKS national organisation secretary Dinesh Kulkarni said, "The government in its previous term had taken up the issue of strengthening 22,000 local markets. A review of that should be done because effective execution is not visible on the ground."

BKS is also against the increase in import of pulses and demanded that the government should cancel plans of increasing imports. "Presently we import two lakh tonnes of pulses and there were talks to increase it to four lakh tonnes. BKS has the view that we should wait for monsoon. Hopefully production will improve," Kulkarni said.

SJM focused on employment generation and promotion of domestic products, besides demanding provisions in the budget towards making the atmosphere favourable for small industries. It has also asked that the government should implement schemes for job creation in rural areas.

The BMS has expressed concern over lack of increase in wages in proportion to industrial growth, saying that creation of jobs without quality has lowered per capita wage in the country.

Jitendra Gupt, national president of LUB, sought measures to create an atmosphere for self-employment and self-reliance.

Rajya Sabha MP and Rajasthan BJP chief Saini dies at 75

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MADAN LAL Saini, Rajya Sabha MP and president of the BJP's Rajasthan unit, died on Monday while undergoing treatment at AIIMS, New Delhi. He was 75.

A party spokesperson said Saini's remains will be brought from Delhi and kept at the party's state office in Jaipur on Tuesday. From there, it will be taken to his village in Sikar district for cremation.

Expressing his condolences, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "The passing away of Shri Madanlal Saini Ji is a major loss for the BJP family. He contributed to strengthening the Party in Rajasthan. He was widely respected for his congenial nature and community service efforts.

Saini was undergoing treatment at AIIMS, Delhi

My thoughts are with his family and supporters. Om Shanti."

BJP president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Saini was a true public servant who devoted his whole life to the party and society. The party's working president J P Nadda said Saini's passing away was an irreparable loss for the party and Rajasthan.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said, "Shocked and saddened to hear about the passing away of Sh. Madan Lal Saini ji, President of BJP Rajasthan. My thoughts and prayers are with his family members. May God give them strength to bear this loss. May his soul rest in peace."

Born in Sikar district, Saini joined the RSS when he was nine and went on to practise law in Sikar. He then left the practice to fight for labour rights and was associated with Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh and Akhil Bharatiya Krishi Mazdoor Sangh. He didn't have much luck with elections, having lost two Lok Sabha polls and a Vidhan Sabha election.

The only time he was elected to Assembly was in 1990, when he became MLA from Gudha. He was elected to Rajya Sabha in March 2018 and in June that year was made the BJP's Rajasthan chief. He was appointed to the post when then CM Vasundhara Raje was locked in a tussle with the party's central leadership over the choice of state chief.

After NRI's suicide, Kerala govt plans to curb power of local body secretaries

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 24

ROCKED BY the suicide of an NRI investor, reportedly over red-tape experienced at a CPM-ruled municipality in the state, the Kerala government is considering curtailing power of secretaries of local self-governing bodies.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan told the Assembly about the state government's plans regarding this while replying to an adjournment motion moved by the Opposition.

Vijayan also tried to defend the CPM leadership, which ostensibly played a role in denying sanction for a convention centre at Anthoor municipality in Kannur district.

Sajan Parayail, an NRI investor, committed suicide last week, allegedly after the municipality denied occupancy certificate for his Rs 15-crore convention centre. His family had alleged that municipal chairperson P K Shyamala, who is also wife of CPM central committee member M V Govindan, had told Sajan that the project would not get final sanction as long as she is the civic body's chairperson.

Shyamala was allegedly irked over Sajan maintaining direct links with the party's district leadership in Kannur.

On Monday, Vijayan told the Assembly that as per the Kerala Municipal and Panchayati Raj Act, only the secretary of a civic body has powers regarding building rules. If there are objections to the decisions of the secretary concerned, the local civic body can move an appeal only before the tribunal meant for local bodies, the Chief Minister pointed out.

CM Pinarayi Vijayan

Neither the council nor the chairperson has the right to hear any appeal. At present, a secretary can bypass recommendations of even an engineer. "The government is planning to limit the power of a civic body secretary over recommendation of a technical expert," Vijayan said.

Vijayan said the government would ensure that secretaries of local bodies would study applications for permits in a single sweep, instead of seeking queries in a phased manner, and thus delaying the sanction

Kerala: Sacked Cong leader set to join BJP

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A P Abdullakutty, who was recently sacked from Congress for praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi on BJP's massive mandate in the Lok Sabha polls, is set to join the saffron party.

Abdullakutty on Monday met Modi and BJP national president Amit Shah and expressed his desire to join the party.

"Shah asked me to take membership in BJP immediately. He said he would speak to BJP's Kerala leadership regarding my entry to the party.... He thanked me for my stand and said the BJP government is going ahead with taking minorities into confidence," Abdullakutty said.

Reacting to the development, BJP state president P S Sreedharan Pillai said the party would welcome Abdullakutty.

There have been reports that Abdullakutty is looking to contest the Manjeshwar Assembly seat bypolls as a BJP candidate. The saffron party has been the runner-up in all recent elections in the constituency, which has a sizable Muslim population.

TMC MLA joins BJP

Trinamool MLA Wilson Champramary and 10 members of the Dakshin Dinajpur Zila Parishad, including its president Lipika Roy, joined the BJP Monday.

They joined the saffron party at its headquarters in the presence several senior leaders including its West Bengal president Dilip Ghosh and national general secretary Kailash Vijarvargiya.

HARYANA

Farmers in 7 paddy-growing districts agree to switch to maize under govt scheme to save groundwater

SUKHBIR SIWACH
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 24

FARMERS IN seven major paddy-growing districts of Haryana have agreed to opt for maize and other alternatives after the Manohar Lal Khattar-led state BJP government offered major incentives for crop diversification in an attempt to address the rapidly falling groundwater levels in the state.

According to the state Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, the farmers have formally registered for alternative plantations over 40,000 hectares of land. "It's a matter of happiness that the farmers have sown maize and alternative crops keeping in view the crisis of groundwater," Khattar said Monday.

After it emerged that the groundwater level has depleted in 76% area of the state, Khattar had in May launched a pilot scheme 'Jal Hi Jiwan'. The objective of the scheme is to replace paddy with maize in seven major paddy-growing districts: Ambala, Yamuna Nagar, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Jind, Karnal and Sonipat.

According to agriculture department officials, 1 kg of rice requires 2,000-5,000 litres of water, depending upon its variety, soil type and time of sowing. With paddy production jumping from 39.89 lakh tonnes in 2014 to 45.16 lakh tonnes in 2018, the number of tubewells in the state also shot up from a few thousand to 8 lakh, resulting in overdrawing of groundwater.

The 'Jal Hi Jiwan' scheme envisages diversification of 50,000 hectare area of non-basmati rice mainly into maize, pulses or oilseeds to achieve the target.

Apart from seeds and financial assistance of Rs 5,000 per hectare, the farmer's share of crop insurance will also be borne by the government.

Officials estimate that if farmers opt for maize in place of rice, the water saved per hectare will be about 14 lakh litres per crop season. The government says that Haryana is the first state to implement a water-saving scheme involving sowing maize as an alternative crop.

Initially, the government had offered financial incentives to farmers of only seven blocks to diversify crops across 50,000 hectares, but officials soon realised that they won't able to achieve the target in this small area. Around two weeks ago, the government had extended the scheme to seven districts.

Gurnam Singh Chaduni, president of the Bhartiya Kisan Union, Haryana, said, "We also understand the problem of depleting ground water but the government should ensure purchase of alternative crops in place of paddy. Around 10 years ago, the government had encouraged farmers to cultivate soybean. But the farmers had returned to paddy again when the government failed to make adequate arrangements to procure soybean."

MADRASA TEACHER SAYS BEATEN UP, COPS SAY PROBE ON

Bengal man: Pushed off train for not saying Jai Shri Ram

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A 26-YEAR-OLD madrasa teacher on Monday claimed that he was beaten up and pushed off a moving train by a group for not chanting "Jai Shri Ram" on Thursday afternoon while he was travelling from Canning in South 24 Parganas district to Hooghly.

Hafeez Mohd Sahrukh Haldar, who the police said escaped with minor injuries, said, "I was travelling to Hooghly when a group of people were chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' inside the compartment.They asked me to chant the same. When I refused, they started to beat me, nobody came to my rescue. The incident took place while the train was between Dhakuria and Park Circus stations. They pushed me off the train at Park Circus station. Some locals helped me."

A railway police official said, "He had minor injuries and was taken to Chittaranjan Hospital. Proper treatment was provided to him. It seems that he was assaulted during the journey due to boarding and deboarding issues. There were two to three people who sustained minor injuries. Investigation is on and no one has been arrested."

According to Haldar, the incident took place in train number 34531 (Canning- Sealdah).

Haldar, a resident of Basanti in South 24 Parganas, said that he first went to Topsia police station to file a case, but was told that the Government Railway Police (GRP) was the right authority to approach. As per the Railway police, a case was filed against unknown people at Ballygunge railway station under IPC Sections 341 (wrongful restraint), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 325 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 34 (acts done by several persons). When *The Indian Express* contacted police officials in Kolkata, they said that they were verifying the incident.

Railway police officers said that they would take stern action against the miscreants once they are identified.

5 schools, hostels reopen in Maoist-affected village

Raipur: Chhattisgarh Minister for Industry and Excise and local MLA Kawasi Lakhma reopened five educational institutions and hostels in Sukma district's Jagargunda village on Monday, after roughly 13 years. Jagargunda, once one of Asia's primary tamarind markets, has been the epicentre of violence between Maoists and the state. Even today, the village is home to those who fled to the village during days of the Salwa Judum.

"Students from the region used to study in nearby porta cabins as no schools were operational due to Salwa Judum... Owing to demand made by the students, schools and hostels were reopened by the district administration," said a government release. **ENS**

Case against Army officer for damaging crops on disputed land

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POLICE HAVE lodged a case against a senior Army officer for allegedly using around 40 rifle-carrying jawans to destroy crop at a disputed farmland in Pune district's Khed taluka.

The complainant, Monika Ganesh Gade (26), who claims to be the owner of the land, filed an FIR against the officer on June 23.

Accordingly, the police have booked an Army Colonel and "30 to 40 army personnel" under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The Army declined to comment on the case. As per the FIR, Gade and her relative Sunil Namdev Bharne purchased farm land in Gulani village in Khed Taluka in 2018.

Gade alleged that when she and Bharne visited Gulani, they were obstructed from cultivating on the land by the Colonel's relatives, and was manhandled by them.

She said she had lodged a complaint in this regard at the Khed police station on June 14.

She further stated that on June 22, she received information that the Colonel had come to Gulani village with "army vehicles carrying about 30 to 40 armed jawans".

Gade said when she and Bharne rushed to the village, "he (the Colonel) went on our land... We were unable to stop them as we were afraid of the armed soldiers. They damaged the soybean crop sown by us on the farm land..."

AES deaths: SC asks Centre, Bihar to report on medical care and sanitation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE SUPREME Court on Monday said that a petition on the deaths of over 120 children in Bihar due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) raised questions of "grave concern" and sought responses from the UP, Bihar governments as well as the Centre about the status of public medical care facilities, nutrition and sanitation.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and B R Gavai gave them seven days to file their replies.

"The writ petition raises issues of grave concern and importance relating to public medical care facilities, nutrition and sanitation/hygiene. The respondents will file their response within seven days specifically dealing with the question of public medical care facilities, nutrition and sanitation/hygiene," the court said adding it will hear the matter after 10 days.

The PIL was filed by advocate Manohar Pratap. The court sought a reply from the Uttar Pradesh government after it was pointed out during the hearing that AES death had occurred in that state too last year.

The petitioner alleged that the deaths of children due to AES was "a direct result of negligence and inaction on the part of the respective state governments of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Union of India in handling the epidemical situation which arises every year due..."

"Reports show that there is acute shortage of doctors, medical facilities, intensive care units and other medical equipment in the hospitals in nearby areas and children are dying in hospitals due to lack of required facilities," it said and sought directions from the top court.

MEDICAL ADMISSIONS

Maratha quota: SC declines plea challenging HC order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE SUPREME Court on Monday declined to entertain a petition challenging the Bombay High Court order dismissing a petition against the state government's ordinance to provide 16 per cent reservation to Marathas in Post Graduate Medical and Dental college admissions.

A vacation bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and B R Gavai, which heard the plea, said the admission process ended on June 17 and refused to pass any order saying "it will lead to chaos". The High Court had on June 13 refused to hear the matter on the ground that the apex court had on June 4 restrained any other court from hearing any plea on PG Medical and Dental admissions for the current academic year.

Refusing to stay the ordinance, which amended the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Reservation Act, 2018, the SC had on May 24 said that the HC which was already seized of similar petitions on the matter should hear it. Later on June 4, the SC had asked the state to conduct counselling for general category students to fill up the vacancies which had risen after the 10 per cent economic reservation quota was done away with. It later allowed students of all categories to participate in the counselling.

On Friday, the Maharashtra Legislative Council cleared a Bill to replace the ordinance providing reservation to Maratha community in postgraduate medical courses. The petition challenged the June 13 order of the High Court and claimed that the ordinance was contrary to the law laid down by the apex court.

Three AES cases reported from Bengal districts

Kolkata: Three children from Howrah, Hooghly and Burdwan have been diagnosed with acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) in West Bengal. These are the first cases of AES in the state this year.

The three children, all aged below 15, were admitted to Kolkata's Institute of Child Health (ICH), three weeks ago.

One of the children, who hails from Howrah, has been put on ventilator, while the one hailing from Hooghly was discharged on Monday.

"The boy from Hooghly was discharged today (Monday). The other boy is also recovering. The boy from Howrah is a bit serious. He is not responding to treatment," said Dr Prabhas Prasun Giri, the paediatrician ICU-in-charge at ICH.

"We are yet to identify the cause of the disease in these three patients.," said Dr Apurba Ghose, director of ICH. Dr Ghosh rubbished that consumption of raw litchis leads to AES. They warned that the summer-monsoon season can see more cases cropping up. **ENS**

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division No. II, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, I&FC Wing, Vikas Bhawan-II, Civil Lines, Delhi 110054 invites on behalf of the President of India, online tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the following works:
N.O.W:- R&M of Delhi Govt. Consumer Petrol Pumps - Mall Road & Mughal Bund (Shanti Van) under Petrol Supply Scheme for the year 2019-20.
S.W :- Providing of 01 No. Computer Operator for newly developed POL Billing software, 2 Nos. Bill Clerk/Data Entry Operator for maintenance of Govt. Petrol Pumps in Delhi and 1 No. Operator for running of Backhoe Loader for 12 Month.
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दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि., कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, हमीरपुर

पत्रांक सं.- 259/ वि.वि.म.ह./ पी-1 (प्रकाशन)/ निविदा/ 2019-20 दिनांक:- 22.06.2019 अल्पकालीन (ई-निविदा) निविदा खुलने की तिथि एवं निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य सभी विवरण ई-प्रोक्योरमैंट पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in एवं निगम की वेबसाइट https://dvvnl.org पर उपलब्ध है। 1. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 02/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** सहायक अभियन्ता (आई.टी.) विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हमीरपुर के प्रयोग हेतु एक वाहन मय चालक उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। 2. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 03/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:-** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र सुमेरपुर एवं चन्द्रपुरवा के अन्तर्गत दैवीय आपदा से क्षतिग्रस्त पोलो एवं लाइनों के अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 3. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 04/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:-** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर एवं राठ के अन्तर्गत पूर्ण जमा योजना/सूखा राहत एवं दैवीय आपदा के अन्तर्गत सामग्री उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। 4. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 05/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:-** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर एवं राठ के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत कराये जा रहे कार्यों हेतु सामग्री उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। 5. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 06/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:-** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर एवं राठ के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत कराये जा रहे कार्यों हेतु उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। 6 **ई-निविदा संख्या- 07/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:-** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड मौदहा के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र मौदहा द्वितीय, इचौली एवं बिवार में पूर्ण जमा योजना 11 के.वी. लाइन में एच.टी. लाइन तथा 25 के.वी.ए., 63 के.वी.ए. उपसंस्थान का निर्माण कार्य। 7. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 08/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:-** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड मौदहा के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र मौदहा द्वितीय एवं सिसोलर परिवर्तकों को बदलने का कार्य। 8. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 09/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड मौदहा के अन्तर्गत कार्यालय में सी.सी.टी.वी. कैमरे लगवाने का कार्य। 9. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 10/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया लाइनों अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 10. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 11/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया 11 के.वी. लाइन के अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 11. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 12/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया 11 के.वी. लाइन के अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 12. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 13/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया 11 के.वी. लाइन के अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 13. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 14/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया 11 के.वी. लाइन के अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 14. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 15/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया से निकलने वाले 11 के.वी. सोहरापुर पोषक के 11 के.वी. लाइन के अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। **''राष्ट्रीय हित में बिजली बचायें''**

हस्ता./- (एस.डी. सिंह), अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हमीरपुर

TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

TNPL invites sealed Bids for **Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of 20 MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer and accessories for TNPL Unit-I,** as per the scope specified in the Bid Document. The bidder should be an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) having designed, manufactured and supplied 10 nos. of 110 kV Power Transformers of rating 20 MVA and above in the past five (5) years out of which atleast 3 nos. are in successful operation.
A complete set of Bid Document may be purchased by any interested bidder on submission of a written application to TNPL and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.5,000/- (including GST) by Banker's Cheque/Demand Draft in favour of Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited, payable at Karur, from the following address:
Project Management Division
Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited, Kagithapuram 639 136, Karur District, Tamil Nadu
Phone : 04324-277001 (10 lines) Extn: 4295/4402 Telefax : 04324-277027
E-mail: pmd1@tnpl.co.in, Web : www.tnpl.com
The bidders can request for the Bid Document through e-mail from the links available in TNPL's website on payment of the requisite fee.
A single stage, two-envelope (Technical Bid and Price Bid envelopes) bidding procedure will be followed. All Bids must be delivered to the office of TNPL not later than 15:00 hours on **15th July 2019.** Technical Bids will be opened at 1600 hours on the same day in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
TNPL reserves the right to qualify the bids received and/or reject any or all the bids, without assigning any reasons therefor.
DIPR/2122/Tender/2019
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, -HATHRAS.
Address :- Vikas Bhawan Hathras .
E-Procurement Notice Short Term (second call)
Letter NO: 164 /RED/Tender/5Cr./ Bond Clerk/2019-20 dated: 20-06-2019
1. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, HATHRAS. on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids through e-tendering system from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP RED, in appropriate class A, B, C and D as the case may be. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works.
2. Name of work as per table.

S. No	Name of District	Name of work	Total estimated cost (in Lakh) Exculding GST	Bid security (EMD) in lakh	Cost of Bid document including GST (in Rupees)	Period of completion including rainy season
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Hathras	Construction of Road From Nagla Amra to Pehari. (Work I.D. 880)	27.000	0.540	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	3 Months
2	Hathras	Construction of Road From Hathras Junction Jalesar road to Hajipur. (Work I.D. 883)	9.000	0.180	225+41+500) = 766.00	3 Months
3	Hathras	Construction of Road From Village Radawali to Radawali ki Madaiya. (Work I.D. 884)	17.000	0.340	(300+54+500) = 854.00	3 Months
4	Hathras	Construction of Road From Mitanpur to Nagla Jayas. (Work I.D. 886)	39.000	0.780	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	3 Months

3. Date of availability of Bid documents on website:- 29-06-2019.
4. **Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 15-07-2019 up to 12.00 Noon**
5. Date of opening of bids through e-procurement: **15-07-2019** at 12.30 pm
6. The Employer has right to issue addendum/corrigendum as per ITB clause-10 on-line which will not be published in any news paper. All prospective bidders are advised to keep regular watch and visit e-tender portal regularly.
For further details please log on to **https://etender.up.nic.in** and down load the bid document
Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, HATHRAS.
UPID-NO.141440 DATE 21.06.2019
WWW.UPGOV.NIC.IN

HOME DEPARTMENT (PORTS & TRANSPORT)
MAHARASHTRA MARITIME BOARD
Indian Mercantile Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Ramjibhai Kamani Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400 001.
Tel. : 022-22658375, **Fax** : 022-22614331
गृह विभाग (बंदरे व परिवहन)
महाराष्ट्र मेरिटाइम बोर्ड
इंडियन मर्कन्टाइल चेम्बर्स, ३रा मजला, १४ रामजीभाई कमानी मार्ग, बेलार्ड इस्टेट, मुंबई-४०० ००१.
दूरध्वनी क्र. : ०२२-२२६५८३७५,
फॅक्स क्र. : ०२२-२२६१४३३१
Web site : https://mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in; E-mail : ceommb@gmail.com
E-Tender Notice- (Year 2019-20)
Main Portal : https://mahatenders.gov.in, **Departmental Portal :** www.mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in
Degitally signed E-Tender for following work is invited by Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai, from Registered with Government of Maharashtra in appropriate class and having experience in execution of Marine related civil works, for following work in B1 Tender Form.

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.	Extension and Widening of existing jetty at Kharekuran Tal Palghar Dist. Palgahar	2,07,06,836/-	1,50,000/-	2,360/-	12 Months (Including Monsoon)
2.	Construction of Jetty at Vadhivbet on Vaitarna Village side, Tal. and Dist. Palghar	81,95,183/-	82,000/-	1,180/-	09 Months (Including Monsoon)
3.	Construction of Light House at Tembhi, Tal. and Dist. Palghar	80,29,493/-	80,500/-	1,180/-	09 Months (Including Monsoon)
4.	Construction of Light House at Wadrai, Tal. and Dist. Palghar	80,24,633/-	80,500/-	1,180/-	09 Months (Including Monsoon)
5.	Construction of Ramp at Rangaon, Tal. and Dist. Palghar	32,87,731/-	33,000/-	590/-	09 Months (Including Monsoon)

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 **25.06.2019 at 1000 hours (IST)** onwards.
The right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason is reserved.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai.
DGIPR/2019-2020/895

TAMIL NADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED
UNIT 2
GLOBAL NOTICE INVITING BIDS
FOR SUPPLY OF WETLAP MACHINE FOR HARDWOOD PULP INCLUDING ERECTION SUPERVISION & COMMISSIONING
Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL), which owns and successfully operates a 200,000 tpa Multilayer Coated Board Mill at Mondipatti, Trichy District (Unit 2) in the State of Tamil Nadu, India, is embarking upon a Mill Expansion Plan.
TNPL invites sealed Bids for Supply of a new wet lap machine of capacity 200 (BD) tpd-bleached pulp, complete with cutter layboy, stack & stretch film wrap and other auxiliaries including erection supervision & commissioning, as per the scope specified in the Bid Document. Bidder shall be reputed manufacturer having designed, manufactured & supplied atleast one (1) wetlap machine of capacity not less than 100 BD TPD in the past ten (10) years, which are in successful operation.
The average turnover of the Bidder shall not be less than INR 10 Crores (or equivalent) in each of last three (3) years of completed financial year.
A complete set of Bid Document may be purchased by any Interested vendor on the submission of a written application to TNPL and upon payment of a non-refundable fee (including GST) of US Dollars 70 or Euro 65 or Indian Rupees 5000/- by way of Banker's Cheque / Demand Draft in favour of Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited, payable at Trichy, from the following address:
Project Management Division
Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited
Kagithapuram 639 136, Karur District, Tamil Nadu, INDIA
Phone : 04324-277001 (10 lines) Extn: 4402 / 4568
Telefax : 04324-277027
E-mail : pmd2@tnpl.co.in, Web : www.tnpl.com
Alternatively, the bidders can request for the Bid Document through e-mail from the links available in TNPL's website.
A single stage, two-envelope (Technical Bid and Price Bid envelopes) bidding procedure will be followed. All Bids must be delivered to the above office of TNPL not later than 15.00 hours on **23/07/2019**. Technical Bids will be opened at 16.00 hours on the same day in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.
TNPL reserves the right to qualify the bids received and / or reject any or all the bids, without assigning any reasons therefor.
DIPR/2130/Tender/2019
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U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED E-TENDER NOTICE AGAINST SPECN. NO. ESD-8/135 THROUGH E-TENDERING E-Tender in two parts. Part-I & Part-II valid for six months are invited for the supply of 06 Nos. 33/0.4KV. 630 KVA Station-transformers, against Tender Specification No. ESD-8/135. Part-I of the bid shall contain Earnest money deposit of Rs. 30,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) in acceptable form pre-qualification details, technical & commercial terms and conditions etc. Part-II shall contain price bid only. Tenders shall be received up to 16.00 hours on 22.07.2019 and will be opened at 16.00 hours on 24.07.2019. In case of public holiday on 24.07.2019 the tender shall be opened on the next working day. **Sl. No.** 1, **Item** 630KVA, 33/0.4KV Station Transformer, **Specn No.** ESD-8/135, **Qty. (Nos.)** 06, **Earnest Money (Rs.)** Rs. 30,000.00 (Rs. Thirty Thousand only) to be submitted on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 150.00 in favour of SE, Electy 765/400 KV S/S Design Circle, Lucknow as per prescribed format given in the bid document. **Schedule date & time of submission** 22.07.2019 16.00 hrs, **Schedule date & time of opening** 24.07.2019 16:00 hrs, **Cost of Tender Document including 18% GST charges (Rs.)** 5310.00 Complete E-tender documents against this Bid specification can be downloaded from e-procurement website U.P. Govt.etender.up.nic.in and tenderer will require to pay a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,310 (inclusive of 18% GST) towards cost of E-tender documents through RTGS/NEFT in "UPPTCL SBI A/C No. 30231982762 (IFSC Code: SBIN0003347)". E-tenders can be submitted only on e-procurement website etender.up.nic.in up to schedule date & time. Tenderer (s) are requested to get themselves registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation so as to obtain digital signatures for participation. The bid of the firm without E-tender fee document fee, against the purchase of document, and without EMD will not be opened. E-tender document fee will be deposited through RTGS/ NEFT in the UPPTCL, account mentioned above and a proof of such deposit c.g. UTR No.. Name of Account. Scanned copy of pay-in slip countersigned by the tender should be uploaded along with E-tender documents. Earnest money deposit (EMD) will be deposited through RTGS/NEFT in UPPTCL account mentioned above and a proof of such deposit UTR No. Name of Account. Scanned copy of pay-in slip countersigned by the tenderer. should be uploaded along with E-tender documents OR in the form of Bank Guarantee in favour of Superintending Engineer. Electricity 765/400KV Substation Design Circle, UPPTCL. Lucknow. II EMD is deposited in the form of Bank Guarantee, scanned copy of EMD B.G. alongwith a scanned copy of mail in confirmation of the same from the bank issuing the B.G. will be uploaded with the E-tender document. The original copy of the same bank guarantee will have to be submitted by the bidder to the office of Superintending Engineer, Electricity 765/400kV Substation Design Circle, within 7 (Seven) days of opening of e-tender bid part-I or before opening of etender bid part-II. whichever is earlier. In case of non-submission of EMD bank guarantee in original, the part-II of the tender submitted by bidder shall not be opened. Tender document including tender fee. EMD B.G. and other commercial papers are required to be submitted in hard copy aller opening ol' tender hid Part-I. Part-II containing price hid shall be opened separately at a later date and bidders shall be informed accordingly. Undersigned reserve the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reason. Please also visit our web site www.upptcl.org & e-procurement website. e-tender.up.nic.in for any other correction/amendments/modifications /extensions till the date of submission of tenders. The offers in hard copy shall be received at the following address: Superintending Engineer. Electricity 765/400 KV Substation Design Circle. U.P. Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., 11th Floor, Shakti Bhawan Extension, 14-Ashok Marg, Lucknow-226001. Website: www.etender.up.nic.in www.upptcl.org "Save Electricity in the interest of the Nation" सं. 257/ईएसडी-8/135 दिनांक: 24.06.2019

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)
SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
Date: 17.06.2019
O.A.No. 193/2019
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)
Original Application No. 193 of 2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ..... Applicant
Versus
MR. AMIT SINGH & OTHERS .....Defendant
To,
1. Mr. AMIT SINGH
C- 243, Block C, Brij Vihar Ghazibad- 201001.
ALSO AT:
Flat No. 1903, 19th Floor Tower D, Manorath, Plot No Gh 04b 1 Sector 16, Greater Noida- 201307
2. MR. SAYAR SINGH
Flat No. 1903, 19th Floor Tower D, Manorath, Plot No Gh 04b 1 Sector 16, Greater Noida- 201307
ALSO AT:
C- 243, Block C, Brij Vihar Ghazibad- 201001.
3. M/s Mascot Soho Homes Pvt Ltd Corporate Office:
D- 59, Ground Floor, Sector- 63, Noida.
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly the authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 11/09/2019. at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INDORE
Khandwa Road, Simrol, Indore - 453552
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tenders are invited by IIT Indore for the following works:

Sl.	NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimate Cost (Rs.)
1.	IITI/ES/Maint./Reno. Balda/Unit 3 and misce/2019-20/3	Construction of boundary wall and development of rest area around Unit 3 Balda farm at IIT Indore	95,28,000

For complete details including last date of submission of tenders, please visit **http://www.tenderwizard.com/ROOTAPP/IITI**
Project In-Charge

Auction of Agriculture Land for lease
It is informed to general public that agriculture land of area 77 Karnal 11 Marla (Plot No. 2) of Haryana Rajya Bal Bhawan Madhuban (Karnal) is to be given on lease for one year through open auction. Auction will be held on dated 02.07.2019 at 11.00 am in the campus of SDO(C) Gharaunda, Barsat Road, Gharaunda under chairpersonship of Hon'ble SDM Gharaunda. Interested person may contact manager, Haryana Rajya Bal Bhavan, Madhuban to Inspect/ Visit agriculture land & Tubewell and for terms & conditions well before 02.07.2019. General public are requested to reach in large number for auction to be held on dated 02.07.2019 at 11.00 A.M. in the campus of SDM Gharaunda, Barsat Road, Gharaunda.
Manager
Haryana Rajya Bal Bhavan
Madhuban (Karnal)
Telephone No. 0184-2380122
77093/HRY

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location	Laying of 20 pair PIJF Underground cable b/w ASM Office to Lobby over DLI Division for TSR Work.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 62,51,711.61/- only
Tender Document Fee (₹)	₹ 5,900/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 1,25,000/- only.
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-I, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time - **17.07.2019** up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particulars, & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website : **www.ireps.gov.in** & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

Tender No. 558-Sig-16-Tele-OT-891. Dated : 24.06.2019 2022/19
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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,
SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL, SKIMS MC&H, BEMINA & SKIMS, SOURA, SRINAGAR
Tel.: 0194-2402617, Ext. 2159, E-mail: mechanicalskims@gmail.com
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Short Term Notice Inviting e-Tenders
Gist of e-NIT NO. 11 OF 2019-20 Dated: 20.06.2019
For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, invites Online e-Bids in Two (02) Cover System from Registered Firms/ Agencies having expertise as detailed in the Tender Document for the following works:

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. in Lacs)
1.	**Replacement of Gear Boxes to the Existing Battery of Steam Operated Boiling Pans and Repairing, Patching and Welding wherever required along with Allied Jobs at SKIMS, Soura.**	**1.51**

The complete Tender Document is available at website: **http://jktenders.gov.in**. Interested Bidders/Tenderers may view, download the e-Bid Document, seek Clarification and Submit their Bids Online upto the Date and Time mentioned in the Table below. Tender Documents contains Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bills of Quantities, & Terms and Conditions of the Contract and other relevant details.

i)	Date and Time of Downloading/Sale of Tender Documents (Starting Date)	22.06.2019 at 11.00 Hour
ii)	Date and Time of Bidding Queries/ Clarification/Pre-Bid Meet	27.06.2019 at 11.00 Hours
iii)	Last Date & Time of Bid Uploading	01.07.2019 upto 16.00 Hours
iv)	Date of Submission of Hard Copies. (Only Original EMD/DD for Document Fee)	02.07.2019 upto 14:00 Hours
v)	Date & Time of Commercial/ Technical Bid (Cover-I) Opening	03.07.2019 11:00 Hours (Or Next Convenient Day)
vi)	Date & Time of Financial Bid (Cover-IInd) Opening of the Qualifying Bidders	Shall be intimated separately
vii)	Cost of e-Bid Document	Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two Hundred only)
viii)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (CDR/ FDR)	Rs. 3200/- (Rupees Three Thousand & Two Hundred only)
ix)	Completion Time	Ten (10) days
x)	Budget Head	M&R Non Plan for the Year 2019-20

No.: SIMS 139 Ex.451/19-570-84-3183-3186
Dated: 20.06.2019
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Mechanical, SKIMS

FROM PAGE ONE

Police recorded victim's 'confession' on bike theft, did not mention assault

with sensitivity. They did not apprise senior officers of the situation," Karthik S, SP, Saraikela-Kharsawan, said.

