



Our mother Earth has bestowed upon us a great many things. We are duty-bound to maintain our nature and the environment

surrounding it enriched and conserved. This is a great way to exhibit our gratefulness towards her. We are entrusted with a common responsibility not only to put the natural resources to proper use but also to plant and nurture trees, wild and aquatic life.

HON. SHRI. DEVENDRA FADNAVIS,
Chief Minister, Maharashtra



Global warming has become a common cause of anxiety for the entire world. It is now the call of time to dedicate ourselves to meet this challenge

by making a committed endeavour. These endeavours shall lay the foundation of our confidence that we shall alleviate this crisis through proper management of green environment. It shall also require to provide a positive support of efforts to the public movement rising for pollution control and a rich environment.

HON. SHRI. RAMDAS KADAM,
Minister for Environment



We must believe that even the smallest of efforts in the direction of environment conservation goes a long way towards a revolutionary change. Small

deeds such as avoiding wastage of energy and water on domestic level are grand tools in our hands to protect our environment. Moreover, these things are quite easy to adopt. All it requires is our constant and ironclad determination. Let us resolve to turn the object of creating a green environment our ambition and make our planet enriched again.

HON. SHRI. PRAVEEN POTE-PATIL,
Minister of State for Environment



On the occasion of World Environment Day ceremony programme releasing the Marathi book Titled 'Plastic Bandi Che Shivdhanushya' by Chief Minister Hon. Shri. Devendra Fadnavis, Hon. Shri. Aditya Thackeray (Yuva Sena Chief), Minister for Environment Hon. Shri. Ramdas Kadam, Minister of State for Environment Hon. Shri. Pravin Pote Patil, Hon. Shri. Sudhir Shrivastava (Chairman, M.P.C.B.), Hon. Shri. Anil Diggikar (Principal Secretary, Environment), Hon. Shri. E. Ravendiran (Member-Secretary, M.P.C.B.), Mrs. Jyoti Thackeray

Steps to ensure clean, green, pollution-free Maharashtra

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Ease of Doing Business

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has introduced the online application system:

The online portal has been put into operation. This allows online application and payment without the need for a physical touch point for document submission and verification. The proponent will get information about their application status through email and SMS. There is also provision to make the payment online through E-Payment Gateway, RTGS and NEFT. The Proponent can download their consent document from the portal, and can also view their documents, visit report, instruction letter online. This services has been integrated with Government of Maharashtra's MAITRI portal.

Reduction in time for processing to expedite disposal/ grant of Consent and Authorization:

MPCB has shortened the time limit from 120 days to 60 days for processing of consent application:

SRO level	:	Disposal time is 30 days
RO & HOD level	:	Disposal time is 45 days
CC/CAC level	:	Disposal time is 60 days

Scheme of Auto-Renewal of Consent based on self-certification for Red, Orange & Green Category industries.

Earlier, Board vide Office Order dated 30/01/2012 has implemented auto-renewal policy for all Categories of industries coming under purview of CAC/CC only. It was thought the work load about consent management can be further substantially reduced by extending the scheme of auto-renewal for all the remaining Red, Orange & Green Category of industries. Accordingly, decided to implement Auto-Renewal Policy for all categories of industries i.e. Red, Orange & Green Category industries.

Green category: simplified consent form:

The eight pages Consent application form has been simplified and reduced to two pages

Uniform Integrated Enforcement Policy:

In order to further facilitate transparency, integration



of post-consent application cycle, filing of complaints, damages, severity, penalties, remediation costs, etc. Maharashtra is the first State to publish and implement an Enforcement Policy through MPCB. The simplified consent management process is anchored by Uniform Integrated Enforcement Policy for Consent Management and supported by "ec-MPCB" web portal and randomized risk-based inspections methodology. Not only the policy simplifies inspection & sampling needs but it also enables entrepreneurs to lower scrutiny period of such application from 120 to 60 days (speedy), empowers industries through provision of appeals against non-grant of consent, eases self-certification for renewal and finally online grant of consent with minimum period of 5 years for Red category and 6 years for Orange/Green category of industries thereby resulting in immense resource optimization at both the ends of MPCB as well as industry.

Grant of Renewal of Consent to Operate for

a minimum of 5 years for Large/ Medium scale and a minimum of 3 years for Small scale industries, excluding sugar industries:

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has decided to do this to ease the process, to have a uniform approach and thereby avoid frequent repetition of Consent renewal application after its expiry. The Consent granting Authority shall renew Consent to Operate of Large/ Medium scale of Red category industries for the minimum period of Five Years and for the minimum period of Six Years of Large/ Medium scale of Orange & Green category industries. In case of Small scale Red & Green category industries, renewal of Consent to Operate shall be granted for the minimum period of Three Years and for Small scale Orange category industries a minimum period of Four Years shall be taken into consideration so as to ease the levying of the Consent fees as per the prevailing Circulars. This will help the officers of the Board to have enough time to concentrate more on monitoring and pursuing compliance of various conditions imposed in the consent.

Randomized risk-based inspection:

The field staff of MPCB Board is mandated for periodical collection of samples from polluting industries in general and high pollution potential industries in particular. Limited manpower available with the Board and discretionary sampling of industries has posed limitations on effective performance of pollution control from polluting activities in the state and to address the increased risk to the environment due to polluting industries MPCB has targeted large and medium scale industries classified as Red and Orange category industries for visit and sampling. Also the main objective include is to identify wilful defaulter through surprise visits which will be pursued for suitable legal actions.

Earlier, to ensure the transparency and strong monitoring mechanism of the Field Officers performance, Board has introduced "Randomized Risk Based Inspection & Sampling" through software based tool for selection of industries based on pollution potential. This

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We are all aware that the problem of pollution has become very grave. We need to vigorously push our efforts to reduce fertility and population growth, to reduce the excessive use of finite natural resources and to ensure that the final prices of all goods and services fully incorporate the cost of associated pollution control. We also need close coordination between government and non-government agencies, especially social and educational institutions. The willing participation of common citizens, especially students is a must so that we succeed in overcoming this problem.

HON. SHRI. SUDHIR SHRIVASTAVA
Chairman, M.P.C.B.



It is imperative on our part to strive for a balanced environment by envisaging a rich nature and green earth. The school-going children of today are fulfilling the need of a medium which constantly remains active in the areas of nature, green environment, protection of natural resources, and their conservation. They have the greatest potential to take public awareness to all corners of society. Since they are the foundation of a powerful nation of tomorrow, it is absolutely necessary to awaken understanding of the onus shouldered by them. Because this is what is going to become the ultimate foundation of environment change.

HON. SHRI. ANIL DIGGIKAR
Principal Secretary, Environment



The constantly changing climate and challenges of environment are serious issues. However, human can rise to these challenges by dint of their positive actions. Students of schools and colleges on one hand and knowledgeable citizens on the other can bring together an insistent force for protection of environment. We still have time. Proper management of resources and continuing people oriented awareness movements has already sounded the conch for environment change.

HON. E. RAVENDIRAN,
Member-Secretary, M.P.C.B.

Measures to combat air pollution

Indoor Air Pollution

Today, air pollution has emerged as a global public health problem and is identified as a major environmental health hazard by agencies such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and governments around the world. An increase in concentration of both gaseous and solid pollutants is among the largest health risk in the world. On this background, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has declared Air Pollution as the theme for this year's World Environment Day to be celebrated through out the world on 5th June 2019. Lot of attention and discussions and deliberations regarding air pollution mostly focus upon the pollution in our surroundings outside the houses we live in. This article is an attempt to highlight the health hazards associated with exposure to several hundred unseen pollutants that fill up the air inside our home and still we don't notice or feel their existence. Indoor air pollution is the degradation of air qual-

ity inside the house, by harmful chemicals and other materials; it can be up to 10 times worse than outdoor air pollution. This is because contained areas enable potential pollutants to build up more than open spaces. Statistics suggest that in developing countries like India, health impacts of indoor air pollution far outweigh those of outdoor air pollution. Indoor air pollution from solid fuels accounted for 3.5 million deaths and 4.5% global daily-adjusted life year (DALY) in 2010; it also accounted for 16% particulate matter pollution. Though there is a decrease in household air pollution from solid fuels in south-east Asia, still it ranked third among risk factors in the report of the Global Burden of Disease.

Sources of Indoor Air Pollution in India

The principal sources of indoor air pollution are: Combustion, building material, and bioaerosols. While radon, asbestos, pesticides, heavy metals, volatile organic matter, and environmental tobacco smoke are considered major indoor pollutants in



developed countries, the combustion products of biomass fuels contribute most to indoor air pollution in developing nations. In India, out of 0.2 billion people using fuel for cooking; 49% use firewood; 8.9% cow dung cake; 1.5% coal, lignite, or charcoal; 2.9% kerosene; 28.6% liquefied petroleum gas (LPG); 0.1% electricity; 0.4% biogas; and 0.5% any other means.

The incomplete combustion products of biomass fuels include suspended particulate matter, carbon

monoxide, polyaromatic hydrocarbons, polyorganic matter, formaldehyde, etc., which have adverse effects on health. The combustion of coal results in production of oxides of sulfur, arsenic, and fluorine. Pollutants such as aldehydes, volatile, and semi-volatile organic compounds are produced from resins, waxes, polishing materials, cosmetics, and binders. Lastly, biological pollutants like dust mites, molds, pollen, and infectious agents produced in stagnant water, mattresses, carpets, and humidifiers too pollute indoor air.

Effects of Indoor Air Pollution on Health

The ill-effects of indoor air pollution result in about 2 million premature deaths per year, wherein 44% are due to pneumonia, 54% from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and 2% from lung cancer. The most affected groups are women and younger children, as they spend maximum time at home. The morbidities associated with indoor air pollution are respiratory illnesses, viz., acute respi-

ratory tract infection and COPD, poor perinatal outcomes like low birth weight and still birth, cancer of nasopharynx, larynx, lung, and leukemia. The harmful health effects of formaldehyde range from being an acute irritant, reducing vital capacity, causing bronchitis, to being a carcinogen causing leukemia and lung cancer. There are few studies done so far to show the effect of wood smoke on cardiovascular health.

The indoor air pollutants have potential health effects. The particulates cause respiratory infections, chronic bronchitis, COPD, and also lead to exacerbation of COPD. Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide cause wheezing and exacerbation of asthma. In addition to this, nitrogen dioxide causes respiratory infections and deteriorates lung functions. Sulfur dioxide has an additional etiological role in exacerbation of COPD and cardiovascular disease. The risk

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Fighting pollution with comprehensive programmes

Air Quality Monitoring Network in the State of Maharashtra :-

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has developed monitoring network by setting up of manual AAQMS (Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations) across the state under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program 75 selected locations and State Ambient Air Quality program 03 selected locations. The Board has established network of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations at 23 locations across Maharashtra. These monitoring stations generate real-time data of all the notified parameters of National Air Quality Standards, 2009. The data is online transferred to Air Quality Index (AQI) server setup at CPCB, New Delhi. Data generated through these monitoring programs helps in formulation of action plans.

Preparation of comprehensive action plan for Air Quality improvement of 17 non-attainment cities :-

Central Pollution Control Board has identified 17 non-attainment cities in the State of Maharashtra and directed MPC Board to prepare Action Plan for improvement of Air Quality in above 17 cities such as Akola, Amravati, Aurangabad, Badlapur, Chandrapur, Jalna, Jalgaon, Kolhapur, Latur, Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Nashik, Nagpur, Pune, Solapur, Sangli and Ulhasnagar. Accordingly, MPC Board has conducted series of Workshops/Meeting with Corporations/ Stakeholders and directed them to prepare Action Plan as per direction given by CPCB, Delhi. Further, State Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee has reviewed Action Plan submitted by concern Corporations and as per Hon'ble NGT order submitted to CPCB, Delhi for final approval. Further, CPCB has approved action plans submitted by Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) and now same are under implementation stage.

National Clean Air Programme (NCAP):

Government of India introduced "National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)-India" as national level strategies for reduction in air pollution levels at both regional and urban scales. The goal of NCAP is to meet the prescribed annual average ambient air quality standards at all locations in the country in a stipulated timeframe

For implementation of National clean Air Program in Maharashtra, MPCB has prepared action plan for across the Maharashtra. It is under imple-



mentation stage.

Noise Mapping in 27 Municipal Corporation cities with NEERI, Nagpur :-

Hon'ble High Court, Bombay has directed State Government to undertake exercise of Noise Mapping in the State of Maharashtra. Accordingly, MPCB has issued work order to CSIR-NEERI for Noise Mapping of following 27 Municipal Corporations :-

Mumbai, Pune, Vasavirar, Nasik, Nagpur, Solapur, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Navi -Mumbai, Thane, Dhule, Akola, Amravati, Sangli-Miraj & Kupwad, Panvel, Mira-Bhayadar, Jalgaon, Kalyan, Kolhapur, Chandrapur, Aurangabad, Nanded-Waghela, Ahmednagar, Parbhani, Latur, Bhivandi-Nizampur, Ulhasnagar, Malegaon. CSIR-NEERI has submitted the final report with recommendations and the same is forwarded to Municipal Corporations for implementation. Also, Board has submitted the same to Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai. Further, Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai has directed NEERI to submit Research studies on Noise Pollution such as charchatrisation of Traffic Noise and impact of Honking, development of system which reduce honking noise with speed of vehicle etc. Also, Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai has given direction to Urban Development Deptt., GoM for implementation of NEERI's recommendations.

Wind Augmentation Purifying Unit (WAYU) :-

MPC Board has Installed 25 Wind Augmentation Units-WAYU at 4 locations to control vehicular air pollution at traffic junctions. These units purify the polluted air nearby traffic junction and clean

air is dispersed in the ambient air & MPCB is further planning the installation of WAYU units in other cities.

Star Rating Programme :-

Board is implementing Star Rating program in the State of Maharashtra wherein industries are rated on their performance in controlling their particulate matter emissions. This transparency initiative is one of a kind in India. The star rating of industries is easily accessible on the star rating website - mpcb.info. Board has conducted several report card distribution workshops, where industries are presented with their star rating report card and are encouraged to take measures to further reduce their industrial emissions

City Star rating:

A new feature has been added to the Star rating website - the city rating page. In this page, cities are rated on a 5-star scale based on ambient air quality in terms of PM10 concentration.

General Public can now easily see both, the ambient air quality as well as quality of industrial emission in their city in a more understandable format on the same platform in public domain.

Comprehensive plan:

CPCB, Delhi has declared 94 clustered all over the India as critically Polluted Area out of which 5 industrial clusters in the state of Maharashtra namely, Chandrapur, Dombivali, Tarapur, Navi Mumbai and Aurangabad. Board has prepared Action Plan for 5 critically polluted areas and 3 severely polluted areas which will help to mitigate emission levels arising out of industrial area. Also, the Action Plan has been submitted to CPCB, New

Delhi & its implementation is in progress.

Joint Exercise to track implementation of Emission Control Technologies in Coal Fire Thermal Power Plants in Maharashtra:

Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi published new norms for Coal based Thermal Power Plants needed to be complied with by Dec., 2017. Further, CPCB has revised the deadline and issued notices under section 5 of Environment Protection Act, 1986 to Power Plants. For tracking implementation of Emission Control Technologies in Coal Fire Thermal Power Plants in Maharashtra, MPCB has taken Joint Exercise with Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi. The work is under progress.

Steel Slag-Utilization:

Basic Oxygen Furnace BOF slag, commonly known as steel slag is another waste from Iron & Steel Industry. The amount of LD/BOF slag generated is about 170-200kg/t of hot metal produced in Indian integrated steel plants. Out of this only 25% is being reused in India compared to 70-100% in other countries and that too also internally for road project and for sintering and iron-making through recycling. It has shown potential for use as a raw mix component up to 10% in the manufacture of cement clinker. The steel slag contains higher amount of iron and its physical characteristics are similar to air-cooled iron slag. The LD slag is cooled, crushed and screened. The fines are utilised in sinter making and lumps are charged in the blast furnace. In BF slag, FeO is around 0.70%, whereas in case of steel slag, total iron content varies from 16 to 25%.

Re-use of slag

Before the introduction of the pre-treatment of hot-metal, steelmaking slags with their high iron and manganese contents have frequently been used in the blast furnace burden. Steel slag contains approximately 10% waste steel, which can be reclaimed through crushing, sorting, magnetic separation and screening process. Steel slag with CaO content above 50% can be used as sinter ore fluxing agent, partially replacing the commercial lime. In last 5 years, an enhancement of over 18% for blast furnace slag and basic oxygen furnace slag has been achieved (GOI, 2013-2014). Slag based on their types, has different uses. The air-cooled BF slag is crushed, screened and used mainly as road metal and bases, asphalt paving, track ballast, landfills and concrete aggregate.

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of poor perinatal outcomes, viz., low birth weight and perinatal death increases from exposure to carbon monoxide. Biomass smoke, especially metal ions and polycyclic aromatics, leads to development of cataract. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons lead to development of cancers of lungs, mouth, nasopharynx, and larynx. As a consequence of poverty, factors such as living conditions, sanitation, and access to water are associated with solid fuel use, and should be considered while measuring impact of solid fuel on child survival.

Biomass fuels contain carcinogens like polyaromatic hydrocarbons, formaldehyde, etc. A case-control study among women diagnosed with lung cancer reported that in addition to tobacco, exposure to biomass fuels also leads to development of lung cancer. In nonsmoker women, exposure to biomass fuel was associated with higher risk of developing lung cancer. The exposure to biomass fuel remained significantly associated with lung cancer despite adjusting for other factors like smoking and passive smoking.

Control Measures

Studies done so far in India provide us enough evidence that indoor air pollution is a cause of increasing morbidities and mortalities, and there is a need for an urgent intervention. There are social, cultural, and financial factors that influence the decision of people about energy and cooking. Other factors include the availability and flexibility of traditional fuels, the type of dishes prepared, the taste of food, the problems with smoke, the aesthetic appeal of stoves, and users' perception about other alternatives. Following is a list of suggested measures which should be adopted to curb the menace of indoor air pollution:

Public awareness: One of the most important steps in prevention of indoor air pollution is education, viz., spreading awareness among people about the issue and the serious threat it poses to their health and wellbeing. The education should help people in finding different ways of reducing exposures with better kitchen management and protection of children at home. People should also be educated about the use of alternative cleaner sources of energy to replace direct combustion of biomass fuel. The stakeholders must include not only public, but also politicians and administrators to ensure their commitment and increase their awareness about health effects of indoor air pollution.

Change in pattern of fuel use: Fuel use depends on ones' habit, its availability, and most importantly, its affordability. At present, majority of low income families rely solely on direct combustion of biomass fuels for their cooking needs as this is the cheapest and easiest option available to them; however, this could be rectified by promoting the use of cleaner energy sources such as gobar gas which utilizes cow dung to produce gas for cooking.

Modification of design of cooking stove: The stoves should be modified from traditional smoky and leaky cooking stoves to the ones which are fuel efficient, smokeless and have an exit (e.g., chimney) for indoor pollutants. A good example is the one designed by the National Biomass Cookstoves Initiative, of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy under a Special Project on Cookstove during 2009-2010, with the primary aim of enhancing the availability of clean and efficient energy for the energy deficient and poorer sections of the country.

Improvement in ventilation: During construction of a house, importance should be given to adequate ventilation; for poorly ventilated houses, measures such as a window above the cooking stove and cross ventilation through doors should be instituted.

Intersectoral coordination and global initiative: Indoor air pollution can only be controlled with coordinated and committed efforts between different sectors concerned with health, energy, environment, housing, and rural development.

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For the sake of future generations

THE FACT that the changing climate is going to imperil planet earth by wreaking havoc on human life and the nature was perceived much earlier. However, natural resources remained being plundered for achieving speedy development in the world. The use and throw policy is on the rise today leading to creating mountains of garbage everywhere. More than 80 percent articles today are made of plastic, tetrapack or thermocol. The amended Solid Waste Disposal Act of 2016 has fixed the responsibility of segregating dry and wet garbage on the citizens themselves. Some Local Self Governance Bodies have undertaken special efforts to implement this policy. But the citizens' apathy in participating in such initiative is what is worrisome. Several citizens are yet to grasp the real seriousness of this gruesome crisis. Garbage used to be generated even before. It has now increased in magnitude owing to population explosion. Now the question asked is what sort of pollution is caused when such garbage is buried under ground. Today the water of lakes, wells in rural areas as well as urban areas have become pol-



luted. Rain water permeating in the ground becomes polluted due to garbage dumped therein. Womenfolk in the rural areas are already complaining about water being not as clean as it used to be. As per the study conducted by the World Science Report of Health Management in Asia region, the polluted water has caused 34 percent increase in the number of chronically ill patients. The State of Punjab in India is called as store of wheat. However, a study undertaken in the last two decades has revealed that the chemical pesticides being sprayed upon the wheat cultivation and chemical fertilizers used to

augment the yield has resulted in rising number of cancer patients in Punjab. What's more, the Bhatinda Express railway leaving from this very region is now labelled as cancer express! The water pollution has caused extinction of more than four hundred and fifty types of sea creatures and algae. Environmentalists in India have concluded that 43 species of rare birds have been completely destroyed from India. As per the health survey conducted by the World Health Organization, the human health index has remarkably gone down owing to the rising population and polluted air and water. This has also hit

the per capita income adversely. This situation begs for changing our criteria of evaluating our progress from rate of development to human health index. Population of India was about 50 Crores towards the end of 1950. According to the census of 1991.

The question of 'What to do?' has a very simple answer. Controlled use of drinking water, water management, least possible use of energy, improving crop patterns, using organic fertilizers for treating the soil instead of burning dry waste in the fields (i.e. banning use of chemical fertilizers completely), banning use of plastic bags, saving electricity, using public transport systems instead of using private vehicles, using natural gases in place of burning wood in bakeries, segregating dry and wet waste, preparing organic fertilizer from wet waste and handing over dry waste to Municipalities for further recycling etc. These measures of personal discipline, if adopted at all, can prevent pollution very well. We must commit ourselves to free the earth from pollution in the present times so that our future generations receive the gift of clean and healthy air and pollution-free atmosphere.

SANJAY BHUSKUTE

For a clean, green, pollution-free Maharashtra

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software based tool for field staff is introduced to ensure the transparency and strong monitoring mechanism of the Field Officers performance. The list of the industries for sampling and inspection for each Field Officer is generated for his jurisdiction through software and same is monitored through automated software based tool.

Air pollution mitigation

Board has prepared comprehensive Action Plan for Air Quality improvement of 17 non-attainment cities in Maharashtra and same is under implementation.

Board has carried out Noise Mapping in 27 Municipal Corporation cities in association with NEERI, Nagpur. The findings of noise mapping report is circulated to all concerned corporations for its implementation. The Board is also in process of conducting R & D study to categorize Noise contributing sources in ambient air.

Installed Wind Augmentation Unit-WAYU at 4 locations in Mumbai to control vehicular air pollution at traffic junctions. These units purify the polluted air nearby

traffic junction and clean air is dispersed in the ambient air.

Board is implementing Star Rating program in the State of Maharashtra wherein Industries have been assessed for their performance in controlling the emissions from the industry. Based on the performance Star Rating will be given to the industry in the form of Certificate which will encourage the industry for improving their image.

The Board is implementing a tree plantation drive by using a regulatory tool i.e. by imposing condition in the consent to be issued to the industries for carrying out plantation on 33% of their open space.

The effective implementation of Action Plans & mitigation measures taken by Board for control of Air pollution resulting in decrease of 6% PM-10 & 7% PM-2.5 concentration in ambient air.

Water pollution mitigation

Environment Dept., Maharashtra Government has constituted River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) to prepare & implement Action Plans for rejuvenation of rivers. Accordingly Action Plans of 53 rivers are submitted to NGT and implementation

is under progress.

The State does not allow any industry to discharge treated/untreated effluent into the rivers.

The State has issued Directions to the local bodies to make 25% budgetary provision for scientific treatment and disposal of Sewage and Solid Waste. These funds are reserved and made mandatory to utilise for preparation of DPR, establishing treatment facility, O & M of treatment facility etc.

GoM, announced 'Namami Chandrabhaga Abhiyan' in year 2016. It is an initiative taken to revive and rejuvenate the river Chandrabhaga and to restore its historic glory. A comprehensive action plan for cleaning of the river on the lines of 'Namami Gange' has been prepared. The aim of the mission is to make the Chandrabhaga river pollution free and conserve its purity and sanctity up to year 2022.

MPCB regularly monitors the water quality across 250 Water Quality Monitoring Stations (WQMS) for both surface (155 on rivers, 34 on sea/creeks, 10 on drains, 1 dam) and ground water (24 Borewells, 24 Dugwell, 1 Handpumps, 1 Tubewell) un-

der two programs of NWMP (National Water Monitoring Programme) project titled GEMS (Global Environment Monitoring System) and MINARS (Monitoring of Indian National Aquatic Resources). Surface water were monitored on monthly basis whereas the ground water were monitored every six monthly basis by collecting the water samples

Water Quality Index for 206 locations in the state of Maharashtra is published on monthly E bulletin of water quality. It provides a simple indicator of water quality and a general idea on the possible problems with the water in the region.

The State has made mandatory for 17 categories of highly polluting industries to install Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS). Accordingly these industries have installed OCEMS and the real time data is continuously transmitted to MPCB & CPCB servers which in turn help in effective implementation of regulations.

MPCB organizes various environmental awareness programs across the State of Maharashtra like 'Paryavaranachi Vaari

Pandharichya Daari', Green Ganesha, Eco-Friendly Household Ganesh Festival Competition, Eco-friendly Dahi Handi, Eco-Friendly Holi etc

The Infrastructure Projects are mandated by MPCB to recycle 60% of treated sewage for secondary purposes by providing dual pipeline.

Plastic Waste Management in the state of Maharashtra

Plastic Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2011, came into force as per the notification published by Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), New Delhi vide dated 4.2.2011 and later on same has been superseded by the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 notified vide dated 18.3.2016.

For effective implementation directions were issued to all Local Bodies for development and setting up infrastructure facility for segregation, collection, storage, transportation, processing and disposal of plastic waste.

New notification published by Government of Maharashtra

Maharashtra State has enforced the ban to manufacture, usage, transport, distribution, wholesale & retail sale and storage, import of the plastic bags with & without handle, and the disposable products manufactured from plastic & thermocol (polystyrene) such as single use disposable dish, cups, plates, glasses, fork, bowl, container, disposable dish/bowl used for packaging food in hotels, spoon, straw, non-woven polypropylene bags, cups/pouches to store liquid, packaging with plastic to wrap or store the products, packaging of food items and food grain material etc including purchase & use of plastic and thermocol items used in decoration purpose.

Maharashtra State allowed use, purchase, sale, storage and manufacture of PET or PETE bottles made up of high quality food grade virgin Bisphenol-A free material and printed on it with predefined buy back price with certain conditions.

The State has initiated action against the defaulters of this notification by issuing closure directions to 272 plastic industries

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MAYA KEEPS WINDOW OPEN, SAYS NOT PERMANENT BREAK

Gathbandhan unravels: BSP, SP will fight UP bypolls separately

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE SP-BSP poll alliance in UP unravelled Tuesday, with BSP chief Mayawati confirming that her party would fight the Assembly bypolls this year on its own, and SP leader Akhilesh Yadav responding that his party would take the same route.

In a statement issued a day after she met party leaders in the Capital, Mayawati also blamed "internal sabotage" in the SP's



The alliance couldn't stop the BJP in Uttar Pradesh

core vote base — the "Yadav samaj" — for the poll debacle and said that it "drifted away" from

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EXPLAINED E. Maya ploy: Blaming split in Yadav votes

WITH THE BSP gaining more from its alliance with the SP in Uttar Pradesh in the Lok Sabha elections, Mayawati's unilateral decision to call off the tie-up has shocked her alliance partner. That she chose to blame a split in the SP's Yadav votes, and not the Muslim votebase, for the poll debacle appears to be a ploy to consolidate BSP's gains ahead of the next state polls. The two sides had initially come together for the 2018 Lok Sabha bypolls in Gorakhpur, Phulpur and Kairana.

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Mumbai T20: Player says approached to underperform

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JUNE 4

A MUMBAI Ranji Trophy player has informed his cricket association that he was approached by a rival team's owner to underperform ahead of the T20 Mumbai League semifinals last month, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

Sources said the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) will soon pass on the information to the BCCI's anti-corruption unit.

The second edition of the T20 Mumbai League, which is a BCCI-approved tournament conducted by the MCA, was held

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An isolation area at the Government Medical College in Kalamassery, Ernakulam. *Nirmal Harindran*

Kerala youth tests Nipah positive, over 300 placed under quarantine

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
JUNE 4

A YEAR after Kerala contained an outbreak of Nipah in the northern district of Kozhikode, the government sounded the alarm across the state after a fresh case of the virus was confirmed in central Ernakulam Tuesday.

The state of high alert, particularly in the districts of

Ernakulam, Thrissur and Idukki, was declared after the state government received confirmation of the virus in fluid samples of a suspected case sent to the National Institute of Virology in Pune.

The patient is a 23-year-old man from Vadakkekara panchayat in Ernakulam district, who had moved to Thrissur last month for a job training programme after completing a technical course in Idukki's

Thodupuzha, where he was staying in a rented house with four classmates. A medical bulletin described his condition as "clinically stable".

Officials said 311 people, who had been in touch with the man after he fell ill, have been placed under "home quarantine".

Four of them — three nurses of a private hospital in Kochi, where the patient is undergoing treatment, and a classmate —

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Giriraj takes iftar swipe at Bihar allies Nitish and Paswan, they hit back

LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

UNION MINISTER and BJP leader Giriraj Singh drew sharp criticism from his party and its Bihar NDA allies after he posted photographs of iftar parties hosted by state political leaders asking why such events were not organised on Navratri.

Posting on Twitter photographs of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Deputy CM Sushil Modi and BJP chief and Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan at iftar parties



Why don't you do it during Navratri, he asks

in Patna, Singh said: "Kitni khoobsurat tasvir hoti jab itni hi chahat se Navratri pe phalahaar ka aayojan karte aur sundar sundar photo aate???... Apne karm dharm mei hum pichad kyon jaate aur dhikhava mei aage rehte hain???"

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Pilot must own up my son's defeat: Gehlot

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, JUNE 4

SIGNALLING THE widening rift in the Rajasthan Congress, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has said that Deputy CM and state Congress president Sachin Pilot should take responsibility for his son Vaibhav Gehlot's defeat from the Jodhpur seat in the Lok Sabha polls.

In an interview to ABP News, Gehlot said: "...Pilot sahab ne kaha kuch din pehle bhi ki bahut bhaari bahumat se seat jitegi Jodhpur ki. Hamare wahan par

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Sikkim enters post-Chamling era, but 100 km from Gangtok, he bides his time

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ESHA ROY
GANGTOK, JUNE 4

WHEN PAWAN Kumar Chamling (69) left Mintokgang, the Sikkim Chief Minister's official residence in Gangtok, on May 25, after 25 years on the post, supporters thronged the streets, many of them in tears.

Ten days later, the political theatre in the state has moved with one of India's longest-serving CMs to his personal residence, a sprawling structure in Lower Ghurpesey in Namchi, 100 km away. Amidst yet-to-be-



As Chief Minister, Chamling ruled Sikkim for 25 years

unpacked suitcases and cartons — a framed Mona Lisa print peeks from between two sofas — tea and edibles are making

their way out of the kitchen to the dining hall. The tables are strewn under crates of onions, garlic, potatoes, apples and cups as newly

elected MLAs and supporters throng to Chamling to chalk out the future path of his Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF).

One of these paths leads right back to Gangtok. Just two seats separate the SDF from the party that won this time, Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) — 15:17. Three forthcoming bypolls could well reverse the picture, as the SDF asserts.

"I will never retire. Politics is my passion and I will continue working. For now people have placed me in the Opposition and I am happy to serve in this capacity," says Chamling.

For years now, Sikkim's politics has revolved around him, with the SDF leader dominating

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NIPAH VIRUS CONFIRMED: 23-YEAR-OLD TESTS POSITIVE, SAYS KERALA HEALTH MINISTER "There's no need to panic or be scared. Since we have the experience of last year, we can take the virus head-on. We have a set of guidelines that we are adhering to. We advise everyone who has fever-like symptoms to get diagnosed immediately," Kerala Health Minister Shailaja said.

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Giriraj

"(What a beautiful picture it would have been if they had organised a fruit feast during Navratri with the same alacrity and taken beautiful photographs. Why do we lag behind in observing our own religious customs and take the lead in putting on an appearance?)".

The BJP's Bihar allies reacted sharply, reminding Singh about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent appeal of sabka saath, sabka vikas and sabka vishwas and demanding that the BJP leadership take action.

Sources said that following the criticism, BJP chief and Union Home Minister Amit Shah dialled Singh and rebuked him for his tweets attacking NDA leaders. According to sources, Shah also asked him to refrain from making comments that target allies.

However, Singh until late Tuesday did not retract his remarks, which are still on his Twitter timeline.

According to ANI, Nitish Kumar responded to Singh's tweet and said, "He (Giriraj Singh) does all this so that media makes news out of it." But JD(U) spokesperson K C Tyagi said Singh's tweet was against the spirit of the NDA and against the statement of Prime Minister Modi who, at the first meeting of NDA MPs after the Lok Sabha victory, had asked to win the trust of minorities.

"This rojra iftari, attended by Nitish Kumar, Sushil Modi and Ram Vilas Paswan, was an effort to win the confidence of the minority community," Tyagi said, adding that the Prime Minister has cautioned party leaders from making such remarks. The IJP's central parliament-

ary board chairman Chirag Paswan tweeted, "The fundamental principle of sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas is in the spirit of IJP since its foundation. I am happy that PM Narendra Modi too has repeated that mantra. Festival celebrations brings harmony in society. Such questions raise fingers on Indian traditions."

The remark from Giriraj Singh, BJP MP from Begusarai, also comes at a time when ties between the BJP and JD(U) are already strained over the composition of the Union Cabinet. While the JD(U) decided to stay out of the Modi cabinet, Nitish Kumar recently expanded his Cabinet in Bihar unilaterally without any additional representation to the BJP.

Singh's remark also drew strong disapproval from Sushil Kumar Modi, Singh's senior in the BJP. "I have been hosting iftar par-

ties for 25 years. I also organise Holi Milan feasts. Those who are coming up with taunts do not have the heart to offer a treat to people on Holi... How would they appreciate the catholicity of a Hindu hosting iftar party?" Modi said, according to PTI. He also said he was unaware of Singh's tweet and was only responding to queries from journalists.

Chamling

the scene not just as CM but also as his party's resident poet-songwriter with his own literary magazine (Nirman).

In the 25 years of the Chamling government, Sikkim saw its per capita income rise to Rs 2.33 lakh, against the national average of Rs 66,660; the infant mortality rate fell to 8, compared to the national average of 130 (per 1,000 live births); life expectancy went up to 73.15 years against the national average of 68.6; and the literacy rate for both men and women climb to above 90%, against 74% and 65% respectively for India.

In 2016, the state received 8.06 lakh tourists, nearly two lakh more than its population. The number jumped 7% in 2017, and this year, Sikkim expects around 20 lakh tourists. Besides, Sikkim was the first state to be declared open defecation free, and in 2018, Chamling received the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's Future Policy Gold Award for becoming the world's first entirely organic state.

Now, all eyes are on the by-elections, likely within six months. Three seats are falling vacant as the SKM's Kunga Lima Lepcha and the SDF's D T Lepcha and Chamling fought the Assembly election from two seats each, and must give up one.

PD Rai, an SDF leader who lost this time, says, "The SKM may have won more seats, but the SDF won the popular vote. The SKM's vote share is 47.03%, ours 47.63%."

"In three Assembly constituencies, NOTA votes were more than the victory margins," says Consulting Editor, Summit Times, Pema Wangchuk.

Still, the SKM's win marks the first time in the state that a government was voted out. While Sikkim has had a change in government twice earlier, in both cases, the incumbent government fell before the new government was formed.

Wangchuk says it is still sinking in among people "that they actually have the power to change a government". "There is nothing substantially wrong that the SDF government did. Chamling continues to be popular. But people, and especially youth, who have never seen another government, wanted change."

Zangyal Dorjee, 25, who runs a car accessory outlet in Gangtok, voted for the first time. "Ever since I was born, this is the only government I have seen. Frankly I am bored," Dorjee says.

It is the youth that drove the SKM's campaign, say analysts. Of the state's 4.32 lakh voters, 16% were voting for the first time. Under-40 voters comprised 60% of the total.

Chamling cites Sikkim's status as the country's only organic and first green state, as well as women's empowerment, as his government's biggest achievements. "We have 50% reservation for women in panchayats and 33% in jobs," he says.

Had he come back to power, the SDF leader adds, he would have focused on the LGBTQ community. "I would permit gay marriage in my

BSP, SP say will fight state bypolls alone

the alliance, even in the SP strongholds.

Mayawati, however, kept the window open for the alliance and emphasised that her latest move did not signal a "permanent break" with the SP. Also, she did not directly criticise Akhilesh and said that she received "a lot of respect" from the SP chief and his wife Dimple Yadav.

She said that she can work with the SP in future if Akhilesh fulfills "his political duties".

Reacting to Mayawati's statement, Akhilesh told reporters in Ghazipur: "Even if our paths are different, we welcome it. If the alliance ends, we will field SP candidates on all 11 seats up for the bypolls after consulting our party leaders."

Sources in both parties told The Indian Express that Akhilesh and Mayawati have not held any formal discussion over the results after the defeat in the Lok Sabha elections — the BSP won 10 seats and the SP five.

Mayawati's statement comes a day after she told BSP leaders in a closed-door meet-

ing that the future of the alliance would be reviewed.

In Tuesday's statement, the BSP chief said that after the alliance was finalised, Akhilesh and Dimple gave her a lot of respect and she too forgot "all past differences" and "gave them respect like a family". Mayawati said she will try to ensure that their "relationship stays intact".

"But on the other side, political compulsions cannot be ignored completely... after seeing the results of the Lok Sabha polls in UP, it has to be said with much sadness that SP's base vote — the Yadav samaj — could not remain with the SP in Yadav-dominated constituencies and there was internal sabotage because of some unknown displeasure, which defeated SP's prominent candidates," Mayawati said.

She said the defeat of Dimple in Kannauj, Akhilesh's cousin Dharmendra Yadav in Badaun and SP leader Ramgopal Yadav's son Akshay in Firozabad forced her to "think a lot". "It can be analysed in this situation that when the SP's vote base drifted

away in SP's strong seats, how could they have voted for the BSP?" she said.

Mayawati said her party's review found that the BSP could not succeed as expected in alliance with the SP and that there is a need for improvement in the poll partner. In the statement, she said that the SP, too, "lost a good opportunity to rid the society of BJP".

"But now, they (SP) have to prepare a lot in the coming days. And if I feel in future that the SP chief (Akhilesh) has achieved success in fulfilling his political duties... we will certainly work together again. That means there is no break-up between us so far. And if he doesn't succeed because of any reason, it'll be better for us to work separately. Hence, in the current situation, we (BSP) have decided to fight the bypolls alone," Mayawati said.

The bypolls are to be held in 11 Assembly seats after eight MLAs of the BJP and one each of Apna Dal (S), SP and BSP were elected to the Lok Sabha. Speaking in Ghazipur, Akhilesh said: "If the gathband-

han has disintegrated, or whatever is being said about it, I will deliberate on it very carefully. And if there is no alliance in the bypolls, SP will make its own preparations. The SP will also contest from all the 11 seats after consulting with senior members of the party... Even if our paths are different, it is welcome, and best wishes to everyone."

The BJP, meanwhile, posted on its official Twitter handle a video clip from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election rally in Etah where he had said that SP-BSP's "fake friendship" will break on May 23, the day of the results.

The SP and BSP had first tied up before the Lok Sabha bypolls in the state in early 2018. After that alliance defeated the BJP in the Lok Sabha bypolls in Gorakhpur, Phulpur and Kairana, the two sides decided in January to extend their tie-up to the general elections. At the time, Mayawati described the alliance, which marked the coming together of bitter rivals after nearly 25 years of hostility, as the "rajnaitik kranti" (political revolution) of 2019.

Kerala youth tests positive for Nipah

have been shifted to the isolation ward at the government medical college hospital in Kochi after they developed fever and complained of uneasiness.

Another person from the Vadakkera region, who was not on the quarantine list, was also admitted to the isolation ward with suspected symptoms. Officials described the condition of the five as "stable" and said that their fluid samples will be sent to virology labs in Pune and Manipal.

Last year, studies had confirmed that the first identified case had contacted the virus from fruit bats — that outbreak

had claimed 17 lives. Officials said the state's animal husbandry and forest departments have started efforts to identify the source of the latest case of the zoonotic virus, which spreads primarily between animals and humans.

Confirming the Nipah case, Kerala Health Minister K K Shailaja said there was no reason for panic as the state government was "equipped to meet any eventuality".

"Steps have been taken to identify the source of the virus. There is enough stock of necessary medicine for treatment. Isolation wards have been made ready in Kollam, Kochi,

Thrissur and Kozhikode medical colleges. Protective gear and masks have been supplied to health workers, who have been given training in handling the situation," she said.

"Even before the virus was confirmed, the Health Department initiated steps to control the situation. The Union Health Ministry has rushed a six-member team to help the state. The government has also drafted doctors and health workers who were part of the team that was involved in Nipah management in Kozhikode last year," she said.

Kerala Health Secretary Dr Rajan N Khobragade said that

as part of "intense surveillance", all Encephalitis cases, including deaths, in the last three weeks would be examined. Besides, unusual deaths reported in recent weeks would also be reviewed, he said.

Officials said staff at primary health centres and civic bodies are in touch with those placed under home quarantine. Their health will be monitored over the next 21 days from district-level control rooms, they said. Labour Department officials have also started visiting camps of migrant workers in Ernakulam to monitor those with fever.

state, there would be no opposition here," he says.

SKM leaders concede the SDF government's work, especially in empowering women. "Around 10 years ago, the government brought in a policy enabling inheritance of property by women. That was a good thing," says SKM minister Kunga Nima Lepcha. However, the rest is "propaganda", he adds. "Sikkim does not have either the land or the capability to raise so much organic produce. That is why you will find vegetables and cereals coming from Siliguri."

Lepcha, who is considered No. 2 to new CM P S Golay, also cites the high unemployment rate, blaming it for the state having one of the highest suicide rates in the country. As per 2016 figures, Sikkim has 181 jobless people per 1,000 in a population, second only to Tripura's 197 per 1,000. Its suicide rate, at 37.5 per 1 lakh people, is lower than only Puducherry (43.2).

Aside from generating jobs, the SKM promised to eliminate corruption. "Only Chamling's relatives, those close to him and SDF workers received benefits from government schemes," says Lepcha. He also claims the per capita income figure may be fudged. "The poor in Sikkim remain poor."

The new CM, Golay, was a key SDF leader and the Industries Minister in Chamling's cabinet from 1999 to 2004. After falling out with Chamling, he had floated the SKM in 2013, and in next year's Assembly elections, picked up 10 seats. However, one after the other, seven of his MLAs had

quit to join the SDF, and Golay himself had been convicted of misappropriating government funds, disqualified from the Assembly and sent to jail.

When he was released after a year, in 2018, thousands assembled to greet him, one of Sikkim's largest gatherings till date.

Gehlot

che MLA hai, shandar campaign hamne kiya hai to mai samajhta hoon ki kam se kam us seat ki zimmedari toh woh lein... ki Jodhpur ki seat jo hai, uska pura post-mortem hona chahiye ki kyon nahi jite ham log."

"(Pilot) had said a few days ago as well that we would win the Jodhpur seat with a handsome margin, that we have six MLAs there and that we had run a great campaign, so I think that at least he (Pilot) should take the responsibility of this seat... on the Jodhpur seat, its post-mortem should be done on why we didn't win."

Gehlot also said that whether it is the Chief Minister or the state party chief, the Congress had to take collective responsibility for losing all 25 Lok Sabha seats in the state to the BJP. Vaibhav lost to Union Minister and BJP leader Gajendra Singh Shekhawat by a margin of 2.74 lakh votes.

When contacted, Pilot expressed his surprise over Gehlot's statement but did not offer further comment. Gehlot later posted a clip of his interview on Twitter and wrote, "This was my reply to some questions during the interview... Some sections of the media are making an unnecessary issue out of the context." Amidst the controversy,

Gehlot and Pilot met Tuesday at the iftar party hosted by the state Congress. At the event, both met briefly behind closed doors before sitting together at the party.

Sources in the Congress, however, said that Gehlot's comments are part of the ever-widening rift within the party in Rajasthan. Incidentally, after the LS election defeat, two Rajasthan ministers had targeted Gehlot, and demanded "introspection" and "accountability" for the setback.

In an indication of the divide, several MLAs The Indian Express spoke to appeared divided on laying the blame for the poll debacle.

Congress MLA from Bandikui Gajraj Khatana told The Indian Express, "I feel that Jodhpur has been the home and workplace of Ashok Gehlot ji. I don't think that Sachin Pilot ji should take responsibility for the defeat. In the natural course it would appear that when the seat in question is Jodhpur and that too his son is being fielded, what can somebody else do anything in this."

A section of MLAs also supported Gehlot and said that they agreed with his statement. "I think what the Chief Minister has said is right and he must have said it after due thinking. In case of a defeat, everyone should take responsibility of the party's defeat," said Rajasthan Minister for Minority Affairs Saleh Mohammed, an MLA from Pokaran under the Jodhpur Lok Sabha seat.

The result in the Jodhpur seat was in sharp contrast to that of the Assembly elections in December last year, when the Congress won 7 out of 10 seats. Gehlot has also

been an MLA from Sardarpura in Jodhpur since 1998 and during the Lok Sabha elections, Vaibhav lost from this assembly segment as well by a margin of almost 19,000 votes.

Mumbai T20

from May 14 to May 26 — all the matches were played at the Wankhede Stadium and telecast live on Star Sports.

Of the eight teams that participated this time, North Mumbai Panthers, Arcs Andheri, Sobo Superonics and Aakash Tigers MWS made it to the semifinals.

Last year, in a bid to combat corruption in domestic T20 leagues, the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) had issued guidelines to state associations that host such tournaments to provide details of team owners, officials, managers and sponsors.

The MCA has an anti-corruption unit and has conducted awareness sessions for cricketers under its watch. Former BCCI anti-corruption unit (ACU) consultant Neeraj Kumar had earlier turned the spotlight on second-tier T20 tournaments during his stint with the board.

"Now having joined the BCCI, I see so much of it happening. Fortunately, I can say with some amount of authority and conviction that our national team at this point of time is above board. But in the second rung and third rung, the B tiers and C tiers, the premier leagues including the Karnataka Premier League, a lot of hanky panky goes on," the retired IPS officer had said.

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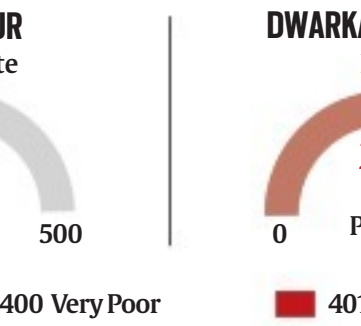
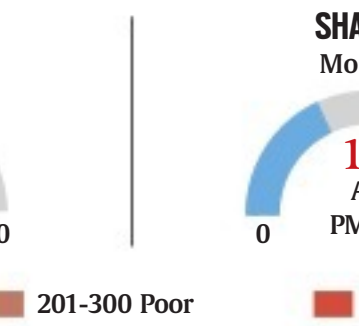
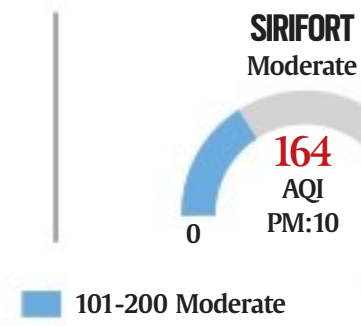
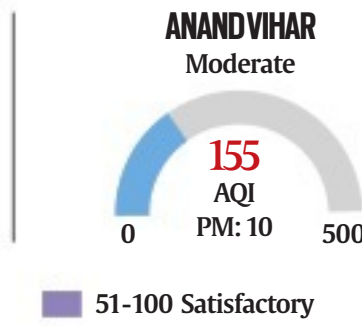
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Ghaziabad cops collect Rs 2.3 lakh for colleague's treatment

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, JUNE 4

A POLICE station in Ghaziabad has raised Rs 2.3 lakh in cash to support the cancer treatment of a police officer. Staff at Sahibabad police station donated parts of their salary to constable Mansur Ahmed to help finance his treatment for blood cancer, which was diagnosed more than a year ago.

A cheque was handed over to Ahmed and his brother at Sahibabad police station on Tuesday in the Circle Officer's presence.

"He is a very able policeman. He has been discharging his duties very honestly and diligently. Since his diagnosis, his family has been incurring hefty medical expenses. So, we all decided to contribute. We have a staff of almost 200 people, and everyone contributed as much as they could. We hope the money we have collected helps solve his problems," said Jitendra Kumar Singh, SHO Sahibabad.

The money was entirely raised by Sahibabad police station, including non-police personnel. The contributions ranged from Rs 50 to thousands, all from their salaries.

Originally from Moradabad, Ahmed has served for more than 15 years in the Uttar Pradesh Police.

He has been receiving treatment in Delhi's Sri Ganga Ram Hospital for the past several months. He lives with his family and brother in Ghaziabad.

"A policeman's life is tough, and we must help out when in need. We hope Mansur gets healthy soon and we are looking forward to seeing him at work again," SHO Singh said.

To pressure woman to marry him, man abducts her child to UP

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A 28-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested for allegedly kidnapping a nine-year-old girl, to mount pressure on the child's mother to marry him, police said.

The accused, Kamlesh, works as a mason and has been staying in Delhi for the last 12 years. "He came in contact with the woman when she hired him for repairs at her house. He gradually grew fond of her and asked her to marry him. When she refused, he allegedly hatched a plan to kidnap her child to pressure the woman," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Rohini) SD Mishra.

Police tracked the accused and the girl through CCTV footage, which showed them boarding the Sampark Kranti Express to Uttar

Pradesh. "The girl's photographs were shared with local police, and GRP personnel posted at Mahoba railway station apprehended the accused," Mishra said.

According to police, the girl went missing on June 2 from Rohini, where her mother works as a domestic help. According to police, the woman has three daughters and a son. Her husband had abandoned the family a few years ago, police said.

The last time the girl was seen was around 2 pm, near an egg seller's stall. CCTV footage then showed her being taken by a man on a motorcycle, who could not be traced.

