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Withdraw gag: Editors Guild to FinMin on press entry restrictions

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CONDEMNING THE decision of the Ministry of Finance to restrict access of government-accredited journalists to its North Block offices to only those who have prior appointments, the Editors Guild of India Wednesday called it "arbitrary... a gag on media freedoms" and sought its withdrawal.

In a statement Wednesday, the Guild said it "has no dispute with the ministry that journalists should behave with restraint and responsibility while enjoying their access to the finance ministry" but "a blanket order is not the answer".

It said: "Journalists do not go to government offices to enjoy the comforts and hospitality of visitors' rooms designated for

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EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
MANCHESTER, JULY 10

AS VIRAT Kohli walked towards him on the dressing room balcony after the heart-breaking World Cup semifinal loss to New Zealand, M S Dhoni slowly extended his hand for a shake. A wince from the captain, and a nod from the former skipper. Then, Kohli shook Ravindra Jadeja's hand and ruffled the hair of the day's hero. No words spoken again. Behind them, Patrick

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At Old Trafford Wednesday after India lost to New Zealand. *Reuters* COVERAGE, PAGES 22, 23

Slowdown deepens: sale of passenger cars fall for eighth consecutive month

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

WITNESSING ITS worst run ever, domestic passenger car sales fell for the eighth consecutive month, with June 2019 numbers falling by 17.54 per cent to 2,25,732 units from 2,73,748 units in the same month last year.

Passenger vehicle sales have witnessed a fall in 11 out of the last 12 months with October 2018 being the only exception with marginal expansion. The decline was across the board with both two-wheeler and car

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Credit holds key

THE SLIDE is a result of sluggish demand and liquidity crunch faced by NBFC financiers. This has made automakers announce temporary factory closures to trim mounting stocks. Recovery will mainly depend on credit availability.

Every number in Budget is authentic... no cuts in public spend: Sitharaman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

SEEKING TO dispel the Opposition charge that the GDP figures published by the government are not consistent everywhere, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told Lok Sabha Wednesday that every "number is authentic".

"The nominal GDP figures published in the Budget, the Economic Survey, and the Interim Budget in February are all authentic data. I will assure the House there is no need for any speculation on figures given in Budget and every number is authentic," she said.

Sitharaman said the fiscal deficit in the regular Budget for 2019-20 has been pegged at

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Sitharaman in Lok Sabha on Wednesday. *LSTV/PTI*

SC HEARS PLEA OF REBEL MLAs TODAY

BJP tests the waters in Karnataka as more MLAs resign, meets Governor

Karnataka minister D K Shivakumar outside a Mumbai hotel where he was detained, sent to Bengaluru. *Prashant Nadkar*

After two more Cong MLAs quit, BJP says coalition govt has lost majority

JOHNSON TA
BENGALURU, JULY 10

AS TWO more MLAs quit the beleaguered Congress-JD(S) coalition government in Karnataka Wednesday, a BJP delegation led by state party chief B S Yeddyurappa met Governor Vajubhai Vala, requesting him to advise the Speaker to expedite the process of accepting the resignations of all MLAs.

The political crisis also reached New Delhi after 10 Congress and JD(S) MLAs, who quit last week, moved the Supreme Court alleging that Karnataka Speaker Ramesh

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Meanwhile, a Goa meltdown: 10 of 15 Cong MLAs join BJP

SMITA NAIR
PANJIM, JULY 10

AS THE Congress struggles to save the coalition government with JD(S) in Karnataka, it suffered a major setback in Goa with 10 of its 15 MLAs joining the BJP on Wednesday.

The Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, Congress's Chandrakant Kavlekar, walked to the Speaker's office late evening with nine other party MLAs — minutes after India lost to New Zealand — to tender their resignation from the party.

With this, the ruling BJP 's strength in the Assembly swells to 27, and the strength of the Congress which won 17 seats in 2017, stands reduced to five. Two Congress MLAs had joined the BJP earlier.

Sources in BJP said a Cabinet reshuffle may follow soon and indicated that most allies may be dropped. At present, five of the 12 ministerial berths are held by allies — which now "are open for new entrants," said a BJP leader.

"They came with the resignations and I accepted," confirmed Speaker Rajesh Patnekar and

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The 'Freedom Combo Lunch' includes 300 grams of biryani rice, a roasted chicken leg piece, 3 rotis, 1 chicken curry, pickle, salad, a bottle of mineral water and a cup cake for dessert. At present, food such as the likes of biryani, roti and curries are sold only from the counter in front of the prison.

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AMAZON PRIME SHOW COMICSTAAN
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KARNATAKA CRISIS DEEPENS
2 more Cong MLAs submit resignations to the Speaker

EXPRESS AUDIO
India exits World Cup, Swiss banks to transfer details and Karnataka crisis deepens
In today's episode of the 3 Things podcast, we analyze the Ind v/s NZ semi-finals, Swiss banks transferring bank details to India and how the Karnataka crisis deepened

SAND MINING 'SCAM'

Former SP minister, 4 IAS officers booked

ENS & PTI
LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE CBI on Wednesday registered two more FIRs in connection with the mining scam in Uttar Pradesh and named former minister in the previous Samajwadi Party government Gayatri Prajapati and four IAS officers. The agency conducted search operations at 12 locations in the state, officials said.

The IAS officers named in the FIR are Jiwesh Nandan, the then principal secretary in Geology and Mining Department; Santosh Kumar, the then special secretary; and then district magistrates of Fatehpur and Deoria, Abhay and Vivek, respectively.

Later in the night, the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh removed the officers posted in the state from their current posts — 2007-batch IAS officer Abhay from the post of DM of Bulandshahr; 2009-batch IAS officer Vivek from the post of Mission Director (Kaushal Vikas Mission); and Dev Sharan Upadhyaya, the Chief Development Officer of Azamgarh.

The case pertains to the alleged irregularities in grant of mining leases in violation of mandatory e-tendering policy introduced by the state government on May 31, 2012, which was upheld by the Allahabad High Court on January 29, 2013.

In the case involving Prajapati, the agency has alleged that beneficiaries Shiv Singh and Sukhraj used the influence of the minister to get their leases renewed. The agency has alleged that Nandan, Kumar and the then district magistrate of Fatehpur, Abhay, allegedly conspired with the minister and other officials to get the lease renewed in the matter of Sukhraj in 2014. In Singh's case, it was renewed two years before but after introduction of e-tendering policy, it alleged. These sand mining leases were allegedly renewed in violation of orders of the UP government wherein it was clearly directed that all such leases be granted through e-tendering process, he said.

In the second case, the agency has alleged that Vivek allowed renewal of two leases of one Sharda Yadav (now deceased) and one Phool Badan Nishad. Yadav, whose petition for renewal of lease was dismissed by Allahabad High Court on April 5, 2013, managed to get it renewed the next day in conspiracy with Vivek and other officials of the district, the CBI alleged.

ED TO QUESTION PRAJAPATI

Lucknow: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has obtained permission from a special court in Lucknow to question former Samajwadi Party minister Gayatri Prasad Prajapati, who is currently lodged in Lucknow district jail. Prajapati was the mining minister in the previous SP government when the alleged scam took place, said an official. "Prajapati will be questioned by ED officials from July 16 to July 19," said an ED official. **ENS**

Kathua rape-murder victim's father moves HC: Death for main convicts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JULY 10

THE FAMILY of the eight-year-old victim in the Kathua gangrape and murder case on Wednesday moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court with an appeal seeking death penalty for the main convicts and setting aside the acquittal of Vishal Jangotra, the only accused to be freed till date by a trial court last month.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration is yet to take a decision over any appeal against Jangotra's acquittal.

Leave to appeal has also been filed against the acquittal of three police officers under the charge of conspiracy, and for enhancement of their sentences to life imprisonment from existing five-year jail term.

"In this case, there is a disturbing indication of political and communal tinge by granting protection to the perpetrators of crime, elected officials coming to the aide of the accused and lawyer..." states the appeal filed by the victim's father. "If this case is not in the category of rarest of rare cases, which other case will get into this category?"

Three main convicts — Sanji Ram, Deepak Khajuria and Parvesh Kumar - were sentenced to life imprisonment in the case by a Pathankot court on June 10. Three former police officers - Sub Inspector Anand Dutta, SPO Surinder Kumar and Head Constable Tilak Raj - were sentenced to five years' imprisonment for destruction of evidence.

PoK boy's body found in Kashmir

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, JULY 9

THE BODY of a seven-year-old boy, which reportedly floated down from a village in Gilgit-Baltistan in PoK, was recovered from a village in North Kashmir's Gurez town, officials said Wednesday. Authorities have started the process to repatriate the body to Pakistan, they added.

The body was spotted on Tuesday in Kishenganga river in Achoora village. By night, several social media posts suggested that the child, identified as Aabid Sheikh, was from Minimarg in Astoor village, Gilgit-Baltistan, and that he went missing on Monday. In a video on Facebook, several people from Aabid's family, including his father Nazir Sheikh, asked Pakistan authorities to help bring the body back.

According to district Deputy Commissioner, Shabhaz Mirza, the administration contacted the Pakistani Army and asked them to take back the body. They reportedly asked the authorities to send the body from Teetwal in Kupwara district.

However, when a team departed from Gurez with the body on Wednesday afternoon they were asked to return as Pakistan had agreed to collect the body from there, he said.

Later in the evening, the handoff could not be made.

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

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IN THE editorial 'Aegean lessons', Alexis Tsipras is described as a former president of Greece. He was prime minister of Greece.

The error is regretted.

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Car sales

sales witnessing a double-digit decline.

According to data released by Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), passenger car sales fell 24.97 per cent in this month, and two-wheeler sales by 11.69 per cent. Commercial vehicle sales declined 12.3 per cent in June, while three-wheeler sales fell by 8.8 per cent.

Overall, vehicle sales across categories registered a decline of 12.34 per cent to 19,97,952 units from 22,79,186 units in June 2018.

The first quarter of the current financial year has come as a big disappointment for the industry as the sale of passenger vehicles declined by 18.42 per cent between April and June 2019. Data shows that it has been the worst quarter for the industry in the last 18 years since Q3 of 2001-02, when sales fell 27 per cent.

Within the passenger vehicles segment, sales for passenger cars, utility vehicles and vans declined by 23.32 per cent, 4.53 per cent and 25.66 per cent, respectively, during the quarter.

While the slowdown started last July, it intensified following the IL&FS crisis that resulted in a liquidity squeeze in the market. With pressure mounting on NBFCs since February 2019, credit availability to consumers has gone down significantly in large and smaller cities, leading to a sharper fall in car sales numbers, according to the chief of a leading car manufacturer.

Rajan Wadhera, SIAM president, told reporters that the industry has not seen this kind of slowdown ever. While he said that there was belief that growth will return eventually, he pointed out that the situation looks more grim now. "This is worrying... the de-growth may intensify further," said Wadhera, who had hoped for a Budget proposal on GST reduction to enable growth for the sector.

Speaking earlier to *The Indian Express*, S S Kim, MD and CEO, Hyundai Motors India Ltd said that the industry is facing a credit crunch from the banks. "A lot of dealers are suffering from reduced fund availability... On the customers side, if loan was easily available to new car buyers earlier, now that has become tough," said Kim. He added that without improvement in the bank lending situation, the new car demand will be very limited. Exports were slightly better during the quarter as overall automobile exports grew 0.16 per cent. Exports of passenger vehicles and two-wheelers grew 3.55 per cent and 3.12 per cent, respectively.

BJP tests the waters in Karnataka

Kumar is deliberately not accepting their resignations. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi said it will hear the petition Thursday.

The fresh exits take the number of legislators who have quit to 16, leaving the ruling coalition staring at the threat of losing majority. If the resignations are accepted by the Speaker, the strength of the coalition will fall to 101 compared to the BJP's 105 plus two Independents clearing the way for the BJP to seek a trust vote.

Joining 14 MLAs who had quit earlier, Housing minister M T B Nagaraj and the state pollution board chairman K Sudhakar submitted their resignations to the Speaker Wednesday afternoon. This comes a day after Kumar rejected the resignations of nine of 14 MLAs. Both legislators are expected to join other rebel MLAs in Mumbai, where police detained Congress leader D K Shivakumar.

Shivakumar, sent to negotiate with the rebels, was stopped from entering the hotel the MLAs are staying in and was packed off to Bengaluru.

Earlier, the BJP staged a protest against the Speaker for not accepting the resignations of MLAs before a delegation led by Yeddyurappa met the Governor. "...the Speaker is bound to accept the resignations of MLAs who have rendered their resignation, if it is presented in person," Yeddyurappa wrote in a letter to the Governor. He also said the law allows the Speaker to check the veracity of a resignation if it is sent through post or an agent.

"Immediately accepting the resignations is the only constitutional provision left with the Speaker. Despite such clear constitutional mandate, we are shocked to know that the Speaker is giving dates to MLAs to be present in his chamber and postponing the acceptance of the resignations," he stated.

The BJP has asked the Governor to advise the Speaker to take action regarding the resignations.

Incidentally, the resignations of Nagaraj and Sudhakar, affiliated to senior Congress leader and former chief minister Siddaramaiah, were submitted to the Speaker just after the Congress and JD(S) ended a protest in Bengaluru, where they accused the BJP of holding 10 MLAs hostage in Mumbai as part of its efforts to topple the coalition government in Karnataka.

"Sudhakar, in fact, participated in the protests with Siddaramaiah. We were not expecting him to resign," said a senior Congress leader. It was assumed that the two MLAs would not switch loyalties after they were given positions in the government at the instance of Siddaramaiah. Sudhakar was made chairman of the pollution board barely a month ago to keep him in the party.

Nagaraj said they were quitting due to the frequent interference in their constituencies and ministries by Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy and his brother H D Revanna. "There is rebellion because MLAs are upset over the actions of Kumaraswamy and his brother Revanna. Local leaders have no control over appointments of even a constable. The CM should take all leaders into confidence while taking decisions. He never talks to us. Let him be the CM but he must change his attitude," he said.

In the Supreme Court, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi mentioned the petition of the 10 rebel MLAs before a bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi. Rohatgi submitted that the Speaker was "deliberately not acting upon the resignations" and urged the court to hear the matter at the earliest. "Time is of the essence," he said.

The CJI said it was not possible to take up the matter on Wednesday and said it would be considered on Thursday. Later, the court listed the matter for hearing Thursday before a bench comprising the CJI and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose.

In their petition, the legislators accused the Speaker of acting in a "partisan and malafide manner... to protect the Government in power, which is in a minority".

The "Chief Minister, despite being reduced to a minority, is refusing to seek a vote of confidence," said the petition. The plea further said that "as a result of the concerted acts between the Speaker and the government, a minority government, which does not enjoy the confidence of the House, continues in power illegally."

The rebel MLAs contended that the Speaker's actions "are arbitrary and unreasonable are violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India". "The resignation was on the issue of principle and in public interest. However, the Hon'ble Speaker, acting in an arbitrary and illegal manner, is seeking to frustrate the said right in favour of the Petitioner. Denial of such a right is destructive of the principles of democracy and hence violative of the basic structure of the Constitution," stated the plea.

(WITH ENS IN NEW DELHI)

Goa meltdown: 10 of 15 Cong MLAs join BJP

added the monsoon session of the Assembly will commence as per schedule on July 15. "Only their seating arrangement will change," he said.

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant who was present in the Assembly house to welcome the MLAs said, "They had come for development of the state and their constituency. They have joined the BJP unconditionally."

The MLAs who joined are Chandrakant Kavlekar, Atanasio Monserrate, Jennifer Monserrate, Filipe Neri Rodrigues, Nilkanth Halarnkar, Francisco Silveira, Clafasio Dias, Isidore Fernandes, Wilfred D'Sa, Tony Fernandes.

The anti-defection law makes it mandatory that two-thirds of the strength of a party should agree for a 'merger'. The amendment, which came into force in January 2004, does not recognise a 'split' in a legislature party and instead recognises a 'merger'.

Atanasio Monserrate, the MLA who just two months ago had snatched the Panjim seat from BJP winning on a Congress ticket - Panjim by poll was considered to be the most prestigious seat with Manohar Parrikar having won it since 1994 - is said to be the "negotiator behind the water shed moment". He, however, denied it.

"We just decided this yesterday. We are all colleagues and old friends. After two years I came to Assembly and I told them (Congress) these are the promises I made to the people which need to be fulfilled. I am not any negotiator. We are just friends. We had a good cup of tea. We got together and said this is the best way out as far as development is concerned. I am not looking out for any ministry and no demands were placed at all," Monserrate told The Indian Express.

When asked if the timing of Karnataka and Goa was planned, he said "It's a fantastic coincidence. Nothing is preplanned."

Deputy Speaker Michael Lobo said all portfolio decisions now rest with the Chief Minister and "nothing else will be discussed now".

Admitting it was time for "Congress to go back to the grass root level", President of Goa Pradesh Congress Committee Girish Chodankar said, "BJP has exposed its intense insecurity with its coalition partners and within its camp by inducting 10 Congress MLAs. Despite having clear numbers, BJP Chief minister Pramod Sawant indulging in such unethical practices has displayed his fear to face the united opposition in the upcoming Assembly session. The group of 10 Congress MLAs have changed sides, falling prey to the blackmailing and other luring tactics adopted by BJP. Is this the new India the BJP is advocating after the Lok Sabha election. This is also a lesson to its alliance partners who went against the mandate of people in 2017 and installed BJP in power. This was the day in waiting as they disrespected the common people."

"Everyone wanted a Congress government to come to power. But we are frustrated by being in the opposition and development of the constituency was also suffering. We have been in the opposition for long and to continue with no development of the constituency was not acceptable. We have joined the BJP to ensure development in the constituency and, provide jobs for our youth," Kavlekar told the press after he joined the BJP.

Of the five left in the Congress — Ravi Naik, Luizinho Faleiro, Pratapsingh Rane, Digambar Kamat and Alex Reginaldo — the first four have been the state chief minister. Internally, Congress MLAs also say the decision was taken with the poor leadership within the party and lack of unity.

When contacted, Reginaldo confirmed he was given an offer too to join the BJP. "This is the worst type of politics. Only time will tell, People are watching, " he said.

The next development, according to BJP sources, will be dropping few ministers from the cabinet, with the Goa Forward Party losing all its ministerial berths including that of Deputy CM held by its leader Vijai Sardesai.

The new inductees are likely to meet BJP Working President J P Nadda and other senior leaders in Delhi Thursday morning.

'Bad cricket'

Farhat, the longtime physio of the Indian team, had broken down. Coaches Ravi Shastri and Bharat Arun stood glum. No words spoken.

There was no need to. They knew they had lost it due to the "45 minutes of bad cricket", in Kohli's words, but somewhere deep inside, they would know why those "45 minutes" happened. The injury to opener Shikhar Dhawan exposed the brittle middle order. They could have salvaged the situation had they pushed Mayank Agarwal to open and had someone solid like K L Rahul at No. 4. There was no one there to handle a semi-crisis and they found themselves staring at a gaping hole at 24 for four Wednesday.

The 18-run loss wasn't an expected result when India finished top of the table and were drawn to play New Zealand, the No. 4 side.

Had it not been for Jadeja, the margin would have been much bigger. Jadeja, inspired by the 'I will show you, Sanjay Manjrekar' feeling, produced a once-in-a-lifetime knock to drag India close. At the other end, Dhoni almost pulled off a memorable 'take that, critics' match-winning knock. But his stirring effort ended in irony: Dhoni, the man who runs the hardest, who has an impeccable judgment of a run, was run out.

So was India. But the inescapable conclusion to be drawn, as was feared before, was that there was no Plan B going into the tournament. What would happen if Dhawan or Rohit Sharma flopped — no one could predict the injury. Who was going to handle the crisis in the middle order? A spot that they had sweated over for two years, a search that finally threw up a wicketkeeper-batsman who is talented but has to play against the grain of his character? How long could Rishabh Pant hold out? The slog-sweep that settled in the hands of deep midwicket wasn't a surprise.

Hardik Pandya, who looked secure out there, as he does most times, gets the urge after 60 balls or so. No surprise then that he holed out, attempting a big hit. Both men, batting a spot above they should have.

Dinesh Karthik shouldn't have been there at all. Even in the IPL, under his own captaincy, he prefers to bat the last five overs or so. The last Test series in England, where he had a horror run before being replaced, had conclusively shown that his game isn't equipped to handle a crisis in conditions such as this.

Were the conditions a surprise? A bit of rain and cloud around, and a moving ball? No. But their hands were forced as there was no Plan B. This was the reason why they had picked Vijay Shankar, knowing he is a novice but hoping his game would hold up. But hope is just another four-letter word. There was also that decision to play Bhuvneshwar Kumar ahead of Mohammed Shami, who has been India's best new-ball bowler in the semifinal. He had already bowled the (new) ball of the tournament, against the West Indies, when he removed Shai Hope with a cracker-jacker, and surprised even Chris Gayle with a "heavy" ball, the one that hits the bat as opposed to the other way round. He would have been perfect for this Old Trafford pitch.

Still, it was some run. Creditable, and one that had its moments to cherish. Barring the loss to England, despite the handicaps, they kept winning — which, in the end, probably made them a bit stubborn about their batting plans.

However, it was heartwarming to see Dhoni try to do a Dhoni. Jadeja stirred amusement and joy at the way he turned conflict — with critics — into a memorable performance. Sharma's gorgeous world-record hundreds would make YouTube a pleasant destination in years to come. Shami, too, gave us moments to remember, Pandya showed he could be trusted with the ball, and Jasprit Bumrah made the 80s generation shake heads in disbelief and joy. And then, the sun went out in Manchester and the blinds came down.

FM in House

3.3 per cent of the GDP as against 3.4 per cent proposed in the Interim Budget in February. She said if any member of the House still had questions about the data, she would be willing to explain personally outside Lok Sabha as well.

She said the Budget was focused on the path of fiscal consolidation without compromising on public expenditure. "Economic growth and national security would be the focus of the government," she said.

Opposition parties including the Congress, Trinamool Congress, NCP, SP, National Conference and DMK staged a walkout, demanding a rollback of the hike in petrol and diesel prices effected by the Budget. Sitharaman did not mention the subject in her reply.

Following the decision, petrol prices went up by a minimum of Rs 2.40 per litre and diesel by a minimum of Rs 2.36 per litre. The Budget had proposed to raise excise duty and road and infrastructure cess on petrol and diesel by Rs 2 per litre each to raise Rs 24,000-28,000 crore on an annual basis.

Sitharaman said several steps including enhancing investments in infrastructure, liberalisation in the foreign direct investment policy and lowering of corporate tax are being taken to make India a $5-trillion economy by 2024-25 as stated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The Budget lays a roadmap to spend Rs 100 lakh crore on infrastructure in the next five years," she said.

She said that with increased outlays for schemes like NREGA, PM Awas Yojana, PM Gram Sadak Yojana and the Jalshakti programme of "har ghar jal", the government has focused on rural India and farmers while chalking out a plan for economic development. "The Opposition parties were rejected by the people in the election because in 2014-15, when we came to power, inflation was 5.9 per cent, whereas now it is 3 per cent. Food inflation was 6.4 per cent then while now it was 0.3 per cent in March," she said.

During her reply, the Opposition protested when, explaining the logic behind different GDP numbers in the Budget, the Interim Budget and the Economic Survey, Sitharaman said that she had tried to explain it like a "teacher".

"Even if I am mocked at, sometimes I spoke like a teacher to a class of students... And even if that is not sufficient, I am quite happy to receive Members at Room Number 36 with due respect," she said.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury was heard saying "We are not students. We are elected members of this House," Speaker Om Birla intervened and assured the Opposition that he would look into the speech and decide if any remark needs to be expunged.

Editors Guild

them. They go to perform their challenging job of news gathering. This order is a gag on media freedoms and can even result in a further fall in India's global press freedom rankings, especially as the contagion can easily spread to other ministries as well."

"If the finance minister believes that journalists' access to government offices was causing some inconveniences, the system could be improved in discussions with journalists. The Guild urges the finance minister, Ms Nirmala Sitharaman, to reconsider her decision and withdraw it," it said.

The Indian Women Press Corps, Press Association and the Press Club of India also issued a joint statement saying the Ministry decision is "not only arbitrary but also hampers the freedom of press". The three bodies said that "news and information gathering is the fundamental duty of a journalist and the decision of the ministry to restrict journalists from accessing information totally goes against it and this means that the journalists are being prevented from doing their fundamental as well as professional duty".

Their statement said they "want to bring to the notice of the government that not all journalists are byte collectors but several of them do lot of informed writing". They urged the government to "immediately revoke this ban on the free movement of journalists and allow them easy access to information for journalistic work as has been the practice since long".

The Ministry has restricted the entry of even government-accredited journalists unless they have prior appointments.

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You will soon need tokens to enter Central Park in CP

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An official said the move is aimed at stopping entry of 'miscreants' into the park

PEOPLE HEADING to Central Park in Connaught Place will soon have to procure tokens before entering.

A senior official from the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) said the initiative is being taken to stop 'miscreants' from entering the park.

Entry to the park will remain free, but guards will now hand out tokens so they have a record of people's entry and exit. The park remains closed on Monday.

The Central Park is one of the most popular attractions in Connaught Place, which is among the city's most expensive commercial hubs.

An official said during a recent visit by NDMC officials for a plantation drive, it was discovered that some 'anti-social elements' were seen roaming around. The security in-charge was then given directions to devise ways through which entry and exit of people could be monitored. The official also said there have been reports of thefts in the park.

The council also plans to increase the number of guards to look after the token system. "There will be no capping on the number of people who can enter the park," he said.

The park, which was refurbished in 2006 by the NDMC, has a 207-metre Tricolour inside.

The number of visitors has been increasing, as Connaught Place has become a free WiFi zone, and could also become a car-free zone in the days to come.

The new step is being taken to ensure the park "retains its charm among visitors", an official said.

While entry to Lodhi Garden, Children's Park and Indraprastha Park is free, people have to buy a ticket to enter the Garden of Five Senses and the Waste to Wonder Park. Besides Central Park, the council is also planning to give a new look to Rajpath. The redevelopment plan includes rejuvenation of the water channel, installation of fountains, redevelopment of water bodies, building a parking facility for 1,000 vehicles, kiosks and water dispensers.

Rajpath is also frequented by thousands of people on a daily basis.

Panel begins work on law to address assault of doctors

New Delhi: A panel formed by the Union Health Ministry to assess various aspects of bringing out a Central law against the assault on doctors on duty in clinical establishments has formed a sub-committee to work on the provisional draft and submit the recommendations to the government.

The committee includes the medical superintendents of AIIMS and RML hospital, representatives of the Home Ministry, Medical Council of India, Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) and Indian Medical Association (IMA), among others.

"All members unanimously agreed on the urgency to have a Central law. Law Ministry officials said the law is feasible under the concurrent list. A sub-committee has been formed to work further on the recommendations," IMA Secretary General RV Asokan told *The Indian Express*.

The draft Protection of Medical Service Persons and Medical Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss of Property) Act, 2017, which proposes a 10-year jail term and Rs 5 lakh fine for violence against doctors, was submitted to Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan in June. **ENS**

BRIEFLY

School funds: BJP lashes out at AAP

New Delhi: The Delhi BJP Wednesday accused the AAP government of discriminating against NDMC-run schools, alleging that it allocated only a small part of the budget to them. Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari alleged while the Kejriwal government set aside over 23 per cent of the funds allocated to education for 1,033 state-run schools, it gave only 1.4 per cent to 743 NDMC-run schools.

60 foreign nationals held

Noida: Sixty citizens of various African nations were detained for questioning Wednesday for allegedly staying in the country without a visa. Police said some of them are suspected to be involved in illegal activities.

BSF personnel held for theft at IGI Airport

New Delhi: An assistant sub-inspector with the Border Security Force (BSF) was arrested for allegedly stealing a woman's handbag containing ornaments worth Rs 15 lakh at the IGI airport Tuesday. The accused, who was at the airport to board a flight to Bagdogra, was allegedly under the influence of alcohol when he committed the crime, police said.

Man held for robbing pedestrians

New Delhi: A 33-year-old man was arrested for allegedly robbing pedestrians in Dwarka, police said.

Fall from school building kills toddler

New Delhi: A one-year-old boy died after falling off the fourth floor of a private school in Central Delhi Tuesday. Police said the victim's parents, who are construction labourers, were at the school for renovation work. A case of death by negligence has been filed against the school.

Woman, aide held for fraud

New Delhi: A woman and her accomplice were arrested for posing as representatives of a finance firm and duping people on the pretext of providing them loans at low interest rates, police said Wednesday. **ENS**

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TOTAL	**2298**	**25591.38**	**255.91**					

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High Court rejects man's plea against free rides for women on Delhi Metro

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday rejected a plea against the Delhi government's proposal to make Delhi Metro travel free for women in the capital, and said, "It is for the authorities to give or not give any concession to a particular class in Metro ride fares." A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar also imposed a cost of Rs 10,000 on the petitioner, an advocate, saying there is no substance in his demand.

"Fixation of fares is a statutory function and the process of fixation is complex, which involves consideration of several factors and stakeholders, including cost. All these factors cannot be determined in a PIL," the bench said.

The Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government had recently cleared the proposal to make Metro and bus travel free for women in the capital.

Challenging the Delhi government's move, advocate Bipin Bihari Singh argued it would create a parallel arbitrary discrimination against other poorer sections of the society, who find it economically difficult to travel in Metro, ever since ticket prices were hiked.

The court, however, rejected the lawyer's prayer in the petition, which also sought reduction of fares and to make 15 slabs of ticket prices instead of the existing six.

The bench observed that the petitioner has failed to point out any illegality in the fixation of fares, adding the court will be "extremely slow" in fixing the fares for Delhi Metro, which is the government's prerogative.

It also noted that two similar petitions relating to Delhi Metro fares were filed earlier as well, and they were not entertained either.

"We are not inclined to give any direction, much less in the nature of mandamus to respondents No. 1 to 3 (Delhi government, Union of India and DMRC) on fixation of fares prevailing today," the bench added.

On the prayer that the Delhi government be directed not to take any step to make Metro rides free for women, the bench observed that though this plea has been made, it has not been argued by the petitioner.

During the proceedings, the Delhi government's additional standing counsel Sanjoy Ghosh submitted that the plea was premature, as currently no such exemption was given to women to travel in the Metro and the proposal is still under consideration.

The plea had sought a direction to the authorities to revise and reduce the current fares, and to bring down the price to a level which is affordable for the common masses.

Many challenges as DTC gets ready to roll out plan

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

FROM CONCERNS about overcrowding to a six-month subsidy demand of Rs 200 crore — the Delhi Transport Corporation's (DTC) report lists challenges in implementing the AAP government's proposal to make travel free for women.

The Indian Express has learnt that the corporation has sought Rs 200 crore as subsidy for six months in its report to the Transport Department, which, according to Minister Kailash Gahlot, has nearly finalised a Cabinet note on the matter.

Like the DMRC, the DTC has also formulated three possible ways to execute the proposal in its current fleet of around 3,600 buses and 1,679 orange cluster buses that come under DIMTS.