Ansari's family, meanwhile, demanded answers from police on why the assault was not mentioned in the "confession statement", which was produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate.

The assault also does not find mention in the FIR registered by police in the case, or in the initial complaint filed against Ansari by Kamal Mahto of Ghatkidih for allegedly stealing a motorcycle. Mahto is now among those arrested by police for his alleged role in the lynching.

"We have suspended two police personnel for the lapses. A DSP-rank officer is heading the SIT inquiring the matter and we will get all the facts. There is also a possibility that Tabrez did not say anything to the police on the beating during his confession," the SP said.

Ansari's uncle Maqsood Alam said he had met his nephew in the police station's lock-up and found him "very weak and barely able to talk". "I cannot believe that he never said anything to police about the beating. The police deliberately left it out. Were the police blind that they did not see that he was badly beaten? Why could the doctors not see his pain?" Alam said.

In the statement, Ansari is quoted as saying that he and two other accused, Numair and Irfan, scaled walls, climbed on roof tops and stole a motorcycle "which did not have any registration number" in the village.

It states that he climbed another roof, found a wallet with Rs 200 in it, and planned another theft but left after failing to get any money. "At this house, the door creaked and one of the members woke up and shouted 'thief, thief'. All of us jumped but I could not escape because I sustained a leg injury... I hid, but the villagers caught me," Ansari is quoted as saying.

Mahto, the complainant, said in his statement that after they raised an alarm, other residents of the village woke up and found Ansari. "There was a motorcycle without a registration number, wallets and a phone, which was later found out to have been stolen... police were called and Ansari was handed over," Mahto said in the statement.

In videoclips of the incident, Ansari is seen tied to a pole, beaten by a mob and asked to chant "Jai Shri Ram" and "Jai Hanuman" from early last Tuesday morning, when he was caught, till dawn.

Police registered a case under various IPC sections, including for murder, only after the video went viral four days after the attack. However, speaking to reporters Monday, Ashish Batra (IG-Operations), said: "I can't comment on the video. It is seen that doctored videos are circulated on social media to hurt religious sentiments." Records at the civil hospital show that Ansari suffered at least three injuries and complained of "weakness".

FULL REPORT ON
www.indianexpress.com

DERA CHIEF'S PAROLE PLEA

Sirsa Dy Commissioner awaits reports from police, revenue departments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 24

THE SIRSA administration is yet to take a call on Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim's plea seeking 42-day parole with Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Garg still awaiting reports from concerned departments on the issue.

The final decision on the parole application has to be taken by the DC as the Dera head is a Sirsa resident. Garg, in accordance with laid down procedure, has sought reports from several departments, including revenue and the district police. While revenue department has to apprise the Deputy Commissioner on landholdings owned by Ram Rahim, the police have to report on the implications of the convict's release on the law and order situation.

"No decision has yet been taken on the parole application since the reports from concerned departments have not yet reached me," Garg told *The Indian Express*.

Sirsa SP Dr Arun Singh, said, "I have sought report from the concerned officers, which I am yet to receive."

Ram Rahim has sought parole for farming in his fields in Sirsa. His parole plea was sent to the district authorities by the Rohtak jail administration on June 18.

Haryana's Jail Minister Krishan Panwar told mediapersons, "Jail Superintendent, in his letter, has mentioned that Gurmeet's conduct in prison has been good. . Sirsa DC shall take a final call based on the reports given by the district police and revenue department."

Dera follower Bittu's body cremated two days after murder in jail

Amritsar: Dera Sacha Sauda follower and accused in 2015 sacrilege case, Mohinder Pal Bittu, was cremated at Kotkapura on Monday evening, two days after he was murdered inside Punjab's high-security Nabha jail.

Bittu was killed Saturday evening by inmates Maninder Singh and Gursewak Singh. Dera and the victim's family agreed to cremate the dead body after several rounds of meetings with the district administration. CM Captain Amarinder Singh on Monday ordered formation of a Special Investigation Team to investigate the murder. **ENS**

SOHRABUDDIN ENCOUNTER CASE

Bombay HC issues notice to 22 acquitted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JUNE 24

THE BOMBAY High Court on Monday issued notices to all the 22 persons, including 21 policemen from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh, who were acquitted in the alleged encounter of Sohrabuddin Shaikh in 2005, while admitting an appeal filed his brother Rubabuddin, against their acquittals.

On December 21, 2008, a trial court had acquitted all 22 men for the alleged encounters of Sohrabuddin, his wife Kausar Bi and his associate Tulsi Prajapati.

On Monday, a division bench issued notices to the 22 acquitted after hearing the advocate appearing for Rubabuddin, and also called for the records from the trial court.

NAVAL SHIP REPAIR YARD, KOCHI
APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

Applications for 172 vacancies are invited from ITI (NCVT) qualified candidates for undergoing Apprenticeship Training at Apprentice Training School, Naval Ship Repair Yard, Naval Base, Kochi - 682004 under Apprenticeship Act-1961. Complete details published in "Employment News" of 22 Jun 19 and "Rozgar Samachar" of 22 June 2019.

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by
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Equal Rights Activist
Chair:
Smt. Sandhya Jain
Senior Fellow, NMML

Date: 26 June 2019, at 3.00 pm
Venue: Seminar Room, Library Building
Nehru Memorial Museum and Library
Teen Murti House, New Delhi-110011

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Sd/-
Administrative Officer, CSIR-URDIP

भारतीय वायु सेना /Indian Air Force
AIR FORCE SPORTS CONTROL BOARD C/O AIR FORCE STATION NEW DELHI, RACE COURSE, NEW DELHI-110 003

1. Enrollment rally for induction of sports cadets at Air Force Boys Sports Squadron (Jalahalli, Bengaluru) is being conducted from 22-26 July 2019.
2. **Age:** 11-15 years as on 01 Oct 19 (Boys above 13 years and below 15 years can be considered only with exceptional sports talent that is National / International medalist).
3. **Education :** Class 5th to 8th.
4. **Sports Disciplines :** Applicable only for admission in Sports disciplines of Boxing and Wrestling (Sportsmen achieving first three positions in the District/ State/National in Junior/Sub Junior tournaments). The boys of only following Age, Height, Weight category will be considered for selection.

Sports discipline	Age	Minimum Height	Weight	Category
BOXING	14 Years	158-160 CM	38-44 Kg	--
	14 Years	165 CM	60-63 Kg	--
	13 Years	164 CM	50-52 Kg	--
	13 Years	160 CM	44-46 Kg	--
	13 Years	150 CM	40-42 Kg	--
	12 Years	156-160 CM	38-42 Kg	--
	12 Years	165 CM	54-57 Kg	--
WRESTLING	11-15 Years	150 CM	40-42 Kg	Free Style
	11-15 Years	160 CM	50-52 Kg	Free Style
	11-15 Years	160 CM	50-52 Kg	Greco Roman

Note : Depending on the skill level and representation the Competent authority can select the boys within the prescribed age category irrespective of weight category.

5. **Venue:** Exit Gate, Air Force Station New Delhi, Race Course,New Delhi - 110 003
6. **Time:**
   Reporting time : 0830 hrs on 22 Jul 2019 (With original Birth Certificates, Aadhar Card, Academics and sports certificates).
   Screening : 0830 -1700 hrs from 22 to 26 Jul 2019.
7. **Travelling/Boarding / Lodging :** At your own arrangements (during induction rally).
8. For Queries, contact 011-23013974 between 0900 hrs to 1730 hrs or E-mail - afscb2013@gmail.com.

Note : Please be aware of touts/agents, Selections are based on merit only.

Secretary,
Air Force Sports Control Board
Race Course, New Delhi

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POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer issued a Demand Notice on the date noted against the account as mentioned hereinafter, calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted Borrowers/ Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rules 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against the Account.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Allahabad Bank for the amount/s and interest thereon mentioned against the account herein below.

The attention of the borrowers details hereunder is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor (Mortgagor)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount outstanding as on the date of demand notice
Patna City, Patna	**M/s Shree Dwarika Ji Traders Prop.: Mr. Mahesh Kumar**	1. Mr. Naresh Kumar, 2. Mr. Baiju Kumar, 3. Mr. Ajit Kumar & 4. Mr Mahesh Kumar All are S/o Late Dwarika Prasad and 5.Smt. Seema Devi W/o Late Shankar Prasad	02.04.2019	20.06.2019	**₹79,88,678/-** (Rupees Seventy nine lakh eighty eight thousand six hundred seventy eight only) & Interest thereon along with costs, charges and expenses.

Description of the Charged/Mortgaged property: ***Simple Mortgage-*** All that part and parcel of the Land and Building vide Registered (Simple) Mortgage Deed No. 1881 dated 15.03.2014, Book No.01, Volume No.34, Page No.14-22, along with present/future construction thereon: In the joint name of Mr. Naresh Kumar, Mr. Mahesh Kumar, Mr. Baiju Kumar, Mr. Ajit Kumar all are S/o Lt. Dwarika Prasad, And Smt. Seema Devi W/o Lt. Shankar Prasad, vide memerandum of partition of hereditary property, total area measuring 595.18 Sq. Ft., Comprising Ward No.32/26, Sheet No.259, M.S. Plot No.1744P, Circle No.170, Holding No.90/80P, Situated at-Mohalla Hajiganj Dhal, P.S-Chowk Kala, PO-Patna City, District-Patna, Bihar and bounded as under (As per Deed): North-H/o Lalu Lal & Others, South-H/o Radhe Keshri, Anil Keshri & Others, East-PMC Lane, West-Indian Carrier Vacant land.

Patna City, Patna	**M/s Maa Vaishnavi Oil Mill Prop.: Smt. Soni Kumari**	1. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Raushan S/o Sahdev Prasad Verma and 2. Smt. Soni Kumari W/o Mr. Rajesh Kumar Raushan	23.01.2019	20.06.2019	**₹20,45,582/-** (Rupees Twenty lakh forty five thousand five hundred eighty two only) & Interest thereon along with costs, charges and expenses.

Description of the Charged/Mortgaged property: All that part and parcel of the Land and Building along with present/future construction thereon:-In the name of Smt. Soni Kumari W/o Mr. Rajesh Kumar Raushan, area admeasuring 15.75 Karies, vide Registered (Simple) Mortgage Deed No.4436 dated 27.05.2014, Book No.01, Volume No.77, Page No.196-203, Holding No.274(Old)/111/1(New), Circle No.218, M.S. Plot No.940 & 579, Sheet No.282, Ward No.32/37(Old)/71(New), Tauzi No. Bihar Sarkar, Thana No.38, Situated at Mohall-Jamunapur, Chutkiya Bazar, Mauza-Simli Murarpur, PS-Malsalami, District-Patna, Bihar, bounded as under (as per deed): North-Mehta Ram Narayan Prasad, South-Baiju Mahto, East-The Heir of Chhotu Sao, West-PMC Lane.

Patna City, Patna	**M/s Samar Foot Wear Prop.: Mr. Md. Saqlain**	1. Mr. Md. Samar Rizvi 2. Mr. Md. Qumar Rizvi 3. Mr. Md. Saqlain All are S/o Mr. Md. Badshah and 4. Smt. Ladli Parveen W/o Md. Saqlain	28.02.2019	20.06.2019	**₹57,07,429/-** (Rupees Fifty seven lakh seven thousand four hundred twenty nine only) & Interest thereon along with costs, charges and expenses.

Description of the Charged/Mortgaged property: ***Equitable Mortgage-*** All that part and parcel of the land and building along with present/future construction thereon: **(I)** In the joint name of Md. Saqlain, Md. Qumar Rizvi & Md. Samar Rizvi all are S/o Md. Badshah, area admeasuring 12 Dhur, **Sale Deed No.462** dated 01.02.2006, Book No.1, Zild No.27, Page No.129-150, Comprising in Ward No.22/28(O), 47(New), Sheet No.214, M.S. Plot No.3132(P), Circle No.121, Holding No.229/2/192, Situated at-Mohalla Mogalpura, Barkat Khan Ka Akhara (Katra Kalbe Ali Beg), Patna City, P.S-Khajekala, PO-Jhauganj, District-Patna, Bihar and bounded as under (As per Deed) North-Md. Salim, South-Md. Ashraf, East-Md. Bashir, West-06 Feet Wide Common Pass. **(II)** In the name of Smt. Ladli Parven W/o Md. Saqlain area admeasuring 4 Dhur, 18½ Dhurki, **Sale Deed No.2997** dated 19.06.2008, Book No.1, Zild No.54, Page No.229-237, Comprising in Ward No.22/28(O), 47(New), Sheet No.214, M.S. Plot No.3132(P), Circle No.121, Holding No.292/2/192, Situated at-Mohalla Mogalpura, Barkat Khan Ka Akhara (Katra Kalbe Ali Beg), P.S-Khajekala, PO-Jhauganj, District-Patna, Bihar and bounded as under (As per Deed) North-M.S. Plot No.3132(P), South-M.S. Plot No.3132(P), East-Gali, West-M.S. Plot No.3132(P)

Patna City, Patna	**M/s Kiran Enterprises Prop.: Mr. Anand Kumar**	1. Smt. Kiran Devi @ Kiran Kushwaha W/o Mr. Rakesh Kumar, 2. Mr. Rakesh Kumar S/o Late Yogendra Prasad, 2. Mr. Anand Kumar S/o Mr. Rakesh Kumar	29.04.2017	20.06.2019	**₹55,20,976/-** (Rupees Fifty five lakh twenty thousand nine hundred seventy six only) & Interest thereon along with costs, charges and expenses.

Description of the Charged/Mortgaged property: ***Equitable Mortgage:*** All that part and parcel of the land and building along with present and future construction thereon:-**1. (A)** In the name of Smt. Kiran Devi W/o Sri Rakesh Kumar, Sale Deed No. 1241 dated 02.03.2000, Area-896 Sq.ft., Mauja-Sabalpur Bas Tal, Thana-Didarganj, Patna City, Patna, Thana No.44, Khata No.414 & 425, Khesra No.1455 & 1456(P), Boundary at North-Sri Rakesh Kumar, South-Raghunandan Jaiswal, East-Smt. Kiran Devi, West-Rasta. **(B)** In the name of Smt. Kiran Devi W/o Sri Rakesh Kumar, Sale Deed No. R-3/BBB-1103 of 2000 dated 27.04.2000 (Registered at Mumbai), Area-14 Dhur 15 Dhurki i.e. 1000 Sq.ft., Mauja-Sabalpur (Bagh Zafar Khan) Akbarpur, Thana-Didarganj, Patna City, Patna, Circle No.206, Thana No.44, Khata No.414, CS Plot No.1455(P), Jamabandi-146, Boundary at Norty-Smt. Kiran Devi Nij Vendee, South-Sri Raghunath Jaisawal, East-Sri Amka Gope, West-Smt. Kiran Devi Nij Vendee. **2.** In the name of Mr. Rakesh Kumar S/o Late Yogendra Prasad, Sale Deed No.964 dated 19.04.1977, Area-45.50 Decimals at Mauja-Akbarpur, Sabalpur, P.S-Malsalami, Sub Registry Office-Patna City, District-Patna, Thana No.44, Tauzi No.339, Khata No.535, Plot No.1410, Boundary at North-Jai Kisun Singh & Ram Briksha, South-Bundela Singh, East-Rajeshwar Thakur & Jai Nandan Thakur, West-Kanhai Singh.

Place : Patna
Date : 24.06.2019

Authorised Officer
Allahabad Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for notice of General Public that a Political Party is proposed to for registered by the name of **NAGRIK VIKAS PARTY** (Name of the Party). The office of the party is located at 728, ABC, Ekta Nagar, Opp. Professional Courier, Near Modi Hundai Show-Room, Sativali, Vasai Road, Vasai (E), Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra - 401208. This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for the registration as Political Party under section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951- Names / Address of the office - bearers of the party are as follows:

National President : SHRI. SANTOSH JAYGOVIND SINGH
Head Office Address : 728, ABC, Ekta Nagar, Opp. Professional Courier, Near Modi Hundai Show-Room, Sativali, Vasai Road, Vasai (E), Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra - 401208.

National General Secretary : DR. BRIJESH RAMSINGAR PANDEY
Address : Narayan Darshan Apartment, H Wing, 417/418, Shivaji Nagar, Waldhuni, Kalyan (East), Taluka- Kalyan, Dist. Thane - 421306, Maharashtra, India.

National Treasurer : SHRI. DAVINDER SINGH SAINI
Address : B/401/402, Royal Nest C.S.S Limited, Mira-Bhayander Road, Shiver Garden, Mira Road, Thane - 401107, Maharashtra, India.

If any one has any objection to the registration of **NAGRIK VIKAS PARTY** (Name of the Proposed Party) they may send their objection with reasons there of, to the secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

National President : Shri. Santosh Jaygovind Singh
National General Secretary : Dr. Brijesh Ramsingar Pandey
National Treasurer : Shri. Davinder Singh Saini

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction, Part of Uttar Pradesh)
Summons For Filing & Appearance By Publication
O.A No. 167/2019
Date: 17.06.2019
(Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)
Original Application No. 167 of 2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
V/s
Mr. Manish Kumar & Others ...Defendant
To,
1. Mr. Manish Kumar Jha
Flat No. 2001 20th floor Tower D Mascot Soho Manorth Plot No. GH-48/1 Sector- 16, Greater Noida West Noida-201307.
Also At:
12/18 3rd Floor Ashoka Road Shipra Suncity Indirapuram Ghaziabad- 201014.
2. Mrs. Jyoti Jha
Flat No. 2001 20th floor Tower D Mascot Soho Manorth Plot No. GH-48/1 Sector- 16, Greater Noida West Noida- 201307.
Also At:
12/18 3rd Floor Ashoka Road Shipra Suncity Indirapuram Ghaziabad-201014.
3. M/s Mascot Sopo Homes Pvt. Ltd. Corporate Office
D-59, Ground Floor, Sector-63, Noida
In the above noted Original application you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 11.09.2019 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)
SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
Date: 17.06.2019
O.A.No. 191/2019
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.
Original Application No. 191 of 2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ..... Applicant
Versus
Mr. Vipul Bhatnagar & Others .....Defendant
To,
1. Mr. Vipul Bhatnagar
Flat No 1802, 18th Floor Tower D Plot No GH 04B1, Manorath Tower Sector 16, Greater Noida- 201307
Also At:-
503 Maitry Apartments Plot No GH 30, Sector 56, Gurgaon- 122002.
2. Mr. Shipra Shrivastava
503 Maitry Apartments Plot No GH 30, Sector 56, Gurgaon- 122002.
Also At:-
Flat No 1802, 18th Floor Tower D Plot No GH 04B1, Manorath Tower Sector 16, Greater Noida- 201307
3. M/s Mascot Soho Homes Pvt Ltd
Corporate Office:
D- 59, Ground Floor Sector- 63, Noida,
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly the authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 16/09/2019. at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.
Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

TEMPORARY SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIGINATION / DIVERSION OF TRAINS DUE TO TRAFFIC BLOCKS

In part supersession to Public Notice published on 22.06.2019, regarding 15 days traffic block for construction of Ballasted Track in Moradabad division from 25.06.2019 to 09.07.2019 and 18 days traffic block for repair of Washable Apron at Platform No. 1 at Lucknow station of Lucknow Division from 25.06.2019 to 12.07.2019, the following changes have been made :-

SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIGINATION OF TRAINS

Train No. & Train Name	Train to short terminate at / originate from	Date from Originating Station
14211/14212 Agra Cantt - New Delhi - Agra Cantt Intercity Express	at /from Hazrat Nizamuddin	25.06.2019

DIVERSION OF TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Diverted Route	Date(s) (from originating stn.)
14673 Jaynagar - Amritsar Shaheed Express	via Burhwal - Sitapur City - Roza Jn	26.06.2019 to 08.07.2019
14674 Amritsar - Jaynagar Shaheed Express	via Roza Jn - Sitapur City - Burhwal	25.06.2019 to 07.07.2019
19269 Porbandar - Muzaffarpur Jn Express	via Roza Jn - Sitapur City - Burhwal	27.06.2019 to 11.07.2019
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TIME TO TALK

Centre must not ignore the overtures from a section of the separatists in Kashmir for a dialogue

MIRWAIZ UMAR FAROOQ'S call for dialogue is an olive branch that the Centre should accept. This is not the first time that Farooq has pointed to a path forward in Kashmir. Indeed, the Hurriyat leader has only reiterated what he said immediately after the BJP won a thumping victory in the general election — that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should use the the massive mandate that voters have given to him to open a dialogue and restore peace in Kashmir. Farooq's has been the moderate voice among Kashmir's separatists. He was in talks with the Centre during UPA 1, though that engagement went nowhere. He has since joined hands with the hardline factions of the Hurriyat, but has continued to send out appeals for engagement. These were largely ignored by the Modi government in its first term even as violence raged in the Valley. At the time, the Centre seemed determined to pursue a policy of using force to quell both militants and protests, but it has become clear that this did not help to solve the problem. If anything, it only contributed to increasing the alienation in the Valley, which in turn, drove an increasing number of young people to militancy. The killings of four militants linked to the Ansar Ghazwat ul Hind by security forces in an encounter, and the killing earlier of a militant linked to ISIS, shows that global terrorist organisations are trying to get into the door in Kashmir.

The political vacuum that exists in the Valley can only help such dark forces. This vacuum is not just the lack of an elected state government, which is bad in itself, but also the long absence of engagement with the Kashmiri political class, which includes the separatists. Indeed, the Centre was standoffish even with the last state government, even though the ruling coalition had the BJP in alliance with the PDP, one of the two main regional parties in Jammu and Kashmir.

It is significant that Governor Satya Pal Malik — the chief executive at the moment as the state is under President's Rule — has also publicly flagged Mirwaiz Farooq's readiness for talks. Speaking in the presence of Union minister Prakash Javadekar, and minister of state Jitender Singh, who is from the state, Malik, a nominee of the BJP government, too seemed to be appealing to the Centre to grab the opportunity for a dialogue. There could be no better time. Pakistan is economically and politically weak, and under international pressure to stop its patronage of terrorists. And as the Mirwaiz has pointed out, Prime Minister Modi has won a massive mandate. The mandate is, among other things, for him to end the turmoil in the Valley, not prolong it. That demands that he works towards a constructive engagement with and in Kashmir.

POWER PLAY

Creation of national electricity distribution company could help turn around the power distribution segment

IN A WELCOME move, public sector companies NTPC and Power Grid Corporation of India have formed a joint venture to set up a national electricity distribution company. The decision paves the way for a central public sector entity to enter the power supply business, which up until now has been largely the preserve of state distribution companies. Coming at a time when state discoms are struggling to contain their losses, the move is likely to have far reaching ramifications for the distribution segment.

Over the years, successive governments have tried to address issues plaguing the power distribution segment, but in vain. The segment is the weakest link in the power chain, and its poor health affects the entire power sector. In 2015, the NDA government had launched the Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) to turn around the fortunes of beleaguered state discoms. But almost four years later, discoms continue to struggle, plagued by a host of issues ranging from inadequate tariff hikes, to high aggregate technical and commercial losses, inadequate and untimely subsidy disbursements, among others. Their flagging fortunes have not only affected power generation companies, but have also caused stress in the banking sector. The creation of a national electricity distribution company, which also serves as a central electricity buying agency, could potentially address several of these issues. It could bring relief to power producers, bring stranded capacity back to life, ensure timely payment and address the issue of stressed assets in power generation. The new entity could also procure electricity at competitive rates, the benefits of which could then be passed on to end consumers.

The move to create such an entity also signals the possibility of another round of reforms in power distribution, especially the separation of content and carriage: Carriage refers to distribution, while content refers to electricity supply. Separating them would allow consumers to buy electricity from a power company of their choice. In a market that is currently characterised by geographical monopolies, this would help usher in competition. Such measures along with the creation of a national distribution company also raise the possibility of rationalising the power tariff structure across the country. Currently, the power market in India is highly fragmented. Different state discoms charge different tariffs to different customers. These moves could potentially bring about a rationalisation in tariffs by providing national pricing benchmark across different categories of customers. However, these moves may face resistance from state discoms, as they could lose their better-paying customers to more competitive entities.

MELTING OF THE CULT

Winning Istanbul has been key to ruling Turkey. Recep Erdogan's nominee just lost the city's mayoral election

RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN has often in the past, said, "Whoever wins Istanbul, wins Turkey". The Justice and Development Party or the AKP, the conservative party Erdogan co-founded in 2001, lost power in Istanbul after a re-run of the city's mayoral election last week. The opposition candidate, Ekrem Imamoglu, had a lead of 7,75,000 votes over Erdogan's nominee, Binali Yildirim. It is a massive amplification of the margin of 13,000 Imamoglu had achieved in the earlier election in March — a victory that was annulled after AKP contested the results. It also terminates 25 years of AKP rule in Istanbul, Erdogan's home city.

In its formative years, AKP had tried to veer away from any staunch Islamic identity. At the time of formation, Erdogan reportedly said, "The period of ego-centered politics is over. A team will administer the party. The leader will not overshadow it. Those who come by election will go by election." There is much irony here, given the cult Erdogan managed to build about himself. And the charges against Erdogan in recent times have included the manner in which the government has given in to orthodoxy at odds with the larger history of Turkey. Imamoglu reportedly said during the victory celebrating over the weekend, "Nobody's lifestyle and how they dress is a concern for us". The AKP has also battled corruption charges: Imamoglu and his supporters have attempted to highlight the large funds provided to AKP-affiliated foundations by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality. Some of these foundations are reportedly helmed by the relatives of Erdogan and the funds they received allegedly run into millions of dollars.

Losing Istanbul means losing the levers to finances. For Erdogan and AKP, this could mean the beginning of the end of political domination of the city, and perhaps, Turkey.

Nurturing a friendship

US Secretary of State's India visit is a chance to re-animate a stagnating relationship

C RAJA MOHAN

AS THE EXTERNAL affairs minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar sits down for talks with the visiting US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo in Delhi this week, a sense of crisis seems to have enveloped the discourse on India-US relations. We can argue if "crisis" is the right word, but there is no denying that many dormant but difficult issues in the India-US relationship have bubbled up to the surface now.

For nearly two decades, Delhi and Washington had steadily narrowed their multiple differences inherited from the Cold War and expanded the ambit of their bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Today, differences once again dominate the public narrative. These range from trade and market access to cross border data flows and India's purchases of oil from Iran and advanced weapons from Russia. Although the intensity of the current focus on the divergence between the two nations is disconcerting, it is worth remembering four important factors.

First, India is not alone in facing sudden difficulties with Washington. Many of America's leading economic and political partners face similar challenges — most of which are flowing from the unprecedented change that is unfolding within America. America's ties with friends and foes alike are under scrutiny in the Trump Administration. Over the last couple of years, it was quite clear that Delhi's turn would come. It is now upon us.

Driving the domestic turbulence in America is none other than President Donald Trump, who has overturned many of the traditional assumptions about US foreign policy and its role in the world. This is no ordinary moment in America's post-war evolution; it is a major inflexion point.

Second, this is not the first time that Delhi is facing a crisis-like situation in its relations with Washington. Over the last quarter of a century, we have had many issues — Kashmir, South Asian security, human rights, India's rejection of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and Delhi's 1998 nuclear tests to name a few. Those who have only seen the recent good times in India-US relations may not know how hard it was in the 1990s and 2000s to get even the simplest of things done between Delhi and Washington. Political suspicion and bureaucratic resistance in both capitals were relentless. Yet many of these difficulties were overcome through engagement and sustained negotiations backed by political will on both sides to advance the partnership.

> The problems that confronted India-US relations after the NDA government's nuclear tests gives us a good sense of what can be done with a crisis. Within a few weeks of the tests and American sanctions in May 1998, India's Jaswant Singh, then deputy chairman of the planning commission and later the external affairs minister, began a marathon conversation on the differences over nuclear proliferation with the US Deputy Secretary of State, Strobe Talbott. The dialogue between the two leaders eventually led to the historic civil nuclear deal during the tenure of UPA-1.

Third, there is much heartburn among the traditionalists in both Washington and Delhi that Trump has made America's foreign policy transactional. But then you don't get to choose your interlocutors. In any case, being transactional has advantages of its own — there is no mystification of the issues involved and the focus is on uninhibited bargaining based on self-interest.

Fourth, whether it is a crisis or not and whether it is new or not, the current dynamic situation between Delhi and Washington is also an opportunity for taking a fresh look at the relationship that has seen some stagnation in recent years. It is also a moment to set some ambitious targets for the future.

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Finalising the agreement turned out to be incredibly hard. The disproportionate political heat the agreement generated in Delhi saw PM Manmohan Singh struggle to build a domestic consensus within his own party, coalition and Parliament. Fortunately for him, the then US President George W Bush was prepared to help move the negotiation forward at all critical junctures.

This time though, India will have to deal with a very different US president, Donald Trump, who believes that America is a piggybank which the rest of the world has been raiding on. He insists on fair trade and reciprocity in US partnerships. Leavening this difficult attitude, however, is Trump's fascination for the "art of the deal" premised on out-of-the-box thinking. His outreach to North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and the more recent call for a direct dialogue with the Iranian leadership would have been considered outrageous just a couple of years ago.

India too is a very different country from what it was in 1998. It has a much bigger economy — soon to be the third largest in the world. India is interconnected with the rest of the world as never before and has big stakes in consolidating the partnership with the US. Even more important, its ability to shape regional and global outcomes is of some long-term value for Washington.

The issues at hand too are different. Unlike the nuclear negotiation, where the real internal stakeholders were few, trade talks involve many government agencies, state governments and the business community. All major trading nations find it difficult to get their domestic ducks in a row. But unlike security issues, trade offers greater room for give and take.

The key to successful engagement with the US is to keep the negotiations going and make progress wherever one can. Americans are always ready to split the difference and move on. Delhi has been notorious for its inability to bring any negotiation to a close. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's distinct contributions to India's strategic culture have been to bring an utterly unsentimental view of the world, a determination to bargain hard and intense focus on practical outcomes. This approach, so visible in relation to foreign policy during Modi's first term, now needs to be extended to other domains, especially commerce, defence modernisation and adapting to the unfolding digital revolution.

A non-ideological approach to the negotiations would focus on breaking down the contentious issues into smaller parts, expanding the boundary conditions and creating linkages across sectors. As Modi deals with a turbulent world marked by a historic power shift, massive economic dislocation and the breakdown of the post-war global order, modernising the partnership with the US is critical to securing India's interests — both in the near and long term.

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PAVING A GREEN PATH

UN climate change meet could provide industry a roadmap for low carbon growth

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ON THE MARGINS of the UN General Assembly in September, the UN Secretary General has convened a summit to discuss plans to address climate change. The summit will take place exactly a year before the implementation of the Paris Agreement begins. The UN Secretary General is concerned that the collective climate ambition is low and is keen to launch new initiatives to close the gap between the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) made under the Paris Pact and the goal of climate stabilisation.

The recent IPCC report which called for limiting the global warming to 1.5 degree Celsius has added momentum to the push. For this goal, the world will need to move towards zero carbon emission around 2050. But such a world is contingent on heavy electrification of energy, industry and transport systems in the medium term and market adoption of low or near zero carbon technologies in the longer term.

Nine tracks of discussion are planned at the summit, with the hope of nudging countries to move to an aggressive path of decarbonisation. One of them, the "industry track," focussing on industrial decarbonisation, is led by India and Sweden. One has to see if the leaders of this track will handle it with finesse or put industry under pressure.