Police then looked into an earlier footage of the child speaking to a boy from the neighbourhood, who was tracked. "The boy gave us the identity of the accused..." Mishra said.

Man duped of Rs 35 lakh by Facebook 'friend'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

A 33-YEAR-OLD Nigerian national was arrested Monday for allegedly duping people of money after befriending them on Facebook. The accused, Arthur Okeke, would pose as "a woman living abroad" on social media, police said.

A complaint against Okeke was registered last August at Vikaspuri police station by a retired government official who alleged the accused, who posed as one Grace Dennis, took over Rs 35 lakh from him, police said.

DCP (West) Monika Bhardwaj said, "The complainant said he came in contact with one Grace Dennis on Facebook and they became friends. The accused allegedly informed him that her mother was suffering from a serious ailment and was admitted to a hospital in India, for which he needed money."

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56-S	Sidharth Nagar	Dharam Veer Maan Marg
57-S	Lajpat Nagar	DDA open land near Zonal Office Building, Lajpat Nagar-II
58-S	Kasturba Nagar	Open land near EE (Project)-II Office under Sewa Nagar Flyover (Near Dhalo)
58-S	Kasturba Nagar	Toe of Bisham Pitamah Marg Flyover opp. JLN Stadium
59-S	Andrews Ganj	Srinivaspur Nallah adjacent to PWD office near Kodya Basti
89-S	Sri Niwas Puri	Sukhdev Vihar Main Road along drain from Mathura Road to Escort Hospital
89-S	Sri Niwas Puri	Sri Niwaspur Main Road near Gurdwara Camp along Railway line
89-S	Sri Niwas Puri	Service Road along Captain Gaur Marg opposite Okhla Subzi Mandi.
91-S	Govind Puri	Road along DDA Park near Govindpur Metro Station
93-S	Tughlakabad	Near Pocket-10, Kalkaji Extn.
95-S	Badarpur	Tajpur Mines

NAJAFGARH ZONE		
WARD	Ward name	Location of Dumping Sites for Malba
35-S	Kakraula	Najafgarh Drain near Kakroia Village
37-S	Matalia	Mansaram Park
40-S	Ghuman Hera	Low lying area near C&D waste plant in Ghumanhera
41-S	Gopal Nagar	Low lying area Mungeshpur Drain in Jharoda Kalan.
45-S	Isapur	Near back of Rest House Dhansa
52-S	Mahavir Enclave	Vijay Enclave

SOUTH ZONE		
WARD	Ward name	Location of Dumping Sites for Malba
64-S	Vasant Vihar	Near Guru Harkishan Public School Poorvi Marg
67-S	Lado Sarai	Opposite Petrol Pump near Bus Stand, Lado Sarai
68-S	Mehrauli	Near Machilwala Park Kishangarh
68-S	Vasant Kunj	Open Space near Dhalao opp. Kishan Garh Village
69-S	Vasant Kunj	Low lying area near Rajokari Village
69-S	Vasant Kunj	Open land near Masoodpur Dairy Vasant Kunj
70-S	Chhatrapur	100ft. road Chhatrapur
70-S	Qutab Metro	Open space near Qutab Metro Station along Nallah
71-S	Said-ul-Ajaib	Low lying area near Maindan Garhi Village
72-S	Bhati	Near toll tax booth on PWD Road near Bhati Village
73-S	Aya Nagar	Low lying area near Aya Nagar
74-S	Dakshin puri	Bandh Road Sangam Vihar and G Block Sangam Vihar
75-S	Tigri	Bandh Road Sangam Vihar and G Block Sangam Vihar
76-S	Devli	Bandh Road Sangam Vihar and G Block Sangam Vihar
77-S	Sangam Vihar-A	Bandh Road Sangam Vihar and G Block Sangam Vihar

WEST ZONE		
WARD	Ward name	Location of Dumping Sites for Malba
01-S	Madipur	SDMC JE Store Madipur JJ Colony, Madipur Bus Stand
02-S	Punjabi Bagh	SDMC JE Store Road No.41 in front of Church, Punjabi Bagh
03-S	Raja Garden	Near Guddar Mohalla Dhalao, Basai Darapur
04-S	Raghubir Nagar	SDMC JE Store, C-Block, Raghubir Nagar near dhalao
05-S	Rajouri Garden	SDMC JE Store, Tagore Garden
07-S	Vishnu Garden	SDMC JE Store, A-Block, JJ Colony, Khyala
08-S	Khyala	NW Chowk, Khyala
09-S	Subhash Nagar	Near SDMC JE Store Opp. 6/4, Subhash Nagar opp Cambridge School
10-S	Hari Nagar -A	SDMC JE Store, Pratap Nagar, Khajan Basti opp. Community Hall
11-S	Partap Nagar	In front of Jheel Wala Park
12-S	Keshopur	Open Ground behind Petrol Pump on Road no 235 Vikaspuri, Keshopur Industrial Area
13-S	Tilak Nagar	Near Seheed Bhagat Singh Park, Tilak Vihar
13-S	Tilak Nagar	Above covered Subhash Nagar Drain near Sant Garh Crossing
15-S	Janakpuri West	Open space opposite Municipal Store adjoining SDMC Community Hall, Janakpuri
15-S	Janakpuri West	Open Ground near FCTS on Pankha Road, A-1 block Janakpuri
16-S	Janakpuri South	Service lane of Pankha Road near Culvert adjoining Shakuntla Nursing Home
20-S	Vikas Puri	Opposite Manocha Apartment at road no. 236
21-S	Hastal	SLF Holi Chowk, Hastal
24-S	Bapraula	Open land of DSIDC opposite to Shamshan Ghat of Bapraula village
25-S	Mohan Garden (South)	Near U.G.R. Mohan Garden
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ASKS WOMEN ABOUT VIEWS ON SAFETY, SAVINGS

Free Metro for women: For public feedback, Sisodia hops on the bus

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

ANITA DEVI takes promises with a pinch of salt. Till 4 pm Tuesday, she didn't take the possibility of free commute from Dwarka to Central Delhi's Shahjahan Road and back seriously. "Humko laga ye mazaak hai (We thought it was a joke)," she said, waiting to catch a bus home after work.

Over the years, Devi has been promised her job will be regularised. Yet, she continues to be a contractual employee with the Union Public Services Commission (UPSC), earning Rs 10,000 a month.

But around 4.15 pm, Anita — alongside Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia — was busy calculating the potential savings she can make after the Delhi government's proposal comes into effect.

For Sisodia, the UPSC headquarters bus stop on Shahjahan Road was the third pit stop as part of his two-and-a-half hour hop-on, hop-off journey between Indraprastha and Connaught Place on DTC and orange cluster buses, meant to gather public feedback on the proposal to offer free rides to women in Delhi's buses and the Metro.

Sisodia boarded eight buses along the way and spoke to several women, including students, who were supportive of the proposal for factors such as "savings" and "safety". Some were just excited about the prospect of being able to take the Metro.

As he urged every woman to share if they supported the move for safety or savings, the response was near unanimous — "both". In a few cases, positive responses were peppered with apprehensions that throwing open the Metro in such a manner might encourage pickpockets.

Anubhuti, a student of Delhi University, said the steep hike in Metro fares had pushed her to switch to buses. Sonam, a stu-



Sisodia speaks to a commuter on a bus, Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

dent of Jijabai Industrial Training Institute, said she will be able to save up to Rs 1,500 per month.

"For someone who earns a lakh per month, the savings aren't perhaps needed, but we have to consider it from the point of view of a person who earns Rs 10,000," Sisodia later said.

From Shahjahan Road, Sisodia took DTC bus 502, which goes to Mehrauli, and travelled till Jor Bagh. Uma Devi (42), a resident of Palam who sells cosmetics door to door, told Sisodia that while she wasn't aware of the announcement, the move will help her earn more. When one commuter asked how the government plans to foot the bill, Sisodia said: "Sarkar ke paas paisa ki kami nahi hai. We often don't realise that we are paying taxes to the government even while buying a matchbox. Unlike others, we are not misappropriating that money."

Sisodia later told *The Indian Express* that he found that once the scheme is implemented, most working class women will overcome the "psychological barrier" that the Metro is not for them.

Among those opposing move: Men on the Metro

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

"TRAINS OVERRUN by female pickpockets" and "a Metro suffering losses like the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC)" — the Delhi Metro Tuesday was abuzz with talk about the AAP government's proposal, and many men appeared to be having none of it.

For them, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's announcement was "irrational", and a rebate, they said, should be offered to senior citizens and the poor.

"It is obvious that Kejriwal has lost all sense of proportion after the Lok Sabha debacle. The proposal will only encourage women of a certain class to while away their time in AC Metro and indulge in picking pockets..." said a Union Government official returning home in the evening.

Ajay Sharma (46), a chartered accountant, said that the move is a "cheap publicity stunt and won't ensure any safety for women".

Sharma, who spends Rs 3,000 a month on public transport commute from Gurgaon to West Delhi, suggested "the freebie scheme will fail because the number of women who can't afford the travel is minuscule".

Ajay John, a student, said the proposal should have only elderly women under its ambit: "Young women who take the Metro daily and hardly spend Rs 30-35 a day don't need this scheme."

However, some male voices, like that of Ravinder Kumar (38), backed the move: "We are still coming to terms with the December 2012 gangrape. Such incidents will not take place if our public transport system is more welcoming towards women."

'Can extend scheme to trans people'

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE DELHI government is open to the idea of including transgender and the differently abled in the list of people who will be exempt from paying fare for using public transport, said Jasmine Shah, vice-chairperson of the Dialogue and Development Commission.

The commission, an advisory body of the Delhi government, is behind the proposal to make Metro rides free for women.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Shah said, "Some of these concerns have reached us and we are not averse to including more people in the ambit. First, we want the proposal in the current form to be implemented and its impact assessed. This is an experiment, whose scope can be broadened if it turns out to be successful."

Disability activist Satendra Singh had written to CM Kejriwal on Monday, requesting him that the scheme also include the differently abled.

Kejriwal had on Monday announced that travel on public transportation will be made free for all women, adding that those who do not want the subsidy are free to opt out. Departments and agencies concerned have been asked to work out implementation plans and modalities within a week's time. The draft will then be sent to the Cabinet, approval from which will see it being put forth in the Delhi Assembly.

"The first marker will be the change in ridership. If it goes up, it will be a clear indication that the policy is working. We will also commission spot surveys to assess the impact," said Shah.

As mercury soars, Aqua Line hits 20,000 mark

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, JUNE 4

RIDERSHIP ON Noida Metro Rail Corporation's (NMRC) Aqua Line hit the 20,000 mark Monday — the highest since its operations began in January this year. The peak ridership comes a day after the NMRC increased the frequency of Metro trains on weekdays — from 10 minutes to 7 minutes and 30 seconds during peak hours, and from 15 minutes to 10 minutes during non-peak hours.

However, trains will run on the increased frequency only on weekdays. On weekends, the trains will run every 15 minutes.

According to NMRC officials, 20,614 passengers used the Aqua

SPIKE IN RIDERSHIP

January (26-31)	71,113
February	2,84,191
March	3,80,506
April	4,53,568
May (1-20)	3,13,537

Line Monday to travel between Sector 51 and Depot Station in Greater Noida. Before this, Aqua Line had recorded its highest ridership in May at 19,413.

An NMRC official said that soaring temperatures helped spike the ridership in the last two weeks. "NMRC has been working tirelessly since the commencement of its operations on January 26....The most important reason

behind the increase in ridership is improved connectivity between Aqua Line and DMRC's Blue Line stations with the help of dedicated pathways, as well as e-rickshaw service between Sector 51 of Aqua Line and Sector 52 Metro Station of the Blue Line..." said NMRC.

The connecting route between Sector 51 Aqua Line Metro Station and Sector 52 of the DMRC's Blue Line is, however, yet to see light of the day.

"The land belongs to Noida Authority. They have opened tenders for construction on the plot between the stations. We can't give a timeline since the authority is yet to complete the tendering process," an NMRC spokesperson said.

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Leak alleged in JNU entrance exam

New Delhi: As the JNU Entrance Examinations were conducted completely online by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for the first time, purported photos of one of its question papers circulating on WhatsApp have led to suspicions of a leak. The photos show papers with handwritten questions and four options in MCQ format. A JNUSU councillor from NSUI said, "The question remains how somebody could have written down questions and options, and exited after the exam. Papers were not allowed inside the exam hall." Director, NTA said no complaint has been received from the varsity.

Eid: Personnel deployed in Gurgaon

Gurgaon: A year after controversy erupted over the practice of conducting Friday prayers in the open in Gurgaon, after a group of men disrupted prayers at a vacant plot in Sector 53, officials said that on Eid this year, 11 duty magistrates and two reserve duty magistrates have been deployed across the city to ensure prayers proceed smoothly.

Man sells fake branded clothes, held

New Delhi: The District Investigation Unit (DIU) of the West district arrested a 61-year-old man Tuesday for allegedly supplying fake branded clothes in several parts of Delhi. Police said the accused, Amarjeet Singh Dhugal, had been supplying fake branded clothes for the past four years.

Man held for killing wife

New Delhi: A 30-year-old man was arrested for allegedly killing his wife in Northern range after he suspected her of having an illicit relationship. The juvenile nephew of the accused was also apprehended for his alleged involvement in the crime.

Magistrate duped

New Delhi: A Metropolitan Magistrate has approached Delhi Police claiming that Rs 35,000 was fraudulently withdrawn from his bank account. Police said a complaint has been filed. ENS

DAY AFTER HARSH VARDHAN COMMUNICATION

Will not implement Ayushman Bharat, says Delhi Health Minister

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

A DAY after Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan wrote to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal requesting him to join Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mega healthcare scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY), Delhi's Health Minister Satyendar Jain has refused to implement it in the city.

Also known as 'Medicare', it has been adopted by 33 states and Union Territories while Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha and Delhi are yet to take a decision. The name of the health scheme has been a bone of contention between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and the National Health Authority (NHA). The AAP government had asked the NHA to rename the scheme to Mukhya Mantri Aam Aadmi Swasthya Bima Yojana — Ayushman Bharat in Delhi.



GTB Hospital witnesses an average of 7,200-7,500 patients per day in the OPD. Archive

After a surprise visit to Guru Tegh Bahadur (GTB) Hospital Tuesday, Jain criticised the scheme and said that the ruling BJP needs to improve its implementation. Delhi government's GTB hospital witnesses an average of 7,200-7,500 patients per day in the OPD, out of which a large number are from neighbouring states such as Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.

"The scheme is merely on pa-

per. The central government has implemented it in other states but still, these patients are coming to Delhi government hospitals for treatment. Delhi has a population of over 2 crore and this scheme can benefit only 10 lakh; what is the point of implementing it here? We are not going to implement the scheme, and will rather provide treatment to every patient visiting hospitals. We will not pick and choose," Jain said.

The healthcare scheme launched by the PM in his Independence Day speech last year has been implemented in five government and 16 private hospitals in the capital. The central government-run hospitals — AllMS and Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) — were among the first institutes to adopt the healthcare scheme.

Taking charge Monday, Harsh Vardhan said he will write to the Chief Ministers of the five states where the scheme has not been implemented. So far, the scheme has benefitted 2,360 patients in the capital.

The NHA, which had earlier decided not to approach the Delhi government after multiple failed attempts, remains hopeful of a solution. "A letter has been sent by the Union Health Minister to the Delhi CM requesting him to join the scheme. They also had a telephonic conversation in which the CM suggested to have a meeting with the NHA. We are hopeful to take the development forward," Indu Bhushan, CEO of NHA, told

The Indian Express.

A Delhi government spokesperson said: "The Chief Minister had a word with the Union Health Minister today over phone in which he told him how the Delhi Healthcare Model was better than Ayushman Bharat. Comparing the two schemes, the CM suggested that the healthcare model of Delhi should be replicated all over India. Ayushman Bharat has a cap of Rs 5 lakhs, but it is totally free in Delhi even if the bill is Rs 15 lakhs."

BJP chief Manoj Tiwari said: "Once the scheme is implemented in Delhi, residents will have another reason to support Modi. It is clear that the AAP government doesn't want to work for Delhi's people."

Under the scheme, medical and hospitalisation expenses for almost all secondary care and most tertiary care procedures will be covered. The target is to cover more than 100 million families belonging to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population.

Probe states jailmate, not official, branded Tihar undertrial with 'Om'

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED by Tihar Jail authorities after an undertrial alleged an 'Om' symbol was branded on his back with hot metal, has concluded that the complainant, Nabbir, levelled "false allegations" against the jail superintendent. Instead, he was branded by one of his associates inside the jail premises, using "lime powder and bleaching powder", the probe concluded.

The matter came to light when Nabbir, lodged in the High Risk Ward of Jail No. 4, filed an application alleging that on April 12, jail authorities had thrashed him, carved the symbol with hot metal



Nabbir had claimed in court that the jail official branded him

and forced him to fast. He took off his T-shirt in a court to show the symbol branded on his back, which he alleged was the handiwork of a jail superintendent. The court had ordered jail authorities to inquire into the matter and submit a report.

Nabbir told Metropolitan Magistrate Richa Parihar the superintendent not only denied him food for two days in the name of Navratra, but also told

him that he would convert him to Hinduism. His family then informed his counsel, Jagmohan Singh, who in turn moved an application in Karkardooma court.

Sources told The Indian Express that an inquiry was conducted by a DIG-rank officer after forming a team and they scanned CCTV footage from Jail No. 4, where Nabbir was kept earlier. A senior officer claimed: "During investigation, it was found that he appeared before the superintendent in his office on April 12, but left within minutes. Security personnel conducted his frisking when he was leaving, but he had not complained of any pain when they touched him."

Sources said the inquiry team attached the CCTV footage in their report, wherein they also

claimed that after April 12, he was playing badminton on jail premises. Nabbir, who has been in prison for the last 15 months, was arrested in 2016 under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) and Arms Act. "The inquiry team met some of his associates and came to know he had allegedly taken help from one of them," an official claimed.

When contacted, Nabbir's counsel, Jagmohan Singh said, "The court has asked to apply for a certified copy of the inquiry report. But his family has refused to pursue the matter."

Tihar spokesperson AIG Rajkumar said the report was prepared by a DIG-rank officer. "The matter is sub judice and we cannot comment," he said.

17-yr-old's body found on tracks

Gurgaon: A 17-year-old girl was allegedly gangraped and murdered in Palwal on the night of June 1-2, with her parents naming two minor boys from a neighbouring village in the FIR. Police said the teenager disappeared from her home on Saturday night, after a phone call from one of the accused.

"She left home with her father's phone, and had left her own phone behind. On checking her phone, her father found she had received a call around midnight," said Ajay Kumar, SHO, GRP, Faridabad.

Around 7.30 am Sunday, the girl's body was found on the railway line in Palwal. Her father alleged she was abducted from home by the two boys and sexually assaulted near the tracks.

"Only the postmortem can confirm if there was any sexual assault," said the SHO. ENS

Despite court order, bulldozers arrive again in Shakur Basti

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

DEMOLITION HAS reared its head in Shakur Basti again, two-and-a-half months after the Delhi High Court ordered against any eviction there before arrangements for rehabilitation are made.

On May 31, twelve shanties in the outermost portion of the large jhuggi-jhopdi (JJ) cluster were torn down in the afternoon under directions of the Indian Railways. Residents of neighbouring shanties said they too had been asked to gather their belongings and vacate the area.

On Metro pillars a short dis-

ance away from the homes, residents found a piece of paper on March 23, signed in the name of the Indian Railways, stating: "You are all informed to vacate the railway land before March 24, otherwise strict action will be taken through railways administration and land will be cleared. You will be responsible for difficulties caused by the action."

Residents say this is the first demolition exercise which has taken place in the settlement after the December 2015 demolition — also carried out by the railways — wherein around 5,000 people had lost their homes and during which a six-month-old baby had died. A petition in the High Court had resulted in a stay



The Shakur Basti settlement came up on land owned by the Indian Railways. Abhinav Saha

on all such activity, until the judgment in March this year made it clear that there was no imminent

possibility of the eviction of residents until a survey is conducted, arrangements for their rehabili-

tation are made, and if relocation is required, they are given adequate time to move to a new site. This principle was to be followed in the case of any eviction in the city.

Structures destroyed in last week's eviction were made of tarpaulin, cloth sheets and sticks — the uncertainty of the last few years meant that the residents had not rebuilt pucca homes since 2015.

"A bulldozer and policemen came at around noon and tore down 12 homes. Why do they need bulldozers to tear down these flimsy structures? We haven't been given a reason why this happened again," said Mohammad Mustakeem (30),

whose home was among those destroyed.

His wife and four children are currently living in the open, as the capital experiences a harsh summer. The homes demolished are in Shakur Basti's A block, which has a total of 70 homes, residents of all of which have been asked to leave.

On Monday, Virendra Kohli, pradhan of the settlement, distributed Hindi copies of the High Court judgment among residents of the block.

"We are still living here because of the court. We met our MLA Satyendar Jain the day after the demolition and he told us action will be taken, but we haven't heard anything after that. We will

have to go to court again and will do so soon," said Kohli.

When contacted, the Divisional Railway Manager said: "There is a difference between 'soft encroachment', which comes up from time to time, and that of a longer term which the High Court's order is regarding. We regularly carry out clearing of soft encroachment, which often poses a safety hazard, on our land. The homes which were cleared must have been of that nature."

Residents however claimed to have been living there for at least 15 years, and most of them earn livelihood loading and unloading cement sacks from trains which arrive at Shakur Basti station.

Government of Tamil Nadu
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
e-procurement - Re-Tender
R.C.No. 0997 / 2019 / A9 dt. 03.06.2019

Invitation of Tender Schedule in two cover system for the Procurement of battery operated E-cart vehicle to the 144 Village Panchayats in the Panchayat Unions of Kancheepuram District under SWM Activities.

1. Approximate value of supply Rs. 875.00 Lakh.
2. Value of EMD is Rs. 8,75,000/-.
3. Bid documents in English may be uploaded in the website www.tntenders.gov.in from 04.06.2019 to 03.07.2019 upto 16.00 hrs.
4. Last Date and Time of uploading of Bid documents upto 16.00 hrs on 03.07.2019.
5. Date and Time of downloading of technical bid documents on 04.07.2019 from 16.00 hrs onwards.
6. Other particulars are published in the respective tender schedules in the website www.tntenders.gov.in

DIPR/1861/Tender/2019 Project Director, R.D. DRDA, Kancheepuram.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

S.N.	N.I.T. No.	NIT-11-19-20-W-2
1.	Name of work with its location	Hiring of Vehicle for inspection of Sr. DEN-II/DLI, ADEN/ GZB, MUT & SMQL.
2.	Approx. cost of work	Rs. 3498640.00/-
3.	Earnest money	Rs. 70000/- (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
4.	Completion Period	20 Months
5.	Cost of Tender on Cash/ by post	Rs. 3800/- (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
6.	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	18.06.2019 to 02.07.2019 upto 15.00 hrs. Opening of tender 02.07.2019 at 15.00 hrs. on
7.	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

NIT-11-19-20-W-2 Dated: 04.06.2019 179519
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REPAIRING WORKS AT LUMDING DIVISION
E-Tender Notice No. LMG/Engg/58 of 2019 Dated: 03-06-2019. Work tenders through E-Tendering System are invited for the following works:
Brief Description of Item: Repairs to existing damaged & cracked washable apron of L/3, L/4, L/5 & L/6 at Lumding station yard. Tender Value: ₹1,05,13,922/-. Earnest Money: ₹2,02,570/-.
Date & time of Closing of E-Tender: 25-06-2019 and opened at 26-06-2019.
The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 25-06-2019 in the website www.ireps.gov.in
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NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
The Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction, N.Rly., Moradabad for and on behalf of president of India invites open E-tender under Single Packet System for the above noted work:- 1. Name of work and location: Hiring of 01 Number non AC vehicle such as Jeep, Gypsy, Tata Sumo same segment vehicle for Three years for the use of Executive Engineer/Const, N.Railway, Moradabad under Dy Chief Engineer/Const, N.Railway Moradabad. 2. Completion period : 36 (Thirty Six) months. 3. Approx. Cost of the work: Rs. 13.50 Lacs (Thirteen Lakh fifty thousand only) 4. Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs.27000.00 (Twenty seven thousand only) 5. Date & Time for uploading of tender and Opening of tender: Tender may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on 28.06.2019 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidder can participate in the e-tender. The bid will be opened immediately after the close of uploading of tender on 28.06.2019 at 11.30 hrs. Detailed tender notice & tender document: The detail e-tender notice is available on Northern railway web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. above tender documents will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 14.06.2019 to 28.06.2019, up to 11.30 hrs. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tender are given in tender documents. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the notice board of the above offer. No. 1-W/Tender-266-A/Dy.CE/CMB-NIT Dt.: 03.06.2019 1791/19
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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY E-Tendering Notice
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Mechanical Workshop, N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur for & behalf of President of India invites "OPEN" E-Tender through online (e-tendering) for the following work:
Tender No. & Description of work Approx. Value E.M.D. Money
EL-WS-GKP-2019-02: Provision of LED Lights in TL/EMU/MEMU 2000 Nos. Coaches (CN-1200 Nos., GS-500, SLR-100, ACCN-150 and ACCW-500 Nos.) during POH in Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur. ₹ 8,00,20,702/- ₹ 5,50,100/-
Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter : 08 Months
E-tender online will be submitted upto 15:00 Hrs. on dated 27.06.2019.
For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway IREPS official website www.ireps.gov.in
CPRO.EL-23 Dy. Chief Elect. Engg. (WS)/N.E.R., Gorakhpur
About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955
"DO NOT TRAVEL WITH INFLAMMABLE ARTICLE IN TRAIN"

CCU, MoEF & CC INVITING e-TENDERS
The Executive Engineer, CED-II, Civil Construction Unit, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, 7th Floor, Pt. Deen Dayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003, invites on behalf of the President of India on-line percentage rate bids from approved and eligible contractors of Composite category of CPWD for the following works:
NIT No. 01/e-NIT/CE/CCU/EE/CED-II/2019-20, Name of work: Construction of all weather Swimming Pool of size 25m x 21m x 1.35m (shallow end) -1.80m (deep end) including all allied buildings, services & facilities for IGFA at Dehradun (SH: Civil and Electrical works). Estimated Cost: ₹11,30,70,251/-, (Civil works: ₹8,23,78,219/-, + Electrical Works ₹3,06,92,032/-, Earnest Money: ₹21,30,703/-, Period of Completion: 12 Months + 36 Months for operation & maintenance. Last time and date of submission of Bid: 25.06.2019 upto 03:00 PM.
The bid forms and other details can be downloaded from the website https://moefcc.tenderuniwizard.com

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 07.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvnpn.org.in.	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.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 07.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvnpn.org.in.	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
3.	HVPNL	12/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 10.09.2018 (TENDER ID: 98263)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 07.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvnpn.org.in.	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
4.	HVPNL	16/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 03.10.2018 (TENDER ID: 100770)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 07.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvnpn.org.in.	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
5.	HVPNL	26/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 04.02.2019 (TENDER ID: 115037)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 07.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvnpn.org.in.	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.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 07.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvnpn.org.in.	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
7.	HVPNL	28/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 06.02.2019 (TENDER ID: 115557)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 07.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvnpn.org.in.	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
8.	HVPNL	06/TS-SRS/2018-19 DATED 25.07.2018 (TENDER ID: 93051)	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 07.06.2019 (11.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvnpn.org.in.	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in

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POST BUZZ

WHILE THE BJP's choice for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker remains a matter of suspense, there is speculation that six-time BJD member Bhartruhari Mahtab may be the Deputy Speaker. Mahtab, the son of former Odisha Chief Minister Hare Krushna Mahtab, has the experience, temperament and intellectual gravitas needed for the job, but he is not in the BJP, nor even the NDA. However, as the BJP had given the post of Deputy Speaker to Thambi Durai of the AIADMK in 2014, rumours are rife that the party may offer it to the BJD, which is outside the NDA fold this time.

SAPLING SELFIE

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER Prakash Javadekar has hit the ground running with a plan to celebrate World Environment Day on June 5. He has urged people to plant a sapling and take a selfie with it. The ministry plans to upload these pictures with the hashtag #selfiewithsapling. To kick off the drive, and continuing with its celebrity streak, the ministry has invited former cricketer Kapil Dev and actor Jackie Shroff to plant saplings at the ministry headquarters at Indira Paryavaran Bhavan on Wednesday morning.

COMRADES CALLING

SENIOR LEFT leaders D Raja and MA Baby will be off to Turkey this week to attend a two-day meeting of the working group of International Meeting of Communist and Workers' parties. Communist parties in many parts of the world are facing an existential crisis. Although the invitation was accepted much earlier, the Communist parties in India too are reeling from a major electoral setback and staring at a deep crisis like their counterparts from many countries. It will be interesting to see how they explain the Left's electoral decimation to the foreign comrades.

Vikhe Patil resigns from Congress, likely to join BJP

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE
MUMBAI, JUNE 4



Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil

SENIOR CONGRESS leader Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil on Tuesday resigned from the Congress, setting the stage for formally joining the BJP next week. Former minister and Congress' Abdul Sattar also tendered his resignation from the party, following in the footsteps of Vikhe Patil. Both tendered their resignations to Speaker of the State Legislature Assembly Haribhau Bagde.

Although Vikhe Patil's resignation from the Congress was a foregone conclusion, it has set the process for other disenfranchised Congress members to look for an alternative in the BJP ahead of the crucial Assembly elections. The Assembly elections in Maharashtra are scheduled in September-October this year. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has already received feelers from at least eight Congress-NCP members eager to join the BJP, sources said.

"I had already submitted my resignation as Opposition leader last month. Today, I resigned from the Congress. I am not

averse to joining the BJP. A formal decision on both time and place will be decided by Fadnavis," Vikhe Patil told *The Indian Express*. On the possibility of his induction in the Maharashtra Cabinet, he said, "It's solely the jurisdiction of the chief minister. I have not imposed any condition."

"I have always practised developmental politics, which is in larger well-being of the people. I have reasons to believe that my new innings will help me take my development work forward," he added.

The resignation of Sattar, who is a close aide of state Congress president Ashok Chavan, has also created a flutter in the party. "There are eight to ten MLAs who are eagerly waiting to resign from the Congress and join the BJP," he claimed.

JDS Karnataka chief quits, cites lack of coordination in alliance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 4

THE PRESIDENT of the Karnataka unit of the JD(S) Tuesday submitted his resignation to party president H D Deve Gowda, citing the party's loss in the Lok Sabha elections and a general lack of coordination in the JD(S)-Congress alliance in the state.

Among other points in his letter, A H Vishwanath, an MLA from Hunsur in Mysore and a Congress leader till 2017, has cited the dominance of his bete noire and Congress leader Siddaramaiah as a reason for his resignation.

"The government has not been able to perform to the expectations of the people except for a couple of areas. I have to say that I am disappointed as the state party president. Kumaraswamy has run the government to the best of his capabilities despite his allies causing problems," the JD(S) leader stated.

"I was not included in the coalition coordination committee. My views and that of Dinesh Gundu Rao (state Congress chief) were not heard in the coordination committee. Siddaramaiah dominated the committee and made it his puppet," the JD(S) leader has stated.

He also blamed the Congress and its leaders for the loss suffered by former PM H D Deve

EXPLAINED Karnataka BJP watches, waits

VETERAN LEADERS in the Congress-JD(S) alliance seem to be trying to dent Siddaramaiah's influence over the coalition government. The veterans' assertion also shows that the Congress-JD(S) ship has sprung leaks which may become difficult to contain. After showing initial haste in bringing down the alliance, the Opposition BJP in Karnataka is now waiting to see if the coalition will collapse under the weight of its own contradictions.

Gowda and chief minister H D Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil Kumaraswamy in the Lok Sabha elections. The JD(S) contested seven of 28 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka and managed to register a win in only one seat like its ally Congress.

Vishwanath also alleged that Congress leaders in Mandya joined hands to defeat Nikhil Kumaraswamy and laid a trap for Gowda's defeat in Tumkur. "Your loss in Tumkur has hurt me and the whole party. The Congress compelled you to contest from Tumkur by not conceding the Mysore seat despite our requests. They conspired to cause your defeat," Vishwanath said.

Due to health reasons, the Hunsur MLA was neither part of the Lok Sabha poll campaign and nor had been considered for a Cabinet post last year. He was re-

portedly among the JD(S) MLAs to have been approached by the BJP last year to topple the coalition government. Vishwanath had, however, denied the reports.

Vishwanath left the Congress after joining it in 1978 to be part of the JD(S), citing differences with then CM Siddaramaiah - his rival from the OBC Kuruba community and the Mysore region. His position in the JD(S) has been largely ceremonial with party decisions and plans being the exclusive domain of Deve Gowda and Kumaraswamy.

Vishwanath has been engaged in a war of words with his arch rival Siddaramaiah since the Lok Sabha poll loss in Karnataka. Last week, he accused Siddaramaiah's supporters of violating "coalition dharma" by openly wishing for the Congress leader to be Chief Minister again.

Siddaramaiah accused Vishwanath of the same for questioning his contributions to the state as chief minister.

Vishwanath, who praised Narendra Modi when he took oath as Prime Minister, has denied that his resignation as party chief is linked to a possible alignment with the BJP. He has, however, stated that he would be interested in becoming a minister again if given the chance.

The JD(S) state president is not the only veteran to express anguish over the alliance at a time the coalition is planning a Cabinet expansion to stall a rebellion in its ranks which could otherwise lead to the BJP staking a claim to form government.

Congress veteran Ramalinga Reddy had also said that the Congress uses senior leaders to fight elections but discards them when it comes to government posts.

"Senior Congress leaders need to protect the principles of the party. At the same time they must guard against seniors leaving the party. At this rate it would be difficult for seniors to remain in the party," Reddy, a former minister who was denied a cabinet berth, said in a series of tweets.

Senior Congress leaders like Roshan Baig and H K Patil, who are aspiring to be ministers, have also spoken out against the party's policies in the aftermath of the Lok Sabha polls.

Shah holds meet with top Cabinet ministers on oil

Briefed about security, development projects in J&K at separate meeting

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4



Amit Shah

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Tuesday held a high-level meeting with top Cabinet ministers including Foreign Minister S Jaishankar, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Railways and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan at his North Block office. Sources said the meeting was related to petroleum trade and issues in trade with Mozambique.

On his way to the meeting, Pradhan told *The Indian Express* that he was going to meet his party chief. His arrival was preceded by a meeting between Shah and Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant.

An official privy to details of the meeting said, "It was related to some technical aspects of the petroleum sector." No further details were shared by the Home Ministry on the subject. While Jaishankar, Pradhan and Goyal left within an hour, Sitharaman stayed longer.

BJP leaders Bhupendra Yadav and Uma Bharati had also come visiting Shah, but they maintained they had nothing to do with the meeting of Cabinet ministers and

that they had come to meet Shah in his capacity of BJP president.

Earlier, Shah held a meeting on Jammu and Kashmir, where Additional Secretary Gyanesh Kumar gave a detailed presentation on the security situation in the Valley, pending development projects and the challenges ahead. The meeting was also attended by Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba, Secretary Border Management B R Sharma and officials from J&K division of the ministry.

Sources said that matters related to big-ticket projects flagged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi were discussed, apart from security for Amarnath Yatra. The state has asked for 300 companies of paramilitary forces to secure Amarnath Yatra in the wake of the Pulwama attack. The Home Minister also held a meeting with officials of the North East division, where Joint Secretary Satyendra Garg briefed Shah about situation in the Northeast. 9



(Clockwise) Nitin Gadkari takes charge as Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways at Transport Bhavan, Harsimrat Kaur Badal as Union Minister for Food Processing, and Arvind Sawant as Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise, at New Delhi on Tuesday. Anil Sharma, Prem Nath Pandey



Centre set to reintroduce Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill in House

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

AFTER FAILING to get it through Rajya Sabha in the previous term, the Modi government is set to reintroduce the Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill in Parliament, possibly in the ensuing session.

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari is learnt to have signed the Cabinet proposal seeking approval of the reintroduction and it might be taken up in the next Cabinet meeting.

The previous Modi government did not enjoy a majority in the Rajya Sabha. As a result, the Bill, which proposed stricter punishment for traffic violations, sought to simplify vehicle regis-

tration processes and overhaul the traffic and transport regulatory framework in India with a view to minimise road accidents, could not be passed in Rajya Sabha even though it was passed in the Lok Sabha. Several opposition parties, including Congress, Trinamool Congress, CPM, DMK, had claimed the Bill sought to impinge upon states' powers and was not federal in nature. It was referred to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha, much of whose recommendations were also later incorporated in the Bill. The original Bill was drafted after consulting with a committee of Transport Ministers of states.

On his first day after taking charge of the ministry on Tuesday, Gadkari reviewed var-

ious works. He is learnt to have suggested that the ministry tries to find a way to intervene in what is viewed as "cartel pricing" by the cement manufacturers in the country. The Competition Commission of India had in 2012 slapped a penalty of Rs 6,317 crore on 10 cement manufacturers and the Cement Manufacturers Association. The ruling was stayed by the Supreme Court in October last year. The ministry has been reiterating that cement prices varied unreasonably across India and that it increased over the years without significant reasons. Gadkari had even told the Parliament that the government was deliberating breaking the "cartel" by enlisting cement as an essential commodity.

Pokhriyal push for IIMs, Indian languages

New Delhi: HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', who was appointed last week, held marathon meetings over Monday and Tuesday and directed officers to expedite laying of foundation stones of new IIMs started by the previous government, prepare an action plan on promotion of Indian languages and integration of ancient knowledge with modern science, among other things.

"Commenting on Study in India programme, the HRD Minister said that India-centric courses should be started to attract foreign students. Branding of these courses should be undertaken, for example in the field of yoga, spirituality, Ayurveda among others, since these are specific to India and have great potential," said a press release. ENS

Jaishankar keeps EU, UN under his charge, MoS gets West Asia



S Jaishankar

parture, it was largely handled by the Secretary (Economic Relations) TS Tirumurti.

Muraleedharan has also been given Eurasia, keeping in mind the increased focus on Central Asia, and counter-terrorism cooperation with all countries, and multilateral economic grouping including the G-20.

While work allocation among the two ministers has been finalised and orders issued, there has been no change in the work responsibilities of the five secretaries in the MEA, including Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale. Both ministers took charge on Friday and will start briefings from officials handling their portfolios.

According to the new work order, Jaishankar will handle overall supervision and coordination of policy and implementation; and the countries under his charge include all five permanent members of UNSC (P-5 countries), neighbourhood including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran; important G-20 countries like Japan, Germany, Canada,

South Korea; multilateral groupings like SAARC, BIMSTEC, Disarmament and issues like the Nuclear Suppliers Group, UN, Indian Ocean and the Indo-Pacific division.

Like Swaraj, he will handle starred questions (where oral and written answers are required to be given) in Parliament, while Muraleedharan will handle the unstarred questions (only written answers are required to be given).

Like his predecessor, he has kept the External Public Spokesperson's office, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), administration (except junior-level appointments), vigilance, legal and treaties division,

policy planning and research and the crucial and sensitive portfolio regarding political clearance for Governors, Lt. Governors, Union Council of Ministers, Chief Minister, Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts and Chairpersons and Members of National Level Commissions and Tribunals.

Muraleedharan has some new elements in his portfolio — West Asia and North Africa division, Eurasia, counter-terrorism dialogues with all countries and Indian Council for World Affairs and its library — which were not handled by his predecessor, General (retd) V K Singh.

Apart from these, he has the same portfolios as Singh's, which include Latin American countries,

Election schedule for J&K after Amarnath Yatra: EC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

PRESIDENT'S RULE in Jammu and Kashmir is set for an extension with the Election Commission (EC) deciding to hold assembly elections only "later this year".

As first reported by *The Indian Express* on May 19, state polls will be announced after the Amarnath Yatra ends in August as the Union Home Ministry had informed EC that it will be unable to spare central forces before that.

In a press statement issued Tuesday, the Commission said, "Election Commission, under Article 324 of the Constitution and other extant laws/rules etc. have unanimously decided that holding of Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir shall be considered later in this year. The Commission will keep on regularly and on real time basis monitoring the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, taking inputs from all necessary quarters and after the conclusion of Amarnath Yatra will announce the election schedule for the conduct of assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir."

The 46-day annual pilgrimage, beginning on July 1, takes up a lot of the state administration's time and requires heavy security deployment. In fact, as the security forces need to man the entire national highway from Lakanpur to Kashmir Valley and other yatra routes from Baltal and Pahalgam to the holy shrine, the state administration starts deploying them at least a fortnight before the start of the Yatra.

Planning for J&K polls had been caught between two views with EC's special observers telling the Commission that the state should go to polls in either five or six phases right after the Lok Sabha elections in May-June and the Union Home Ministry and the J&K administration pitching for elections after August.

The state has been without an elected government after the BJP pulled the plug on the coalition government with PDP in June last year. The state was then first placed under Governor's Rule on June 19, 2018 and has been under President's rule since December 19. President's rule will have to be extended in June, if the Commission finally decides to hold assembly elections after the Amarnath Yatra.

BHIM SINGH WRITES TO PRESIDENT

Panthers Party seeks delimitation in J&K

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 4

THE CHIEF patron of National Panthers Party (NPP), Prof. Bhim Singh, on Tuesday strongly urged the President of India for his intervention to conduct delimitation of Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh said the exercise has not been done for nearly 25 years, and accused national parties including the Congress and BJP of discrimination against the state's electorate with respect to distribution of Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies.

He said that Jammu province has only 37 Assembly seats compared to 46 in Kashmir, despite having more voters than the latter. Pointing out that the J&K Governor under President's Rule has powers vested in him under Section 47 of the State Constitution to constitute a

Delimitation Commission for the readjustment, Singh sought reallocation of seats in the legislature. The last delimitation on provisional basis was held in 1993 by Governor Jagmohan and the state was divided into 87 Assembly constituencies, he pointed out. He urged the President to intervene within the letter and spirit of Article 370 of the Constitution of India.

Singh said that some "arrogant authorities" have misquoted the Supreme Court by saying that delimitation in the state has been frozen by the apex court till 2026. He added that the power of the J&K Governor during President Rule flows from the intervention, command of the President of India which is vested in him by virtue of Article 370 of the Constitution. Singh urged the President to hold delimitation of Assembly constituencies before the state Assembly elections are conducted.

SC notice to Puducherry on plea by L-G Bedi

DRAFT NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

Change undermines spirit of 3-language formula, say dissenting panel members

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE PROVISION that stipulated Hindi as one of the languages that students should study from Grade 6 was included in the draft National Education Policy (NEP) after detailed discussion and its removal undermines the spirit of the three-language formula, committee members K M Tripathy and Ram Shankar Kureel told *The Indian Express* on Tuesday.

As first reported by this newspaper, Kureel and Tripathy had on Monday objected to their chairperson K Kasturirangan's decision to revise a contentious paragraph, dropping a reference to Hindi and English in the recommendation on bringing flexibility in the implementation of the three-language formula.

Following protests by political parties, mainly in Tamil Nadu, on what they called the "imposition" of Hindi, the HRD Ministry at Kasturirangan's behest shared a revised document on its website on Monday.

"Parliament had approved

the last National Education Policy in 1986 and thereafter the Ramamurti committee had approved the three-language formula. The (NEP 2018) committee has no intention of imposing any language and it isn't mandatory to implement the formula, but to undermine it completely is also not acceptable. I do not agree with this change," Tripathy, former chairperson of Uttar Pradesh High School and Intermediate Examination, told *The Indian Express*.

"We all respect him (Kasturirangan). My limited point is that the (NEP) report was finalised based on consensus and made public to seek feedback and inputs from civil society till June 30. Following an adverse reaction from one of the states the document was revised. Tomorrow another state will object to another provision. How long will we keep changing the report? You cannot revise the report based on every reaction," said Kureel, the former founder vice-chancellor of Baba Saheb Ambedkar University of Social Sciences in Madhya Pradesh



Kasturirangan said the recommendation on having flexibility in the choice of languages was "misunderstood", and said that there is "no coercion", but the proposal "was understood to be otherwise".

"Let the reactions come in till June 30, then the government can decide which of our recommendations should be retained and which should be dropped," he added.

According to Kureel, the decision to drop the reference to Hindi in the recommendation related to the three-language formula is a "diversion" from the national goal of promoting the "rashtira bhasha (national lan-

guage)". "Language can play a pivotal role in national integration, which is why the three-language formula was adopted. It is the duty of the people of this nation to promote our rashtira bhasha, which is Hindi. The committee had only reiterated that goal. In case a state does not agree to this, they are under no compulsion (to adopt it)."

Justifying the change, Kasturirangan told *The Indian Express* on Tuesday, "The recommendation (on having flexibility in the choice of languages) was misunderstood. We had assumed that the type of message that paragraph will give to the people who read it would be such that the concept of flexibility, plurality, multilingualism will all be embedded. There is no coercion. But it was understood to be otherwise."

He added, "We had a version that was also approved by the committee, which is more in tune with the overall spirit of the language policy. We thought that since the revised paragraph doesn't contain an explicit mention of any language, people's feelings will be assuaged."

Asked specifically about the objection raised by Tripathy and Kureel on committee members not being consulted before revising the report, Kasturirangan said, "This has been approved by the committee." Asked about the chairperson's above assertion, Kureel said, "Many members did not know when this change was made."

Emails reviewed by *The Indian Express* show that the revised paragraph (without reference to Hindi), introduced in the draft policy report on Monday, was debated by the committee members in December last year. Tripathy had objected to the provision on the ground that it dilutes the three-language formula extensively, following which the members were presented with three options of which the one with reference to Hindi was collectively chosen and included in the report submitted to the new HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal on May 31. On Monday, in the wake of political protests, the initial paragraph (without reference to Hindi) was reintroduced in the report.

PROBE INTO CHARGE OF PLOT AGAINST CJI

Will ask for more material from CBI, IB, police: Justice Patnaik

SEEMA CHISHTI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

RETIRED SUPREME Court judge, Justice AK Patnaik, who is enquiring into allegations of a conspiracy behind the complaint of sexual harassment levelled by a former apex court employee against Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, said that he will seek "more material" from the CBI, IB and Delhi Police in the case.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Justice Patnaik said he has received the first set of documents and information he had asked for "from the CBI, IB and Police Commissioner in Delhi, and I have also read through it. I will be asking for more material that I need, which I hope to receive by the end of the month".

He said his report will be finalised only after the court vacation and after he has "examined witnesses and received other material on the matter". "These things will happen in due course. There is no hurry now, as the Justice Bobde in-house committee (set up by the Supreme Court) has already submitted its report. I started my work only after that report was completed and in," he said.

Justice Patnaik is now in Cuttack, his hometown, following the death of his younger brother Sunday.

On April 25, a Supreme Court bench of Justices Arun Mishra, Rohinton Nariman and Deepak Gupta had ordered that Justice Patnaik would hold an enquiry regarding an alleged conspiracy by fixers and disgruntled employees against CJI Gogoi. The

court also ordered the chiefs of CBI, IB and Delhi Police to provide assistance in the probe.

In an "extraordinary sitting" on April 20, after the allegations became public, the CJI termed the complaint as an attempt to "deactivate" the office and a conspiracy to threaten the independence of the judiciary.

The following week, a separate bench took cognisance of a Facebook post by an advocate, Utsav Bains, alleging a possible conspiracy against the office of the CJI, and indicating that the harassment complaint was part of that effort. Later, a full court ordered the setting up of an in-house Committee to probe the complaint and mandated the second most senior judge in the apex court, Justice SA Bobde, to hear the matter.

The composition of the in-house panel changed after the refusal of Justice N V Ramana following which both the complainant and the CJI appeared before the Committee. However, the complainant left the proceedings midway after stating that she was dissatisfied with the procedure. Meanwhile, sitting judge, Justice DY Chandrachud, wrote a letter to the Committee raising questions of propriety and justice.

The Bobde Committee concluded that there was no evidence to substantiate the allegations against the CJI and maintained that a former Supreme Court order prevented it from making its report public.

Justice Patnaik, incidentally, was appointed by the Supreme Court last year to probe the allegations against former CBI director Alok Verma.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday issued notice to Puducherry Chief Minister V Narayanam on a petition filed by Lieutenant Governor Kiran Bedi seeking maintenance of status quo prior to the April 30 judgment of the Madras High Court, which had ruled that the L-G could not interfere in the day-to-day administration by the elected government of Puducherry.

The vacation bench comprising Justices Indu Malhotra and M R Shah also directed that any decision having financial implication, which could be taken in the cabinet meeting of June 7 in Puducherry, shall not be implemented till June 21. The bench also implicated the Puducherry Chief Minister in the matter.

"However, it shall be without prejudice to the rights and contentions in the main special leave petition as well as in the present application," the bench ordered.

The order comes in connection with an application filed by Bedi after the Supreme Court on May 10 issued a notice on a Madras High Court order that had curbed Bedi's powers.

"Direct that status quo ante be maintained as regards administrative functioning in the Union Territory of Puducherry as it existed prior to passing of the impugned judgment of April 30 (Madras High Court order), during pendency of the present petition," the plea states.

In her application, Bedi said that the Chief Minister of Puducherry issued administrative orders on the basis of the High Court judgment, contrary to the Rules of Business of Union Territories.

"The officers are in a quandary as to whether to implement the directions of the Hon'ble High Court or otherwise. That the officers are being threatened of contempt action is leading to an administrative chaos, hence the urgency," the application states.

A R Rahman wades into Tamil Nadu 'autonomy' debate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, JUNE 4

WITH POLITICAL parties in Tamil Nadu reviving the issue of autonomy in state matters, and warning of a major protest against the BJP-led Centre if the government fails to clarify the role of Hindi in its proposed three-language policy, musician A R Rahman on Tuesday waded into the controversy with a cryptic tweet.

The Oscar-winning musician, who is known to wear his Tamil identity on his sleeve, wrote, "AUTONOMOUS | meaning in the Cambridge English Dictionary," and shared a web link of the word's meaning in the dictionary.

Rahman's tweets went viral within hours — his supporters started trending the hashtag #autonomousTamilNadu, while those who opposed him began targeting him personally.

Rahman tends to shy away from controversies and politics, but has been following the debate of the alleged "imposition of Hindi" through the three-language policy.

On Sunday, he tweeted about the Centre dropping the provision of compulsory teaching of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking states, writing in Tamil, "Good decision. Hindi is not compulsory in Tamil Nadu. The draft has been corrected."