Officials said DTC has strongly pitched for the launch of special passes for women in rolling out the proposal. Currently, DTC offers special passes to students and senior citizens.

"Having special passes will ensure that...possibilities of misuse are minimal," an official said. The other possible measures proposed by the DTC are colour-coded tickets and use of Metro smart cards.

Metro smart cards are already accepted in the city's public buses, which have been equipped with Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs) that recognise the smart cards as a valid mode of travel.

DTC has sought Rs 200 crore as subsidy for six months

However, the corporation has flagged concerns relating to misuse of the plan by the public and its own staff. "For example, a bus may not be taken out of the depot...but its driver or conductor may claim so. They may tear off a few tickets to show that and claim that the remaining tickets were unsold as women had travelled in large numbers," an official said.

The fear of overcrowding also figures in the DTC report. The corporation has not been able to add a single bus in its fleet since the 2010 Commonwealth Games due to litigations and unsuccessful tenders. Meanwhile, the DMRC has estimated that it will need around Rs 1,566 crore annual subsidy from the government if the scheme is implemented.

However, the need to get the proposal cleared by a Fare Fixation Committee, which is to be notified by the Union government, has prompted the Delhi government to work towards covering the buses under the scheme on an immediate basis.

Plan to store water in floodplains of Yamuna gets boost

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE STATE government's ambitious plan to store water in the Yamuna floodplains received a fillip with the state cabinet approving an inter-departmental committee report which recommends giving farmers in Delhi Rs 77,000 annually per acre for land leased for the project. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal granted the nod Wednesday.

Under the project, a string of ponds would be created between Palla and Wazirabad which, according to official estimates, would store 2,100 million gallons of water every time the river overflows. A DJB official had earlier said they expect 15 flood cycles on average each year.

An official involved with the project said land parcels of 10 acres or above would be acquired under the plan. Farmers with smaller farms will also be allowed to pool their land for the project, the official added. The project is currently awaiting approval from two NGT committees, which is "expected soon".

"Chief Minister is fully convinced that only recycle and recharge of water are the solutions to the problem of water scarcity in the national capital, particularly during harsh summer months," a statement released by the state government said. The state irrigation and flood control department, which is heading the project, has one month to carry out the groundwork.

Land parcels of 10 acres or above will be acquired under the plan, an official said

"Soon after the cabinet meeting, the CM called up the union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and thanked him for the full cooperation Delhi received from the Centre for the project," the statement said.

The statement also mentioned that piped water connection in Delhi has increased to 88% from 58% when AAP came to power in February 2015.

"The CM's dream is to make every household of Delhi have piped water connections so that they don't face any problem in getting drinking water," the statement added.

Residents question power rates at hearing

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

SEVERAL RESIDENTS pressed the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) for revision of power rates and rollback of fixed charges at a public hearing held in Pragati Vihar Wednesday.

"It is very difficult for retired people to afford this. Not only should fixed charges be rolled back, but people should also be compensated for excess amount collected so far," said Janakpuri resident Jagdish Khetarpal (76), a former power department staffer. Jagdish Rai Bhatia from Malviya Nagar echoed the concern, adding that students and paying guests should not be burdened with such high fixed charges.

The public hearing, held at SCOPE Complex in Pragati Vihar, was being heard by Justice S S Chauhan, Chairman of DERC.

The meeting was attended by MLAs Nitin Tyaagi (AAP) and O P Sharma (BJP). While their party workers accused each other for the high power rates, many residents felt the issue is being politicised. "DERC is an independent body and the issue is being politicised for no reason. The government is only in charge of subsidies," said A K Dutta, a former engineering consultant.

The 2018 DERC tariff order benefited households that consume more power, while those consuming less have to bear the brunt of higher fixed charges.

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Last time and date of submission of online bid	: 18/07/2019(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**.

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7. काउंसलिंग की तिथि: 19.08.2019 (सुबह 11.00 बजे)
8. संस्थान में चयन-सूचि नोटिस बोर्ड पर प्रदर्शित करने की तिथि: 19.08.2019 (साय 04.00 बजे)
9. कक्षाएं शुरू होने की तिथि: 02.09.2019

हस्ता/-
प्रधानाचार्य,
उद्यान प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, उचानी, (करनाल)।

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Delhi urban shelter improvement board
Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Office of the Executive Engineer: C-10
Inderlok, Delhi-110035
Email ID : eec10.dusib@gmail.com
Cell No. 8527295929

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Executive Engineer, C-10, DUSIB, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 invites, on behalf of **Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board**, percentage rate bid (Online) on two bid system for following work:
NIT No. 31/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20, **Tender No.** 2019_DUSIB_175736_1, **Name of work:** MLA LAD FUND, GNCTD. **Sub Head:** Improvement of drainage system and construction of left out road from J.D. Kapoor Hospital to Indian Oil Gas Godown at Pandav Nagar in AC-39. **Estimated cost:** Rs. 84,82,357.00, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,70,000.00, **Tender Cost:** Rs. 1000.00, **Period of completion:** 180 Days, **Last Date & Time of submission of e-Bids:** 25.07.2019 upto 15:00 Hours, **Date of Opening:** 25.07.2019 after 15:30 Hours.
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://eprocurement.delhi.gov.in
*The intending bidders are advised to visit above mentioned site regularly for any update/corrigendum related to the tenders. The corrigendum, if any, shall not be published in newspapers.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
C-10, DUSIB

DIP/Shabdarth/0358/19-20

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN e-TENDER NOTICE

No. 802-M/6/Project Utkrisht/MC-I/2019-20 **Date: 09.07.19**

The Chief Rolling Stock Engineer/Coaching, Northern Railway, Baroda House for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tender on **"TWO PACKET SYSTEM"** for following work from experienced and capable tenders.

1	**Name of work**	Upgradation of trains under Project Utkrisht.
2	**Work Place**	Over N.Rly and N. E. Rly
3	**Period of work**	9 months
4	**Approximate cost of work**	Rs. 50,81,31,555/- (Including the provision of GST)
5	**Earnest money (to be deposited online)**	Rs. 26,90,700/- (Earnest money shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only available at IREPS portal. Earnest money in the form of Bank Guarantee or bond is not acceptable.)
6	**Cost of the e-tender form (non-refundable)**	Rs. 29,500/- (Including GST@ 18%) (e-tender form cost of shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only available at IREPS portal. This cost in the form of Bank Guarantee or bond is not acceptable.)
7	**Availability of tender documents**	On website **www.ireps.gov.in**
8	**Date and time of availability of tender documents**	From 08.07.19 to 31.07.19, upto 14.30 Hrs.
9	**Date and time of tender closing**	31.07.19 at 14.30 Hrs.
10	**Date and time of tender opening (Technical Bid)**	31.07.19 at 15.00 Hrs.
11	**Date and time of tender opening (Financial Bid)**	After technical evaluation.
12	**Place for opening of tender**	N.Rly. HQs Office, Baroda House, New Delhi.

Note: Cost of e-tender documents and EMD shall have to be deposited separately through net banking, failing which the offer shall be liable to summarily rejected. **2221/19**

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GOVT. POLYTECHNIC, HISAR

Memo No.:- Dated:-

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE WORK OF CANTEEN CONTRACTOR

Sealed Tenders/ Quotation for Providing Canteen Services in the Premises of Govt. Polytechnic, Hisar in prescribed format under Two-Bid System i.e. Technical Bid & Financial Bid from Reputed Agencies, either by themselves or as Joint Venture/ Partnership, Possessing valid Registration and License under the relevant statues, for a **Period of One Year** and extendable or Mutual Consent and the terms & conditions agreed upon. The Tender Document can be obtained from the Office of the Principal, Govt. Polytechnic, Hisar after paying the Tender Fee of Rs. 500/- in Cash (Non-refundable) on any working day between **11.00 A.M.** to **04.00 P.M.** w.e.f. **08.07.2019** or downloaded from the Institute website: **www.gphisar.ac.in**.
The Tender complete in all respects shall be submitted with a Demand Draft/Pay Order as a Earnest Money of **Rs. 20,000/-** of a Scheduled Bank in favour of the Principal, Govt. Polytechnic, Hisar, payable at Hisar. Last Date for Submission of Tender/ Quotation is **29.07.2019** upto **11.00 A.M.** The Technical & Financial Bids shall be Opened on the same day i.e. **29.07.2019** at **03.00 P.M.** in the office of Principal in the presence of Bidders who wish to remain present. In case, any holiday falls on the day of Opening, the Tenders/ Quotation will be Opened on the next working day at the same time. No Tender/ Quotation will be accepted without Earnest Money. The Tenders/Quotation received after the above said scheduled Date and Time will not be considered. Offers by Fax/E-mail/Telephone will be summarily rejected. The Contractor must have at least Three Years working experience in running of Canteen in the University/College Institute of repute.
The undersigned reserve the right to accept or reject any Tender/ Quotation without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- Principal,
Govt. Polytechnic, Hisar

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Manager (Ptg & Sty) Northern Railway Punjabi Printing Press, Bagh, Delhi-110035 for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender for the under noted work-

1.	**Description of work**	House keeping, cleaning & waste management at Northern Railway Printing Press Punjabi Bagh Delhi-110035
2.	**Work to be done**	As per Section-II "Schedule of work"
3.	**Approx. Cost of work**	Rs. 14,74,000/- Fourteen lakhs seventy four thousand (inclusive of GST)
4.	**Place of work**	Northern Railway Printing Press, Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-110035
5.	**Cost of Tender Document**	Rs 2,360/ inclusive of GST@18% (Note- It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only FDR, TDR or money receipt etc not be accepted for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board Letter No-2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016
6.	**Earnest Money***	Rs 29,500/- In favour of FA&CAO/Exp/ NR/Baroda House, New Delhi (Note- It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only FDR, TDR or money receipt etc not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board Letter No-2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016
7.	**Mode of tender**	Open Tender
8.	**Tender Number**	176SPressCleaning2019
9.	**Last date & Time for submission (upload) of Tender**	02.08.2019 15:30 Hrs.
10	**Tender Opening Date and time**	02.08.2019 15:45 hrs.
11	**Contract Period**	One year from the date of commencement of work.
12	**Website**	**www.ireps.gov.in**

Note- * Any firm recognized by department of industrial policy and promotion (DIPP) as "Startups" shall be exempted from payment of "Earnest money" **2225/19**

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नीलामी सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, रेवाड़ी के अधीन बस स्टैंड रेवाड़ी, धारूहेड़ा व बावल पर निम्नलिखित दुकानों की नीलामी दिनांक 15.07.2019 को बस स्टैंड रेवाड़ी पर प्रातः 11.00 बजे होनी निश्चित की गई है जिनका विवरण इस प्रकार है:-

क्र. सं.	दुकानों का विवरण	स्थान	अवधि
1.	दुकान नं. 01	बस स्टैंड रेवाड़ी।	दिनांक 01.07.2019 से 31.03.2022 तक
2.	दुकान नं. 03	बस स्टैंड रेवाड़ी।	-सम-
3.	दुकान नं. 04	बस स्टैंड रेवाड़ी।	-सम-
4.	दुकान नं. 05	बस स्टैंड रेवाड़ी।	-सम-
5.	दुकान नं. 06	बस स्टैंड रेवाड़ी।	-सम-
6.	साईकिल व मोटरसाईकिल स्टैंड	बस स्टैंड रेवाड़ी।	-सम-
7.	दुकान नं. 02	आउटगेट, रेवाड़ी।	-सम-
8.	दुकान नं. 04	आउटगेट, रेवाड़ी।	-सम-
9.	दुकान नं. 01	गुजरवाड़ा, रेवाड़ी।	-सम-
10.	दुकान नं. 09	गुजरवाड़ा, रेवाड़ी।	-सम-
11.	साईकिल व मोटरसाईकिल स्टैंड	बस स्टैंड धारूहेड़ा।	-सम-
12.	दुकान नं. 1	बस स्टैंड बावल।	-सम-
13.	दुकान नं. 2	बस स्टैंड बावल।	-सम-
14.	साईकिल व मोटरसाईकिल स्टैंड	बस स्टैंड बावल।	-सम-

दिनांक 15.07.2019 को नीलामी में यदि दुकानें शेष रहती है तो उनकी नीलामी आगामी दिनांक 22.07.2019 को की जाएगी।
सर्व साधारण को यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि किसी भी कार्यदिवस को 500/- रु. अदायगी करके महाप्रबंधक, रेवाड़ी कार्यालय से उपरोक्त दुकानों की नीलामी से संबंधित नियम एवं शर्तों से संबंधित फार्म महाप्रबंधक, हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन रेवाड़ी के कार्यालय से प्राप्त किए जा सकते हैं।

हस्ता./-
महाप्रबंधक
हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, रेवाड़ी

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
(through e-tendering)

S.No.: 1. **Name of work with its location:** Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract (AMC) of BPAC installed in Delhi Division for one year. **App. cost of the work (in Rs.):** Rs. 64,29,014/- only. **Tender inviting Officer Address:** Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055. **Tender Document Fee (in Rs.):** Rs. 5,900/- only. **Earnest Money to be deposited (in Rs.):** Rs. 1,28,600/- only. **Date & Time for closed of tender:** Tender uploaded date & time 07.08.2019 up to 15.00 hrs. **Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.:** See the N. Rly website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice Board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055. **No. 558-Sig/16/M/Tender/AMC/042/2019-20**
Dated: 10.07.2019. **2227/2019**

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location	30-Elect-25-T-2019-20-E3 Electrical work in connection with Setting up of quick watering arrangement at HNZM station.
Approx. cost of the works in	Rs. 96.31 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divil. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Earnest Money	Rs. 192600.00
Date & time of submission of tender	02.08.2019, 15.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	02.08.2019, 15.15 Hrs.
Website & notice board	**www.ireps.gov.in** & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF
RURAL WORKS: BHUBANESWAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR BUILDING WORKS IN ODISHA THROUGH e-procurement

No: - Online- 01-Bld.-2019-20 **Date: - 09.07.2019**

e-Procurement NOTICE

1.	Name of the works	: 1) Construction of 30 beded MCH at Sohela (Dist. -Bargarh) 2) Construction of 30 beded MCH at Simulia (Dist-Balasore)
2.	Estimated cost	: Rs.4.00 to 6.00 Crore
3.	Class of Contractor	: "A" Class & Special Class
4.	Time for completion	: 15 Calendar Months
5.	E.M.D. required	: 1% of the estimated cost
6.	Cost of tender paper	: Rs.10,000/- per set.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opending of the Bid	
		From	To		Technical bid	Financial bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Engineer, Rural Works. Building, Bhubaneswar	Online-01-Bld.-2019-20	18.07.2019 11.00 A.M.	06.08.2019 3.00 P.M.	05.08.2019	07.08.2019 11.00 A.M.	14.08.2019 11.00 A.M.

7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents, which is available in website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, Building
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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उज्जैन नगर पालिक निगम, उज्जैन (म.प्र.)

विज्ञप्ति क्रमांक : यूएमसी/ ई टेण्डर /एसबीएम/424 उज्जैन, दिनांक: 10.07.2019

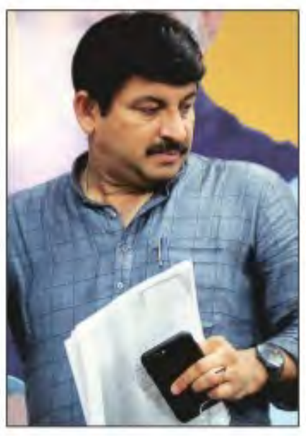
ऑनलाईन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

स्वच्छ भारत मिशन अंतर्गत सूचना, शिक्षा, संचार गतिविधि कार्य हेतु निम्नानुसार ऑनलाईन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की गई है जिसमें निविदा के ऑनलाईन टेण्डर क्रय करने की अंतिम तिथि 24.07.2019 समय 11:00 AM एवं ऑनलाईन बीड प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि 30.07.2019 समय 05:00 PM तक रहेगी।

क्रं.	निविदा विज्ञप्ति क्रं.	विवरण	अनुमानित लागत	अमानत राशि	टेण्डर फार्म का मूल्य
1.	ई-टेण्डर नंबर 37361	स्वच्छ भारत मिशन अंतर्गत आई.ई.सी. गतिविधि हेतु एजेन्सी चयन कार्य।	240.00 लाख	2,40,000/-	15,000/-

विस्तृत निविदा सूचना (टेण्डर डाक्यूमेंट) व अन्य जानकारी वेबसाईट **www.mpetenders.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती है। इन निविदाओं में होने वाले संशोधन आदि उक्त वेबसाईट पर ही प्रकाशित किये जायेंगे, पृथक से सूचना प्रकाशित नहीं की जावेगी, कृपया सर्वसंबंधित अवगत हों।

उपायुक्त (स्वास्थ्य)
नगर पालिक निगम, उज्जैन



Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari at a press conference, Wednesday. *Prem Nath Pandey*

Think local, monitor civic bodies' work, BJP MPs told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

SENIOR LEADERS of Delhi BJP have directed the city's seven Lok Sabha MPs to work in tandem with the unit leaders and step up their intervention on "local issues".

At a meeting with senior BJP leaders Monday, MPs were asked to monitor work done by the civic bodies in the city, said a party leader.

According to the senior leader, party feedback has pointed to a decline in the reputation of the civic bodies due to alleged corruption in its prominent departments. In such a scenario, the party does not want anti-incumbency in the corporation to come in the way of Assembly polls scheduled early next year.

The meeting went on for over three hours and included national vice-president and in-charge of Delhi BJP Shyam Jaju, national organisational secretary Ramlal, Delhi party chief Manoj Tiwari, MP Vijay Goel, Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta, former Delhi BJP president Satish Upadhyay, Delhi unit general secretaries and Lok Sabha MPs from the city. Chandni Chowk MP Harsh Vardhan gave the meeting a miss.

Concerned over the party leadership not being "on the same page over common issues", a senior leader said: "Tiwari suggested that leaders should voice differences within the party instead of airing them through media."

'EPCA's Metro report biased towards Centre'

GAZAL PREET KAUR & PRAPTI BHATIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE AAP Wednesday accused the SC-appointed Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) of being "biased" against the Delhi government, claiming that its recent report on Metro Phase IV was "tilted" towards the Centre.

In an open letter to EPCA chairman Bhure Lal, AAP MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj wrote: "Why is EPCA silent on how Central government unilaterally changed the conditions putting the onus of bearing operational losses of DMRC on Delhi government."

At a press conference, Bhardwaj blamed Lal for not recommending three out of six corridors passed by the Delhi Cabinet and proposed by DMRC. He said, "When Delhi government is ready to pay for six (corridors), why does the EPCA want three...because the central government wants three." Lal did not respond to calls seeking a comment.

(The writers are interns with The Indian Express)

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ORDERS INQUIRY

Ceiling fan falls on boy's head at Delhi govt school classroom

Police file FIR against school administration; BJP's Tiwari and Gambhir lash out at Delhi govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

A 13-YEAR-OLD boy was injured after a portion of a ceiling fan fell on him inside the classroom of a Delhi government school Tuesday afternoon. The incident took place around 1.30 pm when Harsh Kumar, a class VII student of Rajkiya Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya in Trilokpuri, was attending a class and a blade of the moving fan fell on his head.

A case under section 336 (endangering life) of the IPC has been filed against the school administration at Mayur Vihar police station, said DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh.

"He was taken to Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital by school authorities, and from there he was referred to GTB Hospital... on Tuesday evening, he underwent a minor surgery. He is still in the hospital," said his uncle Ashok Kumar (32), a labourer.

Harsh Kumar, the class VII student, is still in the hospital. His uncle said the boy joined the school two years ago

Singh said the child told police that "for a few days, the fan was making an odd noise, which was noticed by other students too".

"We are investigating the matter further," the DCP said.

Education director Binay Bhushan said, "We have ordered that teachers and Education Department officials be present with him during the course of treatment. We've ordered an inquiry into how the accident took place. If we find that there has been any lapse in the installation of the fan, we will file an FIR against the contractor or engineer concerned, if need be."

Bandaged photos of the boy at the hospital were tweeted by East Delhi BJP MP Gautam Gambhir: "Children are India's future, but Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia are playing with their education and their lives too. The fan which fell on Harsh's head at a GBSS is a testimony to 'improved infra' being empty promises. I wish him a speedy recovery."

Delhi BJP head Manoj Tiwari too commented on the incident: "Kejriwal government is responsible for this incident... Today, a fan has fallen, tomorrow something else may fall on the children... Delhi government is not serious about their security."

The child's uncle said the family received a call after 2.30 pm when Kumar had been admitted to GTB Hospital. The family visited the school Tuesday and saw the fan lying on the classroom floor. Around 10 pm, they made a PCR call and an FIR was filed Wednesday.

"This is negligence by the school... His parents are labourers and were at work when the incident took place. The child is in pain. He joined this school two years ago. The principal and teachers met us and they are keeping a tab on his condition. We don't want the matter to be politicised, we just care about his quick recovery," said Ashok.

Court acquits AAP MLA in 2015 case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

A DELHI court has acquitted AAP MLA from Rohtash Nagar, Sarita Singh, in a case of alleged misbehaviour with a police officer in 2015.

She is the second AAP MLA to be acquitted by the court this week — on Tuesday, AAP MLA Sukhbir Dalal was let off by the court, which observed that "the entire incident" he was accused of was "absolutely false and made up".

According to the FIR registered at Bhajanpura police station in North East Delhi, Singh had allegedly misbehaved with a policemen and told an ASI that she would get his uniform removed in a minute.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal said that "the most important thing in this case is that the complainant ASI Ompal, who was allegedly threatened by the accused Sarita Singh, could not grace the witness box as he passed away before his evidence could be recorded. According to prosecution's case, he was the victim in this case and therefore his testimony was required to determine whether the offence of criminal intimidation was committed against him".

The court also said that the law is well settled that mere words do not amount to criminal intimidation, and those words must be capable enough to cause an alarm to the person threatened. "It is not established whether the alarm was actually caused to the complainant. The threat seems to be merely a passing threat as a result of an altercation and no further," the court said.

Singh was accused of misbehaving with a police officer

ASI Ompal, in his statement to the police, had written that on November 22, 2015, he left with constable Sunder, sub-inspector Ashish and inspector Tejram Meena for a marriage function of an AAP volunteer's daughter at Bhajanpura.

Around 7 pm, an Innova's driver was parking the car and allegedly reversed it, almost hitting the policeman who was behind it. As per the FIR, the ASI and the driver of the car argued, following which Singh got down from the car and allegedly told the policeman: "*Ek minute mein teri vardi utarwa dungi.*"

The prosecution produced five public witnesses, apart from the police witnesses. Sarita's counsel, advocate Irshad, said, "Some of the witnesses could not identify Sarita, while one witness was the husband of a local councillor from the Congress. We argued that the witness had a political motive."

AAP MLA says fired at, police deny claim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

AAP MLA Prakash Jarwal has alleged three people fired at him during an event in South Delhi's Shani Bazaar Wednesday. While the MLA has filed a police complaint, Delhi Police denied his claim.

Jarwal claimed this is the second such incident in a week. He claimed he was shot at on Sunday in Sangam Vihar, and had asked police for action. "I informed police Sunday and handed over photos of suspects. For two days, I have been following up with them, but officers told me they are unable to find the suspects. Now, another group of men, led by an illegal alcohol distributor, tried to kill me," he claimed. The man named by Jarwal, meanwhile, filed a cross-complaint against the MLA for "defaming" him.

"We have not found any evidence of any firing in CCTV footage collected from the spot. We are investigating the matter," said Vijay Kumar, Deputy Commissioner of Police (South).

AAP spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj claimed: "This is a matter of grave concern. Delhi Police should have arrested people by now. There was firing and it led to a stampede-like situation at the venue."

Journalism in DU: From fierce competition to few takers

Students at the Delhi University, two days after the third cut-off was released. *Amit Mehra*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

IT MAY have had the highest applicants-to-seats ratio, but seats in BA (Hons) Journalism are barely filling up in Delhi University (DU), with only a little over a third of the seats filled after admissions against two cut-off lists.

After admissions against DU's second cut-off list, only 122 of 306 BA (Hons) Journalism seats were filled, which are offered across seven colleges.

The course had the highest number of students vying for each seat, with a total of 1,12,233 applicants — which means there were 367 applicants per seat.

However, while admissions are closing in many colleges in other courses, admissions remain dry in Journalism — except in Lady Shri Ram College, where there have been 20 admissions against 12 unreserved seats.

At Delhi College of Arts and Commerce (DCAC) — which had set the highest cut-off in the programme at 98.5% — only three students have taken admission against 34 seats.

"We've seen very low admissions in the course, but we also must understand the cut-offs are very high. We must be very judicious in setting our cut-offs to prevent over-filling of seats," said DCAC principal Rajiv Chopra.

He said it is likely that a lot of students apply for the course as a back-up option.

At Kamala Nehru College, only 13 out of 42 seats have been filled, but its spokesperson, Geetesh Nirban, said this does not reflect on the course's popularity.

"Many are waiting because the cut-offs are really high, which were kept this way because of over-admitting in the past few years," she said.

From inside Tihar, court shooting accused makes extortion call

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE ALLEGED mastermind of the 2015 Karkardooma Court shooting, in which a policeman died and three persons were injured, reportedly made an extortion call to a man and demanded Rs 25 lakh — from inside Tihar Jail.

To threaten the businessman, who runs a garment shop in Gandhi Nagar, two associates of the accused, Mohammad Azeem Ahmed, allegedly fired outside his home in North East Delhi's Welcome area on July 3 and also left a letter along with two live cartridges. Police have arrested two men and filed an application before a Delhi court to seek production remand of Azeem.

DCP (North East) Atul Kumar Thakur said the incident came to light around 1.30 am on July 3 when unknown persons fired outside the businessman's home. "We found that the complainant was threatened by some criminals who took Azeem's name. He also received a threatening letter and extortion calls. We lodged an FIR and arrested two men, Mohammed Saleem (25) and Mohammed Israr (34). We have applied for production remand of Azeem and will intimate Tihar Jail officials."

"The accused dropped a letter along with two bullets, in which they said they are dropping two toffees this time, but the next time they will make the businessman have the two toffees," a senior officer said.

The complainant alleged he also received a call from a man who introduced himself as Azeem. Tihar Jail PRO Rajkumar said they are not aware of any such case, while DCP Thakur said they will intimate the jail administration. "We have sent the recorded phone calls to the central forensic science laboratory for examination," Thakur said.

To check street crime, police chief starts meeting SHOs

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

A LIST of 10 active criminals; criminals who are out on bail; how police personnel are tracking their movements; and strategies to prevent street crime — these are some of the questions posed by Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik to SHOs during one-on-one interactions with them recently.

After a slew of robberies and gang-related crimes were reported last month, Patnaik started meeting SHOs of all districts individually to assess the situation in each area. "Two weeks ago, Patnaik decided to interact with SHOs, their ACPs, DCPs and JCPs. He first met police personnel of the Eastern range, days after two people were killed in a firing at Mandoli Chowk," a senior officer said.

In a recent crime review meeting, Patnaik is also learnt to have taken a stern view of police "failure" in two particular incidents — one from Mandoli Chowk and another from Dwarka, where a gang war-related firing was witnessed in broad daylight.

"Patnaik decided to meet SHOs and called a meeting with police personnel of three districts of the Eastern range on June 30," an officer said, adding that he similarly met police personnel from three districts in the Northern range on July 7.

Earlier, the top cop would meet police personnel before Republic Day, Independence Day and major festivals. This is the first time he is interacting with SHOs and discussing strategies to curb street crime.

Patnaik is meeting the officers individually

"In his meetings, he emphasised on the need to motivate beat staff, and asked them to get details of registered criminals in their areas. In a meeting with police personnel of Eastern range, some DCPs complained about misconduct of SHOs, alleging that they were not following directions, especially when asked to take action against illegal bootleggers," the officer said.

The SHOs named by DCPs were transferred after the meeting. In another crime review meeting recently, Patnaik appreciated the DCP (Central) for his handling of the recent communal flare-up in Hauz Qazi, and asked other DCPs to ensure patrolling staff is more visible to the public.

7 surgeries, 2 yrs after accident, woman regains use of her arm

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

IT TOOK seven reconstructive surgeries for Kirty Kishore (26) to get back what she had lost. In 2017, her world turned upside down when, while riding a two-wheeler, a crane fell on her right arm near a highway construction site in Ghazipur. The accident left her arm badly crushed — the skin was damaged, tissues distorted, and bones and joints disoriented.

Her wedding was two months away when the accident happened.

Kishore was admitted to Max hospital in Patparganj on August 29, 2017, and was operated on seven times in a span of three months. "I was coming back from my office and suddenly a crane fell on my right arm. I don't remember anything after that... I found myself in the hospital. While the physical pain was unbearable, the first thing that came to my mind was my wedding...," said Kishore.

According to the doctors, she had suffered serious injury to the bone, joint, tendon, nerve, muscle, blood vessels and skin of the right upper limb. The team treating her decided to perform multiple reconstructive surgeries over a period of time. Kishore was in recovery for the last two years, during which time doctors successfully helped her regain functionality of the injured arm.

"The success rate of such procedures is almost 20-30 per cent... When her case was presented to us, we immediately knew the road to recovery will be long and tedious not only for the patient but for us too. Her first surgery went up to almost eight hours, and most of her subsequent surgeries also took an equally long time," said Dr Manoj Johar, director, aesthetic and reconstructive surgery at Max hospital, who led the team.

Kirty Kishore, whose right arm was crushed after a crane fell on it

Kishore first underwent an operation for an urgent limb salvage surgery involving a team of doctors from plastic surgery, anaesthesia, orthopaedics and vascular surgery departments, and was then shifted to the ICU for close monitoring and observation.

"The medical recovery took her two years, but the love and support she got from her family helped her recover from the trauma," the doctor added.

"My fiancé turned out to be the biggest strength and stood beside me during the tough times," said Kishore. The couple got married on January 22 last year.

FIRST RESPONDERS

For those on fringes of Yamuna Expressway, saving lives a part of life

AMIL BHATNAGAR & NAOMI KLINGE
NOIDA, JULY 10

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD SEHWAG stands on a patch of grass parallel to the fourth lane on the Yamuna Expressway, holding a thermocol box full of chilled water bottles. While he is on the lookout for thirsty commuters, he also keeps an eye for any accidents. "This one time a car overturned and people were trapped. Me and some others rushed to get them out; ambulances and police came 20 minutes later," he said.

Sehwag is among hundreds of people living or working on the sidelines of the Expressway, who have unwittingly become first responders to several highway accidents over the years. Just two days earlier, a speeding bus in Agra plunged into a canal, killing 29 people. In the crucial first 15 minutes, villagers from Chaugan started their own rescue operations, dragging people out after breaking windows, before police and emergency services began to arrive.