The challenge of industrial decarbonisation looks daunting at first glance. However, India's experience in this respect is telling. As per government data, India may be on track to achieve its NDC target of emissions intensity well ahead of time. The period between 2005 to 2014, for which emissions data is available, has seen consistently higher economic growth (around 6-7 per cent) than the rate of growth in emissions (around 3.8 per cent). Falling energy costs of renewables have made it possible for incomes and jobs to be protected while lowering the emissions.

> Over a third of the emissions is generated by the harder-to-abate sectors which will witness high growth rate in the next decade, leading to three to four times increase in energy demand. While the energy intensity of these sectors may fall because of improved energy efficiency, the carbon or emissions intensity may remain high. The fall in India's emissions intensity of GDP may not be sustainable unless attempts are initiated now to address the carbon intensity of the industry.

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One can think of the summit helping to build three levels of coalitions in a push for such transformation. First, a voluntary coalition of industries having the desire to accelerate to low or zero carbon technologies could be formed. These coalitions could adopt sector-wide goals by 2023 based on the best-available technology using life-cycle methods. The second coalition could consist of countries interested in promoting decreased carbon intensity through specific schemes — for example, the perform, achieve and trade scheme for energy efficiency in India. A coalition of industries and countries could also be formed to push for international agreements aimed at promoting technology solutions in harder-to-abate sectors through working groups and partnerships.

Whichever coalition India may offer to join, it will be useful for the country to think of its sectoral actions as part of a long-term low carbon national growth strategy.

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Urs expelled from Cong-I for 6 years

CONGRES EXPELS URS

THE CONGRESS (I) Working Committee expelled Karnataka chief minister, Devaraj Urs, from the party for six years, holding him guilty of "the worst type of anti-party activity, indiscipline and betrayal of the faith the Congress (I) reposed in him". The decision of the working committee, which was more or less a foregone conclusion, virtually splits the party in Karnataka. The split may possibly spread to other states since Urs had started mobilising support in other states and at the national level in anticipation of the party high command's decision to expel him. The working committee, which discussed Urs's reply to the show-cause notice served on him and passed a resolution expelling him from the party for six years, also called upon him to "resign from the position as a member of the Legislative Assembly".

URS' OWN CONGRESS

DEVARAJ URS SAID in Bangalore that the pradesh party owing allegiance to him would function as "Karnataka Congress." Urs, who is also the chief minister, announced that he would step down from the party presidentship in favour of the PCC Vice President, Siddarama Reddi, tomorrow. The 64-year-old Karnataka leader said he had taken the expulsion "in my stride". The State Congress (I), which had been dissolved by the high command is meeting here for two days from tomorrow.

SAITUAL CURFEW

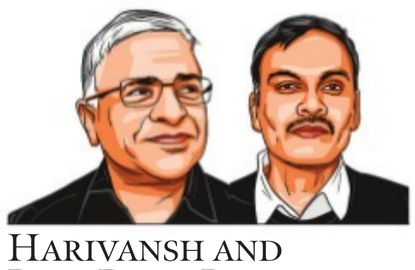
CURFEW HAS BEEN reclamped on Saitual town in eastern Mizoram bordering Burma following an armed attack by hostile Mizos on a bank there last night. A massive combing operation has been launched to pick up the rebel Mizo National Front gang and five persons have been taken into custody. According to official sources at Aizawl, a gang of rebel Mizos was seen taking up positions around the bank at midnight. Police reinforcements have been rushed to the troubled area.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

The US is powerful, but not many people believe it can really bring down Iran. There is a profound truth behind this understanding. —**GLOBAL TIMES CHINA**

Emergency chronicles

The party Chandra Shekhar brought to power, sent him to jail. Later, Indira Gandhi sought to build bridges and wanted him to return to the Congress



HARIVANSH AND RAVI DUTT BAJPAI

C R Sasikumar

ON 25 JUNE 1975, JP addressed a massive public rally at Ramlila Ground in New Delhi. Chandra Shekhar was not present at the rally; he was spending the evening with his friends B P Koirala and Shailaja Acharya. The three of them went to watch the famous Hindi movie *Sholay* in central Delhi's Regal Cinema and then to a restaurant for dinner. As they were preparing to call it a day, Chandra Shekhar realised that he had no money with him. Shailaja Acharya lent him Rs 100. When Chandra Shekhar reached home, D N Sahay, a friend of Chandra Shekhar, who was staying with him in Delhi, narrated the main points of JP's address. JP had exhorted the police and armed forces to not obey orders which they considered wrong and warned that a change in government would bring about the prosecution of errant officials.

Chandra Shekhar listened intently and then remarked that it might be JP's last public address before Indira Gandhi took some drastic actions. He predicted, "He (JP) might be imprisoned or be run over by a truck or meet with an accident." They all went to bed around midnight; at around 3 am, Chandra Shekhar was informed that the police had reached Gandhi Peace Foundation to arrest JP. He immediately rushed to see JP; however, by the time he got there, JP was being put in the police van to be taken to the Parliament Street Police Station. He followed the police van in a taxi. At the police station, he was asked by the police officers to stay outside. Some journalists and press photographers had already gathered outside the police station. A few moments later, Chandra Shekhar was informed that there was an arrest warrant against him as well. As JP was taken to jail from the police station, he made the most memorable comment — "*Vinaash kaale vipreet buddhi* (As one's doom approaches, their intellect works against their best interest)." He was commenting on Indira Gandhi's decision to impose the Emergency.

Chandra Shekhar was taken to the cantonment police station where he met some leading figures from the opposition. Raj Narayan, Piloo Mody, Ramdhan, Biju Patnaik, Sikander Bakht and Ashok Mehta were already there. These leaders were shifted to the Rohtak Jail in a van. A crowd had already gathered around the police station and they were raising slogans. The largest number of slogans was raised in support of Chandra Shekhar, who was astounded by the irony of the situation. The party whom he had endeavoured to bring to power was sending him to jail, while the supporters of the parties whom he had laboured to defeat were raising slogans in his support. ...

In the middle of December 1976, when it seemed like the Emergency would continue forever, a very senior Congress leader visited Chandra Shekhar as the emissary of Indira Gandhi in Patiala Jail. The emissary told him about Indira Gandhi's growing frustration with the communists and that she required Chandra Shekhar's help to launch a new campaign. Chandra Shekhar made it clear that though he had political differences with them, he was not anti-communist, and added that he could not be of any help to Indira Gandhi. When the emissary asked him how long he planned to be in the prison, Chandra Shekhar replied that the last eighteen months of solitary confinement had strengthened his resolve, and he was prepared to spend the rest of his life as a prisoner. Chandra Shekhar was one of the two leaders who were kept in solitary confinement during the Emergency; the other was George Fernandes. Indira Gandhi's emissary returned empty-handed and Chandra Shekhar never broached this subject with the emissary after his release and, more significantly, he never revealed his identity. This initiative of rapprochement with Chandra Shekhar was also mentioned in Kuldip Nayar's autobiography *Beyond the Lines: An Autobiography*. When he had visited Kamal Nath, a close friend of Sanjay Gandhi, Nayar had enquired about the possibility of elections. Kamal Nath had informed him that a senior Congress leader had been sent to Patiala Jail to negotiate with Chandra Shekhar and depending on his (Chandra Shekhar's) response, the electoral process would be set in motion.

In the middle of December 1976, a fellow prisoner, Sardar Bulkar Singh, who was serving a life term, told Chandra Shekhar that he had dreamt of his immediate release. Chandra Shekhar did not attach any significance to these predictions. However, he himself mentioned a dream on 28 December 1976, in which he saw his wife telling him that he would be released in two days. Chandra Shekhar was surprised when on 30 December 1976, the Delhi police came to take him out of Patiala Jail and place him under house arrest at his home — 3, South Avenue, New Delhi. A number of his friends, acquaintances and well-wishers came to see Chandra Shekhar.

In a couple of days, Chandra Shekhar was moved out of his house to another bungalow in the same area. Eventually, Mohan Dharia was shifted from Nasik Jail to the next bungalow. On the day of their arrival, when they were allowed to spend some time with each other, Dharia mentioned that he had written a letter to Indira Gandhi. Chandra Shekhar, however, did not ask anything about the letter. After their initial meeting, Chandra Shekhar and Dharia were kept under house arrest, and they could not meet or talk to each other, despite staying in adjacent bungalows. Chandra Shekhar had a visitor one day — it was his old PSP colleague and a close friend, Jashwant Mehta, now a Congressman and the finance minister in the state of Gujarat. Mehta talked about inconsequential things, but as he was leaving, he said he would see Dharia as well. Mehta came back after meeting Dharia and asked Chandra Shekhar if he had seen Dharia's letter to Indira Gandhi. Chandra Shekhar indicated that he was not interested in the letter or its contents. It was apparent to Chandra Shekhar that Indira Gandhi was looking for rapprochement with him and was ready to bring him back to the Congress fold.

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The very next day, Mehta appeared again and said, "Yesterday, I was on a social call, today I am on a political mission." Chandra Shekhar heard him out quietly. Mehta then gave him a copy of the letter written by Dharia to Indira Gandhi and left to meet Dharia. He returned in an hour and asked Chandra Shekhar, "Have you read Mohan Dharia's letter? What is your reaction?" Chandra Shekhar replied, "The letter does not exist for me." After three days, Mehta revisited Chandra Shekhar and informed him that Indira Gandhi wanted to meet him. Chandra Shekhar reminded him that as a prisoner, he could not move about freely. However, if Indira Gandhi wished to see him, she was welcome to visit him. On 11 January 1977, Mehta arrived to tell Chandra Shekhar of his release but by that time, the intelligence officers had already informed him about this decision.

As Chandra Shekhar walked out of his house arrest to freedom, he saw Ram Nath Goenka and Radhakrishnanji of the Gandhi Peace Foundation, waiting for him outside. Mehta was also there, waiting with his car, and he invited Chandra Shekhar to come with him to see Indira Gandhi as she was waiting to receive him. Chandra Shekhar advised Mehta not to behave so absurdly as on his release he would first go to his own home rather than Indira Gandhi's. Again, late at night around 11 pm, Mehta returned to ask Chandra Shekhar if he was ready to meet Indira Gandhi. Chandra Shekhar assured Mehta that he would undoubtedly meet Indira Gandhi at least once to ask her about her decisions.

The efforts to bring Chandra Shekhar back into the Congress fold continued. Genda Singh, the veteran PSP stalwart and then a Congress leader, called Chandra Shekhar and advised him not to join the opposition ranks, seeking a meeting with him. Chandra Shekhar expressed his surprise that Genda Singh had remembered him all of a sudden after nineteen months. He wondered if Genda Singh expected him to publicly acknowledge that Indira Gandhi had fulfilled her national duties by imprisoning him for nineteen months and that he was indeed a traitor.

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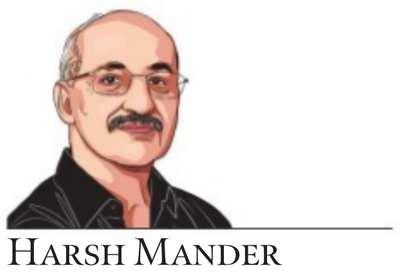
The spectre of foreignness

Extending the concept of foreigners tribunals from Assam to rest of India will result in a upheaval that will stir memories of Partition



HARSH MANDER

A TERSELY worded order of the Union Home Ministry, less than two pages long, carries the potential to alter India forever, to crush the fundamental rights of millions of the country's most vulnerable people, and to subvert the edifice of India's constitutional framework and to change the founding principles of the republic. This order, published in the Gazette of June 4, authorises any state government, Union Territory or district magistrate to establish foreigners' tribunals in any part of the country. Up to now, this power was restricted to the Union government and applied exclusively to Assam.

This momentous order, which carries the potential to foment social strife and alter India's constitutional arrangements was passed without any public debate, let alone a discussion in Parliament. The only explanation we have for this order so far, derives from Union Home Minister Amit Shah's incendiary pledge, repeated in his election speeches, to extend the National Register of Citizens to all parts of the country, so as to identify and deport "infiltrators" (read undocumented Muslims) who threaten India's security — unlike undocumented Hindus and Sikhs, who are refugees escaping persecution.

At the core of the systemic injustice of the NRC process is the reversal of the burden of proof. For most crimes, a person is innocent until the state prosecution is able to prove him guilty. But the burden of proving a person is a citizen is shifted from the state to her shoulders, and it is enough for a foreigners' tribunal to conclude that she is a foreigner if she is unable to provide documents that satisfy this agency. It is significant that this reversal of burden of proof was ordered by India's highest court.

In Assam, the NRC has caused enormous suffering to millions of mostly poorly lettered and very impoverished people, who have squandered their meagre belongings to pay lawyers' fees to help them negotiate the hostile and opaque maze of the NRC bureaucracy and the foreigners' tribunals.

I have seen hundreds of cases in which a small difference in the English spelling of a Bengali name, or a small variation in age is enough for the NRC authorities and foreigners' tribunals to sound the death-knell of "foreignness". If you have never been to school, you may have no proof of birth or citizenship. If you own no land, you have no land records to prove your residence in India before the cut-off date. And even if you do own land, land records are notorious for their errors.

Imagine what will happen now with the home minister's grand plan for extending both the NRC and the foreigners' tribunals to the entire country. I already hear of Muslims in far corners of the country anxiously checking their documents, enquiring what they can do because the English spelling of the name of their grandfather differs from one document to the next. If in the coming months or years, the NRC is extended to other parts of the country, the upheaval and travails that this will foster will stir memories of the trauma of Partition.

The Home Ministry's order also empowers the foreigners' tribunals, which will be established anywhere in the country, to regulate their own procedures in hearing the cases placed before them. It further empowers them to hear an appeal only if they "find merit" in it. This means that a person whose name does not figure in the NRC cannot hope for a hearing from the foreigners' tribunal if the agency feels there is no "merit" in her appeal. The experience of these tribunals in Assam has been that they frequently function with open bias or without due process. The latest order of the Home Ministry further empowers these tribunals to function in prejudiced or arbitrary ways.

The gravest violation of constitutional justice by the NRC process in Assam, which now threatens to imperil minorities across India, is that the Union government has not clarified what will be the fate of the people who are finally declared foreigners". Neither the Supreme Court nor Parliament has compelled the Union government to clarify the destiny of possibly one to two million people, who practice Islam, in Assam if they are finally declared as "foreigners"?

There is no question of Bangladesh accepting those declared by the Indian government as foreigners, but who deny that they are Bangladeshi. Today more than a thousand of them are in detention centres in prisons. The Assam government has reported that it is building a detention centre for 3,000 foreigners. But what will happen to the million or more Muslim people declared by India's judicial systems to be non-citizens in Assam? And possibly several million more if the NRC is actually extended to the rest of India? Will the Indian government detain them in massive concentration camps? If so, for how long? Will they — men, women and children — be confined there all their lives? Or, will they continue to live outside detention centres in India but stripped of all rights of citizens? Stripped of the rights to vote, to own property, to enter government service? Is this not wantonly and recklessly manufacturing a Rohingya-like situation? Will they then not become worse off than even the original imagination of the RSS to reduce minorities to second-class citizens?

They will be non-citizens, a marked people, comprehensively excluded and despised. Is this not a prescription that could once again tear apart India?

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Life in a metro

For disabled in Delhi, metro is only accessible transport. It must be made free

SATENDRA SINGH

IN A STUDY on fatal pedestrian crashes among persons using wheelchairs in the US from 2006 to 2012, it was found that men who use wheelchairs were five times more likely than women wheelchair users to be killed in roadside collisions. Unfortunately, we do not have such detailed data in India because of the forced invisibility of commuters with disabilities. But, we do have a 2011 Chennai-based study confirming road traffic accidents to be the main cause of amputations (acquired disability). A 2017 audit by the Centre for Science and Environment placed Delhi on the top in road accident deaths and cited the capital as most unsafe for pedestrians. Delhi is certainly not "safe" for commuters with disabilities.

In a meeting in December last year, with stakeholders to make Delhi a model Accessible City, at the Union Ministry of Social Justice, Delhi's transport department gave an assurance to explore the possibility of bringing wheelchair-accessible cab services in the capital. A slogan of the general elections was to "leave no voter behind", and the Election Commission vouched to provide free pick-up and drop facility to voters with disabilities. This, however, opened a pandora's box: No public transport in Delhi (barring the metro) is wheelchair accessible.

The 70-point action plan of the Aam Aadmi Party for the Delhi Assembly Election, 2015, had a four point agenda on disability in addition to Action Plan 53 stating "persons with disability will be provided concessional passes on buses and in the metro". On February 6, too, the speaker of the Delhi legislative assembly announced that concessions for the disabled will be extended to the Delhi Metro. This promise is yet to be fulfilled. The AAP's 38-page Delhi manifesto for the general elections, 2019, revealed zero results while searching for "disability" or "disabilities".

No manufacturer in India manufactures modified vehicles for the disabled. In fact, Maruti Inc, has devised its own discriminatory policy to deny government concession to customers with right leg disability. Disabled people are forced to go to local vendors who basically apply the "jugaad system" to their two and four-wheelers. Moreover, the Central government has also, for the first time, imposed GST on the assistive devices of "divine bodies" or "divyang" people, while keeping kajal GST-free. This was compounded by a recent Supreme Court judgement which further marginalised the disability sector by banning the retrofitting of vehicles in India (*RTO vs K. Jayachandra*, 2019). It goes without saying that a person with disability has to incur additional expenditure due to the absence of accessible public transport. This is also true for a majority of the able-bodied who acquire disability after road traffic accidents. Therefore, commuters with disabilities will benefit from free transport rather than any partial concession.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Article 9) stipulates that, for the disabled, public transport must be accessible on an equal basis. The UN's SDG target 11.2 calls for access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, with special attention to commuters with disabilities. Data from eight developing countries indicates that the average proportion of persons with disabilities who consider transportation not accessible is 36 per cent (Sri Lanka 39 per cent and Nepal 33 per cent). In India, Section 41 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, mandates accessibility in transportation.

Delhi's deputy chief minister travelled in a local bus to ask women about the free metro and bus transport facilities. I invite the Delhi chief minister to accompany me in a wheelchair, and the transport minister to get blindfolded along with a cane as an assistive device in order to navigate the city — to feel the lived experience of a commuter with disability. It won't be difficult to judge who needs accessible and safe transportation the most. As Gandhi once said, a nation is known by how it treats its most marginalised members. Unless the state fulfils its obligation to provide dignified and accessible transportation to commuters with disabilities, they ought to provide us free metro services, as it remains the only means of accessible transport in our country.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEARCH FOR WATER

THIS REFERS TO your editorial,'Running dry' (IE, June 24). The water crisis in Chennai is really grim. The situation is aggravated by the fact that Chennai is one of the cites that might run out of groundwater by 2020. The new Jal Shakti ministry should start working to find means to provide ways to provide these cities a substitute for groundwater.

Sanjay Chawla, *Amritsar*

TRUMP'S WAYS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Terms of peace' (IE, June 24). There is no doubt that US President Donald Trump is a very good poker player and this reflects in all his political moves. He keeps on raising the stakes, keeps on building the pressure and then surprises everyone by relenting. One day he was ready to press the nuclear button and exterminate entire North Korea and the next day he extended friendship to Kim Jong-un in Singapore. The US president is deploying the same tactics with Iran and in the US-China Trade War. The escalations of the conflict in the Strait of Hormuz is bound to have impacts on the entire world. So it is important that US and Iran come to the negotiation table.

Shriya Sharma, *Gurugram*

BJP'S GAINS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Stirrings in the House '(IE, June 22).The defection of the four TDP Rajya Sabha MPs will add to the BJP's strength in the Rajya Sabha — where the NDA has only 102 members in the 245-seat house. It will also give the BJP a toehold in a southern state, other than Karnataka. It could enable the passing of many pending laws in the Rajya Sabha and consequently, obviate the government's need to take the ordinance route.

Sauro Dasgupta, *Kolkata*

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TELLING NUMBERS

Are tigers killing elephants? A check-list by Corbett authorities

DIVISION	TIGERS	ELEPHANTS	LEOPARDS	TOTAL
Kalagarh	2	13	3	18
Ramnagar	7	8	3	18
Grand total	9	21	6	36

Source: Study by Corbett Tiger Reserve

A STUDY by Corbett Tiger Reserve authorities claims that tigers, elephants and leopards have been killing one another, and The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has sought a report from Uttarakhand's Chief Wildlife Warden (PTI report published online in *The Indian Express*, June 23). The study gives a count of 36 wild animals killed over a period of five-and-a-half years (January 1, 2014-May 31, 2019) and attributes these to conflict with other wild animals.

21 ELEPHANTS

Out of 21 elephant deaths, the study attributes 13 (60%) to attacks by tigers, mostly on young elephants. It suggests that this may be happening because hunting an elephant requires less energy than hunting a sambar or a cheetal, and because an elephant provides a larger quantity of food. "It was also reported that even in cases where elephants were killed in infighting, tigers were found eating their body parts," the study said.

Of the remaining elephants, most were killed while fighting over mating, the report said.

9 TIGERS

Out of 9 tiger deaths, 7 (80%) were attributed to infighting. These were primarily due to territorial fights, the study said. The remaining tigers were killed because of fights with porcupines and wild boars, it said.

6 LEOPARDS

Out of 6 leopard deaths, 4 were attributed to attacks by other carnivores and the remaining two to infighting. Among the former 4, there was definitive evidence about 2 being killed by tigers, the report said, but the attacking species in the remaining two cases was yet to be identified, it added.

The study was commissioned by the Director of Corbett National Park following the death of a tigress last month due to infighting. It calls for further studies on tiger-elephant conflict and, in the case of tigers, the extent of average territorial area, moving patterns and adequacy of the present tiger reserve area.

THIS WORD MEANS

LUNAR EVACUATION SYSTEM ASSEMBLY

Currently being tested, a device meant to rescue an astronaut if injured on the surface of Moon

Astronauts test prototype of LESA under the sea. *European Space Agency*

AMONG PREPARATIONS for NASA's 2024 Moon mission, one has been to test a device called Lunar Evacuation System Assembly, or LESA. Developed by the European Space Agency (ESA), LESA is a pyramid-like structure whose purpose is to rescue an astronaut should he or she suffer an injury on the lunar surface. Astronauts will be wearing heavy extravehicular activity (EVA) suits and, as ESA head of spacewalk training Hervé Stevenin said in a statement, "There is no way an astronaut could carry their fallen crewmate over their shoulder while wearing an EVA suit."

LESA can be operated by a single astronaut to rescue a fallen colleague. It enables an astronaut to lift their crewmate onto a mobile stretcher in less than 10 minutes, before carrying them to the safety of a nearby pressurised lander, the ESA statement said.

Astronauts are testing LESA under the sea. With its rocky, sandy terrain and buoyant salt water, the bottom of the ocean floor has much in common with the lunar surface, ESA said.

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Why world is debating data flow

Should data be allowed to flow freely or localised at source? As IT Ministry prepares to present data protection Bill in Parliament and countries argue at global forums, a look at both sides of the debate

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE IT Ministry's Bill on data protection is scheduled to be introduced in Parliament during the current session. Worldwide, the data flow debate is playing out at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and G20.

Why is data valuable?

Data is any collection of information that is stored in a way so computers can easily read it. These days, most people refer to data to mean information about their messages, social media posts, online transactions, and browser searches. Big data refers to the immense amount of data that can now be collected, stored, and analysed to find patterns.

This large collection of information about people's online habits has become an important source of profits. Your online activity can expose a lot about who you are, and companies find it valuable to use the information to target advertisements to you. Governments and political parties have also gained interest in these data sets for elections and policymaking.

What exactly about data laws are countries debating?

Data is stored in a physical space, like a file cabinet that can be the size of the Taj Mahal. Data is also transported across country borders physically, traveling through underwater cables that run as deep as Mount Everest and as long as four times the span of the Indian Ocean. Thirdly, just as oil is refined, data has to be processed to be useful. This means it is analysed by computers.

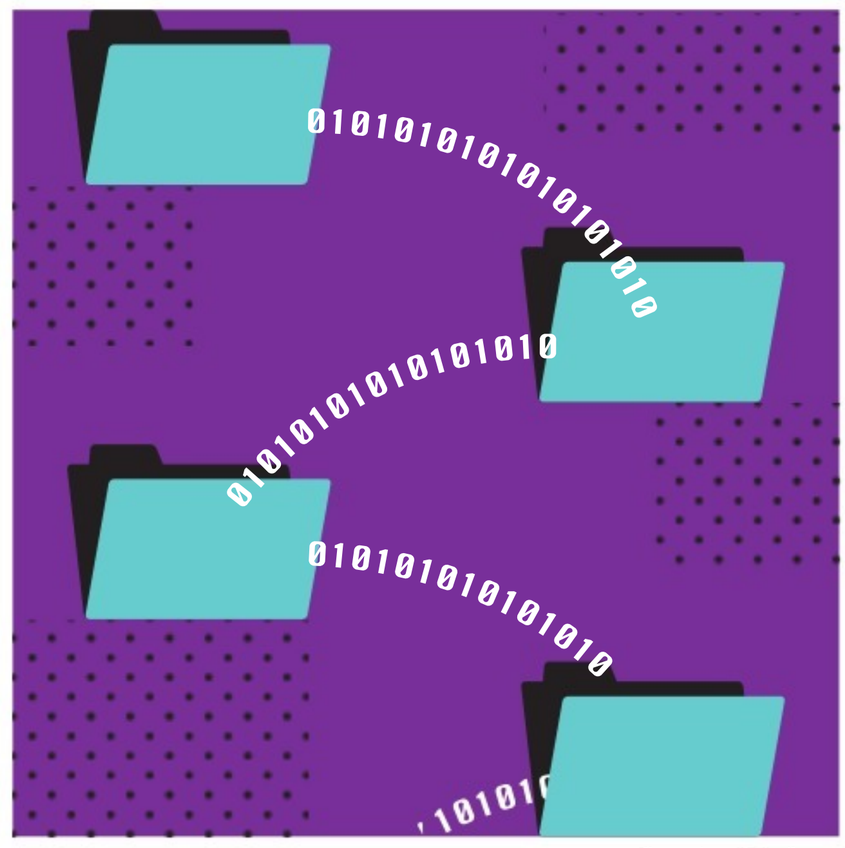
These aspects of data flows — where it is stored, where it is sent, where it is turned into something useful — determines who has access to the data, who profits off the data, who taxes the data, and who "owns" the data.

With these questions in mind, individual governments are developing their own domestic rules and negotiating with each other on a global stage, raising values of national security, economic growth, and privacy.

Where does India's domestic policy on data stand?

India's recent drafts and statements have strong signals for data localisation, which means that data of Indians (even if collected by an American company) must be stored and processed in India.

Along with a Reserve Bank of India directive to payment companies to localise financial data, the Ministry of Commerce's draft e-commerce policy from February is currently in public consultation. The IT Ministry has drafted a data protection law that will be introduced in Parliament and has also framed draft intermediary rules that were leaked in December.



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These laws, broadly speaking, could require Facebook, Google, and Amazon to store and process in India information such as an Indian's messages, searches, and purchases. In some cases, they restrict what type of data these companies can collect. In others, it requires only a copy of the data to be in the country.

China has developed similar laws, which proponents say allow for a flourishing domestic economy of data centres and data processing by blocking foreign players out. This is why Indian companies, like Reliance and PayTM, usually support data localisation.

The other argument from the Indian government is that localisation will help law enforcement access the data. Currently, India has to use "mutual legal assistance treaties" (MLAT) with the US to get the data of Indians that are controlled by American companies. By requiring a copy of the data to be stored in India (data mirroring), the government hopes to have more direct control over these companies, including the option to levy more taxes on them.

The government also argues for data localisation on the ground of national security, to prevent foreign surveillance and attacks.

What are counter-arguments against data localisation?

On the other side, the US government and companies want cross-border flow of data. It would allow companies to store the data of Indians in the most efficient place in the world. Even though India's data economy is not as large as that of others, it is one of the fastest growing, making it a market that global companies cannot afford to ignore.

Proponents of free flow of data worry that if all countries begin to protect their data, it may backfire on India's own companies that seek global growth.

Others caution that these laws could bring increased state surveillance, like India's draft intermediary rules that would require WhatsApp to change its design to proactively filter messages. The company says messages are currently encrypted, meaning neither the company nor any government can see them.

What is happening at the global forums?

Trade tensions worldwide are escalating, giving the data flow debate new relevance at the WTO and G20.

WTO member countries are negotiating rules about e-commerce, which is the buying and selling of goods and services online. Digital trade contributes more to global GDP than physical trade. India is one of the fastest growing markets, with e-commerce expecting to reach $1.2 trillion by 2021.

These laws raise questions about where companies can store, process, and transport data about transactions. In December 2017, a group of 71 WTO member countries, including the US, published a joint statement that marked the first large impetus to broaden e-commerce negotiations to the data flow debate. While other members like the European Union have joined since then, India has not joined this group.

In their proposals, the US and the EU have called to prohibit customs duties on online transactions while China and Pakistan have called for allowing them. The US has also recommended not having overly burdensome data standards nor localisation requirements, while the EU wants data localisation requirements.

From the G20 meeting in Tsukuba on June 8 and 9, the Ministerial Statement on Trade and Digital Economy championed cross-border flow of data. A principle titled "Data Free Flow with Trust" (DFFT) — supported by US, Japan, and Australia — is expected to be a significant talking point at the upcoming G20 summit.

How has India responded to these moves?

India submitted a November 2017 document opposing any WTO e-commerce negotiations. In the recent G20 meeting, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal explained India's concern about playing catch-up in this technological frontier. "It is for this reason India does not, at this stage, support the (WTO) Joint Initiative on E-Commerce," Goyal said. "We believe all nations should appreciate that the digital divide within and across nations is a serious impediment for developing countries to benefit from Digital Trade. Capacity constraints in developing countries, can be overcome, with timely support of training, and creation of digital infrastructure. This is important, for facilitating a level playing field, in the digital economy, for all countries to take equitable advantage of data free flows. Developing countries need time and policy space to build deepest understanding of the subject and formulate their own legal and regulatory framework before meaningfully engaging in e-commerce negotiations."

On June 17, Goyal held a industry meeting to discuss the e-commerce draft policy and is currently collecting submissions.

Along with the G20 summit on June 28 and 29, on the horizon are the 14th United Nation's Internet Governance Forum next November and the World Summit on the Information Society Forum in March 2020.

Why mayor poll result is a blow to Erdogan

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TURKEY'S PRESIDENT Recep Tayyip Erdogan has suffered a setback in the Istanbul Mayor's elections, whose results were declared on Monday. Erdogan, who has led the country since 2003, faces the first political challenge from the Opposition, as the candidate from his party — Justice and Development Party (AKP) – lost to the main opposition party's candidate. Ekrem Imamoglu defeated former Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, a close aide of Erdogan.

Why Istanbul matters

It was by winning the Istanbul mayoral election in 1994 that Erdogan first rose to political prominence as a young and dynamic politician. His rise has been steady over the last 25 years and he has been now ruling the country for the last 16 years. Erdogan himself has said in the past "whoever wins Istanbul, wins Turkey".

Ekrem Imamoglu, Istanbul mayor. *AP*

Istanbul, with more than 10 million voters, represents one-fifth of the entire Turkey, and it has traditionally set the political trend for the rest of the country.

The poll outcome ends 25 years of AKP rule in Istanbul. Imamoglu garnered around 55% of the votes, one of the highest opposition records in recent elections. He had won the mayoral elections on March 31 itself, before the Supreme Election Council (YSK) on May 6 cancelled the results. This turned Turkish public opinion against the ruling party. Serkan Demirtas, a columnist in the English-language Turkish daily *Hurriyet*, said that this was a "big blow on the sense of justice and conscience and created an even bigger sympathy for Imamoglu as the sufferer of this controversial judicial decision".

The sense of hurt led to many switching sides, and this was visible with the increased Imamoglu's victory margin. He increased his votes by nearly 530,000, while Yildirim lost about 235,000. That Imamoglu increased his votes by more than half a million in less than six weeks is an indicator of public opinion switching to the Opposition.