A day before, he shared a video of Punjabi singer Jasdeep Jogi singing a popular Tamil movie song

with a caption, "Tamizh is spreading in Punjab," using an alternate spelling for Tamil.

The controversy surrounding Tamil Nadu's autonomous status has been revived by the DMK in the recent past, echoing Dravidian leader and former chief minister C N Annadurai, who raised the specific demand for more powers to states and organised an infamous conference in Chennai in 1968 in this regard.

DMK chief M K Stalin on Monday warned Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Tamil Nadu will witness massive protests if the Centre has plans to impose Hindi in the state. He said, "I warn Prime Minister Narendra Modi, you give an explanation about the announcement you have made with a view to cheating the people of Tamil Nadu. Otherwise, the leaders of all alliance parties will join together and Tamil Nadu will witness a major protest."

SC to Maharashtra: Finish counselling for PG medical courses by June 14

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Maharashtra government to complete by June 14 the final round of counselling for admission to postgraduate medical and dental courses in the 2019-20 academic year.

A vacation bench of Justices Indu Malhotra and M R Shah di-

rected the state to issue advertisements in local newspapers having wide publication for counselling for admission and also specify that it would be the "final round of counselling". It directed that the entire process of counselling be completed on or before June 14 and admission be given on the basis of merit. ENS

Vadra questioned by ED for 5 hours

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Tuesday questioned Robert Vadra for over five hours in connection with a money laundering case it is probing against him.

Sources said Vadra, the brother-in-law of Congress president Rahul Gandhi, arrived at the agency's office near India Gate around 10.45 am, and he was let go after over five hours of questioning. Vadra was asked questions related to certain foreign assets allegedly held by entities associated with him. He was also quizzed about his alleged links with arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari.

Sources said Vadra denied having any association with Bhandari or any links with the



Robert Vadra ANI

said foreign assets. He also denied allegations made in statements made by witnesses in the case.

Vadra, during questioning, is also learnt to have denied having any acquaintance with Bhandari's family member Sumit Chadha and NRI businessman C C Thampi.

He is understood to have told ED that he had no "business or personal links" with these people, who are "actively" being

probed by the agency in the case.

Thampi has reportedly told the ED that the London-based asset under the scanner for prevention of money laundering (PMLA) charges was visited by Vadra, a charge denied by the businessman during the latest session of grilling.

These details were also furnished by the ED to the court when it opposed Vadra's anticipatory bail and prayed for his custodial interrogation. These questions were reiterated with new facts and evidences during the latest questioning, they said.

Before his deposition, Vadra posted on social media that this was his 13th examination "post almost 80 hours with the Enforcement Directorate, answering any number of questions, amidst sensation and unnecessary drama around. I stay focused and calm".

He added, "But blatantly and carelessly airing my health matters is not correct...but my time spent with people with worst problems, ailing, blind and orphaned kids to see them still smile, gives me the strength to go on."

"My life is unique and I have fought for almost a decade over baseless accusations... I am determined on the truth and it is a book in the making, for the world to read and know clearly, my side..." he said.

Vadra's comment on his health was in reference to a Delhi court Monday ruling, allowing him to travel abroad for six weeks for a checkup and obtain a second opinion on his ailment.

Meanwhile, the ED has replaced the investigating officer of in the money laundering case. Sources said the move was owing to the officer getting promoted.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P. W. (TRIBAL) DIVISION, THANE

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CPI may see change of guard next month

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE CPI could see a change in leadership next month as general secretary S Sudhakar Reddy is likely to step down on health grounds. Reddy had expressed his desire to make way for another leader at the party's national executive meeting held last month to review the CPI's disastrous performance in the Lok Sabha elections.

The party leadership has rejected Reddy's offer saying that it believes in collective responsibility. However, sources in the party said that Reddy has made up his mind to retire from politics primarily be-

cause of health issues. Sources said his proposal would now come up for discussion at the national council meeting to be held in July.

Reddy was re-elected as CPI general secretary at the Party Congress last year. Even then, he was reluctant to continue as general secretary and had conveyed his view to the party. But a change of guard could not take place as there was no consensus on his successor.

Reddy, who took over as general secretary in 2012 succeeding the late A B Bardhan, is serving his third term. Party national secretary D Raja, AITUC general secretary Amarjeet Kaur and Kerala secretary Kanam Rajendran are said to be the front-runners to succeed Reddy.

After persistent refusals, Odisha discusses Ayushman Bharat with Centre

SAMPADPATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 4

THE ODISHA government on Tuesday held its first round of talks with the Centre to explore the feasibility of implementing the Ayushman Bharat Yojana in the state.

Such a meeting is significant, say BJD leaders, since the state government had thus far refused to implement the scheme, despite many appeals from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP leaders from Odisha.

Tuesday's discussion took place between Ayushman Bharat CEO Indu Bhushan and Odisha Health minister Naba Das. State health secretary Pramod Meherda was also present.

Odisha Chief Secretary Aditya Padhi told journalists that the discussions were at a "preliminary stage", and that there will be two or three more rounds. However, sources in the state health department said a decision could arrive within two weeks.

Calling Ayushman Bharat a "win win win" scheme, Bhushan said, "It is a scheme that will help the Centre, the state government and the people of Odisha."

"The main challenge is to find a convergence between the Central scheme and the existing scheme in the state," he said, referring to the Odisha government's Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY), adding "he was very hopeful".

EXPRESS NETWORK



NORTH

Father axes son to death after scuffle

Kota: A 60-year-old man allegedly axed his son to death after a scuffle over some issue in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district on Monday night, police said on Tuesday. There was an argument between Ram Singh Nayak and his son, Mathura Lal Nayak, 35, over some issue before dinner, following which the for-

mer allegedly hit his son on the head with an axe, an officer said. Mathura Lal Nayak's mother, who was cooking food, rushed out and found him lying in a pool of blood outside the gate, police said. The 60-year-old fled the spot and is yet to be nabbed, police said.

PTI



Officers of the Pithoragarh district administration, Air Force and police discuss plans to recover the bodies of five mountaineers spotted by IAF choppers near an unscaled peak adjoining Nanda Devi East. Reuters

EAST

Four people die as motorcycle rams into four-wheeler

Durg: Four persons died when the motorcycle they were riding collided with a four-wheeler in Chhattisgarh's Durg on Tuesday, police said. As per preliminary information, the victims were on their way to a dhaba towards Rajnandgaon when the inci-

dent occurred on Pulgaon bridge around 2 am, a police official said, adding that all four died on the spot. The deceased were identified as Dipak Netam, Rohit Yadav, Sohan Dewangan and Dipak Yadav, all aged between 19 and 24. They were all natives of Durg town.

PTI

WEST

Surat blaze: 3 officials among 4 more arrested

Surat: The Surat Crime Branch on Tuesday arrested four more people, including an official of power distribution firm Dakshin Gujarat Viji Company Ltd, two officials of the Surat Municipal Corporation and a builder in connection with the fire at a commercial complex in the city on May 24 in which 22 students of a coaching centre were killed. With this, the

number of arrests in the case has gone up to nine. Surat Police Commissioner Satish Sharma said that two officials of the SMC, including engineer P Munshi and Deputy Engineer Jayesh Solanki, have been arrested. Ravindra Kahar, a builder who allegedly flouted rules in the construction of Takshashila Arcade, has also been held.

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SOUTH

Collector transferred after 'breach' at room with poll record

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu government Tuesday transferred Madurai District Collector S Nagarajan, months after he was posted there, following an alleged breach at a storage room in which records of the April 18 Lok Sabha elections were kept. Two additional chief electoral officers have also been transferred and ap-

pointed to different posts, according to an order from Chief Secretary Girija Vaidyanathan. Nagarajan has been posted as director of Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, the order said. The Madurai DRO "shall hold full additional charge of the post of Collector," until further orders, it added.

PTI

Woman raped in Rajasthan, four accused arrested

Jaipur: A 30-year-old woman was allegedly raped by five men in Rajasthan's Pali district and the video of the crime uploaded on social media, police said Monday.

Four of the five accused were arrested on Monday, a day after the woman lodged a complaint alleging that the five raped her on May 26 when she was on way to a temple with a friend. The accused made a video of the crime.

A case was registered against the five accused on Sunday for gangrape, wrongful restraint, thrashing and molestation and other relevant sections of the IPC, police said.

Acting on the complaint, Jitendra Bhaat (20), Govind Bhaat (20), Dinesh Bhaat (24) and Mahendra Bhaat (22) were arrested Monday, while the fifth accused, Sanjay Bhaat, is absconding, they said.

PTI

Porn clip leaves officials red-faced during meeting

Jaipur: Officials of the Food and Civil Supply Department in Rajasthan were left embarrassed after a porn clip was played on a screen during a meeting here.

The meeting was chaired by Mugdha Sinha, the secretary of the department, at the NIC room in the secretariat on Monday.

"In the middle of the video conference, an obscene clip started playing on the screen. I immediately called the NIC director and asked him to probe the matter and give a report," she said.

Sinha said that nearly 10 people — department officials and NIC representatives — were present and district supply officers from all districts of the state were participating through video conference. "A decision on action against guilty personnel will be taken on the basis of NIC director's report," she said.

PTI

Land use changed for ex-bureaucrats' South Mumbai highrise facing penalty

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, JUNE 4

THE MAHARASHTRA government has extended a special concession to a highrise society of former bureaucrats in South Mumbai.

Nearly 47 years after a 22,055 sq ft prime plot near Mantralaya was allotted to the Shalaka Cooperative Housing Society, the state government has modified the original condition of land use.

The government move comes at a time when the high-profile society was facing action from the Mumbai Collector's office for alleged unauthorised sub-leasing of the first floor of the building for commercial purposes. The Collector's office had slapped a Rs 2.18-crore recovery notice on the society in 2017, threatening to resume the plot if the society didn't comply with the notice.

But stepping in following the society's request, the government has revised the land use condition with retrospective effect. Sources said that this would enable the society to sidestep the Collector's action. On June 1, based on approvals from both Revenue Minister Chandrakant Patil and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the revenue department issued a government resolution, notifying the modification in land use.

Three former Chief Secretaries (late) Arun Bongirwar, Sharad Upasani and Ajit Nimbalkar; three former Mumbai municipal commis-



The government has modified the original condition of land use for the Shalaka Cooperative Housing Society on a 22,055 sq ft prime plot. Prashant Nadkar

sioners Sharad Kale, Karun Shrivastava and Jagannath Jadhav; former DGP Arvind Inamdar and former bureaucrats Lalit Doshi, AKD Jadhav and B N Makhija, among others, were among the society's original members.

On January 13, 2017, then Mumbai Collector Dr Ashwini Joshi had objected to the alleged unauthorised commercial exploitation being carried out by Shalaka CHS. The Collector's notice, which was accessed by *The Indian Express*, points out that restrictions were in place on the use permissible on the plot, al-

lotted on concessional ground in the original land grant order (LGO). Just as the society took possession of the plot in 1972, official records show the formal land grant order (where allotment was recognised from 1972 onwards) was issued on December 16, 1987. One of the conditions (in the LGO) was that "the user of the plot will be for residential (purposes) only and for no other purpose except to the extent of 4,875 sq ft (on the first floor), which was permitted to sublet to the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) vide order dated August 26, 1977, on

payment of a licence fee of 50 paise per square feet."

Alleging that the society had "violated" this condition, the Collector's notice stated, "It has been found that the society has let out the premises to Edelweiss Capital instead of ONGC since June 2, 2000 without government's mandatory prior approval." Citing the government's prevalent norms regarding commercial use, it slapped an additional lease rent and penalties, amounting to Rs 2.18 crore, from that day itself. Further, a June 20, 2016 communication between Shalaka and the Collector's office

IAF aircraft still missing as Navy, ISRO join search

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JUNE 4

THE INDIAN Air Force (IAF) AN-32 aircraft, which went missing with 13 people on board over Arunachal Pradesh on Monday, was still not found a day later even as massive search operations were underway for the Soviet-designed aircraft, officials said Tuesday evening.

The AN-32, which took off from Assam's Jorhat on Monday at around 12.30 pm, was scheduled to land at the Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground in Arunachal Pradesh's newly-formed district Shi Yomi at approximately 1.30 pm. The aircraft's last contact with ground staff was at 1 pm.

Shi Yomi borders China to the north and is one of the remotest locations in the Himalayan state. An Indian Navy aircraft and ISRO satellites joined the search for the missing AN-32 on Tuesday, while the Army, the ITBP and the district police continued the hunt on the ground.

The official Twitter account of the IAF posted, "#SearchAndRescue Ops: #IAF continues extensive efforts to locate the missing #AN32. P-8 I of #IndianNavy, satellites like RISAT and aircraft equipped with multiple sensors have joined the

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concerted efforts to locate the missing aircraft. Continuous coordination is being carried out with Indian Army & various govt & civil agencies."

Meanwhile, the Indian Navy tweeted, "Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft P8i takes off from INS Rajali, Arakonam, Tamil Nadu at 1300h and heads for joining the Search & Rescue operation launched by @IAF_MCC to locate the missing #AN32 between Jorhat & Mechuka. Aircraft to reach in area shortly. The aircraft shall carry out search with Electro Optical and Infra Red (EO & IR) sensors in thickly forested areas. The P8i aircraft has a very powerful Synthetic Aperture Radar which shall be utilised during the SAR sweeps to locate the missing."

IAF public relations officer Wing Commander Ratnakar Singh said the search and rescue operation resumed as the

weather cleared on Tuesday morning, with two Mi17s and one ALH helicopter assisting the Army and ITBP jawans. Singh later told *The Indian Express*, "Search and rescue operation is still on. No wreckage found."

He said that the Navy's P8i finished the search and rescue operation and recce mission at 6.45 pm, while the IAF's SU-30 carried out the search and rescue operation in the afternoon.

Singh added, "CARTOSAT AND RISAT satellites of ISRO are also taking images of the area. Post sunset, search by helicopters have ceased for the day. However, search by all sensors with night capability and the ground party will continue throughout the night. All possible assistance is being provided by Indian Army, Indian Navy, Police and State administration. The families of all air-warriors on board the aircraft have been informed and are being regularly updated on the progress of search for the missing aircraft."

The Indian Express has learned from district administration officials and state police officials that search operations are intense in Arunachal's Siang district. "It is not confirmed but it is quite possible that the plane crashed in our district and hence search operations are on in full swing," a police officer in Siang said.

BJP takes control of civic body, its first ever in Bengal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 4

DAYS AFTER it breached fortress West Bengal in the Lok Sabha polls winning 18 seats, the BJP Tuesday took control of the Bhatpara municipality 33 km from Kolkata. The BJP has never run a civic body in the state and Bhatpara comes under the Barrackpore Lok Sabha constituency, where the BJP's Arjun Singh defeated TMC MP Dinesh Trivedi.

Singh, a four-time TMC MLA from the Bhatpara assembly constituency, shifted to BJP weeks before the Lok Sabha polls. His nephew, Saurabh Singh was elected the new chairman of Bhatpara municipality after the BJP won 26 votes in a confidence motion in the 35-councillor body. Arjun Singh was also the chairman of this civic body since 2010.

"Arjun Singh is our leader. We will be guided by his advice. We will work for the people of Bhatpara sincerely," said Saurabh on becoming the chairman.

The TMC said the BJP used muscle and money power to effect defections. "They joined after a gun was pointed at them. BJP forced the councillors to join their party. Some of them took huge amounts of money too. None of

the councillors were elected BJP representatives. But unfortunately, some of them succumbed to money power and muscle power," said Jyotipriyo Mullick, TMC president of North 24 Parganas and Food Minister.

"What can I say? We were defeated since we did not have the numbers," said vice-chairman of the outgoing board, Somenath Talukder.

On May 28, 13 of 23 councillors from Bhatpara and 14 of 24 councillors of Nahihati Municipality joined the BJP in New Delhi, along with three legislators, one each from the Congress, TMC and CPI(M). Then, the state government had immediately appointed an administrator for the Nahihati municipality.

On April 8, after Arjun Singh joined the BJP, he was defeated in a no-confidence motion at the municipality of which he was chairman. Singh was then defeated 22-11 in a secret ballot by the councillors. Singh had claimed that his defeat was because the TMC along with police had threatened many of his councillors.

Meanwhile, BJP's national general secretary, Kailash Vijayvargiya said in Kolkata that BJP leaders and workers in Bengal should not relax after the party's victory in the Lok Sabha polls.

TERROR FUNDING CASE

Masarat Alam, Asiya Andrabi and Shabbir Shah in 10-day NIA custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday took into custody Kashmiri separatist leaders Masarat Alam, Asiya Andrabi and Shabbir Shah in connection with a terror funding case against LeT chief Hafiz Saeed. A special court in Delhi Tuesday granted the agency their custody for 10 days.

While Dukhtar-e-Millat chief Asiya Andrabi was already in jail after her arrest by NIA last year in connection with a separate terror case, this is the first time the agency has arrested Hurriyat member Masarat Alam and Shabbir Shah. Alam was in jail in Jammu and Kashmir under the Public Safety Act before the NIA brought him to Delhi on transit remand, sources said.

Shah was earlier arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in a case of money laundering related to alleged funding of terror.

The NIA case is related to alleged funneling of funds by terror groups in Pakistan to Kashmiri separatists for fuelling turmoil in the Valley.

NIA had in February last year filed a chargesheet in the case against 12 people, including Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin. The other 10 include Syed Ali Shah Geelani's son-in-law Altaf Ahmed Shah and Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Watali.



Avdhesh Dubey in the video

Train hawker, whose video went viral, released on bail

KAMAAL SAIYED
SURAT, JUNE 4

AVDHESH DUBEY, who was arrested for unauthorised hawking on train, was released on bail late Monday evening after the intervention of Surat Police Commissioner Satish Sharma.

On Friday, 30-year-old Dubey was convicted by a railway court and sentenced to 10-day simple imprisonment for selling articles on trains without licence, committing nuisance or using abusive or obscene language, unlawful entry, among other charges.

Notably, his arrest came after a six-minute video, which showed Dubey cracking jokes about political leaders like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, went viral. His arrest had triggered uproar with support for him pouring in from different quarters.

Surat city police chief Sharma, who also sympathised with Dubey — a migrant from Varanasi in UP and sole earner of his seven-member family — had directed a lawyer to secure Dubey's early release.

"We were saddened to hear the news of Avdhesh Dubey's arrest. He has got a talent for saying funny things but within limits. We have seen his video and we finally decided to help him on humanitarian grounds," Sharma said.

Dubey said that he was "shocked" to know about his bail. "I had an impression that I will not see my family members and children for 10 days, till June 8. I was worried for my family. Suddenly on Monday night, the jail authorities came to me and told me that I have been granted bail. I was shocked. How could this happen? Who would have done this? The jail guard took me to the office where I met Surat police officials who had helped me secure bail. They took me to the office of Police Commissioner. I thanked him. He was happy too," said Dubey.

Dubey said he has also decided to quit hawking and try a career in comedy.

Churu sizzles, business booms for juice, ice vendors

DEEP MUKHERJEE
CHURU, JUNE 4

A GRIN spreads across the sun-burnt face of 45-year-old Raju Prajapat as two more men park their motorcycle next to his sugarcane juice shop. "I have made a profit of Rs 1,000 every day for the past five days," says Prajapat, as he deftly manoeuvres the machine to press the sugarcane and pours the juice in plastic glasses for his customers.

He says that Rajasthan's Churu district is the place to be if one wants to earn some quick money selling sugarcane juice. On Monday, the district clocked 50.3 degrees Celsius, making it the hottest place in the world that day, as per the weather mapping website eldoradoweather.com.

The roads are deserted as the afternoon sun breathes fire. To cool them, water is splashed on them by water tankers of the lo-



Roads wear a deserted look in Churu on Tuesday. Express

cal civic body.

"We are used to this weather. It is advisable not to venture out in the afternoon, but who will feed a person if he sits at home? Putting a wet towel on your head when you go out helps, but not much," says Om Singh, a resident.

The problems increase manifold for those who cannot afford a water purifier. Local residents are

wary of the high concentration of fluoride in water in the region.

"At least 50 patients get admitted in hospital every day due to dehydration. Their relatives often come to my shop, and I provide them purified water. Impure water has left many residents ill," said Sushil Swami, a shop owner near the Churu government hospital. Rajkumar Saini, another resident,

adds that water from tankers costs Rs 800-1,000, and families are often unable to afford it.

The doctors, too, have prepared for contingencies, expecting a heavy rush of patients with the first monsoon rains.

"At present we are trying to provide as many air coolers as possible in every ward of the hospital, especially for the newborns and elderly people. We are getting patients due to the heat, but it is after the first rains that more patients will come in," says Dr Devkaran Gurawa, Deputy Chief Medical and Health Officer, Churu.

According to the meteorological department, Churu sizzled at 48 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, and was again the hottest place in Rajasthan. In this district in the heart of Rajasthan's Shekhawati region, both summers and winters usher in extreme weather. However, residents say that they have become used to the extreme climate.

"We don't understand what the big deal is. People coming from other cities always ask us how we survive in Churu. They say this was the hottest place in the world yesterday, but for us it was just another hot day," says Mahendra Nyol, an advocate from Churu.

He adds that ice-cream, rabri and curd help them brave the heat, and gestures at the glass of rabri he is having.

Ice shops, too, are making profits. "Since the heat wave hit Churu, we are selling more than a hundred slabs of ice, priced at Rs 140 each, every day," says Pramashwar Lal, owner of an ice shop.

Preparing juice for another batch of customers, sugarcane vendor Prajapat says the extreme weather will ensure he never goes out of business.

"In summer I sell sugarcane juice and in winter I sell roasted peanuts," he says.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction/N.Rly., Jalandhar City, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under **Single Packet System** for the order noted work. 1. Name of work and location : Hiring of 01 number Non-AC vehicle (Jeep, Gypsy, Tata Sumo or equivalent make) on monthly payment basis for the period of 03 (Three) years for the use of XENIC/ASR under Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction, Northern Railway, Jalandhar City. 2. Completion period of the work : 36 (Thirty six) Months. 3. Approx. Cost of Work : Rs. 16.99 lacs. 4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online) : Rs. 34000/-. 5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender : Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs. on 28.06.2019 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 28.06.2019. 6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document : The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Above tenders document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 13.06.2019 to 28.06.2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tender are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office. Tender Notice No. 5-W/2019-20/Dy. CE/C/JUC Dated : 01.06.2019 1774/2019

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

BHUSAWAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL e-Tender Notice 2019-20

Bhusawal Municipal Council, Tal. Bhusawal, Dist. Jalgaon (Maharashtra) inviting Tender for Scientific Dumpsite Land Reclamation through Bio-mining Under 'Swachh Maharashtra Mission' having Estimated Cost Rs. 3,49,03,125/-

Details will be available on www.mahatenders.gov.in

- R. A. Dorkulkar
Chief Officer, Bhusawal

FORM NO. RSC - 4
[Pursuant to Rule 3(3)]
Before the National Company Law Tribunal Bench at Chandigarh
Company Application No 72/CHD/HRY/2019

ONYX HOSPITALITY INDIA PVT. LTD.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
Notice may be taken that an application was presented to the Tribunal at Chandigarh Bench, on the 30th day of May 2019 for confirming the reduction of the share capital of the above company from ₹ 8,30,03,880/- to ₹1,66,00,770/-. The notices to individual creditors have been issued. The list of creditors prepared on the 30th day of April, 2019 by the company is available at the registered office of the company for inspection on all working days during 11 AM to 4 PM between Monday to Friday. If any creditor of the company has any objection to the application or the details in the list of creditors, the same may be sent (alongwith supporting documents) and details about his name and address and the name and address of his Authorised Representative, if any, to the undersigned at #421-422, 4th Floor, Ludhiana Stock Exchange Building, Feroze Gandhi Market, Ludhiana -141 001 within three months of date of this notice. If no objection is received within the time stated above, entries in the list of creditors will, in all the proceedings under the above petition to reduce the share capital of the company, be treated as correct. It may also be noted that a hearing has been fixed for Thursday, the 3rd day of October, 2019 on which the Tribunal shall hear the application. In case any creditor intends to attend the hearing he should make a request along with his objections, if any.

Sd/-
CS Jatin Singal
(Company Secretary in Whole-time Practice)
Authorized Representative
(M. No. FCS: 9718; CP No.: 11976)
Address: #421 422, 4th Floor,
Ludhiana Stock Exchange Building,
Feroze Gandhi Market,
Ludhiana - 141 001

TIRUPPUR SMART CITY LIMITED TIRUPPUR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited in Two cover system for Providing Baby Channel for Noyyal River (South Side) for collecting waste water from corporation outlets under Smart City Mission by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited upto 3.00 P.M. on 24.06.2019 and the same will be opened by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited or his authorized person on the same day at 3.30 P.M. in the presence of the contractors or their representatives present at that time. The Tender documents can be downloaded from the website <https://tntenders.gov.in> upto 2.00 P.M. on 24.06.2019. Any further details will be heard from Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation office in any of the working day if required. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 18.06.2019 at 12.30 P.M. The Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited reserves the rights to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The bidders shall not have the option of submitting their proposals electronically.

Rec. No.: E1/16630 (II-A)/2017
Place : Tiruppur
Date : 03.06.2019

Managing Director,
Tiruppur Smart City Limited

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

E Tender Notice No. SG-664-11-SIG-2019-20 Dhanbad, date 21.05.2019. E Tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work. 1. Name of the work : Provision of Automatic Media Change Over (34) in GC section in Dhanbad Division. 2. Approx. Cost of the work : ₹1,10,16,536.80 (Approx). 3. Earnest Money : ₹2,05,100/-, 4. Date and time for closing of tender : 11.06.2019 at 16.00 hrs. 5. Any E-Tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/Fax or self, Manual proposals although the letter is on firms letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above E-Tenders, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Note : Tenders are requested to visit the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> atleast 10 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/ corrections etc in response to this E-tender.

Sr. Divl. Sig. & Telecom. Engineer,
PR/0432/DHN/T32 ECR/Dhanbad

DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD PRODUCTION, ODISHA, KRUSHIBHAWAN, BHUBANESWAR.

07-L No. IS (07/10/2019 15385/AgriII., Date- 01.06.2019
Expression of Interest (EOI)

For short listing of Manufacturers/Sole marketers for procurement of Laboratory Chemical, Glass ware, Plastic ware, Filter Paper & Other Laboratory Articles.

Letter of Invitation
Expression of Interest (EOI), is invited by Directorate of Agriculture & Food Production (Odisha), Bhubaneswar from the bonafide Manufacturers / Sole Marketers for short listing of firms to procure Laboratory Chemicals, Glass wares, Plastic wares, Filter papers & Other Laboratory Articles (worth less than Rs 1.00Lakh) on rate contract basis for its constituent Laboratories (Soil Testing, Fertiliser Testing, Pesticide Testing, Bio- fertilizer and Organic fertilizer Testing and Seed Testing-(Annexure A) purely on need basis. The short listing does not guarantee any procurement. The interested Manufacturer / Sole Marketers should offer their sealed EOI regarding rate contract by 27.06.2019 up to 1 P.M. and will be opened on the same day at 3.00 P.M. in the presence of bonafide Manufacturer / Sole Marketers or their authorized representatives. The EOI document including terms and conditions will have to be downloaded from the official website www.odisha.gov.in all tenders or <http://agrisnetodisha.or.nic.in> from 06.06.2019 to 26.06.2019. The Directorate shall not be responsible for any delay / difficulties / inaccessibility of down loading facilities for any reason what so ever. The EOI documents in sealed cover are to be dropped in the box placed in the Office chamber of DDA (Extension), Room No-SS-18, 2nd Floor, Krushibhawan, Bhubaneswar up to 1PM of 27.06.2019 in working days only. The approximate cost of EOI is Rs. 286.50 lakh.

Sd/-
(Dr. M. Muthu Kumar)
Director of Agriculture & Food Production (Odisha)

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SUMMER SPECIAL TRAIN - 2019

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during summer season, Northern Railway has decided to run the following Summer Special Train as under :-

04026/04025 Anand Vihar (T)-Darbhanga-Anand Vihar (T) Express Special Train		06 Trips
TRAIN NO. 04026	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04025
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.
--- 11:30	Anand Vihar (T)	12:40 ---
09:30 ---	Darbhanga	--- 12:00

Days of Run : 04026 from Anand Vihar (T) on 07.06.2019, 11.06.2019 & 14.06.2019 and 04025 from Darbhanga on 08.06.2019, 12.06.2019 & 15.06.2019

Accommodation : AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General
Stoppages : Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur and Samastipur stations.

For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

Security Helpline No. 182 and Passengers Complaint Helpline No. 138

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

TIRUPPUR SMART CITY LIMITED TIRUPPUR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited in Two cover system for Providing Concrete lining for bund protection on North side of Noyyal river and construction of minor bridge across jamuna odai & Construction of Food court with landscaping arrangements @ Anaikuda area on North bank of Noyyal river under Smart City Mission by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited upto 3.00 P.M. on 24.06.2019 and the same will be opened by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited or his authorized person on the same day at 3.30 P.M. in the presence of the contractors or their representatives present at that time. The Tender documents can be downloaded from the website <https://tntenders.gov.in> upto 2.00 P.M. on 24.06.2019. Any further details will be heard from Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation office in any of the working day if required. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 18.06.2019 at 11.30 AM. The Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited reserves the rights to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The bidders shall not have the option of submitting their proposals electronically.

Rec. No.: E1/16630 (II-C)/2017
Place : Tiruppur
Date : 03.06.2019

Managing Director,
Tiruppur Smart City Limited

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION ORGANISATION OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RWS&S DIVISION, ANGUL : AT : TALCHER

At-Baghuabole, Po.- Hatatota, Talcher, Dist.- Angul, Pin-759100
(Ph. No./ Fax-06760-240762; E-mail: eerwssang@gmail.com)
National Competitive Bidding through e-procurement
Bid Identification No. 01/EE/RWSS/ANGUL/2019-20
Dt. 29.05.2019 (DMF)

The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Angul: at: Talcher on behalf of Governor of odisha invites Item Rate/ Percentage bid through e-procurement in double/single cover system according to norm of e-Procurement system in on-line mode.

Nature of Work: Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes.

- No. of Tenders : 22 Nos.
- Tender Paper Cost : Rs. 10,000.00 to Rs. 6,000.00
- Value of work : Rs. 306.47 Lakhs to Rs. 43.67 Lakhs
- Class of Contractor : "B", "A" & "Spl." Class
- Date & time of availability of bid document in portal : 10.06.2019 at 17.00 hours to 19.06.2019 upto 17.00 hours tender clarification
- Date & time of seeking : 18.06.2019 upto 17.00 hours
- Date & time of opening of : 20.06.2019 at 15.00 hours in the office tender & verification of the Executive Engineer, RWS&S original document Division, Angul: at: Talcher
- Time of completion : 4 (Four) to 10 (Ten) Calendar Months
- The bidders have to participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website <https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>.
- Corrigendum if any shall be published in the above website only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
RWS&S Division, Angul at Talcher

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ANCILLARY WORKS AT RANGIYA DIVISION

E-Tender Notice No. 06-Engg-RNY-2019-20. Open tender are invited for the following works: Tender No. 1. Brief Description of item: Ancillary works in-connection with track maintenance, assistance to track machine, overhauling of LC gates and distressing of track etc. in between Km 1/4 to Km 8/7 (Rangiya-Majbat) under the jurisdiction of SSE/P/Way/Majbat for 01 (one) year. Tender Value: ₹1,03,87,527.37. Earnest Money: ₹2,01,900/-. Tender No. 2. Brief Description of item: Ancillary works in-connection with track maintenance, assistance to track machine, overhauling of LC gates and distressing of track under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Rangapara North in between Km 8/5 to 13/10 (Majbat-Balipara) Km. 0/0 to 20/0 (Rangapara North-Deokaganj) and Km 0/0 to 34/0 (Balipara-Bhalukpong) for 01 (one) year. Tender Value: ₹1,34,08,953.38. Earnest Money: ₹2,17,100/-. Date & Time of Closing of E-Tender: 13.00 hrs. on 25-06-2019 and opened at 15.00 hrs. on 25-06-2019. For details visit www.ireps.gov.in

DRM (W), Rangiya
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT Tirunelveli (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Circle TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.03/2019-2020/ D-1 / Dated: 04.06.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu sealed percentage tenders will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Circle, Tirunelveli for the Upgradation of Panchayat Union Roads / Panchayat Roads as Other District Road for the year 2018 - 2019 in Virudhunagar (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Sub Division (Package No. 13) in respect of Paramakudi (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Division at NABARD and Rural Roads, Tirunelveli Circle Office upto 3.00 P.M. (as per office clock) on 24.06.2019.

All other details are available in the website <http://www.tnhighways.org> (or) <http://tenders.tn.gov.in>. If any changes / corrections etc to the tender, it will be notified on the above website (s) only.

Superintending Engineer (H)
NABARD and Rural Roads, Tirunelveli.

DIPR/1839/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. 01/19-2020 / SDO / Dt. 03.06.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Sealed Item wise Tender for one bridge work under NABARD RIDF.XXIII - 70 Bridge works 2017 - 2018 in respect of Chengalpattu (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle at this office upto 2.00 pm (as per office clock) on 11.07.2019.

Details of Name of work, approximate value of work, EMD, Price of tender document, Place and availability of tender document, receipt of tender, opening of tender and all other details are available in the web site <http://www.tnhighways.org> (or) <http://tenders.tn.gov.in>. If any changes / corrections / amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above website(s) only.

Superintending Engineer (H)
NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu-1

DIPR/1841/Tender/2019

TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD CHENNAI CIRCLE

493, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-35 . Phone No.044-24322070

Tender Notice No. CC/1/2019-20 Dated: 04.06.2019

Sealed tenders with Pre-Qualification system duly superscripted on the covers with name of work, reference No, due date and name of tenderer are invited for the following works so as to reach the office of the Superintending Engineer (Chennai Circle), Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Chennai-600 035 up to 3.00 P.M. (as per office clock) on the due dates mentioned below. The tenders will be opened by the undersigned at his office at 3.30 P.M. on the same day in the presence of the tenderer or their agent who choose to be present.

Sl. No	Description of work	Approx. value (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD in Rupees
1	Construction of 49 MIG flats under Self Financing scheme in Plot No. 264 A of Korattur Scheme, S.No.1229 pt, 1230/2 pt, 1232 pt, 1233/1A pt, & 1 B & 1242 pt of Korattur Village, Ambattur Taluk, Thiruvallur District.	1101.40	5,61,000/-

Last date & time for receipt & Opening of tender on 05.07.2019 up to 3.00 PM & 3.30 PM respectively. Period for sale 28.06.2019 to 04.07.2019. Cost of tender document is Rs.15,750/-. The tender document can be downloaded www.tender.tn.gov.in at free of cost. The tender notice & other Conditions details can be had from Superintending Engineer , Chennai Circle, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-35.

Superintending Engineer,
Chennai Circle.

DIPR/1866/Tender/2019

Government of Odisha Sports & Youth Services Department C-1 Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar - 751 012

Phone No.0674 236715 Fax 0674 2536723
Email: info.dsys.odisha@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO ENGAGE AN EVENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR COMMONWEALTH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 & OTHER UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS OF 2019

Sealed proposals are invited by Sports & Youth Services Department, Government. of Odisha, C-1, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar — 751012 from Event Management Agencies / Companies for on-ground Delivery and Event Management at the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships — 2019 through an open RFP. The detailed information may be downloaded from the Sports & Youth Services Department website (<https://department.sportsodisha.gov.in/tender.php>) along with terms & conditions of the Bid.

The Bid should be submitted in the prescribed format along with all relevant documents duly signed and sealed. The bid should reach the Sports & Youth Services Department on or before 20th June 2019 by 2:00 PM either by Courier/ Speed post/ Registered Post only. Bid(s) received after due date & time shall not be accepted. The Department shall not be responsible for delay in postal delivery or similar reasons.

Sports & Youth Services Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof. For any specific queries, kindly contact DSYS through email.

Sd/-
Director cum Additional Secretary
Sports & Youth Services Department

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SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in)

CAO (Construction), S.C.Railway, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:-

Sl.No. 1 NIT No: 57-CAO-C-SC-2019 Date:21.05.2019 and Corrigendum No.1 Dated 31/05/2019. Name of Work: Vijayawada Division - Machilipatnam - Augmentation of Coach maintenance facilities at C&W Depot - Construction of IOH shed & laying and linking of BG track from existing pit line ladder to proposed IOH shed tracks at Machilipatnam and other connected Miscellaneous works- Estimated Cost (₹): 3,77,32,965/- EMD (₹): 3,38,700/- Completion Period: 09 Months Date of Opening: 25/06/2019 15.00 hrs.

1. For bid document and other details, please login to website <https://ireps.gov.in>

2. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit and Cost of tender document should be only through Net Banking/ Payment Gateway facilities made available online in IREPS.

3. Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.

4. Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer/
A0848 Const./Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD INVITATION OF BIDS- TWO COVER - ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM

IFB No :	F.Replacement of Pipeline/2" Call/D0(T5)/CE/CBE/2019/Dated : 01.06.2019.
Name of Work :	Replacement of Clear Water Pumping main of 1100mm dia PSC Pipes with MS Pipes between Treatment Plant and BPT at Palakarur for a length of 5190 m from LS 5610 m to LS 10800 m and allied works under the CWSS to Attur, Narasingapuram Municipalities, 20 Town Panchayats and 1345 Rural habitations in 12 Unions of Salem District (Completion period : 6 months, Trial Run : 6 months and Free Maintenance : 1 Year)
Approximate value of work	Rs.14.50 Crore including GST @ 12%
Bid Security	Rs.11,00,000/-
Eligible class	Class-I
Tender invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.30, Siruvani Nagar, Bharathipark Road, Coimbatore - 641 043.
Sale of Bid & Place of sale	From 06.06.2019 to 18.06.2019 at O/o. the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Maintenance Division, Hanging Garden, Sahadevapuram, Salem by cash or Demand Draft on any Scheduled/ Nationalized bank payable at Salem for Rs. 1000 + GST and each by post Rs. 500/- additional (each).
Downloading	www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in (free of cost)
1. Date and time of Pre bid meeting	12.06.2019 at 11.00 AM
2. Last date and time of downloading bid documents	18.06.2019 upto 05.45 PM
3. Last date and time for receipt of bid document	20.06.2019 upto 03.00 PM
4. Last date and time for opening of Technical bid	20.06.2019 at 03.30 PM

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Chief Engineer (I/c), TWAD Board, Coimbatore.

HARYANA GOVERNMENT TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	GMDA	REHABILITATION THE EXISTING DETERIORATED/DAMAGED MASTER SEWER LINE 1000MM I/D WITH (CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE) CIPP TECHNOLOGY ON NEW RAILWAY ROAD FROM SHEETLA HOSPITAL TO PARKKAS PURI CHOWK, GURUGRAM + 2 OTHER WORKS	29.05.2019 18.06.2019	12.63 LACS	https://www.gmda.gov.in	xen.gmda@gov.in
2.	GMDA	HIRING OF HIGH POWER SUPER SUCKER MACHINE FOR REMOVING OF BLOCKAGE IN MASTER SEWER LINE OF VARIOUS SIZES IN SECTOR-1 TO 57, GURUGRAM + 2 OTHER WORKS	04.06.2019 13.06.2019	8.50 LACS	https://www.gmda.gov.in	xen.gmda@gov.in
3.	GMDA	SPECIAL REPAIR OF MASTER ROAD BETWEEN SECTOR-2122 AND REZANGLA CHOWK TO OLD DELHI NH-8/ROAD ASSET ID 46 & 48) + 2 OTHER WORKS	03.06.2019 13.06.2019	1039.33 LACS	https://www.gmda.gov.in	0124-2746514 se4.gmda@gov.in
4.	HSIDC	INVITATION FOR E-QUOTATIONS ON E-PORTAL FOR COLLECTION OF USER FEE THROUGH USER FEE COLLECTING AGENCY AT 11 NO.TOLL PLAZAS OF KUNDLI MANESAR PALWA	04.06.2019 18.06.2019	2 CRORE	www.hsiddc.org.in	9896812172 hsidckmpurgarion@gmail.com
5.	HAFED	E-TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF RICE BRAN OILED, RICE BRAN OILED, MUSTARD DE-OILED, MALVA BRAN, MAIZE GUAR KORMA AND EMPTY HDPE BAGS FOR HAFED CATTLE FEED PLANTS, ROHTAK & SAKTAKHERA	04.06.2019 11.06.2019	6 CRORE	www.hafed.org.in	0172-2590520 hafed@hry.nic.in

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

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1	KURUKSHETRA DEVELOPMENT BOARD	CREATION AND INSTALLATION OF STATUES OF BHISHMA SHARSHIYA WITH ARJUN AND BHISHMA PITAMAH AT BANGANGA TIRTH, VILLAGE NARKATARI + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING 19.06.2019	2 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-270187 kdbkbg@gmail.com
2	HARTRON	E-TENDER FOR RATE CONTRACT FOR SCANNING & DIGITIZATION OF PHYSICAL DOCUMENTS/RECORDS & PREPARATION OF METADATA ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS GOVT. DEPARTMENTS	04.06.2019 25.06.2019	90 LACS	https://harttron.org.in	9815738877 mukesh.harttron-hry@gov.in
3	CAD DIVISION JHAJJAR	LINING OF WC RD 6 NO.WORKS	CLOSING 12.06.2019	NIT PUBLISHED ONLINE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01251-257076 xenjhajjarcad@gmail.com
4	CAD DIVISION KAITHAL	LINING/UNDER GROUND PIPELINE WATERCOURSE 8 NOS.	CLOSING 18.06.2019	NIT PUBLISHED ONLINE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9996532800 xenkaithalcad@gmail.com
5	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE FARUKHANGAR	CONST. OF REVENUE RASTA WITH STREET AND DRAIN TYPE I WITH INTERLOCKING P/BLOCK FROM FAZILPUR ROAD HOUSE OF KRIPIA CHAUDHARY, WARD NO.11 + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 14.06.2019	EMD-45100	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9466303906 seocmfarukhnagar@gmail.com
6	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	CONST. OF BITUMINOUS ROAD AROUND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANT ON M.C LAND AT VILLAGE MURTHAL + 3 OTHER WORKS	03.06.2019 17.06.2019	295.69 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	semsonepatn@gmail.com
7	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REWARI	SUPPLY/INSTALLATION OF 120 WATTS LED STREET/ROAD LIGHTS FROM DHARUHEDA CHUNGI TO ABHEY SINGH CHOWK + 8 OTHER WORKS	01.06.2019 08.06.2019	9.57 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9999740089 hemantroxen@gmail.com
8	UHBVN KAITHAL	E-TENDER ARE INVITED FOR EXPERIENCED FIRMS/CONTRACTORS PREFERABLY GENERAL LABOUR WORKS AS PER TERMS AND CONDITION OF NIT-10 UNDER (CIP) CIRCLE KAITHAL	CLOSING 21.06.2019	2.50 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	9354029529 seopubhvnkaithal@gmail.com
9	THE HISAR-JIND CO-OP. MILK PLANT JIND	TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES AT MILK PLANT, JIND, MCC HISAR AND MCC BHUNA + 3 OTHER WORKS	05.06.2019 26.06.2019	1.19 CRORE	etenders.hry.nic.in	9671001011 vitajind@gmail.com
10	HVPNL	220 V, 200 AH, 20A/30A BATTERY CHARGER	03.06.2019 03.07.2019	92.00	www.hvpngov.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpngov.in
11	DHBNV	FIXING THE RATE CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF 9KV, 10KA, ZINC OXIDE LAS FOR 11 KV SWITCH (NIT NO-631/DHMM DATED 05.03.2019 AGAINST QD-812)	CLOSING 18.06.2019	.31 CRORES	www.dhbnv.com	8059888695 semmdhbnv@gmail.com
12	HARYANA INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT NILOKHERI	PROVIDING MANPOWER TO HIRD, NILOKHERI FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020	05.06.2019 24.06.2019	25 LACS	hirdnilokheri.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	9416797217 hirdnila@gmail.com

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

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COIMBATORE SMART CITY LIMITED SMART CITIES MISSION NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

Tender Notice No. e-1 / Smart City / 19-20 / SCM Date :31.05.2019.

The Managing Director, Coimbatore Smart City Limited, Coimbatore hereby invites Bids through both on-line and off-line from eligible bidders for the following work:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimate Amount	Bid Security	Period of Completion
1	Restoration and Rejuvenation of Valankulam Lake for Coimbatore Corporation (Third Call)	Rs. 67.86 Crore	Rs. 67.86 Lakh	18 months

A two cover bidding procedure will be adopted. The bidders shall satisfy the qualification criteria and the financial criteria as mentioned in the Bid document. The Pre-bid meeting held on 20.06.2019 at 16.00 hours. The bidding documents will be available from 10.06.2019 to 11.07.2019 and downloaded from the website <https://tntenders.gov.in> on or before 17.45 Hours on 11.07.2019. Tender Submission will be closed at 15.00 hours and opened at 16.00 hours on 12.07.2019.

Fight 'data colonisation' with 'data sovereignty': ABVP's Ambekar

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

IN THE backdrop of a pending data protection Bill that mandates increased data localisation, Sunil Ambekar, the national organising secretary of the RSS's student wing ABVP, cautioned against the global "war on data" and encouraged citizens to embrace the "concept of external sovereignty that was established in Hindu philosophy".

Ambekar was the keynote speaker at the Constitution Club for the launch of the book *Data Sovereignty: The Pursuit of Supremacy*, authored by Vinit Goenka — BJP's IT Cell co-convenor in 2014, who now works on IT solutions for Indian Railways — and co-authored by Lt Gen Vinod Kandare, who was the director of the General Defense Intelligence Agency, and other security and technology officials.

He said, "Military attacks we can understand easily. But the silent proxy war on data is more difficult to understand. Similarly, the Naxal war and Naxalites we can understand but urban naxals are more difficult to understand... They say that they make the whole world a small village... but the power to attack has grown."

He said that centuries of foreign rule in India has taken away the country's sovereignty and "pursuit of supremacy", and the next frontier of this competition is over data.

"Chanakya said that until *para-danta* (dependency) is not over, *swarajya pura nahin hota hain* (self-governance is not complete)," he told *The Indian Express*. "Because of thousands of years of foreign rule, we have lost that pursuit of supremacy. We have thought that they are taking the data, no problem... We need to protect our borders and the same way we need to protect our data."

Meanwhile, Vinit Goenka said that India missed the latest industrial revolution because the country was "a victim of external aggression", and that external companies are again seeking the information of Indians.

On Rural Development radar: widen roads linking villages with mandis

SHALINI NAIR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

AS PART of its 100-day plan, the Ministry of Rural Development has proposed rolling out phase III of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for strengthening and widening of 1.25 lakh km of rural roads, primarily those connecting villages to agricultural markets.

The proposal for PMGSY phase III, to fortify all major rural routes connecting villages to mandis, is set to come up before the Cabinet soon, officials said.

"These existing link and through roads are 3.5 m wide and were designed for low traffic volumes more than 10 years ago. Over the years they have become multi-village connectivity roads that take the brunt of heavy transport, trucks and agricultural machinery. Based on traffic density and other scientific factors, these roads have been identified in consultation with the states. The aim is to widen all such roads to 5.5 m and

EXPLAINED Agenda ties up with govt's alignment plan

THE AGENDA of PMGSY phase III to link rural habitations to mainly agricultural markets is in keeping with the government's plans to align its rural development and agricultural schemes. Narendra Tomar taking over as minister for three allied ministries — Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, and Agriculture and Farmers Welfare — signals a likely convergence of many of the schemes of these ministries. A start was made in this direction last year when a sub-group of chief ministers was constituted with the stated goal of aligning works under the MGNREGA scheme "fully to the requirements of achieving the goal of higher farmers' income".

strengthen it by 2024," said an official.

The ministry estimates that the existing annual allocation of Rs 19,000 crore for overall PMGSY in addition to the states' share of Rs 8,000 crore would be sufficient for the road construction at a pace of 125 km per day. Launched in the early 2000s, PMGSY began with the goal of

providing road connectivity to all villages with a population of 500 in plain areas and 250 in hilly areas. Accordingly a total of 1.78 lakh habitations were to be covered, and by 2014 about 56 per cent habitations were connected. With a funding model of 60 per cent Centre and 40 per cent state share, the ministry data states that 97 per cent of el-

igible and feasible habitations were connected.

Phase II launched in 2013 took up 50,000 km of existing roads for widening and strengthening major link routes connecting villages. "About 30,000 km is complete under phase II, the rest should be done by March 2020. When we took up phase II, we realised that roads connecting villages to agricultural markets need to be put on the agenda for phase III," said an official.

Another work that is up for completion by March 2020 is connecting villages with population of at least 100 each in 374 Maoist-affected blocks. In addition, work is expected to be taken up on certain trunk and through routes in Left-Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected districts that have been identified as important from the security point of view by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Those districts will be taken up under PMGSY, with officials stating that about 5,000 km road work will be completed in LWE areas in nine states by 2022.

2013 MUZAFFARNAGAR MURDER CASE

5 arrested for skipping court hearing, sixth absconding

MANISH SAHU & AMIL BHATNAGAR
LUCKNOW, NOIDA, JUNE 4

THE MUZAFFARNAGAR police Tuesday arrested five of six accused persons for not appearing in a court hearing in the murder case of one Shah Nawaz, killed at Kawal village in Muzaffarnagar on August 27, 2013 leading to the killing of two Jat youths the same day. The killings had later triggered large-scale communal riots in Muzaffarnagar and adjoining districts from September 7 that year, leaving 62 people dead and more than 60,000 displaced.

A local court in Muzaffarnagar has been hearing the case and had issued summons and arrest warrants too against the six accused for not attending court proceedings. Last month, the court had issued order for attachment of properties of all the six persons when they did not appear before the court.

"The accused were arrested from their residences in Malikpura... A sixth accused, Ravinder, is absconding and his house will be sealed. The accused were presented before the acting Chief Judicial Magistrate and were sent to judicial custody," said Mukesh Chandra Mishra, Circle Officer (Jansath).

Shah Nawaz was allegedly murdered by two Jat men, identified only as Sachin and Gaurav, the fallout of an alleged "eve-teasing incident". Within minutes, the two were allegedly lynched by villagers. Gaurav's father and five other relatives of the two youths were named in the Shah Nawaz murder case.