Madan Lal (45), a bus agent in Jewar, can be spotted close to an underpass below the Expressway. In the last seven years, he says he has seen an accident almost every week. "Once a mini-bus had caught fire and a few of us rushed to put it out. In another instance, a car lost control and skidded off the road. It has become an unsaid responsibility for us to help out in such cases," he said.

As per the UP Traffic Directorate, there have been 94 deaths in 95 accidents on the Greater Noida-Agra stretch so far this year. The 165-km-long stretch, called the Taj Expressway, was inaugurated in 2012 by the Samajwadi Party government.

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Jagveer began working at a dhaba close to the Jewar toll three weeks ago, and has already played a part as a first responder.

"A few nights ago, a vehicle had rammed into a truck travelling at a slower speed. The driver was injured. It was around 3 am but people rushed to help him; in such cases, people almost always cross the barriers along the expressway to rush to a person's aid," he said.

Officials at Jewar toll plaza said first help reaches within 10 minutes, and have enough equipment to help victims. The Taj Expressway has been divided into two sections — Jewar and Agra. The Jewar toll plaza has 16 route patrol vehicles that function on a route of 10-15 km with an average response time of less than 10 minutes. Six of the patrol vehicles are operated by the police.

Officials also said a series of meetings are being held between the Jaypee Group, the UP government and the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority to come up with methods to prevent accidents on the stretch.

"Usually we get calls about the accidents from three sectors — patrol vehicles, police or commuters. We have our own ambulances as well. Depending on the severity of the injury, we rush people to the closest hospital. We also have a fire tender that is equipped to cut open a car in case it has been mangled. People passing by often stop and help out the victims too," said J K Sharma, manager (toll operations and corridor control).

5 QUESTIONS

RSP MP FROM KERALA **N K PREMACHANDRAN** SPEAKS TO **AVISHEK G DASTIDAR** ON WHY HE WALKED OUT DURING FINANCE MINISTER NIRMALA SITHARAMAN'S REPLY TO THE BUDGET DISCUSSION.

Why did you walk out of the Lok Sabha?
The Finance Minister did not give any clarification on the points we had raised.

What did you want clarification on?
The Opposition had raised many points. Particularly, there was the issue of hiking petrol and diesel prices — we had demanded a rollback. She did not mention it.

Did you also have a problem with some phrases she used?
She used very bad language. She said, 'I am a class teacher and you are students. If you are not satisfied, then you come to my room and I will teach you.' There is no teacher-student relationship. There is no master-servant relationship. We are all equal in the House.

Anything in the reply that stood out for you other than this?
She was totally disparaging. This is not the way for a Finance Minister to reply to a Budget discussion in Parliament... she resorted to petty politics by bringing in comparison with 2014-15 figures.

When did you come back after that?
We came back after the budget was passed.

HOUSE GREETINGS

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Cabinet Minister Narendra Singh Tomar at Parliament House on Wednesday. *Renuka Puri*

ESIC poll puts rift in Oppn camp out in the open

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE RIFT in the Opposition camp was out in the open on Wednesday as the Trinamool Congress, the CPM and the Congress battled it out for a seat in the governing council of Employees' State Insurance Corporation. Trinamool won the election with 90 votes — some of them from BJP MPs.

Both the Congress and the Trinamool accused each other of ganging up with the BJP.

Congress candidate Pradeep Bhattacharya got 46 votes, while CPM's E Kareem got eight. Most non-Congress, non-BJP parties such as Shiv Sena, JD(U), RJD, SP and BSP voted for the Trinamool candidate; as did about 14 BJP MPs though none of the ministers went to cast votes.

Although not unprecedented, elections are usually not held for seats on boards such as Jute Board, ESIC etc as the incumbents are decided through consensus. The last Rajya Sabha MP on the board was Trinamool's D Bandopadhyay. The party claimed that in fielding Dola Sen, it had merely followed Parliamentary "tradition" and had been caught unawares by the other two nominations.

"This seat was allotted to the Trinamool Congress. These things are normally decided by consensus because there is nothing political here. For the first time, Congress and CPM breached that tradition and filed nominations. Election was inevitable but we reached out to them and tried to prevent an election till the last minute. They did not relent even after our leader Derek O'Brien spoke to them. This was unnecessary, there is nothing to be gained politically from this," said Trinamool MP Sukhendu Sekhar Roy.

Other Trinamool leaders said the "arrogance" of the Congress reflected poorly on the whole Opposition block.

Congress candidate Bhattacharya accused the Trinamool of reaching an "understanding" with the BJP to support their Bills in lieu of the ESIC seat. "BJP MPs went and voted for them because they want their Bills passed. They have reached an understanding. Ministers like (Prakash) Javadekar quietly went and voted for them. I will expose Trinamool in the House. I did not even know that this is D Bandopadhyay's seat. By the time I got to know, the last date for withdrawing nominations was over. Last night, Derek called and said let's all withdraw in favour of the Left. It does not work like that. They are hand-in-glove with the BJP. That is why they disappeared when we were protesting against what is happening in Karnataka."

Trinamool leaders claimed that the formula of making the Left win the election was rejected by the Congress out of "sheer arrogance".

Responding to Bhattacharya's allegation, Roy said, "It's funny that people who ganged up against Trinamool and benefited the BJP in the just-concluded Lok Sabha elections make that accusation against us. Everybody knows who Congress and Left helped in West Bengal."

Tejasvi Surya appeals to govt to extend NRC to Karnataka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

BJP MP Tejasvi Surya on Wednesday appealed to the government for extending the National Register of Citizens (NRC) to Karnataka, alleging that "illegal Bangladeshi Muslim immigrants" have become a security and economic threat to Bengaluru and the state.

Raising the matter during Zero Hour, the Bangalore South MP said the influx of Bangladeshi Muslim immigrants has become a "major security threat" to the country. He claimed that a terror module was recently busted and it was found that Bangladeshi illegal immigrants were planning terror attacks in different parts of the country.

"It's not only a threat to our national security, it has become an economic threat also," he said, adding that the immigrants have taken up jobs as cab drivers and garbage pickers, "stealing" them from the local residents.

Surya urged the Centre to extend the NRC as illegal immigrants are going to Karnataka and different parts of the country after NRC was introduced in Assam.

The Congress's Hibi Eden made a case for revamping PSUs in Kerala. Pointing out that PSUs are the wealth of the nation and the government must refrain from disinvestment, he gave examples of Cochin Port Trust and Cochin Shipyard and sought the Centre's support in keeping them in good health.

KARNATAKA CRISIS ROCKS PARLIAMENT

Cong leads LS walkout, Joshi points to 'threat'

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE BJP and the Congress traded heated arguments in Lok Sabha on Wednesday over the developments in Karnataka, with several opposition parties staging a walkout and accusing the Treasury benches of "indulging in cheap tricks" to destabilise a government.

The BJP maintained that it did not have any role in whatever happened in the state.

The Congress, along with the DMK, Trinamool Congress, the Samajwadi Party and other friendly parties staged a walkout, protesting against senior Karnataka Congress MLA and the party's chief troubleshooter in the state, D K Shivakumar, not being allowed to enter a Mumbai hotel where the rebel Congress and JD(S) legislators were staying. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi countered this and said the MLAs had sought police protection, alleging a threat to their lives from Shivakumar.

Maintaining that the police are guarding the hotel premises at request of the MLAs, Joshi showed a paper and said it was a letter from the MLAs. He also said he would like to put on record that the rebel legislators have written to the Mumbai Police Commissioner about a threat to their lives from Shivakumar.

Raising the Karnataka issue during Zero Hour, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said democracy is being betrayed in the state and accused the BJP of conspiring to overthrow the Congress-JD(S) alliance government. When Speaker Om Birla pointed out that Chowdhury was raising the same issue for the third day and didn't allow him to complete, Congress MPs rushed to the Well and raised slogans.

Joshi said the rebel MLAs sought police protection

Shivakumar was prevented from entering the Mumbai hotel where rebel MLAs from Karnataka were staying, but insisted on meeting them in a desperate bid to pull the Congress-JD(S) government from the brink of collapse.

Later, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar hit out at the Congress for "disturbing" the House, alleging that the opposition party was not letting the House function over its internal problems in Karnataka. "The Congress is disturbing the House even after the massive defeat in the (Lok Sabha) elections and after a decisive mandate they, as well as everybody, is expected (to ensure) that the Houses run smoothly," Javadekar said.

"Now they are raising the issue of a state, which is not allowed here. They are charging that the BJP is poaching, but actually it is the Congress which is doing all kinds of efforts," he told reporters. Javadekar accused the Congress of offering ministerial berths to rebel MLAs and giving other "lollipops".

According to Javadekar, internal issues in the Congress had prompted the MLAs to resign.

RS adjourned amid din; Budget debate today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

RAJYA SABHA could not function for the second consecutive day on Wednesday, as Congress MPs raised the issue of Karnataka political crisis. After forcing adjournments thrice, the Congress party agreed to continue the debate on Budget on Thursday.

The House saw two adjournments in the pre-lunch period, with Zero Hour and Question Hour washed out. As MPs raised slogans in the Well, the discussion on Budget continued for about 80 minutes after one post-lunch adjournment.

Samajwadi Party leader Ram Gopal Yadav had said that his party would walk out since it could not speak if the House was not in order. Several others, including BJP's Prasanna Acharya and former Finance Minister P Chidambaram, also declined to speak, citing lack of order.

Finally, at 4.17 pm, the House was adjourned after some hectic backroom parleys between the government and Congress leaders.

Leader of the House Thaawarchand Gehlot said Congress leaders have assured the government that discussion will resume from 11 am on Thursday, with no Zero Hour or Question Hour, and with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the House from noon.

Congress deputy leader Anand Sharma said, "We are very serious about the debate. We have requested that tomorrow, as we understand that the Finance Minister is busy in Lok Sabha today, let the minister be present..."

Lok Sabha passes arbitration Bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

SEEKING TO make India a hub of international and domestic arbitration, the Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a Bill to set up an independent and autonomous regime for arbitration.

The New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) Bill, 2019, seeks to replace an ordinance issued in March this year by the previous government. It would also acquire and transfer undertakings of the International Centre For Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR) to the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) with effect from March 2 this year.

"The existing arbitration body has resolved 45 cases out of 55 in 25 years and 10 cases are still pending," Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said during a debate on the Bill. Observing that a new kind of "imperialism" is taking place, Prasad said there is hardly any instance where an arbitration judgment has gone against American companies. This kind of new imperialism is not acceptable, he said.

The proposed New Delhi International Arbitration Centre will be headed by a chairperson, who has been a judge of the Supreme Court or a judge of a high court or an eminent person having special knowledge and experience in the field.

There is also a provision for appeal and Section 29 deals with the time-frame in which arbitration cases are disposed off, Prasad said, adding that they had to be disposed off within a year.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said he is supporting the Bill because its intent is "commendable" but it appears "ambitious" in terms of execution. He said the government should conceptualise the National Arbitration Policy and strengthen the Indian judicial system.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
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Sr. DME/O&F/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. M-1-0T-TP-Box-NBD-19, Closing Date & Time 02.08.2019 upto 15:00 hrs and will be opened on the same day at 15:30 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in on internet & can be seen/download. The tenderers/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment mode like Net Banking, Debit/Credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual/offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Sr. DFM acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No.2019/3A/Adfm I/hiring of Vehicle/Sr. DFM/MB Closing Date/Time 30.07.2019 up to 15:00 Hrs and will be opened soon after 15:10 Hrs on website. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Tenderer/s shall quote single rate in % age above or below or **at par (excluding GST) but inclusive of all charges and expenditure accorded on the vehicle,** over the estimated cost of work of Railway, **which shall be taken for comparison of rates.** Information regarding this tender is available on web site www.ireps.gov.in on internet & can be seen/download. The tenderers/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net Banking, debit/Credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual/offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of Work	Hiring of one Multi-utility Road Vehicle for ADFM/MB 1, DRM's Office N.Rly, Moradabad for one year for day to day official work.		
Tender Type	Open	Bidding System	Single Packet System
Tender Closing Date & Time	30.07.2019 15:00 hrs	Date & time of Uploading Tender	Upto 08.07.2019
Pre-Bid (yes/No)	No	Pre-Bid Query Date Time	Not Applicable
Advertised Value	Rs.5,50,740.60/- (excluding GST)	Tendering Section	Accounts Branch
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Tender	Bidding Unit	% Above/Below/ At par (excluding GST)
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs. 11000/-	Validity of Offer Days	45
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	2000/-	Period of Completion	12 Months
Bidding Start Date	16.07.2019		

No. 2019/3A/Adfm I/Hiring of Vehicle/Sr. DFM-MB Dated : 08.07.2019 2230/19
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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tender Notice No. RE-DNR-Engg-Gr-203-WT-10 Dated: 08.07.2019
On behalf of the President of India, Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Danapur, invites open e-tender for the following work from experienced, financially and technically sound contractors, to be opened on 02.08.2019.
(1) Name of the work & its location: Construction of 4 units (D/S) Ty-IV Qtrs. along with all ancillary works Viz Earth Work, Boundary wall, Approach Road, Drains, Pipeline & Sanitary Work etc at Motihari in Group 203 of Samastipur division in E. C. Railway. (2) Approximate cost in the work: ₹ 1,23,66,996.23/- **(3) Earnest Money to be deposited :** ₹ 2,11,800.00/- **(4) Date for submission of the tender and opening of Tender :** For submission:- From **19.07.2019** & Up to **11:00 Hours on 02.08.2019.** Tender will be opened at **11:30 Hrs on 02.08.2019. (5) Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. :** website **https://ireps.gov.in/** Notice board location & Add. of the office :- Office of the Chief Project Director (Engg.), Railway Electrification, Danapur, (Near Jagjeevan Stadium), PO-Khagaul, Patna-801105, (Bihar).

Chief Project Director (Engg.), Railway Electrification, Danapur
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E-Tender Notice No. 02/ECTD/A/2018-19 पर अंकित ई-निविदा जिसकी निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या-09. 13 है जिसको दिनांक 10.07.2019 समय 12:00 बजे प्राप्त किया जाना है। अपरिहार्य कारणों से उक्त निविदा की तिथि विस्तारित कर निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग को प्राप्त करने की तिथि 17.07.2019 समय 12:00 बजे एवं प्रथम भाग को खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 18.07.2019 को समय 12:00 बजे निर्धारित किया जाता है। अन्य सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेगी। निविदा सम्बन्धित विवरण विभागीय वेबसाइट **http://etender.up.nic.in & http://upptcl.org** से भी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें" अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद परीक्षण खण्ड, उ0प्र0 पावर ट्रान्समिशन कारपोरेशन लि0, लाल डिग्गी, अलीगढ़ । पत्रांक:390 वि0ज0प0ख0अली0/दिनांक:10.07.2019

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL

A SPORTING MEET

IN LONDON for the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' meeting, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar found time to meet Vijay Amritraj, India's tennis legend. "Meeting a living legend @Vijay_Amritraj. His 50th consecutive Wimbledon - Amazing!", he tweeted. The former Foreign Secretary has had a physical exercise routine for 40 years now - he plays squash during free time - and that routine hasn't changed after he became the Union minister.

DARING DRONE

LAWYERS AND litigants turned curious onlookers as a drone hovered over the Supreme Court complex on Wednesday. The sight of the drone amid murmurs of the court involving the CBI and the Delhi Police for background checks on new recruits made registry officials panic. It later emerged that the flying object was a drone camera being used to film a documentary on the court's architectural design. The documentary will be screened at the inauguration of the court's new complex later this month

FRIENDLY EXCHANGE

SENIOR DMK leader and former Union minister T R Baalu wanted Railways Minister Piyush Goyal's reply on a new line from western Chennai to deep south of Peninsular India. But there was a confusion and Goyal said the reply was given in the statement. An upset Baalu sought time again from the Speaker and raised his demand anew, but added that Piyush Goyal was very "harsh" to him. "His father was very close to me. Senior Goyal was very nice to me. This is what I want to express to Junior Goyal," Baalu said. Goyal got up immediately to clear the confusion: "Sir, we are all very kind to you and we respect you. You are a very senior leader and my father was your friend. I thought you said the answer has not been given, to which I was responding that a detailed answer has been given." Goyal, however, did not miss the chance to criticise the previous UPA government, which was backed by the DMK, for the delay in railway projects. But Baalu did not give up: "A responsible ruling party should help a responsible Opposition. Let them show generosity. We should not fight like cats - we are friends. They should help us."

Death included in child abuse law, sexual assault definition widened

SHALINI NAIR
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

MOVING TO deal with rising cases of child abuse, the Union Cabinet Wednesday approved amendments to the gender-neutral Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, allowing death penalty for all cases of aggravated penetrative sexual assault against children.

The amendments cover 21 kinds of sexual crimes that come under the definition of aggravated penetrative sexual assault against children. By approving an amendment to Section 6 of the POCSO Act, the Cabinet has enhanced the minimum punishment in such cases from the existing 10 years to 20 years and the maximum punishment to life imprisonment or death penalty.

In a statement, the government said, "The amendment is expected to discourage the trend of child sexual abuse by acting as a deterrent due to strong penal provisions incorporated in the Act. It intends to protect the interest of vulnerable children in times of distress and ensures their safety and dignity."

The POCSO (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was earlier introduced in the 16th Lok Sabha but lapsed after its term got over.

Aggravated penetrative sexual assault includes certain cases of child rape by police, armed forces, relatives, public servants or management of remand/protection homes, by those on the management or staff of healthcare, educational or religious institutions within their premises. It includes continued rape or gang rape of a child or sexual assault using weapons.

It is also applicable in cases of rape where the child is harmed either physically, or in his/her sexual organs, impregnated or has to live with life-threatening infection as a result of the sexual assault, rape of children with mental or physical disabilities, and rape and attempt to murder. Penetrative sexual assault on children in times of communal violence now also attracts the maximum penalty of death.

Wednesday's amendment has also added an additional category of sexual assault of children who are victims of calamities or natural disasters which now is liable for maximum term of life sentence or death penalty. According to Woman and Child Development Ministry data, children comprise more than half the victims of disasters.

An amendment has also been approved to Section 4 of the POCSO Act so as to increase the minimum punishment to ten years, from the existing seven years, for 'penetrative sexual assault' of 16 to 17 year olds and if the child is below the age of 16 years, to a minimum of 20 years. The maximum term of life imprisonment in such cases has been retained. Moreover, the definition of 'sexual assault' has now been expanded to include administration of hormones to children to make them appear more sexually mature for the sake of commercial sexual exploitation.

The POCSO amendments also include stringent punitive measures in cases of child pornography including in cases where it results in aggravated sexual assault. It also increases the penalty for storage of pornographic material for commercial purposes to an imprisonment between three to five years, or a fine, or both. Failing to report or destroy such material or propagating it further will now be considered an offence.

The government called the move a "historic decision to protect children from sexual offences". As per the last available data, from the National Crime Records Bureau 2016, less than three per cent of child rape cases that came up before the courts under the POCSO Act read with Indian Penal Code Section 376 ended in convictions, pointing to the need for better access to justice for all, and not just more stringent conviction in a small percentage of cases.

Javadekar after Cabinet meet on Wednesday. *Prem Nath Pandey*

CABINET DECISIONS

In 3rd phase of rural roads, 1.25-lakh km to be consolidated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE UNION Cabinet on Wednesday approved the third phase of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to build all-weather roads to villages across the country.

This phase involves consolidation of 1.25-lakh km of existing rural roads connecting villages to rural agricultural markets, higher secondary schools and hospitals, the government said in a statement.

Plastic waste will also be used during work on these roads, it stated.

The cost of the project, to be implemented by 2024-25, is estimated at Rs 80,250 crore, of which the states' share will be Rs 26,450 crore. Roads constructed under the scheme are also mandated to be maintained properly, and the Centre will sign memorandums of understanding with the states for PMGSY 3 for the states to provide "adequate funds for maintenance of roads constructed under" under the scheme even after the five-year construction maintenance period, the statement said.

States will be asked to ensure roadside plantations along these roads, for which funds from the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and other Central and State schemes will be used, the government stated.

Single tribunal for river water disputes: The Cabinet also approved a Bill to establish a single tribunal with multiple benches to replace the nine tribunals in the country for inter-state river water disputes. The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019, will provide for a two-year deadline to adjudicate the cases, the government stated.

Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, and Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar said that recommendations of the Standing Committee have been taken into consideration in the new Bill.

Benefits for RPF: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) will get Organised Group 'A' status and benefits of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation with effect from January 1, 2006, and the Non-Functional Selection Grade effective June 6, 2000, as decided by the Cabinet based on a proposal of the Railway Board.

PRO-KHALISTAN GROUP BANNED

New Delhi: Pro-Khalistan group "The Sikhs for Justice" was banned by the government on Wednesday for its alleged anti-national activities, officials said. The US-based group pushes for Sikh Referendum 2020 as part of its separatist agenda. A meeting of the Cabinet decided to declare SFJ as outlawed under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, a home ministry official said. **PTI**

MEANWHILE, IN BENGALURU

JD(S) leaders participate in a yoga session at a resort in Bengaluru on Wednesday. All party MLAs were moved to the resort after three legislators quit last week. *ANI*

Three-day RSS meet in Vijayawada from today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

THE "PRANTHA Pracharak Baithak" of the RSS will be held in Vijayawada from July 11 to 13. The three-day meeting would be attended by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, and will take stock about the organisation's activities, especially the 20-day summer training camps "Sangha Sikshavargha" held across the country.

Andhra Pradesh RSS chief Bhupathiraju Srinivas Raju said that no policy decision will be taken and no resolution will be passed at the meeting. "We will discuss about the organisation's recent activities and also about VHP and Bajrang Dal," he said. The meeting, which is going to be held at a residential school in Mangalagiri, will also discuss environment protection activites and Akhila Bharatiya Adhikaris of swayamsevaks working in various fields. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat arrived in Vijayawada and visited the famous Kanaka Durga temple.

Cabinet approves transgender Bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE CABINET on Thursday approved the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill with the stated purpose of providing "a mechanism for their social, economic, and educational empowerment".

The Bill defines transgender persons as those "whose gender does not match the gender assigned to that person at birth and includes trans-men or trans-women, persons with intersex variations, gender-queers, and persons having socio-cultural identities such as kinnar, hijras, aravani and jogta". It prohibits any person or establishment from discriminating against a transgender person in any way.

It also states that the government, through an insurance scheme, will cover medical expenses for sex reassignment surgery, hormonal therapy, laser therapy or any such health related expenses of transgender persons. A National Council for Transgender persons can be set up, under the legislation, to advise the central government on related policies and legislation as also to for grievance redressal.

Acknowledging the issues faced by the community including social exclusion, discrimination, and lack of access to education, healthcare, and jobs, the government in a statement issued on Thursday said, "The Bill will benefit a large number of transgender persons, mitigate the stigma, discrimination and abuse against this marginalized section and bring them into the mainstream of society. This will lead to inclusiveness and will make the transgender persons productive members of the society."

The Bill to outline and protect the rights of transgender and intersex person was earlier passed by the 16th Lok Sabha along with 27 amendments introduced by the government. It was passed even in the face of staunch opposition to some of its provisions from civil society groups representing transgenders, intersex, and gender nonconforming individuals.

FIRST VISIT AFTER LOSING IN POLLS

Won't abandon Amethi, will fight for it in Delhi: Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 10

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday visited Amethi for the first time after losing the parliamentary constituency in the just concluded Lok Sabha elections. During his daylong visit, the Congress MP from Wayanad in Kerala held three closed-door meetings with party workers that included District Congress Committee members, Pradesh Congress Committee members from Amethi, gram panchayat heads of the party as well as block committee heads in Gauriganj area of the constituency.

Sources said that during his address to party workers, Rahul said that despite being an MP from Wayanad, he would raise issues of Amethi and would be available for them as they are like his family. "I will not leave Amethi. It is my home and family... The development of Amethi will not be hampered. I will fight for Amethi in Delhi," Rahul reportedly told party workers.

On reaching his former constituency, Rahul had tweeted, "Very happy to return to Amethi. It feels like returning home".

"At the meeting, some of the local Congress leaders accused each other of sabatoging the party, while some even apologised for over confidence. Rahulji told them that he understands everything, but if all had worked hard and unitedly then this would not have happened," said a Congress leader.

Rahul Gandhi in Amethi on Wednesday. *ANI*

Andhra farmer suicides: Jagan announces Rs 7 lakh compensation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Andhra Pradesh government will pay ex-gratia compensation of Rs 7 lakh each to families of 1,513 farmers who allegedly committed suicide due to crop loss or crop failure between 2014 and 2019, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy said on Wednesday.

He added that the previous state government, led by Chandrababu Naidu, had compensated only 391 families.

Addressing district collectors in a video-conference, Jagan asked them to visit the families along with the local MLA, verify details and pay the compensation as soon as possible. "The previous government did not provide any support to farmers in distress. But my government is not like that. All the district collectors must reach out to the families and give them courage and assurance that this government will take care of them. This is a people's government. As soon as the facts of the suicide are verified, the families should be paid the ex-gratia," Jagan told the DCs.

Cautioning DCs and other officials that the compensation amount must not fall into wrong hands, he advised them to ensure that the amount reaches the families directly, and not through intermediaries.

Drama outside Mumbai hotel: Shivakumar sent back

VISHWAS WAGHMODE & SRINATH RAO
MUMBAI, JULY 10

FOR ALMOST five hours, Karnataka Water Resources Minister D K Shivakumar waited outside the Renaissance hotel in Mumbai. Sent to negotiate with rebel MLAs inside, whose resignations have left the Congress-JD(S) coalition in Karnataka on the brink of collapse, Shivakumar refused to leave without speaking to them.

But with rebel MLAs requesting the Mumbai police not to allow him into the hotel and heavy security outside, Shivakumar, refusing to leave, was Wednesday evening detained by police, taken to a police guest house and finally packed off to Bengaluru.

It began at around 8 am when he landed in Mumbai and reached the Renaissance Hotel in Powai. At the hotel gate, unidentified protesters shouted "go back" slogans even as the hotel's management refused him entry.

Shivakumar insisted that he had booked a room in the hotel but the management cancelled it citing an "emergency in hotel", forcing him to camp outside. Hours later, he was served breakfast by the hotel staff just as the Mumbai police issued prohibitory orders disallowing assembly of more than five people outside the hotel.

After standing for almost three hours, Shivakumar got to sit outside the hotel gate as the chairs were arranged for him at noon. And despite the incessant rain, Shivakumar, who was constantly on the phone, sometimes with one mobile in each hand, waited as his associates held umbrellas.

He said he had come only to meet party MLAs and had no weapons to threaten dissident them. "I will not go back until I take them back or get to meet them. They (The MLAs) are going to call me and speak to me, I will wait till they speak. They can't go. I will not leave them," he told reporters outside.

"I know them well. This BJP relationship (with the MLAs) is two-three days old but my relationship with them is of 40 years. I know them, my heart works with them, my heart is open to them. I know their hearts, I know their feelings, I will win them, I will take them (MLAs to Karnataka)."

Around 1.30 pm, Mumbai Congress leaders Milind Deora and Sanjay Nirupam joined Shivakumar outside the hotel where Nirupam alleged that Shivakumar's booking was cancelled by the hotel management under BJP pressure.

The police moved in while Shivakumar was in the middle of a TV interview. At around 2.30 pm, Shivakumar was almost pulled out and put into a police van, while Congress leaders including Milind Deora, were detained by police and taken to Mumbai University's Kalina Campus.

Senior police officials said that nine people were detained at 2.40 pm under provisions of the Bombay Police Act for refusing to heed directions given by the police. A decision was taken to move them to the University of Mumbai given that Shivakumar is a sitting Cabinet minister in Karnataka.

"We did not want to take a minister to the police station as it would result in allegations of high-handedness and embarrassment for the state government. So we decided to take the leaders to an empty hall in the university campus," said a senior Mumbai Police officer.

The leaders were finally allowed to leave at 6 pm and Shivakumar boarded a 7 pm flight back to Bengaluru, the police said.

Meanwhile, Congress worker Saket Gokhale filed a complaint of wrongful confinement at the Powai police station, alleging that Congress MLAs were confined inside the Renaissance hotel by unknown persons.

(INPUTS MOHAMED THAVER)

JHARKHAND ELECTION

JMM says Opposition fighting together, Cong says nothing is final

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JULY 10

THE OPPOSITION parties in Jharkhand have decided to contest together the Assembly elections due later this year, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) executive president Hemant Soren said on Wednesday. The parties reached the decision after a meeting on Wednesday held at Soren's residence in Ranchi and attended by representatives of the RJD, the Jharkhand Vikas Morcha-Prajatantrik (JVM-P) and the Congress.

"We have a consensus that we should fight together to root out the BJP and the Raghubar Das government. In the next week or so, we will decide on the distribution of tickets," Soren said.

State Congress president Dr Ajoy Kumar and JVM-P chief Babulal Marandi did not attend the meeting. Soren said, "I can't say due to what situations they did not attend."

Soren said all the parties will contest seats they currently hold. "We have 32 seats between us. A decision will be taken regarding the rest."

The JMM holds 19 Assembly seats, the Congress nine and the JVM two out of the 81 seats that will go to polls.

State Congress spokesperson Rajesh Thakur said "nothing is final". "The decision to go together was announced before the parliamentary elections. But our state chief Dr Ajoy Kumar was not at the meeting. The JVM-P too was not there. Nothing is final and a decision will be taken within 15 days," said Thakur.

EXPLAINED

BJP starts work, Oppn still unsure

AT A time when the opposition parties are yet to fully recover from the Lok Sabha poll rout and chalk out a joint strategy, the BJP has set a target to win 65 out of the 81 seats Assembly seats and has already started working on the ground and reaching out to welfare scheme beneficiaries. In the recently-held parliamentary polls, the Cong managed to win just one out of the seven seats it contested and the JMM managed one out of the four seats it contested. The JVM(P) drew a blank.