Challenges ahead

The opposition, which appeared tired and not ready for a fight, has been re-energised after the win. Local neighbourhoods in Istanbul like Besiktas, which sits by the famous Bosphorous, erupted in joy, as the election results started pouring in. It is too early, however, to write an epitaph for Erdogan, who has positioned himself as the most powerful leader since Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the modern Turkish republic.

Imamoglu will face a local council, which is still controlled by Erdogan's party, and he will have to navigate the politics to become an effective elected official. "I am calling on our head of state, President Erdogan. I'm ready and willing to work in harmony with you on Istanbul's urgent issues such as earthquake safety in the city, subway construction, refugees and so on," he said, mindful of the challenges ahead.

While the next presidential and parliamentary elections are not due before 2023, there could be calls for early elections.

After the defeat in Istanbul, Erdogan may face some dissidence within his party, including top ministers, it will be a test of his political mind as he faces an Opposition which has shown green shots of recovery.

Parliament voting: ayes vs noes, and road from manual to electronic recording

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ALL DECISIONS in Parliament are taken by voting by MPs, whether it relates to extending working hours or passing a Bill. Last week, Speaker Om Birla presided over the first recorded vote in the 17th Lok Sabha. MPs needed to decide whether to allow the introduction of the triple talaq Bill; Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad wanted permission of the House to introduce the Bill while N K Premachandran (RSP), Shashi Tharoor (Congress) and Asaduddin Owaisi (AIMIM) were opposed to its introduction.

Voice vote & division

Voice voting is the preferred method of decision making by Indian Parliament. MPs in favour of a decision call out "Ayes" and those opposed say "Noes". The Speaker then takes a call on which voices were louder and conveys the decision of the House. The rules of procedure of Lok Sabha do not mandate recording of votes of MPs for every decision taken. Voice voting does not reveal the individual positions taken by MPs.

That is not, however, the only way voting takes place. MPs also have the right to ask for the vote of every MP to be recorded. This is called a division. MPs can vote in favour, oppose or abstain from the vote. Recording of votes is also mandated when there is a constitutional requirement for a special majority of Parliament (for example a constitutional amendment), or after a no-confidence motion. However, MPs do not exercise their right for asking for recoding of votes very frequently. In each of the last three Lok Sabhas, there have been less than 50 occasions when votes of MPs have been recorded.

Last week, Owaisi exercised his right and called for a division on the introduction of the triple talaq Bill. Lok Sabha decided to allow the introduction with 185 votes in favour and 74 opposed; 6 MPs abstained from the vote. As the seating plan for Lok Sabha was not finalised, the voting was done by paper voting slips. MPs signed their names on green paper slips to record that they were in favour, red slips to record opposition and yellow to declare that they were abstaining.

The first recorded vote (division) in Lok Sabha took place on the second day of its sitting in 1952. The House had to decide on the election of the Speaker. In the running were G V Mavalankar and S S More. Mavalankar won with 394 votes in his favour. Voting records indicate that one of the votes cast in favour of Mavalankar was that of More, who voted for his opponent upholding the best traditions of parliamentary democracy. The division took place by counting of voting slips signed by MPs and took some time.

Manual & electronic

The manual process of voting was inefficient and consumed a lot of time of the legislature. The West Bengal Legislative Assembly was the first to tackle this problem, by installing an electronic vote recording machine. The Speaker held the controls to the entire process, and the results were visible almost instantaneously on a display board. The system required 17 km of lead-covered cabling and 19,500 junction points.

In 1957, at the beginning of the second Lok Sabha, Parliament adopted a similar electronic vote counting system. Because of the proximity in the seating of MPs in Parliament, the system was designed in such a way that MPs had to use both their hands while voting. The idea being that MPs should not be able to press the voting buttons of their colleagues who might not be present for the vote.

In May 1957, the system was put into use for the first time. A demonstration of the new system took place after the swearing-in of MPs on the first day. Five days later, amendments were moved to the motion of thanks to the President's address (delivered by Dr Rajendra Prasad), and a division was called on them.

Before the new voting machine could be put to use, a problem was highlighted to the Speaker. One of the MPs was differently-abled and had only one hand, and the machine required use of both hands. The solution provided by the Speaker was that an officer of the House would help the MP vote. In this instance, much to Speaker's displeasure, rather than wait for the officer's assistance, fellow legislators helped the MP cast his vote.

In most mature democracies, recorded voting is the preferred mechanism for decision making by Parliament. In India, the anti-defection law has led to limiting the use of recorded voting in Parliament.

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GERMANY

EUROFIGHTER JETS COLLIDE, 1 KILLED

One pilot was killed after two German fighter jets collided and crashed in the north of the country, the Air Force said, with the reason for the accident unclear. The two fighter jets had been flying along with a third plane, whose pilot witnessed the crash and saw two parachutes falling to the ground. But "one of the pilots was recovered dead", German authorities said.

TOP OF THE WORLD

Shakeel Afridi

PAKISTAN

Court accepts review plea of doc who helped track Osama

Peshawar: A Pakistani court on Monday accepted the review petition of Dr Shakeel Afridi, a surgeon who helped America's CIA track down then al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden in 2011, against his over two decades long sentence. A two-member bench of the Peshawar High Court comprising Justice Abdul Shukur and Justice Ejaz Noor accepted Afridi's review petition, BBC Urdu reported. Afridi, a 57-year-old former surgeon of Khyber Agency, had run a false vaccination campaign in the Pakistani garrison city of Abbottabad to help the CIA track down Osama, who was later killed in a covert US raid on May 2, 2011.

CYPRUS

Army captain pleads guilty to serial killings

Nicosia: A Greek Cypriot Army captain pleaded guilty on Monday to charges of killing five women and two children, all non-Cypriots, during a three-year murder spree which authorities stumbled across by accident. The case, involving the worst peace-time atrocities against women in Cyprus in memory, has triggered outrage and horror on an island where serious crime is relatively rare, and forced the resignation of the justice minister and the police chief. Nicos Metaxas, 35, has been charged with premeditated murder and abduction of the 7 between Sept. 2016 and July 2018.

BANGLADESH

5 killed in train mishap, 67 hurt

Dhaka: Two coaches of an express train veered off the tracks and fell into a canal and another overturned in Bangladesh's northeastern province, killing at least five people and injuring 67 others, authorities said Monday. The accident happened on Sunday when the Dhaka-bound Upaban Express train, coming from Sylhet, veered off the tracks at Baramchal in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila after a culvert broke down, the *Dhaka Tribune* reported.

WASHINGTON SEEKS TO BUILD COALITION TO PROTECT GULF SHIPPING LANES

US imposes new sanctions on Iran

Trump says latest sanctions target Supreme Leader; Tehran threatens more attacks on US drones

REUTERS & AP
WASHINGTON, RIYADH, JUNE 24

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump imposed new US sanctions on Iran on Monday following Tehran's downing of an unmanned American drone and said the measures would target Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Trump told reporters he was signing an executive order for the sanctions amid tensions between the United States and Iran that have grown since May, when Washington ordered all countries to halt imports of Iranian oil.

Trump also said the sanctions would have been imposed regardless of the incident over the drone. He said the Supreme Leader was ultimately responsible for what Trump called "the hostile conduct of the regime."

"Sanctions imposed through the executive order... will deny the Supreme Leader and the Supreme Leader's office, and those closely affiliated with him and the office, access to key financial resources and support," Trump said.

Iran's naval commander, meanwhile, warned that Iranian forces would not hesitate to act again and shoot down more US surveillance drones that violate Iranian airspace.

The US denies the drone, valued at more than $100 million, violated Iranian airspace. Trump said he backed away from planned strikes after learning that 150 people would be killed but that military action remained an option.

Washington has blamed Tehran for attacks on tankers in the Gulf in recent weeks, which Iran denies. On Monday, the United States said it was building a coalition with allies to protect Gulf shipping lanes.

A coalition of nations would provide both material and financial contributions to the program, a senior US State Department official said, without identifying the countries.

"It's about proactive deterrence, because the Iranians just want to go out and do what they want to do and say hey we didn't do it. We know what they've done," the official told reporters, adding that the deterrents would include cameras, binoculars and ships.

EXPLAINED

New sanctions could strengthen hardliners as Iranians struggle

AS THE Iranian economy struggles under more than 1,000 specific sanctions imposed on it by the Trump administration since 2018, the average person is finding everyday items more and more expensive. *The Associated Press* reports that inflation in Iran stands at 37%, and nearly 25% of educated youth are unemployed. These conditions, combined with the news of new sanctions, could increase the influence of Iran's hardliners, who are led by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei. Khamenei also controls the Revolutionary Guard, and it is feared that the latest sanctions could provoke more actions by Iran that may add to the crisis that was triggered by US sanctions to begin with.

HOUTHIS HIT SAUDI AIRPORT, 1 KILLED

A YEMENI rebel attack on a civilian airport in southern Saudi Arabia killed a Syrian national and wounded 21 other civilians Sunday, a Riyadh-led coalition said, in a new escalation following a series of strikes on the site.

The attack on Abha airport, which the coalition said left a McDonalds outlet littered with shattered glass and damaged 18 vehicles, comes amid spiralling tensions with Iran.

The escalation of attacks by Iran-aligned Houthi rebels on Saudi cities threatens a hard-won UN-sponsored ceasefire deal for the Red Sea port city of Hodeida, war-ravaged Yemen's main conduit for humanitarian aid.

The wounded — from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, India and Bangladesh — also included three women and two children who had been taken to hospital for treatment, the coalition said.

The coalition did not provide details on how the airport was attacked. **PTI**

Ekrem Imamoglu, mayoral candidate of the main Opposition Republican People's Party, at a rally in Istanbul. *Reuters*

Turkey Opp strikes blow to Erdogan with Istanbul win

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ISTANBUL, JUNE 24

TURKEY'S OPPOSITION has dealt President Tayyip Erdogan a stinging blow by winning control of Istanbul in a re-run mayoral election, breaking his aura of invincibility and delivering a message from voters unhappy over his ever tighter grip on power.

Ekrem Imamoglu of the secularist Republican People's Party (CHP) secured 54.21 per cent of votes, the head of the High Election Board announced on Monday — a far wider victory margin than his narrow win three months ago.

The previous result was annulled after protests from Erdogan's Islamist-rooted AK Party, which said there had been widespread voting irregularities. The decision to re-run the vote was criticised by Western allies and caused uproar among domestic opponents who said Turkey's democracy was under threat.

On Sunday and in the early hours Monday, tens of thousands of Imamoglu supporters celebrated in the streets of Istanbul after the former businessman triumphed over Erdogan's handpicked candidate by almost 800,000 votes.

Erdogan had called for a re-run three months ago after his party lost its Istanbul stronghold. *Reuters*

"In this city today, you have fixed democracy. Thank you Istanbul," Imamoglu told supporters who made heart signs with their hands, in an expression of the inclusive election rhetoric that has been the hallmark of his campaigning.

"We came to embrace everyone," he said. "We will build democracy in this city, we will build justice. In this beautiful city, I promise, we will build the future."

Erdogan congratulated him for the victory and Imamoglu's rival, Binali Yildirim of the ruling AK Party (AKP), wished him luck as mayor barely two hours after polls closed.

Woman, three kids die of heat exposure near border in Texas

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MISSION (TEXAS), JUNE 24

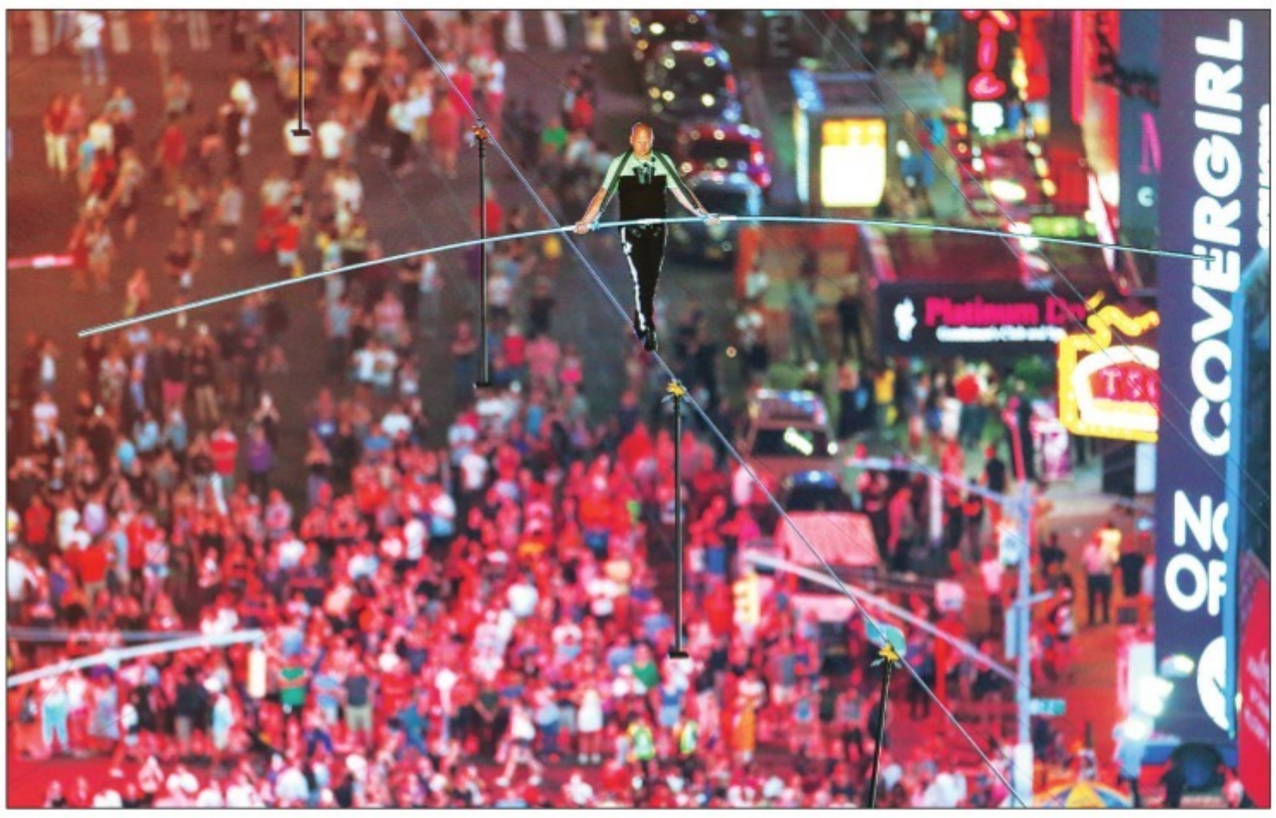
FOUR PEOPLE, including three children, found dead in South Texas near the border with Mexico likely died of dehydration and heat exposure after crossing the Rio Grande into the United States, authorities said on Monday.

A law enforcement official close to the investigation told *The Associated Press* the four were overcome by the heat and foul play is not suspected. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the person isn't authorised to speak publicly about the bodies found Sunday.

Hidalgo County sheriff's Sgt. Frank Medrano said earlier that the bodies of a woman in her early 20s, a toddler and two infants were found in or near Anzalduas Park, which borders the river in the city of Mission.

Authorities believe they may have been dead for days before being discovered. The FBI is leading the investigation into the deaths because the park is on federal land.

"It's an incredibly heartbreaking situation," the agency said in a statement Monday.



MAKING HISTORY, 1,300 FEET ABOVE TIMES SQUARE

Nik Wallenda walks the highwire over Times Square in New York on Sunday evening. *Reuters*

- Nik and Lijana Wallenda, of the "Flying Wallendas" circus and stunt-performing family, walked from opposite sides of Times Square on a wire running 1,300 feet. They made history by becoming the first to cross the square on a tightrope, 25 stories above the city streets.
- The two crossed midway on their 36-minute walk, Lijana, 42, sitting down so Nik, 40, could step over her, before she got up and continued her way, cheered on by a crowd of thousands below. The wire they were walking on stretched from 42nd Street to 47th Street.
- It was Lijana's first high-wire performance since a 2017 accident in which she and four other walkers fell 30 feet and were seriously injured. "Fear will not conquer me, and it didn't," she said close to completing the walk, urged on by her brother.

US, Taliban aim to firm up date for troops' exit from Afghanistan

REUTERS
HONG KONG, JUNE 24

MORE THAN 100 people blocked a Hong Kong government building on Monday in protest against proposed legislation allowing extraditions to mainland China that they want scrapped.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam, saying she had heard the protesters "loud and clear", this month postponed the Bill that would allow criminal suspects to be sent to the mainland for trial in courts controlled by the Communist Party.

The activists, mostly students, are demanding the Bill be withdrawn, the government drop all charges against those arrested in recent protests and stop referring to the demonstrations as a riot, which could potentially lead to heavier jail terms.

"It's inconvenient but I support it," a South African businessman who declined to be identified said of the protest at the skyscraper inland revenue building near the heart of the financial centre.

The former British colony of Hong Kong returned to Chinese rule in 1997, since when it has been governed under a "one country, two systems" formula that allows it freedoms not enjoyed on the mainland, including freedom to protest and an independent judiciary. The Bill has seen millions of people, fearing a continual, drip-drip erosion of those freedoms, clog the streets in protest and plunge the city into political crisis, with many questioning the ability of Lam to govern.

Taliban threaten Afghan media

Kabul: The Taliban have issued a threat to Afghan media, saying journalists will be targeted unless news outlets stop broadcasting what they describe as government propaganda against the insurgents. Monday's statement gives Afghan radio stations, TV channels and others a week to stop anti-Taliban announcements paid for by the government. The Taliban say Afghan media that refuse to do this will be considered enemies and their journalists and other staffers will not be safe. **PTI**

Pak ex-foreign minister Sattar dies

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, JUNE 24

PAKISTAN'S FORMER foreign minister Abdul Sattar, who accompanied then military dictator Pervez Musharraf as the country's top diplomat during the historic Agra summit, has died at the age of 88.

Sattar, a career diplomat and two-time foreign minister, passed away on Sunday, according to the Foreign Office.

He served as Pakistan's foreign minister under Musharraf from 1999 to 2002.

He was with Musharraf during the historic Agra summit between the Pakistani leader and then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2001.

Sattar also served as Pakistan's ambassador to India, Austria and Soviet Union.

Besides serving as foreign minister for two non-consecutive terms in 1993 as caretaker and later from 1999 to 2002, Sattar had also served as Pakistan's foreign secretary from 1986 to 1988.

The Foreign Office said that he was an illustrious diplomat and an accomplished author. **PTI**

Passenger falls asleep on plane, wakes up alone

Montreal: A woman boarded an Air Canada flight earlier this month, fell asleep after takeoff and woke up alone in a dark, parked plane, apparently forgotten about by ground staff.

Tiffani Adams's story was posted on Air Canada's Facebook page, drawing incredulous reactions from readers and a request for details from the airline.

According to the post, Adams was flying from Quebec to Toronto when she fell asleep.

She woke up in "pitch black", with the plane having landed and apparently been towed away from the airport, after passengers and crew had disembarked.

"I think I'm having a bad dream," she texted a friend before her phone's battery died. After finding a torch in the cockpit, she managed to draw the attention of a luggage cart driver. Air Canada apologised for the incident. **PTI**

MAURICE BECAME THE MOST FAMOUS FRENCH ROOSTER AFTER HIS OWNERS WERE SUED BECAUSE HE MADE 'TOO MUCH NOISE'

'The rooster must be defended': France's culture clash reaches a coop

ADAM NOSSITER
ST-PIERRE-D'OLÉRON, JUNE 24

THE ROOSTER was annoyed and off his game. He shuffled, clucked and puffed out his russet plumage. But he didn't crow. Not in front of all these strangers.

"You see, he's very stressed out," said his owner, Corinne Fesseau. "I'm stressed, so he's stressed out. He's not even singing anymore." She picked up Maurice the rooster and hugged him. "He's just a baby," she said.

Maurice has become the most famous chicken in France, but as always in a country where hidden significance is never far from the surface, he is much more than just a chicken.

He has become a symbol of a perennial French conflict — between those for whom France's countryside is merely a backdrop for pleasant vacations and the people who actually inhabit it.

Maurice and his owner are being sued by a couple of neighbours. They are summer vacationers who, like thousands of others, come for a few weeks a year to St-Pierre-d'Oléron, the main town on an island off France's western coast full of marshes and "simple villages all whitewashed like Arab villages, dazzling and tidy", as the novelist Pierre Loti wrote in the 1880s.

These neighbours, a retired couple from near the central French city of Limoges, say the rooster makes too much noise and wakes them up. They want a judge to remove him.

But for tens of thousands across France who have signed a petition in the rooster's favour, and for a host of small-town French mayors, Maurice has become a national cause. The crowing Gallic coq, an eternal symbol of France, must be protected, they say. The rooster has a right to crow, the countryside has a right to its sounds and outsiders have no business dictating their customs to its rural denizens.

The controversy taps into France's still unbroken connection to its agricultural past, its self-image as a place that exalts farm life and the perceived values of a simpler existence. A parliamentary representative from the rural district of Lozère recently told French news media that he wants rural sounds to be officially classified and protected as "national heritage".

Corinne Fesseau with her rooster, Maurice, in the garden of her house in Saint-Pierre d'Oléron, France. *NYT*

Fesseau, a retired waitress who now has a torch-singing act, sees things from Maurice's perspective. "A rooster needs to express himself," she said.

The mayor of this minuscule island capital, Christophe Sueur, sees a broader threat.

"We have French values that are classic, and we have to defend them," Sueur said. "One of these traditions is to have farm animals. If you come to Oléron, you have to accept what's here."

In the summer, the island's normal population of 22,000 can balloon twentyfold. Recalling that some vacationers had even demanded the silencing of the church bells, the mayor said, "A minority wants to impose their way of life."

"There are people who refuse our traditions," he said. He explained that chicken coops were common on the island, a place isolated from "the Continent" before a bridge was built a half-century ago.

To protect Maurice, the mayor supported a municipal ordinance that proclaimed the need "to preserve the rural character" of St-Pierre-d'Oléron. The measure, which passed, is largely symbolic, but it puts Sueur firmly behind Maurice.

"This is more than just a debate about a rooster, it's a whole debate about the rural way of life, it's really about defining rurality," said Thibault Brechkoff, a mayoral candidate who stopped by Fesseau's modest two-story stone house last week for some electioneering. "The rooster must be defended," he added.

It could be worse for Maurice, a cantankerous fowl with a magnificent puffed-out coat who struts Fesseau's backyard with three hens in tow. His date in court has just been put off. There was no immediate risk of expulsion, or less pleasant rooster destinies.

The Limoges couple, Jean-Louis Biron and Joëlle Andrieux, have petitioned a judge to make Fesseau and her husband stop "the nuisances consecutive to the installation of their chicken-coop, and most particularly the song of Maurice the cock". **NYT**

THE CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP

Which Boris would Britain get?

Britain's probable next prime minister cannot resist playing to the crowd. In today's ugly politics that is ominous

THE BREXIT monster unleashed three years ago this weekend has already devoured two British prime ministers. David Cameron surrendered hours after the referendum result was announced on June 24th 2016. Theresa May began confidently but soon found herself cornered. Conservative MPs have drawn up a shortlist of candidates to replace her as their leader and thus as prime minister; party members will make a decision by the end of July. The overwhelming favourite among both MPs and activists is Boris Johnson.

But which Boris Johnson? The former foreign secretary, who is looked on with a mixture of amusement and contempt in European capitals, has assumed different guises at different times. As mayor of liberal, cosmopolitan London in 2008-16 he preached the virtues of immigration and the single market. As a leading light in the Leave campaign he effortlessly switched to criticising migration and warning of the dangers of Turkish membership of the European Union, which he had previously advocated. Now, in his bid for the votes of right-wing Tory party members, he talks up the prospect of leaving the EU with no deal—"f**k business" if it gets in the way—and joking that women in burkas "look like letterboxes".

Depressingly, the con trick is working. Despite valiant campaigns by more moderate candidates, Mr Johnson is the person to beat in the members' vote. Much less clear is how he would behave in office. As the Brexit saga drags on, Britain is growing ever more polarised. In a starkly divided country, which gallery would Mr Johnson choose to play to?

The way in which the next prime minister is being selected does not make it any easier to guess what is in store. Rather than face a general election, the leader is picked by 160,000 paid-up Tory activists, who long for Brexit more than almost anything else. A poll this week found that large majorities would leave the EU even if it did "significant damage" to the economy, broke apart the union with Scotland and Northern Ireland or "destroyed" the Conservative Party itself. Candidates have not drawn up detailed manifestos; Mr Johnson, in particular, has been uncharacteristically shy, avoiding most chances to debate with other candidates or be quizzed by journalists.

His lack of a guiding philosophy ought to be a weakness. But in these topsy-turvy times it has become central to his success. Because he is all but empty of political convictions, people use him as a repository for their own. Hardcore Brexiteers have seized on the idea that he will leave with no deal if the EU refuses to offer better terms by October 31st. Remainers whisper to themselves that surely he is a liberal at heart, who would not do anything truly dangerous—and might even call a second referendum in one of the gravity-defying acts of showmanship at which he excels. That his words mean almost nothing is taken by both sides as a sign that he might eventually do what they hope, regardless of what he has promised in the past.

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This is foolish, and reminiscent of the coalition that backed Donald Trump for president. Some believed Mr Trump's outlandish promises (a border wall with Mexico, a trade war with Canada), while others thought them part of an act not to be taken literally—and went on to receive a nasty shock. This is not the only similarity between the two blond bombshells. As well as narcissism, idleness and a willingness to take advantage of others, they share a flair for arguing that black is white and vice versa. Britain does not yet suffer from America's malaise, in which supporters of different parties cannot even agree about basic facts. But a government led by Mr Johnson, who freely contradicts himself and makes being caught out into a great joke, would lead Britain further down that path.

The best case for Mr Johnson is that he might use his skill as a salesman and his way with words to hawk the Brexit deal, or something much like it, to a Parliament that has three times rejected it. Mrs May fell 58 votes short on her final attempt. Both Labour and the Tories have since become much more scared of what Brexit is doing to their supporters, who are flocking to the Liberal Democrats and the Brexit Party respectively. It is conceivable that Mr Johnson—freshly elected, popular in his party and as magnetic as Mrs May is wooden—might persuade enough MPs to change their minds. The idea of him choosing a referendum on the deal so as to break the logjam in Parliament, as this newspaper would like, is far-fetched. But then, so much about him is.

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Alas, the case against Mr Johnson is more plausible. He is not a signpost but a weather vane and, at the moment, the winds in Britain are blowing in a dangerous direction. The sudden rise of the populist Brexit Party, which came first in last month's European election and now leads the polls with its promise of a no-deal exit, is terrifying the Tories, many of whom believe the only way to neutralise its insurgency is to ape it.

Since long before the referendum, the Conservative Party has been slowly evolving into one whose supporters are bound more by cultural values than economic ones. Brexit has put rocket-boosters on that trend. The next Tory leader will be under pressure to continue the metamorphosis of his party from a force for free markets into a right-wing populist outfit in the (ironically) European mould. Mr Johnson would be capable of engineering that transformation.

An inverted pyramid of piffle

Weather vane that he is, Mr Johnson would be unusually reliant on the people around him in 10 Downing Street and the cabinet for ideas, guidance and direction. By contrast with Mr Trump, who resents advice and experts, Mr Johnson is happy to delegate and let others do the work—provided he gets the glory. And whereas most mainstream Republicans at first disowned Mr Trump, thus ruling themselves out of working for him, moderate Tories are flocking to Mr Johnson's banner, in the hope of landing a plum job in his cabinet. Many of them recognise that a no-deal Brexit would be bad for Britain—and thus, most likely, a disaster for the Conservative Party. If Mr Johnson ends up in power, it will fall to them to rein in his worst instincts. If they fail, it may not be long before the Brexit monster is chewing up and spitting out its third prime minister.

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FACEBOOK

Coin flip

Facebook wants to create a worldwide digital currency

A GLOBAL digital currency would make sending money across the world as easy as texting. It would do away with fees, delays and other barriers to the flow of cash. It might give those in less developed countries access to the financial system and a means to protect hard-earned wages against runaway inflation. It could trigger a wave of innovation in finance, much as the internet did in online services.

That, in a nutshell, is what Facebook promised on June 18th. Within a year, the social network will launch a new currency to be known as Libra, in honour of an ancient Roman unit of mass—it is also the word for "pound" in many romance languages. Inevitably, Facebook dished out a generous helping of trendy words like crypto and blockchain. Unable to contain its appetite for Silicon Valley platitudes, Facebook claimed that its mission was to "empower billions of people". Making money or strengthening its market power are, apparently, a sideshow.

Notwithstanding the guff, the commercial potential is indeed significant—as are the potential problems. If each of Facebook's 2.4bn users converted a slice of their savings into Libras, it could become a widely circulated currency. It could also, if broadly adopted, vest unprecedented power in the hands of its issuer. In a tacit acknowledgment that its mishandling of user data, tolerance of the spread of misinformation and other sins have devalued its stock with policymakers, users and potential partners—though not investors—Facebook wants to outsource the running of Libra to a consortium of worthies recruited from the world of finance, technology and NGOs. The consequences for the global financial system could be significant. So could the impact on Facebook's business.

If the project lives up to the mock-ups, buying, selling, holding, sending and receiving Libras will become a doddle. It can be done in Facebook's Messenger app or WhatsApp, another messaging-service-cum-social-network it owns—and, later next year, in a stand-alone app.

So far, so familiar. Messenger already offers payments to Americans. WhatsApp is testing a similar function in India. But these services do not cross borders, and require users to have a bank account. Fintech firms like TransferWise, which offer international transfers, take a 4-5% cut to wire $200, a third less than Western Union. But Libra will be much cheaper, and require no bank accounts: more Bitcoin than Venmo.

Except that, unlike Bitcoins and other cryptocurrencies, Libras will change hands in seconds, not minutes, for next to nothing, not a few dollars. The system should handle 1,000 transactions a second at its launch, and more later, compared with no more than seven a second for Bitcoin. The virtual coins will be bought with real money, which will top up the reserve backing the currency. This should prevent wild price swings from speculation.

If it works, Libra could be a money-spinner for Facebook, albeit not directly. Notional transaction fees would not generate much revenue. But Libras should allow Facebook to charge more for online ads, by making purchases of advertised products quicker and simpler. It could furnish a new source of data to target adverts, making up for user information Facebook will forgo with the "pivot to privacy", which Mark Zuckerberg, its boss, proclaimed in March in respect of messaging. Facebook may catch up with WeChat, a Chinese super-app which offers payments and other services, and whose foreign ambitions are on hold as the Sino-American trade war rages on.

Technically and financially, Facebook could probably pull off such an ambitious undertaking on its own. But not politically.

To add credibility to its promise, broken in the past, to keep social and financial data separate, Facebook has created a subsidiary, Calibra, to run Libra services within its apps. *AP*

Its culture is less amoral than it was in its youth, when it aspired to "move fast and break things"—but only a bit. Chary consumers may choose not to entrust their money to a social network which has, until recently, leaked their personal data left and right. Unless users are on board, merchants may be reluctant to embrace the currency, however hassle-free.

Enter the Libra consortium. The association, to be based in Geneva, will take over from Facebook before the first Libra has been spent, and manage the hard-currency reserves. Facebook has enlisted 28 other prospective founding members out of an envisaged 100, each with equal voting rights and operating a node in a decentralised system which issues coins. They include financial firms (Visa, Stripe), online services (Spotify, Uber), cryptocurrency wallets (Anchorage, Coinbase), venture capitalists (Andreessen Horowitz, Union Square Ventures) and charities (Kiva, Mercy Corps)—though, for the time being, no banks. Not a libertarian alternative to the existing financial system, in other words, but a complement.

To add credibility to its promise, broken in the past, to keep social and financial data separate, Facebook has created a subsidiary, Calibra, to run Libra services within its apps. It is unlikely to face hurdles to uptake from Apple or Google. It is impossible to imagine them expelling Messenger and WhatsApp—and later other providers Facebook is inviting to the open-source project—from their app stores, as they have done with other cryptocurrency offerings, many of which were scams.