In 2015, the SIT investigating the riot cases had filed a closure report in Shah Nawaz's murder case. Shah Nawaz's father, Saleem, had filed a petition challenging the closure report. The court treated the case as a complaint, and later, issued summons to all the six persons and when they did not appear, issued non-bailable warrants against them last year.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Spaze Towers Pvt. Ltd. are in the process of undertaking development of a Commercial Colony in Sector-78, Gurugram Manesar Urban Complex, Gurugram, Haryana over an area measuring 3.24722 acres (1.314 hectare) in accordance with the provisions of License No. 56 of 2012 dated 06.06.2012, granted by Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh ("DTCP"). The project is also registered under the provisions of Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 ("RERA Act") and Haryana Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2017 ("RERA Rules") vide Regn. No. 13 of 2018 dated 11.01.2018.

And Whereas, several individuals/persons have made bookings/entered into purchase agreement / buyers agreement for the allotment and purchase of units in this Commercial colony ("existing allottees").

And whereas, building plans earlier approved vide DTCP Memo No. ZP-818/AD(RA)/2013/31946 dated 28/02/2013 for this Commercial colony are now proposed to be revised. ("revised building plans").

And Whereas, the office of the DTCP and also the provisions of RERA Act/RERA Rules have required seeking of objections / consent against the said revision of the earlier approved building plans, as a pre-condition for allowing such revision in the earlier approved building plans.

Accordingly, vide this Public Notice, consent / objections, if any, are hereby invited from the existing allottees on the revised building plans. The earlier approved building plans bearing Memo No. ZP-818/AD(RA)/2013/31946 dated 28/02/2013 and revised building plans bearing DTCP Memo No. ZP-818/SD(DK)/2019/12946 dated 30/05/2019 are available for perusal / reference of the existing allottees a) our website <http://www.spaze.in>; b) in the office of the undersigned at Spazedge, Sector 47, Gurugram-Sohna Road, Gurugram; c) at the project site office in Sector-78, Gurugram Manesar Urban Complex, Gurugram & d) in the office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram, Town & Country Planning Haryana, HSVP Complex, Sector-14, Gurugram, Haryana. The changes proposed in the in-principal approved revised building plans w.r.t. the earlier approved building plans are also marked in different colors on the earlier approved plans.

Any of the existing allottees having any objection on these revised building plan(s), may file his/her/their/its objection / consent in the office of the Senior Town Planner, Town & Country Planning Department, HSVP Complex, Sector-14, Gurugram and in the office of the undersigned within thirty (30) days of publication of this Public Notice i.e. upto 04.07.2019, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed revision in the building plan(s).

Place: Gurugram (Sanjay Kapoor)
Date: 05.06.2019 Assistant General Manager For Spaze Towers Pvt. Ltd.

SPAZE TOWERS PVT. LTD.
SPAZEDGE, SECTOR - 47, GURUGRAM-SOHN ROAD, GURUGRAM

सफाई कर्मचारी (स्वीपर) के लिए भर्ती सूचना

जिला जेल, नारनौल में सफाई कर्मचारी (स्वीपर) के 04 पद Outsourcing Policy Part-1 द्वारा निर्धारित वेजिज (दैनिकी) के आधार पर 01 वर्ष या स्थाई सफाई कर्मचारी की नियुक्ति तक जो भी पहले हो के लिए नियुक्त किए जाने हैं। अतः एस.सी./बी.सी./ जनरल वर्ग के इच्छुक उम्मीदवार सफाई कर्मचारी (स्वीपर) पद के लिए निम्नहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में दिनांक 20.06.2019 को प्रातः 10.00 बजे चरित्र व शैक्षणिक प्रमाण पत्र सहित साक्षात्कार के लिए उपस्थित होंगे।

हस्ता./- जेल अधीक्षक नारनौल
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PUBLIC NOTICE

"GMDA invites applications from eligible candidates for filling up of the post of Public Communications Officer on Contract Basis. Last Date of Submission of Application through E-mail is 15th July, 2019, 17.00 hrs. For detailed terms and conditions please visit www.gmda.gov.in"

Sd/- (G.C. Yadav)
Deputy Secretary (Admin), Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority, Gurugram.

E-mail ID: ds.gmda@gov.in
Phone: 0124-2746608
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HQ SOUTH WESTERN COMMAND REQUIRED DIRECTOR AWES CELL

Applications are invited from Retired Army Officers ((Col/Col (TS)) for selection to the post of "Director AWES Cell". HQ South Western Command. Application to reach latest by 27 June 2019 to HQ South Western Command (AWES Cell), PIN- 908546, C/o 56 APO. For more details visit www.awesindia.com, Tele- 0141-2249441, E-mail: dirawesswc58@gmail.com
QR. Age- upto 60 years. Should have commanded a Major Unit or served as 2IC of a Major Unit. In case of AEC off, served as Principal in Sainik School/Military School. Should have experience of financial and legal issues.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Appointment of Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Punjab, Bathinda (A Central University)

The Vice-Chancellor, being the academic as well as administrative head, is expected to be:

- A visionary with proven leadership qualities, administrative capabilities as well as teaching and research credentials.
- Having outstanding academic record throughout and a minimum of 10 years' experience as Professor in a University or 10 years' of experience in a reputed research and/or academic administrative organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.
- Preferably not more than 65 years of age as on the closing date of receipt of applications of this advertisement.

Salary and Service Conditions

- The post carries a pay of Rs. 2,10,000/- (Fixed) per month with Special Allowance of Rs. 11,250/- and other usual allowances.
- The terms and conditions of the services will be those as set forth in the Act, Statutes and Ordinances of the University.

Procedure for appointment

- Appointment will be made from a panel of names recommended by a Committee constituted under the provisions of Central Universities Act, 2009.
- The advertisement and the format of application are available on the websites <http://mhrd.gov.in> and <https://www.cup.edu.in>
- The applications in the prescribed proforma should reach by July 1, 2019 by Registered/Speed Post to:

Deputy Secretary (Central Universities), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, Room No.325, 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115 "Application for the post of Vice Chancellor, Central University of Punjab" should be super-scribed on the envelope.

This Department is not responsible for postal delay. Dated: 30.05.2019

Bulandshahr: Tiles with Gandhi, Ashok Chakra symbols found in toilets

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, JUNE 4

AN OFFICIAL of the Bulandshahr administration has been suspended after tiles bearing Mahatma Gandhi's pictures and Ashok Chakra symbols were found installed in toilets built under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

The tiles were brought to the administration's notice by villagers on Monday. They were allegedly installed a week ago.

"Almost 508 toilets were built under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in Ichawari village of Dibai tehsil. It was found that in 13 of those toilets had tiles with symbols of Mahatma Gandhi and Ashok Chakra... An official has been suspended and action taken against the village pradhan," said Amarjeet Singh, District Panchayati Raj Officer.

Village development officer Santosh Kumar was suspended while the joint account of the pradhan, Savitri Devi, was seized.

Computer Baba joins MP secretariat, asks for helicopter

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, JUNE 4

WITHIN MINUTES of joining office at the Madhya Pradesh secretariat on Tuesday, Namdev Das Tyagi, popularly known as Computer Baba, demanded a helicopter for the circumambulation of the Narmada, saying he will need a modern "astra shashtra" if the river is to be saved.

The controversial religious functionary was appointed chairman of Narmada, Kshipra and Mandakini River Trust by the Kamal Nath government on March 10 but had not joined duty. He does not enjoy minister of state status yet.

On Tuesday, he reported for work amid religious rituals in the presence of former CM Digvijaya Singh, for whom he had campaigned in the recent general elections, and state Law Minister P C Sharma and a few religious functionaries. He requested Singh to ensure that he is provided a heli-

copter within a week so that he could inspect the river and begin ground work. Before demanding helicopter, he accused the previous Shivraj Singh Chouhan government of corruption in planting of saplings along the Narmada and announced a probe.

He also announced a helpline to receive complaints of illegal mining in the river. He said a Narmada Sena, which will have youngsters from villages as members, will be formed to save the sacred river.

A year ago, Chouhan had appointed him on a panel to clean and rejuvenate the river and accorded him minister of state status. Ahead of the state Assembly elections, he resigned from his post and sided with the Congress, calling the previous government irreligious. When Kamal Nath was sworn in, he was seated prominently on the dais and in his brief speech targeted the previous government of abandoning the cause of the 'gau mata' and saints.

ORDNANCE FACTORY KATNI, MP-483503 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

EOI FOR SELL OF ZINC BASE MAZAK ALLOY SECONDARY PIGS (Zn 96%, Al 4%)
Ordnance Factory Katni is having Zinc base Mazak alloy secondary pigs for sell as detailed below. Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited from parties capable of purchase the same.

S. N.	Description of Item	Quantity	Basic Price
1.	Zinc base Mazak alloy Secondary pigs suitable for serviceable use conforming to Specification IS 713-1981 (Amendment No. 1, April 2011) having chemical composition as mentioned below	500 MT (APPROX.)	Rs. 212/- per Kg (excluding all applicable taxes & duties)

Al	Cu	Pb	Sn	Cd	Fe	Mg	Ni	In	Ti	Zn
3.8 - 4.2	0.03 Max	0.003 Max	0.001 Max	0.003 Max	0.02 Max	0.035 /0.06	0.001 Max	0.001 5 Max	0.001 5 Max	Rest

Interested parties may submit applications indicating their requirement to The General Manager, Ordnance Factory Katni, MP- 483503. Email: ofkat_ofb@ofb.gov.in / ofkat_ofb@nic.in. Fax: +91-7622-228082, 221605. Phone: +91-7622-227849, 221601.

(Dr. R. N. JHA)
DY. GENERAL MANAGER FOR GENERAL MANAGER
davp 10201/11/0022/1920

IN THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENCH AT CHANDIGARH, ORIGINAL JURISDICTION COMPANY APPLICATION (CAA) NO. 8/Chd/Hry/2019

IN THE MATTER OF: SECTIONS 230 TO 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND IN THE MATTER OF: ANANT RAJ AGENCIES PRIVATE LIMITED, HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT PLOT NO. CP-1, SECTOR-8, IMT MANESAR, GURGAON, HARYANA - 122051

AND (AMALGAMATING COMPANY/APPLICANT COMPANY 1) ANANT RAJ LIMITED HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT PLOT NO. CP-1, SECTOR-8, IMT MANESAR, GURGAON, HARYANA - 122051

AND (AMALGAMATED COMPANY / DEMERGED COMPANY/APPLICANT COMPANY 2) ANANT RAJ GLOBAL LIMITED, HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT PLOT NO. CP-1, SECTOR-8, IMT MANESAR, GURGAON, HARYANA - 122051

(RESULTING COMPANY/APPLICANT COMPANY 3) ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF THE TRIBUNAL CONVENED MEETING OF THE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS (INCLUDING THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS), SECURED CREDITORS AND UNSECURED CREDITORS OF ANANT RAJ LIMITED (I.E. THE AMALGAMATED COMPANY / DEMERGED COMPANY / APPLICANT COMPANY 2).

Notice is hereby given that by the order dated 17th May, 2019 in Company Application (CAA) No. 8/Chd/Hry/2019 (the "Order"), the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench at Chandigarh ("NCLT"), has directed separate meetings to be held of the equity shareholders, secured creditors and the unsecured creditors of Anant Raj Limited (the "Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company") for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving, with or without modification(s), the arrangement embodied in the composite scheme of arrangement for amalgamation and demerger among Anant Raj Agencies Private Limited (i.e. the Amalgamating Company), the Amalgamated Company / Demerged Company and Anant Raj Global Limited (i.e. the Resulting Company) and their respective shareholders and creditors ("Scheme") under Sections 230-232 read with Sections 52 and 66 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act").

In pursuance of the said Order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that the aforesaid meetings of the equity shareholders, secured creditors and the unsecured creditors of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company will be held as under, at which time and place, the said equity shareholders, secured creditors and the unsecured creditors of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company are requested to attend:

Sl.No.	Class of Meeting	Day & Date of Meeting	Time of Meeting	Venue of Meeting
1	Equity Shareholders	Saturday, 6th July, 2019	11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.	Plot No. CP-1, Sector 8, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122051.
2	Secured Creditors		12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.	
3	Unsecured Creditors		2:30 P.M.	

Copies of the notices in relation to the aforementioned meetings together with the documents accompanying the same, including the Scheme, the relevant explanatory statements under Section 102 read with Sections 230(3), 232(1) and 232(2) of the Act read with Rule 6 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016 ("Rules"), the form of proxy and the attendance slip can be obtained free of charge on any day (except Saturday, Sunday and public holidays) within one (1) day on a working day from the office of the undersigned at the registered office of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company at the registered office of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company at Plot No. CP-1, Sector-8, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122051, India and/ or from the office of the advocate of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company, Mr. Suman Kumar Jha, Corporate Professionals Advisors & Advocates, D-28, South Extension Part-1, New Delhi - 110049 during business hours. Persons entitled to attend and vote at the aforementioned meetings, may vote in person or by proxy at the relevant meeting (or through postal ballot or through electronic means in the case of the equity shareholders meeting), provided that all proxies in the prescribed form, duly completed and signed are deposited at the registered office of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company as mentioned above, not later than 48 (forty eight) hours before the scheduled time of the commencement of the aforesaid meetings. Forms of proxy can be obtained free of charge from the registered office of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company and/ or from the office of its advocate as mentioned above during business hours.

The NCLT has appointed Mr. Dhritiman Bhattacharya, Advocate, as the Chairperson of the meetings, Ms. Gunjan Bansal, Advocate, as the Alternate Chairperson of the meetings and Mr. Prince Chadha, Company Secretary as the Scrutinizer of the meetings. The Scheme, if approved at the aforesaid meetings, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the NCLT.

Further Notice is hereby given to the equity shareholders (including the public shareholders) of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company that:

- In compliance with the provisions of (i) Section 230(4) read with Sections 108 and 110 of the Act; (ii) Rule 6(3)(vi) of the Rules; (iii) Rule 22 read with Rule 20 and other applicable provisions of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014; (iv) Regulation 44 and other applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015; (v) SEBI Circular No. CFD/DIL3/CIR/2017/21 dated 10th March, 2017, as amended from time to time ("SEBI Circular") and other relevant laws and regulations, as may be applicable, the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company has provided the facility of voting by postal ballot and e-voting so as to enable the equity shareholders, which includes the public shareholders, to consider and approve the Scheme. Accordingly, voting by the equity shareholders of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company shall be carried out through (i) postal ballot or e-voting and (ii) polling paper at the venue of the meeting. The Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company has engaged the services of National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") for facilitating e-voting services;
- The cut off date for determining the eligibility of the equity shareholders for voting through postal ballot or e-voting or voting at the venue of the meeting is Friday 24th day of May, 2019. A person, whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to vote. Persons who are not equity shareholders of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company as on the cut-off date should treat the notice for information purposes only;
- Voting through postal ballot and e-voting by the equity shareholders will commence at 9.00 A.M. on Thursday, 6th day of June, 2019 and shall close at 5.00 P.M. on Friday, 5th day of July, 2019;
- Duly completed and signed postal ballot forms should reach the Scrutinizer on or before 5:00 P.M. on Friday, 5th day of July, 2019. Any postal ballot form received after 5:00 P.M. on Friday, 5th day of July, 2019, shall not be considered and shall be treated as if the reply from the equity shareholders has not been received. Further, e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting on Friday, 5th day of July, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.;
- The Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company has been completed the dispatch of Notices along with the postal ballot form with instructions and a self-addressed Business Reply Envelope and Postal Stamp amongst others, to the equity shareholders holding shares in either physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday 24th day of May, 2019, on Monday, 3rd June, 2019;
- The Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company has also sent e-mail of the Postal Ballot Notice along with the details of User Id and Password to the shareholders whose email ids are registered against their account in the records of Depository Participants and with the Company;
- Equity shareholders who have not received the postal ballot form can either download the same from the website of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company, www.anantrajlimited.com or obtain duplicate postal ballot from the registered office of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company as stated above;
- During the voting period, the equity shareholders can opt for only one mode for voting i.e. either by postal ballot or e-voting. In case any equity shareholder cast the vote both via postal ballot and e-voting, then voting validly done through e-voting shall prevail. Equity shareholders who have cast their votes through postal ballot or e-voting may attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again;
- Once the vote is cast by an equity shareholder, he or she will not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- The cut off date for determining the eligibility of the secured creditors and unsecured creditors of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company for voting at the venue of the meeting is 31st day of January, 2019;
- The Notice including the postal ballot and e-voting instructions are available on the website of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company at www.anantrajlimited.com and on the website of NSDL at <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com>;
- In case of any query/grievance in relation to the voting by postal ballot and e-voting mode shall be addressed to Mr. Manoj Pathwa, Company Secretary of the Amalgamated Company/ Demerged Company at its registered office as stated above, Email manojpathwa@anantrajlimited.com; Phone: -Tel:011-43559153, 43559164; In case of any query you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting user manual for members available at the Downloads sections of <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com> or contact NSDL at the following toll free no. : 1800-222-990.

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Dated: 4th day of June, 2019 Place: Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana

Dhritiman Bhattacharya, Advocate, Chairperson for the NCLT Convened Meetings of the Equity Shareholders, Secured Creditors and Unsecured Creditors of Anant Raj Limited

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The North Block Challenge



SUBRATA MITRA

Thanks to his proximity to the PM, Amit Shah might be able to restore the centrality of the home ministry

A TICKET TO RIDE

Delhi's proposal to make metro free for women is welcome. Its success will depend on how stakeholders are brought on board

ON MONDAY, WHILE proposing a subsidy scheme for women travellers in the Metro and DTC buses, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal alluded to the links between urban mobility and gender equality. "Women will have a choice to travel free in the Delhi metro and DTC buses," he said and reasoned that the measure would cater to their mobility needs. "Women feel unsafe in Delhi and... public transport is considered to be the safest mode of travel," he said. The AAP government's move is significant given that at a little more than 11 per cent, the participation of women in Delhi's labour force is way below the national average of about 26 per cent. The free rides could lead to more women stepping out of their homes for employment. They would also ensure safe travel for the capital's growing number of women students.

The subsidy scheme will inevitably invite questions about financial viability. The free bus and metro travel proposal for women is expected to cost the Delhi government Rs 700 crore approximately on an annual basis. This is a high figure. However, there are compelling reasons, including the global experience with public transit facilities, for the government to subsidise such services. The metro connects the heart of Delhi and most of the NCR's commercial centres with the city's fringes, where a large section of its working class lives. Around 24 lakh people use the metro everyday. But the railway system's ridership has fallen by about three lakh commuters after prices were hiked in 2017, even though it added new routes in these two years. The discourse on the metro's fare structure also needs to be mindful of the Airport Express MetroLine's (AMEL) early experiences. Launched in 2011, AMEL operated at less than 5 per cent capacity in its first two years. Reduced fares since 2013, helped to increase ridership and the AMEL broke even in 2016.

The Delhi government has said it will reimburse the ticket revenue lost by the Metro. However, the Delhi government will need to sit with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), the agency responsible for running the metro, and work out the details of the scheme. The Delhi government's track record on dealing with tricky issues, especially its innovative interventions in urban politics and welfare schemes, has been mixed. While its initiatives on the Mohalla clinics and school education have been exemplary, the AAP government has come a cropper in confronting Delhi's pollution problem — a matter in which it has been called upon to coordinate with more than one agency. It would be best served in taking the DMRC on board while executing its new subsidy scheme.

JUST AS I was beginning to argue that the Union Ministry of Home Affairs — the fixed point around which the politics of the state and the nation revolve — was losing its moorings, Modi 2.0 has delivered a coup de grâce. The appointment of Amit Shah to head this key ministry should go a long way to meet a structural crisis — the policy paralysis in Kashmir, allegations of lynching, and consternation in the Northeast — that had become painfully evident towards the final days of the previous government. Is this going to be a case of the iron fist of the home ministry in the velvet glove of vikas and vishwas? Are we up against a Janus-faced Modi 2.0, sending mixed signals?

Such apprehensions are based on a misconception of how the home ministry and the Indian system of governance actually work. True, the executive decisions of the ministry need the final nod of the home minister. But, in practice, these decisions go through meticulous vetting by the civil service, and are subject to internal checks from other ministries, including, in particular, the Ministry of Law.

A critical perusal of declassified files of the home ministry show how, in an exquisite Indian avatar of the BBC's *Yes, Minister*, seasoned bureaucrats have been able to hem in the excessive zeal of powerful home ministers. The hallmark of the ministry is governance by stealth — a process of generating compliance through the knowledge of rules and mastery of facts, supplemented with persuasion, material incentives and other forms of inducement, tactical posturing, and the application of limited force. The colonial home department had honed this to a fine art which has survived in the entrails of its successor, ensconced in the majestic North Block.

A robust and detailed interview of Shah to *The Indian Express* provides some valuable clues to how the new regime in the home ministry might work out. The punctilious defence of the letter of the law, and the political vision that underpins them are significant pointers. Home, under Modi 2.0, is likely to follow a policy of *festina lente* — making haste, slowly — but doggedly, and pursue a careful, balancing act.

From its inception, the BJP has set itself on course to transform India into a modern state which it sees as a political entity with a

definite body of citizens who are allowed free movement within national territory. The idea appears alluring on the drawing board but its transformation to reality in the sprawling, continental diversity of India runs into immediate roadblocks. The courts, regions, media and civil society are likely to work in unison to moderate the hectoring pace of the regime seeking to cast the country into a new mould. The Ministry of Home Affairs is directly involved with the challenge of the full integration of Jammu and Kashmir with the Indian state and market, preparing a definite roll of citizens who are entitled to state protection and welfare, and to sustain the pace of development. Its mandate of ensuring orderly rule causes it to be indirectly involved with land acquisition, and connecting the state and citizen directly — skipping over the heads of the traditional intermediaries and fixers. On the top of this list of roadblocks that could stymie most political parties in a hurry comes the challenge of devising a bovine policy that can balance the sanctity of the cow with its materiality, and to build a consensus over Ramjanmabhoomi. Regaining the trust of minorities in a charged environment where these issues have become a political slogan for triage of the Indian population into those who are in, and those who are out, is probably the hardest challenge facing the Ministry of Home Affairs.

This is where the role of the Ministry becomes vital for Modi 2.0. Home is the most political of Indian ministries. By constitutional design, it is the keeper of order and has, at its beck and call, vast resources, the public services, the paramilitary and an intelligence network. The home minister sits at the centre of this spider's web of civil servants, spies, paramilitary units and its own transport to ferry them rapidly to the scene of action at short notice. More than mere physical agility, the occupant of this office needs vision; to be in sync with the regime's transformative ideology, and inspire trust. All this amounts to a tall order. Can the MHA deliver?

Looking back, one can see how India's home ministry had risen to this challenge in the past. Vallabhbhai Patel had led both the Ministry of Home Affairs and the States Ministry, which merged with it in 1955, with great vision and resolution. Between them, the two ministries melded fragments of the far-flung country together and gave it the ter-

ritorial shape by which we know it today. Patel's sobriquet — "Iron Man of India" — stems from his role in this critical juncture which complemented the charismatic aura of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Professional civil servants, who had once been loyal servants of the British raj, served both leaders with aplomb. The post-Independence generations of leaders and civil servants added enormously to this legacy. In consequence, functions like holding the disparate and dispersed political units together within the four walls of a territorial state, making the new wielders of political power accountable to rules and procedures, and developing options acceptable to all stakeholders have remained the main remit of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The rise of new assertive leaders in the regions, emergence of centres of power like the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and the NSA, the growing importance of the corporate sector, have affected the centrality in public affairs that home ministry once enjoyed. Thanks to the proximity that the new home minister enjoys to the prime minister and his previous ministerial experience, the ministry, under his leadership, might regain some of the centrality it has lost to its competitors for power and influence.

India today is at a turning point. The country under Modi 2.0 has set its trajectory on the goal of achieving the breakthrough of China, but achieve these results without a political apparatus that folds party-bureaucracy-army-regions into one agency and without the inconvenience of democracy's angry crowds, and its terrible political costs. As things stand, the unresolved structural issues of agriculture, territorial integration of Kashmir and India's Northeast, rights of forest-dwellers threatened by encroaching markets, and the emotive issue of cow protection will continue to plague orderly rule and demand the constant attention of the home minister. With trusted and experienced professionals in four key ministries, a massive mandate and effective party organisation to support its political initiatives, Modi 2.0 might have a fighting chance to deliver on what it has promised. The moment of Narendra Modi's reckoning, is, now.

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FORGOTTEN LESSONS

The resignation of Muslim ministers, governors in Sri Lanka reflect a widening faultline

THE RESIGNATION OF nine Muslim ministers and two governors in Sri Lanka is telling of how much and how swiftly the country has changed in the six weeks since the Easter bombings that killed more than 250 people. The attacks were carried out by a group of radicalised Muslims, later claimed by ISIS as its own. Security forces mopped up remnants of the group within days, arresting scores of people with active help from the wider Muslim community, which had long red-flagged the existence of these rotten apples to the authorities but to little effect. But even as this process continues and investigators are probing the networks of the perpetrators, there are other forces at work digging the crack between the majority Sinhala Buddhist community and the minority Muslims, widening and deepening it by the day.

It is unfortunate that the leadership of the country — divided between a prime minister and president who see each other as rivals in the presidential elections later this year, and both threatened by a former president — has done nothing to calm matters. In fact, they have done the opposite, by allowing majoritarian minded Buddhist monks to seize the agenda and dictate terms. Accused by Sinhala Buddhist extremists of "appeasement" of the Muslim community for votes, the present dispensation appears completely to have surrendered to these forces. The first sign was the imposition of a ban on face veils worn by women, then the laissez faire attitude as rioters targeted Muslims. Clearly the top leadership of the country believes that any attempt to stop these majoritarian forces will go against them at the elections. The resignations came after a hunger strike by a monk demanding that the two governors step down because of their alleged links to those who carried out the Easter attacks. The ministers resigned in solidarity, demanding that the allegations be established by due process instead of by word of mouth. Among those who visited the fasting monk was another man in saffron robes, who was in jail for instigating anti-Muslim violence in the past, until he was freed recently following a questionable presidential pardon.

Sri Lanka has been here before. It was the Tamils then, and it took a long and brutal war to learn that majoritarianism is not a workable political model in plural societies, even in those that do not call themselves secular. It is unfortunate that those lessons have been forgotten so quickly.

AN ICON, AN ERA

Ruma Guha Thakurta's contributions as an artist spanned different media, musical genres

CULTURAL ICON who straddled multiple disciplines with ease, Ruma Guha Thakurta passed away in Kolkata on Monday, aged 84. Over a six-decade film career, Thakurta was a part of some seminal Indian cinema. Her initiation into the arts happened when she trained as a dancer under the acclaimed Uday Shankar at his Almora academy. Thakurta eventually moved to Bombay where she gained immediate eminence. Her debut as an actress had already happened by then, though. When she was just about 10 years old, she starred in Amiya Chakravarty's *Jwar Bhata* (1944), which also marked the debut of Dilip Kumar. She went on to work with some of the biggest names in Indian cinema including Tapan Sinha (*Nirjan Saikate*, 1963), Tarun Majumdar (*Palatak*, 1963), Sunil Bannerjee (*Antony Firingee*, 1967) and, of course, Satyajit Ray. With Ray, she collaborated on *Abhijan* (1962) and *Ganashatru* (1989).

A remarkable facet of Thakurta's oeuvre has been her versatility. In contemporary parlance, she would be an exceptional "multi-tasker". Around the time she was establishing her legacy as an actor, she was also creating a reputation as a successful playback singer. From Kamal Majumdar's *Lukochuri* in 1958, featuring two popular duets with Kishore Kumar, who she married, to Dilip Roy's *Amrita Kumbher Sandhaney* in 1982, Thakurta made her presence with her melody too.

Thakurta did not confine her interest in music within the movie industry. She left an indelible mark on the cultural landscape of Calcutta as co-founder of the Calcutta Youth Choir, along with Salil Chowdhury and Ray, in 1958. The Choir, helmed by Thakurta, soon gained acclaim for its performances: From performing in Dhaka at the first anniversary celebrations of the Bangladesh liberation to receiving Nelson Mandela when he visited India and welcoming Fidel Castro in the early-1990s. Thakurta leaves behind a rich history and an extensive body of work that is sure to resonate for long.

SUJATA SAUNIK, DILEEP MAVALANKAR AND MAHAVEER GOLECHHA

WE ASSUME THAT all Indians are used to heat and heat waves kill only an unfortunate handful. The realities of climate change seem to have changed this perception. Data from deaths in Ahmedabad in 2010 showed for the first time that 800 additional deaths occurred during the first week of the heat wave. This was unprecedented. Ahmedabad city developed the first Heat Action Plan (HAP), learning from European and American countries.

A heat-wave action plan aims to provide a framework for planning, implementation, co-ordination and evaluation of extreme heat response activities in cities/towns that reduces the negative impact of extreme heat on the health of the population. The plan's primary objective is to alert those at risk of heat-related illness in places where extreme heat conditions either exist or are imminent.

Through the exemplary leadership of Maharashtra's Public Health Department and the Nagpur Municipal Corporation, the Nagpur Regional HAP has coordinated between Nagpur and four neighbouring cities, creating the first regional approach to heat wave planning in India. Based on a scientific approach using climatic data and health data, the threshold temperature for Nagpur has been identified as 43°C (109.4°F) for a heat alert day (orange) and extreme heat alert day

(red) for temperatures of 45°C (113°F) or greater. Nagpur has also identified particularly vulnerable populations, such as children and the elderly. There has been tremendous publicity about the HAP in Nagpur. Other cities like Gondia, Chandrapur, Nanded, Jalgaon are following suit. Citizens are actively involved with the HAP and have carried out awareness marches. These cities are also using social media platforms such as WhatsApp to spread awareness and document the actions taken.

Nagpur formulated its heat action plan with technical inputs from the Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar (IIPHG) and the support of the Natural Resource Defence Council (NRDC) in 2016. Since then, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation has been using this plan to provide information to citizens and keeping track of heat stroke patients.

As global warming and rising temperatures are affecting communities and regions, particularly in central India, it has become imperative to support city administrations to prepare, activate and update their HAPs with each season and develop capacity both in handling periods of extreme heat as well as making communities both aware of and resilient to the impacts of the changing climate.

Recently, Nagpur has also been identified by the Department of Science and Technology

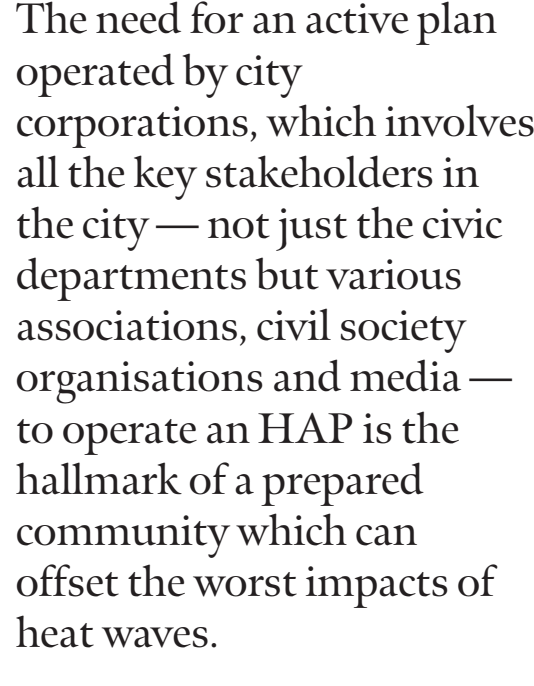
under the National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change (NMSKCC) for the development and testing of a robust and scientific Heat Action Plan. Under this initiative, a more scientific approach will be incorporated into the city's existing HAP. Climate data from the last 15-20 years will be correlated with the mortality and morbidity data of Nagpur city to prepare a heat stress index and city-specific threshold. Vulnerable areas and population will be identified by using GIS and satellite imagery for targeted actions. A system will be developed for monitoring the implementation and measuring the impact of heat action plan in mortality and morbidity.

The need for an active plan operated by city corporations, which involves all the key stakeholders in the city — not just the civic departments but various associations, civil society organisations and media — to operate an HAP is the hallmark of a prepared community which can offset the worst impacts of heat waves. Providing quality healthcare, particularly to the young and elderly, in a timely fashion is a key component and test of such a plan.

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HERE COMES THE SUN

Heat-wave action plans can help city administrations cope with the worst of summer



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JUNE 5, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

UP HARTAL OFF

THE NINE-DAY-OLD HARTAL by traders in Uttar Pradesh was called off after a negotiated settlement with the chief minister. The call for a "Bharat bandh" tomorrow was also withdrawn. The finance minister, Madhukar Dighe, pleaded his ignorance to the agreement reached between the chief minister and the representatives of the UP Udyog Vyapar Mandal as he was not associated with it during the negotiations, which started last night and concluded this morning. The decision for the withdrawal of the strike was announced in the Vidhan Sabha by Chief Minister Banarasi Das, and, later, by the general secretary of the mandal, Jagdish Arora.

ALL PARTY EFFORT

PRESIDENT N SANJIVA Reddy said in Trivandrum that if democracy was to be strengthened in a multi-party system like the one in India "all parties must sit together and tackle all major issues". Laying the foundation stone of the new Rs 3 crore four-storey legislature complex of Kerala, he said the country's parliamentary system had worked and survived successfully all these years, because the Congress ruled the country continuously for nearly three decades. That position of the Congress is now gone and in this "test period", different political parties must sit together and tackle major problems facing the country.

MOROCCAN AFFAIR

INDIA MAY NOT pursue the Moroccan ambassador affair further. The ministry of external affairs had said in a statement that the government has lost "all confidence in the desire or ability" of the Moroccan ambassador in Delhi, Abdulhaq Saadani, to promote Indo-Moroccan relations. But there is also a desire not to precipitate things. In fact, the minister of external affairs, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, had not seen the statement before it was issued. Not that the government condones the impetuous observations of the Moroccan ambassador on the condition of Indian Muslims, but it is felt that perhaps the matter could have been tackled differently.



Fatal ascents

Mountaineering is a perilous, sometimes fatal, pursuit. For those who take part in this sport, it is a risk they accept as part of a transcendent and sometimes tragic fascination for high places



STEPHEN ALTER

NEWS FROM THE Himalaya this climbing season has been grim. In addition to the recent deaths on Everest, Kanchenjunga, Makalu and Nanga Parbat, eight climbers are now missing and presumed dead on Nanda Devi East, in Uttarakhand. Though it is too early to be sure, from initial reports they seem to have been buried beneath an avalanche. The leader of this team was Martin Moran, an experienced mountain guide, based in Scotland, who focused his attention on peaks in Garhwal and Kumaon. While most of Moran's ascents were commercial climbs, with clients paying him to help them reach the summit, his approach to mountaineering was, in many ways, the antithesis of what is happening atop Everest these days.

In his memoir, *Higher Ground*, Moran reflects on the career he chose: "Mountain climbing, in its finest guise, is a triumph of human spirit over the shackles of convention. It is spontaneous, thrilling, occasionally reckless, and it bucks the norms of society. The profession of mountain guiding introduces a strand of commercialism that can easily corrupt the ethos." Yet, he sought to preserve that ethos and the free-spirited adventure of climbing, even as he did his best to ensure the success and safety of those he guided.

I was fortunate enough to meet Moran on two occasions, once at the Himalayan Club's Annual Seminar in 2016 and a year later, when he was invited to give a presentation at the Mussoorie Mountain Festival. At both events, Moran spoke with passion and common sense about the need to steer alpinists away from 8,000-metre peaks. He argued that there are plenty of other mountains to be climbed in the Himalaya, all of which offer exceptional challenges and rewards, regardless of their relative prominence or altitude.

In an article published in the *Indian Quarterly* in 2017, titled, "The Joys of the Unknown," Moran wrote: "Ever since the first ascents of the highest peaks of the world, the mainstream media has presumed that there is nothing worthwhile left to explore in the Himalaya. How wrong they are! ...Mountaineering in the Himalaya has been an active sport for 125 years, yet many peaks of lower altitude are still unclimbed." He was one of a small but dedicated band of professional alpinists who seek to explore and celebrate these relatively unknown, unvisited summits.

Despite his many accomplishments, Moran was not given to bravado or sensationalism. The stories he told contained plenty of excitement and drama, as well as a keen appreciation for the overwhelming beauty of mountain landscapes. But he was a calm, self-effacing narrator, who recounted the dangers and delights of climbing without hyperbole or exaggeration. After listening to him describe various expeditions he led on mountains like Kamet, Panwali Dwar and Cheepaydang, as well as a tough traverse of Trill's Pass, I remember saying to a friend that if I were ever to try climbing again (after two failed attempts), Moran would be the kind of guide I could trust. At the same time, this was wishful thinking on my part, for he chose his clients carefully, making sure they had the skills, experience and fitness required. Unlike the fixed-rope escalators and oxygen-deprived queues on Everest — images of which have dominated social media over the past couple weeks — Moran and his clients often broke new ground and traversed fresh routes



C R Sasikumar

in remote, uncrowded terrain.

Nanda Devi East is a treacherously unyielding mountain to climb. Rising 7,434 metres above sea level, it is only 382 metres lower than the main summit to the west, the second highest point in India. The eastern turret of the Nanda Devi massif was first climbed in 1939 by a Polish expedition. Tenzing Norgay, who reached the top with two French climbers in 1951, rated Nanda Devi East the most challenging ascent of his career, including Everest. In 2015, Moran had attempted the peak once before, a climb that he describes in his memoir. After working their way up a ridge of pinnacles, he and his partner had no choice but to turn back. "Huge cornice forbade us to venture on the crest and we were forced on to the western flank where convex slopes slipped away into an abyss." Realising that it was suicidal to go on, his team retreated to Base Camp from where they went on to make the first ascent of a nearby peak, Changuch (6,322 metre).

Rescue operations are still underway to try and find the missing climbers but as each hour goes by our hopes diminish. Nobody can deny that mountaineering is a perilous, sometimes fatal, pursuit. For those of us who do not take part in this sport, there is a temptation to question and decry the seemingly foolhardy motives of those who ascend into

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lifeless zones of ice and rock. When accidents occur, family and friends of lost climbers suffer most, experiencing the anguish of a sudden death far away in some isolated, inaccessible place. Each of the eight climbers who have disappeared leave behind loved ones who will mourn their passing and wonder if something might have saved them. But for those who are gone it was a risk they accepted as part of a transcendent and sometimes tragic fascination for high places.

Moran returned to Nanda Devi East this year at the age of 64, for his second attempt on the mountain. After hearing that he and his clients were missing, I took his memoir from the bookcase and leafed through its chapters until I came to a quote from Goethe's *Faust* that he uses as an epigraph. It seems to sum up the mountaineer's quest:

*Oh, if I had wings to lift me from this Earth,
To seek the sun and follow him! / Then I should see within the constant evening ray / The silent evening world beneath my feet, / The peaks illumined and in every valley peace, / The silver brook flow into golden streams, / No savage peaks nor all the roaring gorges / Could then impede my godlike course.*

Alter's new book, *Wild Himalaya: A Natural History of the Greatest Mountain Range on Earth* will be published this summer



VIEW FROM THE RIGHT

SPEAKING OF NAYSAYERS

THE EDITORIAL IN *Organiser* says the naysayers are still not willing to change. The likes of Amartya Sen are bent on bringing some obscure Western category of plurality to negate the popular mandate. The award-wapsi brigade and the larger project of breaking Bharat in the name of "lynchistan" are back in action. It adds that many more *Time* magazine stories and secular media stories about Narendra Modi being a divider and selective outrage over certain crimes, giving them a communal colour, will keep emerging. "In 2014 itself, they could not accept the fact that despite spitting so much venom globally about Bharat and a leader emerging from the soil and soul of Bharat turned out to be victorious against them. The shock of 2019 is even bigger. So now the strategy is to question the very edifice of democracy, the election process and outcome itself. Their perennial hatred for Modi and his school of thought is one reason for their continuous

negativism. At the same time, the real problem lies elsewhere, and that is their non-Bharatiya understanding of Bharat," the editorial reads.

The editorial further says the mandate of 2019 is all about breaking the traditional frameworks of understanding electoral politics in Bharat. It adds that if three speeches of Prime Minister Modi, the ones he delivered at the BJP headquarters, the Central Hall of Parliament and the at Varanasi, are taken as a reference point, the problem with "the colonised intellectuals" could be understood. Modi, in his victory speech, did not only talk about the paradigm shift in electoral politics but also said there were only two castes — the poor and those who wants to lift them out of poverty.

A NAYA CONGRESS

AN ARTICLE IN *Organiser* says the time has come for a Naya Congress. The article says a pall of gloom has descended on the Congress headquarters after the Narendra Modi-led BJP's resounding victory in the elections. Referring to Rahul Gandhi's offer to resign from the party president's post at the first meeting of the Congress Working Committee after the results were announced, the article says, "In what is being seen by critics as a drama, Rahul has insisted on quitting

notwithstanding efforts by leaders including his mother UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi and sister Congress general secretary in charge of Eastern UP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to persuade him to withdraw his resignation". It adds added that some Congress leaders are seeking to project the move as proof that the party was not dynastic as is perceived and Rahul, therefore, wanted a non-Gandhi to take over the reins of the party. The article further adds that Rahul reportedly took potshots at certain top leaders who worked exclusively for the success of their sons who were contesting the polls and not for the party candidates. "But critics wondered whether being a dynast himself, was Rahul being fair to his party colleagues? Why in the first place did he allow them to get party tickets and if they were indeed only focusing on their wards, couldn't he have ticked them off during the campaign itself? But the bigger question is whether Rahul is running away from responsibility and is looking for scapegoats?... Is he displaying mature behaviour by refusing to meet leaders like Gehlot (Ashok) and Sachin Pilot and even address newly elected Members of Parliament?" The article says the million-dollar question is, can the Gandhis then remain the ceremonial head and nurture a capable and futuristic leadership or will it only lead to another power centre akin to the National Advisory Council

headed by Sonia Gandhi during the prime ministerial tenure of Manmohan Singh? "In that case, are they looking for another puppet, another yes man, another accidental Congress president? If so, the party stares at a bleak future," the article says. It further says the journey for the Congress must begin with playing the role of a constructive opposition, which is critical for the success of any democracy. "The time has come for a Naya Congress," the article concludes.

REFLECTING LALU

A REPORT IN *Panchjanya* says RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, who is admitted in RIMS hospital, Ranchi, is upset and anxious after his party's worst-ever performance in Bihar. Lalu was not part of an election in Bihar for the first time in 42 years. Since Lalu became chief minister in 1990, the "M-Y" combination (Muslims and Yadavs) had become an important part of politics in Bihar. Lalu gained the support of Muslims in 1990 by stopping the rathiyara of L K Advani. Lalu did no extraordinary work for "M-Y" combination to stay in power, but sheltered *goonda* elements. The article claims there is resentment against Lalu's son Tejashwi Yadav because of his style of working and speaking.

Compiled by Lalmani Verma

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Most of modern life takes place somewhere between those two extremes of speed and sluggishness, and cricket has a hard time adjusting."

— THE GUARDIAN

Fixing the education system

Government can demonstrate its willingness to deal with the learning crisis by adopting the draft new education policy



MADHAV CHAVAN

EDUCATION, IT MAY be said, is no rocket science. But, it has taken an astrophysicist and former head of the ISRO, as the head of a committee, to produce a refreshingly new draft education policy. Of course, there will be debates, and controversies. But, having worked for over two decades to improve the foundational skills of children, it is good to see a policy document that recognises the "severe learning crisis" and emphasises in no uncertain terms that it has to be dealt with.

To quote from page 64 of this rather elaborate document "...our highest priority must be to achieve universal foundational literacy and numeracy in primary school and beyond by 2025".

"The rest of the Policy will be largely irrelevant for such a large portion of our students if this most basic learning (reading, writing, and arithmetic at the foundational level) is not first achieved." The document says, "If action is not taken soon, over the next few years the country could lose 10 crore or more students — the size of a large country — from the learning system and to illiteracy." Grim, as the warning is, the government will underscore the severity of the crisis and show its willingness to deal with it by adopting the policy.

An important part of this policy is its thrust on early childhood education. Policy documents over the past decades have listed all the familiar reasons why early childhood education is important to build a foundation. But the draft policy lists concrete steps to overcome issues of universal access to quality early childhood education beyond the ICDS network. It says, "...the availability of free and compulsory quality pre-primary education for all 3-6 year olds will be included as an integral part of the RTE Act".

Further, the policy proposes to restructure the 10+2 education structure into a 5+3+3+4 structure so that the five years from ages three to seven or till the end of Std 2 are seen as one "foundational stage". This is a welcome recommendation. The next two stages, of three years each, are "preparatory" and "upper primary", first ensure the acquisition of foundational skills and then their development. These stages are not only consistent with the development of children, but they are also useful to meet the overall goal of ensuring basic learning outcomes stage-by-stage. Such stage-wise restructuring to achieve learning outcomes will be important if the government extends the RTE Act to children between the ages 3 and 18 as the policy proposes.

The policy recommends community and volunteer participation in collaboration with schools to overcome the current crisis. Schools generally work in isolation from the community they serve. Not making parents and the larger community part-

ners in the child's learning process aggravates the learning crisis, at least in the early years. Although, setting up of school management committees is mandated by the RTE Act, they are not expected to become a part of the teaching-learning process. This policy seems to encourage voluntary action. The document also talks about encouraging philanthropic initiatives to help mobilise resources. Together, these two create an interesting picture.

The chapters on early childhood education and elementary school education appear to be more concrete than the chapters on the next levels of schooling or higher education. Perhaps this is because desired outcomes for early stages of education are easier to pin down than those for the next levels of education.

The data on the learning crisis in higher educational levels is not well-defined. There is a need to understand the crisis in secondary and higher education beyond the percentage of dropouts, the gross enrollment rates or the failure rates in examinations. Examination and assessment reforms are referred to, but clearly, more on-ground experimentation is needed before these can be concretised.

Integration of vocational training and a general emphasis on "learning to learn", along with lowering the burden by cutting out some parts of the curriculum, while focusing on the core, have been discussed for some years now. I am not sure we have enough experience to execute such initiatives. Though time is fast running out, we need to undertake a honest evaluation before initiating far-reaching changes. I recall reading the National Curricular Framework 2005 document, with similar enthusiasm, more than a decade ago. But, after a point you start wondering how much of this is really going to be feasible?

The context set in the early parts of the document is that India will be or aspires to be the third-largest economy in the world by 2030. "To do this, we will need a knowledge society based on a robust education system, with all the requisite attributes and characteristics in the context of changes in knowledge demands, technologies, and the way in which society lives and works".

This need for a knowledge society has been often articulated over the last two decades but we have not been able to deal with the learning crisis. Do we have the will, the financial resources, and the pool of human resources to deal with it now?

There is an addendum to the policy called "Make it Happen". It outlines the issue of financing in detail. In short, the projection is that the expenditure of the government on education, which is at 10 per cent of all public expenditure today, will need to be doubled. The "learning crisis" is very deep. The education system — public and private — has been deteriorating rapidly and has affected the quality of our human resources. If this trend is not reversed, the dysfunctional system will become more and more expensive but will not deliver the goods. It will require a huge commitment and conviction to make it happen.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LANGUAGE QUESTION

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Tongue twisted' (IE, June 4). The citizens residing in different areas of the country should be able to communicate with each other through a link or common language. English is such a language and because of its international reach, it has been quite useful in the global village. There should be another link language in India so that those who are not fluent in English can still converse with other communities. Thirty-five Naga tribes, who did not understand each other's language, formed the Nagamese language to speak with each other. A similar effort can be made regarding one language which is understood in all parts of India.

Subhash Vaid, Noida

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Tongue twisted' (IE, June 4). In 2016, a circular was issued by the Hindi department of Delhi University stating that a student who hasn't studied Hindi after class VIII must pass the subject to obtain their degree. It drew much flak. Students from Northeast, South India and across the national borders questioned the move. A government committed to secure "sabka vishwas" must not do anything that alienates large sections of the society. The purpose of education policy should be the integration of citizens despite which language they speak. It should facilitate their talents within the language they are comfortable with.

Krishan Kumar Chug, Delhi

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DOWNPLAY SUCCESS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Trump, trade and trust' (IE, June 4). Donald Trump will not reverse his stance towards India until his policy positions prove inimical to his country. Till that happens, New Delhi must prepare to deal with a less-friendly America. India should also be discreet in trumpeting its economic achievements to stop being a victim of unwanted jealousies.

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FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

SIMPLY PUT

HAS SALAH HELPED MAKE LIVERPOOL RESIDENTS MORE TOLERANT OF ISLAM?



Mohamed 'Mo' Salah, one of the world's best footballers, helped Liverpool win the UEFA Champions League final on June 1. AP

THE EGYPTIAN and Liverpool Football Club player Mohamed Salah has not only been cheered by Liverpool's predominantly white fans, but has also become the subject of a chant that goes: "If he scores another few, then I'll be Muslim too... Then sitting in a mosque, is where I wanna be..." (*The Indian Express*, June 2).

The incredible popularity of Salah has led to researchers from Stanford University's Immigration Policy Lab to raise the question: Can exposure to successful celebrities from an often stigmatised group reduce prejudice towards that group? They suggest that it can. They draw this conclusion after observing that Salah's presence has inspired Liverpool fans to become less Islamophobic in general.

The researchers describe three ways in which they have reached their conclusion. First, using a counterfactual hate crime rate, they found that Merseyside county (where Liverpool is housed) had a 18.9% lower hate crime rate after Salah was signed, relative to the expected rate

had he not been signed. The decrease is larger than in other counties; moreover, the decline in hate crimes is sharper than in any other crime category.

Second, the researchers analysed 15 million tweets by followers of prominent clubs in the English Premier League. Generating a counterfactual anti-Muslim tweet rate by fans of other teams, they found that the proportion of anti-Muslim tweets by Liverpool fans after Salah joined was 53.2% lower than the expected rate had he not joined Liverpool (3.4% versus 7.2% of tweets related to Muslims).

Finally, they conducted a survey experiment among 8,060 Liverpool fans. The results suggest that exposure to Salah may reduce prejudice by familiarising fans with Islam. "Priming respondents with information about Salah's religious practices boosted the belief that Islam is compatible with British values by around 5 percentage points, compared to the baseline rate of 18% among the control group," the report said.

BSP minus SP, between the lines

While calling off the alliance with SP, BSP chief Mayawati has blamed an erosion of SP's Yadav votes. The fact, however, is that BSP did gain from the alliance in the Lok Sabha polls. What explains the announcement?