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NORTH

5 Babbar Khalsa operatives convicted for bid to kill Badal

Lucknow: An NIA special court in Lucknow on Wednesday convicted five Babbar Khalsa outfit operatives facing charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and also conspiring to assassinate former Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal in 2018, apart from supporting the Khalistan movement. Four of them had also attacked policemen in Shamli district last year and looted two service rifles to use the weapons in the attack on Badal. While four of the accused were sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, another one was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. **ENS**

Rear Admiral Puneet Kumar Bahl reviews a passing out parade of 13 Indian Navy officers and 3 Indian Coast Guard officers, in Kochi on Wednesday. *PTI*

EAST

Policeman killed in Bihar during escape bid by undertrial

Patna: A policeman posted at Danapur civil court was shot dead on Wednesday by an undertrial, who was brought from Beur jail to be produced before the court. An accomplice of the undertrial had reportedly handed over a country-made pistol to the accused, who tried to escape from police custody, police said. He was later arrested. The incident took place at around 4 pm when Meraj alias Rinku was being taken from the police lock-up. As constable Prabhakar Raj was escorting Meraj for production, the latter tried to escape by firing at the constable. Prabhakar succumbed to his wounds on the way to the hospital. **ENS**

WEST

Two killed in blast while handling used ammunition

Pune: Two people were killed in a blast which occurred while they were trying to break down fired ammunition cases they had brought from the firing range of the Indian Army in Ahmednagar late on Tuesday night. The incident was reported at around 10 pm in Khare Karjune village located near the KK Ranges, an area earmarked for firing exercises of the Armoured Corps Centre and the School and Mechanised Infantry Regimental Centre, co-located in Ahmednagar. Inspector Mohan Borse of Ahmednagar MIDC police station said, "As per our information, the two deceased persons had illegally brought the fired shells from the KK Ranges and were breaking them down." **ENS**

SOUTH

Three die of asphyxiation in Telangana's Asifabad

Hyderabad: Three people died apparently of asphyxiation in a well in Komaram Bheem, Asifabad district of Telangana on Wednesday, police said. The incident occurred when one person entered the 35-foot deepwell to repair a motor and collapsed, the police said. Seeing this, another worker got in, but he too fell unconscious and the third worker then entered the well to rescue the two. In a matter of five minutes, all the three died, a police official told PTI. Following the incident, locals informed the police who recovered the bodies. The deceased were in the age group of 19-25, he said. **PTI**

VIDEO ON KASHMIR

Al-Qaeda calls for 'unrelenting blows' on Army, targets Pak

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JULY 10

AL-QAEDA CHIEF Ayman Al-Zawahiri has called for "liberating the jihad in Kashmir from the clutches of Pakistani agencies" and asked militants in Kashmir to focus on "unrelenting blows" on the Indian Army.

In a video, 'Don't forget Kashmir', posted on 'As-Sahab' channel, an in-house production of al Qaeda, Zawahiri has also called for greater coordination between militant groups in Kashmir and global terror outfits.

"I would like to discuss with you today a tragedy that has continued unabated for over 70 years: the plight of the Muslims of Kashmir," he says in the video. "Given the endless suffering that they have endured, we must strongly empathise with their cause, express our sympathy for them, and extend all possible support to them, for their pain is our pain, their wounds are our wounds, aggression against them is aggression against us, and violation of their sanctities is violation of our sanctities. Kashmir is a bleeding wound in our hearts, hearts that grieve with the pain of many such bleeding wounds," he says.

Ayman Al-Zawahiri

Targeting Pakistan, he says: "Of course, Pakistan's intelligence agencies — America's primary tool in Pakistan — will try to prevent the mujahideen from doing so, so that they remain under their control forever as a political bargaining chip... The policy of the Pakistani government and its disgraceful Army regarding the Kashmiri mujahideen is no different from its earlier policy regarding the Arab mujahideen after the Russian withdrawal — and later vis-à-vis the Islamic Emirate and its mujahideen and emigrants. All that the Pakistan Army and government are interested in is exploiting the mujahideen for specific political objectives, only to dump or persecute them later; the beneficiaries in the end being a bunch of traitors who fill their pockets with bribes and illegitimate wealth. Therefore, the first vital step to turn the jihad in Kashmir into a jihad for the sake of Allah — and not jihad for the sake of international criminals — is to liberate the Kashmiri jihad from the clutches of Pakistan's intelligence agencies".

"I am of the view that the mujahideen in Kashmir — at this stage at least — should single-mindedly focus on inflicting unrelenting blows on the Indian Army and government so as to bleed the Indian economy and make India suffer sustained losses in manpower and equipment. In doing so, the mujahideen must persevere patiently," he says.

"They also need to establish stronger channels of communication with their Muslim brethren all over the Muslim world. The mujahideen in Kashmir must benefit from the jihadi awakening in the different theatres of jihad. They must communicate with the mujahideen in different parts of the world, and ensure that their voice reaches them, so that the Kashmir issue is raised at the popular level within the Ummah and its latest developments are continuously brought to light," he says.

Four days ago, a similar video statement was issued by Ansar Ghazwatul Hind (AGH), an al Qaeda affiliate in the Valley. Formed in 2018 by Zakir Musa after he parted ways with the Hizbul Mujahideen, the outfit's highest cadre strength was 11 militants — most of whom have been killed. According to officials sources, the outfit currently has less than five militants.

In the video, Hameed Lelhari, who took over as AGH chief after Zakir Musa's death, called for unity among the militant groups, setting-up of a new militant command council, and separating the militant movement from the goals of agencies — an apparent reference to Pakistan.

Apparently calling for defiance of the United Jihad Council, Lelhari said the militants would take all their military decisions on the ground in Kashmir, "based on the ground realities and strategic interests". "Two representatives from each outfit would form a council and its military decisions would be binding on all outfits," he said. "This practice would breathe new life into the Kashmir jihad".

Mumbai wall collapse: Panel says HC told BMC to shift slum dwellers in '97

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA
MUMBAI, JULY 10

OBSERVING THAT the BMC has delayed rehabilitation of residents of the Kurar village slum in Malad East despite a 1997 Bombay High Court order directing it shift them from the forest land, an independent fact-finding committee on Wednesday stated that the deaths in the wall collapse incident could have been avoided.

On July 2, a part of the 2.3-km boundary wall of BMC's Malad Hill reservoir — built on the forest land in Kurar — collapsed on slum dwellers in Pimpri Pada and Ambedkar Nagar areas, killing 29 and injuring 132 people.

In its report, the committee — comprisng activists, Tata Institute of Social Studies (TISS) students, NGO Ghar Bachao Ghar Banao and social groups — has spoken about an urgent need to provide temporary shelter and socio-medical support to those who lost their hut and kin.

The report stated that the wall was not designed taking into account the topography or the intensity of rainfall that the area experienced. "The wall was poorly designed, it did not have any outlets or holes to allow surface runoff, which would have released the pressure of water that logged behind it. The only outlet for water was a culvert under the asphalt, which was most likely clogged," it added. It further said that the slum dwellers continue to live at a risk of contracting infections with no temporary shelter provided by the BMC even a week later.

Munni Gaud, whose son Shravan (22) died in the wall collapse, said she had earlier paid Rs 7,000 to the BMC as rehabilitation fees following the HC's order for alternative accommodation. "Till now, the government has not acted. Some officials said we will have to move to Mahul. I don't even know where that is," she added. The report claimed that despite an NGT order stating Mahul is "unfit for human habitation", BMC remains keen on shifting the residents 30 km away from their current home. "It shows their apathy towards urban slum dwellers," TISS professor Brinelle D'souza said.

When contacted, P-North ward medical officer Dr Ruchuta Boraskar said slum dwellers have been administered medication to avoid leptospirosis.

P-North committee Chairman Vinod Mishra said, "We have advised the BMC commissioner to look for shelter for the survivors within a 3-km radius from this area."

The attached residence is a double-storey house on the outskirts of Srinagar. *Shuaib Masoodi*

Asiya Andrabi's residence attached by NIA officials

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JULY 10

THE NATIONAL Investigating Agency (NIA) on Wednesday attached the residential house of separatist leader Asiya Andrabi in Srinagar.

She becomes the first separatist leader in the Valley whose property has been attached by the NIA. Earlier, the Enforcement Directorate had attached the residence belonging to the family of separatist leader Shabir Ahmad Shah in connection with a militancy funding and money laundering case.

The house was registered in the name of Shah's wife and daughters.

"Today, on 10.07.2019, NIA has attached a house belonging to Asiya Andrabi...," the agency stated in an official release. "The approval for attachment of the property was granted by DGP, J&K, as required under the law."

While Andrabi lived in the double-storey house, located in Soura, on the outskirts of Srinagar city, it is registered in the name of her late mother-in-law, Mehmooda Begum. Andrabi is in jail since her arrest by the NIA last year; her husband, Ashiq Hussain Faktoo, alias Mohammad Qasim, is serving life imprisonment.

The NIA said that the attachment of house of Andrabi, chief of the women's separatist organisation Dukhtaran-e-Millat (DeM), was "done in connection with crime number RC-17/2018/NIA-DLI".

The agency stated that Andrabi was chargesheeted in the case on November 14, 2018, along with two other accused persons - Sofi Fehmeeda and Nahida Nasreen - and "all three accused are in judicial custody presently".

The attachment order was issued by Vikas Katheria, Superintendent of Police, NIA, who is chief investigating officer in the alleged money laundering case.

"I...have reasons to believe that property specified in the schedule noted hereunder represents proceeds of terrorism and has been used for furtherance of terrorist activities of proscribed terrorist organisation 'Dukhataran-e-Millat," according to the attachment order, posted on the gate of Andrabi's residence by the NIA.

The agency stated that following attachment, the property "can't be sold, transferred or otherwise dealt with in any manner without the express permission of the officer making the order".

SpiceJet staffer dies in mishap during maintenance at Kolkata airport

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JULY 10

IN A freak accident, a 22-year-old technician of SpiceJet was killed after his head got stuck between the hydraulic flaps of the landing gear door of an aircraft during maintenance work at Kolkata airport in the wee hours of Wednesday, an official of the airline said.

The incident took place around 1.45 am when the landing gear door "accidentally" shut, leaving Rohit Virendra Pandey dead. "Pandey was doing maintenance work in right hand main landing gear wheel area of a Q400 aircraft which was parked in Bay No 32 Kolkata Airport on July 10. Inadvertently, the main landing gear hydraulic door closed and he got stuck. The doors were broken to rescue Pandey, but he was declared dead," a statement issued by SpiceJet read.

Pandey lived in Kolkata with his uncle and aunt. His family, originally from Bihar, lives in Mumbai. "We have launched a probe into the incident," PTI quoted a senior official of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). It also stated that the jet was recalled on Tuesday when it was taxiing for take-off due to a technical snag.

Airport police have filed a case of unnatural death. "We are investigating the case... It could be a fallout of some technical glitch or negligence. We are probing from all possible angles," said a senior police officer.

In-laws threatening family since wedding, says father of slain Gujarat Dalit man

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JULY 10

THE FAMILY of Haresh Solanki, a 25-year-old Dalit, who was killed by his wife Urmila's relatives on Monday, said on Wednesday that they were constantly threatened by her family, since the couple married about six months ago.

Haresh was hacked to death by Urmila's father Dashrathsinh Zala and seven other relatives in front of the staff of the 181 Abhayam Women helpline, outside her house.

On Wednesday, police arrested one of the eight accused named in the FIR, even as activists blamed the authorities for allegedly having given them the leeway to escape. The eight accused belong to seven Zala families related to each other and living in Varmor village.

"Haresh had eloped with Urmila and initially, they had gone to Delhi to spend two months over there. I received threats from Urmila's father, brother and uncle demanding that we send the girl back," Haresh's father, Yashwant, told *The Indian Express*. Haresh was employed as a driver in a private company. He met Urmila in Kadi town of Mehsana almost a year ago where she was pursuing her graduation at a college which Haresh used to frequent as part of his job.

Two months after their wedding, the couple returned from Delhi and began living with Haresh's family in Gandhidham. "Two months ago, seven persons from her family arrived at our house and forcibly took her away," Yashwant said. "But Haresh kept persuading us to talk to her parents and bring her back," he said.

"I was earlier posted as a security guard in Gandhidham but I lost that job. Haresh was supporting the family single-handedly," he said. Their family is originally from Unjha in Mehsana. Haresh was cremated in Unjha on Tuesday.

PD Manvar, Deputy superintendent of police, SC/ST Cell, Ahmedabad rural said, "We have arrested one person named Harish Chandrasinh Zala, who was one of the eight accused. Efforts are on to trace the remaining accused."

Kirit Rathod, a Dalit activist based in Ahmedabad said, "After Haresh was attacked, the lady police constable present at the spot called (police control room number) 100, and according to the FIR, police reached the spot in the next 15 minutes. Then how is it possible for all eight accused to flee within this time period? Everybody has vanished into thin air. The police provided enough leeway to the accused to avoid arrest," he alleged. On Monday afternoon, Solanki had sought the help of the 181 helpline team to negotiate with Urmila's family.

BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Prompt action by Kerala RTO officer saves youth from jail term in Lithuania

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 10

A MOTOR vehicle department official's prompt response after working hours has saved a youngster from Kerala from going behind bars in Lithuania.

Nithish Joy, 29, who is pursuing a hotel management course in Latvia, went for a road trip to Lithuania along with four friends. He had obtained an international driving licence from Thrissur in Kerala, but was carrying only a copy. After they entered the Lithuanian territory on June 10, local authorities detained them because Nithish, who was driving, did not have his original licence with him. The officials took up the matter with Wing Commander (retd) Rajinder Kumar Chaudhary, Honorary Consul of India to Lithuania.

Joint regional transport officer B Sreeprakash

Joint regional transport officer B Sreeprakash said, "When I got the call from the Consul, it was around 8 pm and our office had closed much before. Chaudhary got my number from the department website. He told me that I should send the original driving licence for confirmation within next three hours. Otherwise, he said, Nithish and his friends would be lodged in jail at least for 20 days as per their law." Sreeprakash did not waste time.

He went to the Thrissur district collectorate complex, which houses the office of the joint RTO, but the grill outside the office was locked. Sreeprakash got a ladder from the fire services department and climbed over the iron structure to open the office.

"The Consul was reminding me repeatedly that time was running out and if I failed to send the document in time, the youths would be detained for several days. I was able to send the required details within three hours of his first call," he said. Sreeprakash said he did not try to get permission to access the office at odd hours from higher-ups in the department.

"Nithish's father Joy Antony said he had got a call from the Consul about the detention of his son. "We were totally at a loss and could not even grasp what he had told us. If the Consul and the joint RTO had not intervened, my son would have faced much trouble," he said.

CPM asks Centre to scrap changes to Indian Forest Act, says they criminalise tribal life

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

ARGUING THAT the amendments proposed by the BJP government to the Indian Forest Act, 1927 are a "blueprint for centralization, commercialisation and criminalisation," the CPI(M) asked the Centre on Wednesday to withdraw the changes.

The party also insisted on bringing the Indian Forest Act in conformity with the Forest Rights Act and other related laws which they said "seek to redress the historical injustices faced by tribal communities."

In a letter to Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar, CPI(M) politburo member Brinda Karat accused him of defending the amendments and playing down the "extremely repressive measures" proposed in the Act.

Brinda Karat

Karat stated that British colonialists established government ownership over forests and declared tribal communities to be encroachers through the Forest Act, 1927. She added, "91 clauses in the amendments now proposed, including entirely new sections, go even beyond what the British dared to do, by militarising forest conservation."

"The amendments criminalise every aspect of tribal life giving untrammeled powers to the forest bureaucracy to arrest without warrant and use arms to implement the law. Symbolic of this repressive approach is the inclusion of the Chief of Army Staff (s.89-(vii)) as a member in the proposed National Forestry Board. Presumably the Chief of India's army now has the time to discuss how to 'protect' forests, not borders," read her letter.

"On the other side, the role of the gram sabha, particularly in tribal inhabited areas, so critical to management, conservation and preservation of forests and tribal rights has been erased altogether. The amendments are a blueprint for centralisation, commercialisation and criminalisation. The amendments will not help to conserve forests as is its declared aim. On the contrary, the amendments extinguish existing rights of tribals and other Traditional Forest Dwellers..." she added.

The proposed amendments, she said, are "an affront to the Constitution, to democracy and to the legal framework to protect tribal rights, in particular and those of traditional forest dwelling communities in general. She argued that the Environment Ministry has no jurisdiction over the rights of tribals. "Yet through these amendments, your Ministry seeks to supersede all legislations related to tribal rights and make them subordinate to this proposed Act," said Karat.

Rajasthan Budget: Focus on farm sector, no new tax

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, JULY 10

RAJASTHAN CHIEF Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday tabled a populist Budget that proposed a slew of new initiatives and reached out to several sections, including farmers, youth and women. He presented the Budget with a fiscal deficit estimated at Rs 32,678.34 crore — 3.19 per cent of Gross State Domestic Product.

Gehlot said that while no new tax has been imposed, a relief of about Rs 301 crore in taxes has been provided.

The Chief Minister announced a Rs 1,000-crore Farmer Welfare Fund aimed at 'Ease of Doing Farming'. This fund, he said, will be used to ensure "reasonable" prices to farmers for their produce.

The state government also increased the Gaupalan Department's budget by 145 per cent and assured that efforts will be made to assist gaushalas through CSR funds and public participation.

At a press meet after tabling the Budget, Gehlot said women, youth and farmers are his government's priority and that he made the Congress's manifesto for the 2018 state polls the basis for Budget announcements.

For women, he announced an outlay of Rs 1,000 crore under Priyadarshini Indira Gandhi Mahila Shakti Nidhi for "empowerment" through training, education and awareness.

For youths, he announced the CM Youth Employment Scheme where youths will be given loans up to Rs 1 lakh through various government agencies.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot arrives to present the state Budget in Jaipur on Wednesday. *Rohit Jain Paras*

People wanted me to be CM, says Gehlot

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, JULY 10

RAJASTHAN CHIEF Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday said he deserved to be made the Chief Minister as people in Rajasthan were in favour of seeing him as their Chief Minister.

Addressing a press meet after tabling his government's maiden budget, he said, "*Jis tarah janta ne dil se humey yahan bheja hai, is baat ka ehsaas mujhe hai ke poore gaon ke andar, dhaniyon mein, pichle chunav ke waqt mein bhavna thi, ki Ashok Gehlot Mukhyamantri banna chahiye, aur koi nahi banna chahiye, by name aa raha tha.* (The manner in which the public has sent us here with all its heart, I realise that there was an emotion running in villages and in hamlets during the Assembly polls that Ashok Gehlot should be made the Chief Minister, and that no one else should be made, [I was] being proposed by name)".

With the Congress winning most seats in the Assembly elections last year, Gehlot and Sachin Pilot, who later had to be content with the position of Deputy CM, were in race for the top spot.

"*Banney wala name ka, nahi banney wale name aa rahe they* (Names of the one who should be made and the one who shouldn't be made were being heard)," Gehlot said. "And respecting emotions of Rajasthan citizens, Rahul Gandhi, as the Congress president, gave me an opportunity to work.

"*Isiliye mera Mukhymantri banna shapath lena, banta tha* (Hence I deserved to be the CM, take oath)," he said.

MP Budget: Farmers priority as agriculture gets over Rs 46,000 cr

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, JULY 10

CALLING FARMERS its topmost priority, the Kamal Nath-led Congress government in Madhya Pradesh presented its first Budget on Wednesday, allocating Rs 46,559 crore for agriculture, an increase by 66 per cent over the last budget.

Finance Minister Tarun Bhanot allocated Rs 8,000 crore for the second leg of the farm loan waiver scheme. He said before the Model Code of Conduct was implemented, nearly 20 lakh farmers benefited and loans worth Rs 7,000 crore were waived. The finance minister said that if more funds were required, the government will make provision in the supplementary budget.

Accusing the Congress of taking farmers for a ride, the BJP insisted that the Rs 8,000-crore provision was too less because the scheme would cost the government Rs 48,000 crore. The finance minister has not shed light on how much of the Rs 8,000 crore will be passed on to the banks, BJP state president Rakesh Singh said. He alleged that the government passed on only Rs 1,400 crore out of the first allocation of Rs 5,000 crore for the scheme.

No tax hike was announced in the budget that proposes to increase capital expenditure by 21 per cent.

Bhanot announced that the government will constitute an agriculture advisory council to maintain constant dialogue with farmers' representatives.

Accusing the BJP of doing little for cows in the last 15 years, the finance minister reiterated three models for development of gaushalas. Under the first model, money will be used from schemes like MGNREGA and other government sources to build 1,000 gaushalas. He allocated Rs 132 crore for building gaushalas. The second model, called corporate, will promote private investment. The third model will involve development of select land parcels available with big temples. The government will also provide Rs 20 each for cows sheltered in existing gaushalas run by voluntary organisations.

Alleging that the central government has failed in comprehensive management of the economy, Bhanot said it will have an adverse impact on the state's economy. Noting that tax devolution to states was constantly declining, the minister said MP was estimated to get Rs 2,677 crore less from the Centre in 2019-20.

Suspended BJP MLA seen dancing with guns in video, party issues notice

LALMANI VERMA
DEHRADUN, JULY 10

BJP MLA from Khanpur, Uttarakhand, Pranav Singh 'Champion', currently suspended from the party on grounds of indiscipline, has been issued a showcause notice by the party after he was seen in a video brandishing four guns and dancing to a Bollywood song.

After the video went viral, Uttarakhand BJP president Ajay Bhatt said in a series of tweets, "The inappropriate language that the MLA has used for Uttarakhand in the video is highly condemnable and the party is ashamed. The party has issued a showcause notice to the MLA, asking why he should not be expelled from the party. The party has sought a reply within 10 days. The party has taken the matter seriously and is committed to stern action."

BJP state media in-charge Devendra Bhasin said, "What is shown in the video is not the BJP's culture. We cannot support such an act. The party leadership will take cognizance of the video."

Last month, Pranav was suspended from the BJP's primary membership for three months after his dispute with another party MLA and a complaint of alleged misbehaviour with a journalist, said Bhasin.

In the video, Pranav is seen taking sips of drinks while waving his guns. Other men too are seen dancing with him.

Pranav could not be contacted and his associate Dev Vikhyat Bhati said that he was on bed rest because of a leg surgery. Asked about the video, Bhati said, "That video was shot three years back when he was in the Congress. Our political opponents have circulated this video as part of a conspiracy to malign his image. The MLA has carried out a lot of development work in his area and his opponents are upset with that."

He also said Pranav is known as 'king' of "Landhaura Riyasat" in Haridwar.

A former weightlifter who added "champion" to his name, Pranav won his first assembly election as an Independent in 2002. In 2007 and 2012, he won as a Congress nominee. In 2016, Pranav was among nine lawmakers who revolted against then chief minister Harish Rawat and switched from the Congress to BJP.

The Congress has demanded that the BJP take action against Pranav. Congress spokesperson Mathura Dutt Joshi said, "This video shows the real face of the BJP. The BJP MLA in the video can be seen using objectionable language for Uttarakhand. This is a condemnable act by an elected public representative. If the BJP does not take any action against its MLA and gives shelter to him, it will prove that the party is anti-Uttarakhand."

Pranav Singh 'Champion' in the video grab. *ANI*

Tamil Nadu plans 10,000 check dams to tide over water crisis

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JULY 10

GRAPPLING WITH a water crisis in urban and rural areas without a long-term solution, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Wednesday announced construction of 10,000 check dams across the state in the current financial year.

He said Rs 312 crore has been allocated for the project.

Palaniswami said MNREGA workers will be used in construction of these check dams, and they will be built along the floodplains, water channels and streams in rural areas to store water for irrigation and recharge groundwater table.

Specifying that the government will speed up work on completing these projects, a senior PWD official said they will soon deploy engineers to begin the process to scientifically identify locations for the project considering topography and existing floodplain data in each location.

Monsoon failure in two successive years made the water crisis worse this summer. The delayed arrival of the southwest monsoon, which was forecast in the second week of June, also left Chennai and several regions deprived of groundwater resources.

The forecast shows an average rainfall of 45 cm from southwest monsoon. Both Meteorological Department and the state government estimate that water tables will get recharged only by the northeast monsoon by the end of October or November, which is the prominent monsoon season in the region.

"Massive destruction of traditional water tanks in Palar basin (Chennai city is situated here), over-exploitation of groundwater sources in Chennai's suburbs for commercial purposes, and zero water conservation have added to this crisis," a senior consultant with Chennai metro water authority said.

The state, especially Chennai, faced a similar drought situation in 2001-02 period.

Similar to the current crisis, the government had then spent Rs75 crore to bring drinking water to the city by railway wagons.

According to metro water officials, 10 million litres of water per day will start reaching Chennai in wagons from Jolarpet within two days. About 50 wagons, each with a capacity of 55,000 litres, have been brought from Rajasthan for the water transportation project.

EXPLAINED

An effort to compensate over-exploitation

THE TAMIL Nadu government's plan to build 10,000 check dams are in effect a bid to compensate thousands of traditional water tanks that have disappeared over the decades. PWD officials say the state is now left with hardly 4,000 natural water tanks — against nearly 40,000 that existed earlier.

Around 4,000 smaller and bigger water tanks in Chennai metropolitan area were among those that disappeared over the years, and the city is seeing a slow death of some of its major water sources and water systems, including the Palliakranai marshland, due to massive encroachment and destruction, and being used for garbage disposal.

AYODHYA CASE

In SC today: Plea to declare mediation as concluded

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE SUPREME Court will hear on Thursday a plea by a litigant in the Ayodhya dispute, urging that the court declare as concluded the mediation proceedings ordered to find an amicable solution. The plea also urges the apex court to start hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of Allahabad High Court in the matter.

The plea by Rajendra Singh, son of Gopal Singh Visharad, one of the plaintiffs in the original civil suit regarding the Ayodhya land, has been listed before a bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and Abdul Nazeer.

Singh said there had not been "much progress" in the mediation ordered by the court and urged it to declare that it has been "concluded".

A resident of Ayodhya, Visharad had moved the court of civil judge, Faizabad, in 1950, claiming that his right to worship was impeded by the state government, which disallowed him from going near the idol. He had sought an injunction against the removal of idols.

Singh's application stated, "Despite initial reluctance in the process of mediation, the applicant herein wholeheartedly participated in the mediation proceedings conducted by three eminent persons appointed by the court. However, in three meetings participated during five months, neither any concrete proposal has come from anyone nor any headway is likely to be made in the process of mediation." He said he was not called for mediation proceedings that took place in June 2019.

The High Court verdict had ruled that 2.7-acre disputed land at the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site be equally divided among Ram Lalla, Nirmohi Akhara and Sunni Wakf Board.

On March 8, the Supreme Court Constitution Bench, while considering appeals against this ruling, had ordered mediation to seek a solution to the dispute. The court appointed retired apex court judge F M Ibrahim Kalifulla to head the panel.

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1,University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)
SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
O.A. No. 255/2019
Dated:- 08/07/2019
(Summons to defendant under section 19(3), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993
Original Application No. 255 of 2019
ICICI Bank LTD. ...Applicant
Versus
GAURAV SINGH WALIA & OTHERS ...Defendant
To
Mr. Gaurav Singh Walia
Flat No. 2206 Rudra Palace Heights Plot No. Gh 02B, 22nd Floor Block B3 Sector 1, Noida-201307.
Also At:-
407, Block- E 5th Avenue, Gaur City- 1 Noida, Noida- 201308.
2. Mr. Florence Peter
407, Block- E 5th Avenue, Gaur City- 1 Noida, Noida- 201308.
Also At:-
Flat No. 2206 Rudra Palace Heights Plot No. Gh 02B, 22nd Floor Block B3 Sector 1, Noida-201307.
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal Practitioner in this Tribunal, after Serving Copy of the same on the applicant or his Counsal/ duly authorised agent after Publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on **26/09/2019 at 10:30 A.M.** Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993)
OA No. 231/2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant VERSUS
BJENDER SINGH (PROP. OF B.S. MOTORS) .....Defendants
To,
D-1, Bijender Singh S/o. Sh. Kadar Singh Prop. of B.S. Motors (Borrower) R/o. H.No. 847/22B, Sec-22, Vill. Motahera, Tehsil & District, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122001
Also at: B.S. Motors having Office at: H.No. 296B, Sector-6, HB Colony, Dharuhera, Haryana-123106
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 31/07/2019 at 10.30 A.M.
Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 15th day of June, 2019.
Seal By Order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993)
OA No. 501/2017
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant VERSUS
JAI KARAN SHUKLA .....Defendants
To,
D-1 Jai Karan Shukla S/o. Sh. Bhaiya Raja Shukla (Borrower), R/o. House No. 704, Tower No-S Vrindavan Hight Apartment Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201005
Also at: Jai Karan Shukla M/s. Sabka Sai Ex Trading Shop No. B-6, Plot No. 180, UTC Astha Appartment, Main GT Road, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad-201005
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 19/07/2019 at 10.30 A.M.
Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 4th day of June, 2019.
Seal By Order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

SUMMER SPECIAL TRAIN
In order to clear extra rush of passengers during the summer rush, Railways have decided to run the following Special Train as per the schedule given below :-

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06:00	--	Anand Vihar T.	--	07:50

Days of Run : **04117** Ex. **Allahabad** on **12.07.19 (Friday)** and **04118** Ex. **Anand Vihar T.** on **13.07.19 (Saturday).**
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TENDER NOTICE
Sealed tenders are invited from specialised firms/agencies duly registered for printing & supply of study material and Question Papers for the session 2019-20. The tender document containing all the descriptions/specifications regarding the printing works and terms & conditions is available on the website of this office "www.kvsrodehradun.in" and the same may be downloaded from the website and be sent along with the required payment of Rs 500/- (non-refundable) in DD/pay order drawn in favour of "D.C.KVS, RO, Dehradun" towards the tender fee. The sealed tender will be accepted only through registered/ speed post and should be reached in this office on or before 01 August 2019 at 17:00 hrs. The tenders will be opened in the office of the undersigned on 02 August 2019 at 16:30 hrs.
Deputy Commissioner

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001
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OA No. 176/2019
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NARAYANANKUTTY DAMODARANPILLAI PUTHENCHIRAYIL .....Defendants
To,
D-1 Narayanankutty Damodaranpillai Puthenchirayil S/o. Sh. C P Damodaran Pillai (Borrower) R/o. C-5/74, Lawrence Road, Delhi - 110035
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 31/07/2019 at 10.30 A.M.
Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 15th day of June, 2019.
Seal By Order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

इलाहाबाद बैंक विश्वास की परंपरा **ALLAHABAD BANK** A tradition of trust
Head Office: 2, Netaji Subhash Road, Kolkata-700001
NOTICE OF E-AUCTION
E-auction of factory land & building with plant & Machineries on 26.07.2019 on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHATEVER THERE IS" on the platform https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net
E-auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Allahabad Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" basis as on **26.07.2019**. The details of bank's dues, Borrower & Guarantors, Reserve Price, Earnest money & Description of immovable properties is given below:

Sl No	Details of immovable properties	Name of the Borrower(S)	Amount of Secured Debt	Reserve Price (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Branch
01	All that part and parcel of the Land and Building along with present/future construction thereon along with Plant & Machinery: In the name of Smt. Lalita Devi W/o Sri Pravin Kumar, area measuring 15.625 Decimil, Sale Deed No.1035 dated 24.02.2005, bearing Book No.1, Zild No.24/05, Page No.117-123, Khata No.45, Plot No.510, 513, Thana No.467, Situated at Village– Chilkhi, Mauza- Chilkhi, PO- Amba, PS- Kutumba, District– Aurangabad, Bihar, bounded as under (Deed): North- Nij Mokir, South- Kishore Pandey/Road, East- Nij Mokir, West-Prahlad Pandey.	**M/s Pandey Rice Mill, Prop:** Mr. Pravin Kumar **Guarantor:** Smt. Lalita Devi, Mr. Kaushal Pandey	₹1,02,36,230/- (Rupees One Crore Two Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Only) as on 26.06.2018 and interest, Cost & Charges thereon till date of realization	**₹1,37,75,000/-** (Rupees One crore thirty seven lacs seventy five thousand only)	**₹13,77,500/-** (Rupees Thirteen lacs seventy seven thousand five hundred only)	Singhpur