To get Libra going, the consortium will pay merchants to offer discounts to customers who use the new currency, financed by a $10m one-off fee each member pays for a seat at the table. Eventually, Facebook would like anybody, not just the consortium, to be able to generate the currency, transfer it and offer services on top of its "blockchain" (crypto-speak for the database that keeps track of who owns what). At that point, Libra would turn into Bitcoin, minus the kinks and the libertarianism.

Hard currency

In a project with so many moving parts, much can go wrong. Although Facebook says it has a working prototype, the technology is untested; sceptics doubt that a 100-node system, let alone a bigger one, could process thousands of transactions per second. Hackers are doubtless champing at the bit.

Then there are consortium dynamics. Facebook will have to prove to the other 99 Libra members that it is truly prepared to give up control. At the same time, because important decisions need a two-thirds majority, someone has to knock heads together. The history of information technology is littered with initiatives that collapsed under the weight of internal conflict.

The biggest barrier may be political. Facebook has apparently consulted many regulators. The providers of digital wallets will have to comply with national rules, such as those against money-laundering. Calibra, whose integration into Messenger and WhatsApp will initially make it the dominant wallet, is bound to stoke competition concerns. These may recede as the currency grows bigger and more decentralised, only to be replaced by worries about financial stability.

Libra's success, then, is far from assured. But it could prove useful even if it flops, for it offers a blueprint for how Facebook itself could one day be governed. The Libra Association's main task is to oversee the blockchain, ensuring, for instance, that Calibra does not enjoy privileged access to it. An equivalent Facebook Association, some observers have ventured, could be composed of representatives of users, advertisers, data-protection authorities and so on. Their job could be to oversee the "social graph", another database, which lists all of Facebook's users and the links between them—and to guarantee that Facebook users can post to another social network, and vice versa.

Calls for a Facebook constitution along these lines have grown louder as the social network's influence on world affairs, from election-meddling in America to genocide in Myanmar, has become apparent. Mr Zuckerberg is no stranger to such thinking. In 2009 Facebook let users vote on big changes in its privacy policies but abandoned the experiment with global democracy a few years later. Last year Mr Zuckerberg announced that Facebook wanted to set up a "content review board" of independent experts—a kind of "Supreme Court", in his words, which would make "the final judgment call on what should be acceptable speech".

Asked whether Libra could serve as a model for Facebook, David Marcus, who is in charge of the project, replies that it marks "a coming of age, the moment we recognise that there are some things that we shouldn't control—and a radical departure from the traditional way of operating things". Perhaps. But checks and balances would almost certainly make Facebook less profitable. It would be ironic if a new digital currency marked the beginning of the end of Facebook's money-minting days.

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POLICY WATCH
JALAN COMMITTEE

Differences in panel: Majority against touching past RBI reserves

Finance Ministry keen on substantial transfer of funds to the government

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE COMMITTEE on recommending the appropriate economic capital framework for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is divided over the issue of transferring past reserves including unrealised gains in gold and currency revaluation accounts. Sources said most committee members are in favour of reducing the RBI's excess reserves in phased manner, without any substantial transfer to the government.

The majority view in the committee is that the past reserves of the RBI, especially unrealised gains, in gold and currency revaluation accounts, should not be touched while future transfers should be guided by the new policy.

These are key areas of differences between the government nominee on the panel, Finance Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg, and other members, sources said. The panel headed by former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan, which met on Monday, sought more time to finalise its report owing to the differences on issues. Set up last December, the panel was expected to submit its report by April (within 90 days of its first meeting), but it is now likely in July.

The Committee was set up following discussions between the Finance Ministry and the RBI last year over manner in which the central banks' surplus can be shared with the government. While the Committee is chaired by Jalan, former RBI Deputy Governor Rakesh Mohan, who is against transferring a higher surplus to the government, is the Vice Chairman of the committee. RBI Deputy Governor NS Vishwanathan and RBI Central Board Members Bharat Doshi and Sudhir Mankad are other members of the panel.

The committee was set up to "review status, need and

The committee has sought more time to finalise its report

justification of various provisions, reserves and buffers presently provided for by the RBI; and (to) review global best practices followed by the central banks in making assessment and provisions for risks which central bank balance sheets are subject to."

Prior to setting up of the committee, the Finance Ministry in its discussions with the RBI, had argued that the existing economic capital framework — which governs the RBI's capital requirements and terms for the transfer of its reserves to the government — is based on a very "conservative" assessment of risk by the central bank. The ministry has internally estimated RBI's excess reserves at Rs 3.6 lakh crore.

As per Section 47 of the RBI Act, profits of the RBI are to be transferred to the government, after making various contingency provisions, public policy mandate of the RBI, including financial stability considerations. For the year ending June 2018, RBI had total reserves of Rs 9.59 lakh crore, comprising mainly currency and gold revaluation account (Rs 6.91 lakh crore) and contingency fund (Rs 2.32 lakh crore). Many economists and expert panels have in the past argued that the RBI is holding much higher capital than required to cover all its risks and contingencies.

Former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian said in Economic Survey 2016-17 that the RBI "is already exceptionally highly capitalised" and nearly Rs 4 lakh crore of its capital transfer to the government can be used for recapitalising banks and/or recapitalising a Public Sector Asset Rehabilitation Agency. This proposal was opposed by then RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan.

MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENT IN NBFCs & HFCs

Sebi to tighten exposure to HFCs; to seek collateral on loan for shares

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

IN A bid to protect the interest of debt mutual fund investors, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) is expected to bring down the exposure limit for debt-oriented mutual fund schemes to the financial services sector from the existing overall limit of 40 per cent.

In another move the Sebi is also expected to introduce a norm for mutual funds that will require them to seek collateral of over two times in cases where they lend money to promoters against their shares.

Currently, while the debt mutual fund schemes are allowed to have exposure of up to 25 per cent at a sectoral level, they are also permitted to have an additional exposure of up to 15 per cent in housing finance companies.

This is, however, set to be reduced as industry sources say that the regulator is concerned over high exposure of debt MF schemes to NBFCs and HFCs that are facing liquidity issues and a decision is likely to be announced soon.

Another source confirmed that both the issues are there on the agenda and are likely to be taken up in the scheduled meeting on July 2, 2019.

In February 2017, the Sebi issued a circular increasing the additional exposure limit for debt oriented MFs into securities issued by HFCs from 10 per cent to 15 per cent in a bid to support funding for the affordable housing segment.

The Sebi circular of February 2017 said, "Presently, the guidelines for sectoral exposure in debt oriented mutual fund schemes put a limit of 25 per cent at the sector level and an additional exposure not exceeding 10 per cent (over and above the limit of 25 per cent) in financial services sector only to HFCs. In light of the role of HFCs especially in affordable housing ... it has now been decided to increase additional exposure limits provided for HFCs in financial services sector from 10 per cent to 15 per cent."

Industry sources say that while the regulator had permitted higher exposure limits for MFs into HFCs so as to push retail demand in affordable housing segment, it has been seen that many housing finance companies have instead increased their lending to real estate companies and their projects, thereby exposing the MF investors to higher risk. Hence, Sebi may now reduce the exposure limit.

Another source, however, said, "Sebi is very conscious of the fact that HFCs should not be deprived of funds, so we have to see what it finally decides to do."

On the other hand, while several mutual funds have been offering loan against shares to promoters of companies, the regulator is likely to step in with stringent norms for such lending in light of the recent episode where fixed maturity plans of several of mutual funds came under pressure on account of their exposure in two Zee Group companies — Konti Infra and Edisons Utility. The MFs provided funds to the Zee Group promoters against their holding in Zee Entertainment.

While fund houses — stuck with investments in Zee Group companies — maintained that their exposure to Konti Infra & Edisons Utility were secured by around 1.5 times cover of Zee Entertainment shares, a source told that Sebi is expected to make a mandatory collateral requirement of at least two times the exposure, in order to safeguard the interest of investors.

Over the last nine months debt-oriented mutual fund schemes have come under pressure on account of their exposure to NBFCs and HFCs that are facing liquidity pressure and have also seen a significant downgrade by the credit rating agencies.

While it started with the default by several IL&FS group companies in September 2018, several companies in the financial services space have witnessed a downgrade of their debt papers by the CRAs.

In several cases, debt MF schemes having exposure to such NBFCs and HFCs saw a sharp decline in their net asset value, thereby eating into the capital and returns of the investors. The NAV per unit is the market value of securities of a scheme divided by the total number of units of the scheme on any particular date.

EXPLAINED

Regulator's move may push MFs to be more cautious

WHILE MF exposure to debt papers of troubled NBFCs and HFCs has resulted into decline in returns for investors of several schemes across various mutual funds, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) move to reduce overall sectoral exposure may push them to be more cautious while investing and picking the right mix of papers without taking undue risk.

'India's crude steel output grows 5% in May'

8.753 MT: Crude steel produced by India in May 2018

162.744 MT: Global crude steel production in May 2019 for the 64 countries reporting to worldsteel; 5.4 per cent higher than 154.460 MT produced in May 2018

89.091 MT: China's steel production in May 2019; 10 per cent higher than 81.018 MT in year-ago period

8.676 MT: Steel production of Japan, from whom India bagged the tag of world's second largest producer of crude steel, 4.6 per cent lower than 9.096 MT in year-ago period

India's crude steel output rose 5.1 per cent to 9.196 million tonnes (MT) during May 2019, according to a World Steel Association (worldsteel) report

7.653 MT: Steel production of the US in May 2019; a 5.6 per cent increase as against 7.263 MT in May 2018

6.371 MT: South Korea's crude steel production, while Brazil and Turkey produced 2.751 MT and 3.063 MT of metal, respectively, during May 2019

EUROPEAN UNION: Italy produced 2.215 MT of crude steel in May 2019, France produced 1.2 MT, Spain 1.2 MT

8.662 MT: India's crude steel production in April 2019, up by 0.1 per cent over April 2018, a report by Joint Plant Committee said

Unaccounted money: Wide variation in estimation, says House committee

Preliminary report of Standing Committee on Finance tabled in Parliament on Monday

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

STATING THAT there is a huge variation in estimation of unaccounted income and wealth, the Standing Committee on Finance has said that it expects the Finance Ministry "to bring to book" unaccounted income/wealth both within and outside the country, including follow-up action on the seven reports of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted on Black Money and the three reports on estimation of unaccounted money conducted by NIPFP, NCAER and NIFM.

The committee's preliminary report titled 'Status of Unaccounted Income/Wealth Both Inside and Outside the Country – A Critical Analysis', which was tabled in Parliament on Monday, also asked for finalisation of the long delayed Direct Taxes code "at the earliest" and reintroduce it in Parliament with an aim to simplify and rationalise the direct tax laws in the country.

The committee's report is based on the findings of the three studies conducted by National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM) and the evidence presented by Finance Ministry, Central Board of Direct Taxes. In March 2011, after observations by an earlier Standing Committee, the Finance Ministry had signed Memorandums of Understanding with NIPFP, NCAER and NIFM to conduct studies to assess and survey unaccounted income and wealth both inside and outside the country.

As per the estimates by NIPFP, the illicit financial outflows have been in the range of 0.2 per cent to 7.4 per cent of the GDP during 1997-2009, while NIFM estimated the total illicit outflow at the present value (including opportunity cost) from India in 1990-2008 at $216.48 billion. Illicit outflows from the country are estimated on average to 10 per cent of the estimated unaccounted income, the report said.

NCAER estimated the total wealth accumulated outside India between $384 billion and $490 billion during 1980-2010.

The wide variation in estimation of unaccounted income ranging from "7 per cent to 120 per cent of the reported GDP" in the three studies was highlighted by Revenue Secretary in his deposition to parliamentary committee, while Chief Economic Adviser has opined that "there is no scope for arriving at a common estimate of unaccounted income by combining estimates from three reports".

Stating that it's a preliminary report due to examination of a limited number of stakeholders owing to paucity of time, the Standing Committee observed, "...the Committee would expect the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) to continue their efforts with greater vigour to unearth and bring to book unaccounted income /wealth both within and outside the country including follow-up action on the seven reports of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted on Black Money as well as the three study reports on estimation of unaccounted money. The Committee would thus expect more fruitful outcomes on this count, both in terms of much wider tax base as well as actual tax yield."

The standing committee also said the sectors where unaccounted income is found to be highest includes real estate, mining, pharmaceuticals, pan masala, gutkka and tobacco industry, bullion and commodity markets, film industry, educational institutes and professionals. The other sectors namely securities market and manufacturing also showed high incidence of unaccounted income, the report said. The committee, headed by M Veerappa Moily, had submitted its report to the Lok Sabha Speaker on March 28, before the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha. Following the general elections, 17th Lok Sabha has been constituted.

FINALISE DIRECT TAX CODE: PANEL

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2-wheeler makers object to EV transition timeline

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FOLLOWING A meeting in the NITI Aayog last Friday over push for electric mobility in two- and three-wheelers, the electric vehicles industry and those using internal combustion engine (ICE) are divided over timelines proposed by government think tank.

The Aayog asked the two- and three-wheeler makers to suggest within two weeks concrete steps towards transition to electric mobility keeping in mind 2025 deadline. Strongly objecting to NITI Aayog's proposal to transition to electric vehicles (EVs) for three-wheelers and two-wheelers, Bajaj Auto and TVS Motor Monday said the policy has not been made with adequate study and diligence.

"This is not like Aadhaar, not a software and print cards. You have to set up a whole supply chain, and migrate from the current supply chain," TVS Motor Co chairman & managing director Venu Srinivasan said, as per a *PTI* report.

Srinivasan further said,"we have said we will take four months to come with a plan. The plans will start with one city (that has the highest number of two-wheeler population) and that too, to a percentage of one city and migrate over a period of time."

Asserting that a "black or white, zero-one change" is not possible "with 20 million vehicles, $15 billion in sales, one million employees", he said and added that "the whole thing is not thought through. I hope saner thoughts will prevail and people will think through the real implications of all this." Bajaj Auto managing director Rajiv Bajaj said "we believe 100 per cent transition is completely uncalled for".

The Friday meeting was attended by top officials of major two-wheeler manufacturers, including Rajiv Bajaj, Srinivasan along with SIAM director-general Vishnu Mathur, among others.

NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar and CEO Amitabh Kant represented the think tank. NITI Aayog has planned transitioning to full EVs for three-wheelers by 2023 and two-wheelers with an engine capacity less than 150 cc by 2025.

Thakur: GST Council to consider reducing tax on electric vehicles

New Delhi: The GST Council will consider reducing tax on electric vehicles, which are seen as more environment-friendly, and the matter is pending before it, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur informed the Lok Sabha on Monday.

Thakur was replying to a question asked by BJP member Varun Gandhi during the Question Hour.

"The matter has been placed before GST Council and will be considered. As of now, it is pending before the council," he said. **PTI**

RBI launches system to lodge complaint against any regulated entity

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MUMBAI, JUNE 24

The Reserve Bank of India on Monday launched a Complaint Management System (CMS) by providing a single window on Reserve Bank's website for lodging complaints against any regulated entity.

According to the RBI, the application also improves transparency by keeping the complainants informed through auto-generated acknowledgements and enabling them to track the status of their complaints and file appeals online against the decisions of Ombudsmen, where applicable. "Further, complainants can also voluntarily share feedback on their experience in obtaining redressal," it said.

The complaint would be directed to the appropriate Office of the Ombudsman/ Regional Office of the RBI. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said data from CMS can be leveraged by the Reserve Bank for analytics which can be used for regulatory and supervisory interventions, if required. Various dashboards provided in the application will help Reserve Bank to effectively track the progress in redressal of complaints, he said.

"I take this opportunity to seek the co-operation of all RBI regulated entities with public interface such as commercial banks, urban co-operative banks, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), etc. in resolving customer complaints in a speedy and meaningful manner to promote public confidence in the financial system," Das said.

"Sustaining the confidence of consumers in banks and other financial service providers (FSPs) through prompt and effective grievance redressal, together with empowering customers through education is pivotal for maintaining trust in the banking system," he said. The Reserve Bank also plans to introduce a dedicated interactive voice response (IVR) system for tracking the status of complaints.

"The benefit to the financial system will accrue from seamless access of CMS to the nodal officers of banks and financial service providers (FSPs). CMS can generate various reports for monitoring and managing complaints pertaining to each entity," Das said.

'DATA TO BE USED FOR ANALYTICS'

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Effective tax base growth highest in five years

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THE EFFECTIVE taxpayer base grew 13.5 per cent for the assessment year (AY) 2018-19, recording the highest rate in the last five years, the Finance Ministry said in a reply in the Lok Sabha. The tax base, which includes assessees filing I-T returns along with those whose tax is deducted at source, rose to 8.44 crore in 2018-19, compared with 7.42 crore in FY18.

Even though the direct tax collection missed the revised estimate by Rs 62,000 crore, it grew by 13.5 per cent compared with FY18. It was second-slowest growth in direct tax collection in last five years. The Budget estimate for current fiscal shows that collections would need to increase by over 22 per cent from actual collections."The direct-tax GDP ratio for the FY 2017-18 was 5.86 per cent and for 2018-19, it was 5.98 per cent (provisional)," it said.

The e-returns filing also grew by nearly 19 per cent in AY19 to 6.49 crore, compared with 5.47 crore for AY18, it said. It said while IT department issued over 1.61 lakh crore in refunds in last fiscal, it has already issued Rs 64,700 crore in refunds till June 18.

"All field authorities have been instructed to issue refunds up to Rs 5,000 without any adjustment against outstanding demand," the ministry said. **FE**

ON G20 SIDELINES

Modi, Xi, Putin to discuss US trade policies: China

K J M VARMA
BEIJING, JUNE 24

CHINESE PRESIDENT Xi Jinping will hold meetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and other leaders of the BRICS grouping during the G20 Summit in Japan this week where the talks would be focussed on opposing the "unilateralist" and "protectionist" trade policies of US, a senior Chinese minister said Monday.

China, which is seeking to build a strong opposition against US President Donald Trump using trade and tariffs as a weapon to enforce his "America first" policy, said the issues of "unilateral" and protectionist" policies would be discussed in detail at the meetings of the leaders of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) and Russia, India and China (RIC) at Osaka.

The G20 summit would be held at Osaka on June 28-29. Chinese President Xi Jinping will go there a day ahead of the Summit to take part in host of informal meetings including his meeting with Trump for key talks to end bruising trade war between the top countries.

Modi, Xi and Russian President Vladimir Putin met at the recently held Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit at Kirgiz capital Bishkek.

Highlighting the importance of Modi-Xi-Putin meeting at Osaka, China's Assistant Foreign Minister Zhang Jun said, "Given the current international landscape, the meeting among the three leaders is also of significance. As you know, China's relations with Russia and India are showing sound momentum of growth." While informal meetings of the BRICS and the RIC take place in all the multilateral summits, Chinese officials say the Osaka meeting assumes significance as all major countries besides India, China and Russia are facing trade and tariff-related frictions with the US. **PTI**

China: Both nations must make compromises in trade talks

Beijing: Ahead of Chinese President Xi Jinping's meeting with his American counterpart Donald Trump this week, China has said that it would not agree to any trade deal with the US at the expense of its sovereignty and both sides should make compromises to break the deadlock over issue.

Xi and Trump will meet in Osaka, Japan on the sidelines of the G-20 summit on June 28-29. Addressing the media here ahead of Xi-Trump meeting, China's Vice Minister of Commerce Wang Shouwe said talks between teams from the US and China are underway to make preparations for the meeting.

He said Beijing insists any agreement would be based on mutual respect, which meant respecting sovereignty, treating each other as equals and win-win outcomes benefitting both nations. **PTI**

Send medical reports to JJ Hospital for analysis: HC to Choksi

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The HC has directed that the records be analysed by doctors at JJ Hospital, who will then submit a report by July 9 stating whether Choksi is fit to travel to India

THE BOMBAY High court on Monday asked Mehul Choksi to send his medical papers and reports to JJ Hospital, so that it can analyse them and submit a report to the court stating whether he is fit to travel to India. In April, Choksi had approached the court claiming that he had not deliberately avoided joining the investigation against him in the Punjab National Bank (PNB) alleged fraud case, but was unable to return because of his medical condition.

Choksi has filed an appeal against the trial court's order, claiming that his inability to return cannot be seen as his refusal to return and hence the provisions of the new legislature, Fugitive Economic Offenders (FEO) Act cannot be invoked against him.

A division bench of Justice Indrajit Mahanty and Justice AM Badar directed Choksi to send his medical papers and records by Monday to the Head of Department of Cardiology at JJ Hospital, who will analyse them and submit a report by July 9 stating whether he is fit to travel to India. The court adjourned the matter to July 10.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) told the bench that it was willing to provide an air ambulance to bring Choksi to India from Antigua. On a request by Choksi's lawyer, the bench directed the ED to take instructions on whether Interpol's red corner notice could be relaxed for him to travel to Miami from Antigua for further treatment. The court also asked Choksi's lawyer to take instructions from him, on any particular hospital he wants to go to in India.

In the petition, Choksi has claimed that his medical records show that he has several blocked arteries and he was advised bypass surgery by doctors, following which he had travelled abroad and continued to suffer from various ailments. He further said that he is "constrained from traveling" as he needs continuous monitoring and medical supervision.

Jet creditors asked to submit claims by July 4

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, JUNE 24

THE RESOLUTION professional for Jet Airways, which was admitted to the NCLT last week for bankruptcy, has invited claims from all creditors to the grounded airline.

The airline owes over Rs 8,500 crore to a consortium of 26 banks led by State Bank, and over Rs 13,000 crore to the tens of hundreds of vendors and around 23,000-odd employees.

"The creditors of Jet Airways are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before July 4, to the interim resolution professional. Financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only," resolution professional Ashish Chhawchharia of Grant Thornton said in a public notice.

All other creditors shall submit their claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means, it added. The lenders, who had been owning the airline since March 25 with 51 per cent stake, had on June 17 decided to take the airline, which stopped flying on April 17, to the NCLT as they could not find a buyer.

SINGLE JUDGE BENCH OF HC HAD DISMISSED SIMILAR PLEA IN 2016

HC upholds 2016 arbitral award; Mehra brothers to pay ₹700 cr

Brothers 'siphoned off' money from WWIL, a JV with Germany's Enercon GmbH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JUNE 24

THE BOMBAY High Court on Monday upheld an arbitral award, directing city-based businessmen brothers Yogesh Mehra and Ajay Mehra to pay about Rs 700 crore 'siphoned off' by them from a joint venture (JV) company between them and German wind turbine major Enercon GmbH.

The order, passed by a single judge bench of the high court in the arbitral award, was challenged by Mehra brothers before the bench of Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog and Justice N M Jamdar. The bench dismissed the petitions of the siblings and said, "The majority Award is liable to be upheld in its entirety."

The bench, in its order, said, "This Court finds no perversity in the approach adopted by the Arbitral Tribunal in directing the Mehra brothers to recompense WWIL; the independent jural entity from whose exchequer the funds had been diverted. Rather, such a course is fair and inures to the advantage of the Mehras as they are themselves shareholders to the tune of 44 per cent in WWIL."

The Mehra brothers, petitioners in the arbitration petitions filed in 2016, had set up a renewable energy business. They entered into a joint venture agreement (JVA) to set up a company Wind World India Limited (WWIL). WWIL was set up between Enercon GmbH (EG) — a German entity which holds 56 per cent of the shares of WWIL. The Mehras and their family members hold the remaining 44 per cent shares.

In or around 2006, certain disputes arose between the parties, including allegations of mismanagement of WWIL by the Mehras; and non-payment of royalties and the nature of the technology rights granted by EG to WWIL.

The dispute also arose out of an intellectual property license agreement (IPLA) which one of the parties, the Mehras and WWIL contended to be a draft. After several rounds of litigation, the Supreme Court appointed a presiding arbitrator. The three member tribunal, by majority of two and one dissenting member, passed the award in 2016.

The award held that WWIL was due to make payments of royalties of 55 million euros (plus interest) to EG and return the technology previously provided by EG to WWIL; WWIL was due to make payments of parts and components previously supplied by EG to the tune of 19 million euros (plus interest) and the Mehras had siphoned off sums to the tune of almost Rs 700 crore from WWIL into Vish Wind Infrastructure Ltd (a company owned by the Mehras themselves), which they were directed to repay to WWIL.

WWIL and the Mehras challenged this arbitral award before the Bombay High Court in the same year. Justice A K Menon dismissed the petition, stating that the petitioners' case is that "they were prejudiced by want of a proper opportunity to defend the case against them and resulting in the award being perverse has not been made out." The order of Justice Menon was challenged before the bench.

ALLEGATIONS OF MISMANAGEMENT OF WWIL

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BRIEFLY

'Acharya's early exit not to roil markets'

New Delhi: The early exit of RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya was not surprising and will not roil the markets, State Bank of India said in its 'Ecowrap' research report.

RITES to issue bonus shares in 1:4 ratio

New Delhi: Railway consultancy firm RITES said on Monday that it will one issue bonus share to its shareholders for every four shares they hold.

TCS hikes stake to 66% in Japanese JV

New Delhi: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Monday said it is raising its holding to 66 per cent in TCS Japan Ltd, its joint venture with Mitsubishi, with an investment of 3.5 billion yen (Rs 226.2 crore). **PTI**

Bitcoin trades above $11K, after 10% leap

London: Bitcoin tested 15-month highs on Monday after jumping more than 10 per cent over the weekend. The original cryptocurrency was last up 1.9 per cent at $11,039.62 on the Bitstamp exchange.

Oil prices slip on demand fears

New York: Oil prices edged lower on Monday as crude demand concerns resurfaced and possibility of an US-Iran conflict faded. Brent crude futures were down 69 cents, or 1.1 per cent, at $64.51 a barrel at 1:39 pm, while US crude futures shed 5 cents, or 0.1 per cent, to $57.38 a barrel.

Huawei mail ban: FedEx apologises

Bengaluru: FedEx Corp has apologised for another Huawei delivery "mistake," reigniting Chinese ire and drawing the fire of state media which suggested the US delivery firm could end up on China's upcoming list of companies that harm national interests. **REUTERS**

Binny Bansal 'sells' his Flipkart shares worth $76 mn to Walmart; reduces stake to 3.52%

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FLIPKART CO-FOUNDER Binny Bansal has offloaded a portion of his equity shares in the e-commerce firm to its new owner Walmart for a consideration of $76 million, according to information sourced from business intelligence platform *paper.vc*.

Walmart had, last year, acquired 77 per cent stake in Flipkart for $16 billion, in a deal which saw the other co-founder Sachin Bansal completely exit the firm.

Binny — whose shareholding has been reduced to 3.52 per cent from 3.85 per cent after the latest sale — continued with the e-commerce company in a management position after the takeover by American retail giant.

However, he resigned a few months later following an investigation by Walmart into allegations of personal misconduct.

"Bansal transferred 5,39,912 equity shares to FIT Holdings SARL, Walmart's Luxembourg entity. Our data, derived from Flipkart's filings, indicate that with this transfer, Binny Bansal has monetized a small portion of his shareholding for what appears to be a cash consideration of $76.4 million," *paper.vc* noted.

Currently, other significant shareholders in Flipkart include Aceville, Tiger Global, Accel India and Microsoft, among others. An e-mail query sent to Binny Bansal did not elicit any response at the time of going to press.

5,39,912 SHARES TRANSFERRED

- **According to *paper.vc*, Binny Bansal transferred 5,39,912 equity shares to Walmart's Luxembourg entity FIT Holdings SARL**
- **Recently, he resigned following a probe by Walmart into allegations of personal misconduct**

Federal Reserve like a 'stubborn child': Trump

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
WASHINGTON, JUNE 24

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Monday renewed his attacks on the Federal Reserve, saying the central bank's reluctance to cut interest rates was standing in the way of blowout economic expansion. The Fed last week left benchmark US lending rates untouched but signaled it could ease them soon if the economic outlook deteriorates.

"Despite a Federal Reserve that doesn't know what it is doing... we are on course to have one of the best Months of June in US history," Trump tweeted, arguing that lower rates would have driven GDP growth rates as high as five per cent.

"Now they stick, like a stubborn child when we need rate cuts & easing, to make up for what other countries are doing against us. Blew it!" Last week, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell opened the door to a rate cut, saying persistent trade friction and slowing global growth, among other factors, had "strengthened" the case for looser monetary policy.

A single member of the Fed's rate-setting Federal Open Market Committee pushed for an immediate cut to help preserve the economic expansion.

But Powell insisted on the central bank's political independence, brushing aside news reports that Trump had considered demoting him.

'G20 erected 20 new trade barriers, but 29 barriers fell'

Geneva: The world's 20 most advanced economies, the G20, erected 20 new trade restrictions between October and May, covering trade worth $335.9 billion, the World Trade Organization (WTO) said Monday, warning that several more were being considered.

Together with trade barriers covering $480.9 billion in the previous period, the rise in new barriers represents "a dramatic spike" in import restrictions, the WTO said in a report before a G20 meeting. The monitoring report said G20 economies also implemented 29 measures to reduce trade barriers during the period, covering $397.2 billion. **REUTERS**

Promoters sell 10% stake in Emami for ₹1,230 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
KOLKATA, JUNE 24

FMCG CONGLOMERATE Emami Group has raised Rs 1,230 crore through a stake sale, mainly to be used for reducing debt at the promoters level, the firm said Monday. The company divested 10 per cent stake to marquee institutional investors on the floor of the stock exchange.

The total promoter stake in Emami Limited, subsequent to the stake sale, stands at a controlling majority of 52.74 per cent. The promoters intend to maintain this controlling majority stake in Emami without further diluting it, a company statement said.

Emami Group's promoters have an adequate pool of diverse assets, the valuation of which are quite high. With a view to further lower debt and reap the benefits of such investments, the process of identification for divestment of such assets has been initiated. This could pare the debt of the Emami Group in six-eight months.

Mohan Goenka, director, Emami Group, said, "The promoters are committed towards being proactive in addressing business and industry challenges and working in the best interests of all Emami Group stakeholders; the stake sale and asset identification activity are examples of steps toward this commitment."

Director Aditya Agarwal added that deleveraging the debt was the company's priority. **FE**

'Apple Watch looks to augment physician-patient bond'

ANUJ BHATIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

Apple can now help get a user's vital data and then give it to their physician in "a meaningful way," Dr Sumbul Desai, Apple's vice president of Health, said

WHEN THE Apple Watch Series 4 was announced last year with advanced heart monitoring, ECG and fall detection, it was designed to bridge the doctor-patient divide. "We design products to be used in partnership with your physician," explains Dr Sumbul Desai, Apple's vice president of Health.

Dr Desai — who was vice-chair of strategy and innovation for the department of medicine at Stanford Medical before joining Apple in 2017 — says she fundamentally believes there is something about the physician patient relationship that's really "sacred and special". "So if we can find ways to augment that relationship, that's what we're trying to do, we think there's an ability to allow you to engage with your physician in a more meaningful way," says Desai, who also has a degree in computer science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and has worked at IBM, ABC and Disney. She also serves as a clinical associate professor of medicine at Stanford Medical, in addition to her responsibilities at Apple.

"If you think about your physician visits, part of the time is spent gathering data and part of the time is spent counselling and educating you. Most physicians want to spend more time counselling and educating," Dr Desai said, explaining the importance of the Apple Watch, which can now collect a user's vital data.

Apple can now help get the data and then give it to their physician in "a meaningful way," she told *indianexpress.com*, adding that this will have "richer conversations with the doctor and allow for more time for counseling and education that's personalised."

When Apple launched a host of new health features with the Series 4, industry insiders observed that Apple was doubling down on health and fitness. "When we think about health, we think about it from a broad perspective of how do we empower individuals to live a healthy life," Dr Desai said, adding that Apple's key focus is to democratise health data and let it be used to empower consumers live a healthy life.

'Tax us more,' US billionaires say

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
NEW YORK, JUNE 24

"TAX US more!" was the message on Monday from about 20 super-wealthy Americans who urged presidential candidates to back higher taxes on the wealthiest to confront climate change and other priorities.