RAVISH TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE BIGGEST political alignment ahead of the Lok Sabha elections — the *gathbandhan* between the Samajwadi Party and the BSP — unravelling Tuesday with BSP chief Mayawati's unilateral announcement that the party would go solo in bypolls to 11 Assembly seats later this year.

Gains & losses

Mayawati has attributed the alliance's poor showing to the drifting of Yadav votes away from the SP. She has referred to SP strongholds Budaun, Firozabad and Kannauj, lost by members of SP chief Akhilesh Yadav's family. SP leaders, too, concede that their candidates did trail in Assembly segments dominated by Yadavs, but add this is not a trend that could be generalised to blame SP.

A comparison of the BSP's vote shares in 2014 and 2019 in the 38 Lok Sabha constituencies it contested, however, reveals that the BSP candidates gained substantially in every seat except one (Fatehpur Sikri). This gain could not have been possible without SP supporters backing Mayawati's candidates. Field reports during the campaign in Fatehpur Sikri, on the other hand, would suggest that the choice of the BSP candidate pulled the vote share down below the 2014 share as some Opposition votes also rallied behind the Congress's Raj Babbar.

Trends also show that the 2019 vote shares of BSP candidates in 11 seats — Saharanpur, Bijnor, Nagina, Amroha, Meerut, Bulandshahr, Ambedkar Nagar, Ghosi, Salempur, Jaunpur and Machhlishahr — was more than the combined vote share of SP and BSP in these seats in 2014. Seven of 10 seats won by the BSP are from this set. SP leaders claim that the BSP could not have won seats like Jaunpur, Ghazipur and Lalganj near the Prime Minister's constituency, Varanasi, without SP's Yadav supporters voting for BSP candidates.

The politics

Mayawati's stated reason was carefully worded on two counts. First, while blaming the dwindling of the SP's Yadav support base, she did not blame the Muslim support base of the SP's Muslim-Yadav (MY) coalition. Second, she kept a window open for a possible future alliance and did not attack Akhilesh Yadav.

With the BSP having emerged a bigger



SP and BSP overcame years of political rivalry to collaborate against the BJP. Archive

gainer than the SP in the elections, this provides it an opportunity to bolster its credentials among the state's sizeable Muslim population as a more bankable party than the SP. Her remarks also sought to project that Yadavs are not as solidly behind the SP as Dalits are behind the BSP. The suggestion that Yadavs are not a cohesive unit in challenging the BJP can potentially create a wedge in the SP's MY bank, in favour of the BSP.

Mayawati, for her part, has been trying to make further inroads into the Muslim base. She tried fielding the highest number of Muslim candidates in the 2017 Assembly elections, though it did not yield results.

Assembly elections in UP are due only in 2022, leaving both sides a long time to regroup. They would be hoping for anti-incumbency against the Yogi Adityanath government, but if the BJP appears to be strongly placed, the two parties may need to collaborate again. That explains why Mayawati has kept a window open by avoiding any remarks critical of Akhilesh Yadav.

Limitations of arithmetic

Mayawati's repeated references to "base votes" underlined the limitations of the alliance's ambitions of upsetting the BJP in UP, which contributes 80 seats to Lok Sabha. The fixation with this arithmetic was obvious from their call to the electorate during the Lok Sabha campaign as well. "Ek bhi vote na ghatne paye, ek bhi vote na batne paye" (Not a

single vote should go waste, not a single vote should be split)," was the slogan the SP-BSP-RLD alliance used in trying to consolidate a Muslim-Yadav-Dalit-Jat combine.

The results are a testimony to the failure of this arithmetic against the chemistry of BJP. While the BJP increased its vote share from 42.63% (2014) to 49.56%, the BSP-SP-RLD combine slipped from 42.98% (2014) to 38.89% — a difference of over 10 percentage points.

A comparison with the anti-BJP realignment's success in the Bihar Assembly polls in 2015 can offer pointers to what was missing in the UP alliance in 2019. While the RJD-JDU-Congress alliance (*mahagathbandhan*) in Bihar in 2015, too, was based on the arithmetic of votes against the BJP-led NDA, the *mahagathbandhan* additionally had chemistry in the form of goodwill for Nitish Kumar as the chief ministerial candidate.

Bihar's arithmetic-plus-chemistry formulation was reflected in the campaign. While RJD leader Lalu Prasad campaigned against the BJP on the issue of reservation arithmetic, Nitish campaigned on a governance platform, focusing on promises.

In contrast, the "Ek bhi vote na ghatne paye, ek bhi vote na batne paye" chant of the SP-BSP alliance appeared to be centred only on the arithmetic of "base votes". This proved an inadequacy that alliances in Karnataka (Congress-JDS) and Jharkhand (Congress-JMM) have learnt the hard way in 2019, along with the SP-BSP alliance in UP.

FROM 2014 TO 2019, BSP GAINED AT ALL SEATS EXCEPT ONE

Constituency	2014	2019
Saharanpur	19.67	41.74
Bijnor	21.7	50.97
Nagina	26.06	56.31
Amroha	14.87	51.41
Meerut	27	47.8
G Buddha Nagar	16.53	35.46
Bulandshahr	18.06	34.82
Aligarh	21.4	36.71
Agra	26.48	38.01
Fatehpur Sikri	26.18	16.2
Aonla	19.1	40.27
Shahjahanpur	25.62	35.46
Dhaurahra	22.13	33.12
Sitapur	35.69	38.86
Misrikh	32.58	42.25
Mohanlalgarh	27.75	42.51
Sultanpur	23.98	44.45
Pratapgarh	23.2	34.83
Farrukhabad	11.8	34.72
Akbarpur	20.85	29.86
Jalaun	23.57	37.47
Hamirpur	18.03	29.96
Fatehpur	28.26	35.24
Ambedkar Nagar	28.29	51.75
Kaiserganj	15.55	32.58
Shrawasti	19.88	44.31
Domariyaganj	20.88	39.27
Basti	27.06	41.8
Sant Kabir Nagar	24.79	40.61
Deoria	23.77	32.57
Bansgaon	26.02	40.57
Lalganj	26.01	54.01
Ghosi	22.48	50.3
Salempur	18.68	38.52
Jaunpur	21.93	50.08
Machhlishahr	26.66	47.17
Ghazipur	24.49	51.2
Bhadohi	25	44.87

BSP's vote shares in per cent. Compiled by Lalmani Verma and Piyush Aggarwal

TIP FOR READING LIST

SINKING DEEP INTO NATURE

TO HIS 150,000-plus followers on Twitter, the English writer Robert Macfarlane supplies a daily 'Word of the Day': names of flowers, insects, features of nature, descriptors of the weather and atmosphere — often quaint and pretty, but mostly words you'd struggle to actually use while speaking or writing. In a review of his new book, *Underland: A Deep Time Journey*, *The New York Times* called Macfarlane a "fetishizer of archaic and offbeat language", whose "interest in weirdness, linguistic and otherwise, is always on display".

Still only 42, Macfarlane has already written several earlier books — *Mountains of the Mind*, *The Wild Places*, *The Old Ways*, *Landmarks* — about nature, climate, landscapes, mountains, hiking, people, languages, and places. He is seen as an inheritor of the intellectual tradition of naturalist-authors John Muir and Richard Jefferies, as also of John McPhee, Rebecca Solnit, and Roger Deakin. Macfarlane's *The Lost Words: A*

Spell Book with illustrator Jackie Morris, is a cultural phenomenon in the UK, described by its publisher as a project that "conjures lost words and species back into our everyday lives".

Underland tells stories of underground explorations — of fungi that live beneath forests in England, catacombs in Paris, a part subterranean river in Italy, and sinkholes in the Slovenian highlands. In the book's final sections (which he calls "chambers"), Macfarlane visits Finland, Norway, and Greenland. "Why go low? It is a counterintuitive action, running against the grain of sense and the gradient of the spirit," he says.

The NYT review picks out a "typically crunchy sentence" on what he finds under the Earth: "Philip Larkin famously proposed that what will survive of us is love. Wrong. What will survive of us is plastic, swine bones and lead-207, the stable isotope at the end of the uranium-235 decay chain."



ANURADHA MASCARENHAS

PUNE, JUNE 4

A YOUTH from Ernakulam district in Kerala has tested positive for the Nipah virus infection, a year after a similar outbreak in the state had claimed 17 lives. The infected patient this year has survived for more than 10 days now, and health authorities are hopeful that this latest outbreak would be contained soon. The infected patient has been isolated, and everyone he had potential contact with in the last few days is being screened.

The virus

Nipah virus causes a so far incurable infection in human beings, which can sometimes be fatal. The infection is generally transmitted from animals to human beings, mainly from bats and pigs. Human-to-human transmission is also possible, and so is transmission from contaminated food.

The natural host of the virus are fruit bats of the *Pteropodidae* family and *Pteropus* genus, widely found in South and South East Asia. However, the actual source of the cur-

rent infection is not yet known, said Dr D T Mourya, director of Pune-based National Institute of Virology (NIV), which is at the forefront of efforts to contain the virus. Scientists are currently working on finding the epidemiological link of the outbreak.

First identified in 1999 in Malaysia, Nipah virus infections have been detected quite frequently in Bangladesh. There have been a few incidents of infection in India earlier, apart from last year's outbreak in Kerala.

Patients either show no symptoms of the infection, thereby making it difficult to detect, or develop acute respiratory problems, or encephalitis that often becomes fatal.

The World Health Organization (WHO) says the infection has been found to be fatal in 40% to 75% of the infected patients. There is no treatment available as of now, either for humans or animals, nor any vaccine.

The previous outbreak

Last year's outbreak was confined to two districts, Kozhikode and Malappuram. Studies by NIV have revealed that a particular kind of fruit bat, *Pteropus spp.*, was most likely the source of human infection in 2018. Research

led by NIV scientist Pragya Yadav suggested that this particular strain might have been circulating in the local bat population.

The newly detected case in Kerala, authorities believe, could actually be a result of intensified preventive and containment efforts after last year's outbreak. There has been an increased awareness and vigilance in the community. According to Dr Mourya, this helped in early detection this time.

Not just in Kerala

Nipah virus has been found in other parts of India earlier. The first outbreak was in 2001 in Siliguri, where more than 30 people were hospitalised with suspected infection. Another outbreak happened in 2007 in Nadia of West Bengal. Again, over 30 cases of fever with acute respiratory distress and/or neurological symptoms were reported, five of which turned out to be fatal. Last year, after the outbreak in Kerala, doctors tested samples from suspected cases in Karnataka, Telangana and Maharashtra. All of them tested negative.

Can it spread?

As of now, scientists feel the current out-

break is likely localised, like last year's. So far only one suspected sample has tested positive. More people showing symptoms are being screened and so are people in physical contact with them.

A study by NIV, published last month in the journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, reported that the risk for asymptomatic infections (in which the infected person does not show overt symptoms) was higher among people with a history of exposure to body fluids of infected patients as compared to those who only had physical contact with the patient. After the study, the NIV advised extreme care for healthcare workers and caregivers — double gloves, fluid-resistant gown, goggles, face shields, closed shoes and similar other protective gear — and a limited number of visitors to the patient.

People who have had close contact with a patient are considered to be at potential risk. These include people who have slept in the same household, have had direct physical contact either with the patient or a deceased who had an infection, or have touched the blood or other body fluids (saliva, urine, sputum) of the patient during illness.

EXPERT EXPLAINS

Elected on more than one seat: what the law and Constitution say



S K MENDIRATTA

THE FIRST session of the 17th Lok Sabha will commence on June 17, and Rajya Sabha is scheduled to meet on June 20. Some of those who won in the elections were elected from more than one constituency; some were already members of either Rajya Sabha or the legislature of a state. These MPs must vacate one of their seats — because under the Constitution, an individual cannot simultaneously be a member of both

Houses of Parliament (or a state legislature), or both Parliament and a state legislature, or represent more than one seat in a House. What are the procedures and timelines for effecting this?

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha

If a person is elected simultaneously to both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha, and if he has not yet taken his seat in either House, he can choose, within 10 days from the later of the dates on which he is chosen to those Houses, the House of which he would like to be a member. [Article 101(1) of the Constitution read with Section 68(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951]

The member must intimate his choice in writing to the Secretary to the Election Commission of India (ECI) within the 10-day window, failing which his seat in Rajya Sabha will fall vacant at the end of this pe-

riod. [Sec 68(2), RPA 1951]. The choice, once intimated, is final. [Sec 68(3), RPA, 1951]

No such option is, however, available to a person who is already a member of one House and has contested the election for membership of the other House. So, if a sitting Rajya Sabha member contests and wins a Lok Sabha election, his seat in the Upper House becomes automatically vacant on the date he is declared elected to Lok Sabha. The same applies to a Lok Sabha member who contests an election to Rajya Sabha. [Sec 69 read with Sec 67A, RPA 1951]

At least five winners of the Lok Sabha elections — Amit Shah (BJP, Gandhinagar), Ravi Shankar Prasad (BJP, Patna Sahib), Smriti Irani (BJP, Amethi), Kanimozhi (DMK, Thoothukudi), and Anubhav Mohanty (BJD, Kendrapara) — ceased automatically to be members of Rajya Sabha on May 23, the date on which they were declared

elected. Legally or technically speaking, however, they became members of the Lower House only on May 25 — when the ECI issued the 'Due Constitution' notification for the new Lok Sabha under Sec 73 of the RPA 1951.

These MPs were, therefore, not members of any House for a day — May 24.

Elected on two Lok Sabha seats

There is no one in this category in the new Lok Sabha. Under Sec 33(7) of RPA, 1951, an individual can contest from two parliamentary constituencies but, if elected from both, he has to resign one seat within 14 days of the declaration of the result, failing which both his seats shall fall vacant. [Sec 70, RPA, 1951 read with Rule 91 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961]

State Assembly and Lok Sabha

Under Article 101(2) of the Constitution (read with Rule 2 of the Prohibition of Simultaneous Membership Rules, 1950, made by the President under this Article) members of state legislatures who have been elected to Lok Sabha must resign their seats within 14 days "from the date of publication in the Gazette of India or in the Official Gazette of the State, whichever is later, of the declaration that he has been so chosen", failing which their seats in Lok Sabha shall automatically fall vacant.

There is some confusion about the "date of publication... of the declaration" in the gazette.

Sec 67 of the RPA, 1951, says that "the returning officer shall report the (election) result to the appropriate authority and the Election Commission... and the appropriate authority shall cause to be published in the Official Gazette the dec-

larations containing the names of the elected candidates".

However, Sec 73 of the Act provides that the ECI shall publish in the gazette the names of all elected members in a notification, called 'Due Constitution' notification, whereafter Lok Sabha shall be deemed to be duly constituted.

The ECI issued the 'Due Constitution' notification on May 25; therefore, members of state legislatures who have been elected to Lok Sabha must resign their seats within 14 days of that date, i.e., on or before June 8. The late Gurcharan Singh Tohra chose to retain his seat in the Punjab legislative Assembly despite having been elected to Lok Sabha in 1999, whereupon his seat in Lok Sabha was declared vacant.

(S K Mendiratta served with the Election Commission of India for more than 53 years)

TOP OF THE WORLD



Officials remove the body of an ebola victim. Reuters

CONGO Ebola cases in DR Congo break 2,000 mark

Kinshasa: DR Congo's health ministry said late Monday that it had recorded more than 2,000 cases of Ebola, two-thirds of which had been fatal, since the disease broke out in the country's east 10 months ago. "Since the start of the epidemic, the total number of cases stands at 2,008, of which 1,914 have been confirmed (by lab test) while 94 are probable," it said in an update. "In all, there have been 1,346 deaths (1,252 confirmed and 94 probable) and 539 people have recovered." The ministry said it was important to retain the overall perspective, despite the breaching of the symbolic threshold of 2,000 cases.

NEPAL Astrologer held after claiming a big quake coming

Kathmandu: Days after Nepal Prime Minister K P Oli warned astrologers against making sensational predictions for the "sake of money", a young astrologer, who had claimed that a high-intensity earthquake would hit Nepal between June 1 and June 10, was arrested. Earlier, Arjun Chherti, who claims to have learnt astrology in Varanasi, had predicted that the monarchy would make a comeback in Nepal. Police said he was arrested for spreading rumours and fear among people.

USA El Chapo's plea for better prison conditions denied

New York: A New York judge denied a request by convicted Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman for better prison conditions, saying he poses an escape risk. The former Sinaloa cartel chief was convicted in February of crimes spanning 25 years after a trial that laid bare his lavish lifestyle and penchant for extreme violence as the head of one of the world's most powerful gangs. Guzman, 62, is to be sentenced on June 25 and faces life in prison for smuggling tonnes of drugs into the United States.

DAY 2 OF US PRESIDENT'S STATE VISIT TO BRITAIN

After pomp, Trump turns to business, promises big post-Brexit trade deal

Praises US-UK ties, steers clear of contentious topics

STEVE HOLLAND & WILLIAM JAMES LONDON, JUNE 4

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Tuesday promised Britain a "phenomenal" post-Brexit trade deal, dismissed differences over China's Huawei and glossed over other disagreements as he heaped praise on the United States' closest ally.

Feted by Queen Elizabeth on the first day of his state visit to Britain, Trump was effusive about the "special relationship" between the two nations, dispelling concerns he might repeat criticism of Britain and outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May.

"It's the greatest alliance the world has ever known," Trump told reporters at a news conference beside May at Britain's Foreign Office.

Prior to his trip, the collapse of May's premiership over her failure to secure Britain's exit from the European Union had raised concerns that Trump could publicly humiliate her.

Instead, Trump called May a "tremendous professional", steered clear of rhetoric that could embarrass her and let pass contentious topics such as



US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump meet Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May and her husband Philip at Downing Street in London Tuesday. Reuters

Huawei and Iran while making light of sensitive issues such as her possible succession.

Trump mentioned Boris Johnson, who has said the United Kingdom should leave the EU on October 31, deal or no deal, and Jeremy Hunt, Britain's foreign minister who has warned against leaving without a deal.

"I know Boris, I like him, I've liked him for a long time. I think he would do a very good job,"

“ We have an incredible intelligence relationship and will be able to work out any differences... I see absolutely no limitations...”

— DONALD TRUMP US PRESIDENT

Trump told reporters at a news conference beside May at Britain's Foreign Office.

"I know Jeremy, I think he'd do a very good job," he added.

A key area of discord between the allies has been Britain's preliminary decision to allow Huawei a restricted role in building parts of its 5G network.

The Trump administration has told allies not to use Huawei's 5G technology and equipment because of fears it could allow China to spy on sensitive communications and data



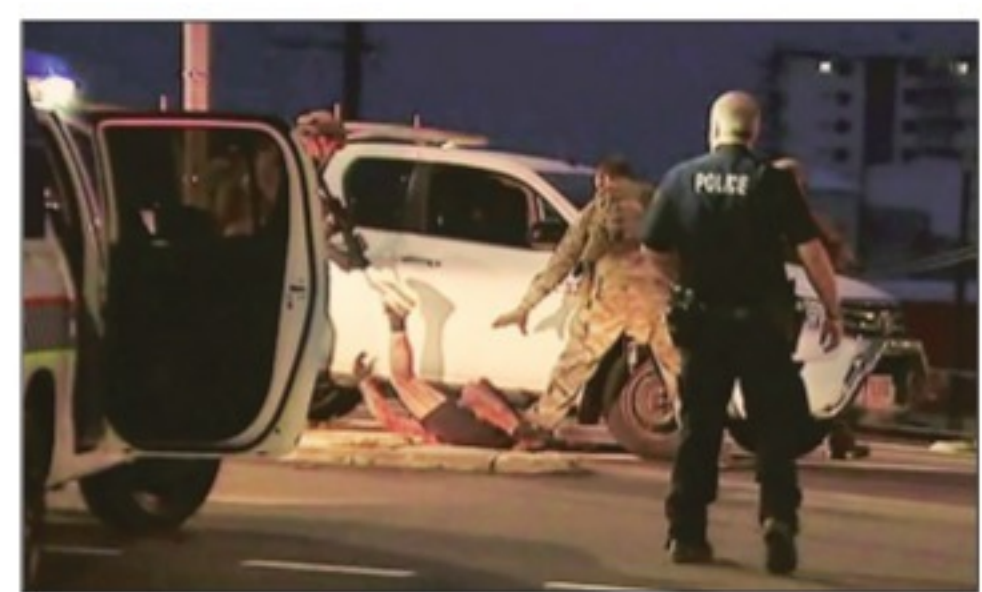
Trump baby blimp flies again

London: On the second day of Donald Trump's state visit to Britain, thousands of protesters turned up in London to tell the US President he should have stayed at home. Protests began with the flying of a giant blimp depicting the President as an angry orange baby.

and warned it could impact on intelligence-sharing.

But, after an hour long meeting with May, Trump said any issues could be resolved.

"We have an incredible intelligence relationship and will be able to work out any differences," Trump said. "We did discuss it, I see absolutely no limitations, we have never had limitations, this is a truly great ally and partner and we will have no problem with that." REUTERS



Police apprehend a suspect in Darwin Tuesday. AP

4 killed, 1 injured after man opens fire at hotel in Australia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SYDNEY, JUNE 4

FOUR PEOPLE are dead and one person injured in Australia after a gunman opened fire late Tuesday in the northern city of Darwin, authorities said.

A 45-year-old man has been taken into custody and Northern Territory (NT) police say there are no further public threats.

They said the incident was not believed to be terror-related. "Today, June 4, 2019, has been a devastating day in the Northern Territory," NT chief minister Michael Gunner told reporters.

"Five crime scenes, four people deceased, one injured. This is not the Darwin we know," he added. The alleged gunman remained at large for an hour before he was apprehended.

Witnesses recalled harrowing scenes as a man moved from room to room opening fire at a hotel.

“ He shot up all the rooms, and he went to every room looking for somebody and he shot them all up...”

— JOHN ROSE WITNESS TO THE SHOOTING

The suspected shooter was known to police having been released from prison in January.

"We're still trying to establish the intent and the motivation behind this but all I can say is that sadly people have lost their lives this evening," Northern Territory Commissioner Reece Kershaw said. Witnesses told national broadcaster ABC they saw a man with a "sawn-off shotgun" enter a Darwin hotel. "He shot up all the rooms, and he went to every room looking for somebody and he shot them all up, then we saw him rush out, jump into his Toyota pick-up, and rush off," witness John Rose told the ABC.

Sudan oppn rejects military's transition plan after 35 killed in day of violence

KHALID ABDELAZIZ KHARTOUM, JUNE 4

SUDAN'S OPPOSITION on Tuesday rejected a plan by its military rulers to hold elections within nine months, a day after the worst bout of violence since Omar al-Bashir was ousted as president in April.

At least 35 people were killed on Monday when security forces stormed a protest camp outside the Defence Ministry in central Khartoum, according to doctors linked to the opposition.

The military council that has ruled since Bashir's overthrow afterwards cancelled all agreements with the main opposition alliance. But Madani Abbas Madani, a leader of the Declaration of Freedom and Change Forces (DFCF) opposition alliance, said an open-ended civil disobedience campaign would continue to try to force the council from power.

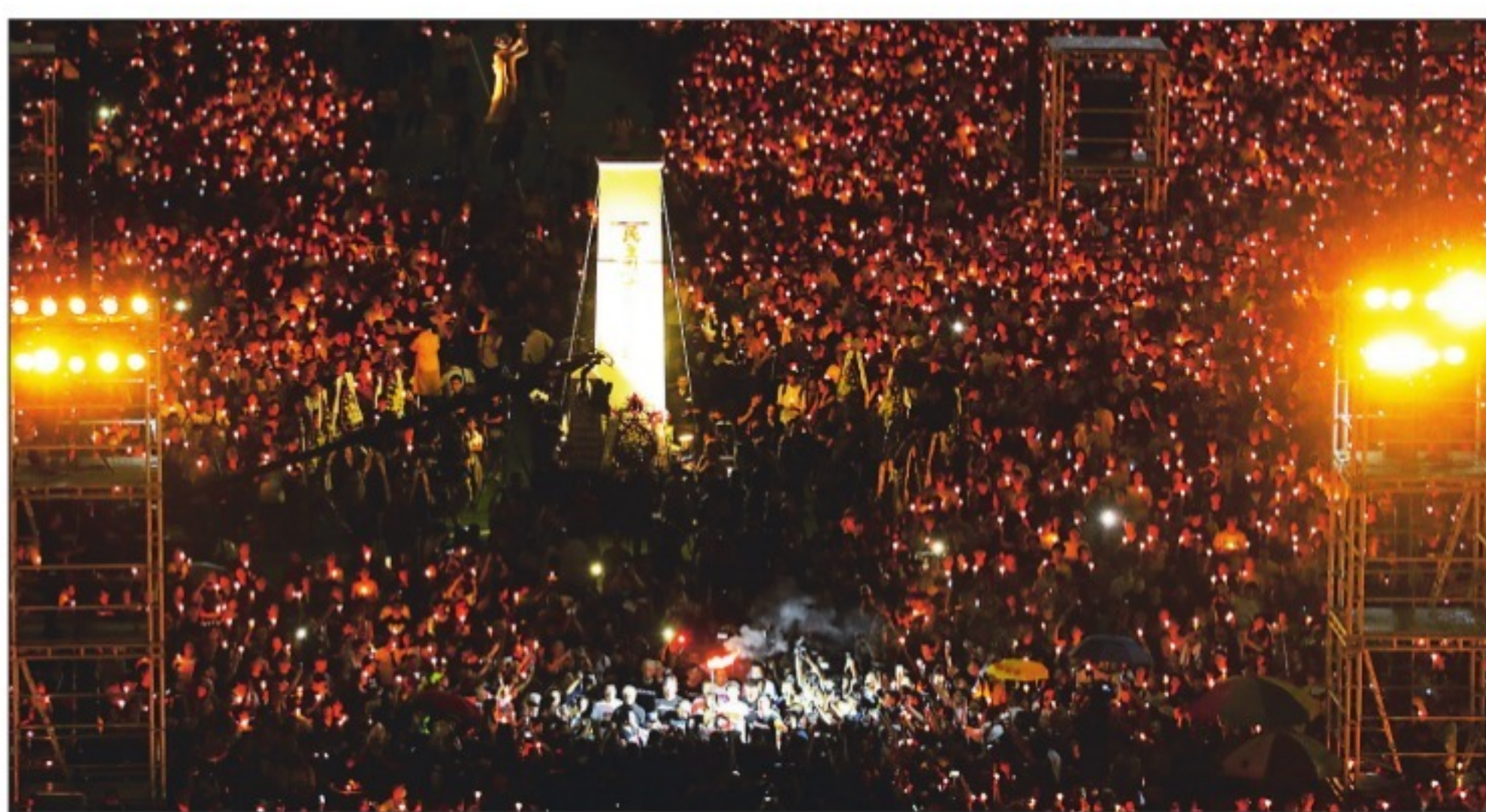
The opposition rejected all that Transitional Military Council (TMC) Head Lieutenant General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan said in his statement, Madani told Reuters. "What happened, killing protesters, wounding and humiliation, was a systematic and planned matter to impose repression on the Sudanese people," he said.

The atmosphere in the capital Khartoum was very tense on Tuesday as many roads were

EXPLAINED
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On new civilian govt, it's back to square one

AFTER SUSTAINED protests led to the ouster of strongman president Omar al-Bashir, the Sudanese protesters have kept up the pressure on the rulers, now the military, to make sure that a democratic civilian government comes to power soon. Further sit-ins and talks had led to an agreement that a transitional council, made up of all stakeholders, would run the country for three years before elections are held. However, after 35 people were killed in military action against the protesters on Monday, the ruling military council said it would unilaterally form an interim government before elections, taking the talks back to square one and setting the stage for more protests.

barricaded by protesters, many shops were shut and streets were mostly empty. REUTERS



REMEMBERING TIANANMEN

Thousands of people attend a candlelight vigil, at Victoria Park in Hong Kong Tuesday, for victims of the Chinese government's military crackdown three decades ago on protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. Hong Kong is the only region under Chinese jurisdiction that holds significant public commemorations of the 1989 crackdown and memorials for its victims. AP

CONTROVERSIAL PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT SPARKS OUTRAGE

Duterte says 'cured' himself of being gay

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MANILA, JUNE 4

PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte has sparked outrage after claiming that he "cured" himself of being gay with the help of beautiful women.

Duterte is notorious for his foul-mouthed speeches that include insults, threats to per-



ceived enemies and references to rape that he casts as jokes. The latest unfiltered com-

ments came during an appearance before the Filipino community in Tokyo last week.

During his speech Duterte appeared to say that one of his high-profile critics, Senator Antonio Trillanes, was gay.

"Trillanes and I are similar. But I cured myself," the President said. He explained that he "became a man again" after meeting his now ex-wife. "So beautiful women cured me," he added.

Duterte has a wavering record when it comes to gay rights. During his campaign for president in 2016 he voiced support for same sex marriage, but later backtracked. He has also used homosexuality as an insult.

Bahaghari, a gay and transgender advocacy group, said Duterte's comments were dangerous and retrograde.

Women's rights over their bodies being questioned says Trudeau

ABANTIKA GHOSH VANCOUVER, JUNE 4

WOMEN'S RIGHTS are human rights, but a global pushback is now bringing into question a woman's right to choose what to do with her body, Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, said at the opening plenary of Women Deliver, the world's largest conference on gender equality and the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women.

Trudeau, speaking partly in French and partly in English said: "The rights we enjoy in Canada, and the rights so many have enjoyed around the world, are not guaranteed. Progress can backslide. Gender equality is not guaranteed. There is pushback... Politicians are giving in... Women routinely face misogyny, discrimination and hate... Women's right to choose what to do with their own bodies is being questioned."

He did not mention abortion, but his remarks come in the wake of several US states passing stricter laws against abortion. He had earlier said he would talk to the US vice-president on the abortion legislations.

The "pushback" against women's rights set the tone for the conference on the opening day as speakers in side-events including Women Deliver CEO Katja Iversen positioned the conference as a "pushback against the pushback".

The reporter is in Vancouver as a Media Scholar for Women Deliver 2019

IN ONE LIFE, HE WAS A YOUNG MAN WHO LIKED SELFIES; IN THE OTHER, HE WAS A VETERAN TALIBAN COMMANDER

A Taliban commander's double life, in a war he couldn't leave behind

MUJIB MASHAL SURKHROD (AFGHANISTAN), JUNE 4

IN ONE life, he was Zabet Khan, a 25-year-old with a high school diploma, four children and a fondness for taking photos with his pink selfie stick.

In the other, he was Commander Zarqawi, a Taliban veteran in eastern Afghanistan with 10 years of combat experience in a war he couldn't break away from. Even after he went as far as Greece in search of a job, the war sucked him back in. Khan's life by the gun, and his

death in a mysterious parcel bombing last August, point to how complex the Afghan insurgency has become.

Over 18 years, the Taliban's ideological movement may have seen a divide open up between some young fighters, like Khan, and the Taliban's more dogmatic leadership. Signs of that divide emerged during a rare ceasefire last year, where some Taliban fighters openly disobeyed the limitations set by their leaders. Since then, the insurgent leadership has resisted all the calls by American negotiators and Afghan leaders for another ceasefire. That divide, family members

believe, led to his murder.

"My son was killed by the Taliban — no one but the Taliban," said Khan's father, Aref Khan, 70. "They killed him because he stopped working with them."

Commander Zarqawi had tried at least twice to end his insurgency — to become Zabet Khan again.

The oldest of four brothers, he picked up arms with the Taliban when he was in the eighth grade, around 2008. The American military had a nearby outpost; every time troops left the base, fighters like Khan tried to ambush them. Yet during the day, Khan



An ice cream shop near Jalalabad that Khan visited, against orders, during a holiday ceasefire last year. NYT

rarely missed class at his local school, which was run by the government and funded by international donors.

His fellow students were largely unaware of the insurgent among them until Khan became a unit leader around 10th or 11th

grade, taking Commander Zarqawi as his nom de guerre. The revelation didn't alarm his classmates, said one of them, Sayad Jalal. The school was a government school, but the area was Taliban — everyone had a Talib in their family," he said.

In 2014, when American troops started leaving his district, Khogyani, as part of President Barack Obama's withdrawal of combat forces, he thought his share of the war was over. He was reluctant to attack the Afghan soldiers who replaced the Americans, which did not go over well with his Taliban leaders, Khan's family and friends say.

So he joined the migrant trail to Europe, arriving in Greece in 2014 in search of a job.

For much of his three years there, he worked on a family farm in Crete.

But the long war at home dragged on, and dragged him back. After his travels, he was an odd kind of insurgent, clearly as much in battle with his own motives as with the enemy. After he arrested Afghan soldiers or police officers, he would often set them free.

The problems came to a head last summer, when Zabet Khan had been back for more than a year. A rare thing happened in the bloody war: The Taliban and the

Afghan government declared an overlapping three-day ceasefire for Eid. The media's coverage was filled with images of Taliban and regular Afghans mingling happily.

But Commander Zarqawi had crossed a line. For the first time in nine years, he had visited a famous spot near Jalalabad where families came for hand-churned ice cream. However, the Taliban leadership had made it clear: during the ceasefire, no fighters should leave their rural strongholds to venture into cities. The leaders wanted to make sure their fighters were not softened by what they might see there. Within weeks, Commander Zarqawi was dead. NYT

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PERSONAL

IT is for general information that I Anjali Kapoor, W/o Ex Late Nikhlesh Kapoor, D/o Vinod Singh Rawat, Resident of Flat No. D-502, True Friends CGHS, Plot No-29, Sector-6, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, declare that my Ex husband expired on 11th Aug. 2012 and the death certificate was issued with Registration No. 3676. Further I remarried with S. Sunil Gupta on dated 06/05/2019 henceforth name of my minor Son Arnav Kapoor aged about 7 years may be known as Arnav Gupta.

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I, Virender Pal Singh S/O Mohinder Singh R/O-A-1/159-A-Block, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035. Changed My Name To Varinder Pal Singh.

0040498058-3

I, Sushma Rani W/O Ramesh Kumar R/O-A-42, Shiv Vihar, Nilothi Extension, Delhi-110041. Changed My Name To Sushma Sharma.

0040498058-4

I, Ravinder S/O-Roshan Singh, R/O-RZ-A-46, Gali No. 3, Sitapuri, Dabri, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Ravinder Singh permanently, for all purposes.

0040498119-8

I, Pradeep Kumar Radhakrishna Jha, R/O-A-503, Amrapali Princely Estate, Sector-76, Noida, Plot No. GH-02, Noida, Distt-G.B. Nagar, U.P-201301, would like to change my name to Pradeep Kumar Jha for all future purposes.

0040498127-1

I, Parmeshwar Kumar Singh S/O Pateshwar Singh R/O-A-380 Amapali-Leisure-valley Plot no.-GH-02 Sector-Techzone-4 Greater-Noida G.B. Nagar UP have changed my name to Parmeshwar Singh.

0040498052-1

I, Nishkant S/O Sh. Om Prakash R/O-B-907, Krishna Gali, Near SanwalDass School, Mahavir Nagar, Kotla Mubarak Pur, New Delhi-110003inform that in my S.C. Caste Certificate No. 191436 dated 26.07.2011 my name was wrongly mentioned as Nishkant Koli. My correct name is Nishkant.

0040498114-1

I, Manju Rani Dixit, W/O Chandra Mohan Dixit R/O-F-5/24, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Manju Dixit, for all purposes.

0040498058-10

I, Kunal S/O Sh. Pramod Kumar R/O Flat No.-F-25, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Kunal Verma for all purposes.

0040498014-1

I, Hitherto known as BIMLA daughter of HAYAT SINGH residing at 825-B, Nyay Khand-11, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VANI BISHT. That BIMLA or BIMLA BISHT is same & one person.

0040498080-1

I, Hari Singh S/O Shri. Sher Singh R/O, House, No.474-B, Near-Old Chaupal-Village & PO-Kapashera, New Delhi-110097, have changed my name to Hari Singh Yadav for all future purposes.

0040498119-7

I, Bharat Bhushan S/O Late Sh. Chandar Bhan Gupta, R/O-125, VivekanandPuri Sarai-Rohilla Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Bharat Bhushan Gupta for future purposes.

0040498120-10

I, Mukesh Kumar S/O Jugal Kishore Gupta R/O-F-80, Preet-Vihar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Mukesh Kumar Gupta.

0040498058-9

I, hitherto known as Anil Kumar, S/O Sh. Ved Prakash Nagar R/O-A-3, Street-No-1, Mukund-Vihar, Karawal-Nagar, Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anil Naagar.

0040498119-6

I, Yogesh Tyagi S/O Late Sh. Jagdishwar Tyagi R/O 250, Holambi Kalan, Delhi-110082 have changed my name Yogesh Kumar to Yogesh Tyagi for all purpose.

0040498012-1

I, Wasim Ahmad S/O Khurshid Ahmad R/O 6874, Beri Wala Bagh, Gali Fateh Puri, Azad Market, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Wasim Khan for all future purposes.

0040498021-1

I, Varinderpreet Singh Kamboj S/O-Gurbux Singh, R/O S-8, G.F. Janta-Market, Rajouri-Garden, N.Delhi-110027. Changed My Name To Varinderpreet Singh Kambo.

0040498119-9

I, Tasveer Solanki F/O Jayant Solanki R/O-SRS-48, Nasirpur Village Delhi have changed my son's name to Jayant Solanki.

0040498058-8

I, Syed Mohammad Akhlaq, S/O Kamil, R/O-181, Bas Deoria, Ward No.19, Deoria, Uttar Pradesh 274001, have changed my name to Ekhalq Ahmad.

0070658835-1

I, Mamta Devi D/O Surender Singh R/O-R-38, Vikas Nagar Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name from Mamta Devi to Mamta Kumari vide affidavit dated 30/05/2019 before NCT Delhi.

0040498025-1

I, Krishan, S/O Sharda Ram, Resident of, House, No-45, Bhainsrawali, Faridabad, Haryana-121101, have changed my name to Shri Krishan Dixit, for all purposes.

0040498085-3

I, Kiran Bala W/O, Balvinder Singh W/O-118-A, Qu-Block Pitampura Delhi-110034. Changed My Name To Sushil Kumar Arora.

0040498058-7

I, Surinder Kumar Arora S/O Pyaray Lal Arora Add.38 Samrat-Enclave Pitampura-Shakurpur, New Delhi-110034. Have Changed My Name To Surinder Arora.

0040498058-6

I, Sudershan S/O Gulshan Rai R/O-WZ-1117, S.F. Ranibagh Gurdwara Delhi-34, have changed my name to Sudershan Chugh.

0040498085-1

I, Shweta Rani W/O, Manish Kumar Tamta R/O Flat No.106, 1st Floor, Gate No.2, Dda Mig Flats, Madipur, ND-63, have changed my name to Sweta Rani Tamta.

0040498062-1

I, Shreyansi Goel D/O Puneet Kumar Goel, R/O-Old-Bungalow No.6, Type-V, Jal-Vihar, Lajpat Nagar-II, Delhi-24, Changed My Name To Shreyanshi Goel.

0040498120-3

I, Shivkant S/O, Ramesh Kumar Pateriya R/O 49C Third Floor, Gali No-7 Tugalkabad Extension, Kalka Ji South, Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Shiv Kant Pateriya for all purposes.

0040498028-1

I, Sayed Fatma Akhtar W/O Syed Shehzad Ali R/O A96, 3rd Floor, Joshi Colony, Ip Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-92, have changed my name to Fatma Akhtar for all purposes.

0040498029-1

I, Rajive Jain, S/O Raj Pal Singh Jain R/O-A-99, First-Floor, Parasnath-Paradise Mohan-Nagar, Ghaziabad [UP-201007, Have Changed My Name To Rajive Kumar Jain.

0040498058-2

I, Raghu Nath S/O Sh. Harish Kumar Giri R/O Block-B-82, Pahadi Kusum Pur, Vasant Vihar, South-West Delhi-110057, have changed my name to Raghunath Giri for all future purposes.

0040498042-1

I, Puja Rawat, W/O Manish Sandal, H.No.400/21b, Near-Rayan Internation School, Faridabad, Haryana-121001. Changed My Name To Pooja Rawat.

0040498119-1

I, Promila Bhonsle W/O Rahul Keshavrao Bhonsle R/O H. No.-4283, B-5&6, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, have changed my name to Promila Rahul Bhonsle

0040498119-5

I, Prince Chhabra, R/O Flat No. 2002, Orchid Tower, Paramount Symphony, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad-201016, have changed my name to Prince Chhabra.

0070658826-1

I, Pradeep Kumar Sharma S/O Om Prakash Sharma R/O-WZ-281-A, St No-4, Virender-Nagar, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Pradeep Sharma, permanently.

0040498120-1

I, Pooja Bharti, W/O Naveen Kumar, R/O 9/306, Lotus Boulevard, Sector 100, Noida 201301, have changed my name to Pooja Kumar.

0070658834-1

I, Pawan Sharma S/O Ram Prakash, R/O-F-52a, Pipal-Wala Road, Mohan-Garden, Uttamnagar, N.Delhi-110059, Changed My Name To Pawan Kumar Sharma.

0040498119-3

I, Paritamb Kumar Goel S/O Om Parkash Goel, R/O-A-329, Mayur-Vihar Phase-II, Delhi-110091, Changed My Name To Pritam Kumar Goel.

0040498119-4

I, Nusrat Tanwar D/O, Md. Azhar Khan R/O-F-31 Fourth Floor, Abul Fazal Enclave 2, Shaheen Bagh Okhla, ND-25, my correct DOB is 30 June 1992, have changed my name to Aarfa Khanam for all purposes.

0040498111-1

I, Neeraj, D/O Shri. Krishan Dixit, Resident of, House, No-45, Bhainsrawali, Faridabad, Haryana-121101, Have changed my name to Neeraj Sharma, for all purposes.

0040498085-2

I, Mukesh Kumar Sachdeva S/O Ram Saran R/O 4/44, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to MUKESH KUMAR.

0040498019-1

I, Mukesh Kumar S/O Sh. Ishwar Das R/O P-2/449, Sultan Puri, Delhi-86, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Rajrani to Riyanishi Maurye for all purposes.

0040498136-1

I, Monu D/O Somvir R/O-1426 Balmitki-Mohalla, Street.No.13, Tughalkabad-Village, Jaitpur, South-Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Gauri, for all purposes.

0040498085-4

I, Meenu Kumari W/O Gourav Sehgal, R/O F/2/199-200, 2nd Floor, Sec-16, Rohini, Delhi-89, Changed My Name To Meenu Sehgal.

0040498120-2

I, Lovely D/O Mata Prasad Singh R/O C-1009, Hastsal Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name as Lovely Singh for all purposes.

0040498020-1

I, Janki Prasad Deshwal S/O Late Jeetram Deshwal R/O.H.No.1124, Sector-23 A, NIT-Faridabad, HR Declare that Janki Prasad Deshwal, Janki Parsad & J.P.Deswal are the name of same/one person i.e. my self

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I, Ritwik Malik, s/o Ajay Malik R/O-F-13 South-Extension-2, New Delhi-49, have lost my original-certificate class -10th year-2017 Rollno-8234655 c.b.s.e-Delhi.

0040498136-3

I, Shikha Tyagi, D/O Parmod Kumar Tyagi Gali No.110 Sant-Nagar Burari Delhi-110084, have lost my 10th-CBSE marksheet-and certificate Roll.no-8172371, year 2016-2017.

0040498136-7

I, Vasu kaul, s/o Rajesh kaul R/O-1529-c1 vasant kunj New Delhi-70, have lost my original-certificate class -10th year-2017 Rollno-8234582 c.b.s.e-Delhi.

0040498136-4

It is notified for the information that my original-qualifying examination-certificate of main-secondary examination of year-2012, and Roll.No.8194541 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Sakshi Kumar D/O Sunil Kumar, R/O-1516, Wajir-Nagar, Kotla Mubarak Pur, New Delhi-110003.

0040498136-6

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I, Aman Roy, R/O A-26, Hillview Apartments, Vasant Vihar, Delhi- 110057, have lost my Class X of 2010 (ICSE Roll No.-T/4437/015) and Class XII of 2012 (ISC Roll No. B/8887/063) Pass Certificates and Marksheets of The Shri Ram School, Gurgaon. If found please contact 9873670260.

0020386643-1

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I, Sameeksha Sah, D/O- Sikkandar Sah, R/O-H-69, Subhash Market Kotla Mubarakpur N.Delhi-110003 lost my 10th Marksheet/Degree certificate Roll No.8784821 Year-2014 Finder Contact above Address.

0040498127-2

I, Atul Bhasin R/O D-11/4, ground floor, Exclusive Floors, DLF Phase-5, Gurgaon(HR), have lost my Original Builder Buyer Agreement No.453 dated-29.09.2001 issued by DLF Limited in respect of D-11/4, Ground floor, Exclusive Floors, DLF Phase-5, Gurgaon(HR). Finder may Pls contact. at above address.

0040498033-1

I, Meera Devi, R/O Plot B-9, Flat 102, F F R S KH No.2/16-20, Block-B, Mansa Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Mira Devi.

0070658833-1

I, Nand Keshwar Chaudhary (S.No-298651) S/O Ram Jag Chaudhary R/O-A-4/C-41, Janakpuri, New-Delhi-110058, declare that name of my daughter has been wrongly-written as REKHA in my Indian Air-Force Discharge Book.No-22/2000 & other-Records. The actual name of my Daughter is SUDHA, which may be amended accordingly.

0040498136-2

I, Shiv Kumar S/O Sh. Surender Kumar, R/O-B-5/49, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my name to Shiv Kumar Rajpal, for all future purposes.

0040498136-1

MEDICAL

BREAST Development, Inability in Sex, Fibregre Maintain, Dark Circle, Fatness, Childlessness, Waist/ Knee Pain, Paralysis, American Qualification Doctor Shah - 28938680/9819606364.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is informed to general public that my client Smt. Sharda Dodeja W/o Sh. Bharat Bhushan Dodeja R/O C-742, New Friends Colony, Delhi-25 has misplaced the original last chain of Basement, Ground Floor, Second Floor & Third Floor of her property bearing No. S-357 Greater Kailash, Part II, Delhi total area 203 sq. yds. and in this regard my client has already lodged a police complaint bearing No.430/2014, Lr.No.999477/2019 dated 29-04-2019, P.S.-Crime Branch, Delhi. If anyone found kindly informed my client at 9871191963.

Pramod Agarwal (Advocate)
B-26A, Arhant Marg, Kewal Park, Azadpur, Delhi-110033

Public Notice
My clients Shri Vijay Garg son of Late Shri Ram Kishan Garg and his wife Smt. Shalu Garg, residents of Z-205, Siddhartha Apartment, M.P. Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-34, have severed all their relations whatsoever with their son Aman Garg, due to his irresponsible behaviour. In future my clients will not have any kind of relations with my clients (nor will they) and debar him from any rights or claims in our moveable & immovable properties. Also, any person dealing with him will be dealing at his/her own risk and responsibility. My clients will not be responsible or answerable to anyone.
Bhishh Jain (Advocate)
Off. Ch. No.5 Ground Floor Block-RJ, Sub Registrar Office Complex, Pitampura, Delhi-110034. (M) 971191534

Public Notice
This is to inform public at large that my client Sh. Satendra Jain S/O Late Jai Prasad Jain and his wife Smt. Suman Jain R/O C-8, First Floor, Jyoti Nagar, Delhi-110053, have severed all their relations and ties with their son namely Sh. Abhishek Jain and have also disclosed and debared him from all their moveable and immovable properties and shall have no concern in future with him and in future if anybody deals with him my client shall not be responsible.
Aarti Manchanda (Advocate)
Ch. No.61, First Floor, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110051.

Public Notice
That my client Mr. Balbir s/o S. Pyara Singh, R/O E-134, Gali No. 5, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Nilothi, Delhi-110041 has debarred his Daughter Simranjeet Kaur from their all movable and immovable property w.e.f. 22.05.2019.