Last Date & time for Submission of Process compliance Form with EMD amount: 24.07.2019 till 5.00 PM at Allahabad Bank, Singhpur (Amba) Branch Account No.21834483889
Date & Time of e-auction: 26.07.2019 from 12.30 PM to 2.30 PM at the platform of http://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net
For further details and Terms & Conditions, Contact: Shri Mithilesh Kumar Jha (Chief Manager), Mob-8004585000
For downloading further details and Terms & Conditions, Please Visit: (i) https://www.allahabadbank.in (ii) http://www.tenders.gov.in (iii) https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net
Date : 09.07.2019
Place : Gaya
Authorized Officer
Allahabad Bank

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
5/9, UNDER HILL ROAD: DELHI- 110054
PUBLIC NOTICE
Sub: Tender for Operation & Maintenance of Automated Vehicle Inspection & Certification (I&C) Centre, Jhuljhuli, New Delhi.
The Tender Document inviting the quotation on above subject is available at e-Tendering system, Govt of NCT of Delhi, vide Tender ID-2019_TD_175178_1 w.e.f. 02/07/2018 at 05:00 P.M.
The last date of filling of Bid is 23/07/2019 at 03:30 P.M.
For details, kindly visit **http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**.
In case of any query, undersigned can be contacted through email.
(S S Chauhan)
Dy. Commissioner (Operations) / VIU -Jhuljhuli
DIP/Shabdarth/0357/19-20 **Email: dcotpt3.delhi@gov.in**

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Raju Rathore S/o Shri Virender Kumar R/o-E-348,New Ashok Nagar,Delhi-110096,have changed my name from Raju to Raju Rathore for all purposes. 0040502499-6

I, **Rajesh** Arya S/o Chandan Ram R/o F-52, Sector-20, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name from Rajesh Kumar to Rajesh Arya for all future purposes. 0040502695-1

I, No. 3998526Y Hav Rahim Singh S/o Late Sh. Chand Ram Unit-15, Dogra residing at Vill-Bhadrad PO-Groru, Teh-Sarkaghat, Distt-Mandi(HP) have changed date of birth of my wife Smt. Mamta Kumari from-21.01.1982 to 22.01.1981 vide, affidavit No.IN-KA46615377339035R dated:-08.07.2019,Meer Hassan, Banglore. 0040502636-3

I,No-8431286M NK KARRI PARAMESWARA RAO, S/o-GODAVARI NAIDU, R/o-VPO-Ganaparthi, Teh-Mungapaka, Distt-Visakhapatnam(AP)-531055,that in my service-record,my son name, has-been written,as K SRI DINESH.But his correct name is K S D S V G NAIDU,for all future purpose. 0040502708-1

I,Neelam Rani W/O Virender Singh R/O-F-2/90,Ground-Floor,Sector-16, Rohini,Delhi-110089. Have Changed My Name To Neelam. 0040502690-8

I,Mamta Rani D/o Brij Bhushan Sharma R/o-D-528 Street No.13, Bhajanpura Delhi-110053,have changed my name to Mamta Sharma for all purposes. 0040502689-3

I, **Mahender Singh** Rawat S/o Udai Singh R/o Village Rekhari Post- Garkhet, Distr Almora-263658, have inform The name of my wife Bhawati & Bhagwati Devi Are Pertaining to one and same Lady 0040502695-2

I,Kawaljeet Kaur W/o-Dhanwant Singh R/o-WZ-766, Plot.No-15, Vishnu-Garden, N.Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur. 0040502705-3

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Sh. Sardar Singh R/o-345-A, Vill. -Neelwal, PO.-Tikri Kalan, New Delhi-41, inform that my son's name Manshu Drall & Manshu both are same person.His correct name Manshu Drall for all future purposes. 0040502636-4

I, hitherto known as Sujeet Kumar S/o Late.Harlal Singh R/o-H.No.423-A, Inderpuri, Karkardooma Delhi-110092.have Changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sujeet Samrat. 0040502687-10

I, Yogesh Kumar @ Yogesh Gogia S/o Sh.Prem Gogia R/o D-11/14, Model Town-II, North-West Delhi, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Yogesh Kumar for all purposes. 0040502614-2

I, Warisha Ahmed D/o Arif Ahmed R/o-4/30, Resham Katra, TajGanj, Agra, UP have changed my name to Warisha Arif. 0040502698-6

I, Vedwati W/o Yoginder Pal Singh,H.No.S-523, School-Block, Part-1, ShakarPur, Delhi-110092. Have changed my name to Vandana Verma. 0040502705-1

I, Varsha Rani D/o Tejvir Singh R/o Flat No-D-401, Plot No.84-B, Euro-Apartment, Sec-5, Rajendra-Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad.have changed my name to Varsha for all purposes. 0040502698-7

I, Taranjeet Kaur W/o Harpreet Singh R/o 9/596, West Gugu Angad Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have change my Daughter's name from Harkiran Aneja to Harkiran Kaur for all future purposes. 0040502619-1

I, Sweta Bansal W/o Mohit Bansal R/o-949, Krishan-Ganj, Pilkhua-Dehat, Hapur, U.P-245304, have changed my name to Shweta Bansal permanently. 0040502687-2

I, Suresh Kumar S/o Late Sh.Om Prakash R/o-H.No126-127, Pocket-22, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085,in my LIC-record my name is wrongly-written as Suresh Garg but my actual name is Suresh Kumar. 0040502698-3

I, Sunil Agarwal s/o Kailash Gupta R/o-Plot.No-7A, 3rd-Floor, Side-Block, MS.Mohan-Garden, Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Sunil Gupta,Permanently. 0040502705-4

I, Sonal Malhotra W/O Paras Verma R/O T24-204 Common Wealth Games-Village LaxmiNagar Delhi Have Changed My Name To Sonal Verma. 0040502690-1

I, Shiv Arya S/o Ishwar Singh Arya, R/o 189-C, Q.U. Block, North Pitam Pura, New Delhi-34, have changed my name as Shiv Kumar Arya. 0040502624-1

I, Savinder Kaur w/o Amrik Singh Sandhu resident VPO Moriwala Sirsa, Haryana, have changed my name to Surinder Kaur Sandhu. 0040502676-2

I, Saroj Sharma S/O-Shivnath Sharma R/O-122, Rithala-Village, Delhi-85.Changed My Name To Saroj Kumar Sharma. 0040502690-4

I, Saran Preet Kaur Arora W/o Anand Singh R/o H.No-4 Road.No-33, East Punjabi Bagh ND-26, have changed my name to Saran Preet Kaur for all purposes. 0040502705-9

I, Rukiyabahen Mohadirfan Chaudhari W/o Irfan R/o Khasra No.8/20 G-47 Shiv Mandir Road Swaroop Nagar Delhi-110042.changed my name to Ruckaiya Chaudhary. 0040502689-8

I, Rekha Devi, D/o Thakur Lal, R/o House No. B-20, Gali No. 1, Bhatia Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana-121004, have finally changed my name to Soni. 0070664256-1

I, Rajni Kaur D/o Hari Om Singh R/o B-4/61-B Keshav-Puram Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Jasmeet Kaur. 0040502687-5

I, Rajeshwari Verma W/o Navin Kumar Hav/Dsv Service No. 1493334h, R/o 75A/B10A, Udaygiri-1, Sector-34, Noida, UP, informs that Rajeshwari Devi & Rajeshwari Verma are same person's name that I will use my name as Rajeshwari Verma in all future purposes. As Affidavit No 77AD 344578. 0040502643-1

I, Rajender Kumar S/o Late Sh.Chiranji Lal R/o 498,Mohalla Mantola, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055, have changed the name of my minor son from Rishab to Rishabh for all purposes. 0040502614-1

I, Rajeev Bhardwaj S/o Raghunath Dass R/o 60, Geeta Apartment, Block-17, Geeta Colony Delhi-110031 have changed my name to Rajiv Bhardwaj for all future purposes. 0040502612-1

I, Raja Gufran S/o Mohd.Firoz R/o-S-7, Balai-Basti Nahrika Naka Sastrinager, Jaipur-302016, Rajasthan, have changed my name to Mohammed Gufran Badgujar, permanently. 0040502689-1

I, Protima Gupta W/O Anil Gupta R/O Flatno-611A, Aralias, Golf-Course-Road, Sector-42, Dlf-Golf-Links, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002.Have Change My Name To Achla Gupta. 0040502690-6

I, Preeti Aggrawal W/o Sanjay Aggarwal R/o L24/5, DLF Phase-2, Gurgaon, Hr-122008, have changed my name to Preeti Aggarwal. 0040502689-4

I, Paramjit Singh S/o Gurdeep Singh R/o-Plot No-55, Chand Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Paramjeet Singh. 0040502689-6

I, Guru Charan Singh Jain S/o Deshpal Singh Jain R/o FlatNo.603, Tower-1, Ansal Sunshine-County, Adhkhalsa-Rai-131029, SONIPAT.have changed my name to Guru Charan Jain. 0040502698-9

I, Dinesh Kumar Sharma S/o Harish Chand Sharma R/o H. No.5131, Gali No.18, Krishna Colony, Sehatpur Extn. Amarnagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121003 have changed my name to Dinesh Sharma. 0040502668-1

I, Dheeraj Kumar S/o Sh. Jagdishwar Pandey R/o 2555, Pocket-2, Sector-C, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, have changed my name to Dheeraj Kumar Bhardwaj for all purposes. 0040502614-5

I, Devendra Kumar S/o Mathura Prasad R/o-251 Om-Apartment, LIG-Flats, Pocket-II, Sec-14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075. changed my name to Devendra Dhyani. 0040502698-10

I, Devender Naagar S/O- Sahib Singh R/O-21-A, Jhang Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-85. Changed My Name To Devender Nagar. 0040502690-5

I, Deepali, D/o Kailash Singh, R/o G-126, Jagjeet Nagar, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Deepali Rawat for all purposes. 0040502657-1

I, Davender, S/o Randhir Singh, R/o VPO Pabnawa, Kaithal, Haryana have changed my name to Davender Bodla vide Affidavit dated 08.07.2019 sworn before Executive Magistrate Dhand (Kaithal). 0070664221-1

I, Chandra Bhan Sharma S/o.Sohan Lal Sharma R/o-704,Shalimar-Gardan, Extn-1, have changed my name to Chander Bhan Sharma for all purpose. 0040502705-2

I, Bipin Chandra Agrawal S/O Mahesh Chandra Agrawal R/O-1627, Barhpura-Colony, Sadar Road, Mathura, U.P-281001, Changed My Name To Bipin Singhal. 0040502698-2

I, Balwinder Kaur W/o Paramjeet Singh R/o-Plot No-55, Chand Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Balvinder Kaur. 0040502689-5

I, Balvinder Kaur Basoor D/O Harcharan Singh Basoor Address-A-54 Sarita Vihar, Delhi-110076. Have Changed My Name To Balvinder Kaur. 0040502698-1

I, Bachan Singh S/o Sh.Ram Nath R/o D-1A/82, Janakpuri, Janakpuri C-4, West Delhi, Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Bachan Singh Dhiman for all purposes. 0040502614-3

I, Parmjeet Singh S/O Mahinder Singh R/O-C-2, Gali Ram-Mandir, New-Govindpura, Krishan Nagar, Delhi-110051.Have Changed My Name To Paramjeet Singh. 0040502690-7

I, Om Prakash Arora S/o Choudhary Ram Kharbanda R/o-B-43 Mohan Park Naveen, Shahdara Delhi-110032,have changed my name to Omprakash Kharbanda 0040502689-2

I, Nisha kaur D/o Hari Om Singh R/o B-4/61-B Keshav Puram Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Kulwinder Kaur. 0040502687-6

I, NAGARAM R/o E-2/43A, Gali No.1, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052 have changed my minor son name from HARISH DEVASI to SHANKAR KUMAR. 0040502632-1

I, Mukesh Kumar S/o Govind Gupta R/o-B-218, F-1, Shalimar Garden, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Mukesh Gupta. 0040502636-1

I, Mohit Kumar, R/o A-35, Trikuta Hills Apartment, C58/27, Sector 62, Noida, UP-201301, have changed my Minor Child's name from Shourya Singh to Shaurya Singh. 0070664257-1

I, Mohit Garg S/o Rakesh Kumar Garg R/o-976, Krishan-Ganj, Pilkhuwa.Hapur, U.P-245304, have changed my name to Mohit Kumar Garg permanently. 0040502687-1

I, Mohadirfan Abbasbhai Chaudhari S/o Abbas R/o Khasra No.8/20 G-47 Shiv-Mandir Road-Swaroop Nagar Delhi-110042. changed my name to Irfan Chaudhary. 0040502689-7

I, Mansi Walia W/o Yogesh Walia R/o RZ-D-1/125,Gali No.7,Mahavir Enclave-I,New Delhi-110045 have changed my name to MEENU WALIA permanently. 0040502636-2

I, Manju Devi W/o Navdeep (16016675M) R/o VPO Achina, Tehsil & District Charkhi Dadri, Haryana have changed my name to Manju Kumari. 0040502689-9

I, Laltaish Rani, R/o G1/1101, Mansarovar Park, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Lalita Sharma. 0070664254-1

I, Lalit Kumar S/O Ramesh Chandra R/O-1/3054, 3rd-Floor, Plot.No-A-20, Gali.No-18, Ramnagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. Changed My Name To Lalit. 0040502705-5

I, Kuldip Atri,S/O Sewa Ram Atri R/O-22, Nav Vikas-Apartment, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110089, Have Changed My Name To Kuldeep Atri. 0040502690-9

I, Kuldeep Chand S/O Jatt Ram, R/O-B-19, U/G Floor, Galino-6, Rajapuri, Vishwas-Park, Uttamnagar, N.Delhi-110059. Changed My Name To Kuldeep Thakur. 0040502705-7

I, Kanchan Negi W/o Amit Patwal R/o 2nd D/10-B, Kamna, Vaishali, Ghaziabad.have changed my name to Kanchan Amit Patwal for all purposes. 0040502698-8

I, Jyotshnarani Patra, W/o Nabaghan Patra, Residing at Flat No. 33, Mahabhadrakali CGHS, Plot No. 6, Sector-13, Dwarka, Delhi-110078, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Jyotsna Patra in the Educational Documents of Minor Daughter Lipsita Patra aged 13 years. The actual name of mine is Jyotshnarani Patra, which may be amended accordingly. 0070664255-1

I, Js Narkis Anal W/O Peter Augustine R/O.Flat.No-515, C&D-Block, Sfs-DDA-Flats, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088. Have Changed My Name To Narkis Peter. 0040502690-3

I, Joginder Pal S/O-Bachiter Ram R/O - Ward No.-1, Begumpura Enclave, Mirpur Chowk, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521. Changed My Name To Joginder Singh. 0040502690-2

I, Neelam Rani W/O Bhavnesh Asija Resident At M-56 Block-M NirmalPuri Lajpat-Nagar-4 Delhi-110024. Have Changed My Name To Neelam Asija. 0040502689-10

I, Jasmeen Kaur W/o Balsher Singh R/o-Badal Sri Muktsar Sahib Punjab-152113.have changed my minor daughter's name Chitman Dhilon to Chitman Kaur Dhilon. 0040502687-3

I, Ibrahim Isaq Sama R/o J4/44, 4th Floor, Khirki Extn, Malviya Nagar, ND-17, have changed my minor son's name from Sama Wasim Ibrahim to Wasim Ibrahim Sama. 0040502629-1

I, Harpreet Singh s/o Rajinder Singh r/o C-201, Sukhsagar Apartment, Plot No.-12, Sector-9, Dwarka, Delhi-110075, have changed my minor daughter's name from Divjot Sethi to DIVJOT KAUR SETHI. 0040502649-1

I, Hardeep Kaur W/o Amardeep Singh R/o-19A South-Anarkali Krishna-Nagar East New Delhi.changed my minor daughter's name Parneet to Parneet Kaur. 0040502698-4

I, Hari Singh S/O Siya Ram R/O-45-B, Pocket-A-1, Mayur-Vihar Phase-3, Delhi-110096. Changed My Name To Hari Singh Choudhary. 0040502705-6

I, Arif Nazma D/o Mohammad Shamim R/o-4/30, Resham Katra, TajGanj, Agra, UP have changed my name to Nazma Arif. 0040502698-5

I, Ashwarya D/o Ravinder Sharma R/o-C/3 Lajpat-Nagar Jungpura,New Delhi-110024.changed my name to Aishverya affidavit dated-9.Jul.2019. 0040502705-8

I, Anubha Singhal D/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar Jain R/o B-22, U.G. Jain Mandir, Radhey Puri, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Anubha Jain. 0040502638-1

I, Anesh Kumar R/o H.No.32, Village Asalatpur Khawad, Delhi-110043 have changed my son name from Harsh Chaudhary to Arsh Chaudhary for all purposes. 0040502611-1

I, Amrik Singh s/o Baldev Singh resident VPO Moriwala Sirsa, Haryana, have changed my name to Amrik Singh Sandhu. 0040502676-1

I, Amajeet Singh Bedi S/O Pratap Singh Bedi.H.NO-26,Third-Floor, Gopal Nagar,Tilak-Nagar,New-Delhi-110018. Changed my Name to Amarjeet Singh Bedi. 0040502690-10

I, Aliza Shafiq D/o Mr. Shafique ul Hassan R/o K-281, Pocket K, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076, have changed my name from Aliza Shafique to ALIZA SHAFIQ for all future purposes. 0040502634-1

I, Ajeet Singh @ Ajeet Singh Arya @ Ajeet Singh Chaudhary @ Ajit Singh S/o Late Sh.Fateh Singh R/o-I-543, I-Block, Anandvas Shakurpur, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Ajeet Singh Arya for all purposes. 0040502614-4

I, Abhishek S/O Rajesh Chand R/O-1775,Chok Shah Mubarak,Sita Ram Bazaar,Gali-Khatikan,Delhi-110006,Have Changed My Name To Abhishek Chola For All Future Purposes. 0040502636-5

I, Abhishek Kumar R/o B-21 Lake View Apts. Ward-8 Mehrauli ND-110030 changed my minor son name Aryan to Aryan Chaudhary. 0040502687-4

I, 12964311P, Hav Faried Ahmad Khan S/O Late Mohammad Sharief Khan, R/O- Kawhar Bala, Tehsil/ District-Baramulla. In my service records, name of my son has been wrongly mentioned as Farhan Farid Khan instead of Faizan Farid Khan. It needs correction. Objections be filed to 161 Inf Bn TA H&H JAKLI within seven days. 0020388745-1

I Sharel Agarwal D/O Sunil Agarwal R/o 129-A, Old Anarkali Krishna-Nagar Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Sharel Aggarwal for all future. 0040502687-7

I Masoda W/O Mohd Irfan R/o H.No-33, Raipur-Bhagwanpur Haridwar UK- 247661 changed my name to Masooda Khatoon. 0040502687-9

I Kanta Pawar, wife of late Shri Kaver Bal Behari MES 308283 (UDC) hereby inform that Madhwi Pawar and Kanta Pawar is one and same person, and same will be rectified in my husband Service Book maintained by GE Central, Delhi cantt. If anyone have any objection, He/She may inform undersigned and GE Central with substaintial evidence within 30 days of this notice. Contact No.9891948855 0040502675-1

I Halima Parveen W/O Mohd Gufran R/o H.No-33, Raipur-Bhagwanpur Haridwar UK-247661 changed my name to Halima Baigam. 0040502687-8

I Anurag S/o Uma Shankar Shukla R/o Village & Post-Sarh, Kanpur U.P.-209401 have changed my daughter's name from ANANYA to ANANYA SHUKLA vide affidavit dated 06 July 19 before Notary Public Kanpur. 0040502458-1

I Akash Kumar Panchal S/o Bijender Singh R/o B-834, Panchvati Society F Block Vikas Puri New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Akash K Panchal. 0040502678-1

CORRECTION OF NAME

I, **PREETI DUBEY, D/o MANMOHAN DUBEY,** residing at RT 522, Royal Tower, Shipra Suncity, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, 201014, India, declare that my name has been wrongly entered as PREETEE DUBEY in my educational documents. The actual name of mine is PREETI DUBEY which may be amended accordingly. Sworn before Notary **R. K. GUPTA**, vide affidavit dated **1.5.2019** at GHAZIABAD.

LOST & FOUND

I, Padma Srinivasan D/o Late V Srinivasan I booked Flat No.Sat-4 Unit-No.212 Project Known as Blosoom situated at Plot No.GH-02 Sector-143 Noida Lost this property Original Documents Builder buyer Agreement, Allotment letter, Original payment receipts, and all Original Documents finder Plz Contact-9810677021. 0040502708-4

It is notified for information, that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main Secondary Examination of Year 2017 and Roll No. 8118497 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of Candidate: Sohrab Anwar, Full Address: Karukappadath, Town Limit Road, Aluva - 683 101, Kerala, India. Tel: +91 94001 97999. 0030097741-1

I, Manisha Rathore, have lost my Graduation Marksheet Roll No-141061007, Passing Year-2017, from Sharda University, Finder Please Contact-816890257, Email-manisharathore3645@gmail.com. 0040502702-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC AT LARGE HEREBY INFORMED THAT My Client Mr. Suraj Mal S/O Late Niater Singh aged about 58 year R/O H. N. 220, Dwarka Sector 19, Ambrahi village, South West Delhi, Delhi- 110077. Has disowned and Severed his all Relation With His Son Rohit and his Wife Namely Ms. Shalu and D/O Ram Chander H.N. 220, Dwarka Sector 19, Ambrahi village, South West Delhi, new Delhi- 110077. Due To Cruel Treatment by them, He Disinherited / Disowned Them From All her Properties-Movable and Immovable. Any Body Dealing With Them be doing So at His/Her/Their Own Risk And Consequences.

H.L. VERMA (Advocate)
Ch. No. 181-A, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

KNOW ALL MEN that my clients SH. PUSHPAL SINGH S/o late Sh. Joginder Singh and his wife SMT. RENU RAJPUT, both R/o 382/1, Second Floor, Gali No.21, Shiv Nagar, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 have severed all their relations with their son namely SH. SAHIBPREET SINGH and his wife SMT. SONAKSHI D/o Mr. Srikrishan because of the unwarranted and untoward behavior of Smt. Sonakshi. My above said clients do hereby debarred both Sh. Sahibpreet Singh and Smt. Sonakshi from all their movable and immovable properties and they shall not be responsible or liable for any of their acts or deeds and anyone dealing with them in any way or manner whatsoever, shall be doing it on his/their own risks and consequences.

Sd/-
J.S. KALRA (Advocate)
Ch. No. 296, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to the general public at large on behalf of my client Mrs. Vijay Laxmi W/o Late Sh. Vijay Mohan Malhotra R/o C-24B, Anoop Nagar, Bindapur, Uttam Nagar, Delhi, that the husband of my client was the sole and absolute owner of Property bearing No. C-23-B & C-24-B, land area measuring 10+48 = 58 sq. yds. Approx., second floor two rooms set, with roof rights, out of Khasra No. 212 and 110, situated in the area of Village Bindapur, Delhi, abadi known as Anup Nagar, in Block-C, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 vide sale deed dated 29.11.2004, who expired on 03.02.2014 and leaving behind his wife Mrs. Vijay Laxmi as his only legal heirs and successors and after the death of Sh. Vijay Mohan Malhotra my client became the sole and absolute owner of the aforesaid property.

It is hereby made clear that if any one has any objection/claim regarding the aforesaid property which devolve upon my client after the death of her husband Sh. Vijay Mohan Malhotra come forward within 7 days from the date of publishing this public notice alongwith the relevant documents.

Sd/-
VIKAS SHARMA (Advocate)
Ch. No. 214, Civil Side, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

"The general public may know that My client, Mrs. Purnima Arora W/o Sh. Rajeev Arora R/o 46, C & D Block, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-88, in her full senses and with her free will, declares that she has severed all her relations with her youngest sister Mrs.Namita Nagpal W/o Sh. Mohnish Nagpal, R/o C5C / 32 B, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 in view of the hostile and abusive behavior of Namita towards my client and her family members and her attempts of maligning the social image of my client and her family by misusing social media. My client will not be liable for any acts / omissions of the above Mrs. Namita Nagpal and/or Mohnish Nagpal.

Sd/-
SURESH KUMAR SHARMA (Advocate)
AB-139, G.F. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-88

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, for and on behalf of my client Shri Amar Bahadur S/o Shri Vasudev R/o H.No.13, Malikpur Village, Near Model Town, Delhi -110009, hereby inform to the General Public at large that my Client has severed off/disconnected all his relations with his son namely "SANJEET KUMAR" and his dependents/ legal heirs, and has debarred/disowned them from his all movable and immovable properties (as he has already taken his share) for all intents and purposes as they are out of their control for the last 15 years. If anybody deals with them he/she shall be liable and responsible for the consequences.

DEVENDRA PAL SINGH (Advocate)
Flat No.RU-368, Pitampura, Delhi-110088
Enrl. No.D/2621/06

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given to all concerned, that my client is desirous of purchasing the entire first floor of property bearing number A-11/2, DDA SFS, SAKET, NEW DELHI - 110017 from its lawful owner Mr. SUJIT PAL SINGH. Any person(s), entity, institution or organization having any kind of claim, right, title, interest or objection of any nature in respect of the said flat, may come with his/her claim within 7 days of publication of this notice, to the undersigned. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained.

Adv. Jojo Jose
ABC Advocates, 130, Siddhartha Enclave, Ring Road New Delhi-110014
Enrollment No. K/3271/99
Mob. 9891779857

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client Sh. Mahesh Kumar Bhatia S/o Sh. Vasdev R/o A-70, Himgiri Enclave, Chander Vihar, Nilothi Extn. New Delhi- 110041 has severed all his relationship with immediate effect with his adopted son namely Navneet Kumar as he is no longer in his control and who has been living separately for the last 16 years. My client has also decided to disown him from his all moveable and immoveable properties. Any one dealing with him shall do so at his own costs, risks and consequences resulting therefrom. My client and his family members shall not be responsible for the same.

Sd/-
RAJBIR BANSAL (ADVOCATE)
D/498/2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to General Public inform that my client Sh. Bhagwati Prasad Kukreti and Smt. Chander Kala Kukreti both resident of H.No.5, Gali No.1, Saheed Bhagat Singh Colony, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-94, disowned their son Sh. Pradeep and his wife Suman from all his movable and immovable assets, because of their unfamiliar, cruel and unfair attitude and behavior.

D & K Associates
(Advocates & Legal Conslutant)
Ch.No.390-A, Criminal Side, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT SMT. SATISH KUMARI W/O SH. PURAN CHAND R/O WZ-3673, RAJA PARK, RANI BAGH, DELHI-110034, IS THE ALLOTTEE OF PLOT BEARING NO. 81, IN BLOCK-B, POCKET-3, AREA MEASURING 32.00 SQ. MTRS., SITUATED AT SECTOR - 37, ROHINI, DELHI AND SHE HAS MISPLACED/LOST THE ORIGINAL FDR VIDE APPLICATION NO. 135335 & PRIORITY NO. 16468 & HAVE LODGED A FIR/NCR VIDE LR NO. 1239248/ 2019 DATED 08.07.2019, WITH POLICE STATION, CRIME BRANCH, DELHI, IF ANY BODY FIND THE SAID DOCUMENT, PLEASE INFORM HIM AT THE ABOVESAID ADDRESS OR PH. NO.:- 9873733110.
IF ANY OTHER CLAIMENT HAS ANY RIGHT IN THE AFORESAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULD FILE AN FIR & GIVE INTIMATION TO DY/ASST. DIRECTOR (LSB), DDA VIKAS SADAN, INA, NEW DELHI WITH IN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE

Sd/-
RENU BALA (Advocate)
Enrl No. D-4533/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for information of general public that my clients **Mohd. Shamshad** S/o Liyakat Hussain and **Amina Khatoon** both R/o H.No E-37, Rani Garden, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-31, have disowned their daughters namely **Shama** and **Heena** and their family & they shall have no right or concern with my clients and their moveable and immoveable properties. In future my clients shall not be held liable and responsible for the acts and deeds of said **Mohd. Shamshad** and **Amina Khatoon**.
Tarun Babbar (Advocate) Manu Appts., Mayur Vihar-I, Delhi-110091.

EDUCATIONAL

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my clients Shri Ramesh Pratap Chhibbar, S/o Late Shri Atal Pratap Chhibbar, and Smt Anita Chhibbar, W/o Shri Ramesh Pratap Chhibbar, Both R/o House no A-2 / 62, Varun Apartments, Plot no - 12, Sector - 9, Rohini, Delhi, had severed & disconnected all their connections & relations with their son namely Sh. Rahul Chhibbar and his wife Gunjan Chhibbar, on account of their disobedient and anti-family attitude and acts and also disowns/disinherits them from all their (Ramesh Pratap Chhibbar's & Smt Anita Chhibbar's) properties, movable or immovable, whether presently owned or even may own by them in future.
Take note that any person dealing with their above named son (Rahul Chhibbar) and his wife (Gunjan Chhibbar) under the impression and belief of being the son and daughter-in-law of my clients or successor of the properties of my clients, shall do the same at its own risk and my clients shall not be held responsible for the same in any manner and my clients would not be liable for the same.

Sd/-
NITIN SEHGAL (Advocate)
A-2/56, Varun Apartments, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice hereby given that certificates in respect of below mentioned equity shares of the M/s. CERA SANITARYWARE LIMITED ('Company') have been lost/ misplaced/stolen and the holders of the said shares, Mr. Prem Kumar Kapahi and Rajiv Kapahi have applied to the company for issue of Duplicate share certificates in lieu of the Original Share Certificate no. 3689-3690 belonging to Folio No. 00002357. Any person having claims/objection in the said shares, should communicate to the Company at the registered office of the company within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the company shall proceed to issue Duplicate Share Certificates

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all public that my client Sh. Man Singh S/o Sh. Late Sh. Murari & his wife Mrs. Babli R/o E-II-239, Madangir, New Delhi-110062, has disowned /debarred their son namely Mr. Deep and his wife Smt. Meenakshi from all their movable and immovable properties/assets and severed all relations due to their disobedience and bad behavior. My client shall not be responsible for their any acts and deeds in any manner whatsoever.
Jitendar Singh, Advocate
Ch. No. 469, Lawyers Block Saket Court Complex, New Delhi-17, Mob: 8800876270

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Heena Sharma Advocate on behalf of my clients Mr. Rajeev Suri and Ms Rita Suri, (mother of Mr. Rajeev Suri), R/o House No.4, Road No.25 Near Hansraj Model School, West Punjabi Bagh Extn. New Delhi-26, caused this notice to the general public that my above mentioned clients have barred and disowned all relationship with Mr. Ritesh who is the son of Mr. Rajeev Suri and Ms. Sunita Suri who is the ex-wife of Mr. Rajeev Suri after the divorce between Rajeev Suri and Sunita Suri in 2004. They have no relationship whatsoever with either Sunita suri or Ritesh Suri, hence both of them have no right whatsoever on my clients or their movable or immovable property. If anybody deals with them in any manner, he/shall do so at his/her own risks, costs and consequences. My clients have no concern with them in any manner.