"America has a moral, ethical and economic responsibility to tax our wealth more," said the group, which included George Soros, Facebook co-founder Chris Hughes, descendants of Walt Disney and the owners of the Hyatt hotel chain.

"A wealth tax could help address the climate crisis, improve the economy, improve health outcomes, fairly create opportunity, and strengthen our democratic freedoms. Instituting a wealth tax is in the interest of our republic." Signers pointed out that fellow billionaire Warren Buffett has said he is taxed at a lower rate than his secretary.

The letter alluded to support among Democratic presidential candidates for higher taxes on the super-wealthy, including Pete Buttigieg and Beto O'Rourke.

But the letter noted broad bipartisan support for taxing the super-wealthy, saying "some ideas are too important for America to be part of only a few candidates' platforms." It praised a proposal by Senator Elizabeth Warren that would lift taxes on those with more than $50 million in taxes, a measure expected to affect the 75,000 wealthiest families.

The letter was signed by 18 people representing 11 families, plus one anonymous person. Many in the group have been associated with progressive initiatives on issues such as climate change and the growing wealth gap.

Of about 40 countries, the United States is the sixth highest in terms of wealth concentration, according to data from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

FB's Clegg rejects break-up calls, prefers more regulation

Berlin: Facebook dismissed calls for a break-up of the world's biggest social network and other big internet companies on Monday, saying this would not tackle issues such as privacy, attempts to influence elections or harmful content.

"Just because it is difficult to regulate the internet doesn't mean policy makers should jump to the alternative of wishing these companies away. The internet does need competition and it does need regulation ... we want to work with governments and policymakers to design the sort of smart regulation that fosters competition, encourages innovation and protects consumers," Nick Clegg, Facebook's head of global affairs, said here Monday.

Last week seven US Senate Democrats asked the Trump administration to disclose details of possible Federal Trade Commission and Justice Department antitrust investigations into Amazon, Facebook, Alphabet and Apple. **REUTERS**

KOLKATA METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

e-NIT No.: 09/SE(EC)/WS/KMDA of 2019-2020

e-Tender is invited by the **Superintending Engineer, East Circle, W&S Sector, KMDA, 'C'-Block, 2nd Floor, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091** from eligible and resourceful contractors for the works: **Sl. No. & Name of Work; Estimated Amount; Earnest Money** are as follows: **(1)** Laying of D.I. (K-9) pipes as clear water rising main having dia varies from 900 mm dia to 600 mm dia including temporary and permanent road restoration work from Lake Town 15 MGD WTP to Jessore Road within South Dum Dum Municipality; ₹ 2,79,83,433/-; ₹ 5,59,668/-. **(2) Same as Sl. No. 1.** 400 mm dia to 300 mm dia including temporary and permanent road restoration work from Jessore Road to eight nos ESR at Ward no. 28, 29, 30, 18, 19, 31 and 35 within South Dum Dum Municipality. ₹ 2,60,34,052/-; ₹ 5,20,681/-. **Time of Completion:** 180 Days for both Sl. No. **Last date & time of submission of bids online:** 16.07.2019 upto 18.50 hrs. For details contact the above office or visit KMDA websites. KMDA/T-131/Expression(5)/19-20

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE, CORRIGENDUM-I Dtd: 24.06.2019

1. On behalf of President of India, item rate E-Tenders is invited from Contractors of appropriate class for following work

NIT No.: ISTRAC/CMG/E/CON/E-TENDER-18/2019-20 Dated: 27.05.2019

Name of Work: Proposed building for RDA & MEOSAR Ground segment at SCC, ISTRAC, Bangalore (Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of UPS systems) (2nd CALL)

Estimate Cost put to Tender	Rs. 76.21 Lakhs
Tender Document details	E-Tender
Period of Completion in months reckoned from the 15th Day of date of issue of work order	03 Months
Period during which tender document can be downloaded	From 29.05.2019 to 12.06.2019 till 14.00 hrs. Extended upto 14.00 hrs. on 01.07.2019
Bid Clarifications	From 30.05.2019 to 13.06.2019 till 16.00 hrs. Extended upto till 16.00 hrs. on 02.07.2019
Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	14.06.2019 upto 11.00 hrs. Extended upto 11.00 hrs. on 03.07.2019
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	15.06.2019 upto 14.30 hrs. Extended upto 14.30 hrs. on 04.07.2019
Due date and time of opening of tenders	20.06.2019 after 11.00 hrs. Extended to 10.07.2019 after 11.00 hrs.
Earnest money deposit (EMD)	Rs.1,52,420/-

2. Interested Tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

GROUP HEAD-CMG, ISTRAC

Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Sandal City: P.B. No. 5531, Bengaluru-Pune Highway,
Bengaluru - 560 055. Ph: 23378715, 23371103 Fax: 23375102, 23370498
e-Mail: ksdl.dgmmtls@gmail.com
An ISO-9001:2015 & 14001:2015 Company

Date: 24.06.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tenders are invited by **KS&DL** in two cover system through e-Procurement Portal (Website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** with respect to supply of the following Materials/Services.

Sl. No.	Tender Number	Tender Name	Qty.	Published Date	Last date for Bid Submission
1	KSDL/2019-20/ IND3845	Procurement of Fevicol SA 7505 Synthetic Adhesive Grannules	8000 Kgs	15.06.2019	16.07.2019
2	KSDL/2019-20/ IND3846	Procurement of Musk Booster (M/s. Symrise)	11000 Kgs	20.06.2019	19.08.2019
3	KSDL/2019-20/ IND3847	Procurement of Sandalwood Oil Booster (M/s. IFF)	8000 Kgs	20.06.2019	19.08.2019

Please visit KS&DL website: **https://www.mysoresandal.org** for further details. For any queries/clarification, contact the undersigned.

Sd/- Asst. Gen. Manager (Materials)

GUJARAT URJA VIKAS NIGAM LIMITED
Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan Race Course,
Vadodara-390007 PBX : (0265) 2310582-86
www.guvnl.com
CIN U40109GJ2004SGC045195 (An ISO 9001:2008 Company)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

GUVNL invites Tenders for procurement of 200 MW Solar Power through Competitive Bidding (followed by e-reverse auction) from Solar PV Power Projects to be set up in 700 MW Raghanesda Solar Park through RfS No. GUVNL / 200 MW / Solar (Phase VI) dated 24.06.2019. For tender documents (RfS, PPA) please visit the website **www.bharat-electronictender.com** and **www.guvnl.com**. The last date of bid submission is 24.07.2019.

Date: 25-06-2019 General Manager (IPP)

GUJARAT URJA VIKAS NIGAM LIMITED
Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan Race Course,
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

GUVNL invites Tenders for procurement of 750 MW Solar Power through Competitive Bidding (followed by e-reverse auction) from Solar PV Power Projects to be set up in 1000 MW Dholera Solar Park through RfS No. GUVNL / 750 MW / Solar (Phase VII) dated 24.06.2019. For tender documents (RfS, PPA) please visit the website **www.bharat-electronictender.com** and **www.guvnl.com.** The last date of bid submission is 24.07.2019.

Date: 25-06-2019 General Manager (IPP)

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Gopal Krishan S/O, Sharvan Kumar Sharma R/o J-3/8, GF, Krishna Nagar, ND-51, have changed my name to Gopal Krishan Sharma for all purposes. 0040500463-1

I, Devinderpal Singh, S/o Sh. Herdit Singh,R/o B-36, Shankar Garden, Vikas Puri,New Delhi-110018,have changed my namefrom Devinderpal Singh to Davinderpal Singh for all future purposes. 040500588-8

I, Daya Kishan, S/o Sh. Premanand Pandey R/o House No.592-A, Gali No.1,Pratap Vihar Part-2, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086, inform that my name has been wrongly printed as Daya Kishan Pandey in my Son Manoj Pandey's 10th & 12th Certificate. My actual name is Daya Kishan, which may be amended accordingly. 0040500575-1

I, Darshana Devi W/o-Anil Kumar Jain R/o-168, Sukhdev Vihar, New Friends Colony,New Delhi- 28 have changed my name to Darshana Jain. 0040500522-1

I, Chanchal Kumar S/o Om Prakash R/o-H-96 Second-Floor, Lajpat-Nagar-1,Delhi-110024,Have Changed My Name To Chanchal Chaudhary. 0040500589-4

I, Celine Aarti Ekka D/o Anand Prakash Ekka R/o D-1094, DDA Flats, Bindapur, Pocket-3, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name from Aarti Ekka to Celine Aarti Ekka for all future purposes. 0040500439-1

I, Catherine Barla W/o Bimal Minj R/o-1005,Sector-8, R.K.Puram,New Delhi-110022,inform that Catherina Barla & Catherine Barla both name are same purposes. 0040500587-2

I, Birender Das S/o Tustoy Das, R/o B-38, Pandav Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110092, have changed my name from Birender Das to Biren Das for all future purposes. 0040500440-1

I, Bhupinder Singh Chalyana S/o Hajara Singh R/o T-566, Galino.2, Baljeet Nagar, New Delhi-8, changed my name to Bhupinder Singh. 0040500487-9

I, Bhupinder Singh Chalyana S/o Hajara Singh R/o T-566, Galino.2, Baljeet Nagar, New Delhi-8, changed my name to Bhupinder Singh. 0040500487-6

I, Bharti W/O, Naresh Kumar Verma R/o H.No 201-B, New Colony, Gurugram, Haryana, have changed my name to Bharti Rani Verma. 0040500444-1

I, Ashima Taneja R/o 634, Nimri Colony, Ashok Vihar, Phase - 4, Delhi-110052 have changed my name to Aashima Taneja. 0070661801-1

I, Anupama Dewan D/o-Laxman Das Satija, W/o Rajiv Dewan, R/o-10,Basai Road, Near Sethi Hospital,Opp. Model Town,Gurugram (Haryana) have changed my name to Anupama. 0040500522-2

I, Deepak Mittal,S/O-Late Shri Om Prakash Mittal,R/O-D-14/5-6,Sector-7,Rohini Delhi-110085,inform that Deepak Aggarwal & Deepak Mittal both the Same & one person. 0040500466-3

I, Anjana Devi W/o Sudesh Sharma R/o Flat No.12142, Tower-10, GH-07, Crossings Republik, Ghaziabad, UP-201016 have changed my name to Anjana Sharma. 0040500502-1

I, Anand Jatin S/O-Ramesh Chander Anand R/O-D/7,Kasturba Niketan Complex,Lajpat Nagar-2,New-Delhi-110024 Have Changed my Name to Jatin(given Name) Anand (Surname). 0040500522-3

I, Amit Kumar Gautam S/O. Rajender Kumar R/O. G-70, School Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Amit Gautam for all purposes. 0040500548-6

I hitherto known as Roopa Dhiman @ Roopa Sharma D/O.Ram Lok Dhiman W/O Nitin Sharma R/O.179(Second Floor) Sant-Nagar, New Delhi-110065 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Roopa Dhiman. 0040500487-2

I Swati Johri D/o Late Sh. Sanjay Kumar Johri W/o Sh. Amit Mohan R/o M-5/9, Second Floor, DLF Phase-2, Chakarpur (74), Gurgaon, Haryana-122002 have changed my name after marriage to Swati Amit Mohan for all purposes. 040500436-1

I Mahesh kumar Sharma S/o Sh.Din Dayal Sharma R/o-C-68 Hastsal Vihar, J.P.Dairy Road near Holy chowk,uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059,also known as Mahesh Sharma this Name indicates to me only. 0040500432-4

I Kumar Saurav S/o Mr. Kamlesh Kumar R/o B-74, Freedom Fighter Enclave, Neb Sarai, Delhi-110068 have changed my name to Saurav Shandilya for all purposes. 0040500436-2

I Hitherto known as Avtar Singh Bangal S/o Joginder Pal R/o-Village Khanpur PO,Mahilpur Hoshiarpur-146105 Punjab,India presently at new delhi have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Avtar Singh. 0040500522-6

It is for general information that I, Mohd Shafi Khan, S/O Mohd Yousf Khan. Residing at Tumina, Tembna, Kupwara, Jammu and Kashmir- 193224. Declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Mohd Shafi Kataria and Mohd Shafi. In my service record, pan card and educational documents. The actual name of mine is Mohd Shafi Khan, which may be amended accordingly. 0020387800-1

I,Yashpal Mangal S/o-Shiv Kumar Gupta R/o-G-29/195 First Floor, Sector-3, Rohini, New Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Yash Pal Gupta for all purposes. 0040500492-1

I, Vinod Chandra Bhatt S/o Jeevan Chandra Bhatt R/o A-147, 3rd-Floor, Gali. no.-15 Pal Optical, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to Vinod Chandra for all Purposes. 0040500466-2

I,Vrindra Lakra D/O-Kapil Lakra R/O-M-132,G S Apartment, Sector-13,Rohini,Delhi-85 Changed My Name To Vrinda Lakra. 0040500522-4

I,Sunil Kumar/Sunil Bindal S/O-Din Dayal Gupta R/O B-133,Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034. Changed My Name To Sunil Gupta. 0040500589-2

I,Suman Lata/Suman Bindal W/O-Sunil Gupta R/O B-133,Pushpanjali Enclave,Pitampura, Delhi-110034.Changed My Name To Suman Gupta. 0040500589-1

I,Sharma Garima Pramod Kumar W/O Pramod Kumar Sharma R/O Ds-220/2, Minar Gate, Near Main Bazar, Palwal, Haryana-121102 Changed My Name To Garima Gaur. 0040500548-9

I,Shama Praveen D/O Irfan Ulgani R/O 295,Galino.2,Jain Nagar,Karala,Rohini,Delhi-110085. Changed My Name To Shama Parveen. 0040500589-3

I,Shakuntla Goil W/O, Inder Parkash Aggarwal R/o Flat#802, Tower B3,Aloha Apartments, Sushant Lok 3, Gurgaon 122003 have changed my name to Shakuntala Aggarwal for all purposes. 0040500548-5

I,Sanjith Kumar G S, S/O Gopinathan Nair R/O Ihq Mod Camp (Army) Shankar Vihar,Delhi Cantt, New Delhi-110010 Have Changed My Wife Name From Shyma Sanjith To Shyma M A. 0040500589-7

I,Rohit Kumar Yadav S/O-Lal Singh Resident of Pancha Wala Mohalla,Qutabpur, Rewari, Haryana-123401 have changed my name to Rohit Yadav for all purposes. 0040500589-8

I,Ramesh Singh,S/o Shri Shankar Sain,R/o HNo 19/133,Main 25 Futa Road, Shiv kunj,Sant Nagar Burari,Delhi-84,have changed my name to Ramesh Kumar. 0040500466-4

I,Raj Rani Kaushik W/o Ram Rattan Kaushik R/o G-22/172,Sector-7, Rohini,Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Raj Kaushik. 0040500522-7

I,Pramod Kumar Panna Lal Sharma S/O Sharma Panna Lal Beniram R/O DS-220/2, Minar Gate, Near Main Bazar, Palwal,Haryana-121102 Changed My Name To Pramod Kumar Sharma. 0040500548-10

I,Ofisar S/O Subedar Singh R/O,Laloni, Dholpur, Rajasthan.have changed my name to Virendar Gujar for all future purpose. 0040500487-3

I,Naresh Kumar S/O, Chanu Ram Verma R/o-H. No 201-b,new Colony, gurugram(HR) have changed my name to Naresh Kumar Verma. 0040500592-3

I,Narain Dass S/o-Late Sh.Ram Lal Juneja R/o-F-450,First Floor,Sushant Lok-II,Sector-57,Gurugram,Haryana,have changed my name to Narain Dass Juneja for all future purposes. 0040500587-1

I,Mohammad Naeem Khan S/o Anwar Ali R/o-C-381,Rajeev Colony,Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Md. Naeem. 0040500588-3

I,Mamta Rani, D/o Krishan Lal, W/o Gulshan Arora, R/o 7 B, Jhang Apartments, Sector-13, Rohini, New Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Mamta Arora. 0040500548-8

I,Mahavir Singh S/o Janak Singh R/o Vill. Badarpur Said, Teh.Faridabad HR inform that in my service card my minor son name & DOB is wrongly mention as Kopil Kumar DOB 26.09.1986 but his correct name is Kapil DOB 04.05.1987 for all future purposes. 0040500548-3

I,Kumkum Gugansingh Chauhan/ Kumkum Singh W/O-Varun Pratap Singh R/O-Flat No-C 577,Ist Avenue,Gaur City-1,Sec 4,Greater Noida West, Gautam Budh, Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201009,Changed My Name To Kumkum Chauhan. 0040500589-6

I,Kooresha Begum W/o Mo. Naeem R/o C-381,Rajeev Colony,Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Kauresa Begam. 0040500588-2

I,Km Mamta/Smt.Mamta Devi W/o.Sh.Pradeep Singh Rawat R/o.E-465/D,First-Floor Gali.No.8,West Vinod-Nagar Delhi-110092.have changed my name to Mamta Rawat,for all purposes. 0040500589-9

I,Kanwaldeep Singh Gill S/O-Dilbagh Singh R/O 1132,Sector-2, R.K.Puram, Delhi-110022 Have Changed my Name to Chetan Gill. 0040500588-4

I, No.15158967P Nk Nand Kishore Pal, S/o Megh Nath Pal, R/o-D1 Wing, ADG Adm & Coord, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, inform that name of mine has been wrongly written in my office records as Nand Kihsore Pal instead of Nand Kishore Pal. 0040500358-2

I,MOHD ADIL s/o-MOHD RAFIQ R/o - 473, Gali no.-21,jafrabad DELHI-53 changed my name to ADIL ANSARI. 0040500592-4

I,Jyoti Kapoor W/O-Vishal Lamba R/O-M-51,Sham Nagar New Delhi 110018 Have Changed My Name To Jyoti Lamba. 0040500589-5

I,Hitherto known as Shingara Ram S/o Ram Dhan R/o-VPO Heon Tehsil Banga,SBS Nagar Delhi-144505 Punjab, India Presently at new delhi have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shingara Singh. 0040500522-9

I,Hitarth S/O Mahendra singh residing at House No. 1698, Sector 13, Karnal, Haryana - 132001. have changed my name to Hitarth Singh for all future purpose. 0040500487-8

I,Gurmeet Kaur D/o Sh.Jogpal Singh R/o-B-2C/25A Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058,inform that my Mother Name is wrongly written Param Jeet kour Bhatia instead of Paramjit Kaur 10th class certificate 0040500432-3

I,Girvar Yadav S/o Mathura Prasad Yadav R/o Plot-644, Second-Floor, Shakti Khand-4, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Girver Yadav. 0040500588-1

I,Geeta Parashar, D/o Genda Ram Parashar, W/o Naveen Kumar Vats,R/o 83, Dabar Enclave, Rawta More, Jaffar Pur Kalan, Delhi-110073, have changed my name to Geeta. 0040500522-10

I,Bhagwati Devi W/o Guru Charan Singh R/o F-77,Gali No.12,Jagat Puri,Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Bugli Devi. 0040500592-1

I,Ashvani Kumar S/o Madan Lal Manocha R/o C-115, TF, Inder Puri Delhi-12 have changed my name to Ashwani Manocha. 0040500592-2

I,Anju Singh D/o Late WO Ranbir Singh(Service No.214219) R/o-D-217 Dashrath Puri,Gali No.13,Palam Dabari Road, New Delhi-110045, have changed my Name from Anju Singh to Anju Yates vide Affidavit dated-23.06.2019 before Notary Public,New Delhi. 0040500522-5

I,Alok Kumar Bains S/O Vijay Kumar Bains R/O E-1/2, Police Station, Defence Colony, Andrewsganj, New Delhi-110049 Have Changed My Name To Alok Bains. 0040500487-1

I, Vinay Kumar s/o Hanuman Prasad Pandey r/o F-18/9A, Madhuban Bapudham, near 8 no. Power House, Ghaziabad, UP-201013 have changed my name to VINAY KUMAR PANDEY. 0040500428-1

I, Vimla W/o Late Sh. Khyali Ram Sharma R/o E-239, Bappu Gali, Jagjeet Nagar, Delhi-110053 do hereby solemnly inform that Sh. Khyali Ram Sharma and Khyali Dutt Chandola both are same and one person 0040500461-1

I, Vijay Ukmar,S/o Bipin Behari Gupta,R/o-P-32, Engineer's Park, Omega-1,Greater Noida(U.P),have changed my name to Vijay Kumar for all future purposes. 040500466-1

I, Vandana Dahiya W/o Dr. Charu Mohan Marya, permanent R/o House No.: 986, Sector 15, Faridabad, Haryana-121007. I want to change my name from Vandana Dahiya to Vandana Marya. 040500485-1

I, Tabassum Nish Khan D/o Sh. Abdul hameed Khan R/o D-505, Fakhruddin Apptt, Plot No-18, Sector-10, Near DDA Market, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, Tabassum Nisha Khan and Tabassum Nisha both are one and same person, my correct name is Tabassum Nisha Khan. 0040500565-1

I, Surinder Pal Mahindru S/o Sohan Lal R/o,H.No.6, Road-27,Punjabi Bagh-Extn.,West Punjabi Bagh, N.Delhi-26,have changed my name to Surender Pal Mahendru. 0040500588-6

I,Harvinder Singh R/o 1879/16, First Floor, Govindpuri Extn., Kalka Ji,ND-19 have changed my daughter's name from Ashpreet Kaur to Ishpreet Kaur. 0040500548-4

I, Surinder Kaur Chalyana W/o Bhupinder Singh, R/o T-566, Galino.2, Baljeet Nagar, New Delhi-8, changed my name to Surinder Kaur. 0040500487-10

I, Surinder Kaur Chalyana W/o Bhupinder Singh, R/o T-566, Galino.2, Baljeet Nagar, New Delhi-8, changed my name to Surinder Kaur. 0040500487-7

I, Suman Sejwal w/o Pravesh Kumar r/o Girls School, 100 Bhola Ram House, Rangpuri, Delhi-110037, have changed my name to Suman Sehrawat. 0040500573-1

I, Sudharani Gautam W/o Satish Kumar R/o.A-156 Kondli Delhi-110096,have changed my name to Sudha Gautam for all future purposes. 0040500519-1

I, Rohit Narain Chopra S/o Late Sh.Narain Das Chopra R/o-B-80,Sector-44, Noida,Distt. Gautam Buddha-Nagar, Uttar-Pradesh-201301,Confirm that Rohit Narain Chopra and Rohit Chopra are both one and the same person. 0040500588-9

I, Rajender Kumar S/o Itwari Lal R/o C-337 J.J.Colony Wazirpur Ashok-Vihar Delhi-110052. changed my name to Rajender. 0040500592-5

I, Pradeep Kumar S/o S. B. Jain R/o A-156,Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011 have changed my name to Pradeep Jain. 0040500588-5

I, Pradeeep Maan s/o Satya Pal Maan r/o Hno-385, Pole no-76, Near Shahid Bhagat Singh Park, Mundka Delhi-110041 Have Changed My Name To PRADEEP MAAN Permanently. 0040500550-2

I, Philip James S/o Kalarickal Philip James R/O-H No-B-3/32, Azad Apartments,Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016.Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Nikhil To Nikhil Philip. 0040500548-7

I, Noor Mohd Khan,S/o Late Chajju Khan R/o Type-II/46,Sch-B, President Estate,New Delhi-110004,have changed my name to Noor Mohammad for future. 0040500466-5

I, Narinder Singh Anand/ Narinder Singh s/o Prelahd Singh Anand r/o B-191, B-Block, Part-1, Gujranwala Town, Dr. Mukerjee Nagar, New Delhi-110009, have changed my name to NARENDER SINGH for all purpose. 0040500434-1

I, Mohammad Anas Khan S/o Zahid Akhtar Khan R/o M-90 SF Abul Fazal Enclave, Part-1, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name Mohd Anas Khan for all purposes. 0040500477-1

I, Manoj Kumar Alias Manoj Kr. Chauhan S/o Shri Pritam Singh R/o H.No. 19, Samaspur Jagir, Pandav Nagar, Delhi- 110091. I have changed my name from Manoj Kumar Alias Manoj Kr. Chauhan to Manoj Chauhan for all future purposes. 0040500433-1

I, Manjeet Singh s/o Davinder Singh r/o 2367 Mandir Wali Gali Shadipur Delhi-110008 have changed my name to MANJIT SINGH permanently. 0040500550-1

I, Krishna W/O Ranbir Singh Panwar,H.No-420 Shahpur Jaat.New Delhi-110049.Have Changed My Name To Krishna Panwar. 0040500487-4

I, Inderjit Kaur Keith W/o Avtar Singh Keith R/o H-35, Karampura Delhi-15 have changed my name to Inderjeet Kaur. 0040500487-5

I, Jitender S/o Sh. Om Prakash R/o H no.-200, 2nd Floor Bhai Parmanand Colony Delhi-110009 have changed the name of my minor son Hitesh Banga to Harshit for all purposes and his correct Date of Birth is 03.03.2005. 0040500445-1

I, Ruchi Rajendra Thaker, D/o Thaker Rajendra Mugatlal, W/o Kulwant Singh Thandi, R/o Flat 604, Tower 3A, Orris Aster Court, Sector-85, Gurugram (Haryana),have changed my name to Ruchi Kulwant Singh. 0040500588-7

I, Jitender Banga, S/o Sh. Om Prakash R/o H No.-200, 2nd Floor , Bhai Parmanand Colony Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Jitender for all purposes. 0040500441-1

I, JC- 663809A, Sub/ Maj Talagapu Simhachalam, C/O - 405 Coy ASC (PET), 56 APO. In my service records, name of my wife has been wrongly mentioned as Sanjeeva Mani instead of Talagapu Mani. It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020387799-1

I, Gurmeet Kaur D/o Sh.Jogpal Singh R/o-B-2C/25A Janakpuri New Delhi-110058,inform that my father name is wrongly written Jagpal Singh Bhatia instead of Jogpal Singh 10th class certificate. 040500432-2

I, Gurmeet Kaur D/o Sh.Jogpal Singh R/o-B-2C/25A Janakpuri New Delhi-110058,have Changed my Name from Gurmeet kour to Gurmeet kaur in my 10th class certificate. 0040500432-1

LOST & FOUND

We, Aman Gupta, Gurbachan Singh, Neeraj Kumar Gupta and Tanuj Kapur have lost Conveyance Deed/ Sale Deed Dt. 09.07.1956 & Lease Deed Dt. 20.04.1963 of Property No.2898. Beadon Pura, Arya Samaj Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005. Finder Contact: 9810161679 0040500488-1

Lost my original possession letter, site possession slip and NOC of electricity and NOC of water of Property no. M-11/B-1, Block-M, Dilshad Garden, Delhi– 110095 on dated 02.05.2019 at Dilshad Garden Metro Station. Online FIR is Lodge on 17.05.2019 vide LR No. 1061059/2019. Finder May Send to: Geeta Mahajan W/o Narendra Mahajan M-11/B-1, Block-M, Dilshad Garden, Delhi- 110095 Mobile no.9312606456. 0040500436-3

I,Karan Wadhwa S/o Rajan wadhwa R/o 4/38 3rd -floor Nehru nagar new delhi -65 have lost my original certificate class-10th year-2013 Rollno.-8752383,C B.S.E Delhi. 0040500588-10

I, Shanti Munjal wife of Shri Surinder Kumar Munjal has lost my property documents namely possession and allotment letter in respect of A 707 MAHINDRA APARTMENTS GANGA CGHS, VIKASPURI, NEW DELHI-110018 (Membership No 119) in the name of Shri Kewal Krishan Hingle. 0040500473-1

I, Priyanshu Yadav,S/o Indrajit Yadav,R/o-109/A,AFS Arjangarh, have lost my class-12th original, transfer-certificate (T.C. no.255351; booklet no.2554) on 16.11.2019 issued by K.V. Arjangarh. Finder please contact:-9904436227. 0040500589-10

I, ARYAN VERMA S/o Arun Verma R/o B-18 Golden park shivpuri krishna nagar Delhi Have lost my original certificate class-10th (2014) Rollno-8121696 Class-12th (2016) Rollno-9118566 C.B.S.E Delhi. 0040500548-1

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We Girdhari finlease Private Ltd Lost Certificate of Registration on 07/06/2019, R. Office-202 Jain Bhawan 18/12 WEA KaroL Bagh New Delhi 110005. COR Number B-14.01857 And Company Registration No. 078546 Dated 26/04/1996. We would return the original COR to Regional office of RBI if Found. Please finder may contact at above address. or Mob. no. 9599355961

By the Order of Board,
Harish Sharma (Director)
DIN-03315697.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC that Bimla Devi is the owner of Flat No. C-158-C, Kanchanjunga Appartments, sector-53, Noida. original Allotment Letter in the name of NIRMAL GOYAL of the said property has been misplaced somewhere. An FIR/NCR to that effect has been lodged to U.P. Police vide LAR No:320835/2019 on 23/06/2019.

Any person(s) dealing in any way with the said property shall do so at his/her own peril as the same shall be considered legally null and void. Anybody aware of any such persons claiming any right, interest, title based on the said Allotment Letter or being found in possession of the same, may please write to/contact Mr. Vishnu Kumar, Advocate, at his office-Chamber No.5, Rohini court Delhi and on his Mobile No. 9650267092 within 7days from the date of publication of this notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client Mrs. Rashmi Arora w/o Mr. Ashish Arora r/o J-42, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi, is intending purchaser of the following portions of Property No. 89, in Khasra No. 121, situated at Garhi Jharia. Maria, now popularly known as Amritpuri, New Delhi;

a) Front Portion of the First Floor, measuring about 2400 sq. ft. (super area) from the owner M/s. Logicstat Intl. Pvt. Ltd., 1114, Hemkunt Chambers, 89, Nehru Place, New Delhi, through its Director Om Prakash Talwar

b) Rear Portion of the First Floor, measuring about 1200 sq.ft. (super area) from the owner M/s. Transformer House, B-282, Okhla Indl. Area Ph-I, ND, through its Partner Om Parkash Talwar

There is some documents are missing. Any person (s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of the said documents may contact with above named person at above address within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Sd/-
SANYOGITA
(Advocate)
R-16, Kalkaji Main Road,
New Delhi-110019

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notified to the public that my client Mr. Sunil Dutt s/o Sh. Goverdhan Prasad R/o B-7/12, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, his wife Mrs. Babita Dutt, younger son Prashant Naudiyal, have got no connection of whatsoever nature with his elder son Shri Vikrant Naudial, and his wife Anuradha, both of whom have been living separately. My aforesaid client and his family, have severed all their relations and connections from them and have disowned them. Any person dealing with them shall do so on their own risks and consequences and my client and his family will not be liable for any of their acts and actions at any point of time.

Sd/-
(R.D.Vats) Advocate
Ch. No. 668, Western Wing,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known it all public that I disown my son Navdeep Singh Gill Aged About 30 Years R/o I-23, Lajpat Nagar-III, New Delhi from all my immovable and movable properties due to his disobedience, bad and violent behavior towards me and my younger son aged about 23 years. I shall not be responsible for his any acts and deeds in any manner whatsoever.

H.S. GILL (Advocate)
Enrl. D-1208/12

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Place Delhi
Date 25/6/19

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Hari Mohan S/o Sh. Jagdish Chand and his wife Smt. Veena Aggarwal Both R/o Flat No.4, DDA MIG Flats, Metro Apartment, Jahangir Puri, Delhi-110033, have severed their all relations with their son Mayank Aggarwal and his wife Aarti Aggarwal, R/o RZ-236, Roshan Garden Najafgarh, Delhi-110043 and debarred them from their movable and immovable properties/assets. My clients shall not be liable for their any act or deeds in any manner whatsoever. Anybody dealing with them will be at his own cost and risk.