Sd/-
RISHI PAL SINGH
ADVOCATE
CH. NO. 1126, LAWYERS CHAMBER, ROHINI COURT COMPLEX, ROHINI, DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to be notified that my clients Shri Chandar Bhan S/O Late Shri Chandar Smt. Chandar Kala W/O Shri Chandar Bhan, both R/O AC-61, Tagore Garden, New Delhi-110027 have disbarred & severed all relations with their son Mr. Lalit Setia, their daughter in law Mrs. Jyoti Setia and their grandsons Manoj Kumar Setia and master Taksh Setia, from inheriting their movable and immovable properties as my clients have no concern with them. Henceforth my aforesaid clients have severed their all relations with them and will not be responsible for the acts and omissions of the above named persons with anyone in respect of anything whatsoever.
Sd/-
(BHUPINDER MEHTAN) ADVOCATE
Ch. No. 245, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my Client, SMT. KRISHNA MISHRA W/O LATE RAM SHANKAR MISHRA R/O A-54, GALI NO. 2, MANVIR ENCLAVE PART-2, NEW DELHI-110059, has severed, debarred and disowned her middle son Alok Mishra (aged 27 yrs.) in respect of all relations (both movable & immovable with immediate effect, due to non-working, quarrelsome, sharkard, gambler, irresponsible, uneducated, indulge in anti-social activities wherever my client and her family reside and settle his original Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Bank Passbook, Cheque book of Kotak Mahindra Bank, photos of some of her home for misuse & also filed a complaint in Police Station, New Delhi. My client Whomsoever deals with him in monetary form or in any other nature shall do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibility.
MANISH KUMAR SINGH (Advocate)
GU-26A, Pitampura, Delhi-34

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all public that my client Shashi Jindal D/o Sh. Ved Prakash R/O No.15-16, Sandesh Vihar, Pitam Pura, Delhi, has strained relations with her husband Sh. Ishwar Chand Jindal and has many litigations going on with him. As suit for Possession for Property No.16, Sandesh Vihar, Pitam Pura, Delhi is pending before the Hon'ble Judge of Court (Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction) vide C.S. (O) No.41520/17 entitled as 'Sh. Ishwar Chand Jindal vs. Sh. Shashi Jindal'. Anybody dealing or negotiating with my husband for the above mentioned property will be doing it on his own risk and responsibility.
Sd/-
H.S. GILL (Advocate)
Ent. D-1120812

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public at large that my clients Shri Vasudev Goel S/O Late Shri N.C. Goel and Mrs. Promila Goel W/o Shri Vasudev Goel residents of 3/19 Nadev Park, New Delhi-110026 have entered into a deal with Shri Om Prakash Chawla and Shri Jitender Chawla both residents of 48/5 East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 to purchase property bearing no. 48/5 (Road No. 5, House No. 478) East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 measuring 27.5 sq. yards. It has been assured by said Shri Om Prakash Chawla and Shri Jitender Chawla that they are the owners of 50% each in the said property and the same is free from any encumbrances. However, by way of abundant caution, my clients are giving this notice that any person having any right, title or interest in this property may lodge his objection in writing with details and supporting documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the publication of this notice failing which my clients will proceed with completing this deal and in that event no claim or objection of any nature whatsoever concerning this property shall be entertained or admissible.
Sunil Goel (Advocate)
38/7, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-26 M. 9810215468

PUBLIC NOTICE

That instruction and acknowledgement of my client Major S.K. Malik public notice is hereby given that M/s Tin Company of India having registered office at B-18, Friends Colony New Delhi having registration number of firm is 1997 of 1978 on dated 28.06.1978 being a partnership firm duly registered with registrar of partnership firm, Delhi where having five partners namely 1. Major S.K. Malik, 2. Suresh Malik, 3. H.K. Malik, 4. R.M. Malik & 5. Capt. P.K. Malik out of five partners Major S.K. Malik is going to apply for dissolution of the said firm as mentioned in Partnership Deed's Clause No. 14 there is mentioned that any of the partner can be dissolve the Partnership After Giving of Six Months of Writing Notice. At last we declare that we have no creditors, no bank account, no dues either Government of non Government if there would be any dues then I will pay all the dues
Place: Gautam Budh Nagar Through Advocate Ajab Singh (Advocate) Regd. No. 5776/06 Civil Court, G.B. Nagar

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Sd/-
RENU BALA (Advocate)
Entl. No. D-45332014

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MY CLIENT ASHWINI OBEROI S/O BARWARI LAL OBEROI R/O-14, CHANDRANISHI NAGAR, RANI BAGH, DELHI IS THE RIGHTFUL, OWNER OF PROPERTY BEARING NO. 852, POCKET NO. 2, SUSHANT LOK VILLAGE SARHAUL, SUKHARALL CHAKRAPUR KANHAL, DISTT: GURGAON, HARYANA THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS I.E. SALE DEED, ALLOTMENT LETTER, PAYMENT RECEIPT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS SAID PROPERTY HAS BEEN LOST, AN NCR WAS ALSO LOGGED NO. 110609919 DT.01.08.19 IF ANY PERSON WILL MAKE CLAIM REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF SAID PROPERTY, THE SAME SHALL BE TREATED AS NULL AND VOID.
Sd/-
ANITA TIWARI, Advocate
Off. Shop No. 4, Pitampura, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
FREEHOLD DDA BUILT UP SFS FLAT NO.262, SECOND FLOOR, POCKET-2, SECTOR-C, VASANT KUNJ, NEW DELHI
Public at large is hereby informed that the captioned portion of property is subject to mortgage by Equitable Registered mortgage with State Bank of India or any Other Bank/ FI. The present owner Shri Sanjay Mehta informed about the lost/misplace of Original 5th & Final installment dated 2

19 ECONOMY

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹33,370	₹69.26	\$61.03*	₹37,750

*Indian basket as on June 03, 2019

SENSEX: 40,083.54 ▼ 184.08 NIFTY: 12,021.65 ▼ 66.90 NIKKEI: 20,408.54 ▼ 2.34 HANG SENG: 26,761.52 ▼ 132.34 FTSE: 7,192.98 ▲ 8.18 DAX: 11,902.46 ▲ 109.65

International market data till 1900 IST

MARKET WATCH FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTORS

Net inflows into equities at ₹75K cr in January-May; highest in 6 years

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

JAN-MAY 2019	
Year	FPI Equity Inflows *
2019	75,049
2018	-1,599
2017	49,737
2016	15,453
2015	42,425
2014	45,804
2013	83,205

* Figures in Rs crore

SOFTENING OF global crude oil prices and prospect of political stability seems to be playing big on the minds of foreign portfolio investors as they pumped in a net of Rs 75,000 crore in Indian equities in the first five months of this calendar, the highest since that seen in the corresponding period in 2013, when they invested a net of Rs 83,205 crore between January and May.

While the FPI inflows started gaining momentum in February and March 2019 after US Federal Reserve decided to pause rate hikes following which money started to flow into emerging economies, the inflows sustained over the following months as uncertainty around political stability in India disappeared and it became certain the Narendra Modi led NDA will emerge victorious. What further helped the cause was sharp decline in crude oil prices.

The FPI bullishness on election outcome can be seen from the fact that in the seven trading days of May following the general election result outcome on May 23, they pumped in a net of Rs 12,398 crore.

In line with the strong FPI inflows, the benchmark indices too have risen sharply. Between February 1, 2019, and May 31, 2019, the benchmark SENSEX at the BSE rose 4,123 points or 11.6 per cent to close at 39,714 on May 31. It however, crossed the 40,000 mark on Monday to close at an all-time high of 40,267. On Monday, FPIs had invested a net of Rs 2,351 crore into Indian equities.

In the same period, the rupee too has gained over 200 paise or nearly 3 per cent against the US dollar.

India's attractiveness has also increased over the last one month following a sharp decline in the global crude oil prices. While crude oil prices had started inching up in April following US decision to withdraw waivers for imports from Iran and the prices went up to hit a near term high of \$75.92 per barrel on April 30, 2019, it has since tempered down. As prices fell to levels of around \$61 per barrel May 31 and have been trading around that level since then, it has emerged as a big positive for the Indian economy.

While a growing inflow of FPI money helps the rupee stand its ground against the dollar, a decline in crude oil

prices further helps the cause. While India imports nearly 80 per cent of its oil requirement, RBI's foreign trade data shows that India's oil import bill of around \$140 billion in FY19 accounts for over one fourth (27 per cent) of India's total imports of \$513 billion during the year. Thus a fall in crude oil prices and stable currency augurs well for the Indian economy and increases India's attractiveness for FPIs as an investment destination.

Experts feel that if the oil prices remain under control then along with the political stability that increases the chance of reform initiatives by the government, it may result in stronger inflows from FPIs. Rise in inflows have also strengthened India's forex reserves and they stood at \$419.9 billion for the week ended May 24, 2019. Rising forex reserves have led to an improvement in India's import cover which has improved from 9 months in October 2018 to around 11 months in February, 2019. A decline in import bill improves the current account deficit.

In a recently released report, Care Ratings pointed that in the financial year 2019-20, FPI inflows could be in the range of \$25 billion. "The improved sentiments post elections, low interest rate regimes in advanced economies and economic prospects the country holds when compared with other economies would result in higher foreign inflows into the domestic economy and markets," said the report.

However, there are some internal and external challenges that India will have to navigate and the key would be trade war between US and China, a rebound in global crude oil prices and a slow-down in global growth. On the domestic front lower than expected normal monsoons, muted domestic consumption and private sector investments and liquidity pressures in the domestic NBFCs segment may emerge as a cause of concern.

FINANCE MINISTRY CLARIFICATION

'Input credit accrued on import by paying GST in FY18 won't lapse'

Concerns raised by industry regarding filing of returns for first year of GST rollout

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

'FILE CORRECT TAX PAYMENT DATA'

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■ The ministry said that many taxpayers have raised concern that annual return form GSTR-9 does not allow a taxpayer to report details of IGST paid on imports made in 2017-18 but credit for the same was availed in 2018-19

REITERATING THE June 30 deadline for filing of annual returns for the first year (2017-18) of Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, the Finance Ministry Tuesday asked taxpayers to file their returns at the earliest to avoid last minute rush. Issuing a clarification, the Finance Ministry assured trade and industry that input tax credit accrued on import of goods by paying GST in 2017-18 will not lapse even if the taxpayer has not claimed credit in the same financial year.

Stating that the release was in response to concerns raised by trade and industry regarding filing of annual returns for the first year (2017-18) of GST rollout, the ministry also advised taxpayers to file the correct data about tax payment and other details as reported

in monthly sales returns in annual return GSTR-9 by omitting the auto populated data.

The ministry said that many taxpayers have raised concern that annual return form GSTR-9 does not allow a taxpayer to report details of IGST paid on imports made in 2017-18 but credit for the same was availed in 2018-19. "Due to this, there are apprehensions that credit which was availed between April 2018 to

March 2019 but not reported in the annual return may lapse. For this particular entry, taxpayers are advised to fill in their entire credit availed on import of goods from July 2017 to March 2019 in Table 6(E) of Form GSTR-9 itself," it added.

Issuing the clarification, the ministry further said many taxpayers have reported a mismatch between auto-populated data and the actual entry in their books of

accounts or returns. "It may be noted that auto-population is a functionality provided to taxpayers for facilitation purposes, taxpayers shall report the data as per their books of account or returns filed during the financial year," the ministry said.

The government also clarified that IGST paid at the time of import of goods in financial year 2017-2018 but availed in the returns of April 2018 to March 2019 would not lapse.

The annual return GSTR-9 will be the first annual return being filed under the GST regime, which was rolled out from July 1, 2017. The ministry had on December 31, 2018, notified the annual returns forms GSTR-9, GSTR-9A and GSTR-9C. GSTR-9 is the annual return form for normal taxpayers, GSTR-9A is for composition taxpayers, while GSTR-9C is a reconciliation statement.

'Steel demand likely to recover in H2 FY20'

On the back of an expected boost to the infrastructure sector, steel demand is likely to recover in the second half of FY20, as per an Icrs report

34%

Softening demand and a 34 per cent dip in steel exports kept domestic crude steel output growth low at 3.3 per cent in 2018-19

7.5%

Domestic steel consumption growth eased to 7.5 per cent in 2018-19 from 7.9 per cent in the preceding fiscal

IMPORTS: Steel imports grew 4.7 per cent in 2018-19 and this year imports are expected to go down in the coming months as the domestic hot-rolled coil prices are trading at a 6 per cent discount to imported offers

MODEST GROWTH: Despite expectations of reduced imports, domestic steel production growth is likely to remain modest in second quarter of 2019-20 due to the seasonal weakness in demand, and would

recover in second half of the fiscal mirroring steel consumption trends

PRICE HIKE: While there is a scope for a price hike due to current disparity between domestic and imported steel prices, it is expected that any meaningful price improvement would happen only in second half of FY20, it said

PRICES ABROAD: International steel prices would also remain a strong determinant of domestic prices

6.4% Demand growth moderated further to 6.4 per cent in April 2019 and is likely to remain lower than the FY19 levels in Q1 FY20

Niti Council to meet on June 15 FY20: SBI sets 10-12% credit growth

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the NITI Aayog's Governing Council on June 15 to discuss various issues relating to economy, agriculture and security among others.

The council, the apex body of NITI Aayog, includes all Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors of Union territories, several Union ministers and senior government officials, who will participate in the meeting. This will be the first council meeting of the NDA government which took charge on May 30. The last meeting of the Council was held on June 17, 2018 under the previous NDA government. Apart from economic and security issues, the Council is likely to take up water management and aspirational district programmes.

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The Council's meeting comes in the backdrop of Indian economy growing at a much-lower-than-expected rate of 5.8 per cent in January-March quarter, its lowest level in five years, as per data released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) last Friday. For the full year of 2018-19, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth was at 6.8 per cent, lower than 7.2 per cent in the previous financial year. Growth rate has steadily declined in 2018-19, from 8 per cent in Q1 to 7 per cent in Q2, 6.6 per cent in

Q3 and 5.8 per cent in Q4.

The first meeting of the Governing Council took place on February 8, 2015. The second meeting of Council on July 15, 2015, reviewed the progress made by the three sub-groups of chief ministers and the two task forces. In the third meeting of the council on April 23, 2017, Modi had put forth the idea of conducting simultaneous elections of the Lok Sabha and the state assemblies to save on time and money. The need for shifting to a January-December fiscal year, as against the current practice of April-March fiscal year, was also debated.

The fourth meeting of the council on June 17, 2018, deliberated upon measures taken to double farmers' income and the progress of government's flagship schemes. The government has announced plans to double farmers income by 2022.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 4

STATE BANK of India has set a credit growth of 10-12 per cent in FY20 and assured that the year "will be a turning point" for the bank. "Not only will the financials improve going forward, efforts will also be directed to achieve a more sustainable mix of business, both domestically and in overseas operations," SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar said in the bank's Annual Report for the year 2018-19.

"Taking cues from the last year, the bank has set the goal to achieve a healthy credit growth of 10-12 per cent in FY20. To an extent the credit revival and recoveries in FY19 have already set the tone and the bank is confident of achieving the target set for FY20," Kumar said.

"Revamping of corporate credit structure and system within the bank on lines that will widen the universe of clients and focus on new segments has already been initiated and the results are visible"

RAJNISH KUMAR,
CHAIRMAN, STATE BANK OF INDIA

attracted considerable attention in the last two years. Revamping of corporate credit structure and system within the bank on lines that will widen the universe of clients and focus on new segments has already been initiated and the results are visible," he said. "Strengthening of credit processes and increased product penetration across high priority relationships has been and will be our guiding principle going forward."

According to the SBI Chairman, it was envisaged last year that business growth will be achieved by portfolio reordering that will reduce the Credit RWA to total advances ratio and internal reorganisation of the corporate banking. "However, a sustainable recovery is not just a mechanical arithmetic but it also requires deep structural transformation and strategic shifts in portfolio. Such an exercise should ultimately improve the RoA (return on assets), minimise asset liability mismatches and reduce the payback period of our investments," he said.

"Accordingly, our transformation strategy going forward will continue to focus predominantly on five areas: customer service, corporate credit revamp, digitisation of banking operations, synergy between subsidiaries and development of our human resource," he said.

WORLDWIDE DEVELOPERS CONFERENCE 2019

Apple's new software: More independence for iPad, Watch

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
SAN JOSE, JUNE 4

APPLE HAS announced a slew of new software that makes some of its products like the Apple Watch and the iPad more independent while offering its users more security and privacy features.

Most Apple users will be looking forward to iOS 13, which when rolled out with the new iPhones later this year, will come with an Android-like dark mode, a better, more intuitive photos app and better browsing.

But what could really become a talking point is the new 'Sign in with Apple' which will offer a new option for users to sign in to app, along with Google and Facebook.

The company is calling this more secure as users have the option of logging in with a random email linked to their iCloud, thus

not revealing their identity to the app developers. Developers will have to give this option, and it remains to be seen if they forgo the other options in app developed only for this ecosystem. Apple CEO Tim Cook underlined how over 85 per cent of Apple's users are on the latest version of iOS compared to just 10 per cent of Android users. The other interesting announcement was the launch of independent Apple Watch apps that don't need a iPhone app to work.

A new app store has also been launched for the Watch, again without the iPhone. Also on offer will be activity trends on the Watch to ensure you are sticking to your fitness goals.

Apple has for the past few years been trying to make the macOS more mobile friendly and now it has launched more apps for computer, including Music, Podcast and Radio apps to re-



Apple CEO Tim Cook and chief design officer Jonathan Ive look at a Mac Pro in the display room at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Jose, US, on Monday. AP/PTI

place iTunes. But its mobile devices have also been becoming more computer-like given that it has more power now. So the iPad will now have an operating system of its own.

iPad OS, based on iOS, will offer multi-tasking and UI that has been thought of for use on a tablet. It offers multi-window capabilities, more computer-like keyboard commands and intuitive

gestures. Even files folders will now start looking like they do on the Mac. Safari on iPad will also give desktop-type browsing, so that mobile pages don't open up on the tablet like now.

Meanwhile, for its high-end users, Apple announced a new Mac Pro which has been redesigned to look more like what it used to earlier but packed with workstation-class Xeon processors up to 28 cores, a high-performance memory system with 1.5TB capacity, eight PCIe expansion slots and Apple Afterburner accelerator card that enables playback of three streams of 8K ProRes RAW video simultaneously. It also announced a 32-inch 6K Pro Display XDR with P3 wide and 10-bit colour, 1,600 nits of peak brightness and 1,000,000:1 contrast ratio. Prices start \$5,999.

The author is in San Jose on the invite of Apple

Doubtful if MTNL can continue as a going concern: Auditors

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE AUDITORS of state-owned Mahanagar Telephone Nigam (MTNL) have stated that the company's net worth has been fully eroded, and that the current liabilities of the company have exceeded the current assets substantially.

The auditors' report said that while the firm's standalone Ind-AS financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis keeping in view the majority stake of the government of India, it is doubtful that the company can continue as a going concern.

"The company has accumulated losses and its net worth has been fully/substantially eroded, the company has incurred net loss/net cash loss during the current and previous year(s) and the company's cur-

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AUDITORS' REPORT

rent liabilities exceeded its current assets as at the balance date. These events or conditions, along with other matter...indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern," the auditor report states.

auditor's report on the company's standalone financial statements, the company has incurred net cash loss during the year ended March 31, 2019 as well as the previous year.

Reporting its highest net loss in the last five years, MTNL posted a net loss of over Rs 3,390 crore for the full year ended March 31, 2019. The company had reported its last net profit of over Rs 7,838 crore in the financial year 2013-2014. The revenues during the year came in lower by 16 per cent at Rs 1,987.80 versus last year, and were the lowest in six years. The company's Ebitda (earning before interest tax depreciation and amortisation) which has been in the negative since 2014, declined further to a negative Rs 2,305.93 crore in FY19.

The firm's total liabilities during the financial year 2018-2019 stood at Rs 14,601.82 crore, while the net worth of the company is negative Rs 9,918.33 crore. FE

Finance Ministry: Frauds data banks report to RBI is by year of reporting, not year of occurrence

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE FINANCE ministry Tuesday clarified that the data on frauds that banks report to the Reserve Bank of India is by "the year of reporting and not the year of occurrence of the fraud or sanction of loan, letter of undertaking, which in many cases is of an earlier period."

The government was responding to reports that showed sharp spike in bank frauds reported to the RBI.

"Occurrence of frauds was enabled by laxity in the financial system which has been systematically dealt with through comprehensive banking reforms instituted by the Government to address underlying causes and provide for proactive checking for and detection of frauds," the ministry said in a statement.

As many as 6,801 cases of fraud were reported by scheduled commercial banks and select financial institutions involving an amount of Rs 71,542.93 crore in the last fiscal (increase of over 73 percent in the fraud amount), as per the RBI data, news agency PTI reported Monday.

As the fraud data is by the year of reporting, it is not possible to arrive at year wise amounts involved in frauds, the government said.

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been taken to prevent bank frauds. Following government advice, banks have been obtaining certified copy of passport of the promoters/directors and other authorised signatories of companies availing loan facilities of more than Rs 50 crore, and are ensuring rotational transfer of officials/employees on sensitive posts, the finance ministry said.

"Proactive action has been taken against wilful defaulters, with FIRs being registered by PSBs (public sector banks) against 2,881 wilful defaulters," it said. For NPA (Non Performing Assets) accounts exceeding Rs 50 crore in value, Public Sector Banks have also been advised to seek a report on the borrower from the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau.

Sahara India to roll out range of electric vehicles

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

CONGLOMERATE SAHARA India Pariwar on Tuesday announced its foray into automobile sector, with electric vehicles range 'Sahara Evols'.

Variants of electric scooters, motorcycles, three-wheelers and cargo vehicles will be launched by the company. It is also introducing a network of battery charging cum swapping stations.

'Sahara Evols', while start-

ing from Lucknow, shall establish its ecosystem in Tier II and Tier III cities of India by the end of this financial year, in a phase wise manner.

Subsequently, in the next financial year it shall be rolling out its products and services, pan-India.

Sahara India Pariwar Chairman Subrato Roy Sahara said, "The Sahara Evols range of electric vehicles is going to be our contribution in this direction - towards alternate, sustainable and eco-friendly modes of transportation."

41 TOWERS FAIL WITHIN 5 YEARS OF COMMISSIONING Irregularities led to collapse of transmission towers: CEA

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

AS MANY as 52 electricity transmission towers collapsed between October 2016 and March 2018, according to the latest report by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), which also points out rampant irregularities on the part of transmission companies leading to collapsing of the assets.

Of the 52 dysfunctional towers, 41 failed within five years of commissioning. Most of the failed towers belonged to state-owned Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL), followed by Sterlite Power, L&T, Adani Transmission and Essel Infra.

PGCIL, which owns more than 37 per cent of the transmission lines in the country and ferries about 50 per cent of the total electricity generated, recorded 38 tower failures in the aforementioned period. Sterlite and L&T lost five towers each while one tower belonged to Adani and Essel, respectively, failed.

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The report noted that disregarding the recommendations of the standing committee, PGCIL had been clamping and clipping additional component of towers, instead of replacing existing parts with more sturdy substitutes.

Since 2007, the maximum number of annual tower failures (163) were recorded in 2014, while the lowest (12) occurred in 2011. The report is based on observations of a standing committee of experts which had met on July 2018 to discuss the causes of tower failure. Contrary to the statutory requirement warranting all utilities to report transmission towers failures to the CEA, a number of failures remain unreported, the committee noted. In most of the cases, transmission utilities have attributed high intensity wind as the cause of tower failures. However, they could not

substantiate their reasoning as they were unable to produce the actual wind speed data for the days when the towers failed.

Few towers also collapsed because of erratic reasons such as fire in unauthorised storage underneath the tower, collision with a dumper, theft and sabotage of tower equipment and inadequate soil investigation.

The structural integrity of transmission towers depends on several factors such as adequacy of technical standards, quality of material used in tower body, construction methodology, workmanship, operations and maintenance. The report noted that in most of the cases, transmission towers wrecked because of a combined effect of high wind speed and "lacunae in one or more of the above-mentioned aspects". FE

BPCL, HPCL take 25% stake each in IOC's LPG pipeline project

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

BHARAT PETROLEUM Corp Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) have joined in the country's longest LPG pipeline project being laid by state-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC) to cater to cooking fuel needs of a fourth of the country's population.

BPCL and HPCL will take 25 per cent stake each in the Rs 9,000-cr project that involves laying of a pipeline from Kandla in Gujarat to Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, the companies said in separate but almost identical regulatory filings.

IOC, which had in 2016 proposed laying of the pipeline, will hold the remaining 50 per cent stake.

"IOC, BPCL, and HPCL have signed an agreement on June 3, 2019, for the formation of a joint venture company for implementation and subsequent operation of 2757-km long LPG pipeline from Kandla, Gujarat to

Gorakhpur, UP," the filings said.

LPG will be imported at Kandla and some sourced from oil refineries on the west coast will be moved up north via Ahmedabad (in Gujarat), Ujjain, Bhopal (in Madhya Pradesh), Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi, and Lucknow (in Uttar Pradesh).

The pipeline will carry 6 million tonnes per annum of LPG.

This will be the longest LPG pipeline in the country. State-owned gas utility GAIL currently operates a 1,415-km line from Jamnagar in Gujarat to Loni near here. The line carries 2.5 million tonnes of LPG annually.

GAIL also has a 623-km Vizag-Secunderabad pipeline. IOC also has a 274-km pipeline from Panipat in Haryana to Jalandhar.

In pre-election project inauguration spree, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had on February 24, laid the foundation stone of the pipeline project which will be built over the next four years.

The companies said the pipeline will supply LPG to 22 bottling plants along the route.

BRIEFLY

FinMin in 'quarantine' from Monday

New Delhi: North Block, which houses the Finance Ministry here, will be in 'quarantine' from Monday until the presentation of the Budget on July 5.

Deadline for issuing Form 16 extended

New Delhi: The Income Tax department has extended deadline for employers to issue Form 16 TDS certificate for 2018-19 to employees by 25 days till July 10. However, the extension would leave the salaried taxpayers with a limited time-frame of just 20 days to file returns.

NCLT allows HDIL 4 weeks to pay to Bol

Mumbai: The National Company Law Tribunal has allowed Housing Development and Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL) 4 weeks to pay Rs 98 crore to Bank of India or face insolvency proceedings.

RBI panel on digital payments

Mumbai: India needs to make more efforts to decrease the volume of paper clearing and increase acceptance infrastructure to promote digital payments, according to an RBI report.

G20 meet: protectionism, e-com to figure

New Delhi: Issues like e-commerce and increasing global protectionism would figure in the meeting of G-20 trade ministers at Tsukuba in Japan on June 8 and 9. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will represent India.

Meeting on ways to raise exports on Jun 6

New Delhi: Issues like promotion of exports and reduction in imports would figure during a meeting of senior government officials, industry representatives and exporters on June 6. PTI

Biz confidence in India drops 9.1% in Q4 of FY19: NCAER survey

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUN 4

BUSINESS CONFIDENCE among Indian companies fell by 9.1 per cent in the fourth quarter of the 2018-19 fiscal, said a survey by economic think tank NCAER Tuesday.

The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) said it tracks the business sentiments of around 600 Indian companies to compute the composite Business Confidence Index (BCI). The BCI fell by 9.1 per cent to reach 115.4 at the end of fourth quarter of the last fiscal, on a quarter-on-quarter basis. On a year-on-year basis, the BCI fell by 12.2 per cent, said the NCAER 'Business Expectations Survey'.

The BCI is made up of four components. Sentiments remained virtually unchanged for the component, 'the overall economic conditions will be better in next six months', 'the present investment climate is positive' and 'the present capacity utilisation is close to or above optimal level'.

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sponses on 'present investment climate is positive' fell from 46.7 per cent at end-December 2018 to 37.5 per cent at the end of last fiscal. Overall, sentiments regarding production, domestic sales, expectations about exports and imports of raw materials and pre-tax profits remained muted on quarter-on-quarter basis with variations seen across firm groups.

Consumer non-durables sector showed relatively worsening trend with regard to production, sales and pre-tax profits between the two rounds, the think tank said. The situation regarding labour employment had been mixed. However, future expectations about labour employment were buoyant with increased expectations about rising employment across labour types.

The NCAER is one of the oldest economic think-tank, set up in 1956 at the behest of the then PM Jawaharlal Nehru, to inform policy choices.

'Domestic sales hike leads to 11% industry growth for pharma sector in FY19'

Growth in domestic sales of major Indian pharmaceutical firms has counterbalanced the ongoing pricing pressure, leading to 11 per cent growth for the industry in 2018-19, as per Fitch

10% year-on-year growth was recorded in the Indian pharmaceutical market during February 2019, the IBEF noted

9-12% growth is expected in medicine spending in India over the next five years putting India among the top 10 spenders on drugs, as per an IBEF report



2,055 abbreviated new drug approvals (ANDAs) awaited approval by July-September 2018 due to which competitive dynamics is unlikely to improve in the year 2019-20

SUBDUED GROWTH
In US market for many Indian drug makers due to consolidation of pharma distributors and faster new drug approvals by regulator resulting in pricing pressure

FOCUS AREA
Indian drug-makers' efforts to expand presence in speciality and novel drugs will help to reduce their dependence on competitive generic business

OIC pays ₹1.5 cr to families of 15 jawans

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 4

ORIENTAL INSURANCE Company (OIC) has paid Rs 1.5 crore claim to the family of 15 security personnel of the Maharashtra Police who were killed in a recent Maoist attack in Gadchiroli.

"Each of jawan's family was paid Rs 10 lakh as they were cov-

ered under a group policy bought by the Maharashtra government," said an OIC official. OIC has been providing insurance cover to around 2 lakh Maharashtra police personnel (right from constable to DGP) for over a decade, he said. Around Rs 5.85 crore of premia was earned by the OIC from the Maharashtra Police under the scheme for the current Insurance year (July to July). So far, a total of

68 claims have been received by the company under the scheme so far during the current year. Last year, a total of 95 claims were settled by the company. Though the Centre also runs a similar scheme, Maharashtra cops are not covered under it. Suspected leftist insurgents killed 15 security personnel and a civilian driver in a landmine attack on two security vehicles on May 2.

Will take 'appropriate' action on trade risk: Powell

REUTERS
CHICAGO, JUNE 4

US FEDERAL Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said on Tuesday the central bank will "act as appropriate" in response to risks posed by a trade war, remarks that may open the door to the possibility of a rate cut.

"We do not know how or when these issues will be resolved," Powell said. "We are closely monitoring the implications of these developments for the US economic outlook and, as always, we will act as appropriate to sustain the expansion, with a strong labor market and inflation near our symmetric 2 per cent objective."



US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell (L) speaks with former Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke in Chicago, US. REUTERS

The brief statement opened a two-day session at the Chicago Federal Reserve intended to shore up the central bank's policies to prepare for the likely possibility

that policymakers will eventually confront another recession with rates near zero and the traditional option of cutting rates exhausted. The more immediate issue is

how the Fed should respond to a trade war expanding on multiple fronts, after US President Donald Trump slapped new 25 per cent tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese imports and threatened new import taxes on Mexico unless immigration slows. The question of how to respond divides policymakers and markets.

Powell's remarks did not include a reference to the current Fed target interest rate as appropriate, or repeat the pledge to be "patient" before raising or lowering rates again - both standard talking points in recent Fed statements. His comments come a day after St. Louis Federal Reserve President James Bullard said in a speech on Monday that a rate cut may be needed "soon."

Facebook investors seek independent chair, citing vote tally

REUTERS
BOSTON, JUNE 4

PUBLIC PENSION fund leaders on Tuesday called for separating the chairman and chief executive officer positions at Facebook Inc, both held by co-founder Mark Zuckerberg, citing a vote that showed strong support for the idea among outside investors in the world's largest social media company.

"Facebook's insular boardroom must be cracked open because the company has no accountability to its users, its investors, or our democracy," said New York City Comptroller Scott

Stringer in an e-mailed statement. In a separate statement, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs said that "Facebook's independent investors agree that it's time for the company to separate the Board Chair and CEO roles. Right now, Mr. Zuckerberg is both Board Chair and CEO, serving as his own boss, and clearly it's not working."

A Facebook representative declined to comment on the remarks, or on similar comments made by the treasurers of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania. The company is under pressure from investors over data privacy issues and its role in elections, which have attracted scrutiny from regulators.

India and SA asks WTO to revisit moratorium on duties on e-commerce trade

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

INDIA AND South Africa have asked the WTO to revisit the issues related with moratorium on customs duties on e-commerce trade, which is expiring in December this year.

A joint communication submitted to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Tuesday, both the countries have stated that the "General Council needs to revisit" all the issues on the e-commerce moratorium with the "utmost urgency and in its entirety". According to industry experts, India wants an end to the moratorium and imposition of

import duties to protect domestic industry and revenue.

Since 1998, the moratorium is being extended time and again for two years. The communication said the potential tariff revenue lost to developing countries is estimated at \$10 billion.

It said the moratorium will negatively impact the efforts of many developing countries, which are laggards as far as digital industrialisation is concerned, to industrialise digitally.

It could also undermine existing industries and tariffs play an important role in protecting infant domestic industries from more established overseas competitors until they have attained competitiveness and economies of scale.

Rajkot Municipal Corporation
E-Tender Notice
Construction of Three Arm Flyover at Hospital Chowk in Rajkot City

Rajkot Municipal Corporation invites bids with two bid system for the following work from the bidders having experience for similar type of works, registered in State Government/Central Government in appropriate class and meeting the qualifying criteria as specified:

- Construction of Three Arm Flyover at Hospital Chowk in Rajkot City (3rd Attempt) (ECV Rs.59,23,78,700/-)

A Pre-bid meeting will be held on 14-06-2019 at 1600 Hours at Central Zone Conference Room of RMC. The dates for downloading and submission of online eTenders at www.nprocure.com is 06-06-2019 to 26-06-2019 up to 18.00 hours.

(Sd/-) Commissioner

Karnataka Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.
(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

No.16/L, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru-560 052.
Ph.: 080-22200660, 22096655, Fax:080-22266299, 22096688, 22353423, 22872890, 22250835 e-mail:info@kfscs.com e-Mail:gmkfscs@yahoo.com / mdkfscs123@yahoo.com No.:KFSCS/PROC/Tur Dal/2019-20/589 Date: 04.06.2019

NOTIFICATION
EMPANELMENT OF SUPPLIERS OF TUR DAL FOR THE YEAR 2019-20 (REVISED GUIDELINES)

Karnataka Food Civil Supplies Corporation invites online application, with revised guidelines, from eligible suppliers for supply of Tur Dal for PDS and other welfare schemes of Government of Karnataka, for registration for participating in the e-auction conducted through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka. The detailed terms and conditions for registration eligibility criteria, procedure to participate through e-auction etc., can be obtained from the website: www.ahara.kar.nic.in or www.kfscs.com and the interested participants should get registered on the online registration portal of e-government of Karnataka at https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eprocurement/regn/supplier_registration_terms.seam and after obtaining e-procurement user id the applicant shall get registered for technical evaluation on <https://kfscs.kar.nic.in/kfscsdd4/login.aspx> The revised guidelines permit the participation of applicants outside Karnataka State also. Last date for registration is 11.06.2019, 3.00 pm. The e-auction is tentatively scheduled on 14th and 15th of June 2019. The enrolment of applicants for subsequent e-auction for 2019-20 for supply of tur dal is kept open till further notice. For clarifications if any please contact- (1) Commissioner, Food & Civil Supplies Department Gok, at 080-22262187 e-mail:com.fcs-ka@nic.in ddpd.fcs-ka@nic.in ddit.fcs-ka@nic.in (2) Center for e-governance Room No.141, M.S. Building Gate Number 2, Bengaluru-560 001, CEG Helpdesk number: 080-23010900/01 and 080-38013000. Applicants may also contact the Joint Director/Deputy Director of Food department at the district headquarters.

Sd/-
Managing Director

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
Plot No. 26, Sector 3, IMT Manesar, Gurugram-122050.

TENDER NOTICE
ICAT invites sealed tender in 2-Bid system for the following works:
Tender No.: ICAT/OT/PE/CCS&PCS/2019-20/25
Description: Supply of colour coated and polycarbonate sheet etc. including allied accessories at ICAT Centre-2, IMT Manesar (Gurugram)

For further details of tender visit our website www.icat.in or e-procurement portal, E-mail: prem.purang@icat.in Ph.: +91 124 - 4586111, Fax: +91 124 -2290005

NMDC Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine, P.O: Donimalai Township, Taluk: Sandur, District: Bellary Karnataka, PIN Code: 583118

OPEN TENDER NOTICE
Sealed tenders in two bid systems are invited from competent and experienced contractors for work of "Water sprinkling of 4380 trips (±20%) per annum on a stretch of 05 km PWD road from Mallamma Temple junction to Kammathur junction and extendable by one more year at the discretion of NMDC". EMD- ₹ 57000/-; Estimated value of the Work- ₹ 56.75 lakhs; Contract period- 4380 trips (±20%) per annum and extendable by one more year at the discretion of NMDC."
Tenders can be viewed/downloaded from website www.nmdc.co.in and www.eprocure.gov.in. For further clarifications please contact NMDC Office Donimalai Complex, Ph:08395-274640, email id: kion.nmdc@gmail.com. Tender document can be down loaded from 05-06-2019 to 05-07-2019.
For and on behalf of NMDC Limited
Dated : 05-06-2019

NAGPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, NAGPUR
Health Department

E-Tender Notice
"Door to Door Collection and Transportation of Segregated Solid Waste of Nagpur City upto Processing Site Directly and / or through intermediate Transfer Stations/Collection Points on DBFOO Contract basis (Excluding Transfer Station) for 10 years period."

- Package-I Zone 1/2/3/4/5
- Package-II Zone 6/7/8/9/10

The Health Officer (S) on behalf of Municipal Commissioner, Nagpur Municipal Corporation, Nagpur invites e-tender from Experienced and Reputed Agencies/firms, Companies, NGOs and/or associations, for "Door to Door Collection and Transportation of Segregated Solid Waste of Nagpur City upto Processing Site Directly and / or through intermediate Transfer Stations/Collection Points on DBFOO Contract basis (Excluding Transfer Station) for 10 years period." The Detailed Tender Notice and bid Document for each package (i.e. Package-I Zone 1/2/3/4/5 having tender id 2019_NMNCN_443961_1 & Package-II Zone 6/7/8/9/10 having tender id 2019_NMNCN_442422_1) can be downloaded from website www.mahatenders.gov.in from 30/05/2019. The sale/purchase and submission of the bid document shall be online only.

Advt No. 43 A/P/R, Dt: 04/06/2019 Health Officer, Nagpur Municipal Corporation, Nagpur

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF COMPUTER PERIPHERALS AND RELATED EQUIPMENTS

Tender Notice No.: C/16 of 2019;
Dated: 30-05-2019. Open tenders in sealed covers are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Name of work:** Annual Maintenance of Computer Peripherals and related equipments of Passenger Reservation System and Unreserved Ticketing System over Lumding Division for a period of one (01) year and extendable another 02 (two) years (One year at a time) based on satisfactory performance. **Tender value:** ₹6,85,890/- **Earnest money:** ₹13,800/- **Tender form can be obtained** from the offices of the Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Lumding, Assistant Commercial Manager/Guwahati and Area Manager office Badarpur. **Tender Boxes will be opened at 11.00 hrs. on 10-07-2019** in the office of the Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial)/Lumding. Detailed NIT and the tender form is available in www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in and in the notice board of the office of the undersigned.

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Lumding
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No: CWC/CO-ENGG./PRESS NOTE/2019-20/1948 Dt. 04.06.2019

PRESS NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

CWC invites online tenders from the contractors for the following works:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Lakhs)	Last date of on line submission & opening of tender
01	Renovation of internal roads & replacement of AC sheet roofing at CW. Beesalpur & Chandausi - II (UP)	158.07	04.07.2019

Detailed Tender Notice along with conditions of contract and Notice Inviting E-Tender may be seen and downloaded from the CWC website www.cewaocor.nic.in or e-tender website www.tenderwizar.com or CPP Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in/publish/app>. Further Corrigendum/Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website www.cewaocor.nic.in or e-tender website www.tenderwizar.com or CPP Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in/publish/app> only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.
Sd/- Chief Engineer

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(Power Wing)

Notice Inviting E-Tender Dated: 31.05.2019

N.I.T No: 01/2019-20
Name of Office: Sr.Xen O&M Divn. BBMB Panipat.
Name of Work: Providing adequate clearance by providing 2Nos. DD-50*+9 meter extension towers (218 & 218A) in place of existing T.No. 218 of 220KV Panipat-Ch. Dadr line in connection with construction of new railway line from Rohtak to Mehram by North Railway at Rohtak under O&M Division BBMB, Panipat.
The due dates against above NIT are as per the following schedule:

Document downloading start date & time	31.05.2019 up to 17:00 hrs.
Last date of submitting pre-qualifying Document	04.07.2019 up to 17:00 hrs.
Last Date/Time of download of tender document	10.07.2019 up to 12:00 hrs.
Last Date/Time of receipt of Bids online	10.07.2019 up to 14:30 hrs.
Date/Time of Opening of Bids online	10.07.2019 from 15:00 hrs. onwards

For detailed NIT including Pre-Qualifying conditions and Earnest Money deposit, please visit BBMB website www.bbmb.gov.in or www.bbmbproc.abcpocprocure.com

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Ph.No.PABX- 0484-2206775, 2206795
Purchase Section: Ph.No. 0484-2201924, 2206786, 2206782, 0484-2206799
No.P.110/17565/2019 Date:04.06.2019

E-TENDER NOTICE
(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDERING SYSTEM)

The Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd intends to purchase Pulses, Spices, Rice and Sugar through e-tender, which will be accepted up to **12.00 Noon on 13-06-2019** and will be opened thereafter. Tender Form and Terms & Conditions may be downloaded from our website www.supplyco.kerala.com or www.tenderwizar.com/KSCSC. For additional details please contact at the above address. Only suppliers possessing digital signatures will be permitted to participate in the e-tender.
Sd/-, Addl. General Manager (Purchase)

ICMR - REGIONAL MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE, N.E. REGION
Post Box No. 105, DIBRUGARH -786001, ASSAM, INDIA

No. RMRC/DIB/S&P-RC/2019-20/620 Date : 4-6-19

Notice Inviting Tender :-

Proposals from reputed Companies / Principals / Manufacturers, dealing with the chemicals / glass wares / plastic wares / different diagnostic kits etc. for biomedical research work are invited for registration of suppliers for purchase of the same on annual rate contract basis by the Director, ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, N.E. Region, Dibrugarh, Post Box No. 105 along with 3 copies of price list (**Softcopy & Hardcopy**) and product, names of the manufacturer, their credential, manufacturing capabilities, quality control system, financial background etc. are required.

The interested parties are requested to submit their proposals on or before **03/07/2019** addressing to the Director, ICMR - Regional Medical Research Centre, N.E. Region, Dibrugarh post Box No. 105, Dibrugarh-786001. Please visit our website www.mrcne.org.in & **Central Public Procurement Portal (e Publishing)** for other essential information.

AGRA SMART CITY LIMITED
AGRA NAGAR NIGAM AGRA

NIT No. 04/ASCL/ICCC Electrical/May-19 Date: 04.06.2019

CORRIGENDUM-1

Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of 11/0.433KV substation for ASCL Complex data centre and ICCC

With reference to the above mentioned tender published on 25.05.2019 in TOI, Amar Ujala and Indian Express, which is scheduled to be opened on 15.06.2019. Kindly find the Corrigendum on our website <https://etenders.up.nic.in>; <https://smarnet.niu.a.org>; www.agrasmartcity.in; www.nagarnigamagra.com

Nodal Officer
AGRA Smart City Limited, AGRA

No. 1 Delhi Air Sqn NCC (Ftg) NCC Buildings B/6, Safdarjung Enclave New Delhi - 110029

AUCTION NOTICE

This notice is for Auction of the state property unserviceable/unusable misc items i.e iron, aluminium, plastic, electric, electronic items lying in above mentioned office premises. Pay order/DD of Rs 1000/- in favour of CO No.1 Delhi Air Sqn NCC (Ftg) is essential to be deposited with the cashier of the unit to participate in the tendering. Tenders are being invited from the interested vendors. Tender must be sealed and dropped inside the tender box placed at above mentioned address upto 1300 hrs on 13 Jun 19. Tenders will be opened at 1600 hrs by a Board of Officers on the same day. Interested bidders can visit this unit premise for assessing the rates of condemn items from 10 Jun 19 to 12 Jun 19 from 0930hrs to 1730 hrs Competent Authority has full rights to withdraw or make changes in the tendering process.
Sd/- (Sumet Malhotra) Wing Commander Commanding Officer
DIP/Shabdarth/0146/19-20

Office of the Resident Commissioner GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH
Chanakya Bhawan, 3rd Floor, Chanakypuri, New Delhi-110021

TENDER NOTICE

Ref.No. F-88/Estt./CB/2018/815 Dated 31 May 2019

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed firms for Annual Maintenance of CCTV Cameras at Chhattisgarh Bhawan, 7, Sardar Patel Marg, Chanakypuri, New Delhi and Chhattisgarh Sadan, 8-12 Factory Road, Safdarjung, New Delhi. The tender documents may be obtained from 3rd Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakypuri, New Delhi-110021 on payment of Rs. 500/- (non refundable) in cash on or before 20.06.2019 between 11.00 AM and 05.00 PM on all working days. Tender documents can be downloaded from www.rcchhattisgarh.gov.in. Last date of receipt of tender is 21.06.2019 upto 02.30 Tender will be opened on the same day at 03.30 pm.

Resident Commissioner Chhattisgarh Bhawan

Govt. of Bihar

ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Division, Begusarai

SBD BASED DETAILED NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through E-procurement mode Only Website : www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

NIT NO.-RCD/BEG-01/2019-20

- Designation and Address of the Advertiser :- Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Begusarai 31.05.2019
- Date of issue of notice inviting tender :- From 21.06.2019 to 28.06.19upto 15.00 P.M. (From Website: www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
- Period for download of Tender Document :- 24.06.2019at 11.00 A.M At the Office of the Chief Engineer, North Bihar (Wing), R.C.D, Patna.
- Date, Time& Place of Pre-Bid Meeting :- Date 29.06.2019 till time 15.00 P.M. on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
- Last Date & Time for uploading tender documents by bidder :- Date 29.06.2019 till time 15.00 P.M. on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
- Last Date, Time & Place for submission of original instrument of EMD and cost of BOQ + processing fees. :-Date- 01.07.2019 Time-15.00P.M. or next working day of last date of uploading of tender document by the bidders at the following offices :-
(i) Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Begusarai.
(ii) Superintending Engineer, Road Circle Darbhanga.
(iii) Chief Engineer, North Bihar (Wing), R.C.D, Patna
- Date & Time & Place of opening of Technical Bid :- Date-01.07.2019, Time-15.30 P.M.
- Details of works:-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated /B.O.Q. Cost (in Lakh)	Earnest money (in Lakh)	Cost of B.O.Q (in Rs.)	Bid processing fee (non-refundable) (in Rs.)	Time of completion of work (in month) Including monsoon period, if any
1.	Widening and Strengthening of NH-31 Baliya to Katarmala Via Nurjampur-Dandari Block Road (0 to 15.450 k.m.) Under CRF Scheme for the year 2019-20	3139.93	41.40	10,000	17,700	22 Months
2.	Widening and Strengthening of Viswakarma Chowk of Cheryariyarpur Blockto Bakhadda Chowk via Guaabari, Narayanpiper, Chhorahi Block head quarter Road(0 to 16.30 k.m.) Under CRF Scheme for the year 2019-20	3358.00	43.58	10,000	17,700	21 Months

- On website : www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
- Bid Validity: 120 Days.
- Any Contractor registered with the Central Government / any State Government or any PSU or an agency of international or national repute may participate in the tender, but registration with the Road Construction Department, Bihar will be essential after issue of L.O.A. and before executing the agreement.
- Detailed NIT can be seen on web site www.prdibihar.gov.in or www.eproc.bihar.gov.in or on the notice board of the office of the undersigned.

Executive Engineer R.C.D, Road Division Begusarai
PR. No. 01690 (R.C.D.) 2019-20

U.P. Power Transmission Corporation Limited Tender Notice against specification No. ESD-537 through E-Tendering E-Tenders in two parts Part-I, Part-II (A) & (B) valid for six months are invited for the work mentioned here under:- Construction of 2x40 MVA, 132/33KV GIS Substation BSR-II, Ghaziabad with SAS on turn-key basis including supply, erection, testing & commissioning of all equipments/ materials and all civil works as per details mentioned below:- Specn. No.-ESD-537, Name of Sub-station: 132/33KV GIS Substation BSR-II, Ghaziabad, Transformation Capacity : 2x40MVA, Earnest Money (Rs.): 58,00,000.00 (Fifty Eight Lac only) To be submitted on a non judicial stamp paper of Rs. 10,000.00 in favour of SE ESDC-II, Lucknow as per prescribed format given in the bid document, Schedule Date of submission & time: 04.07.2019 12:30 hrs. Schedule Date of Opening & time: 05.07.2019 15:30 hrs. The Tender in general includes but not limited to design, engineering, manufacturing, handling, safekeeping, erection of transformers and supply & erection of GIS Module, LAS, control and protection panels, metering system, main and auxiliary structures, control and power Cables, Station grounding, Lighting system and all associated essential electrical and civil works including earth filling, foundations, anchor bolts, cable trenches, drainage, water supply, control room building, fencing, road setcaperlat estnational/ international standards and terms and conditions of Form "A" of UPPTCL. However supply of 40MVA, 132/33KV power transformers shall not be provided by UPPTCL and shall not be in scope of tenderer. Similarly construction of approach road and boundary wall of substation shall also not be in scope of this tender. The package also includes testing and commissioning of the entire substations in a time bound schedule and all items & accessories required for completion and commissioning. Complete tender documents against this Bid specification can be downloaded from e-procurement website of U.P. Govt. etender.up.nic.in and tenderer will require to pay a non-refundable fee of Rs. 11,800/- (inclusive of 18% GST) towards cost of tender documents through RTGS/ NEFT in "UPPTCL SBI A/C No. 30231982762" (IFS code - SBIN0003347). Tender document can be submitted only on e-procurement website etender.up.nic.in up to schedule date & time. Tenderer (s) are requested to get them registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation so as to obtain digital signatures for participation. The bid of the firm without tender document fee, against the purchase of document, and without EMD will not be opened. Tender document fee will be deposited through RTGS/NEFT in the UPPTCL account mentioned above and a proof of such deposit e.g. UTR no., Name of Account, scanned copy of pay-in slip countersigned by the tenderer should be uploaded along with tender documents. Earnest money deposit (EMD) will be deposited through RTGS/NEFT in UPPTCL account mentioned above and a proof of such deposit e.g. UTR no., Name of Account, scanned copy of pay-in slip countersigned by the tenderer, should be uploaded along with tender documents OR in the form of Bank Guarantee in favour of Superintending Engineer, Electricity Substation Design Circle-II. If EMD is deposited in the form of Bank Guarantee, scanned copy of EMD BG alongwith a scanned copy of confirmation mail of the same, from the bank issuing the BG will be uploaded with the tender document. No tender documents including tender fee, EMD B.G. and other commercial papers are required to be submitted in hard copy or through messenger at the time of bid opening. Part-II (A) & (B) containing prices of Electrical & Civil works respectively shall be opened separately at a later date to be informed accordingly. Undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reason. Please visit e-procurement website etender.up.nic.in as well as our website www.upptcl.org for all amendments, corrigendum modifications and extensions till the date of submission of tenders. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Electricity Substation Design Circle-II U.P. Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., 13th Floor, Shakti Bhawan Extension, 14-Ashok Marg, Lucknow-226001 (Uttar Pradesh) UPPTCL website- www.upptcl.org e-procurement website - etender.up.nic.in "SAVE ENERGY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION" No. 190/ESDC-I (GS)/Tender/A- 19 Date 04.06.2019

MADHYANCHAL VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED HEAD OFFICE 4-A, GOKHALE MARG, LUCKNOW:- 228001
Phone No. 0522- 2207965, 2208737
Fax No. 0522- 2207965, 2208737
CORRIGENDUM Tender Specification No. Saubhagya/0085/2019 to Saubhagya/0091/2019 for Open Competitive Bidding (Global Bidding) for the work of conversion of bare LT conductor with AB Cable in theft prone areas of Habitations with population 1000 and above (Funded by Asian Development Bank) on Turnkey basis in MVVNL through e-tendering as detailed below which were scheduled to be opened on 04.06.2019 are hereby extended and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is amended as follows: Sl. No. 1. Tender Specification No. Saubhagya/0085/2019 Cluster No. Cluster-I Districts included in lot Faizabad, Barabanki, Sultanpur, Ambedkarnagar and Amethi under Ayodhya Zone. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakhs) 159.00 Pre-bid meeting 18.06.19 from 1500 hrs Last date & time for submission of tender documents 22.07.19 upto 1500 hrs. Tender opening date & time (First Part) 22.07.19 from 1600 hrs. Sl. No. 3. Tender Specification No. Saubhagya/0087/2019 Cluster No. Cluster-II Districts included in lot Bahraich and Shravasti under Devipatan Zone. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakhs) 135.00 Pre-bid meeting 18.06.19 from 1500 hrs Last date & time for submission of tender documents 22.07.19 upto 1500 hrs. Tender opening date & time (First Part) 22.07.19 from 1600 hrs. Sl. No. 4. Tender Specification No. Saubhagya/0089/2019 Cluster No. Cluster-IV Districts included in lot Pilibhit and Bareilly under Bareilly Zone. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakhs) 116.00 Pre-bid meeting 18.06.19 from 1500 hrs Last date & time for submission of tender documents 22.07.19 upto 1500 hrs. Tender opening date & time (First Part) 22.07.19 from 1600 hrs. Sl. No. 5. Tender Specification No. Saubhagya/0089/2019 Cluster No. Cluster-V Districts included in lot Raebareilly, Unnao and Hardoi under Lucknow Zone. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakhs) 141.00 Pre-bid meeting 18.06.19 from 1500 hrs Last date & time for submission of tender documents 22.07.19 upto 1500 hrs. Tender opening date & time (First Part) 22.07.19 from 1600 hrs. Sl. No. 6. Tender Specification No. Saubhagya/0090/2019 Cluster No. Cluster-VI Districts included in lot Raebareilly, Unnao and Hardoi under Lucknow Zone. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakhs) 141.00 Pre-bid meeting 18.06.19 from 1500 hrs Last date & time for submission of tender documents 22.07.19 upto 1500 hrs. Tender opening date & time (First Part) 22.07.19 from 1600 hrs. Sl. No. 7. Tender Specification No. Saubhagya/0091/2019 Cluster No. Cluster-VII Districts included in lot Lucknow under LESA (Cis-Gomti) Zone. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakhs) 43.00 Pre-bid meeting 18.06.19 from 1500 hrs Last date & time for submission of tender documents 22.07.19 upto 1500 hrs. Tender opening date & time (First Part) 22.07.19 from 1600 hrs. Tender document fee of INR 10,000/- +GST@ 18% (Total INR 11,800/-) and EMD, shall be deposited by Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque in favour of Executive Engineer to Managing Director, MVVNL Payable at State Bank of India, Ashok Marg Branch, Lucknow Bank Account No. 10191987538 and IFS code SBIN0003347 (GST No. 09AAECM108J1Z0). EMD can also be submitted in the form of Bank Guarantee from any Scheduled Bank/ Nationalized Bank duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer to Managing Director, MVVNL Payable at Lucknow also. Techno commercial and price part of any proposal shall not be opened in case the Earnest money is found to be insufficient or defective in any manner. In support of submission of Tender Fee Bank receipt with UTR no., Pay in slip original copy shall be uploaded online. In case EMD is submitted in form of Bank Guarantee, its scanned copy shall be uploaded online and Bank Guarantee original copy shall be sent to undersigned office so that it is received within three days of opening date of Part-I of the tender. Regarding this Bank Guarantee, issuing Bank confirmation letter is to be mailed to saubhagyarnvnl@gmail.com before or at the time of opening of the tender. Entire tender offer and Technical & Commercial part shall be uploaded online on e-tender website <https://etender.up.nic.in/nicgepp/app> under Organisation: Uttar Pradesh Power Distribution Rehabilitation Project - ADB Funded within scheduled date & time of the opening of the tender. Apart from Tender document fee and EMD (Bank Guarantee) no hard copy is to be submitted, however on demand by MVVNL bidder shall make original copy of the tender available. Tender Part-II (Price Bid) shall be uploaded as per online Tender BOC on e-tender website <https://etender.up.nic.in/nicgepp/app> under Organisation: Uttar Pradesh Power Distribution Rehabilitation Project - ADB Funded only. In case date of opening of tender happens to be Public Holiday, it shall be opened on next working day. Tender offer validity shall be of 180 days. In future in case of any amendment/revision in the tender documents or extension in date of opening of the tender it shall be made available/uploaded on e-tender website <https://etender.up.nic.in/nicgepp/app> under Organisation: Uttar Pradesh Power Distribution Rehabilitation Project - ADB Funded. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged. Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Saubhagya) E-mail: satishgarnvnl@gmail.com SAVE ELECTRICITY IN NATIONAL INTEREST USE E.D. BULBS. फ़ॉक: 3501/ म.वि.वि.वि. / सीएम दिनांक: 04.06.2019.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISON PRISON HEAD QUARTER: NEAR LAJWANTI GARDEN CHOWK JANAK PURI: NEW DELHI
F.21(13)/ND(657)/Tender for AMC of R.O., Dessert Coolers etc./2019-20/CDN 000350621/311 Date: 31.05.2019
Tender ID No. 2019_CJT_173325_1

e-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, Open e-tender (online procurement website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>) are invited for Repair Work and Replacement of Parts of Dessert Coolers, Drinking Water Coolers, Refrigerator and R.O. Systems installed at various locations of Prisons Deptt., GNCTD for the period of one year from the date of issue of rate contract (Extendable upto three months). The NIT has been uploaded and available alongwith terms and conditions and detailed specifications. All the tenderers participating in e-tendering and should have a Digital Signature and should apply online before the Last Date and Time.