Heena Sharma Advocate
Office : 2/75, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the Public at large that my client namely Ram Babbar S/o Joginder Babbar R/o H.No. 726, First Floor, West Guru Angad Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 does not have any concern with Company namely M/s Croyez Immigration Service Private Limited having its office at 12/304, 1st Floor, Sona Complex, 52nd Street, 7th Avenue Ashok Nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600083 in any manner whatsoever of any kinds.

SD/- Yogesh Dhama (Advocate)
Enrl. No. D-1513/03
Dhama and Associates
E-523, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-51

PUBLIC NOTICE

Undersigned on behalf of his client L.I.C. Housing Finance Ltd. informs that Smt. Rekha Srivastava, Wife of Sri Jai Prakash Lal is taking housing loan from L.I.C. Housing Ltd.. In the chain of title deed the original sale deed dated 10.02.2000 executed by Marutipuram Sahkari Awas Samiti Ltd. in favour of Smt Kamal Bala Srivastava, Wife of Sri Hari Prakash Srivastava regarding Plot No.7, area 1800 Sq. ft. Khasra No. 283 and 184/1, Village- Husediya, Lucknow has been lost, which ever financial institution or person has any objection may present his objection before the undersigned within 15 days, otherwise the mortgager & mortgagee shall have no liability.

L.I.C. Housing Finance Ltd.	**Sd/-**
Area Office, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow.	**O.P. Jauhari Advocate**
Phone No	**342/18, Naubasta, Lucknow**
0522-4070163	**Mo. No. 7753916910**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (ORDER 5, rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
In the court of Ms. Geetanjali
Senior Civil Judge-cum-Rent Controller
Shahdara District
Room No. 49, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi
Suit No.: CS-10675/16
M/s Vijay Kapoor Chits P Ltd.
Versus
Anju Etc.
To,
1. Smt. Anju W/o Vishal Kumar R/o E-329, Mandir Marg, East Babarpur, Shahdara, Delhi-32
2. Sh Vishal Kumar S/o Sh. Anand Kumar R/o E-329, Mandir Marg, East Babarpur, Shahdara, Delhi-32
The Defendants above named
WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons. It is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the **26-07-2019** the day fixed for the final disposal. It will be heard and determined ex-parte.
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the court, this 01-07-2019.
Sd/
(Seal) Senior Civil Judge-cum-Rent Controller Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts Delhi

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead at Ring Road infront of Juvenile Jail Towards ISBT, Majnu ka Tila, in the area of PS. Timarpur, Delhi on 01.07.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 08A, Dated 01.07.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Timarpur, Delhi** The description of the dead body is given as under: **Name**: Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age**: 30 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion**: Shallow, **Wearing**: Red Colour Baniyan, Black Colour Paijama & Bare Footed. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

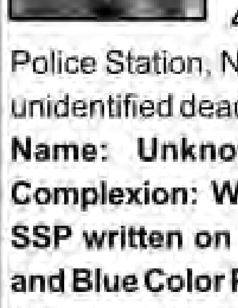
S.H.O
P.S. Timarpur, Delhi
DP/198/N/19 **Ph.: 011-23812734, 23814421**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an **unidentified dead body of a foetus namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 03.07.2019 at Koode Daan, Shivaji Road, Near Matawali Mandir, Azad Market, Delhi.** In this regard proceeding **DD No. 46/19, dated 03.07.2019** has been lodged at Police Station, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of foetus is as under:
Name: Unknown, Age: 6 Month, Height: 15 cm, Complexion: Fair.
If anyone have any information or clue about this foetus deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi
DP/203/N/19 **Ph.: 011-23528060, 8750870125**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an **unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 06.07.2019 at 12:10 pm, Bawana Canal, Near Sector-05, DSIDC, Delhi.** In this regard proceeding **DD No. 41-A, dated 06.07.2019** has been lodged at Police Station, Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:
Name: Unknown, Age: 30-32 Years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, ID Mark: OM and SSP written on right hand, Wearing: Yellow Dotted Shirt and Blue Color Pant.
If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station, Narela Industrial Area, Delhi
DP/426/ON/19 **Ph.: 011-27787592, 27787593**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely:** Madesh Ramaswamy, S/o - Unknown R/o: Unknown, **Age:** 45 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, who was found from T-Point Pamposh Enclave, Greater Kailash-1 New Delhi. In this regard a case **DD No: 22 A dated 01.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Greater Kailash-1, Delhi.**
Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO
P.S. Greater Kailash-1, Delhi
DP/5567/SD/19 **Tel. No. 011-26241077**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Shivani

General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: **Shivani** D/o **Vinod Kumar** R/o **H. No. I-133, Sunder Nagri, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from her house since **04.06.2019.** In this regard **DD No. 42-A** dated **05.06.2019** has been registered at **PS. Nand Nagri, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.
Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 18 years **Height:** 5'4" ft., **Complexion:** Fair **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Blue Color Suit - Salwar, Golden Color Chunni and Chappal in feet.
Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-

Website:http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No.: 011-24368639
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641

SHO
P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi
Ph. No.-011-22585985
Mob. No- 8750870730
DP/7154/NE/19

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Letter No. 2309/OMC/ROG/2019 **Date 09/07/2019**
TCN No. 01/OMC/ROG/F&E/2019, DATE 09/07/2019
SHORT TENDER CALL NOTICE
MEASUREMENT OF MOISTURE & SILT CONTENT AT GANDHAMARDAN IRON ORE MINES.

Sealed quotations are invited by OMC Ltd., Regional Office, Gandhamardan for measurement of **Moisture content & Silt content** at Gandhamardan-A & B Iron Ore Mines and submit the report at the end of every quarter, 1st quarter being 30th September, 2019 for a period of five years. The detail timelines & terms and conditions of the tender is available in OMC website: **www.omcltd.in** which can be downloaded and submitted along with the cost of tender paper.

30005/11/0021/1920 Sd/-
Regional Manager
Gandhamardan Iron Ore Mines

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TELLING NUMBERS

The gap between high and low earners, in India and world

LABOUR INCOME DISTRIBUTION (%) BY DECILE
(Deciles ordered from bottom 10% earners to top 10%)

	GLOBAL		INDIA	
DECILE	2004	2017	2004	2017
1	0.1	0.1	0.30	0.25
2	0.4	0.5	0.62	0.63
3	0.7	1	0.95	1.01
4	1.3	1.8	1.37	1.33
5	2.1	3	1.87	1.92
6	3.5	4.9	2.57	2.67
7	5.8	7.6	3.65	3.65
8	10.2	11.9	5.73	5.59
9	20.3	20.1	13.05	13.53
10	55.5	48.9	69.9	69.42

The Global Labour Income Share and Distribution', International Labour Organisation

THE TOP 10 per cent earners in India made over 69 per cent of the country's labour income in 2017, in contrast to 0.25 per cent made by the bottom 10 per cent earners, according to a global report by the UN arm International Labour Organisation (ILO). This gap has been consistent in India since 2004, when the top decile had earned about 70 per cent of the total income and the poorest 10 per cent had earned 0.30 per cent.

Globally, the top 10 per cent earners made a little under half the total income of 2017, compared to less than 2 per cent earned by the the lowest paid 30 per cent workers, said the report, which covered 189 countries. On an average, the bottom 10 per cent workers earned $22 a month in 2017 while the top decile earned $7,475. In other words, the poorest 10 per cent would need to work three centuries more if they were to reach the $7,475 level of the top decile.

While the pay inequality has remained consistent in India, it has reduced at the global workplace in the last 13 years. The income share of the richest 10 per cent was down to 48.9 per cent in 2017 from 55.5 per cent in 2004. While the report attributed this to the rise of emerging markets such as China and India, the pay inequality in these countries is more pronounced. China's 10 per cent richest workers earned 42.12 per cent of its labour income against the bottom decile's 0.47 per cent in 2017.

Worldwide, the income share of the middle 60 per cent workers grew to 30.2 per cent in 2017 from 23.6 per cent in 2004, while the share of the richest 20 per cent workers came down by 6.8 percentage points.

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT

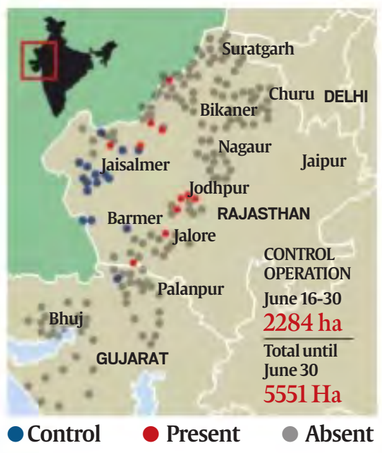
FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

HOW INDIA CONTROLS LOCUSTS

ON TUESDAY, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar told Parliament that since May 21, there has been an incursion of desert locusts in Rajasthan and Gujarat from areas bordering Pakistan. "Neither the desert locust control teams nor any state agriculture functionaries have reported any damage to the crops," Tomar said (*The Indian Express*, July 10).

India has a Locust Control and Research scheme that is being implemented through the Locust Warning Organisation (LWO), established in 1939 and amalgamated in 1946 with the Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine and Storage (PPQS) of the Ministry of Agriculture, according to the PPQS. The LWO's responsibility is monitoring and control of the locust situation in Scheduled Desert Areas mainly in Rajasthan and Gujarat, and partly in Punjab and Haryana.

The LWO publishes a fortnightly bulletin on the locust situation. The latest bulletin on the PPQS website, for the second fortnight of June, said control operations had covered 5,551 hectares by June 30. By July 3, this had risen to 8,051 hectares, according to the minister's written reply in Parliament.



Locust Warning Organisation status report. The area covered has risen since this bulletin for June 16-30.
Desert Locust Situation Bulletin, PPQS, Ministry of Agriculture

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SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Reading the Speaker's rulebook

Faced with resignation letters from 16 MLAs, the Karnataka Speaker has said he needs to go through the rulebook before taking a decision. What do these rules prescribe for the Speaker in such situations?

PRADEEP KAUSHAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

AS MORE and more MLAs of the Congress and the JD(S) resign in Karnataka, reducing the ruling coalition to a minority, all eyes are on Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar who has not yet decided on the resignations. What is the role that is expected of the Speaker under such circumstances? A look at what the rulebook says, and the unfolding situation:

Where do the resignations leave the ruling coalition in term of numbers?

The majority mark in the 224-member Assembly is 113. Without taking the resignations into account, the ruling coalition has a strength of 116 — 78 MLAs of the Congress, 37 of the JD(S) and one of the BSP — besides the Speaker himself, whose casting vote, if required in a trust vote, would raise the count to 117.

So far, 16 MLAs — 13 of the Congress and three of the JD(S) — have submitted their resignations. If these are accepted, it will reduce the Assembly strength to 208, the majority mark to 105, and the ruling coalition's strength to 100, besides the Speaker.

The BJP, which already had 105 MLAs, now has an effective strength of 107, with two independent MLAs having already quit the ministry.

What has the Speaker's stand been?

On Tuesday, he told the media: "Anybody can come and resign; they are free to do so. I will be in my office till evening. But I cannot accept [the resignations] immediately as I would need to verify them. I need to go through the rulebook, understand it and then come to a conclusion. All members are elected individually. I don't want to commit a mistake; the future should not consider me as an accused."

On Saturday, he had told the media that he had asked his office to take the resignations for the time being. "Tomorrow [Sunday], the office will be closed... Monday I have prior engagement, so on Tuesday I will go to office and take further action, in accordance with rules."

So, what does the rulebook say?

Under Rule 202(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, "a member who desires to resign his seat in the House shall intimate in writing under his hand addressed to the Speaker his intention to resign his seat in the House in the following form and shall not give any reason for his resignation."

JD(s) and Congress MLA at the Speaker's office to submit their resignation on July 6. Speaker Ramesh Kumar (below) has not yet taken a decision. *PTI*

Thereafter, it lays down the format of a resignation letter: "I hereby tender my resignation of my seat in the House with effect from (the date)."

The rulebook spells out the mode for dealing with any deviation from the process laid, saying: "Provided that where any member gives any reason or introduces and extraneous matter the Speaker may in his discretion omit such words, phrases or matter and the same shall not be read in the House."

The subequent sub-rule, 202(2), says: "If a member hands over the letter of resignation to the Speaker personally and informs him that the resignation is voluntary and genuine and the Speaker has no information or knowledge to the contrary, and if he is satisfied, the Speaker may accept resignation immediately."

When 13 of the 16 MLAs — 10 of the Congress and three of the JD(S) — reached the Speaker's office on Saturday to submit their resignations, the Speaker reportedly left his office and they submitted their papers to his office. Later, they met with the Governor and informed him of their decision to resign.

What happens if an MLA cannot submit his or her resignation letter in person?

Sub-rule 202(3) says: "If the Speaker receives the letter of resignation either by post or through someone else, the Speaker may make such inquiry as he thinks fit to satisfy himself that the resignation is voluntary and genuine. If the Speaker, after making a summary enquiry either himself or through the agency of Legislative Assembly Secretariat or through such other agency, as he may deem fit; is satisfied that the resignation is not voluntary or genuine, he shall not accept the resignation."

In this case, however, the MLAs had personally gone to his office to hand over their resignations.

In fact, Article 101(3) of the Constitution, as originally framed, did not contain any provision for acceptance of the resignation by the Presiding Officer, and this implied that the resignation became effective when it was received by the Presiding Officer or the Secretariat. According to M N Kaul and S L Shakdher ('Practice and Procedure of Parliament'): "The element of acceptance of resignation was introduced by the Constitution (33rd Amendment) Act, 1974 to place a check on any forced resignation."

Sushil Chandra Varma, the then BJP MP from Bhopal, had sent his letter of resignation to the Lok Sabha Speaker on February 15, 1999. He was asked to confirm whether his resignation was voluntary and genuine. Meanwhile, Varma not only participated in a vote held on February 26, 1999, but also started signing the members' attendance register from March. After he was summoned by the Speaker and asked to clarify on this, Varma wrote to the Speaker on March 19, 1999, stating that the issues that had made him tender his resignation had since been sorted out. On his request, the Speaker treated his resignation as having been withdrawn.

What is the case of 'disqualification' that the Congress is talking about?

While Congress leaders are trying to wean the defectors back, the party leader in the Assembly, K Siddaramaiah, has said that the Congress would seek the disqualification of rebel MLAs who have put in their papers because, he claimed, their resignations were not voluntary and genuine.

The 10th Schedule of the Constitution provides that a member of an Assembly or Parliament will be disqualified "if he voluntarily gives up the membership" of the party on whose ticket he has been elected.

In the curently unfolding situation, however, neither the Congress nor the JD(S) has complained yet about any of the MLAs giving up the membership of their respective parties. The 16 MLAs have themselves chosen to quit the Assembly.

How PIB accreditation helps journalists

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

THE UNION Ministry of Finance has justified recent restrictions on the entry of journalists, even those holding a Press Information Bureau (PIB) card, in the Finance Ministry on the ground that the government is simply streamlining the interactions between the media and the government. Many journalists holding a PIB card are feeling aggrieved.

What does PIB accreditation do for journalists? Does it provide free access to all government departments? How does having a PIB card help journalists in their work?

Eligibility

A PIB accreditation is only given to journalists who live in Delhi or its periphery, and works with a media organisation that has been functioning continuously for at least a year and if 50 per cent of its content is news or commentary of general public interest. The content should also include news and information emanating from the headquarters of the Government of India.

According to the Central News Media Accreditation Guidelines, 1999, PIB accreditation "shall not confer any official or special status on news media representatives, but shall only recognize their identity as a professional working journalist".

The guidelines define accreditation as "recognition of news media representatives by the Government of India for purpose of access to sources of information in the Government and also to news materials, written or pictorial, released by the Press Information Bureau and/or other agencies of the Government of India". The PIB card given to all accredited journalists mentions on its back that it is "valid for entry into buildings under MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) security zone".

To be eligible for PIB accreditation, a journalist needs to have a minimum of five years' professional experience as a full-time working journalist or a cameraperson in a news organisation, or a minimum of 15 years as a freelancer. Journalists working full-time for a news organisation seeking accreditation must be earning a minimum salary of Rs 4,500 per month. A newspaper or a periodical needs to have a minimum daily circulation of 10,000, or 75,000 if it is part of a chain, and news agencies must have a gross annual revenue of a minimum Rs 20 lakh for their journalists to be eligible for accreditation. Similar rules apply for foreign news organisations and foreign journalists.

Applications for accreditation are vetted by a Central Press Accreditation Committee headed by the DG, PIB. After a journalist applies for a PIB accreditation, there is a mandatory security check conducted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, which also includes on-site verification of the journalist's residence by the police.

Benefits

As such, PIB accreditation has several advantages. First, in certain events involving senior public functionaries such as the President, the Prime Minister, and other ministers, only a PIB accredited journalist is allowed entry.

Second, journalists accredited with the PIB are eligible, along with members of their family, for subsidised health services under the Central Government Health Scheme, meant for employees of the Union government.

Third, and most importantly, a PIB accreditation helps a journalist carry out her professional responsibilities. It does so by helping a journalist protect her sources. Since a PIB card comes after security clearance from the Home Ministry, accredited journalists are allowed to enter the premises of most Union government ministries without prior appointment.

They are not required to register or record their presence at the reception, or with any other official in any ministry. This firewalls the journalists from attempts at finding out when and on how many occasions they have visited the premises of an office, and which officers they have met.

The anonymity of sources is one of the essential principles of journalism across the world. It may take years for a source to start confiding in a reporter. The trust between the journalist and her source is, to a large extent, based on the latter's faith that his/her identity will not be revealed. This becomes paramount when a source is willing to speak out against a senior official or a minister, or against the policies of the government.

Where India stands in battle against measles, how Sri Lanka eliminated it

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

SRI LANKA HAS made health history after spending three years free of any new measles cases (*The Indian Express*, July 10), and the World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared that the deadly childhood infection has been eliminated in the island nation. In contrast, India has a long road ahead, particularly because vaccine-resistant voices are sometimes being heard. Last year, the Delhi High Court had put on hold a vaccination campaign citing lack of parental consent.

A look at the battle against measles:

The disease

Measles is a serious and highly contagious disease that can cause debilitating or fatal complications, including encephalitis, severe diarrhoea and dehydration, pneumonia, ear infections and permanent vision loss. The disease is preventable through two doses of a safe and effective vaccine. India currently gives a measles rubella vaccine in its universal immunisation programme to tackle both measles and rubella.

Rubella, more commonly known as German measles, can have severe consequences during pregnancy. An infection just before conception and in early pregnancy may result in miscarriage, foetal death or congenital defects known as congenital rubella syndrome (CRS). A woman infected with the rubella virus early in pregnancy has a 90% chance of passing the virus to the foetus.

Status in India

The latest Global Measles and Rubella Update, which lists provisional data received in June and covering the period between May 2018 and April 2019, says India reported 47,056 measles cases and 1,263 rubella cases during these 12 months. India, as part of the global initiative, has targeted elimination of measles and control of rubella by 2020. Rubella control is achieved when a country reduces the number of rubella cases by 95% as compared to cases in 2008.

MEASLES CASES: TOP 10

COUNTRY	CASES
Madagascar	84,929
Ukraine	83,533
India	47,056
Philippines	34,700
Nigeria	21,199
Pakistan	17,805
Yemen	11,984
Brazil	10,231
Kazakhstan	7,349
Thailand	6,960

WHO Global Measles and Rubella Update; provisional data for May 2018-April 2019, as reported to WHO in June 2019

India has initiated the world's largest Measles-Rubella (MR) Campaign targeting vaccination of 410 million children and adolescents aged between 9 months and 15 years. The MR campaign began in February 2017, and as of November 2018, 135 million children have been vaccinated in 28 states/UTs. Under the programme, two doses of measles and rubella vaccines are to be given at ages 9-12 months and 16-24 months.

The Sri Lanka milestone

Sri Lanka is the fifth country in WHO's Southeast Asia region to eliminate measles. The other four countries are Bhutan, Maldives, DPR Korea and Timor-Leste. Sri Lanka's success follows its persistent efforts to ensure maximum coverage with two doses of measles and rubella vaccines being provided in the childhood immunisation programme. The vaccination coverage in the country has been consistently high - over 95% with both the first and second doses provided to children under the routine immunisation programme. Additionally, mass vaccination campaigns with a measles-rubella vaccine have been held periodically to plug immunisation gaps, the last one in 2014.

The country has a strong surveillance system and all vaccine-preventable diseases are an integral part of the communicable disease surveillance system. Measles is a notifiable disease in the country.

Last year, Sri Lanka achieved rubella control, along with five other countries — Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Timor-Leste.

Comeback concerns

Globally, there are concerns about vaccination gaps that are allowing the disease to resurface in areas where it is not very common. In 2019, a large number of American states including Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri have reported measles cases to the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) Atlanta. In 2017, over 109,000 deaths occurred from measles all around the world. A global report by WHO and CDC Atlanta, released last year, said that since 2000, over 21 million lives have been saved through measles immunisation. However, reported cases increased by more than 30 per cent worldwide from 2016. The maximum upsurge in such cases in 2017 was reported from the two Americas, Eastern Mediterranean region and Europe, while Western Pacific was the only WHO region where measles incidence fell.

For several years, the global coverage with the first dose of measles vaccine has stalled at 85 per cent. This is far short of the 95 per cent needed to prevent outbreaks, and leaves many people, in many communities, susceptible to the disease. Second dose coverage stands at 67 per cent.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE

EXERTING YOURSELF TO THE FULLEST WITHIN YOUR INDIVIDUAL LIMITS: THAT'S THE ESSENCE OF RUNNING. — HARUKI MURAMAKI

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

MAY WE COME IN?

Access of press to government is at heart of people's right to know. Finance Minister should relook at her ministry's order

THERE IS NO ban on the entry of media persons, the Ministry of Finance has "clarified". But that clarification has failed to stem the unease. Because the fact is that, by an order, restrictions have been imposed on access to the North Block ministry of journalists, including those holding Press Information Bureau (PIB)-accredited cards. What was earlier a short and specific period of quarantine to protect the secrecy of the budget, has now been extended and enlarged into a blanket and arbitrary curb on the press's access to the Ministry and its officials. As a result, the finance ministry joins a club of government addresses that are off limits for all journalists without prior appointment. The fact is also this: For a government that begins a second term after an overwhelming mandate, promising that it will win "sabka vishwas", and for Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman who showed the grace — not common today on either side of the divide — to seek out former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh before presenting her first budget, this raising of the wall, this attempt to fence off a crucial ministry from the media gaze, sends out unflattering signals. The government is insecure and distrustful, it says. It does not trust the institution of the press, or, for that matter, its own officials, it says.

The Finance Ministry's order does not just put a question mark against the elaborate process and purpose of accreditation, it also shows a fundamental misunderstanding of the mandate of the media. Journalists accredited by the PIB under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting are professionals with minimum five years' experience; the accreditation, issued after a detailed security check by the Ministry of Home Affairs, is for the "access to sources of information in the government and also to news materials...". A journalist's work, necessarily and legitimately, includes engagement with all levels of government, both on and off the record. This lies at the heart of the people's right to know. Access to its corridors, therefore, is no favour granted by the government, and it cannot be governed by its whim or the jargon of the rule-book alone — it is the acknowledgement in a constitutional democracy of the imperative to make space for, and give room to, the check and balance on the elected and the powerful. By trying to keep the journalist out, by making her hostage to the vagaries of executive discretion and the bureaucracy of permissions, the finance ministry risks undermining the unstated but essential compact of reciprocity and respect between institutions.

Other political regimes may have done it too. Delhi's AAP government imposed curbs on press access to the Secretariat but lifts them each day at 3 pm, Congress governments have been no exemplars of openness either. It may also be that the move may invite no great resistance from the public given the populist trend of cynicism about the media. It is asked: Why should reporters meet officers without seeking prior appointment? Why shouldn't reporters be banned from informal meetings with them? Such questions are out of place in a democracy. Surely, Sitharaman knows that.

ENIGMA OF ARRIVAL

By choosing to celebrate a Twitter landmark, Rahul Gandhi underlines a persisting disconnect

WHEN RAHUL GANDHI stayed with his resolve to quit the post of party president, sections of the electorate that wish to see an effective Opposition in Parliament welcomed his decision to leave behind a vacuum in which talent from outside the dynasty could emerge. But just days after stepping down, Gandhi again invited the familiar catcalls about his political immaturity by tweeting that he had passed the Twitter landmark of 10 million followers, and that he would celebrate the occasion in Amethi. Imagine the perplexity of the people of the family pocket borough, which he is visiting for the first time after losing it to Smriti Irani. Rahul Gandhi has thanked his followers, which is a sign of his natural decency, but the promise to celebrate suggests that he does not know who he is, or what his role is. Such celebrations and self-congratulations are alright for people like hackers and jungle musicians, not for a politician who speaks to all of India. One, moreover, whose party is currently falling apart in Karnataka and other places.

Besides, are the Twitter numbers ever for real? How many of Rahul Gandhi's 10 million faithful are bots? How many are citizens of Botswana? How many are just rubber-neckers? And how many are trolls who follow him for the sole purpose of making fun of him, just for the lulz? Rahul-baiting is a flourishing industry owing to abundant natural resources, but its labour base should be left out of a reckoning of his Twitter following. The Twitter numbers game is funny business, no more credible than matka odds.

Rahul Gandhi did not exactly take to social media like a fish to water. He had started very tentatively, with the depersonalised handle of @OfficeofRG, which kept him at a safe distance from the very people he was trying to reach out to, while BJP leaders excelled by making direct contact. And it took him a good, long time to outstrip Shashi Tharoor, who has been the most successful communicator in his party. But a disconnect online is not necessarily a deficit. India is still won or lost by politicians who don't try to conserve their chappal leather. Gaining a 10 million following online in a nation of 1.5 billion is nothing to tweet home about.

LIKE THE WIND

Dutee Chand again shows her ability to leave everyone else, and her own troubles, behind

INDIA'S FASTEST WOMAN Dutee Chand's 100 metres gold at the World University Games has brought the focus back on the athletic ability of the 23-year-old who has been in the spotlight after becoming the first Indian athlete to acknowledge a same-sex relationship. Along with 400 m junior world champion Hima Das (19), javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra (21) and high jumper Tejaswin Shankar (20), Dutee is one of India's most promising athletes. Each of Dutee's medals on the international stage, be it at the Asian Games or the Asian Championships or the University meet, should be given added weightage because sprint events are not India's strength. So poor has been the talent pool and so disappointing the results that national camps have been cancelled.

Dutee has consistently won medals but the gold at Napoli is special because of the strife she has faced over the past few months after her fallout with her coach and her sister, who she alleged was blackmailing her over her same-sex relationship. She took the difficult step of coming out of the closet, a year after the Supreme Court legalised same-sex relationships. Even as many applauded her courage, her parents, weavers who live in Chaka Gopalpur village, disapproved of her relationship. With her family turning their back on her, the sprinter had in front of her a new hurdle.

However, like always, she has bounced back to prove her mettle. Dutee has dealt with the challenges off the track in the past when she successfully challenged guidelines which banned women with elevated levels of testosterone from competing in track and field events. Her timing of 11.32 seconds wasn't fast enough to book a berth for next year's Tokyo Olympics or the Doha World Championships in September-October. Yet the good news for fans of Indian track and field is that she has once again shown the ability to overcome personal trauma and run like the wind — and leave the rest of the field in her wake.

Battling the squeeze

Defence plans will have to factor in the shortage of government funds

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WHILE PRESENTING THE regular budget for the current fiscal on July 5, the finance minister made no mention of, and proposed no additional funds for, defence. Consequently, the total outlay for defence remains at Rs 4.31 lakh crore, as proposed earlier in the interim budget presented to Parliament in February.

This works out to 2.04 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) and accounts for 15.47 per cent of the total expenditure of the central government envisaged in the budget. On both these counts, the allocation for defence shows a downward trend vis-à-vis the last year's outlay. The question, however, is whether additional funds could have been provided by the finance minister at this stage.

Considering that the die had already been cast by the interim budget and the finance minister had barely five weeks to prepare the regular budget after the present government was sworn in, it was never going to be easy to make any substantial change in the budget already allocated to various ministries and departments.

This is evident from the fact that in the budget presented last week, the total estimated receipt of the government has gone up by a measly sum of Rs 2,149 crore vis-à-vis the interim budget. This was the only additional income of the government that was up for grabs.

Last year (2018-19), the allocation for the armed forces was approximately Rs 1.12 lakh crore less than what they had demanded. Assuming that this year the gap would be half of that, it would still be more than Rs 55,000 crore. So, even if the entire additional income of Rs 2,149 crore were to be passed on to defence, it would have been just a drop in the ocean.

The finance minister could, of course, resort to higher taxation, disinvestment and borrowing, or reduce the allocation for other schemes in order to generate more income or savings and then set aside a substantial portion of that for defence. But no one can seriously argue that it would have been pragmatic to exercise one or more of these choices to provide additional funds for defence in the regular budget.

> Bemoaning inadequacy of the budget outlay for defence is of no help. Serious efforts have to be made to figure out how the level of defence funding can be raised in a sustainable manner without causing an adverse impact on the funding for health, education, agriculture, infrastructure development, and other social sector schemes. While everyone talks about the need to raise the defence budget no one seems to have a clue as to how this can be done.

Seen in this backdrop, it is just well that the finance minister did not make routine statements in her speech about the government's commitment to defence and security of the nation and its willingness to make additional funds available for the armed forces, if required. There is no point making promises that ring hollow when made and difficult to keep when the time comes.

It is also just as well that she did not announce setting up of the long-talked-about non-lapsable fund for modernisation of the armed forces, which she is known to have been supportive of when she was the defence minister. The practicality and utility of setting up such a fund is questionable, notwithstanding the fact that even the standing committee on defence (SCoD) has been supporting the idea.

The crux of the matter is that the funds have to be raised by the finance ministry through one or more of the means mentioned above, regardless of whether these are made available via a non-lapsable modernisation fund or out of the budget outlay for the year in which these are required by the armed forces.

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Successive finance ministers have avoided taking the issue head on, even in the face of repeated recommendations by SCoD to peg the defence budget at three per cent of the GDP. Since the budget speech was largely devoted to laying out the government's vision for the future, it would have been nice had the finance minister announced setting up of a task force of defence economists to suggest how the defence outlay could be increased to meet the expectations of the defence establishment.

It would also have been nice if in her speech the finance minister were to give an account of the outcome of several measures announced in the past five years: Constitution of the defence planning committee, commencement of the industrial corridor project, unrolling of the defence technology fund, setting up of an investor cell, promulgation of the strategic partnership scheme, and several Make in India projects, just to mention a few.

That she did not mention any of this in her speech needs to be taken in its stride, though. The most pragmatic thing to do at this stage would be to quickly reformulate the modernisation roadmap for the next five years making sure that it conforms to the likely availability of funds. This has happened but rarely in the past.