N.L. SINGH ADVOCATE
CH.NO.B-132, B.G.S. BLOCK,
TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. **Suresh Kumar Jain S/o Late Mahavir Prasad Jain** & his wife **Smt. Sulochana Jain** R/o 11/122, Sec-3, Rajender Nagar, Near Swami Vivekanand School, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201006 have discard all their relationship from their son **Gaurav Jain** along with his wife **Money Jain and grandson Mst. Agastya Jain** and disowned them from all their movable & immovable properties due to their misdeeds and ill behaviour with their parent. my client shall not be responsible for any acts of his son **Gaurav Jain and his wife Mrs. Money Jain.**

Nitin Pandey (Advocate)
Enrolment No. D-2430/15

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients 1) Munni Devi W/o Late Sh. Narender, 2) Dilip Singh S/o Sh. Narender Singh, 3) Ms. Nidhi Singh W/o Sh. Dilip Singh, 4) Kapil Singh S/o Sh. Narender Singh, all R/o C-204, Pkt.-A, I.N.A. Colony, New Delhi-110023, have debarred/ disclaimed namely MS. NEELAM SINGH D/O SH. NARENDER SINGH from their movable and immovable properties and have broken down all their ties and relation with her. My clients shall not be responsible for any kind of her dealing, illegal decision, act, conduct and police or court proceedings against her.

Sd/-
(RAVI KARAN VESHNAV)
ADVOCATE
CHAMBER NO. D-508,
LAWYER'S CHAMBER,
KARKARDOOMA COURT, DELHI-110032
MOBILE NO. 9811844696

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT **SH. RAHUL ARORA** S/O LATE SH. DEVKI NANDAN ARORA & LATE SMT. VARESH KUMARI R/O PP-66 PITAM PURA, DELHI, IS THE OWNER OF **SHOP BEARING NO. 16, IN BLOCK-J(P), AREA MEASURING 12.10 SQ.MTRS., CSC IN PITAM PURA, DELHI** AND HE HAS MISPLACED/LOST THE ORIGINAL DDA DEMAND LETTER/BID FORM, DDA POSSESSION, SITE POSSESSION & HAVE LODGED A FIR/NCR VIDE LR NO. 1177647/2019 DATED 22.06.2019, WITH POLICE STATION, CRIME BRANCH, DELHI, IF ANY BODY FIND THE SAID DOCUMENT, PLEASE INFORM HIM AT THE ABOVESAID ADDRESS OR PH. NO: - 9891315687.

IF ANY OTHER CLAIMENT HAS ANY RIGHT IN THE AFORESAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULD FILE AN FIR & GIVE INTIMATION TO DY/ASST. DIRECTOR (IMPL.), DDA VIKAS SADAN, INA, NEW DELHI WITH IN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE

Sd/-
RENU BALA (Advocate)
Enrol No. D-4533/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

MY CLIENT Sh. Amar Singh S/o Late Sh. Nanak Chand R/o 2/384, Block-2, Dakshinpuri, New Delhi- 110062, has severed all relations and disowned his daughters namely Sunita Kumari, Anita Kumari and Dolly Kumari from his all moveable-immoveable properties due to their disobedience and disrespectful behaviour towards my client. My client and his other family members shall not be responsible for their acts.

Sd/-
ROHIT KUMAR (Advocate)
Ch No., 768, Saket Courts,
New Delhi

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public at large is hereby informed that my client Rabia' Khatoon W/o Late Md. Abdul R/o H.No.209, Pocket-8, Sector-A5, Narela Delhi-110040 has debar her son and son's wife namely Md. Azad S/o Late Md. Abdul R/o H.No.209, Pocket-8, Sector-A5, Narela Delhi-110040 and Chadni W/o Md. Azad D/o Md. Samim R/o H No-688, Pocket-8, Sector-A5, Narela Delhi-110040 from her life, movable and immovable properties due to their bad conduct/quarrel and disobedient towards my client and my client has no control of any manner over them and they wants to grab property of my client, of which my client is the sole owner with possession, if anyone deals with them will be at his/her own risk then my client will not responsible in any manner and my client has snapped her relations with them in all manner for all purposes.

RAVINDER KHATRI
Chamber No.V-15, Western Wing,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

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FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)
SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
Date: 17.06.2019

O.A.No. 271/2019
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)
Original Application No. 271 of 2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ..... Applicant
Versus
MR. DEEPAK KUMAR & OTHERS .....Defendant

To,
1. Mr. DEEPAK KUMAR
Manoj Kr Bhagat Bank Mens Colony, Transport Nagar Road, Near Shanti Market Kumharar Bihar. 800001.
ALSO AT:
Flat No. T- 3/c 708, 8th Floor Tower T3 Plot No Sc 01/d- 1, Sector 79 Shubh Kamna Lords, Noida- 201301.
2. Rajesh Kumar
Manoj Kr Bhagat Bank Mens Colony, Transport Nagar Road, Near Shanti Market Kumharar Bihar. 800001.
ALSO AT:
Flat No. T- 3/c 708, 8th Floor Tower T3 Plot No Sc 01/d- 1, Sector 79 Shubh Kamna Lords, Noida- 201301.
3. M/s Kindle Developers Pvt Ltd
Corporate Office:
A- 102, Star House, Sector 4, Noida.

In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly the authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 16/09/2019. at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal,
Lucknow

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)
SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
Date: 17.06.2019

O.A.No. 190/2019
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.
Original Application No. 190 of 2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ..... Applicant
Versus
Mr. Manul Agarwal & Others .....Defendant

To,
1. Mr. Manul Agarwal
Flat No 304, 3rd Floor Tower 1 Sunworlds Arista Plot No. GH 01/C Sector- 168, Noida Noida-201301
Also At:-
16153 15th Floor Block 16, Prestige Shanti Niketan ITPB Road Prestige Shanti Niketan ITPB Road Bangalore- 560048.
2. Mrs. Samita Gupta
16153 15th Floor Block 16, Prestige Shanti Niketan ITPB Road Prestige Shanti Niketan ITPB Road Bangalore- 560048.
Also At:-
Flat No 304, 3rd Floor Tower 1 Sunworlds Arista Plot Num GH 01/C Sector- 168, Noida Noida-201301
3. M/s Sunworld Residency Pvt Ltd
Corporate Office:
A-4 Sector- 4, Noida- 201301.

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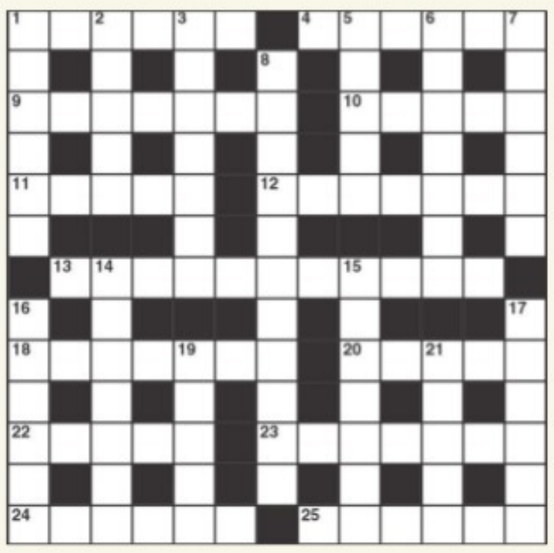
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal,
Lucknow

PRESS NOTICE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, GNCT, DELHI
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The Executive Engineer PWD (Edu.) (M) North West, Dr. BSA Hospital Complex, Sector - 06 Rohini, Delhi invites, on behalf of President of India, Item rate tenders from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD for the following work through e-procurement solution only :-

1 **NIT No.**: 01/EE/Edu.(M)N.W./PWD/ 2019-20, **Tender ID No.** 2019_PWD_174438 Dt. 18/06/2019, **Name

CROSSWORD 3841



ACROSS

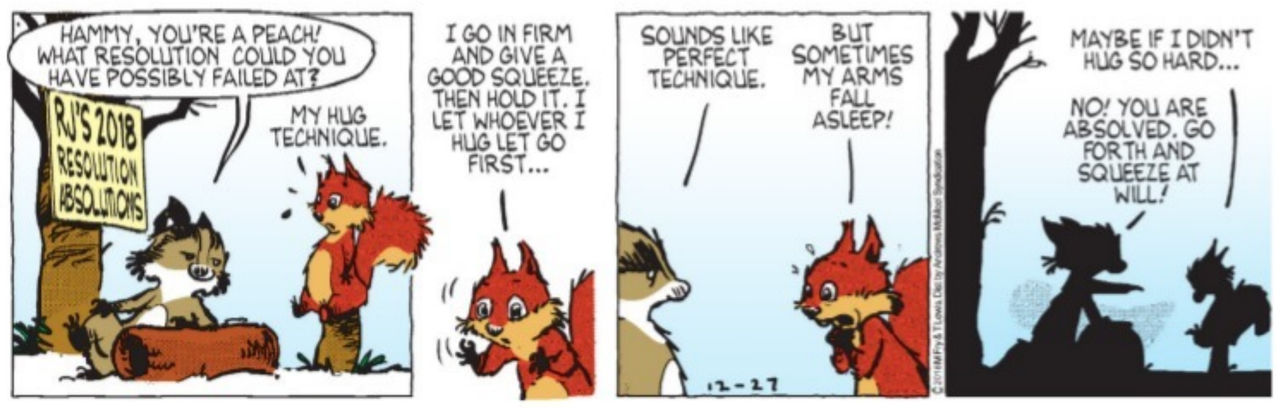
1 He can fly a kite unaided (6)
4 Change the fares before the end of March again (6)
9 Stuffy complaint (7)
10 Refuse to accept new bread (5)
11 Name a girl was given or had changed (5)
12 Much was written on this once (7)
13 Decline to acknowledge applause - and retire (4,4,3)
18 Perpetrator of a dark deed (7)
20 African port bar that is smashed up (5)
22 Many acts are beastly offensive (5)
23 The defendant made charges (7)
24 Drink sounds dear to the French (6)
25 When in a hole, use your ingenuity (6)

Down

1 Got transport inside a small vehicle (2-4)
2 Excel in striking a note (5)
3 Man comes up with new name that's appropriate (7)
5 Surfeited - having had a meal in flight? (3,2)
6 An order to stop amber changing to green? (7)
7 Sarah's new trouble (6)
8 Tradesman's entrance (4,7)
14 A measure of space and time (7)
15 The point of no return (7)
16 You can count on it (6)
17 The robber gang takes it (6)
19 One unsuccessful in various roles (5)
21 A question for children (5)

Solutions Crossword 3840: Across: 1 Auction, 5 Midge, 8 Condescending, 9 April, 10 Evening, 11 Spider, 12 Ragged, 15 Allowed, 17 Sacks, 19 Finishing post, 20 Elsie, 21 Skilled. **Down:** 1 Accra, 2 Canary Islands, 3 Ice floe, 4 Nickel, 5 Manse, 6 Driving school, 7 Engaged, 11 Snaffle, 13 Assegai, 14 Admits, 16 Waste, 18 Sited.

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)
There's little in the way of short-term planetary aspects these days, but much happening in the way of long-term trends. Therefore, you may expect a long-running domestic saga to reach a turning point. As from today your new emotional cycle encourages partners to take responsibility.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
If you track the ups and downs in your moods, you'll realise that you are moving from a period of optimism and faith to one of practical commonsense. It may therefore be time to start making concrete plans. However, many of your choices over the next few weeks will be dropped or amended before long.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury, planet of the mind, is currently of little help to most people, but is a powerful support for you. You can therefore be sure that your advances will not be rebuffed, and that your romantic wishes will be granted. The final results, though, may not be what you expect.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There seems little question that you are going through a restless phase, and you may be looking to other people to satisfy your need for variety. However, partners may turn to you for support. At work, it is who you know that counts, so you may cultivate people in authority.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Astrology is all about choices, and right now you must decide between a course of blatant self-interest and a path of self-sacrifice and service to others. Search out the middle way and don't get too het up. Mars' changing motion signifies more relaxed conditions, so enjoy a brief breathing space.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
As the Sun feels Mars' relentless emotional intensity over the coming two weeks you will approach a break with the past, possibly severing one particular involvement. You may act now to shape the future to your needs or risk being taken over by fate during the coming few months.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
On the surface, you can be so charming, and everything seems to be going so well. But life is never that straightforward, and you must accept that, in part, you are driven by irritation or resentment about the past. Your naturally gracious manners will stand you in good stead in coming discussions.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
The emphasis is on the lighter side of life, which should come as a relief. You can afford to push dull routine to one side and get on with enjoyable matters. Serious discussions are in the pipeline, though, and the next week's invitations will help change your long-term direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
If it's prestige that you want, you must know that you will earn the respect of your peers and colleagues through following a fairly traditional path. Having established your position, you must now consolidate your achievements and decide whether you are going to stick with a long-term tie, or break it for good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Beneficial travel stars are continuing. If anything, the current planetary influences are more helpful for global connections and adventurous journeys than those which have dominated your chart so often over recent months. Hopefully, changing circumstances will permit you to have a break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You could hardly hope for better planetary allies than Mercury and Venus if romantic life and entertaining are on the agenda, but only if you are prepared to put in the extra effort. It seems very likely that the most significant social news could come from abroad. You'll be broadening your horizons and deepening your desires.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
The accent is so firmly on your social life that anything else will come as an irritating distraction. If at all possible, try to keep professional obligations and family commitments to a minimum, otherwise complexities and complications will multiply over the next week.

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.

Faith moves mountains, but you have to keep____ while you are___. - Mason Cooley (6,...7)

DAIIR
PYPGLO
YNNSU
AELGGH

SOLUTION: RADII, SUNNY, GLOPPY, HAGGLE
Answer: Faith moves mountains, but you have to keep **pushing** while you are **praying**. - Mason Cooley

SUDOKU 3888

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

	3		6		2		1	
		4	7	1	3	5		
1								2
8	1						5	9
			3		4			
5	4						3	7
3								5
		1	8	3	7	2		
	6		4		5		8	

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3887

5	3	8	7	2	9	6	4	1
4	1	6	8	3	5	2	9	7
7	9	2	1	4	6	5	8	3
6	5	9	3	1	4	8	7	2
3	8	1	6	7	2	9	5	4
2	7	4	5	9	8	1	3	6
8	6	7	4	5	1	3	2	9
9	4	5	2	6	3	7	1	8
1	2	3	9	8	7	4	6	5

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ICAI Bhawan, Indraprastha Marg, Post Box No. 7100, New Delhi 110 002

Notice Inviting Tenders for
Design, Develop and Implementation of secured Web Portal & Mobile App for Unique Document Identification Number

Sealed tenders are invited from the reputed, experienced and authorised Service Providers for **Design, Develop and Implementation of secured Web Portal & Mobile App for Unique Document Identification Number.** The last date for submission of the sealed bids is 11th July 2019 up to 3.00 P.M. The tender document along with detailed terms and conditions is available at ICAI's website i.e. **www.icai.org**

Acting Secretary, ICAI

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विकास कार्य जो कि जिला फरीदाबाद में सभी खण्डों की पंचायतों में कार्यान्वित किए जाने वाले कार्यों में प्रयोग हेतु भवन सामग्री जैसे कि एम-35 ग्रेड 60 मि.मी. एवं 80 मि.मी. एम-40 मोटी आई.एस.आई. इंटरलाकिंग पेवर ब्लॉक, आरएमसी एम 30 तथा एम10, सेनेटरी फिटिंग्स, स्टील, बजरी, कशर, जमुना सैड, फ्लाई ऐश ब्रिक्स, स्टोन मेटल, स्टोन सोलिंग, वुडन चौखट/पल्ला, प्रैस स्टील चौखट तथा पल्ला वुडन शटर इत्यादि निर्माण कार्यों में प्रयोग की जाने वाली विभिन्न भवन सामग्री की दरों हेतु मोहरबंद कोटेशन पहली बार आमंत्रित की जाती है। मदों की सूची एवं सभी नियमों व शर्तों तथा जीएसटी/टैक्स आदि के साथ-साथ कोटेशन प्रपत्र जिसके लिए कोटेशन निवेदित है किसी भी कार्य दिवस को कार्यालय कार्यकारी अभियंता पंचायती राज, फरीदाबाद से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं व online website https://etenders.hry.nic.in पर भी दिनांक 01.07.2019 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे तक भी आप रेट डाल सकते हो तथा मोहरबंद कोटेशन समुचित पावती लेने के पश्चात दिनांक 01.07.2019 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे तक कार्यालय कार्यकारी अभियंता राज, फरीदाबाद के कार्यालय में जमा कराई जा सकती है तथा उक्त कोटेशन इसी कार्यालय में सायं 03.00 बजे खोली जाएगी।

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER C-1
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, C-1, DUSIB, invites on behalf of DUSIB online Percentage rate bid on two bid system for the following work-.

1. **NIT No:** 20, **TENDER I.D.** 2019_DUSIB_174435_1, **Name of work:** EIUS, **Sub Head:** Improvement of CC Pavement and Drains at JJ Cluster Rajiv Gandhi Camp along Nallah, Hastsal (AC-31) **Estimated cost:** Rs. 26,07,840.00, **Earnest money:** Rs. 52,157.00 **Tender cost:** Rs.500.00, **Time allowed:** 120 Days

Date & time for down load of entire Tender document /encryption w.e.f 26/06/2019 at 1700 to 08/07/2019 upto1500 Hrs.
The bid form and other details can be obtained from the website (**https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**)
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Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, C-1 DUSIB
DIP/Shabdarth/0267/19-20

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No. CWC/CO-ENGG./PRESS NOTE/2019-20/2022 **Dated: 24.06.2019**

PRESS NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

CWC invites online tenders from the contractors for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Lakhs)	Last date of on line Submission & Opening of Tender
1.	Construction of office room, sentry post, replacement of AC sheet roofing and repair to internal roads at CW, Kukra Road, Muzaffarnagar-I (UP)	188.97	23.07.2019
2.	Providing & fixing of MS Jali gate in rolling shutters and expanded metal frame in ventilators at CW, Shahjahanpur.	49.00	23.07.2019

Detailed Tender Notice along with conditions of contract and Notice Inviting E-Tender may be seen and downloaded from the CWC website **www.cewacor.nic.in** or e-tender website **www.tenderwizard.com/CWC** or CPP Portal **http://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app**.Further Corrigendum/Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website **www.cewacor.nic.in** or e-tender website **www.tenderwizard.com/CWC** or CPP Portal **http://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app.(CPP)** only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER

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C- 243, Block C, Brij Vihar Ghazibad- 201001.
ALSO AT:
Flat No. 1903, 19th Floor Tower D, Manorath, Plot No Gh 04b 1 Sector 16, Greater Noida- 201307
2. MR. SAYAR SINGH
Flat No. 1903, 19th Floor Tower D, Manorath, Plot No Gh 04b 1 Sector 16, Greater Noida- 201307
ALSO AT:
C- 243, Block C, Brij Vihar Ghazibad- 201001.
3. M/s Mascot Soho Homes Pvt Ltd Corporate Office:
D- 59, Ground Floor, Sector- 63, Noida.
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly the authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 11/09/2019. at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction, Part of Uttar Pradesh)
Summons For Filing & Appearance By Publication
O.A No. 206/2019
Date: 17.06.2019
(Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)
Original Application No. 206 of 2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
V/s
Mr. Kuldeep Gangwar & Others ...Defendant
To,
1. Mr. Kuldeep Gangwar
Flat No. 1606, 16th Floor Tower-D Mascot Manorath Plot No. GH-04B/1, Greater Noida-201307.
Also At:
502 5th Floor Gaur Heights Sec-4 Vaishali Ghaziabad- 201010.
2. Mr. Jitesh Gangwar
A-228, Rajendra Nagar Bareily-243122.
Also At:
Flat No. 1606, 16th Floor Tower- D Mascot Manorath Plot No. GH-04B/1, Greater Noida- 201307.
3. M/s. Mascot Soho Homes Pvt. Ltd.
Plot No. GH-03, Tech Zone-IV Greater Noida
In the above noted Original application you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 16.09.2019 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU AND KASHMIR, SRINAGAR
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Website: www.jkpolice.gov.in
E-mail: phqjk@nic.in

Extension Notice

Due to Administrative reasons, the Last of Date for **Submission of Online Bids & Opening of Technical Bids against NIT No. 33 of 2019 dated 29.05.2019** floated by this Hqrs. for the Installation of CCTV Surveillance System in Police Stations and Police Posts is Re-scheduled as under:-
1. Last Date of Receipt of Tenders = **02.07.2019** upto 1800 hours.
2. Date of Opening of Technical Bids = **04.07.2019** at 1100 hours.

The other terms and conditions of the NIT shall remain the same.

Sd/-
Mubassir Latifi (JKPS),
AIG (Provision & Transport),
For Director General of Police, J&K-Srinagar.
No.: Prov-II/Sec-69/2016-17/36964-71
Dated: 22.06.2019
DIP-NB-1375/19

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)
SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
Date: 17.06.2019
O.A.No. 268/2019
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.
Original Application No. 268 of 2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ..... Applicant
Versus
Mr. Anuja Nand Thakur & Others .....Defendant
To,
1. Mr. Anuja Nand Thakur
No. 501/3 Flat No. 4 Ward No 5 Houz Khas South Delhi Mehrauli, Delhi- 110030.
Also At:-
Plot No 2005, 20th Floor Tower A, Misty Heights, SEC Sport City, Greater Noida- 201307.
2. Gini Thakur
No. 501/3 Flat No. 4 Ward No 5 Houz Khas South Delhi Mehrauli, Delhi- 110030.
Also At:-
Plot No 2005, 20th Floor Tower A, Misty Heights, SEC Sport City, Greater Noida- 201307.
3. M/s Maple Realcon Pvt Ltd Corporate Office:
Plot no-69, Soho Homes, Gyan Khand-1 Indirapuram Ghaziabad.
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly the authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 11/09/2019. at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
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SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
Date: 17.06.2019
O.A.No. 187/2019
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.
Original Application No. 187 of 2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ..... Applicant
Versus
Mr. Vikrant Singh & Others .....Defendant
To,
1. Mr. Vikrant Singh
Flat No. 1501, 15th Floor D Plot No. GH04/B1, Manorath Tower, Sector 16 Greater Noida- 201301
Also At:-
H. No. 163 New, Kare Hera Colony Mohan Nagar, Gaziabad-201010.
2. Mrs. Priyanka Sharma
H. No. 163 New, Kare Hera Colony Mohan Nagar, Gaziabad-201010
Also At:-
Flat No. 1501, 15th Floor D Plot No. GH04/B1, Manorath Tower, Sector 16 Greater Noida- 201301.
3. M/s Mascot Soho Homes Pvt Ltd
Corporate Office:
Plot no GH-03, Tech Zone IV, Greater Noida-201308.
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly the authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 11/09/2019. at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.
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Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.
An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
ISBT Anand Vihar Delhi-110092
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following work through e-procurement solution only.

NIT No.	:	11/2019-20
Tender ID No.	:	2019_DTIDC_174599_1
Name of work	:	M/o ISBT at Anand Vihar
SH	:	Providing housekeeping and sanitation services at ISBT Anand Vihar.
Estimated Cost	:	Rs. 3,02,04,746/-
Earnest Money	:	Rs. 15,10,237/-
Time Allowed	:	365 Days
Last date of receipt of Tenders	:	08.07.2019

The Tender forms and other detail can be obtained from the website **https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DTIDC Ltd., ISBT Anand Vihar, Delhi
DIP/SHABDARTH/0273/19-20

Delhi urban shelter improvement board
Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Office of the Executive Engineer: C-10
Inderlok, Delhi-110035
Email ID : eec10.dusib@gmail.com
Cell No. 8527295929
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Executive Engineer, C-10, DUSIB, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 invites, on behalf of **Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board**, percentage rate bid (Online) on two bid system for following work:
NIT No.15/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20, **Tender No.** 2019_DUSIB_174551_1, **Name of work:** E.I.U.S, **Sub Head:** Providing & Laying CC pavement & Drainage System in J.J. Basti near Farista Soap Factory, Old Rohtak Road, Shahzada Bagh in AC-19, (Sadar Bazar) . **Estimated cost:** Rs. 38,10,819.00, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 76,300.00, **Tender Cost:** Rs. 500.00, **Period of completion:** 120 Days, **Last Date & Time of submission of e-Bids:** 09.07.2019 upto 15:00 Hours, **Date of Opening:** 09.07.2019 after 15:30 Hours.
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **https://eprocurement.delhi.gov.in**
*All bidders are advise to visit above mentioned site regularly for any update corrigendum related to the tenders. The corrigendum, if any, shall not be advertised in press.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
C-10, D.U.S.I.B
DIP/Shabdarth/0263/19-20

Delhi urban shelter improvement board
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Cell No. 8527295929
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Executive Engineer, C-10, DUSIB, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 invites, on behalf of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, percentage rate bid (Online) on two bid system for following work:
NIT No.11/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20 **Tender No.** 2019_DUSIB_174062_1
Name of work: MLA LAD Fund.
Sub Head: Renovation and Upgradation of Community Hall at Chandi Wali Gali, Pahar Ganj in AC-23, Karol Bagh.
Estimated cost: Rs. 72,22,928.00 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,44,500.00
Tender Cost: Rs. 1000.00 **Period of completion:** 120 Days
Last Date & Time of submission of e-Bids: 04.07.2019 upto 15:00 Hours
Date of Opening: 04.07.2019 after 15:30 Hours
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **https://eprocurement.delhi.gov.in**
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Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
C-10, D.U.S.I.B.
DIP/Shabdarth/0262/19-20

MATERIAL GIRL

Madonna's latest album *Madame X*, which released last week, has become her ninth album to debut at the number one spot on the US Billboard 200 chart. Her other hits include *Hard Candy* (2008) and *American Life* (2003).

SNAP SHOTS

Turning to Waste

THE ITALIAN fashion house Prada is making its signature fabric nylon more sustainable by using ocean plastics and waste materials. From utilising 7,00,000 meters of the material annually, it has now vowed to turn all of its nylon into the recycled version by the year 2021. Entitled 'Re-Nylon', the project sees six of Prada's classic bags recreated out of recycled nylon in collaboration with the environment-conscious company Aquafil.

In Memoriam

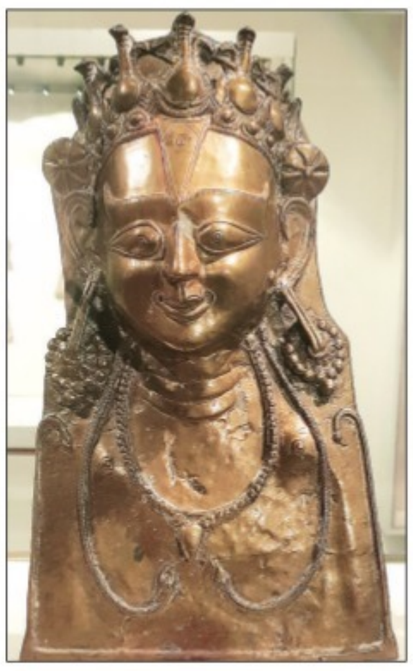
MUSIC PIONEER Dave Bartholomew, best known for his R&B collaborations with Fats Domino, passed away on Sunday, in a hospital in New Orleans, at the age of 100. The writer, bandleader and trumpeter produced R&B classics such as *The Fat Man*, *Ain't That a Shame* and *I'm Walkin'*, which inspired rock music of the early sixties. Bartholomew was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1991 and was the recipient of the Ahmet Ertegun Award. The artist is survived by his wife, eight children and 25 grandchildren.

Three Times Lucky

FILMMAKER DANNY BOYLE has revealed that he has a 'wonderful' idea for a threequel to his post-apocalyptic horror film *28 Days Later*. The director said a third film is in the works with Alex Garland, who wrote the 2002 original."Alex Garland and I have a wonderful idea for the third part. It's properly good," stated Boyle. He added, "The original film led to a bit of a resurgence in the zombie drama and it doesn't reference any of that. It doesn't feel stale at all. He's (Garland) concentrating on directing his own work at the moment, so it's stood in abeyance really, but it's a you-never-know." The first film's plot follows a handful of survivors trying to find sanctuary four weeks after a mysterious and incurable virus spreads throughout the UK. The 2007 sequel, *28 Weeks Later*, was directed by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo.

Award Night

THE 2019 BET Awards, presented by Black Entertainment Television, that took place on Sunday, paid a tribute to Ermias 'Nipsey Hussle' Asghedom (*pictured*), the rapper who was shot and killed last March. The musician was honoured with the humanitarian and best male hip hop artist award. John Legend and DJ Khalid performed a musical tribute to Nipsey. Cardi B won the best female hip-hop artist and album of the year for *Invasion of Privacy* and Mary J Blige was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Works from the exhibition at National Museum; (below) BN Aryan *Divya A*

Celebrating the Unknown

An exhibition showcases rare masterpieces of Himachali folk art from the collection of late artist KC Aryan

DIVYA A

MORE THAN two decades ago, a collection of bronze and copper idols was about to be melted in Kangra's metal market, to be turned into door handles and other hardware. Fortunately, historian and art collector KC Aryan, who was living in the neighbouring Palampur, got wind of this and bought the idols from the shopkeeper. These became part of his personal collection of rare artworks from Himachal Pradesh, which include folk masks, wooden carvings, pahadi *roomal*, *mohra* and miniature paintings — all of which were created by unknown artisans and craftsmen. After his death, his Gurgaon home was turned into a private museum for these masterpieces, now called "Home of Folk Art".

Around 100 pieces from this collection, acquired painstakingly by Aryan over a period of over 70 years, using his own money and resources, are currently on display at Delhi's National Museum, in an exhibition titled "Unknown Pieces of Himachal Folk Art". Talking about the significance of these works, BR Mani, Director General of the museum, remarked at the exhibition's inauguration: "It is for the first time that the National Museum, dedicated to the classical arts, is displaying pieces of folk and tribal art that have been unknown and unseen till now. The craftsmen of the Himalayan state produced incredible works of art, which had functional as well as aesthetic value."

The display, curated by Aryan's son BN Aryan, who would often accompany his father during his art-collecting trips, comprises wooden and bronze artifacts, including the masks that have remained an integral part of the oral and ritualistic practices of the region's folk art. There are a variety of *mohras* (plaques), *mannat* offerings (votives), dresses and jewellery, besides the famous pahadi roomal, whose uniqueness lies in it being reversible. A couple of glass panels are dedicated to highlighting this unique aspect of the 19th-century pahadi embroidery, with a dual-sided display. Some pieces of ornaments, textiles and apparel have been sourced from the museum's Department of Anthropology but most of the objects come from Aryan's private collection.

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>
> **BN ARYAN**

BN Aryan says Himachal is a rare state, which "has vastly unexplored treasures." He recalls finding a wood carving of a lion, lying abandoned outside a temple in Kalpa, when he travelled in the region in the mid '80s. "A huge chunk of the works my father acquired were sourced from smaller hillside shrines and temples, even from homes of people," he says, adding that the late artist would even visit *kabaadis* (scrap dealers) in the hope of stumbling upon an artwork. Once or twice, he did.

The scope of the collection gradually extended beyond Himachal, also to include the works created in undivided Punjab and Haryana. "We think of northern India as the land of agriculture, but we tend to overlook that it is also the land of Harappa and Mohenjodaro," says BN Aryan, pointing to a primitive-looking plaque placed at the beginning of the showcase. It is a votive plaque of a temple door guardian, made of wood in the early 20th century. BN Aryan says the idea to place it at the entrance was to replicate how such plaques were placed at the entrance of the temples in Himachal to keep evil spirits away.

Prior to being carved out as an independent state, Himachal Pradesh was part of Punjab Hill States, a term coined by the British administrators. BN Aryan says the art of the state offers us an idea of what must have existed in the plains of Punjab, which had to bear the brunt of invasions from the north-western frontiers of India. "No examples of ancient art objects from Himachal executed in the folk style exist now. Wood and carvings are perishable, while metal objects were melted," he says.

A recognised painter, who won an award from the Lalit Kala Akademi in 1964, KC Aryan — who hailed from Lahore but moved to India after the Partition — abandoned his art practice in the late 1940s to collect folk and tribal artifacts. He continued collecting, till he passed away in 2002. "His passion was to put together a collection of indigenous artwork that cannot be seen at any museum across the world," says his son, who is now in his sixties, and lives at the Gurgaon museum-cum-home with his sister, Subhasini, who collaborated with their late father on some of his 23 academic books on art.