Estimated Cost of Work : Rs. 5.26 Lakh

Date of release of tender through e-procurement website : 05.06.2019

Last date, Time of receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 26.06.2019 at 11:30 A.M.

Date of on line opening of Pre-qualification : 26.06.2019 at 12:00 Noon

Date of on line opening of Price bids (Tentative) : 26.06.2019 at 03:00 PM

Sd/- Superintendent-II PHQ Tihar, New Delhi
DIP/Shabdarth/0153/19-20

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL, GOVT. DR. W.W. PATANKAR GIRLS PG COLLEGE
NEAR KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA, JAIL ROAD, DURG (C.G.)
[Old Name -Govt. Girls PG College, Durg] Pincode -491001
Ph. - 0788 2323773

Email-govtgirlspgcollege@gmail.com
Website: www.govtgirlspgcollege.durg.com

College Code :1602
Ref. No. 466/2019 Durg, Dt. 31.5.2019

Notice for tender Invitation for purchase of Computer Equipments for Computer Lab and Smart Class

Sealed tender are invited in two envelop system (financial bid and technical bid) for purchase of computer equipments, Smart class, Printer, UPS, Laptop and Projector for this college from reputed (with holding GST registration) manufacturers / authorized dealer / suppliers with demand draft/ FDR for Rs. 60000/- (in words Sixty thousand rupees only) as earnest money by 01.07.2019 (last date) up to 3:00 pm to this office. The tender will be opened on same date up to 4:00 pm (technical bid) by purchasing committee. After satisfaction to the technical bid financial bid will be opened. Detail terms and conditions, list of equipments to be purchased can be seen in our college website- www.govtgirlspgcollege.durg.com

Sd/- (Dr. Sushil Chandra Tiwari) Principal
Govt. Dr. W.W.Patankar Girls PG College Durg (C.G.)

गुरु घासीदास विश्वविद्यालय, बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)
केंद्रिय विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम 2009 के अंतर्गत स्थापित विश्वविद्यालय
बिलासपुर, बिलासपुर- 495009 (छ.ग.)
दूरभा: 07752-260017, 260368, 260376 फ़ॉक-07752-260154, वेबसाई: www.ggu.ac.in

GURU GHASIDAS VISHWAVIDYALAYA, BILASPUR (C.G.)
A Central University established by the Central Universities Act, 2009
Koni, Bilaspur- 495009 (C.G.)
Phone: 07752-260017, 260368, 260376 Fax-07752-260154, Website: www.ggu.ac.in

Advertisement Bilaspur, date: 03-06-2019
(Under Rolling Application System)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited, under rolling advertisement system, for the following posts:-

- Professor, 2. Associate Professor, 3. Assistant Professor – in various disciplines in the University.
- 101.Duly filled-in applications, in the prescribed format should reach to the Registrar, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (CG) throughout the duration of the advertisement by registered/Speed post only. However, the applicants residing abroad (not residing in India) may send their applications, through E-mail at registrar@ggu.ac.in
22. Candidate must enclose a non-refundable application fee of Rs. 500 (Exempted for SC/ST/PH candidates) in the form of Demand Draft drawn on any nationalized bank in favour of The Registrar, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur(C.G.) payable at Bilaspur(C.G.) or receipt of fee deposited, if deposited online through University portal.
- 23.Application form (Annexure-I), Vacant Positions (Annexure-II), Minimum Eligibility (Annexure-III) and General Instructions (Annexure-IV), List of Allied Subject (Annexure-V), API Proforma (Annexure-VI) may be downloaded from the university website www.ggu.ac.in.
- 24.Reservation and Relaxations will be given as per GOI/UGC Rules to all the persons belong to SC/ST/OBC/PH/EWS category.
- 25.The candidates who had applied earlier against the Advertisement No.20/Rec/Adm/2016 dated 29-07-2016 and 81/Rec/Adm/2019 dated 08.03.2019 need to apply again, submitting a fresh application as per the positions & eligibility mentioned in the advertisement. Such candidates shall be exempted from the application fee however the details of earlier application and application fee earlier submitted have to be mentioned in the application form.
- 26.Various vacant positions under different categories (roster) may be changed if any, in the future as per the directions of the MHRD/UGC on the reservations in teacher's cadre posts (Roster positions)
- 27.Any change or amendment in this advertisement shall be displayed on the university website only, therefore the aspiring candidates are advised to visit University website regularly and remain updated.

REGISTRAR

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Department/ Board/Corp./Auth	Old Reference Name of Work/ Notice/Tender	Nature of Corrigendum	Website of the Department/ Board Corp. Auth	Nodal Officer/ Contact Details/ E-mail	Tender Ref. No./ Tender No.
1.	Women and Child Development Deptt., Haryana (Panjiri Plant Gharaunda)	Rate contract for purchase of PPE Bags for the year 2019-20. Tender No. 121318	Corrigendum- 1st: Bid Submission is extended upto 18.06.2019 at 5.00 P.M. and tender will be opened on dated 19.06.2019 at 2.00 P.M.	https://wcd.haryanae-procurement.gov.in	01748-253895 E-mail: panjiri.plantwcdgharaunda@yahoo.co.in	121318

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U.P. STATE BRIDGE CORPORATION LIMITED
"Beta Bhawan", 16, Madan Mohan Malviya Marg, Lucknow, U.P. (India)
Ph. : 0522-2207442

TENDER NOTICE

Online e-tenders are hereby invited on behalf of U.P. State Bridge Corporation Ltd, Lucknow from the scrap reseller/ scrap stockist firm / A-class contractor registered in sales tax/ income tax department, interested for lifting of shuttering/centering and steel scrap on "As is where is" basis as detailed in tender document (NIT No. 587/130MBC/Steel Scrap/19-20 Dt. 04.06.19). The cost of tender document is Rs.5000.00 + G.S.T. @ 18%, i.e. total cost Rs.5900.00 only. Online financial bid submission start and closing date are 07/06/2019 and 25/06/2019 respectively and financial Bid opening date is 01/07/2019 at 2:00 PM.

Note: Tender documents are available on website : www.e-tender.up.nic.in which can be downloaded.

Devendra Pratap, Dy Project Manager (M)

NOTICE BOARD EDUCATION

CELEBRATIONS, EVENTS, APPOINTMENTS, HONOURS

COMPREHENSIVE AMC AT RANGIYA DIVISION E-Tender Notice No. RN-ST-01-2019-20-RT Dated: 01-06-2019. Work tenders through E-Tendering System are invited for the following works: Tender No. RN-ST-01-2019-20-RT. Name of work: Comprehensive AMC for KYOSAN MAKE Electronic Interlocking for a period of (05) five years at Ajara & BBNB station of Rangiya Division. Tender Value: ₹72,46,161/-, Earnest Money: ₹1,44,900/-.



OLYMPIAD- AMITY INST. OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

The "8th Amity International Olympiad for Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology" organized by Amity Institute of Competitive Examinations concluded recently at Amity University Campus, Sector- 125, Noida in which the team from Turkmenistan grabbed the winner's trophy. Over 140 students from Int'l schools from 20 countries including Afghanistan, Tajikistan, B'desh, Turkmenistan, Nepal, Mauritius, Oman, Dubai, Kazakhstan & Turkey along with 120 Indian students participated in this year's Olympiad.



SEMINAR- VIDYAMANDIR CLASSES

Aiming to provide knowledge-based education, Vidyamandir Classes recently concluded a seminar titled- 'How to score best in your board exams' in Noida. The seminar was conducted by Saurabh Kumar, Dir Academic of Vidyamandir Classes along with the VMC meritorious students of CBSE 10th board exams who scored 498 marks and secured high AIR.



BOOK LAUNCH-SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Legal Studies, SAU in association with Oxford University Press organised a book launch and discussion on India and Bilateral Investment Treaties Refusal, Acceptance, Backlash authored by Prabhash Ranjan and published by Oxford University Press. The book was launched by Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, former Deputy Director General of the World Trade Organisation; Rajeev Kher, former Commerce Secretary, Government of India; Professor Abhijit Das, Head, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade; R V Anuradha, Partner, Clarus Law Associates; and Dr.Rishab Gupta, Partner, ShardulAmarchandMangaladass and Company in the South Asian University, New Delhi.



SCHOLARSHIP-THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY

On 14th May 2019 The Northcap University organized a Scholarship Distribution ceremony for the students of the Dean's list. HB Raghavendra, Vice Chancellor offered financial aid. The meritorious students were awarded with the cheques and certificates as a part of an encouraging gesture by Pro Chancellor, Prof. Prem Vrat & Vice Chancellor, Prof. H B Raghavendra, accompanied with Registrar, Col. Bikram Mohanty. The ceremony marked a new milestone, for students, helping them to take a step further in their career prospects.



CONFERENCE- APEEJAY SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Apeejay School of Management (ASM) organised the 4th National HR Conference on Human Resource Management Practices and Research recently at its Campus in Dwarka. The conference served as an interactive platform for discussion on HR interface with automation, robotics and Artificial Intelligence, managing work-life balance, E- HRM and gender issues at workplace, contemporary issues and innovations in the evolving global business environment. The conference brought together more than 40 delegates from corporate and various national institutes who shared their views and experiences through paper presentations and discussions.



MUSIC COMPETITION- SOMERVILLE SCHOOL

Somerville School, Noida, hosted its annual inter-house western music competition, Syncopation, on 4th May 2019. The students competed in 4 categories- male solo, female solo, group instrumental and group song. In the male solo category, Lakshay Jaswal of St. John House bagged the first position with his rendition of 'Let Her Go' by Passenger. Natasha Cleophas of St. John House won the crowd over and stood first when she sang Adele's 'One And Only'. The instrumentalists of St. John House- Madhav Mehta on the drums, Joshua George on the lead keyboard, Neel Oommen on the lead guitar and Aditya Kukreti on the bass guitar gave a jaw-dropping performance re-creating 'Cliffs Of Dover' by Eric Johnson.



TRIP-BHATNAGAR INT'L SCHOOL

Bhatnagar Int'l School, Paschim Vihar, organized a trip to Jim Corbett for students of class XII. The all-boys trip saw students indulging in the lush green ambience of the mountains, bonfire, music, dance & adventure sports along with scrumptious food. The students enjoyed the jeep safari, learnt exclusive culture & engaged in photography.

LAUNCH-FORE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

FORE School of Management (FORE) has launched a unique 15-month Post Graduate Diploma in Management for Executives, (PGPX) from the academic year 2019-2020. This is a full time programme & approved by AICTE. The programme is aimed primarily at catapulting business managers into leadership roles & giving a massive boost to their career. Over 15 months, participants would pursue both core & elective courses offering a mix of foundation & functional aspects, tools & techniques for optimization & data-driven analytics & decision making, & contemporary best practices in management. In tune with increasing globalization, the programme offers 90 hours of International Immersion Module having various cutting-edge courses and Certification from a reputed foreign B-School.



CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL announced the results of its March 2019 exam series in India for Cambridge IGCSE & Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications. With more than 45000 entries, the March 2019 series witnessed a growth of 17 percent over last year. Entries for Cambridge IGCSE have grown by 20 percent over the last year, & entries for Cambridge International AS & A Level have increased by 9 percent. Cambridge Global Perspectives remains a popular subject with a growth of 145 percent in entries on last year for Cambridge IGCSE & 61 percent for Cambridge International AS & A Level. This subject gives students an opportunity to explore global issues & develop skills in critical thinking & research. Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry, along with languages like Hindi & French are the most popular Cambridge IGCSE subjects this year. Spanish has been introduced for the March series from 2021 to provide students with another foreign language option.

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि. ई-निविदा सूचना अधोस्तावरकर्ता द्वारा सक्षम/प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी संविदाकारों से निम्नलिखित सामग्री की आपूर्ति/कार्य कराने हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है निविदादाताओं का जीएसटीएन में पंजीकृत होना आवश्यक है। निविदा के संबंध में विस्तृत नियम व शर्तें निविदा अनिलिखित में उल्लिखित हैं जो 03090 शासन के ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in एवं दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि की वेबसाइट www.dvvn.org पर उपलब्ध है।

आधुनिक रेल डिब्बा कारखाना, रायबरेली. ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 04/2019-20 (सूची)/अनु-1/एमसीए/आरबीएल दिनांक 03.06.2019. उद्देश्य: निविदा सूचना में निम्न सुविधाओं को जोड़ा जा रहा है- 1. उपरोक्त ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या के कार्य की समाप्ति अर्थात् 24 माह के स्थान पर 18 माह बढ़ा जाये। ई-निविदा सूचना की अन्य सभी शर्तें निम्नलिखित एवं हार्ड कॉपी के साथ रहेंगी।

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (Power Wing) NOTICE INVITING TENDER Dated: 04.06.2019. Name of Concerned Office: Sr. Executive Engineer, O&M Division, BBMB, Bhiwani. Name of Work: Uprooting of wild grown bushes by using JCB Machine in the BBMB Complex at 400KV S/Station, BBMB, Bhiwani and 220 KV S/Station, BBMB, Ch. Dabri.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE. Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, DEMU-Shed Shakurbasti; for and on behalf of President of India, invites E-Tender for the under noted work. Tender No. 25.8.628.DEMU.SSB. Name of work: Provision for Design, Supply, Installation, Commissioning of Turn Table 24 meter diameter, 120 Tn capacity on turnkey basis at DEMU Shed, Shakurbasti, DLJ Division.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION. General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male Age : 45 years, Face : Oval, Height : 5'5" Complexion : Wheatish, wearing kesari & light yellow colour shirt and blue colour T-shirt, was found dead on 14.05.2019 at Sanjay Van Park, Kishangarh, New Delhi.

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION Ref - NIT No: S.W.M.C.NO.A7/3025/2017 - Package I Dated: 03.06.2019 Issuance of Corrigendum for Package I (Fourth Call). The Superintending Engineer (SWM) Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), would like to inform that the Corrigendum for the Fourth Call of "Collection & Transportation of Solid Waste, Street Sweeping Waste (including street sweeping activities), Horticulture Waste and Collection & Storage of Domestic Hazardous Waste in the Zones No. 1, 2, 3 & 7 (Package-I) to the Designated Processing Facility/ Dump Site/ Depositing Centers of Greater Chennai Corporation" under Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) model has been issued and uploaded. It is available for download at www.tntenders.gov.in, from 03.06.2019 onwards.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice. Dy. CME/Works for Chief Workshop Manager, North Eastern Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur-for and on behalf of president of India invites open tenders through on line (E-Tendering) for the following work: E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work: S.No.-[1], IREPS Tender No.-84, Testing Repairing Fitt "Testing, Repairing and Fitting of Steel Pipe at Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur."

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION. General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male Age : Approx. 25-30 years, Height : 5'8", Complexion : Sallow, wearing red colour shirt and blue colour jeans pant, was found dead on 30.05.2019 under footover bridge, Railway Station Shakurbasti, Rani Bagh, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 18-A dated 30.05.2019 has been lodged at PS Rani Bagh, New Delhi.

LONAVLA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, LONAVLA Phone No. 02114/273764 e-Mail : lmc1877@gmail.com e-Tender Notice. Sealed online e - tenders for the following work are invited by the Chief Officer, Lonavala Municipal Council, Lonavala. (Telephone No. 02114- 273764 Mobile No-91-7878007972 & 91-7878007973) from the contractors Registered with Government of Maharashtra Public Work Department in appropriate class.

EAST DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Office of the Executive Engineer [M-Sh-(N)]-I D-1, Staff Qtrs. S.D.N. Hospital, Shahdara, Delhi-110095. NOTICE INVITING TENDER. NIT : EE-[M.Sh-(N)]-I/Acct/TC/2019-20/04 Date : 03.06.2019. Last Date of Download of Tender : 24.06.2019 at 14.00 Hours.

Metro Railway, Kolkata Kolkata's Pride. Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for TIMS of MEDHA. Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/RS (Co-ord), Dum Dum Car Depot Complex, Metro Railway, Kolkata-700090 for and on behalf of the President of India invites tender through e-tendering for the following work : Name of Work : Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for TIMS of MEDHA make fitted in 13 nos. AC Rakes (AC-1/2, AC-3/4, AC-5/6, AC-7/8, AC-9/10, AC-11/12, AC-13/14, AC-15/16, AC-17/18, AC-19/20, AC-21/22, AC-23/24 & AC-25/26 Rakes) for two years.

NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE. The employee Shri Ajay S/o Sh. Ram Swaroop designation TADK of Dy. CSTE/C/HQ, Northern Railway, Baroda House, New Delhi. According to this office record, employee residential address is 742, Mantola Gali Dorwala, Paharganj, Railway Colony, New Delhi-110055. From the date 24.01.2019 to 26.03.2019, employee was on unauthorised absent from his duty and his services were also found unsatisfactory. So his services were terminated w.e.f. 26.03.2019 by competent authority.

JAIR BOLSONARO WILL NOT DEFEAT CRIME IN BRAZIL BY TOLERATING MILITIAS

Fighting thugs with thugs

Like Rodrigo Duterte in the Philippines, he thinks more violence is the answer



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JAIR BOLSONARO, Brazil's president, was elected last year on a promise to rid his country of a trio of plagues: economic stagnation, corruption and sickening violence. For residents of Rio de Janeiro, the last of these is most urgent. The number of murders in Rio state reached 40 per 100,000 in 2017, 14 times the rate in New York state. The government felt compelled to send in the army, temporarily, to quell the mayhem. Much of the city and its favelas are controlled by organised criminals, who are difficult to prosecute because residents are terrified to testify against them. Mr Bolsonaro is well aware of this. He was a seven-term federal congressman for the state of Rio de Janeiro and has deep personal ties to the city. Yet his prescription for fighting crime in Rio and places like it is clueless.

Instead of bolstering the institutions of law and order so that they can restore calm and prosecute gang bosses, Mr Bolsonaro

thinks the way to tackle violence is with more violence. He has allowed more Brazilians to own and carry guns, encouraging them to confront criminals themselves. He also wants to make it harder to punish police officers who kill suspects. Under one proposal, a judge could suspend a cop's sentence for homicide if he acted out of "excusable fear, surprise or intense emotion". Yet how many cops do not experience "intense emotion" just before shooting someone? Unsurprisingly, the number of shootings by police has soared. In the first four months of this year, officers in Rio state shot dead nearly five people a day. That is more than all the police in the United States typically kill, while policing a population 19 times larger.

Worse, Mr Bolsonaro has smiled on militias — paramilitary groups that are often run by current and retired police officers. These mafia-like organisations now, in effect, con-

trol a quarter of Rio's metropolitan area and hold sway over a little under a sixth of its population — some 2m people. They claim to offer protection from drug gangs, and to provide services to people who live in the areas they control. In fact, they run their patch like a medieval estate, extracting money from residents with the threat of violence. Far from suppressing drug gangs, they have in some places held auctions where gangs bid for the right to distribute their wares on militia turf.

Mr Bolsonaro has done nothing to stop

the militias. He has argued, ludicrously, that they prevent violence. Until last year his eldest son, Flávio, now a federal senator from Rio, employed the wife and mother of a fugitive police officer accused of leading a militia called the "Crime Office". Two of its members are accused of the murder of an opposition city councilwoman. Polling suggests most residents fear the militias, perhaps even more than drug gangs. Politicians, however, find them useful. They share loot with political patrons, shepherd their supporters into polling

stations and intimidate their opponents.

This should not need spelling out, but if Mr Bolsonaro wants to reduce crime, he should not allow police officers to run their own mafia. It is hard to foster respect for the law if cops can gun people down and run extortion rackets with impunity. It is also hard to instil in the cops themselves the necessary habits of patient detective work and the impartial gathering of evidence if they can close a case simply by pulling a trigger. Evidence from around the world shows that crime is lowest when the police are trusted; when officers come from the areas where they work, know the people who live there and are not seen as the enemy.

In the past, Rio had started to do a better job of curbing gang violence. Before the football World Cup in 2014, the state government cracked down on revenge killings by cops and tried community policing. It also promised

better infrastructure (such as piped water) and better services (such as schools and youth centres). The death toll declined. But then a fiscal crisis hit, the money dried up and the campaign to restore the rule of law fizzled. Now Rio has a governor who urges police to shoot criminals in their "little heads".

Bullets do not solve crimes

Ultimately, making Brazil safe will require an overhaul of its rotten, ineffectual institutions. If the government provided people with decent public services, taxed them fairly and cracked down on the corruption which keeps state spending from reaching them, lawlessness in the favelas would eventually fall. Sadly, there is little sign that Mr Bolsonaro or his trigger-happy allies have the patience for such a task.

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7 AMERICAN STATES HAVE CRIMINALISED FGM THIS YR

The first cut

Another 12 are considering it. Good

MARYUM SAIFEE was in a college anthropology seminar when she realised she had been a victim of female genital mutilation (FGM). As a classmate described the practice, a flood of memories came rushing back. She had been seven and living with family in India for the summer while her parents stayed at home in Texas. Her aunt, a doctor, led her to a downstairs clinic, cut her clitoris without anaesthetic, and gave her a chocolate bar as a reward. "It was by far the most traumatic thing I've ever experienced," says Ms Saifee, but like most survivors she never talked about it. She broke her silence only recently when she grew impatient at how few Americans seemed to know about the issue, or that it affected well-off, educated citizens like herself. "Everyone thinks this is happening somewhere far away, but it touches communities you wouldn't expect."

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 513,000 women and girls in America have either endured or are likely to suffer the procedure, which involves the medically unnecessary removal of some or all of the external genitalia. But this figure was cobbled together from immigration rates and data collected from

abroad, and few believe it accurately measures the phenomenon. It is hard to monitor a secret act performed mainly in close-knit immigrant communities. Many women are too ashamed to come forward. Those who do are often shunned or accused of stoking Islamophobia.

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practice has made it hard to crack down on offenders. This seemed to change when prosecutors brought the first federal FGM case to trial. The Justice Department charged Jumana Nagarwala, a doctor, with cutting the genitals of nine girls, all of them members of the Dawoodi Bohra sect of Indian Shia Muslims, in a clinic in Michigan. But in November last year the judge dismissed the case, ruling that the federal ban is unconstitutional because Congress lacks authority over criminal law. Federal lawmakers had prohibited FGM as an interstate commerce under the Commerce Clause, which struck the judge as inapt. Anti-FGM advocates have argued back, pointing out that parents of girls in states where FGM is illegal specifically travelled to Dr Nagarwala for the procedure because Michigan lacked a ban. The government has declined to pursue an appeal.

Despite its failure, the case has helped to raise awareness of FGM and has pushed states to get laws on the books. Michigan rushed to ban the practice after Dr Nagarwala was arrested in 2017, and other states quickly followed suit. That is despite the fact that this issue, which pits people



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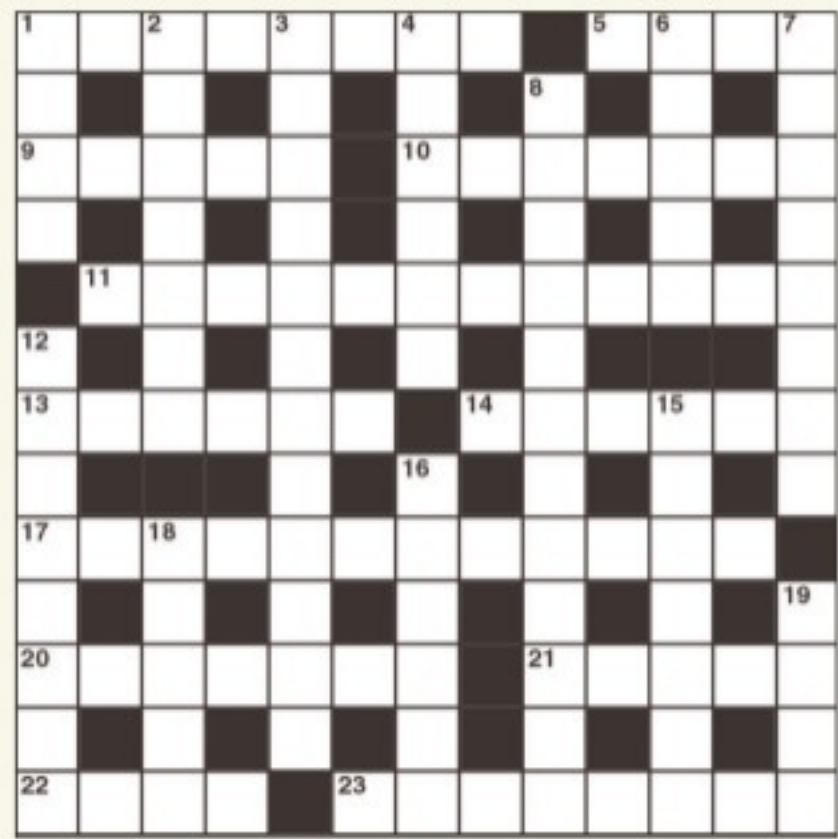
who are anxious to be friendly to Muslim immigrants against feminists, splits the Democratic coalition down the middle. Of the 33 states that have criminalised FGM, nine either passed, enacted or amended

their laws this year and a further nine states are considering legislation. Because the Michigan case showed that people are willing to cross state lines to avoid arrest, lawmakers now see the need for bans in

presumed low-risk states, says Ghada Khan of the US End FGM/C Network, an advocacy group.

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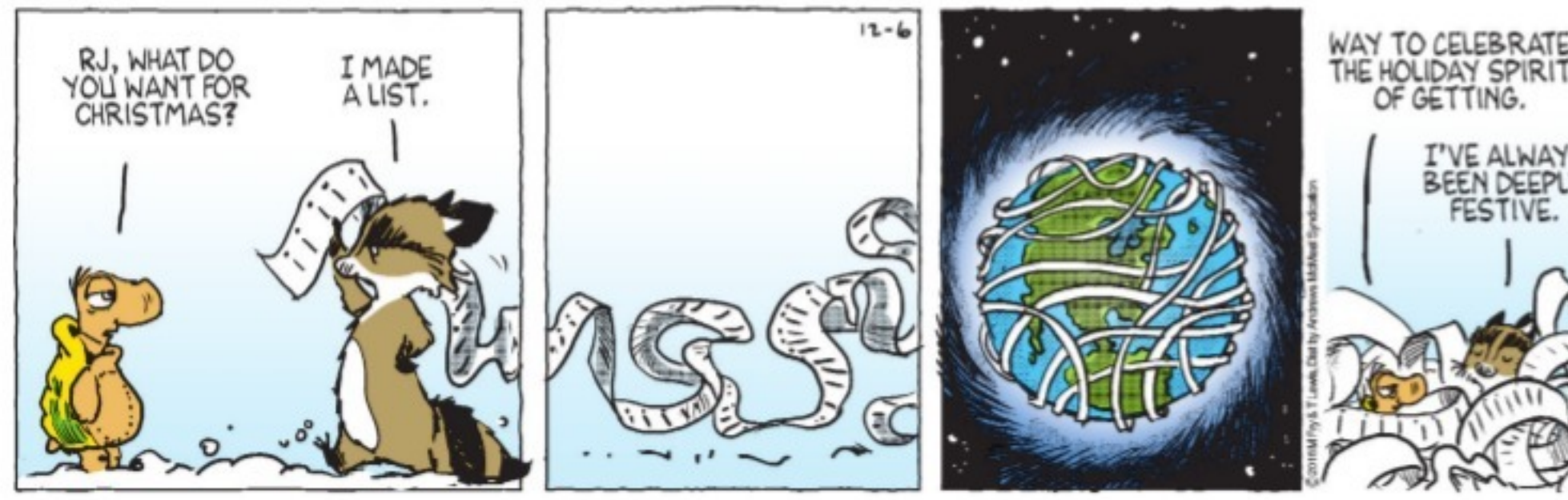
CROSSWORD 3824



- ACROSS**
- Certain proof produced by photographers (8)
 - A mole that is infiltrating public relations (4)
 - Brush and clean thoroughly (5)
 - King who had plenty from various sources (7)
 - Panic at having a capital loss? (4,4)
 - Expenditure for free-range egg production? (6)
 - Inventor returned at the end of the rugby match (6)
 - You and Eve (6,6)
 - A hunter disposed to bring something to light (7)
 - It's an unusual break for a shopkeeper (5)
 - A noble brew of ale that's about right (4)
 - Tries to get at the relief typist on the way back (8)
- DOWN**
- Station staff? (4)
 - Find the solution is to organise into groups (4,3)
 - Conduct of consuming interest (5,7)
 - Empty one container into another (6)
 - The outcome - of marriage? (5)
 - He has a home split round the side (8)
 - Regard as skilful and of some importance (12)
 - Damp feature of four times perhaps (8)
 - Accumulate shares that have increased in value (5,2)
 - Possibly push to conclusion (6)
 - Free from blame, that's evident (5)
 - Essential equipment for invaders from Mars (4)

Solutions Crossword 3823: Across: 1 Offenbach, 8 Opera, 9 Notable, 10 Tenuto, 11 Lassi, 12 Tuesdays, 15 Alliance, 18 Vowing, 20 Hawser, 21 Statute, 22 Sprat, 23 Shorthand. Down: 2 Flora, 3 Elapse, 4 Bulletin, 5 Hovels, 6 Regular, 7 Carousing, 11 Lay a ghost, 13 Elevator, 14 Flowers, 16 Agents, 17 Switch, 19 Not on.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

BKSIR **BHLMUJY**

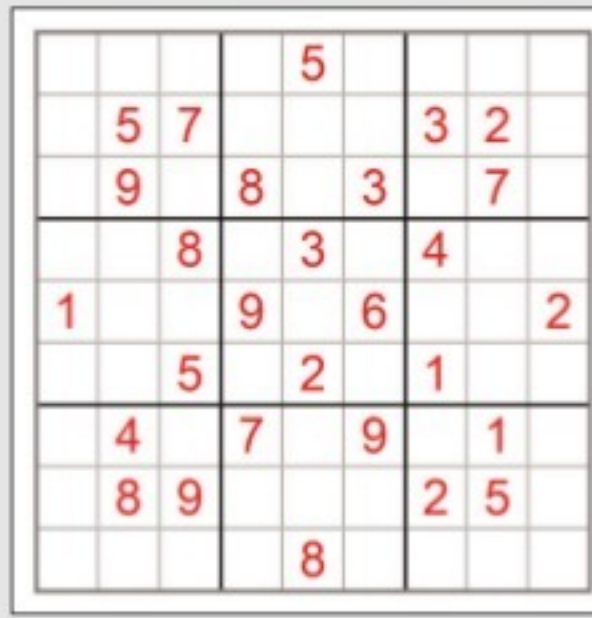
CHLNU **AAAMPJ**

Answer: Reject your sense of **INJURY** and the **INJURY** itself disappears. - Marcus Aurelius (6...6) (same word twice)

SUDOKU 3869

Difficulty Level 3s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 3868



PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
Corporate Identity Number: U410PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender Enquiry No. 494/GHTP/EMC/GMMC-102 Dated: 14.03.2019

Short Description: Award of running contract for rewinding of Stator/ Rotor of 220V DC Motors (upto 8.5 KW rating); three phase, 415V AC squirrel cage motors (upto 75KW rating)/ Slip Ring Induction Motors (below 55KW rating) and three phase, 415V AC Submersible Pump Motors/ Special Motors of assorted ratings installed at GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat. Date & Time for registration of Contractors/ Firms with GHTP shall be received 18.06.2019 upto 17.00 hrs. Date & Time for receipt of request for issue of tender documents shall be received 24.06.2019 upto 17.00 hrs. Date & Time upto which tender shall be received 01.07.2019 & 11.30 A.M. Date & Time of opening of tender 01.07.2019 & 12.00 P.M.

The Specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL website: <https://pspcl.in> and hard copy of the same will be issued by the office.

Note: It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no Corrigendum will be published in News papers. Details regarding Corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL Official website i.e. <https://pspcl.in>.

Sd/- Dy. Chief Engineer,
Elect. Mtc. Circle, O&M,
O/o GHTP, PSPCL, Lehra Mohabbat.
Ph. No. 0164-2756427

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Short E-TENDER NOTICE
(Authority: Railway Board's letter No. 2014/CE-I/CT/O/10/TN dated 18.06.2014/01.07.2014)

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2018-19-09-RT. A Manual offers is not allowed against this tender. The details are as under: 1. I.T.No.: 230-TRS-GZB-2018-19-09-RT. 2. Name of work: Disconnection, removal and fitment of auxiliary motors in 3-phase locomotives. Qty: 110 Nos. 3. Tender Cost: Rs. 3,540/- (TD Cost Rs. 3,000/- + GST@18% i.e. Rs. 540/-) Note: Online payment mode available on IREPS website. 4. Approximate Cost: Rs. 20,89,780/- 5. Earnest Money: Rs. 41,800/- Note: Online payment mode on IREPS website. 6. Completion period: 18 Months. 7. Validity of offer: 45 days. 8. Date from tender advertised on IREPS website: 06.06.2019. 9. Bidding Start Date: 25.06.2019. 10. Tender closing Date & Time: 09.07.2019 (15.00 Hrs.) 11. Tender Opening date: 09.07.2019 (15.30 Hrs.) 12. Eligibility Criteria: Only those firms which in their individual capacity satisfy Standard Financial Criteria(s) need to quote for this tender. As a proof of sufficient financial capacity and organizational resources, bidder should have produced/upload evidence of his capacity to carry out the proposed work for supply/service efficiently and of a sound financial capacity. Authentic certificate shall be produced by the bidder (s) to the effect which may be an attest certificate from the employer/client. Audited balance sheet duly certified by chartered Accountant etc. Note: All participant Bidder(s) will submit their requisite documents along with their tender offer on IREPS website: i.e. www.ireps.gov.in No post tender correspondence for submission of additional document shall be entertained after opening of the Technical & Commercial offer. Even suo-moto post letters of the tenders shall be treated as NULL & Void." Tender Notice is available on website of www.ireps.gov.in No. 230-TRS-GZB-2018-19-09-RT Dt:31.05.2019 1778/2019

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Tender Notice
The Office of Executive Engineer (M), Ramganga Power Station, Kalagarh (Pauri-Garhwal) invites sealed tenders from interested & experienced firm/contractors. Brief summary of work and details of tenders is given below.

- T.No.01/EE (M)/Kg/2019-20 : Annual maintenance contract of 3x15 Ton AC Plant.
- T.No.02/EE (M)/Kg/2019-20 : Hiring of one diesel driven, non AC, 6+1 seater Light Motor vehicle for twelve Calendar Months.
- Estimated Cost : Rs. 4,24,200/- & Rs. 6,20,952/- only, GST extra.
- Earnest money : Rs. 17,000/- & Rs. 18,700/- only
- Tender cost : Rs. 295/- & Rs. 590/- only
- Last date for downloading tender documents : 26-06-2019
- Last date for receipt of tender : 27-06-2019 up to 16.00 Hrs.
- Date of opening : 29-06-2019 at 11.00 Hrs onwards

For eligibility criteria and fuller and further details kindly visit our website "www.uttarakhandjviduyd.com." (Bidders are advised to regularly visit our web site for tender notice) Tenders can only be downloaded from our website & their cost has to be paid at the time of submission.

Ro. No. 256 Dated 03/06/2019
"Avoid wasteful use of electricity"

Govt. of India
Ministry of Water Resources,
River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
Co-Ordination Office, Brahmaputra Board
Dwarka, Sector-10, New Delhi-110075
Phone -011-25088697 : Fax : 011-25071476
Email ID : liaison-bbrd@nic.in

e-Tender Notice
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA : BRAHMAPUTRA BOARD
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE NIT No. BB/CO/e-Tender-1/2019-20
The Executive Engineer, Coordination Office, Brahmaputra Board, Dwarka, Sector-10, New Delhi-110075 invites, on behalf of the Chairman, Brahmaputra Board online Expression of Interest (EOI) from approved and eligible Contractors of CPWD/Indian Railways/ P & T/ MES/ State PWD/Irrigation/ Water Resources/ Delhi Jal Board/ Delhi Development Authority in **two bid system** (Technical & Financial bid) for the work of "Engagement of Registered Agency/ Contractor for providing manpower for Housekeeping, R & M of assets and other office works under Coordination Office, Brahmaputra Board, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-75".

NIT No. : BB/CO/e-Tender-1/2019-20
Estimated Cost of the Project (indicative) : Rs. 36,48,900.00
Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 73,000.00
Cost of Tender Document : Rs. 500.00
Period of contract : 9 (nine) months
Last time and date of : 17/06/2019 (up to 1500 hours) submission of bid

The bid document and other details can be obtained from the website <http://eprocure.gov.in>. This notice may also be seen at website <http://brahmaputraboard.gov.in>. All corrigendum shall be issued online only at <http://eprocure.gov.in>.

Executive Engineer
Coordination Office
Brahmaputra Board,
Dwarka, Sector-10, New Delhi-110075

e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer Seraj Division HP.PWD Janjehli Distt. Mandi on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on morth, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor
1	Improvement and Strengthening of Thalout/Thachi/Somagad Road Km 0/0 to 34/0 (Section Thalout/Panjin to Thachi Km 0/000 to 25/000) (SH- ROFD/FC, M/T, CD Works, R/Wall, B/Wall, PCC V-Shape Drain, Parapets, Crash Barrier, Road Furniture, Rian Shelter and Sign Board) Job No.CRF-HP-2018-19-161	22,82,24,719/-	45,64,000/-	12000/-	Class A

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://htenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://htenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:

1. Date of Online Publication	05.06.2019
2. Document Download Start and End Date	01.07.2019 1130 HRS upto 12.07.2019 09.00 HRS
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	01.07.2019 1130HRS upto 12.07.2019 09.00 HRS
4. Physical Submission of EMD Cost of Tender Document and original technical document	12.07.2019, 1030 HRS
5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	12.07.2019 1100HRS

4. TENDER DETAILS:
The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:
i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".
ii) Cover2: shall contain "BOO/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/o Chief Engineer MZ HP PWD Mandi as specified in Key Dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 12.07.2019 at 1100 HRS in the office Chief Engineer MZ HP PWD Mandi H.P by the authorised officer. In their interest the tender is advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. The Bidder are advised to quote rates inclusive of GST as applicable. GST shall not be paid extra

9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

(Er. K. K. Kaushal)
Executive Engineer
Seraj Division HP.PWD
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GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, GOURA (SRINAGAR)
DEPARTMENT OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT (PURCHASE-2nd)

e-NIT No. SIMS 08 (P-II) OF 2019
Dated: 03.06.2019

Sub: Abbreviated Notice inviting e-Tenders for supply of Batteries on Annual rate contract basis.

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, through Director Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar, e-tenders are invited under two bid system, from Original Manufacturers/ their authorized distributors/ dealers for Supply of Batteries on Annual rate contract basis for a period of one year.

The detailed tender document containing specifications, quantity, rating etc. of the Batteries & detailed terms and conditions of contract is available at www.jktenders.gov.in for downloading & submission by the interested agencies as per the following schedule:-

S. No.	Activity Description	Schedule
1.	Cost of tender document	Rs. 1,000/-
2.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 25,000/-
3.	Last date & time for downloading of tenders	24.06.2019 upto 11.00 A.M.
4.	Last date & time for submission of online tender	24.06.2019 upto 4.00 P.M.
5.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bids	26.06.2019 at 2.00 P.M.
6.	Date & time for opening of Financial Bids	Will be intimated later
7.	Duration of Contract	12 Months
8.	Validity of Tenders	240 Days (8 Months) after opening of price bids

Any clarification will be entertained from 04.06.2019 to 15.06.2019 (upto 4.00 P.M.).

The tender notice is also available on SKIMS website: www.skims.ac.in (for reference only).

Complete bidding process will be online at www.jktenders.gov.in. (Technical and Price Bids shall have to be submitted in Electronic format on the said tender portal and in no case be submitted in physical form, unless demanded by SKIMS).

Director SKIMS reserves the right to accept/reject or cancel any tender or all tenders in full or part thereof without assigning any reason.

The tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed e-NIT.

Sd/- Asst. Material Management Officer,
(Purchase-2nd).

No. SIMS 325 08/2019-313-21-3134-36
Dated: 03.06.2019

Govt. Of India
Ministry of Water Resources.,
River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
Co-Ordination Office, Brahmaputra Board
Dwarka, Sector-10, New Delhi-110075
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e-Tender Notice
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA : BRAHMAPUTRA BOARD
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE NIT No. BB/CO/e-Tender- 2/2019-20
The Executive Engineer, Coordination Office, Brahmaputra Board, Dwarka, Sector-10, New Delhi-110075 invites, on behalf of the Chairman, Brahmaputra Board online Expression of Interest (EOI) from approved and eligible Contractors of CPWD/Indian Railways/P & T/ MES/ State PWD/Irrigation/Water Resources/ Delhi Jal Board/ Delhi Development Authority in **two bid system** (Technical & Financial bid) for the work "Engagement of Registered Agency/Contractor for providing manpower deployment of unarmed security guard (unskilled civilian) for guarding the Coordination Office Complex, Brahmaputra Board, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075."

NIT No. : BB/CO/e-Tender- 2/2019-20
Estimated Cost of the Project (indicative) : Rs. 9,93,229.00
Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 19,900.00
Cost of Tender Document : Rs. 500.00
Period of contract : 9 (nine) months,
Last time and date of submission of online bid : 15/06/2019 (up to 1500 hours)

The bid document and other details can be obtained from the website <http://eprocure.gov.in>. This notice may also be seen at website <http://brahmaputraboard.gov.in>. All corrigendum shall be issued online only at <http://eprocure.gov.in>.

Executive Engineer
Coordination Office
Brahmaputra Board
Dwarka, Sector-10
New Delhi-110075



ONCE IN A WHILE

The price of a standard ticket in cinemas in Japan is being increased for the first time in over 26 years — from 1,800 yen to 1,900 yen. The multiplex chain Toho cited cost of building new cinemas, installing 4D and Imax technology, and anti-earthquake measures as reasons for the rise.

SNAP SHOTS



Life in Dance

FILMMAKER BARRY Jenkins will direct the biopic of legendary choreographer Alvin Ailey (pictured), whose production *Revelations* is one of the most-performed modern dance pieces in history. Raised in rural Texas by a single mother, Jenkins founded the interracial Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York City in 1958, which was instrumental in popularising modern dance. He had received the Kennedy Center Honors in 1988, a year before he died, at the age of 58, from AIDS-related complications. In 2014, President Barack Obama bestowed upon Ailey the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously.



Top Honour

VETERAN ACTOR Sheela has been awarded JC Daniel Award, Kerala government's highest honour for contribution to Malayalam cinema. The annual honour, named after JC Daniel, who made the first silent Malayalam movie, comprises Rs five lakh, a citation and a plaque. Popularly called as Sheelamma, she debuted in MG Ramachandran-starrer *Paasam*, a Tamil movie, during early '60s, and made her foray into Malayalam cinema with P Bhaskaran's *Bhagyajathakam*. Known for portraying strong characters, she was the first recipient of the 'best actress' award instituted by the Kerala government for the 1969 movie *Kallichellamma*, and won the National Award for the 2004 movie *Akale*. She holds the Guinness World Record for acting in the largest number of films opposite the same actor — late Prem Nazir — in nearly 130 films. Director Adoor Gopalakrishnan and lyricist Sreekumaran Thampi were the previous recipients of the honour.



Mischievous Mongers

POPULAR INDIAN cartoon characters Motu, with his favorite snack samosa, and Patlu, with his quintessential know-it-all expression, have found themselves a special corner at Delhi's Madame Tussauds museum. Initially featured in print in *Lotpot* magazine, the characters went on to be telecast on Nickelodeon (India) network from 2012 onwards. The comic duo are known to get into hilarious situations from which they manage to extricate themselves only through luck.



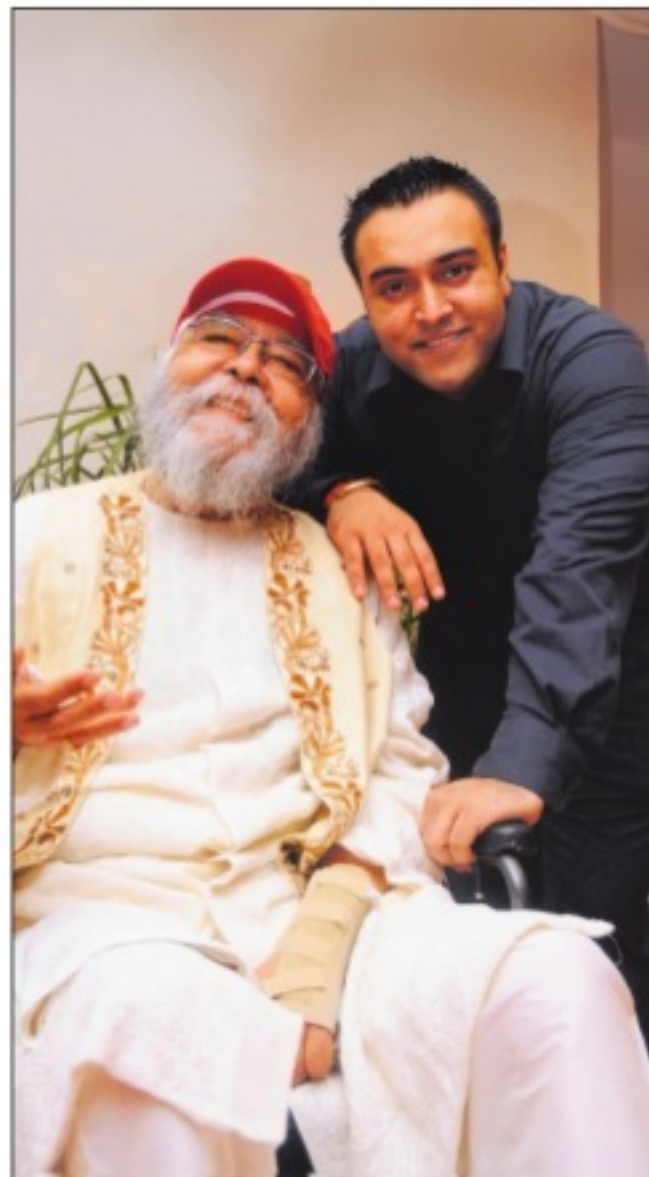
Miss Represent

ACTOR RAJKUMMAR Rao, in a statement on Twitter, requested the film fraternity to be wary of a gang of con artists claiming to represent him. "It has recently come to my notice that someone is claiming to represent me. They seem to be a team of con artists who not just claim to represent me but also have someone impersonating me to dupe producers and directors," Rao wrote. He made it clear that he is represented by the agency KWAN and no independent entities. "Please do not trust any paperwork that says otherwise as it is most likely forged. I would urge you to do a thorough research on who you are dealing with before you engage in any monetary transactions with anyone," he added.