Even as recently as in July 2017, the armed forces had sought Rs 27 lakh crore over the next five years. This would have required defence budget to be more than doubled. No serious discussion ensued to figure out how this feat could be achieved, or if it could not be achieved, what would be the best alternative.

It is time to get real and work according to a financially viable plan, which recognises that money is going to be the biggest challenge till the experts find a solution to the problem or India's economy hits the $5-trillion mark and starts yielding higher receipts for the government.

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STAGNANT CESS POOL

Construction workers lose out on welfare benefits due to loopholes in the law

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ON JUNE 29, a wall collapsed at a construction site in Kondhwa, Pune, on top of tin sheds housing the construction workers, killing 15 of them and their family members. As a compassionate gesture, the Maharashtra chief minister has announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh per deceased and an enquiry has been ordered.

However, these gestures cannot hide the truth that none of these deceased workers are eligible for any compensation from the Construction Workers' Welfare Fund as beneficiaries, though crores of rupees raised through a cess dedicated for this very purpose are lying unutilised for years in the bank account of the so called "welfare" board. The same situation prevails at the national level with a few exceptions.

There has been a complete failure to register even 25 per cent of the total construction workers in the country. Rs 28,000 crore is lying unutilised for years. Over Rs 37,000 crore has been collected under the Building and Other Construction Workers' (BOCW) Cess Act over the last 11 years. Maharashtra is the worst performing state —it has spent only Rs 830 crore of the Rs 7,482 crore that has been raised since 2007. The dereliction of the welfare board is not only tragic but also makes a mockery of the well-being of construction workers. No wonder the Supreme Court (Madan B Lokur) judgment on the contempt of court petition no. 52/2013 questions the conduct of the state governments and Union Territory Administrations (UTAs): "Directions given by this Court from time to time to implement the two laws have been flouted with impunity... the BOCW Act has been disregarded by State Governments and UTAs. Hopefully, the gravity of the situation... will be realised by someone, somewhere and at some time".

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The construction industry is inherently unorganised, decentralised and transitory, with the majority of workers being in migratory and non-permanent employment. There exists a multi-step, graded sub-contracting system starting from the developer down to the last labour contractor at the site.

In view of this, Parliament enacted two laws — Building and Other Construction Workers Act in 1996 and Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996 (the BOCW Acts). The purpose was to provide workers protection and welfare benefits, which included safe working conditions. The latter act (Welfare Act) imposed a cess at the rate of 1 per cent on the construction cost incurred by the builders on each new project. The funds raised through this cess was to be handed to state-level Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Boards, set up as per the said Act. Maharashtra approved this act in 2007.

However, there has been a total failure in the implementation of these two acts. In this context we can see a clear contradiction between the processes of cess collection and its expenditure. On the one hand, it is mandatory for the builder to pay the cess at 1 per cent of the construction cost towards the welfare of the workers employed by him, before the commencement of any construction. On the other hand, enrolment with the board — which is the minimum eligibility for welfare schemes as well as any compensation in case of accidents — is left to the worker. Builders or employers or the board have no responsibility or liability to enrol the workers as members. Contrast this with similar beneficial legislations like Provident Fund or ESIS, where both the registration of a worker as well as the employer's contribution are compulsory. The same compulsory enrolment and inclusion provision must be introduced for membership of welfare boards for construction workers.

Finally, this is precisely the reason why the construction workers who died in Pune have been deprived of welfare benefits, despite their employer-builders having paid the required cess at the rate of 1 per cent of the cost of construction.

The Welfare Act provides that the administrative expenditure should not exceed 5 per cent of the expenditure incurred on welfare. Imposition of such limits, though justifiable, are absolutely misconstrued in application. This is because an elaborate administrative setup has to be in place prior to the enrolment of prospective beneficiaries from among such a huge and unorganised set of workers, and the extension of any welfare schemes to them. Maharashtra has 29 such schemes on paper. These require a large amount of paperwork and monitoring to prevent undeserving elements from taking undue advantage of the schemes. Prior establishment of a proper machinery is a pre-condition, even for minimal implementation of any welfare scheme for beneficial legislation.

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Desai Govt in trouble as 14 more MPs quit Janata

LS MEMBERS RESIGN

MORARJI DESAI'S GOVERNMENT was neck deep in trouble tonight with as many as 27 Lok Sabha members having resigned from the Janata Party. A little before midnight the ruling party's strength in the Lok Sabha had come down to 274 in a House with an effective strength of 538. Six more resignations from the ruling party could reduce Desai's government to the status of a minority government. Desai's government is already facing a no-confidence motion in the Lok Sabha on which discussion will begin tomorrow. The crucial voting on the no-confidence debate will take place on Monday, but much before that Desai will have to weather the raging storm in the Janata Party.

LALDENGA RAIDS

AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT of money, including 2,800 US dollars in bills of various denominations, was seized from the Gulmohar Park house where Laldenga, president of the banned Mizo National Front (MNF), was arrested on July 8 morning. Sources in the Central Intelligence Bureau said that three more houses, including one in Sarojini Nagar, a government employees' colony, were raided in the pre-dawn Sunday swoop. Among the documents seized in the raids, it is said, were letters from some foreign sources received by Laldenga at various addresses in Delhi and other places. Sources said that a number of places were being kept under surveillance following reports that of late some youths from Mizoram had been visiting Laldenga's "friends and relatives".

GENERAL'S RETURN

AYATOLLAH RUHOLLAH KHOMEINI has ordered the reinstatement of the commander of the country's military police, Brig. Gen. Amir Rahimi. BBC's Teheran correspondent describes the move as a humiliating reversal for the government of Premier Mehdi Bazargan, which had ordered the general's dismissal. An aide to the Ayatollah in Qom told the correspondent that "When Ayatollah Khomeini orders. no one has the right to refuse."

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The US president is angry at the British ambassador's frank assessment. His reaction reinforces Kim Darroch's verdict on his administration."

— THE GUARDIAN

Secularism is no spectacle

Secularism doesn't ask Hindu politicians to wear the skullcap or Muslim politicians to perform the aarti. Inclusive India shines through simple, everyday interactions

IRENA AKBAR

Suvajit Dey

I AM MUSLIM. I don't wear a bindi or apply sindoor. I don't perform aarti. I visit temples only as a tourist. Does that make me less secular than Nusrat Jahan, the young Muslim MP from Basirhat, West Bengal, who wears bindi, applies sindoor, and inaugurates Jagannath Yatra, a Hindu religious pilgrimage?

Does my non-participation in Hindu rituals reflect my disbelief in "inclusive India", unlike Jahan's belief in "inclusive India", expressed in her adoption of Hindu symbols/rituals?

Do I disrespect Hinduism while Jahan respects it? No. A resounding, unapologetic, and most importantly, secular "no".

Secularism, as a state policy, is indifference to religion, or equal rights for people of all religions, including the right to practise religion. At an individual or social level, it translates into practising your religion, and respecting the right of your colleague, friend or neighbour to practise their religions. "Respecting" the rights of people of other faiths means not imposing your beliefs on them, and not degrading their practices or symbols, either by speech or action. It doesn't require you to adopt or participate in the rituals of someone else's religion.

Secularism is not a difficult or lofty thing, it is as basic and uncomplicated as minding your own business. As a Muslim, I don't expect or demand a Hindu to fast in Ramzan or offer namaaz. Likewise, no Hindu has ever demanded that I perform puja or attend a kirtan. An undrawn threshold exists, which is respected by both sides, or all sides, in a multi-faith society like India.

Not crossing the threshold doesn't make you less secular. A practising Hindu or Muslim who refrains from adopting or wearing non-Hindu/non-Muslim customs/symbols still qualifies as secular, as long as he/she doesn't harbour or incite ill-will against the other. A Muslim woman wearing a headscarf is no less secular than Nusrat Jahan in a bindi. A Hindu woman fasting on karvachauth is no less secular than a Hindu woman who eats biryani at a Muslim home on a Tuesday.

Secularism doesn't need grand, camera-friendly spectacles such as Hindu politicians wearing skullcaps in iftar parties, or Muslim politicians doing aartis. If anything, these public acts put unnecessary burdens on entire communities to prove their secular credentials.

An inclusive India, rather, shines through in simple, everyday affairs. In offices, colleges, and homes. My former supervisor, a Hindu, would remind me to go to the masjid across the road for my iftar and namaaz. She didn't practise a single Muslim ritual, but for me, she was a secular icon. Likewise, I never asked my Hindu domestic help to cook meat on Tuesdays or during Navratras. Beyond the bare minimum, we've gone out of the way to help each other in distress, be it lending money or donating blood between ourselves. The operating principle across these instances has been raw compassion, free of the need to adopt each other's religious customs.

An increasingly majoritarian India, though, seeks to complicate secularism, and burden minorities, especially Muslims, to prove their inclusiveness. A Nusrat Jahan who sports Hindu symbols was praised by the media for "putting country before faith". A fatwa, that was never issued by Deoband, was blown out of proportion, and debated endlessly on TV channels. Jahan, in her defence, talked of believing in "inclusive India". Even after the fatwa, was exposed to be fake, Jahan continued to give bytes to irresponsible TV channels about being "secular" and not responding to "hardliners". I seek no explanation from Jahan for her personal choices, but as a representative of people, the young MP needs to realise that her flawed definition of an "inclusive India" puts an unnecessary burden on Muslims to follow her example.

Perhaps, the first person, at least in the public eye, to bear that burden was 18-year-old Zaira Wasim. A few days after Jahan's bindi and sindoor made news, Wasim publicly announced her retirement from acting, citing difficulties in practising her religion in the movie industry. Wasim's religiosity was pitted against Jahan's brand of secularism, with the latter supported by both liberal and right-wing Hindus. Jahan was praised for her choice and "standing up against" a fatwa that never was; Wasim was bashed left, right and centre for "giving into pressure" and being "indoctrinated and radicalised" by faith.

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Hypocrisy has never been so glaring. When a Taberz Ansari is lynched to death over the forced chanting of "Jai Shri Ram", when scores of Muslims have been killed by "indoctrinated and radicalised" Hindu youth over the last five years, it takes a special kind of audacity to lecture the besieged community on "indoctrination" and "radicalisation". These sermonisers were not ordinary social media users, but "intellectuals" who appear on TV and Congress politicians such as Abhishek Singhvi who, in a tweet, questioned the "progress" of Muslims given that "halala is allowed and acting is haram".

To be fair, liberals have taken on the right-wingers in the discourse against rising fascism, even risking tags like "anti-nationals" and "urban naxals". But the difference between the Hindu liberal and the Hindu right-winger blurs when they applaud a Nusrat Jahan and bash a Zaira Wasim, when they salute a Muslim woman doing Hindu rituals and bash a Muslim teen talking of her relationship with Allah, when they judge choices according to their own biases. Hindu liberals are doing Muslims no favour in their anti-Hindutva activism. The fight is not for Muslims per se, but for upholding the secular, inclusive values of India. Perhaps, it would do well to go back to the basics of those values: You follow your faith, I mine. Let each be.

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Road to $5 trillion

It is not redistribution but growth that matters. We have to increase the size of the cake

GOPAL KRISHNA AGARWAL

IF WE ARE concerned with the economic well-being of the nation, we have to focus on economic growth. Setting a target and working on a roadmap to reach it is the only way to success, and who knows this better than Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In 2014, when Modi came to power, he set up a performance matrix, which seemed far-fetched, but his tireless efforts hit the bull's eye.

He has caught the bull by the horn on issues such as NPA, corruption, leakages and cleanliness; and effective solutions like the insolvency and bankruptcy code (IBC), GST, demonetisation, Jan Dhan accounts and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan have given confidence to the electorate that nothing is impossible — "Modi hai to mumkin hai".

That spirit continues. For many who believe that India becoming $5 trillion economy by 2024 is a sweet dream; wait, we have the roadmap. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has unleashed it in her maiden budget. The budget is a vision document of the government. It is a major policy statement. In her budget speech, the FM said "it took 55 years for our economy to reach $1 trillion... Our economy was at approximately $1.85 trillion when we formed the government in 2014. Within five years it has reached $2.7 trillion. Hence, it is well within our capacity to reach the $5 trillion in the next few years."

The Economic Survey has laid down the parameters for achieving this target. It has mentioned that issues like job creation, savings, consumption, demand, should not be looked at in silos. The CEA has said that with the current 7 per cent GDP growth rate, if we accelerate investments and target 8 per cent growth, the $5 trillion economy is well within sight. Investment is the key; others will follow. We will get out of the vicious circle of low liquidity, low demand, low investment, low production and lower growth to the virtuous cycle of investment, savings, production, consumption, demand and growth.

The government has continued its push for infrastructure development so that ease of living is continuously upgraded, with a focus on rural roads, waterways, and low cost housing. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana alone has set a target of building 1.95 crore houses. The government has also allowed an additional deduction of Rs 1.5 lakh for interest payment of housing loans.

A lot has been announced to promote private higher education under the "Study In India" initiative, and building world class institutions and also sports universities under Khelo Bharat.

The government has also announced opening up of the sovereign debt market. Those who doubt the government's intention can draw comfort from the fact that this will help the government swap high-cost domestic debt for cheaper international credit, thereby helping to reduce interest rates.

The banking sector has seen many reforms in last five years. Further, to help private capital formation, the government has promised Rs 70,000 crore of fresh capital infusion into public sector banks. It will also set up development financial institutions to support long-gestation projects and tackle the asset-liability mismatch. To boost consumption and resolve the NBFC issues, the government has guaranteed 10 per cent of loss on assets pool purchases to the tune of Rs 1,00,000 crore from NBFCs.

At present, the private sector is largely over-leveraged, and is under pressure to resolve its debts and is short of capital. For capital formation, the government has to depend on foreign capital and, therefore, is continuing with its policy of liberalising FDI, particularly into insurance, aviation and single brand retail segment.

MSMEs have also has received special allocation by the government; to support manufacturing, the government has announced streamlining 55 labour laws into four codes and enhancing minimum wages. Small traders with turnover up to Rs 1.5 crore will get the benefit of a pension scheme.

The government has reduced the corporate tax to 25 per cent for small enterprises with a turnover up to Rs 400 crore, and has announced several measures to boost the start-up ecosystem. To continue with the benefits of this provision, it is expected that it will not be misused by the beneficiaries as is done at times under capital gains tax, dividend distribution tax and buy-back of shares.

Modernisation of railways is estimated to require about Rs 50 lakh crore of investment. The government has proposed public private partnerships and selective route privatisation to augment its resources. Initiatives like building a national power grid and a warehousing grid will have far-reaching benefits.

For ease of doing business, tax compliance is crucial. The government's plan to implement e-assessment is a big game changer: It will bring transparency and reduce harassment of tax payers due to subjective human intervention.

The government's initiative in resolving pending indirect tax litigation through Sabka Vishwas Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme is commendable. This scheme covers, past disputes and provides relief ranging from 40 to 70 per cent, and also relief on levy of interest and penalties.

With all the constraints on expenditure, the finance minister has allocated funds across various social segments. The budget has increased funds allocated to central sponsored schemes by 8.8 per cent to Rs. 3,31,610 crore. The total expenditure of the government has increased by 13.4 per cent from the revised estimates. The fiscal deficit has been kept under check at 3.3 per cent of GDP. The budget meets the demand for investment and growth without disturbing the fiscal math.

It is not redistribution but growth that matters. The prime minister has rightly said that we have to increase the size of the cake. Economic growth is our target and the focus on empowerment of the weaker sections of the society though education, healthcare etc is the solution.

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Eye for accountability

CCTVs in classrooms will empower parents, improve government schools

AKSHAY MARATHE

THE ARVIND KEJRIWAL government's CCTVs in classrooms project was the subject of two pieces published in *The Indian Express* on July 8, including the editorial, 'Classroom and eye'. Both spoke of the lofty ideals of education and how live streaming of restricted CCTV footage from classrooms to parents is antithetical to them. This reflects a deep disconnect between those who hold this view and the reality of the country's government schools.

Before the AAP government brought budgetary and administrative focus back on providing quality education in public schools, Delhi's government schools, not unlike government schools across the country, were in disrepair. Several steps were taken to improve schools. Although the infrastructure upgrade has lifted spirits of parents and teachers alike, what has truly turned schools around is the involvement of parents in the management of schools.

Government schools are a key public good that taxpayers fund to ensure every child has access to education, financial ability notwithstanding. Like any arm of the government, these schools will decay if not made accountable to the people.

When parents leave children in the custody of government schools, the government owes a duty to parents to look after their education, safety and well-being. The world over, parental oversight has been the bedrock of effective school management. In private schools, this is often achieved smoothly because parents are empowered by their own education and economic leverage due to the fees they pay. To achieve this in state schools, extraordinary measures are needed to empower parents in order to hold schools accountable.

In Delhi, the government has revived School Management Committees (SMCs), parent bodies mandated by the Right to Education Act. They have been empowered to monitor and supervise basic deliverables of schools, such as teacher attendance, healthy mid-day meals, clean washrooms, drinking water, etc. The AAP government has constantly encouraged parental participation in school, especially through regular parent teacher meetings, which were a rarity in government schools. The CCTV in classrooms project is the natural next step towards increasing accountability of schools.

Sanjay Srivastava calls the project "gimmicky", but in my view the project may have been gimmicky had the government installed CCTV cameras in classrooms and left it at that. By sharing feeds with parents, it is actually ensuring that the crores of public money invested into CCTVs are not wasted. Often, CCTVs fail to serve their purpose for lack of motivated monitoring. Outsourcing of the monitoring to an invested stakeholder like parents is actually a smart innovation.

The CCTV feeds can aid parents to identify several problems their children may be facing, including bullying, corporal punishment, inadequate attention spans, teacher absenteeism and even student truancy. It will empower them to not just raise their children better but also to ask the right questions to their child's school. This has the potential to transform the quality of education in state schools.

The insistence that such a measure is being forced on parents and that they are "agreeing" to it out of desperation is rather patronising. Delhi's education department had several rounds of interaction with parents after a pilot programme in five schools last year where CCTVs were installed in classrooms. Children and teachers have also been consulted. None of the stakeholders expressed any discomfort. In fact, parents are enthusiastic about it. And why wouldn't they be? A major section of the households that send children to government schools have both parents working long hours. Making it to school even for a parent-teacher meeting means relinquishing a day's wage for many. With smartphones and internet data becoming increasingly accessible, if governments are leveraging technology towards a social good it must be welcomed.

While privacy as a fundamental right is important, where does one draw the line between private and public? Classrooms cannot be classified as private by any stretch of imagination. Moreover, the feed being provided to parents is highly restricted. Only the feed for their own children will be provided to parents, through a mobile app that can be accessed thrice a day for maximum for 15 minutes each. The feed does not include audio, and can only be accessed live. One can only confirm the physical presence of the teacher and children in this window.

The criticism that there are no studies to suggest any positive impact of CCTVs in classrooms is oblivious to the fact that this is the first such project in the world. Proactive governments take decisions based on the problems at hand and social understanding. This project was first thought of after a series of crimes were reported in school premises a few years ago. A child was raped in a private school, a young boy was allegedly murdered in another, and most shockingly, a teacher was murdered by two Class 12 students inside a government school classroom. One doesn't need empirical data to gather that schools can be sites of crime. If CCTVs can be deterrents to crime outside schools, they can be deterrents within too. And the one flaw with CCTVs, that they are generally not well monitored has also been fixed by the AAP government.

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DEAR EDITOR, I DISAGREE

A fortnightly column in which we invite readers to tell us why, when they differ with the editorial positions or news coverage of 'The Indian Express'

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SERVE PEOPLE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Spooked by vaastu' (IE, July 10). In his personal capacity, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao is entitled to do whatever he wants. But after holding a constitutional post he need be more than judicious in his use of public money. At a time when farmers are in distress, every effort should be made to provide as much relief to them through government and administrative support. Serving the people of Telangana will bring more political good fortune to KCR than vaastu.

Bal Govind, *Noida*

JUST A FRINGE

THIS REFERS TO the article,' Vigilantism 2.0' (IE, July 10). The author is unreasonable when she attributes design and intent to a few reprehensible acts. A society with huge historical baggage, limited educational avenues, widespread economic disparities, lack of political awareness and unrestricted freedoms will have a few lumpen elements who indulge in such criminal activities. The law of the land must deal with these crimes. Unlike other Asian or African nations, democracy is safe and thriving in India due to the inherent decency and magnanimity embedded in the vernacular ideas of sovereignty.

H N Bhagwat, *via email*

AFTER BREXIT

THIS REFERS TO the article 'Bowled over by a sea of blue', (IE, July 10). India has traditionally viewed Britain as its gateway to Europe. Brexit did make Indian business and policymakers apprehensive about the future of their long-standing partnerships in a range of areas. However, the experience with the long-drawn, lacklustre progress in the India-EU FTA negotiations does offer India the necessary motivation to engage with the UK for an FTA bilaterally.

Sudip Kumar Dey, *Kolkata*

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CONCERN OVER WOMEN'S RIGHTS

NICKI MINAJ CANCELS SAUDI CONCERT

Nicki Minaj has cancelled a performance in Saudi Arabia in a show of support for women's and gay rights in the kingdom, the US rapper said. "...I believe it is important for me to make clear my support for the rights of women, the LGBTQ community and freedom of expression," she said.

TOP OF THE WORLD

GERMANY

Another Merkel shaking spell raises health concerns

Berlin: German Chancellor Angela Merkel suffered a new trembling spell on Wednesday, the third time in less than a month, which has raised questions over her health. Merkel began shaking involuntarily as national anthems were being played at the reception of Finnish Prime Minister Antti Rinne. The shaking was visible although less severe than during the first episode in June. On that occasion she appeared unsteady and shook as she stood in the midday sun next to visiting Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. The first bout of shaking was blamed on dehydration, but a second episode struck a week later at the end of June, just hours before she was due to board a plane for the G20 summit in Japan.

FRANCE

Saudi princess tried in absentia for 'Paris beating'

Paris: The only daughter of Saudi Arabia's King Salman was put on trial in absentia Tuesday in Paris for allegedly ordering her bodyguard to strike a plumber she suspected of taking photos and video at the Saudi royal family's apartment in the French capital. Prosecutors allege Princess Hessa bint Salman became enraged when she saw the plumber allegedly capturing her image, fearing the pictures could be used to harm her as the Saudi monarch's daughter due to her country's conservative traditions. She left France shortly after the September 2016.

USA

2 Marines held for migrant trafficking

Los Angeles: Two US Marines have been arrested for smuggling undocumented Mexican migrants into the United States in exchange for money, according to a court document. Byron Darnell Law II and David Javier Salazar-Quintero were arrested on July 3 along the Mexican border in Jacumba, California, the document said. They were charged with transporting 3 undocumented migrants 10 km over the border. The three Mexican nationals seated in the back of the Marines' vehicle were prepared to pay $8,000 "to be smuggled into the US," although it is unclear to whom they would have paid the money.

NEPAL

Two die in police battle with Nepal Maoists

Kathmandu: A market gunbattle Wednesday between police and Maoist rebels left two dead and highlighted a simmering showdown between Nepal's government and militant opponents. A police constable and a member of the banned Maoist group died from wounds suffered in the shootout in Bhojpur district, said Nurhari Khatiwada, the district chief officer. He said the Maoists had opened fire on police patrolling the market. Police said they have recovered a pistol and bullets from the area.

IN LEAKED CABLES, UK ENVOY SAYS TRUMP ADMINISTRATION INEPT

British ambassador to Washington quits after spat over leaked memos

Move comes after US President says will sever ties with Kim Darroch, describes him as very stupid

MICHAEL HOLDEN & KYLIE MACLELLAN
LONDON, JULY 10

BRITAIN'S AMBASSADOR to Washington quit on Wednesday after days of stinging criticism from Donald Trump, leading to accusations that Boris Johnson, the favourite to be the next British Prime Minister, had "thrown him under the bus".

Memos from Kim Darroch describing the Trump administration as inept were leaked to a British newspaper, infuriating the US President, who launched a Twitter attack on both the envoy and outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May, who had given Darroch her full support.

As a spat between the two allies intensified, Trump said he would sever ties with the "very stupid" Darroch and called May "foolish".

The BBC's diplomatic correspondent said the ambassador had made the decision to resign after Johnson declined to back him in a televised debate on Tuesday night. The former London mayor could become Prime Minister later this month if grassroots Conservatives elect him party leader.

"He has basically thrown this fantastic diplomat under the bus to serve his own personal interests," said junior foreign minister Alan Duncan. "His sort of disregard for Sir Kim Darroch and his refusal to back him was, in my view, pretty contemptible."

In confidential memos dating from 2017 to the present, Darroch, 65, had said reports of in-fighting in the White House were "mostly true". Last month, he described confusion within the administration over Trump's decision to call off a military strike on Iran. **REUTERS**

Kim Darroch (*centre*) listens as Trump and May speak at the White House in 2017. *Reuters*

EXPLAINED

How Brexit & Boris may have forced envoy's resignation

AFTER THE cable leaks, Trump said he wouldn't work with the UK envoy, but Kim Darroch still had the backing of UK PM May. But May will soon make way for another PM, most likely Boris Johnson. Darroch's decision to resign at this stage may have been influenced by Johnson's repeated refusal to offer him support. Hardline Brexiteer Johnson has not ruled out a no-deal exit from the EU if he's made PM, and his refusal to anger Trump could be down to the UK's need to secure a lucrative post-Brexit trade deal with the US.

France's top diplomat, Emmanuel Bonne, with Iran's Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, in Tehran Wednesday. *Reuters*

Tehran welcomes French efforts to save nuclear deal

But says Britain will face consequences for seizing Iranian tanker off Gibraltar

REUTERS
DUBAI, JULY 10

IRAN WELCOMES France's efforts to save the 2015 nuclear deal, the Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Wednesday as French President Emmanuel Macron's top diplomatic adviser visited Tehran for talks to help ease the crisis.

Iran threatened on Monday to restart deactivated centrifuges and ramp up enrichment of uranium to 20 per cent purity in a move away from the nuclear accord.

Tehran has been pushing the European signatories to the accord to protect Iran from US sanctions, which Washington re-imposed after leaving the pact last year.

Iran's state news agency IRNA reported that Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi "welcomed France's role in reducing tension and implementing the accord."

"The French are part of efforts ... to keep the nuclear deal alive," Mousavi was quoted as saying during the visit by Emmanuel Bonne, Macron's top diplomatic adviser.

Meanwhile, Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said on Wednesday that Britain would face "consequences" over the seizure of an Iranian oil tanker.

Iran has demanded the immediate release of the *Grace 1*, which British Royal Marines boarded off Gibraltar last week and seized on suspicion that it was breaking sanctions by taking oil to Syria.

"You (Britain) are the initiator of insecurity and you will realise the consequences later," Rouhani said after a cabinet meeting, in remarks carried by state television.

"Now you are so hopeless that, when one of your tankers wants to move in the region, you have to bring your frigates (to escort it) because you are scared. Then why do you commit such acts (seizure)? You should instead allow navigation to be safe," Rouhani said.

Rouhani also said Iran's decision to increase uranium enrichment would produce fuel for power plants and serve other peaceful aims, and that it was within the framework of Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

Australia to hold referendum on constitutional recognition for Aboriginal people

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SYDNEY, JULY 10

AUSTRALIA WILL hold a landmark referendum on recognising Aboriginal people in the constitution within three years, the minister for indigenous affairs said Wednesday.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders lived on the land for tens of thousands of years prior to British colonisation, and make up roughly three percent of the population today, but remain by far the country's most disadvantaged community.

The campaign to include them in the constitution has stirred heated debate in Canberra.

But last week, right-leaning Prime Minister Scott Morrison agreed to work with the opposition Labour party, clearing a path for indigenous affairs minister Ken Wyatt to promise a constitutional referendum on the issue within the three-year term of the current Parliament.

Wyatt acknowledged, during a speech in Canberra, that "there are diverse views" in the country on granting constitutional recognition to Australia's first people.

Wyatt, who in May became the first Aboriginal Australian to hold the indigenous affairs portfolio, said the question put forward to Australians for a vote must be carefully crafted.

Voting in a constitutional referendum is compulsory in Australia, and since 1901 just eight of 44 proposals for constitutional change have succeeded.

Advocates of the reform say it will help remove discrimination of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Pak govt moves to curtail media space given to those under trial or convicted

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, JULY 10

THE PAKISTAN government has decided that media should not be allowed to promote the narrative of convicted or under-trial persons, in a move that aims to curtail the space given by the press to jailed politicians like Nawaz Sharif and Asif Ali Zardari.

A Cabinet meeting presided over by Prime Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday directed the Pakistan Electronic Media Regula-tory Authority (Pemra) to fulfil its "responsibility" to discourage airing of such programmes by the electronic media.

Education Minister Shafqat Mehmood said Khan and members of his Cabinet unanimously decided that no convicted or under-trial prisoner should be given media coverage or allowed to give an interview, *Dawn* reported.

"Those who have plundered national wealth and brought the country on the verge of collapse should not be glorified. No democracy permits interviews and media coverage of those who have been arrested on charges of corruption," Mehmood quoted Prime Minister Khan as saying.

Former president Asif Ali Zardari was on July 1 arrested in the Park Lane case which is related to his and his families' alleged properties in London.

Zardari was already in the custody of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in a multi-million dollar money laundering case along with his sister Faryal Talpur. Mehmood also said the government had not directed Pemra to close down any private TV channel as it was an independent body competent to take its own decisions.

Pemra suspended transmission of three private TV channels for airing an interview of Zardari.

The authority also took off air an interview of the former president which was being conducted by anchor Hamid Mir on July 1 on the premises of the Parliament House, where Zardari came to attend a National Assembly session after the speaker issued his production order. **PTI**

Transmission of three private TV channels was suspended for airing an interview of Zardari. *Reuters*

WATCHDOG SLAMS PAK CURBS ON TV CHANNELS

Islamabad: A global media watchdog has slammed Pakistani authorities over the removal of three television channels from the country's airwaves, saying the move was "indicative of disturbing dictatorial tendencies" as pressure mounts on journalists in the South Asian nation.

The statement from Reporters Without Borders (RSF) comes days after AbbTakk TV, 24 News, and Capital TV all had their broadcasts cut, after screening a press conference with Opposition leader Maryam Nawaz.

Pakistani authorities say the channels were unavailable due to "technical issues", but RSF described the outage as an act of "brazen censorship". **PTI**

Lanka to revive suspended visa on arrival programme, but not for India, China

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COLOMBO, JULY 10

THE SRI Lankan government plans to revive the visa on arrival and free visa programme, which was suspended following the Easter Sunday blasts, for citizens of 39 countries, excluding India and China, from August 1, according to a media report.

Sri Lanka had on April 25 suspended its plans to grant visas on arrival to citizens of 39 countries after the devastating suicide bombings on April 21 that killed 258 people.

The visa on arrival pilot programme was part of a larger initiative to increase tourist arrivals to the country during the six month off-season period from May to October.