The siblings are now worried about the fate of the collection once they are unable to take care of it. A few years ago, the Kerala government had expressed interest in hosting the collection at an upcoming tribal heritage museum at Wayanad. But the Aryans declined politely, saying they would prefer a dedicated space for their heritage, preferably in the Capital.

The exhibition is on till July 31, from 10 am to 6 pm

For Better or For Worse?

After a botched Spanish statue is unrestored, a look at some of the worst art restoration attempts

NYT

EXPRESS FEATURES SERVICE

A 16TH-CENTURY wooden statue of St. George, venerated as a Christian martyr who killed a dragon to rescue a Libyan king's daughter, has been "unrestored" in Spain after a botched paint job gave it garish colours and reportedly resulted in it resembling the cartoon character Tintin. The photographs of the restored statue at St Michael's Church in Estella had created an uproar on social media last year, prompting the authorities to seek professional advice for the damage to be undone. We look at other infamous instances of failed restorations.

Ecce Homo by Elías García Martínez

Dubbed as the "worst restoration in history", when in 2012, a local elderly lady, Cecilia Gimenez, attempted to repair the faded mural painted in the church of Santuario de la Misericordia in Borja, Spain, it ended up in the fresco looking like a "bloated hedgehog". Several memes appeared on the internet, but the mural can reportedly not be restored to the original. The infamous blotched Jesus has now become a tourist attraction.

Stone Buddha from the Song Dynasty

Situated in Anyue in Sichuan province, the giant stone statue of Buddha was painted in garish colours during a restoration project completed in 1995. The muted shades of brown and earthy colours were replaced with a halo in pop colours of bright yellow, green and red, and a cloak with a blue trimming. It was only last year though that the catastrophic restoration of the 1,000-year-old Buddha statue was ridiculed across Southwest China after its photographs were circulated online.

Virgin and Child with Saint Anne by Leonardo Da Vinci

Depicting Virgin Mary guarding baby Jesus and sitting on the lap of her mother, St Anne, after its restoration in 2011, the famous oil painting in the collection of the Louvre Museum in Paris was much brighter than what the artist would perhaps have approved. Accused of being "overcleaned", the shoddy restoration resulted in the resignation of Ségolène Bergeon Langle, former director of conservation for the Louvre and France's national museums, and Jean-Pierre Cuzin, former director of paintings at the Louvre.

Tutankhamun's Burial Mask

Arguably the best-known piece at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, the beard on the gold mask was hastily stuck back with inappropriate glue after it was accidentally knocked during work at the museum in 2014. While eight Egyptians involved in the botched repair were referred to trial for "gross negligence", a German-Egyptian team of specialists was appointed to remove the epoxy and reattach the beard using beeswax, a natural adhesive reportedly used by the Egyptians.

NYT

Wikipedia

(From top) The wooden statue of St. George in Spain after and before unrestoration; Leonardo Da Vinci's *Virgin and Child with Saint Anne*

Qing Dynasty Fresco

Located inside a 270-year-old Buddhist temple in the north-eastern province of Liaoning, a fresco was left with Taoist figures when attempts were made to restore its faded parts in 2013. The disfigured fresco received public attention after a student posted photos online, comparing the different works of art inside the temple, leading to widespread condemnation and the sacking of two government officials.

(From left) Stills from *Return of Sergeant Lapins*; *Me and Kaminski*; *Little England*; *Hope* and *Rosemarie*

Cinematic Connections

Acclaimed films from across Europe travel to Delhi

SMRTI KRISHNANUNNI

WHILE NICOLAS III, King of the Belgians, is on an official visit to Istanbul, news arrives that Wallonia has declared independence, so Belgium does not exist anymore. The king decides to return home quickly, but all flights are blocked, and he therefore attempts to reach Belgium overland with his staff. Their journey forms the plot of the award-winning mockumentary, *King of the Belgians* (2016), that will open the 24th edition of the European Union Film Festival (EUFF) on June 28. Organised by the Delegation of the European Union (EU) and embassies of EU Member States in partnership with Instituto Cervantes and Habitat Film Club, the festival will showcase award-winning films from 22 countries.

"EU has always sought closer contact with countries outside of Europe, and what can be a better way to reach the minds and hearts of people than films that showcase what we are all about. European cinema has changed tremendously in the past two decades. Language, topics, ethos, emotions, and images have changed. We are intent on showing more than just films, inviting European film directors and ambassadors to speak to the audience — to really have a cultural exchange, between artists, officials and audience, and to entertain," says Raimund Megis, Chargé d'Affaires of the Delegation of the European Union to India.

From Bulgaria, the festival will screen the movie *Bubblegum* (2017). It is a tribute to the generation of kids who grew up in the country during the '80s, and spent their time collecting stickers from chewing gums and playing outdoor games. From Greece, the movie *Little England* is travelling. Set in the Greek island of Andros in the 20th century, it is an epic tale of lost love and the bond between sisters, who belong to the Saltaferos family. The Lithuanian film *Ashes in the Snow* is set in 1941 and revolves around a 16-year-old aspiring artist and her family who are deported to Siberia after Stalin's brutal dismantling of the Baltic region. In the Dutch film *Tulipani: Love, Honour and a Bicycle*, a romantic farmer is tired of getting his socks wet after losing his farm during the floods of 1953. He cycles to Italy and decides to grow tulips in the sweltering heat of Puglia.

The 10-day event will also showcase critically acclaimed movies such as the 2014 French drama *Hope*, 2015 Swedish political drama *Drifters* and 2018 Italian drama *Drive Me Home*, among others. Apart from Delhi and Chennai, the festival will also travel to Goa, Pune, Puducherry, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Kozhikode.

The festival will be held in two venues, India Habitat Centre and Instituto Cervantes, from June 28 to July 7

TOUGH BLOW

RUSSELL RULED OUT

West Indies all-rounder Andre Russell was ruled out of the remainder of the World Cup with a knee injury. Sunil Ambris has been named his replacement.

THE MISSING DOG

Only a handful of elderly audience gathered to watch England practice at the Merchant Taylors School in Northwood on Sunday. Perceptible was the absence of kids, which has triggered graver political debates and inspired a documentary. *Reuters*

Knock, knock, anybody Home?

Even as the most storied cricket rivalry hits the iconic Lord's, the anticipation and frenzy haven't spilled on to the streets

EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
LONDON, JUNE 24

MARK BARBER is at the ubiquitous supermarket store Tesco. He is a community manager for Leicestershire County Cricket Club, and his job entails drawing kids to cricket. His most delightful experiences occur when a kid, who has been at a recent cricket engagement programme, recognises him at the supermarket, comes up, and says 'thanks, that was fun'. Not that it happens often. It's the British Asian kids who come up more often.

At a Nottingham hotel, an Australian fan, who has travelled for five World Cups so far, looks disappointed. "You wouldn't think a World Cup is happening here? I been to five pubs: football, football everywhere. C'mon mate, there is a World Cup in your f****g country. Embrace it, will ya?"

The apathy has been startling indeed. Airbnb hosts are probably the ones who know more about the tournament than other English people as Asians guests have been lounging on their couches in their living rooms, warming takeaways in their microwaves and asking them whether the television at home has *Sky Sports*. Almost 99 per cent of the time, they don't.

"Well, how do you engage with something you can't see?" Barber is talking about the absence of cricket on terrestrial TV in England. Sky Sports has the rights, pumped in a great deal of money into cricket, but ironically, it has ebbed the interest levels in the game. The rates for DTH services so are expensive that not many households can afford it, and as a result the kids don't see much cricket.

"If you don't see, where are your heroes going to come from? I remember the 80's when West Indian quicks would knock the heads off our English batsmen – it was a spectacle on TV and I fell in love with the game," Barber says.

Perhaps, a contest against Australia will spike up some interest. It usually does. After nearly a month of the World Cup, the caravan moves to Lord's for the iconic clash between the Old Rivals. Does the Ashes spike up interest in the community programmes Barber runs? "Yes and no. We constantly do programmes tailored around events – now its the World Cup, then possibly the Hundred (England's proposed short-format competition), and the Ashes, of course. You can get the kids in but to sustain their interest is another thing altogether. The issue is bigger."

For a day at least, hopefully, the country will peep at the television to see how England go against Australia. England are at a rather tricky place after their loss to Sri Lanka. They now face Australia, New Zealand, and India and for them to enter the final, they would have to beat one of these teams twice (one of these teams would be their semi-final opponent). In the here and now, they need to ensure they first get there.

If England were stunned by Pakistan's effervescence, they were let down against Sri Lanka by a lack of plan in the chase and the brilliance of Lasith Malinga, whose belly has led to much amusing GIFs and memes around the cricketing world.

They kept taking the aggressive options that didn't quite work out—from Moeen Ali to Jofra Archer. Under Eoin Morgan's captaincy, at least there wouldn't be any confusion yet. He has backed his players and his attacking philosophy. The rare losses they have had have come when they returned to the old English approach of plodding around. Like against Pakistan in the last Champions Trophy semi-final. Morgan has said they will not play outdated cricket. That he will continue to back his players to fire away.

Why not, especially when that approach has led to a startling consistency. January 2017 was the last time they lost two ODIs in a row. That's 29 months ago.

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An English journalist put a doubt across to Morgan at the media interaction on the eve of the game. Would the pressure of expectations and playing a World Cup at home cloud their minds?

But one wondered if there were enough people watching for any player to feel much pressure? The cricket journalists in England have had the least work so far in the competition. Newspapers are all about football, and they get to squeeze in a piece or two in the dailies. Monday morning papers had England Women's World Cup football game against Cameroon splashed across two pages; cricket was hidden behind it.

"It's the traditional cricket watchers who are still the audience. And even that is waning," says Barber. "The most difficult task for community managers like me is getting a new audience. That is the struggle. Football, yes, and the kids these days are into games and whatever that they do on their phones."

That's another feature of the country, worthy of a separate investigative piece by itself. Is there a Pied Piper here, whisking away the kids to a secret place? You hardly see many kids on streets. Never mind cricket grounds. Barber laughs at the query. "Hardly many, are they? True. It wasn't the situation even a decade or two back. We used to plonk our bags at home after school and head out. Now, they don't."

Not even the rise of a new star, tearaway Jofra Archer, could bolster the hype around the World Cup. *Reuters*

Here is a stat: 71 per cent of adults played in the street or area near their home every day when they were a child, only 21 per cent of children do so today. That figure is from an organisation called "Play England – Freedom to play". An organisation trying to keep the Pied Piper away. They run projects like 'Street Play', 'Adventure into Sport' and such.

The absence of kids outdoors has taken a scary turn with political parties trying to use it to feed the fear against immigrants. Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage has talked about the kids in the context of limiting immigration. "I want to live in a community where our kids play football in the streets on an evening and live in a society that is at ease with itself."

Channel 4 ran a documentary once on this: What stops children from playing on our streets? The CEO of an organisation called Mumsnet, Justine Roberts, had this to say there: "It's a great shame that mums are anxious about outdoor play to the point of keeping their kids in front of the TV, but it's also easy to become misty-eyed about a Hovis advert past, when tiny children were able to roll tins down cobbled streets all day. Truth is, the biggest fear on Mumsnet is about road accidents, and that's an understandable concern."

A spokesperson for another charity London Play also shot down Farage's insights. "We have never heard of anyone saying that immigration is a reason that they don't let their kids play out."

The documentary also threw other interesting reasons. Here is one from a parent: "Neighbours would judge us negatively if we let our children play outside unsupervised." Over a third of parents, in a research, were worried that children would make noise which would upset neighbours.

Irrational fear of immigrants, rational fears of road accidents, and societal-perceptions of what others would think have all led to fewer kids playing outside. "It's a bit sad and it affects participation and engagement," Barber says.

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Around 4,000 fans, a mixed crowd of various heritages, landed up for Pakistan's warm-up game at the county ground in Leicestershire. Next game, a week later, didn't feature Pakistan and about 400 people turned up, says Barber. "The problem is the same in the participation. British Asian kids love to play but don't end up enrolling for club cricket, perhaps because of the fees, insurance forms, rules, rigmarole, parent's focus on education … too many variables play a part".

Throw in a lack of cricket on television and it all adds up to a state where cricket is ailing in the land where it was invented. The Ashes dusts up the memories of the older generation, who influence the younger lot, and interest spikes up for that series. Hopefully, a World Cup game between the two countries would have a similar effect.

There were quite a few questions to Morgan about whether he would ask the crowds to not boo Steve Smith and David Warner. He said that he won't and would let the people decide for themselves. "Just because punishment was handed out and the two guys served their punishment, doesn't mean they are going to be accepted back into the cricket community (fans) straightaway with open arms. It will take time."

All well and good, but hopefully, the English have bothered to go out and buy enough tickets and not get outnumbered by Indian fans even for a game against Australia.

BRIEFLY

I think that over the World Cup history, Australia have had a good history of peaking at the right time. We have played the best cricket under the greatest pressure. And that's a good lesson for everyone, that we've got six guys in our squad who were part of the last World Cup."

AARON FINCH
AUSTRALIA SKIPPER,

'Freak Warner can do it for Australia'

FORMER AUSTRALIA captain Michael Clarke believes that David Warner might just retain it for Australia. "ODI is different from T20s and it has taken him a bit of time to get back into ODI format. He has been patient at the start of his innings. People are saying David Warner is not at his best. But he has had two scores of 150. That shows how good a player he is and he is now a leading run-scorer in the tournament," Clarke looked excited and happy speaking about his former teammate. **PTI**

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS

ENG vs AUS
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WEATHER FORECAST
Mostly cloudy.

LEADING SCORERS

476 Shakib al Hasan (BAN), **447** David Warner (AUS), **424** Joe Root (ENG)

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

15 Mohammad Amir (PAK) **15** Jofra Archer (ENG), **15** Mitchell Starc (AUS),

Bangladesh's MVP — Shakib

All-rounder scores half-century and follows it up with a five-for to deflate Afghanistan's hopes

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SHAKIB AL HASAN came up with a special all-round performance, steering Bangladesh to a 62-run win over Afghanistan here on Monday and keeping their semifinal hopes alive in the World Cup.

Mushfiqur Rahim (83 off 87 balls) and Shakib (51 off 69) showed their class on a difficult surface to help Bangladesh post a competitive 262 for seven after Afghanistan opted to field at the Hampshire Bowl.

Shakib, who also became the tournament's leading run getter on way to his half-century, was also exceptional with the ball. The left-arm spinner ended with figures of five for 29 for in 10 overs, his best in ODI cricket. With this incredible effort, Shakib also became only the second cricketer after India's Yuvraj Singh to score a fifty and take a five-wicket haul in a World Cup match.

Chasing 263 was always going to be tough for a fragile Afghanistan batting line-up but 48 for no loss in 10 overs raised hopes that the Gulbadin Naib-led side might just get its first win of the tournament after six losses in a row. However, the batting fell apart after Shakib removed Rahmat Shah (24) and from 49 for no loss, Afghanistan were reeling at 132 for six.

The seventh wicket stand for 56 runs between Samiullah Shinwari (49 not out) and Najibullah Zadran (23) saved them the blushes. Afghanistan were eventually all out for 200 in 47 overs.

Bangladesh's third win in seven games took them to seven points and if they win their remaining fixtures against India and Pakistan, the Mashrafe Mortaza-led unit will end the league stage with 11 points.

Earlier, Rahim and Shakib shared a 61-run partnership laying the foundation for a decent score on a slow surface. The India-Afghanistan game here on Saturday also saw batsmen struggle to score freely.

Mosaddek Hossain (35 off 24) provided the much-needed fireworks in the death overs, taking the total past 250. The standout bowler for Afghanistan was spinner Mujeeb Ur-Rahman (3/39), troubling the batsmen with his variations.

Liton Das (16) was promoted to open the innings alongside Tamim Iqbal (36) with Soumya Sarkar pushed down the order. Das could not make the opportunity count and was caught at cover off Mujeeb.

Iqbal and star all-rounder Shakib then shared a 59-run stand before Mohammad Nabi hit the former's stumps, leaving Bangladesh at 82 for two in 17 overs.

Shakib, who surpassed David Warner to become the tournament's leading run-getter, played a gritty knock that included just one four. The world's premier all-rounder has so far scored two hundreds and three half-centuries in the competition.

Rahim, who too has been in sublime form like Shakib, played another valuable knock for his team. Had he not fired, Bangladesh would have struggled to go beyond 225. His innings comprised four boundaries and a six.

BRIEF SCORES: Bangladesh: 262/7 (Mushfiqur Rahman 83, Shakib 51, Mujeeb 3/39, Gulbadin 2/56) beat **Afghanistan** 200 (Gulbadin 47, Samiullah Shinwari 49 not out, Shakib 5/29) by 62 runs.

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT	NRR
NZ	6	5	0	0	1	11	+1.306
Aus	6	5	1	0	0	10	+0.849
Ind	5	4	0	0	1	9	+0.809
Eng	6	4	2	0	0	8	+1.457
Ban	7	3	3	0	1	7	-0.133
SL	6	2	2	0	2	6	-1.119
Pak	6	2	3	0	1	5	-1.265
WI	6	1	4	0	1	3	+0.19
SA	7	1	5	0	1	3	-0.324
Afg	7	0	7	0	0	0	-1.634

Top 4 teams after the 9th round will qualify for the semis.

Shakib leads the run-scoring chart with 476 runs. He is the joint-seventh highest wicket-taker with 10 scalps after his five-wicket haul against Afghanistan.

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Boo. verb / bu: / when Lord's louts launch a broadside against Aussies

BOOS MIGHT be "water off a duck's back", as described by Steve Smith and David Warner, but the duo's resolve will be tested at Lord's on Tuesday. Expect the boo boys to go full throttle, because in the game's oldest rivalry, home fans become the home team's 12th man. And make no mistake, England captain Eoin Morgan is not going to do a Virat Kohli, if Smith and Warner are received with hostility. "Regaining trust takes a lot of time. Who knows how long it will take?" Morgan told *BBC Sport*, adding: "I don't think I could do anything, or should do anything, to try to influence the fans to change their minds."

A couple of weeks ago at The Oval, Kohli had asked the Indian fans not to boo Smith and applaud him instead. An England-Australia game is probably more acrimonious and for the first time after serving the bans, courtesy the sandpaper-gate, Smith and Warner will play against England in an international. Little wonder then that Jonny Bairstow, too, has sung the same tune. Bairstow opened with Warner for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL this term. But that appears to be history now.

"Australia asking fans not to boo David Warner and Steve Smith is strange - not so long ago they wanted to make Stuart Broad cry," Bairstow wrote in his Telegraph (London) column. It was in reference to former Australia coach Darren Lehmann urging the Aussie fans to make the England fast bowler "cry" during the 2013-14 Ashes Down Under. The current Australia coach Justine Langer asked the fans not to boo the duo, as they have "paid a big price".

SEAT YET TO BE SEALED

Moeen Ali, Eoin Morgan and Tom Curran carry chairs after the team's group photo at Lord's on Monday. England still have work to do to qualify for the semifinals. *Reuters*

Langer-Warne spar over Khawaja

Australia coach Justin Langer hasn't taken too kindly to Shane Warne's assessment of his team's batting. The leggie had critiqued after the Bangladesh match—wherein Australia were at one juncture 238/1 in 38 overs on a belter—that Australia's batting plans would come to hurt them against superior teams like India and England. "This very conservative approach by Aust is very odd, especially on a small ground with a super quick outfield & as the ball hasn't spun or seamed. Leaving way too much for Maxwell, Stoinis and Carey to do. Only a wicket down, Aust should be going after the bowling big time!" he had tweeted.

Other cricket commentators shared Warne's view as the innings neared the 40-over mark. Iconic Australian broadcaster Jim Maxwell told the *BBC*: "They're not muscling it around the ground as you'd expect" while former England spinner Graeme Swann said the innings was "way too slow" and "old fashioned". Warne had also vehemently called for benching Usman Khawaja, who he reckons bats too slowly.

Even after Australia had exploded and ended up 381 runs, Warne continued to be critical. "Awesome from Maxwell & a stunning 100 from Warner too. Khawaja doing great, but ridiculous he didn't run. Why wasn't this happening 20 overs ago? As I said in previous tweets, Aust has the firepower but has decided to play conservatively till the last 10 overs ! Why ?" he fumed.

However, Langer not only justified the approach but also had a dig at his former colleague Warne. "Didn't we get 381? I guess it's been a while since we made those many runs," he began before quipping Warne: "It's easy being a commentator!" Back in the glory days of Australia, they too weren't the best of mates, with Warne once dubbing Langer as Steve Waugh's 'yes man' while Langer, a devout Catholic, had blasted Warne's flashy lifestyle and fitness. Even a couple of years ago, when Warne blasted Waugh, alleging that he was the most selfish player of his time, Langer had sprung to his former skipper's defence. "Steve Waugh is without doubt … you talk about selfish, he's probably one of the most selfless players I ever played with." For all the verbal punches and counter-punches, Langer's men need to walk the talk against England. Warne's watching.

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Fast and Friendly

In case someone is planning a buddy film - the genre that teams two male leads with contrasting characters but common goals - here is a casting suggestion and also working title. Fast and Friendly, starring the English pace pair of Mark Wood and Jofra Archer might well turn out to be a sleeper hit for the upcoming Ashes season. Wood, 29, grew up in a cold mining town north of England. Archer, 24, was born in sunny Barbados. Early in his career, Wood headed to Australia to learn and refine his skills.

He returned well in time to play for Durham. As for Archer he too left home and moved to England to improve. However, his half-British parentage and county success saw him give up his West Indies dream. The odd couple, paired by several twists of fate, bowl in the high 140kph but are very different — Wood is skiddy, Archer bouncy.

The two have also been involved in this one-up-pacemanship (another 'bro flicks' box ticked). Their banter is about — what else — Who bowls fast? Both have arguments, making this an inconclusive debate. In this World Cup, Archer has a higher average speed than his senior partner but Wood has bowled the fastest deliver — a 95.6mph scorcher. In his column on *BBC* website, Wood presented his case: "He may have bowled Soumya Sarkar with a delivery that hit the top of off stump and sent the ball all the way over the boundary without bouncing, but I pipped him on the speed gun. Jofra always stands next to me when I'm bowling, fielding at mid-off. He says that my speeds appear on the big screen, but his don't. He thinks it's a conspiracy, but I tell him it's because he's bowling so fast they can't get a reading." Archer's reaction was dismissive: "Huh? No he didn't. Only Woody's speed came up on big screen. None of mine did, actually." Way in 2003, during the World Cup in South Africa, the Pakistan team had a similar intra-team pace battle. Shoaib Akhtar wanted to show the senior pacers in the team — Wasim, Waqar and others - that he was the fastest. Akhtar blew away the debate with a 160 kph ball. Will Archer do an Akhtar in the Ashes game?

Warner ~~Bros~~ Gals

David Warner is having quite a World Cup, one which not many would have predicted after being away from international cricket for a year. With two hundreds from six games, the left-hander is sitting pretty as the second-highest run scorer in the tournament, as we speak, and coach Justin Langer and skipper Aaron Finch will expect their opener to raise his game at the business end of the tournament.

But Warner will have to deal with something significant on the personal front even as he prepares for the upcoming big games. His wife Candice is expecting their third daughter during the tournament, and has flown over to England. After the match against England on Tuesday, the Aussies face New Zealand on Saturday at Lord's and Candice is due to be induced after that day-night game, also at Lord's. With Australia's next match, their final league fixture against already eliminated South Africa only a week later, at least Langer doesn't expect to be without one of his key players.

"He won't miss a match," he said. "That's why Candice has been over. It's worked really well. She's going to be in hospital at the time, so hopefully he doesn't miss a match. But we're all over that.

"I don't like surprises, I wasn't just going to turn up and go, 'oh, she might have a baby, we might miss Davey for the semi-final'. That's what we try to do, always get win-win situations. We work together and we'll make sure it works out for everyone. Hopefully it will work out okay." **ENS**

Knock-out race: Seven teams still in the fray

New Zealand
Position: 1
Points: 11 points from 6 matches
Matches remaining: 3 (vs Pakistan, Australia, England)

KNOCKOUT POSSIBILITY
FAIRLY SECURE

The equation: New Zealand began by bulldozing Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. They managed to hold their nerve against South Africa and West Indies to take themselves to top of the table with 11 points from 6 matches. However, Kane Williamson will know that his team's real test begins now. They will be facing off against Pakistan, Australia and England in their final three league matches. A solitary win is enough to guarantee them a passage into the knock-outs. However, if they lose all their remaining matches, they might still progress, but that will depend on how Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka perform. New Zealand would not want to cut it so fine.

Australia
Position: 2
Points: 10 points from 6 matches
Matches remaining: 3 (vs England, New Zealand and South Africa)

KNOCKOUT POSSIBILITY
FAIRLY SECURE

The equation: With 10 points from 6 matches, defending champions Australia are placed second. Realistically, they are just a win away from being assured of a semi-final spot. And if Sri Lanka win all their remaining three matches, they will be tied with Australia on 12 points. In such a scenario, the team with a superior run-rate will qualify.

India
Position: 3
Points: 9 points from 5 matches
Matches remaining: 4 (vs West Indies, England, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka)

KNOCKOUT POSSIBILITY
FAIRLY SECURE

The equation: India are placed third in the points table with 9 points from 5 matches. They will progress to the semis if they win all their remaining four matches. With a healthy net run-rate of +0.809, they has the luxury of progressing even if they win just two matches. Things would get slightly dicey if they win just a solitary match. In such a scenario, they can still make it to the top-4, if England win just one of their three remaining matches and Sri Lanka win two.

England
Position: 4
Points: 8 from six games
Matches remaining: 3 (vs Australia, India, New Zealand)

KNOCKOUT POSSIBILITY
TRICKY

The equation: England, one of the pre-tournament favourites, ought to win at least two of their three remaining games, which would take them to 12 points and ensure a last-four finish. Even three more points (a win and no-result or tie) could see them through.

But the hitch is that they are encountering not only the top three teams on the pile but also sides that have historically had the wood over them. The hosts haven't beaten New Zealand, India and Australia in the World Cup in 27 years. Certainly, England do have the ammo to snap that record, even if they might miss explosive opener Jason Roy, but the equation is too close for comfort.

Pakistan's win over South Africa has revived hopes of a last-four spot.

Bangladesh
Position: 5
Points: 7 from 7 games
Matches remaining: 2 (India, Pakistan)

KNOCKOUT POSSIBILITY
IMPROBABLE

The equation: Two more wins can take them there or thereabouts, but they need to keep an eye on the other games. History should lift their morale, as they are facing not only two familiar teams but also those they've agonised in the past World Cups.

Especially Pakistan, to whom they haven't conceded an ODI since 2014, winning all four games in the interim. But a resurgent Pakistan wouldn't be easy to conquer. Just as it could be against India, against whom they've traditionally blinked on the big stage, lost matches from the cusp of victory.

Sri Lanka
Position: 6
Points: 6 from six games
Matches remaining: 3 (South Africa, West Indies, India)

KNOCKOUT POSSIBILITY
SLIM

The equation: Need to win all three games, even two might suffice, though their progress wouldn't be entirely in their hands. Buoyed no doubt by spinning the biggest upset yet in the World Cup, the path to the semifinal is boulder-strewn for the former champions.

They might be combating two teams that are already out of the World Cup, but it's a demanding task for various reasons. Chiefly, they are still harangued by batting instability, yet to find their best batting order. Like the West Indies, the batsmen are predominantly mercurial. Angelo Mathews' return to form portends promise, but they need more than the sum of their parts to launch a more serious knockout bid. They also have a rare Sri Lankan quandary—they are without a half-decent spinner, and too much of their bowling is Lasith Malinga-dependent.

Pakistan
Position: 7
Points: 5 from six games
Matches remaining: 3 (New Zealand, Afghanistan, Bangladesh)

KNOCKOUT POSSIBILITY
IMPROBABLE

The equation: Hell hath no fury than a scorned Pakistan side, but they have to not only win their remaining games by heavy margins to shore up their run-rate but also pray that other hopefuls lose their matches. Two of their games—against Afghanistan and Bangladesh—look straightforward, but beating New Zealand, who they meet next, could be the key. There's scope for optimism, as their batsmen are steadily regaining their groove.

OUT OF CONTENTION

WEST INDIES: The nail-biter against New Zealand was their last chance to keep their hopes alive. But they will try to play party-poopers for other aspirants.

SOUTH AFRICA: The biggest disappointment of the World Cup, they never got their act together and apart from a win over Afghanistan, hardly looked to be in the mood.

AFGHANISTAN: They were hardly expected to be semifinal contenders, but apart from running India close, their lack of big-game experience and cricketing nous was thoroughly exposed.

I-League clubs threaten AIFF with legal action

SEVEN OF the 11 I-League clubs that took part last season have threatened to drag the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to court if they make the Indian Super League the country's premier competition at their executive committee meeting next week. The AIFF has called their decision 'premature and unnecessary.'

The AIFF has summoned a meeting of its most powerful committee in Delhi on July 3 and according to reports, the item on top of the agenda is to formalise the ISL's status as the country's top division, replacing the I-League. I-League clubs contend that such a move would severely impact domestic football as the ISL will not have promotion or relegation for the foreseeable future.

They met in Delhi on Monday under the leadership of Mohun Bagan and East Bengal to decide the future course of action. The Kolkata giants were widely expected to jump ship and join the ISL, but have refrained from doing so, largely because of the hefty Rs 15 crore franchise fee they'd have to pay. Accusing the AIFF of being 'vindictive', the clubs said in a statement that the "blackmailing attitude of FSDL (Football Sports Development Limited, the body that governs ISL) towards AIFF by refusing to make payments pushes the game to an uncertain future." "Quess East Bengal, Mohun Bagan, Churchill Brothers, Minerva Punjab, Aizawl FC, NEROCA and Gokulam Kerala FC have all decided to approach the Appropriate Courts for relief at the earliest as soon as any such decision is announced by AIFF," the clubs said in a joint statement. "To be told now that the I-League will no longer be the top league is completely unacceptable and illegal and we pledge to fight this together as one football family which carries the tradition of Indian football."

I-League clubs have their backs to the wall, with the AIFF appeals committee also deciding on fines levied upon them for boycotting the Super Cup earlier this year. I-League clubs did not compete in the season-ending tournament after their desired meeting with AIFF president Praful Patel did not materialise.

Five clubs had initially been slapped with fines of Rs 10 lakh each while East Bengal were let off with half that amount. The AIFF then revised the amount to Rs 27.5 lakh each. The Appeals Committee will take a call on the final amount.

The AIFF said they have 'always endeavoured to balance the interest of all stakeholders'. **ENS**

Bahutule to coach Gujarat

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JUNE 24

FORMER INDIA leg-spinner Sairaj Bahutule will coach Gujarat in the forthcoming season of domestic cricket. The Indian Express understands that the Gujarat Cricket Association (GCA) had approached Bahutule to come on board before the season kicks off in the coming months.

The 46-year-old, who had been involved with teams like Kerala, Bengal and Rajasthan Royals in a coaching capacity earlier, had wished to coach Mumbai and applied for the job. However, the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) is yet to decide on the name of their new coach. It is learnt the GCA approached Bahutule a few weeks ago and he agreed to coach their team.

The GCA previously used to rely on local coaches for their Ranji Trophy side, but wanted an experienced hand this season. With Bahutule, the GCA felt their team will move forward.

"He is an experienced coach and brings a lot of cricket with him. The team was looking for a coach who brings experience and, at the same time, can communicate with this young team. Bahutule is perfectly suited for it and his understanding of domestic cricket is immense," a source privy to the development said.

A formal announcement will be made this week.

Meanwhile, Sulakshan Kulkarni is likely to be appointed Mumbai coach for the coming season. The MCA ad-hoc committee had a meeting recently where former players like Dilip Vengsarkar were consulted. With Bahutule accepting Gujarat's offer, the MCA was left with two candidates - last season's coach Vinayak Samant, who had reapplied for the job, and Kulkarni.

The former Mumbai wicketkeeper-batsman had coached Mumbai earlier as well but was shown the door in 2014 after an early exit from the Ranji Trophy.

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