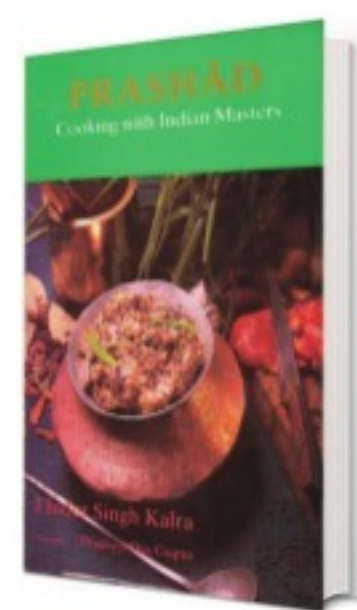
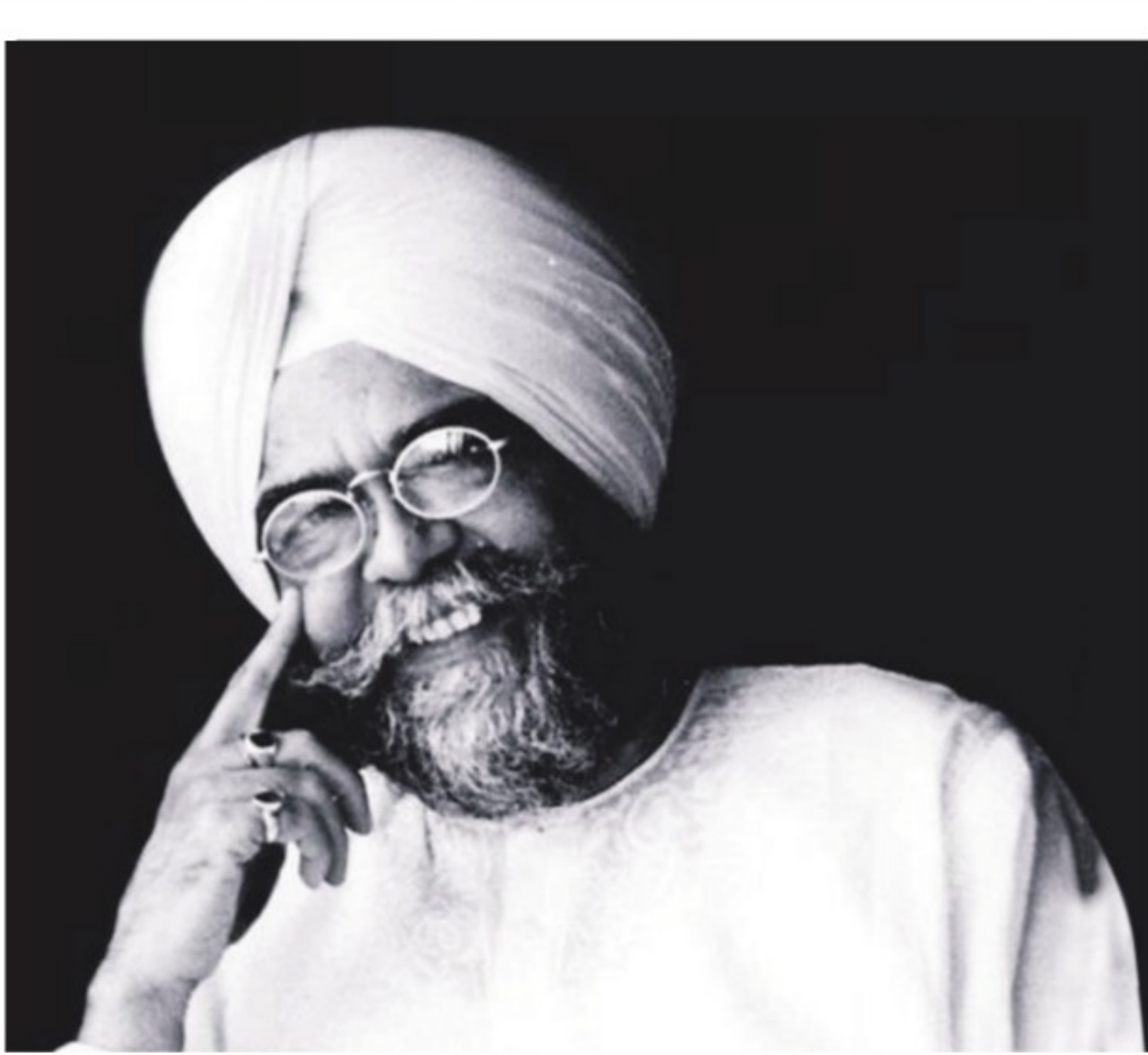
JIGGS KALRA 1948-2019

The Commander-in-Chef

Remembering Jiggs Kalra, pioneering food chronicler, who helped Indian cuisine get global recognition and highlighted the role of chefs



(From left to right) Jiggs Kalra with son Zorawar Kalra; Kalra was called the 'Czar of Indian cuisine' by his mentor Khushwant Singh; the cover of his book *Prashad: Cooking with Indian Masters*; Fake Eggs, one of the signature dishes that was served at Masala Library



POOJA PILLAI

JIGGS KALRA, pioneering food writer, researcher and consultant, passed away on Tuesday in Delhi after a prolonged illness. The 72-year-old, who was the first Asian to be inducted into the International Food and Beverage Gourmet Hall of Fame, was widely regarded as the first to bring lost recipes from across north India, including ones from the royal kitchens of Awadh, into the limelight. He was responsible for making the kebab, especially galouti kebab, and tikkas a staple at Indian restaurants around the world. "People may not remember this but the cuisine of Awadh, which everyone knows about now, was revived by him," says writer and culinary entrepreneur Karen Anand. "It was because of the work that he did in the '80s that Indian food was elevated into fine dining," she adds.

Born Jaspal Inder Singh Kalra, he began his career as a journalist, working at *The Illustrated Weekly of India*, where he flourished under the editorial eye of Khushwant Singh. He eventually segued into food writ-

ing, with what is arguably one of the first restaurant review columns in India in *The Evening News* and grew to become an expert in the field. So much so that his former boss and mentor, Singh, bestowed on him the informal title 'Czar of Indian Cuisine'. His book *Prashad: Cooking with Indian Masters*, remains a bible for everyone who wants to cook Indian food professionally. "He was a reporter, a writer and one of the most knowledgeable people about Indian cuisine," says chef Rajiv Malhotra, corporate chef, Habitat World, India Habitat Centre and Chor Bizarre. "In fact, his book *Prashad* was one of the first food books I bought, and it's one that I continue to use," he adds.

Kalra was also a pioneer in food television, with the hugely popular Doordarshan show *Daawat*, in which he, along with food historian Pushpesh Pant, travelled the length and breadth of the country, talking to chefs, *bawarchis*, *khansamas* and other professional cooks and bringing to light a mind-boggling range of recipes. "This was huge for that time," says Manish Mehrotra, corporate chef, Indian Accent Restaurants.



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KAREN ANAND
WRITER AND CULINARY
ENTREPRENEUR



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RESTAURANTS

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Over the years, Kalra wore many hats, including as Advisor to the Indian Trade Promotion Organisation in 1997. He was behind the success of some of India's most iconic restaurants, including ITC's Dum Pukht and Bukhara, and researched and wrote prolifically till a decade ago, when a stroke forced him into a wheelchair. However, he remained involved in the Indian hospitality industry: he lent his name and expertise to restaurants such as Jiggs Kalra's Made in Punjab and Punjab Grill by Jiggs Kalra. He was mentor and culinary director of Massive Restaurants Pvt Ltd, launched in 2012 by his son Zorawar, with restaurants such as Masala Library, Farzi Cafe and Pa Pa Ya under its marquee. The "progressive" cuisine served at these restaurants was introduced by Zorawar as the natural next step of Kalra's mission of placing Indian cuisine firmly in the fine dining territory.

His most important contribution, however, was as an impresario for Indian cuisine. "I remember that 20 years ago, hotels

used to run food festivals entirely on his name. In fact, he was probably the first to recognise the importance of organising food festivals to draw attention to different cuisines. Everyone does it now, but he understood its importance very early, and people would go to these festivals simply because he was behind them," says Malhotra.

According to his one-time research partner and co-writer, Pant, there have been other great recipe writers for Indian food, but what set Kalra apart was that he was not just a writer, but "a brand ambassador for Indian food." In this role, Pant explains, Kalra not only helped get Indian cuisine global recognition as a culinary tradition of the same standing as the French, but also helped highlight the role of chefs, including Imtiaz Qureshi of Dum Pukht. "He would find chefs in the bylanes of small towns and promote them in his articles. Hotel management had the habit of looking down on chefs, but Jiggs fought for their rights and helped rebuild the confidence and pride of chefs in their own profession. That is perhaps his greatest contribution to Indian food," says Pant.



VANDANA KALRA

IT WAS in the '80s that Mumbai-based art and textile connoisseurs Praful and Shilpa Shah began to develop keen interest in Company paintings. "Our interest arose from wanting to know the story of our own past, of the people we were. We felt that our history told through the exploits of kings, queens and courtiers but missed the narrative of the mainstream, common folk — what we did for a living, what we wore, what festivals we celebrated, in short the quotidian life of the ordinary Indian in the 18th and 19th century. It is Company paintings that brought this account alive before the advent of photography. What were souvenirs for the British officials, merchants and travellers are authentic records of our Indian way of life of that time," says Shilpa, recalling the couple's initial interest in the genre.

Still to catch the eye of most connoisseurs, the Company paintings were far from blue chip and the Shahs would scour for them in flea markets and antiquarian book shops during their travels abroad, over the years becoming owners of arguably the largest collection of Company paintings. The collection is now being shared with the larger audience through the book *Indian Life and People in the 19th Century: Company Paintings in the Tapi Collection* (Roli Books, Rs 2,500). "We felt that the young generation would never know that our ancestors once had occupations like silver-stick bearers, munshis and hookah bardars. Nostalgia had a lot to do with our

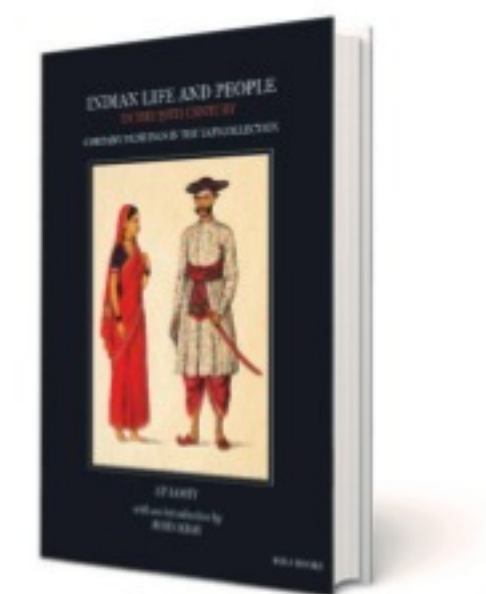
Portrait of a Common Man

Company paintings from connoisseurs Shilpa and Praful Shah's collection provide a window into India's past

decision," says Shilpa.

Through the paintings from their TAPI (Textiles & Art of the People of India) Collection, the readers are familiarised with the origins and nuances of the genre, its evolution and regional variations. While the term "Company painting" began to be, perhaps, widely used after the publication of Mildred Archer's catalogue *Company Paintings: Indian Paintings of the British Period in 1992*, the Archers had been perseverant in bringing it attention since the '30s, when William Archer was posted as a civil servant in Patna. In an essay, historian John Key notes that they were introduced to the Patna school of paintings by Barrister PC Manuk, who may have been the first person to use the term 'Company paintings' in his published monograph.

"Whereas miniature paintings depicted mostly courtly and formal subjects, not common folk, artisans or craftspeople, Company paintings illuminated these aspects with accuracy and charm," write the Shahs. Author JP Losty, on the other hand, questions the accepted belief that "the term Company comes from the patronage of Indian artists in the colonial period by the officials of the East



(Clockwise from above) The book cover of *Indian Life and People in the 19th Century*; works titled *Palkee Barah* (Palanquin and Bearers); Officer belonging to independent Princes' Guard; the painting of a wedding procession

India Company." He writes how there was presence of both self-motivated artists and Indian patrons. "A diminution in the imperial

interest in painting after the middle of the 17th century resulted in increasingly stiff figures set within codified and formal environments... It was to free themselves from this increasing stiffness of expression that in the late 18th century Indian artists found new inspiration in European art — in figural studies and picturesque painting in particular — which gave them new ways of visualising the Indian world and its inhabitants all around them," writes Losty. While professional European artists such as Thomas and William Daniell, Tilly Kettle and Robert Home were travelling across India, the indigenous artists, too, were adapting new techniques and subjects. The patrons included governors and their wives to Indian rulers and the elite.

The story is told through the works. Losty carefully catalogues the paintings in the collection geographically, telling us that the height always preceded the width, and these were made on paper and drawn with a brush. Distinct from "the much harder, brighter and linear" Calcutta style, Losty notes how the artists in Murshidabad had "loose watercolour style". The Shahs own 24 paintings from The Louisa Parlyb Album,

who, Losty says, was either the wife or daughter of James Templer Parlyb, an officer in the Bengal Engineers stationed at Berhampore in the early 19th century. The works show "Indians going about their daily occupations", from a tavern scene to carpenters, fishmongers, a potter, sweet meat seller and cobbler. Sevak Ram, among the best known artists of the Patna style, "concentrated on smaller-scale albums of trades and occupations".

The TAPI Collection includes the Thomas Ramsay Album with works by artist Manu Lal — from an officer of the princes' guard in the uniform of the Bengal native infantry, dressed in red cutaway jacket, to a puppeteer with two puppets in a purple turban. The paintings on mica from Patna depict festivities such as weddings to occupations like candle making to fishing. The artists in Delhi, Losty notes "could paint in different styles to suit their different clients, changing from a Mughal style when working for the emperor to a highly Europeanised naturalism when working for the Fraser brothers and (James) Skinner." While in Punjab some artists specialised in painting portraits on ivory ovals, Losty writes, "Southern Indian artists were among the first to adapt their style and subject matters for their ne patrons."

Exhibited at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya last year, the Shahs are open to exhibiting the collection in other cities as well — putting the spotlight onto the school of art that is often not acknowledged for documenting its times.



TRUMP EFFECT

Blackcap Tom Latham's media call at The Oval on Tuesday was delayed due to road closures resulting from U.S. President Donald Trump's state visit.



BRIEFLY



He was bowling unbelievably well in the lead-up to this tournament and the IPL he was at his best. Unfortunately, it happened there in the IPL in those two games that he played there. Had he not been picked up for IPL, who knows where Dale would have been right now.

FAF DU PLESSIS
ON DALE STEYN

Hendricks to replace Steyn in WC squad

Southampton: South Africa have named left-arm seamer Beuran Hendricks as injured Dale Steyn's replacement in their squad after approval from the ICC Event Technical committee. Steyn, 35, was ruled out of the Cup on Tuesday after failing to recover from a shoulder injury he picked during the IPL last month. "The ICC has confirmed that the Event Technical Committee has approved Beuran Hendricks as a replacement player for Dale Steyn in the South Africa squad for the remainder of the tournament," a media release stated. "Steyn has suffered a second shoulder injury which has not responded to treatment and has ruled him out of bowling for the foreseeable future."

KG 'immature' jibe shouldered-arms

KAGISO RABADA may have found Virat Kohli's on-field demeanour to be "very immature", but the Indian captain Tuesday on Tuesday refrained from getting into a war of words with the South African pacer. When a South African scribe raised the issue, Kohli said: "Well, I played against him many times and if anything needs to be discussed, we can discuss it man-to-man. I am not using a press conference to answer anything," Kohli replied.



MIND BOWLING 10 OVERS, SHAUN?

South Africa head coach Ottis Gibson chats with former captain and pacer Shaun Pollock during a practice session in Southampton. A day before their match against India on Wednesday, South Africa suffered a blow when their first-choice pacer, Dale Steyn, was ruled out of the tournament due to a shoulder injury. Reuters

Kohli ready for HIStory

As India start campaign, captain will take confidence from his squad, which has a personality that suits him



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 4

LIGHT PITTER patter of rain outside. Inside, in a room in the arena, Virat Kohli is saying all the right things. How he still gets butterflies in the stomach before tournaments and matches; how he doesn't want to use a press conference to score points with Kagiso Rabada, who had called him immature; how playing their first match so late is an advantage as they have seen the trends - it strikes you again how articulate he can be when he wishes. Some people have the personality even in a team atmosphere to individuate themselves and make a crowd out of the rest. Kohli is like that. Like Kevin Pietersen. It comes naturally to them. As Pietersen found out, it can lead to problems at times.

He might have had success leading the Test team but in many ways, it's the ODI team that he has had lesser problems with as a leader. This is the band of men, the team that he has carefully built over the last couple of years. There have been murmurs about his lack of communication from a few in the Test team, a couple even came out publicly after the England tour. There isn't that kind of displeasure in the limited-overs side. The first, and most important, achievement was striking a great relationship with MS Dhoni. Second, he got the youngsters he wanted in this team.

Kohli has been good, especially with the youngsters. Most good captains are. That's how they stamp their presence. You can't grudge them for trying to build a team of personalities that suits them. Allan Border did it in the '80s, as did Steve Waugh, Graeme Smith and Sourav Ganguly. Kohli has done it with this ODI team. It's as close as it gets to a Kohli team.

Rishabh Pant told this newspaper a story about Kohli from last year's England tour. Pant had almost played against his own character in the third Test, blocking his way. The night before the final game, Kohli called him to his hotel room for a chat. "He said it's not compulsory that you have to play 30 matches to get experience. It can come even in two games. 'Jo koi nah kiya, tu kar sakta hai' (You can do what no one has done). It's not as if you are young, you can't do it in Tests'. That talk really helped me a lot. For him to sit me down and make me

understand things was a very big thing for me."

Kohli has carefully constructed a team of personalities that he is pretty comfortable with. It's not a mirror-reflection he is looking for but shared traits. A Yuzvendra Chahal who is energetic, impulsive, impish. Kuldeep Yadav, who is more mellow but whose game and skill set allows Kohli to attack in the middle overs. Kedar Jadhav's spunk, his equation with Shikhar Dhawan (team-mates call him the man with a Sufi soul) dates back to his Delhi days, KL Rahul gels well with the skipper, so does Hardik Pandya, who has this persona of swagger and independent spirit but is quite emotional, according to those who know him. Essentially the point is, it's his team.

It's the limited-overs format that also suits him to an extent; more than T20s where there is more micro-management required of him. Of course, Dhoni's presence helps.

Sometimes, the perception of outsiders is more pertinent. Kohli as a skipper commands more respect from the opposition. The mind goes to South Africa's Dean Elgar, who was positively raving about Kohli's impact - on South Africa during the 2018 series.

"It was one of the toughest Test series we have had in South Africa. The way they adapted during the series, especially their bowlers who seemed to grow every game they played. The competitive spirit is driven by Virat. He is very competitive, and we can see that he is trying to change the culture there. They didn't just want to play the series but wanted to win. That was awesome," Elgar told this newspaper. A few Australian players too have spoken in admiration about Kohli's personality, how he uses abrasiveness as a positive trait.

In 2014, when he took over the captaincy, a national selector, who was part of the panel that had appointed Kohli vice-captain, had said how his captaincy would depend on how well he handles the losses. "I have seen many Indian captains but not all have handled losses... personality-wise, it doesn't make any sense for Kohli to change as that's his strength but as long as he can mature and learn to handle the sensibilities and different personalities within his team, he will be fine. If he can move, temperamentally i.e. somewhere between where he is now and say Dhoni, it would be perfect."

It's been four years now in the hot seat and this in some ways would be his biggest test as a leader. There are still doubts about the No.4 slot and whether Kohli and Co. left it too late to finalise the individual strands that make up this team - all valid concerns but here they are, about to play their first game. To lead a team through a long campaign overseas won't be easy but it's a team of that he has carefully built and nurtured - the wait is over.

Question SA is asking: Will the real Rabada stand up?

SRIRAM VEERA
SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 4

IN HIS debut ODI, on a flat batting beauty in India, when Kagiso Rabada had fired bouncers and verbals at Rohit Sharma, his mother Florence, an asset manager with the South African government, had turned to her husband and asked, "Why is he talking to the batsman? Why?" and the reply came: "He is just chirping, no foul language, just trying out something."

South Africa need that Rabada and so does the tournament. Nothing stirs South Africa like a fiery Kagiso Rabada but he has been silent thus far.

He was the man the Australians went after systematically in that controversial series last year - they needed him in press conferences, they converted a shoulder-shoulder into a shoulder-barge (when Rabada glanced Steve Smith on his shoulder after taking him out), they pressed for harsher fines for the offence - wrong move as a charged-up Rabada delivered the sucker-punch in the next Test. Seeing him reverse the ball, three Australians ended up sandpapering their careers out of shape.

That Rabada has been absent so far this World Cup. He is one of the best fast bowlers in the world - imaginative, skilful, explosive, but has been almost bowling within himself. He can bounce the hell out of batsmen but has been floating up back-of-length deliveries. He can spear toe-crushers but has been drifting them. What's happening?

Pressure of the world's eyes watching him at the big stage, reckon a couple of South African journalists. That's debatable as nothing in his career so far suggests timidity.

But yes, there have been moments when he would sort of slip under the radar, drift a bit. It used to happen a bit before his international debut. Ray Jennings, South Africa's junior team coach then, remembers he had to push Rabada on occasions. "He would have days, games, where he would be not fully switched on. I remember I was really tough on him. I wasn't quite happy. He was a boy but I wanted him to be a man. I just wanted him to get mentally tougher, show more aggression, be more aware of his game and be a professional basically."

His team needs that Rabada now. The walking wounded were dealt another blow when it emerged on a drizzling day that Dale Steyn would be flying home. No Steyn, no Lungi Ngidi, Hashim Amla just about recovered - and they need something out of ordinary to inspire them. It has to come from Rabada.

In this context, perhaps, an old interview conducted during the IPL which has surfaced now where he has said a few words about Virat Kohli being "immature" can possibly help. Now that he has to walk his talk, he has almost cornered himself up the wall, and has no option but to fight back.

He has a great chance to do it too. If he can get his nip-backers right early on with the new ball, Rohit Sharma, in the middle of an average run of form, can be an lbw victim. Shikhar Dhawan can pull but can get into trouble with that shot when the ball is rearing up at his head at pace. To do both, Rabada has to be at his hostile best.

For inspiration, all he has to do is have a look around his team and see how desperately they need him. The media interaction with Faf du Plessis was a very sombre affair. A team doctor, also the manager of the team, addressed most of the questions in the first phase of the press conference, explaining a grade 1 muscle tear, structures of the shoulder, back and hamstring scans, physiotherapists, effects of concussion - for a while it seemed one had walked in for a medical diagnosis at a hospital.

The self-pity trap

Then du Plessis spoke about how hard he is trying to ensure the youngsters don't slip into self-pity and turn defeatist by all that is happening in the camp.

"It's seniors' responsibility to ensure we maintain a good mood in the dressing room, careful about the language used, keep the spirits up."

He had spoken about having to use harsh words after the loss to Bangladesh, but it would have been tough for him

This probably is his greatest test as a leader. He is known for his renewed belief in faith, he is also known for his coolness - and he has to mix both traits to ensure his team doesn't lose faith or slip into fatality, and remain cool enough to make a comeback. There is nothing cooler or sexier than a cornered team roaring back against all odds.



Kagiso Rabada looked far from his best in South Africa's first two matches. AP

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS

IND VS RSA

3 pm onwards from Southampton

BAN VS NZL

6 pm onwards from Oval, London

That's what makes Pakistan a loved team around the world; South Africa have that chance now but it's not going to be easy.

"For myself, it's really important to stay

strong," du Plessis said. "The team will feed off my energy and they will look up to the leadership group in the team. But I'm at the top of that so it is important that I stay positive, I stay strong, make sure I keep motivating the guys. Naturally, guys will have a little bit of confidence that's been chucked away and that is normal, that is part of being human. But it's just making sure that we keep strong, keep fighting and stay true to ourselves as a team and a culture."

It can't be easy on the youngsters and du Plessis is trying his best to galvanise the team. "Naturally, younger guys in the team coming to their first World Cup, they will potentially go into their self-pity cycle. So, for me, it was strong words in the sense that that won't be allowed over the next couple of days. It is important for us to stay strong at this time. If you do slightly go away from

that, then as a team you can crumble and unfortunately, we are not in a position where we can afford that."

For a team that was confronted with the 'chokers' tag before the start, they have been overwhelmed by stuff out of their control. Interestingly, they had for the first time, it seemed, had a plan to tackle that choke-factor. Du Plessis had spoken about how he had asked youngsters to just enjoy, not worry about the result, and even if they lose, so be it. But now, he finds himself in a tight spot: of asking his players to show more emotion and fight, and at the same time not get too emotional over the litany of injuries that has depleted his team.

To achieve the turnaround, du Plessis would need Rabada to return to his aggressive, confident best where he is trying to take out heads and toes. Will he?

Unchanged Kiwis confident for Bangladesh challenge

London: New Zealand will stick to an unchanged line-up as they seek to build momentum in their second match of the World Cup against a fired-up Bangladesh at The Oval on Wednesday. Vice-captain Tom Latham told reporters on Tuesday that the Black Caps expected to be put under pressure by opponents who upset South Africa in their opener at the same South London ground.

"We're going in with the same side. I think the way we played in the last game bodes a lot of confidence for the group," he said. "I think the way the bowlers went about things, they challenged Sri Lanka pretty much from ball one and I'm sure the same side are looking to repeat that tomorrow."

New Zealand bundled Sri Lanka out for 136 in Cardiff on Saturday before crushing their opponents by 10 wickets in less than 17 overs. Fast bowlers Matt Henry and Lockie Ferguson took three wickets each in the seamer-friendly conditions while batsmen Martin Gupptill and Colin Munro took care of the chase.

Henry and Munro seized their opportunities after injuries to seamer Tim Southee and batsman Henry Nicholls. Latham sidestepped a question about whether the recovering pair had been considered.

"They're a day by day thing. They are certainly getting better as each day goes by, which is great," he said. "It's a long tournament so it's important to make sure the guys are 100% fully fit by the time they get back on the park. Hopefully, there will be a chance for the next game."

New Zealand enlisted the services of left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel in the nets on Monday as they prepared to face the deliveries of Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan.

"It's always valuable when you have a like-for-like bowling to you in the nets," Latham said. "We know what sort of bowler Shakib is...he wasn't in New Zealand in our last home summer series so I think it's important that we get used to a left-arm spinner. We're certainly looking forward to the challenge of facing him tomorrow."

-REUTERS

Afghans shoot themselves in the foot

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
CARDIFF, JUNE 4

SRI LANKA RECOVERED from a dramatic batting collapse to knock over Afghanistan for 152 and seal a 34-run win for its first victory at the Cricket World Cup on Tuesday.

The Sri Lankans imploded from 144-1 to 201 all out in an innings delayed by nearly three hours because of rain at Sophia Gardens in the Welsh capital. Chasing a revised target of 187 from a maximum 21 overs, Afghanistan slumped from 34-0 to 57-5 then battled back through a 64-run stand between Gulbadin Naib (23) and Najibullah Zadran (43). Sri Lanka again responded and took the final five wickets for 31 runs, with recalled seamer Nuwan Pradeep getting 4-31.

Earlier, the Lankans made a bright start under Cardiff's heavy skies, passing the 100 mark in the 15th over and looked comfortable at 144 for one. But off-spinner Nabi, who had earlier removed Dimuth Karunaratne, then created panic in the Sri Lankan ranks, taking three wickets in an over.

Nabi bowled Lahiru Thirimanne for 25 before having Kusal Mendis caught by Rahmat Shah in the slips for two runs. Angelo Mathews was next to go, for a duck, also caught by Shah. Fast bowler Hamid Hassan then had Dhananjaya de Silva caught behind the stumps for nought by Mohammad Shahzad to leave Sri Lanka shell-shocked.

Favourable conditions

They were in even deeper trouble when Thisara Perera was run out for two, leaving them 159-6. Afghanistan captain Gulbadin Naib won the toss and put Sri Lanka in to bat, hoping to take advantage of the favourable conditions for bowlers at Sophia Gardens. But openers Karunaratne and Kusal Perera settled quickly and grabbed the initiative, putting on 92 for the first wicket for the out-of-form side.

Afghanistan's bowlers struggled to stop the flow of runs, with Hassan withdrawn from the attack after conceding 30 runs from just two overs. Sri Lanka's charge was initially slowed when captain Karunaratne was caught by Najibullah Zadran at long on off the bowling of Nabi for 30 but there were no signs of the carnage to come.

Both sides were soundly beaten in their first matches of the tournament in England and Wales. Former champions Sri Lanka were thumped by 10 wickets by New Zealand on the same ground while Afghanistan went down by seven wickets to defending champions Australia in Bristol.

"The conditions are suitable for the bowlers and there's cloudy weather, so it's a good toss to win," Nabi said earlier. "We took a lot of things from our last game against Australia. Sri Lanka are a champion side so it depends on the day if we play our best cricket."

Afghanistan, playing at only their second World Cup, beat 1996 world champions Sri Lanka soundly in last year's Asia Cup in the United Arab Emirates. Sri Lanka, who lost to heavily to Afghanistan in last year's Asia Cup, have won only one of their 10 one-day international matches this year — against minnows Scotland.

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 201 all out in 36.5 overs (Kusal Perera 78; Mohammad Nabi 4/30) beat Afghanistan (target 187 in 41 overs) 152 all out in 32.4 overs (Najibullah Zadran 43; Nuwan Pradeep 4/31, Lasith Malinga 3/38) by 34 runs (D/L method).

Positives of bowling a negative line

South Africa's fast bowlers should stick to fifth-sixth stump line in their crucial World Cup duel against India, reckons Fanie de Villiers

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, JUNE 4

TWO LOSSES on the spin, and South Africa are already on the edge. Against England in the first game, South Africa had conceded 311 in 50 overs and it was even worse against Bangladesh, where they were hammered for 330. Former South Africa fast bowler Fanie de Villiers is of the opinion that the Saffers have suffered from bowling a little too straight on placid pitches in the first two games. They need to change their line of attack in the must-win contest against India.

"Let's hope it's just two games that have gone wrong. But I can see a lot of guys are bowling a little too straight and they can't keep their length right. And the moment you lose your line and length, you will go for 60-70 runs in 10 overs. And that's a losing score you chase the moment your bowlers go for that," de Villiers told *The Indian Express* on the eve of the India-South Africa game. Collectively, the five South Africa fast bowlers/medium pacers — Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Andile Phehlukwayo, Dwaine Pretorius and Chris Morris — have given away 434 runs in 69 overs — 218 in 35 overs against England and 216 in 34 overs against Bangladesh — in two matches.

Take the case of Rabada; against England, 16 times he had been hit on the leg side for one to three runs, while thrice the ball went to the fence. Rabada returned with 2/66 from 10 overs. Ngidi, on the other hand, was milked on the leg side for one to three runs by the England batters eight times, while he also conceded four leg side boundaries. Ngidi's figures read 3/66 from 10 overs. Phehlukwayo — 1/44 in eight overs — had been accounted for one to three runs on the leg side by the Poms 16 times, although the medium pacer gave away just one leg side boundary. Seaming-allrounder Pretorius — 0/42, seven overs — had been marginally better line-wise, getting clipped for one to three runs on the leg side by the England batters 11 times and conceding one leg side four.

"The reality is if one is to find a fault, they (bowlers) are not performing to their stats, to their averages. And if you are not performing to those averages, then there's a problem somewhere. And the management has to find out what that is. You can't point too much fingers at batting. First game they didn't do well. Second game they scored 300 runs. For two games the bowlers were expensive," de Villiers added.

Against Bangladesh, Rabada improved with regard to line. One to three runs had been scored to his bowling on the leg side just six times and he gave away only one leg side boundary. He went for under six runs per over in that game — 0/57 in 10 overs — although he didn't pick a wicket.

Ngidi bowled just four overs — 0/34 — before picking up an injury, but yet again he either bowled a little too straight or strayed down the leg side. Four leg side boundaries in as many overs attested that.

Phehlukwayo, too, improved — 2/52, 10 overs. He conceded one leg side boundary against Bangladesh. But 13 hits for one to three runs on the leg side showed inconsistency. Chris Morris, Pretorius's replacement, was poor — 2/73 in 10 overs. He had been accounted for one to three runs on the leg side 19 times on top of five boundaries that he conceded in that region.

"Everybody has been telling our players that they are the best bowling attack in the world. Everybody has been telling them how good they are and how wonderful they are, and they can bowl out the opposition to any total or defend any total. I'm afraid to say in South Africa, we get away with fast pitches. We get away with bad deliveries that can't get hit because of our faster tracks in South Africa. On slower tracks, obviously the mistakes are coming to the fore," de Villiers said.

De Villiers's economy rate in 83 ODIs that he played between 1992 and 1997 had been a miserly 3.57. As Faf du Plessis and company gear



Imran Tahir and Andile Phehlukwayo share a light moment during the practice session at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton on Tuesday. Reuters

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FANIE DE VILLIERS,
FORMER SOUTH AFRICA PACER

up for the match against India, he advised the present team management to be a little "conservative" in their bowling approach.

"...if we analyse the bowling, just by bowling a little bit more conservative, not attacking too much, which means bowling at fifth-sixth stump outside the off stump, I reckon the guys can go for 50 runs or so less in their (collective) bowling spells. And that can obviously help us chase a score less than 300. If that's the case, then you have got a chance to beat India. And the moment you beat India, which is possibly the strongest team in the World Cup, then everything can change. Because, your mental capacity as a cricket player is a very strong entity and that can change rapidly.

"So yes, it's a hell of an opportunity. To play the best team in the World Cup and hopefully beat them and show everybody, even the negative criticism coming from old players like me, that they can rectify and they can play better cricket. So if I'm them, I would make sure the strategy is right for the Indian side to beat them to be back in the running again."

Why Tahir may not open bowling today

SANDIP G
JUNE 4

IMRAN TAHIR may be a potent threat to batsmen all over the world, but it's against India that he gets his comeuppance, most strikingly against Virat Kohli, whom he has dismissed just twice across international formats. Tahir's economy rate against India is a respectable 5.33 but he has picked up only 10 wickets at 51 in 12 games. That's why we may not see him opening the bowling on Wednesday.

It's a record he wants to desperately alter, and there wouldn't be a grander occasion than the one on Wednesday. The leg-spinner is aware of his ineffectiveness against the India skipper and it troubled him enough to seek the advice of fellow leggie Shreyas Gopal, who has made a habit of taking out Kohli in the Indian Premier League in the last couple of seasons.

So when the two met during the back end of this year's tournament, according to Gopal, Tahir had a specific question: "Tell me about those Virat Kohli wickets." On the first instance this year, Kohli misread Gopal's googly, which he's intermittently prone to against leg-spinners. In their next encounter, Kohli threw his arms at a slightly flighted delivery, again a googly, and couldn't get the required elevation.

Recalling the conversation for *The Indian Express*, Gopal said he tried to wriggle out of the topic with a juicy platitude: "Make him attack you, come at you, you'll have a chance." But Tahir wanted something peculiar. He was looking to probe whether Gopal had detected a weakness. Three times in a row can't be mere happenstance.

GLARING INEFFECTIVENESS

2 The number of times Imran Tahir has dismissed Virat Kohli in international cricket — at the 2015 World Cup, and the second innings of the Nagpur Test later that year.

Tahir has employed his full bag of tricks against Kohli, often to no avail. Among other variations from his repertoire, he had tried inviting him to attack before slipping in that deathly slider. But such two-card bluffs seldom worked against as shrewd a batsman as Kohli, who's more circumstance-driven than mood-influenced. The only two occasions when Tahir managed to scalp Kohli were first at the 2015 World Cup and then in the second innings of the Nagpur Test the same year. On both instances, Kohli perished attempting big booming shots.

So what does Gopal do that Tahir doesn't or vice versa? First, Gopal is a much quicker bowler, the wrong'un that consumed Kohli was bowled at around 94kmh, brisk for even leg-breaks. And wrong'uns, characteristically, are slower than leg-breaks. Though quicker, he tosses (and not flights) the ball quite high, cajoling the batsman into believing that the ball would break away as googlies tend to be flatter. As importantly, he seldom veers away from the off-stump, sometimes even middle-and-off line. In that sense, he is quite unique, faster than most leg-spinners but less flatter than the fastest of them.

But he is markedly different — he is flatter but slower, loves to land the ball a little wider off off-stump, in the fourth-fifth stump line, gets a lot of topspin but not extravagant side-spin.



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Reinforcement on the way: South Africa's Barmy Army flies out



They might be a couple of matches late, but the Gwijo Squad — South Africa's answer to the Barmy Army — is poised to make its presence felt in Southampton.

While injuries continue to hamper their on-field prospects, Faf du Plessis and Co should expect reinforcements off the field. They might be a couple of matches late, but the Gwijo Squad — South Africa's answer to the Barmy Army — assembled at the Cape Town airport and recorded a message, assuring their presence in the stands for the team's all-important match against India: "We are ready, @OfficialCSA! Bags are packed. Passports have been renewed! Voices are warmed up. We are ready! Let amagwijo lift the spirits of the lads in the land of fish and chips," tweeted the group on Sunday, as fans

pleaded "The boys need you guys without a doubt," and "Please go HELP!" in the comments.

The group started out as a boisterous presence at the national rugby team Springboks' games to celebrate Siya Kolisi's appointment as the first black Bok skipper, and the increased diversity in the Protean line-up brought them to the cricket ground, where they are often seen serenading Andile Phehlukwayo, Kagiso Rabada and Lungi Ngidi. While Indian fans are expected to dominate the battle of decibels at Southampton, keep an ear out for rhythmic cultural hymns or amagwijo, long a staple of Xhosa culture.

Blessed by Zulu King

The captains at the cricket World Cup may have met the Queen earlier this week, but South African cricketers arrived in England having rubbed shoulders with royalty. Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu hosted Hashim Amla, Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi and Andile Phehlukwayo last month as the quartet became the first cricketers to visit the monarch and receive royal blessings. "Cricket has often been looked down on in the black communities but we have Hashim, Kagiso, Lungi and Andile here and that



ROAR OF THE LION

Sri Lanka supporters in a boisterous mood following their team's win over Afghanistan at Sophia Gardens. Reuters

has given me hope that we are on the right path," said Zwelithini — the longest-serving king and monarch of the Zulu nation with a 48-year rule.

More than ever before, there's an equitable representation of race, language and culture in the South Africa cricket team, a melting pot featuring White

Afrikaans-speakers, White English-speakers, South Africans of Indian descent, Coloured and Xhosa-speaking black African.

Doosra threat for Kohli

While Virat Kohli will come out adequately psyched for his 'man-on-man' confrontation with Kagiso Rabada while trying to prove how "mature" he is, the South Africans might sneak up one slowly through their spin twins. Sacricricketmag.com noted that the Indian captain was surprisingly, vulnerable to spin. "In ODI cricket he has lost his wicket four times to Suraj Randiv, four times to Graeme Swann.

And in Tests, Nathan Lyon has claimed Kohli's wicket seven times, more than any other player. Tahir could play a key role in targeting the India captain, or perhaps by Aiden Markram, who has had some success at the Rose Bowl recently with his bowling," the news site said. They were not unaware of the bigger picture though. "He has a good record against South Africa, however. In 26 matches he's averaged 66.78, which includes his second-highest score of 160 not out," they wrote.

Palmolive ka... Wahab nahi

During last year's Pakistan Super

League, fast bowler Wahab Riaz sported a Mitchell Johnson-type of moustache. The pacer admitted he was inspired by the Australian who sent shivers down the spine of the Englishmen with his bouncers from hell. But coming from a fast bowler in his early 30s and one who had gone off the boil, Riaz was the butt of jokes on social media.

"Gareebon ka Mitchel Johnson, Wahab Riaz reveals his looks for tonight's game," is what one fan said. "Yeh fashionable mooche nahi hai, this is a sign of motivation for me. It reminds me of my character, I am a fast bowler... quick fast bowler and I have to always go with it and that is what my priority is... to bowl fast and furious," Riaz told Rameez Raza during a chat ahead of the PSL game. That handlebar-horseshoe hybrid moustache (facial hair style imitation is not always the best form of flattery) has been binned by Riaz and on Sunday, he had a regular stubble. After being out of the ODI team for nearly two years but recalled for the World Cup, Riaz in one spell turned a balanced game on its head against England. A slower bowler followed by a faster one got rid of Moeen Ali and Chris Woakes in consecutive balls. One advice to Riaz: "Maybe Rameez should tell him. 'Don't go to a barber shop during the World Cup'."

BRIEFLY

Real snap up
Serbian Jovic

Serbian striker Luka Jovic will leave Eintracht Frankfurt and join Spain's Real Madrid on a contract to 2025 pending a medical, the two clubs said on Tuesday. The 21-year-old Jovic, who joined Eintracht initially on loan in 2017 from Benfica, scored 17 goals in 32 Bundesliga matches last season and another 10 in 14 Europa League games as they reached the semi-finals. "On a sporting level he is a big loss for us," said Frankfurt sports director Fredi Bobic.

Lopetegui now
Seville manager

Seville said Tuesday they had signed Julen Lopetegui, who was sacked as Spain coach on the eve of the 2018 World Cup, as manager for the next three seasons. The 53-year-old, who had been out of work since Real Madrid fired him at the end of October after a poor start to the season, will take over from Joaquin Caparros. He will be officially unveiled as Seville's new coach on Wednesday, the club said in a statement.

Lahiri qualifies
for US Open

India's Anirban Lahiri carded a three-under 67 followed by a flawless seven-under 65 at the 36-hole sectional qualifier here to qualify for his third US Open. Lahiri last played a Major at the PGA Championships in August 2018. This year he missed out on Masters and the PGA. It will be his 16th Major and the third US Open, which is the only Major, where he has not made the cut.

Paris Masters

Clay king Nadal to meet Slam king Federer in the semifinals — their first clash at Roland Garros in 8 yrs

REUTERS/AFP
PARIS, JUNE 4

RAFAEL NADAL continued his march towards a record-extending 12th French Open title by steamrolling a sorry Kei Nishikori 6-1 6-1 6-3 to book his place in the semi-finals on Tuesday.

The second seed, who now has a 91-2 win-loss record at the claycourt Grand Slam, was barely bothered by the seventh-seeded Nishikori as he set up a mouth-watering last-four meeting with 20-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer. "Being honest, personally for me the main thing is being in the semi-final," said Nadal, who would not be drawn into talking about Friday's 39th meeting between the two great rivals.

"The way that I have been playing has been, being honest, very positive. I have been playing well, very solid.

"Of course after having Roger in front in the semi-finals is an extra thing. We shared the most important moments of our careers together on court facing each other. So it is another episode of this, and happy for that and excited, no? It will be a special moment, and let's try to be ready for it."

Playing on the back of two consecutive five-set matches, Nishikori never managed to mount any form of a challenge and was easily wiped off court by Nadal. There was a sense of inevitability when Nadal and Nishikori stepped onto Philippe Chatrier Court.

Not only did Nadal have the numbers in his favour, but Nishikori's game had failed to catch fire since the beginning of the tournament.

Considering Nishikori had a 0-4 win-loss record against



World no 3 Roger Federer stretches for the ball during his quarterfinal against close friend Stan Wawrinka. Reuters

Third seed Roger Federer subdued some fierce Stan Wawrinka resistance to beat his fellow Swiss 7-6(4) 4-6 7-6(5) 6-4 and reach the semis.

Nadal on clay, his chances of narrowing that run on Tuesday were slim - and so it proved to be. Despite his usual early nerves, the Spaniard raced through the opening set, Nishikori's face already telling a tale of defeat.

Nishikori broke back for 1-1 but that effort proved to be his undoing as Nadal won the remaining five games to lead two

sets to love.

After a quick check on his right arm by the physiotherapist, Nishikori was declared fit to continue and Nadal showed no mercy. The match was interrupted at 4-2 because of a fast approaching thunderstorm, but the hour-long delay failed to hand Nishikori a lifeline.

Upon resumption, Nadal swiftly ended Nishikori's nightmare, wrapping it up on the first match point to reach the last four in Paris for the 12th time.

He is bidding to become the first player to win the same Grand Slam 12 times.

Konta's historic win

Johanna Konta became the first British woman in 36 years to reach the Roland Garros

semi-finals when she swept past Sloane Stephens of the United States on Tuesday. Konta, the 26th seed, downed last year's runner-up 6-1, 6-4 and will face either Czech teenager Marketa Vondrousova or Croatian 31st Petra Martic for a place in the final. Jo Durie was the last British woman to make the French Open semi-finals in 1983.

The 28-year-old Konta had not won a match at Roland Garros in any of her previous four visits. However, she now finds herself in her third semi-final at a major after runs to the last-four at the 2016 Australian Open and Wimbledon in 2017.

"To play on the new Chatrier court for the first time was wonderful especially against one of the world's best players,"

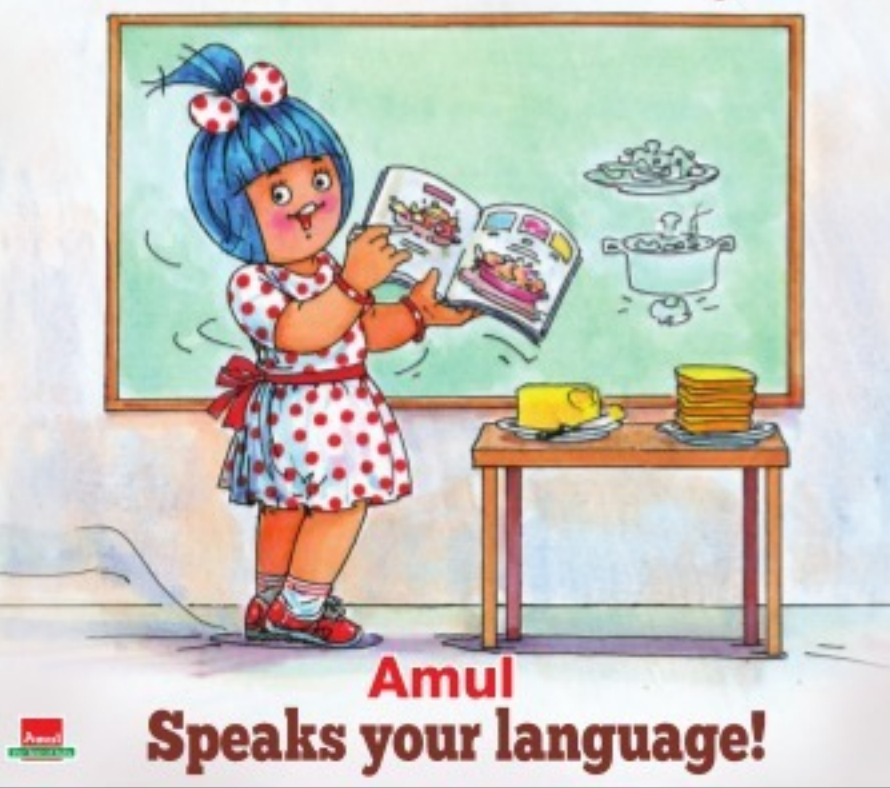
said Konta after her third win in 2019 over Stephens.

"I am super happy because the conditions were so windy and Sloane is the kind of player who can run away with a match.

"So I had to be prepared to keep her on the back foot and control the points." Konta made sure of emulating Durie by breaking former US Open champion Stephens in the fourth and sixth games of the first set.

RESULTS (QUARTERS): Men's - Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Stan Wawrinka (24), Switzerland, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4; Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Nishikori (7), Japan, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3. Women's - Johanna Konta (26), Britain, def. Sloane Stephens (7), United States, 6-1, 6-4.

Different mother tongues,
common butter tongue!



Neymar's mother asks him to 'forgive' rape accuser

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
JUNE 4

NEYMAR'S MOTHER has urged her Brazilian football star son to "forgive" the woman who accused him of rape and "return to Jesus," in a message published Tuesday on Instagram.

Nadine Gonçalves' plea, which featured a photo of herself with Neymar and his sister Rafaela, comes after lawyers for the accuser reportedly stopped representing her because of contradictions in her story. Neymar has vehemently denied the allegations and his father has claimed the Saint-Germain player was the victim of a blackmail attempt.

"My son... now that the truth of God is coming out, it is time to learn from all this and return to Jesus Christ, your first love," Gonçalves wrote to Neymar, the world's most expensive footballer.

"Focus on what you love most in life, playing football," she said, as Neymar prepares with his teammates for this month's Copa America tournament in Brazil.

"We are Christians, forgive that girl. Me and your sister, as

women, can guarantee that she does not represent us."

Neymar posted a seven-minute video on Instagram on Saturday denying he had raped the woman after she accused him of sexually assaulting her at a Paris hotel in May.

In the video, he showed what he said was a series of WhatsApp messages with the woman, including topless photographs of her in bed. Police in Rio said Sunday they had launched an investigation into the publication of intimate information on social media concerning the woman.

In the latest twist in the high-profile case, the Sao Paulo-based firm representing the woman said they had dropped their client after she changed her story. Globo TV reported Monday. The lawyers said the woman initially told them she had had consensual sex with Neymar and that he then became violent and assaulted her.

But the firm, Fernandes e Abreu, said that in the official complaint the woman gave to the Brazilian police, she "described what had happened as 'rape', which is a completely different allegation."

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