Sri Lanka's tourism industry, which accounts for around five per cent of the country's GDP, is likely to suffer due to the blasts, according to industry analysts.

Tourism Development Minister John Amaratunga on Tuesday said that his ministry along with the Department of Immigration and Emigration are jointly working on a proposal to seek Cabinet approval to revive the free visa and visa on arrival programme, the *Daily Mirror* reported.

He noted that the programme will be implemented as a trial for period of six months excluding the country's top source markets of India and China.

However, he said that the programme could be extended to these two counties as well in the future based on the success of the trial run.

The minister emphasised that a monitoring system would be put in place to prevent "undesirable people" entering the country.

"We need a system to monitor who is arriving in Sri Lanka and to prevent criminals and other troublemakers entering the country," he stressed.

Suspect blames rap music after US teen killed

KAREN ZRAICK
JULY 10

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy was fatally stabbed in Arizona by a man who said the rap music the victim was listening to made him feel "unsafe", the police said.

The victim, Elijah Al-Amin of Glendale, had finished work at a Subway sandwich shop and stopped at a Circle K convenience store in Peoria early Thursday morning, relatives said. He was standing at a soda machine around 1.45 am when Michael Paul Adams, 27, who had been released from prison two days earlier, stabbed him in the back and slit his throat, witnesses told officers from the Peoria Police Department.

The two were not believed to have known each other, and witnesses reported that Adams did not say anything before the attack. Elijah fled the store, bleeding profusely, and collapsed in the parking lot, according to a probable cause statement. He died at a hospital about 20 minutes later.

In a police interview, Adams, who is white, said that Elijah, who was multiracial, had been listening to rap music on his car radio before he entered the store, and that the music had made Adams feel threatened. Adams said in the interview that rap music "makes him feel unsafe", because in the past he had been "attacked by people who listen to rap music".

According to the police statement, he said "people who listen to rap music are a threat to him and the community." **NYT**

The Arizona store where the 17-yr-old was fatally stabbed.

FORMER TOP EXECUTIVES OF TELECOM GIANT ARE ACCUSED OF RELENTLESSLY HARASSING EMPLOYEES TO MAKE THEM QUIT

35 France Telecom employees end lives, bosses may go to jail

ADAM NOSSITER
PARIS, JULY 10

IN THEIR blue blazers and tight haircuts, the ageing men look uncomfortable in the courtroom dock. And for good reason: They are accused of harassing employees so relentlessly that workers ended up killing themselves.

The men, all former top executives at France's giant telecom company, wanted to downsize the business by thousands of workers a decade ago. But they couldn't fire most of them. The workers were state employees — employees for life — and therefore protected.

So the executives resolved to make life so unbearable that the workers would leave, prosecutors say. Instead, at least 35 employees — workers' advocates say nearly double that number — committed suicide, feeling trapped, betrayed and despairing of ever finding new work in France's immobile labour market.

Today the former top executives of France Télécom — once the national phone company, and now one of the nation's biggest private enterprises, Orange — are on trial for "moral harassment". It is the first time that French bosses, caught in the vise of France's strict labour protections, have been prosecuted for systemic harassment that led to worker deaths.

The trial has riveted a country deeply conflicted about capitalism and corporate culture, and may help answer a question that haunts the French as they fitfully modernise their economy: How far can a company go to streamline, shed debt and make money?

If convicted, the ex-executives face a year in jail and a $16,800 fine. But even before the trial wraps up Friday, with a verdict sometime later, it has become a landmark in the country's often hostile relations between labour and management.

As President Emmanuel Macron has sought to make France more business friendly, he has run into a buzz saw of strikes and faced a revolt among yellow vest protesters who accuse him of being the President of the rich. While many workers complain they struggle to make ends meet, employers say a system of generous social benefits and worker protections makes hiring onerous and stifles job creation.

The trial has become a searing demonstration of those lingering tensions.

France Télécom was caught flat-footed by the digital revolution, as fixed-line subscribers dropped away by the thousands. The state ordered the company to go private in 2003, and by 2005, it was more than $50 million in debt.

Company executives thought they needed to get rid of 22,000 workers out of 130,000 — a necessity contested by the prosecution — to ensure survival.

"They were stuck, cornered," said Michel Ledoux, one of the plaintiffs' lawyers. "The only possibility was to make them leave, one way or another."

Weeks of wrenching testimony about despairing employees who hanged themselves, immolated themselves, or threw themselves out of windows, under trains, and off bridges and highway overpasses, have suggested that the former executives went very far in "pushing the company into the new century," as corporate strategy dictated.

The executives include Didier Lombard, the former chief executive officer; Louis-Pierre Wenès, his No. 2; Olivier Barberot, the former head of human resources; and four others.

A grim universe of underemployment, marginalisation, miscasting and systematic harassment was established at the huge company, according to testimony at the trial.

The executives "sought the destabilisation of the workers", prosecutor Francoise Benezech said in her summing up last Friday.

Among the victims, the youngest was Nicolas Grenouville, 28, who was wearing a company T-shirt when he put an internet cable around his neck and hanged himself in a garage, the court was told this week. **NYT**

French union members outside the Paris courthouse at the start of the trial of France Télécom in May. *NYT*

IMMIGRATION DETENTION

In the land of the free

What caused the shameful scenes at America's southern border?

IT IS always the best of times and the worst of times in America for President Donald Trump. Various things have simultaneously never been worse, owing to Democratic meddling, but also never been better, thanks to his own intervention. "Our country has a hole, nobody sees anything like it, but we've stopped them," he said at a raucous rally in Orlando, Florida, to launch his re-election campaign on June 18th. "Thanks to Democrat policies, schoolchildren across the country are being threatened by the vicious gang MS-13 that ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement], by the way, is taking out of the country and dropping them back home by the thousands." Another problem solved.

Meanwhile in the real world American border police apprehended 132,887 migrants in May, the most recent month for which data has been officially released. That is the highest recorded number in 13 years, and a ninefold increase from May 2017, when border arrests were at the lowest levels in nearly 50 years. Preliminary data collected by the US Customs and Border Protection agency and released by the Mexican government suggests that arrests declined by 30% in June to 95,000.

That decline might be owing to a deal cut with the Mexican government after Mr Trump threatened to impose tariffs unless the migration surge subsided. It might be owing to the heat, since fewer cross the desert in summer. Yet this is still more than double the number of people detained the previous June. An unusually large share of recent arrivals are children. According to the Migration Policy Institute, a think-tank, more than half of those arriving at the border are coming as families, and 9% are unaccompanied children.

This all presents a problem for American authorities. After they are apprehended, migrants are processed in facilities run by the Customs and Border Patrol. They are not supposed to stay there for longer than three days. Adults and children who arrived with their parents or guardians are then dispatched to facilities run by ICE until a hearing can be held. Unaccompanied children are supposed to be cared for by a separate agency, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

At least that is how it is meant to work. In fact just 424 judges nationwide hear these cases. There are 892,517 cases outstanding, says TRAC, a research outfit at Syracuse University, and hundreds of thousands more are pending. This logjam creates a problem across the country. Hearing dates in New York City, an especially overburdened court system, are being set for August 2023. The backlog of cases and the unexpected migration surge has filled both ICE and HHS facilities to overflowing.

A girl with her father at the US Border Patrol detention centre in Nogales, Arizona. *Reuters*

Immigration detention centres were built to handle single adult men, not to house families and children. Partly because of this the Border Patrol is not releasing detainees to these longer-term facilities. A doctor visiting detained children reported that they had not been given toothpaste or soap and were being kept in freezing rooms where the lights were kept on for 24 hours. She visited facilities in the Texas towns of Clint and McAllen encountered babies who were sick and losing weight and described the conditions as comparable to "torture facilities".

The Border Patrol has insisted that reports of deplorable conditions for migrants were exaggerated. That was then contradicted by another report from the Department of Homeland Security's inspector-general. It found detainees were being kept in overcrowded conditions for much longer than three days. Many children had been held longer than a week; most of the facilities visited by government inspectors did not give children showers and little access to fresh clothing. They were not fed hot food. Some adults were being held in standing-room-only conditions for as long as a week. Detainees had started to clog their toilets with blankets so they could at least leave their confinement while the pipes were unblocked. They pressed notes to the windows as the inspectors passed by, including one on a piece of cardboard, saying "help 40 day here".

Congress has had to scramble to respond. By June 26th both the Republican-led Senate and the Democratic-led House had agreed to the figure requested by immigration agencies—$4.6bn for emergency humanitarian spending. But they differed on how it ought to be spent. The House version of the funding bill had more restrictions aimed at preventing the administration from using the money to round up more migrants. After moderate Democrats revolted, Nancy Pelosi, the speaker of the House, had to concede defeat and pass the Senate bill over the howls of the party's Hispanic caucus. Then a delegation from the caucus managed to tour two of the customs and border facilities. They described sordid conditions. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a congresswoman from New York, says she encountered women sobbing "out of fear of being punished, out of sickness, out of desperation, lack of sleep, trauma, despair". The Hispanic caucus described the border-funding bill as "a betrayal of our American values".

Embarrassing as this was for Ms Pelosi, the emergency funding is a temporary reprieve for a recurring problem. Mr Trump's administration has tried various methods to quell the influx. First, the short-lived practice of deterring family migration by separating children from their parents; now other tactics designed to scare off potential migrants and the strong-arming of the Mexican government into detaining many more central Americans on their way to the United States.

At the same time, prospective challengers vying to be the Democratic presidential nominee are adopting ever-leftier ideas. Several Democratic contenders have recently embraced decriminalising border crossing, a position held by Julián Castro, a former federal housing secretary and primary candidate. Cory Booker, a senator from New Jersey, says he would like to "virtually eliminate" immigrant detention and wrote that America must guarantee hormone therapy for detained transgender migrants who seek asylum.

As Mr Trump's election showed, sympathy for migrants at the southern border ebbs and flows, but there is always demand for draconian border enforcement. Democrats need to tread carefully.

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IF ROBOTS DON'T TAKE ALL THE JOBS

A different dystopia: July 2030

The real danger to future prosperity could be too few robots, not too many. An imagined scenario from 2030

IT IS hard to believe now, but a little more than a decade ago people were seriously worried about robots taking all the jobs. Back in 2018 the chief economist of the Bank of England, Andy Haldane, gave a warning that "large swathes" of the population would become "technologically unemployed". He argued that the "fourth industrial revolution" of automation and artificial intelligence (AI) would create even more disruption to people's working lives than the previous three. Robots would do everything. There would be universal leisure but mass unemployment. Similar warnings were a fixture at the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos. Bestselling books predicted dystopian outcomes in which society split into a wealthy, robot-owning plutocracy and an unemployed underclass, and repressive governments would be needed to rein in social discontent. But robots did not take all the jobs—and today, in 2030, much of the world faces the opposite problem as populations age and workforces shrink. What happened to the supposedly inexorable march of the machines?

At the height of the concern about the coming jobs apocalypse, in the late 2010s, the most vulnerable people were thought to be older, unskilled workers. In 2017 the McKinsey Global Institute, part of a business consultancy, predicted that 800m people in 46 countries, or roughly a third of the workforce, could lose their jobs to machines by 2030. Older workers were thought to be especially vulnerable because they were engaged in repetitive, unskilled manufacturing, the kind that was easiest to automate. In 2018 Mercer, another consultancy, used an index of risk developed by Carl Frey and Michael Osborne of the Oxford Martin School to calculate that three-quarters of Chinese workers aged over 50 were at risk of being replaced by robots. In America just over half of older workers ran the same risk, while in Germany and Italy about 60% did.

But these dire forecasts did not come to pass, for two reasons. First, AI failed to advance as quickly as some people thought it would. In 2018 Rodney Brooks, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), forecast that driverless-car services comparable to conventional taxis were unlikely before 2032 and that a robot which could navigate its way around the steps and clutter of an ordinary home would not become widespread until 2035. With just a few years to go, he seems likely to be proved right on both counts. During the 2020s robots powered by AI became more widespread, changing many industries and taking over repetitive jobs. But they were not cheap and still cannot handle many tasks requiring human discretion or empathy. In nursing and social care, in particular, robots are not up to the job.

Robots work alongside an employee at an assembly line in Japan. *Reuters*

Second, the 2020s showed that the level of employment depends on more than just automation: it also depends on ageing and immigration. As their populations aged, rich countries saw their workforces shrink. Many invested more in robots as they aged, and some let in more migrants, plugging some of the skills gaps and boosting productivity. Countries with relatively slow ageing and lots of robots did best. But those that underinvested in automation, or shut themselves off from the world, were hard hit.

Help wanted

Britain was an extreme example of the second group. In the 2020s its economy was still suffering a trade shock from Brexit and its political system was in turmoil. But the longer-term problems were demographic, made worse by the increased difficulty of hiring workers from abroad. Between 2000 and 2015 the British population had expanded by 11% and the workforce had grown by 14%, thanks to an influx of foreign-born workers. Over the next 15 years these trends went into reverse. As ageing began to have a larger effect, the population increased by just 6.5% between 2016 and 2030, while net migration dropped to a few thousand a year. The workforce grew by barely 1% in total during that period.

That itself might not have been an insuperable problem. After all, the workforce was at least still growing, unlike Japan's or China's. But Britain was already suffering from a skills shortage, which suddenly got much worse. In 2015, 35% of the workers in health and social care, one of Britain's biggest employers, were over 50; 18% were foreign born. A poll in 2015 found that a third of doctors in the National Health Service were planning to retire by 2020. So as doctors retired and Spanish-born nurses went home, the country found it increasingly difficult to replace them, giving rise to a series of stomach-churning medical scandals which undermined the health service's already-tattered reputation. Similarly, successive governments' promises to build more houses foundered on a lack of suitable workers. In 2018 two-thirds of small and medium-sized building firms said they could not find enough bricklayers, carpenters and joiners, in part because they had become overly reliant on importing plumbers from Poland and carpenters from Hungary. Brexit meant those options vanished altogether in the 2020s.

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Had Britain invested more heavily in automation, it might have been better able to cope. As Daron Acemoglu of MIT and Pascual Restrepo of Boston University showed in 2018, countries which age fastest tend to invest the most in robotics—causing their GDP growth to hold up better than you might expect. Britain, though, was a technological laggard. According to the International Federation of Robotics its "robot density" (the number of industrial robots per 10,000 manufacturing workers) was only 85 in 2017, compared with an average of 106 across Europe, and 710 in South Korea. Risk-averse businesspeople and technophobic unions ensured that Britain failed to catch up in the 2020s.

The results were painful. As the workforce stopped growing, labour markets tightened and wages rose. But overall output stagnated and tax revenues fell, reducing the funding available for public and social services, just as they were also being hit by skills shortages and the increasing demands of an older population. Class sizes increased as schools struggled to find enough teachers. Standards of service declined in health care, transport, hospitality and other labour-intensive sectors. A series of strikes successfully blocked an unpopular effort to raise retirement ages more quickly. In 2026, caught between the militancy of its supposed allies and the hostility of markets, Jeremy Corbyn's Labour government prevaricated, backtracked, appealed to voters and then finally collapsed.

Britain was an extreme case. Other countries faced different problems, or managed them better. Japan and South Korea have seen their workforces shrink in absolute terms but, by investing in robots and software to perform repetitive tasks, and by retraining workers for employment in caring professions, both countries softened the blow of the demographic transition and maintained high productivity growth.

Germany also had to deal with an ageing, shrinking workforce but reaped the rewards of allowing a large number of migrants into the country in 2015-16. America's population did not age as quickly as those in other rich countries so its workforce did not contract. After the isolation of the Trump years, the country has become more welcoming to immigrants; it has also maintained its traditionally high investment in automation. As for China, its workforce has contracted dramatically, damaging the Communist Party's attempt to introduce a proper pension- and social-security system, and making it hard even to find enough soldiers for the People's Liberation Army. Social disruption and discontent have reined in China's global ambitions.

The dystopia predicted in the late 2010s, of widespread technological unemployment, has not come to pass. Even at the time, the evidence for an imminent jobs apocalypse was noticeably lacking: employment across the rich world reached record levels in 2019, while productivity growth in many countries was anaemic. That suggested machines were not displacing human workers after all, and their ability to do so had been overstated. In retrospect, the doom-mongers of Davos were worried about the wrong thing. Today another dystopian scenario looms instead: that of a world in which there are too few robots, not too many.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJA RAMANNA CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

CORRIGENDUM No . 1/2055 dated 10.07.2019

Tender No. : RRCAT/C&S/C/2055/19-20/CR-03 Date: 28.05.2019
Name of Work: Setting up of ISO Class 4 Clean room in the experimental hall of SCRF cavity building at RRCAT, Indore. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 825.00 Lakh** The date of availability, Pre-bid meeting, submission & Opening of tender are changed as follows.

Last date of availability of tender document for download	: 16/07/2019 (17:00 Hrs.)
Last Date of receipt of Pre-bid queries by email **(csdoff@ rrcat.gov.in)**	: 21/07/2019
Date of Pre-bid meeting in the office of Chief Engineer, RRCAT.	: 23/07/2019
Date of uploading Pre-bid clarification in Tenderwizard website.	: 26/07/2019
Last date and time of closing of Uploading / online submission of tender	: 31/07/2019 at 15:00 hrs.
Date of physical submission of EMD	: 01/08/19 to 02/08/19 from 9:00 hrs. to 15:15 hrs.
Last date and time of online opening of Technical bid.	: 02/08/2019 at 15:30 hrs.

Other informations are available on Web site: **www.rrcat.gov.in** All other terms & conditions of tender shall remain unchanged.

Chief Engineer, RRCAT
For and on behalf of The President of India

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR-2, PANCHKULA-134151
(www.hssc.gov.in)

ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR SCRUTINY OF DOCUMENTS CUM PHYSICAL MEASUREMENT TEST FOR THE POSTS OF FIRE STATION OFFICER AND SUB-FIRE OFFICER OF URBAN LOCAL BODIES-CUM-FIRE SERVICES, HARYANA AGAINST ADVT. NO. 11/2017, CAT. NO.01 AND 02

In continuation of earlier notice date 28.06.2019 and On the basis of Written Examination held on 12.01.2019 and scrutiny of documents on 19.06.2019 and 28.06.2019 for the posts of Fire Station Officer and Sub-Fire Officer of Urban Local Bodies-cum-Fire Services, Haryana against Advt. No. 07/2015, Category No. 01 and 02 respectively, the candidate bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for Scrutiny of Documents cum Physical Measurement Test on 13.07.2019 provisionally to ascertain eligible candidates and further subject to the fulfillment of their eligibility conditions as per advertisement and service rules.

Advt. No. 11/2017, Fire Station Officer, CAT. No. 01 (10 Posts)

1171000001 1171000007 1171000008 1171000009 1171000012
1171000013 1171000017 1171000021 1171000027 1171000046
1171000050 1171000051 1171000058 1171000074 1111000075

Advt. No. 11/2017, Sub-Fire Officer, CAT. No. 02 (26 Posts)

1172000015 1172000057 1172000058 1172000062 1172000110

1. The Physical Measurement Test of the candidates will he held on 13.07.2019. The candidates are advised to download the Admit Card for PMT from the website of the Commission on/after 11.07.2019 and report at 09.00 A.M.. in the Commission Office Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula on 13.07.2019.
2. The candidates who were remained absent for Scrutiny of Documents on 19.06.2019 and 28.06.2019 for the posts of Fire Station Officer and Sub-Fire Officer may also come for scrutiny of documents-cum PMT on 13.07.2019.
3. In case a candidate does not appear for Physical Measurement Test no further opportunity will be given thereafter.
4. While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the notice, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.
5. The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. www.hssc.gov.in

Sd/-
(Secretary)
Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula.

Dated: 09.07.2019
77476/HRY

Coal India Limited
(A Maharatna Company)

Notice for Open e-Tender

1. Tender No. CIL/C2D/LD/2019-21/344 Dated 08.07.2019. 2. Scope of Tender: Conclusion of Running Contracts (RCs) and empanelment as Reserve RC holders for a period up to 31.05.2021 from date of issue of RC for supply of LD Explosives to all the subsidiary companies of CIL and NEC. **3. Estimated Value:** Rs. 156.66 crores approx. **4. Tender Document:** There will be no physical sale of tender document. Tender documents can be downloaded from CIL website **(www.coalindia.in)**, Central Public procurement portal **(www.eprocure.gov.in)** and CIL e-procurement portal **(http://coalindiatenders.nic.in)** with effect from 09.07.2019. All necessary details may be obtained from the above websites.

General Manager (MM)

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Open e-T.N.No.DRM/Works/SC/119/2019/OT Dt: 08/07/2019

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on 24/07/2019.

Sl.No.: 1 e-Tender No.: 119_N_SC_19_OT Name of the work.: SC Division-SW-I-Provision of 2 lifts at Ramagundam station. SW-II-RDM-Providing water hydrant for caught fire wagons on M 16 line. **Approx. Tender Value (₹) :** 51,20,822/- **EMD (₹) :** 1,02,500/- **Cost of Tender Form (₹):** 5,000/- **Completion period in Months :** 04 **Maintenance period in Months:** 06 **Works considered similar in nature towards Standard eligibility criteria:** C2-(a) Any Civil Engg work(excluding Zonal works).

1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.
2. Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at ireps.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.
3. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit Cost of tender form & EMD through online payments only.
4. The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr.DEN/Co-ordination, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days.
5. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
6. All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offers.

Sr.DEN/Co-ordination/ Secunderabad
A1095

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

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OFFICE OF JOINT DIRECTOR AND SUPRINTENDENT
CHHATTISGARH INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES CIMS HOSPITAL ,BILASPUR -495001
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No./Pur/MS/CIMS/4311 **Bilaspur, Date:09/07/2019**

SECOND TENDER INVITATION NOTICE

CIMS Hospital is inviting tender for cleaning, plumbing and carpentry item from interested general supplier, Distributers & authorized dealers. Tender form cost in 1000-00 cash for each category separately and with an application in own letter head. Purchase of tender form is till 19-07-2019 from publication of tender and submission of tender is 13-08-2019 till 3:00 pm and opening of tender is 13-08-2019, 4:00 pm . (venue-Joint director and suprintendent Office, CIMS Hospital Bilaspur).
(Annual purchase cost app.- 10-20 lacs)

sd/-
Joint Director and Superintendent
Cims Hospital, Bilaspur C.G.
71615

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH
Chanakya Bhawan, 3rd Floor, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi -110021

TENDER NOTICE

Ref No. F-8/H.M ./CGB-CGS/2019/988 Dated. 08/07/2019 Sealed tenders are invited from reputed firms having experience in maintaining the RO Systems installed at Chhattisgarh Bhawan, 7 S.P. Marg, Chanakyapuri , New Delhi, Chhattisgarh Sadan, Safdarjung, New Delhi and Chanakya Bhawan , New Delhi. The tender documents may be obtained from 3rd Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021 on payment of Rs. 200/- (non-refundable) in cash on or before 30.07.2019 between 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM on all working days. Tender documents can be downloaded from www.rcchhattisgarh.gov.in . Last date of receipt of tender is 31.07.2019 upto 03 .30 PM.

sd/-
Residet Comissioner
chhattisgarh Bhawan
71587

سدر دفتر ضلع پولیس سرینگر
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Subject: Cancellation of e-Tender No. 7485 of 2019 dated 17.06.2019 read with No. GB/e-Tender-2019/ 7769-77 Dated 25.06.2019

In Connection with above cited subject, due to fault occurred in uploading of tender documents viz extension of tender documents instead of re-tenders e-NIT No. 7485 of 2019 dated 17.06.2019 issued under endstt. No. GB/e-Tender-2019/7486-92 dated 17.06.2019 regarding procurement of goods is hereby cancelled.

However fresh e-Tender shall be issued separately.

Sd/-
[Dr. Muhammad Haseeb Mughal-JKPS]
Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Srinagar.

No.: GB/e-Tender-2019/8266-73
Dated: 08.07.2019
DIPK-4497/19

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

E-Tendering Tender Notice

E-Tender Notice No. AGC/Br/L/2019-20/01 **Date: 05.07.2019**

Dy. Chief Engineer/Bridge/Line/Agra, North Central Railway, Agra Cantt for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tenders on the prescribed forms for the under noted work:-

SN	Tender No.	Name of work	Cost of Work	Earnest Money	Completion period	Eligibility Criteria for similar work
1	Br/AGC/2019/01	Replacement of corroded protective screens on FOB in MTJ-AWR section (8nos), at HDL, SHLK, RDE & AGC DLI end and provision of inspection cradles on Br No. 1314/1UP, 1331/1UP, 1436/2 3rd line, 1471/6 & 133311 etc in AGC division.	₹ 12989352.93	₹ 214900/-	06 Months	"Any structural steel fabrication work"
2	Br/AGC/2019/02	Provision of Subway in lieu of level crossing No.55 in IDH-BXN section of Agra Division by Box pushing method.	₹ 33908816.20	₹ 319600/-	09 Months	"Construction of bridge using Box pushing Technique under Railway Track"
3	Br/AGC/2019/03	Construction of 3.0 meter wide Foot Over Bridges with ramp at Etmadpur station on AF-TDL section of Agra Division	₹ 20944788.46	₹ 254700/-	05 Months	"Fabrication & erection of steel structure or launching/delaunching of steel girder"
4	Br/AGC/2019/04	Construction of 3.0 meter wide Foot Over Bridges with ramp at Vahej station on MTJ-AWR section of Agra Division.	₹ 24756976.99	₹ 273800/-	05 Months	"Fabrication & erection of steel structure or launching/ delaunching of steel girder"

Cost of tender form: ₹10000/-, Date of Opening of tender: 01.08.2019; Note: (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **14.30** hrs on the due date of tender opening i.e **01.08.2019** at **15.00 Hrs. (2)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **(3)** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity on any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straightaway ignored and shall not be considered. **(4)** Documents being attached should be signed by the tenders on its body. **(5)** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost (TDC) in respect of e- Tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **(6)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **(7)** Tender on line can be submitted up to **14.30 hrs.** on **01.08.2019.** **980/19 FA**

North central railways **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in** **railway northcentral@CPRONCR**

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/E-MAIL
1.	HVPN	QDP NO. 1174,NIT NO. 1036 DATED: 03.06.2019	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTETENDED UP TO 23.07.2019 UP TO 17:00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
2.	HVPN	QDP-1172 (NIT NO. 1034 DATED 03.06.2019)	CORRIGENDUM-1/EXETENTION OF DUE DATE OF SUUBMISSION UPTO 22.07.2019 UPTO 17.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
3.	HVPN	QDP NO. 1173,NIT NO. 1035 DATED: 03.06.2019	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTETENDED UPTO 23.07.2019 UP TO 17:00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
4.	HVPN	QDP-1169 (NIT NO. 1031 DATED 03.06.2019)	CORRIGENDUM-1/EXETENTION OF DUE DATE OF SUUBMISSION UPTO 22.07.2019 17.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
5.	HPGCL	PTP/POM-222084 EVENT NO.100941 SUB:- RUBBER PADS	START DATE 04-10-2018 & END DATE 17.07.2019 AT 13:00 HOURS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com
6.	HPGCL	PTP/POM-331789 EVENT NO.120839 SUB:- SUPPLY OF VACUUM PUMP PULLEY (MATERIAL CAST IRON)	OPENING DT. 28.02.2019 & END DT.17.07.2019 AT 13:00 HOURS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com
7.	UHBVN	25/XEN R-APDRP/AMC/DMS/2019-20	DATE EXTENDED	www.uhbvn.org.in	9317554907 seprojects@uhbvn.org.in

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

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Notice Inviting Bid (NIB)

The General Manager, SF Complex, Jagdalpur- 494001. invites separate sealed bids in the prescribed format from reputed firms for execution of following work at SF Complex, Jagdalpur.

Sl. No.	Bid Reference No.	Name of the Work	EMD (Rs.)	Bid Submission End Date & Time	Bid Opening Date & Time
01	SFC/MMG/INST-1/ D-041/2018-19	DRIVE POWER CARD	6,500/-	23/07/2019 12:30 PM	23/07/2019 14:30 PM

The Bid document is to be downloaded from the DRDO website: **www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app**. The cost of EMD in the form of demand draft drawn in favour of General Manager, SF Complex. Jagdalpur-494001 payable at Jagdalpur, at the time of submission of the bid. failing which the bid would not be considered.
The General Manger, SF Complex reserves the right to reject any or all bid without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
General Manager
SF Complex Jagdalpur

DAVP/10301/11/0042/1920

HSIIDC
Expression of Interest (EoI)

HSIIDC invites EOI from various Stake Holders. Interested Persons or Corporate Entities for Assessing Possibilities/ Potential of/for Development of following Projects:

1) 100 Acre of Industrial Area in Narnaund, Distt. Hisar
2) 90 Acre of Industrial Area in Uchana, Distt. Jind
3) Food Park & Cotton Hosiery Hub in Dabwali City, Distt. Sirsa

a) Individuals, Group of Individuals or Corporate entities interested in setting up their Projects in the above locations may submit their Expression of Interest as per the format below:

Item	Detail
Location (Please tick the Applicable Option)	☐ 100 Acre of Industrial Area in Narnaund, Distt. Hisar ☐ 90 Acre of Industrial Area in Uchana, Distt. Jind ☐ Food Park & Cotton Hosiery Hub in Dabwali City, Distt. Sirsa
Name of the Applicant/Applicant Company with Address:	
Contact Person with Phone Number:	
Turnover (Rs. in Crore):	
Proposed Project/Product for Manufacturing:	
Expected Area (In square meters)	
Tentative Project Cost (Rs. in Crore)	
Date of Completion of Project	
Will the Allotment Rate Rs. 2000/- per square meter be acceptable	
Any Suggestion/Remarks over & above the above Information	
Place Date	Signed (Name of the Signatory)

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER
1.	PWD B&R, KAITHAL	PROVIDING AND LAYING 80MM THICK INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCK ON PADLA TO GUHNA ROAD IN VILLAGE GUHNA IN KAITHAL DISTT. (ID 71 7162)	CLOSING DATE 15.07.2019	6.18 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-222282 pwd-eepd-kaithal@hry.nic.in
2.	PWD B&R, AMBALA	REPAIR OF INTERNAL ROAD BY PROVIDING INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCKS IN SESSION HOUSE AT AMBALA CITY IN AMBALA DISTRICT. (RE-INVITED) + 5 OTHER WORKS	10.07.2019 19.07.2019	97.04 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9464321234 Pwd-eepd1-ambala@hry.nic.in
3.	PWD B&R, SIRSA	WDG./STG. FROM ARNIAWALI APPROACH ROAD (ROAD ID 5871) & ARNIAWALI TO NIRBAN ROAD HSAMB ROAD (ROAD ID 9610) IN SIRSA DISTT. (C.M. ANNOUNCEMENT CODE NO. 24719 DATED 10.01.2019). + 1 OTHER WORKS	08.07.2019 18.07.2019	260.30 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01666-222959 pwd-eepd2-sirsa@hry. nic. In
4.	PWD B&R, HISAR	SPECIAL REPAIR OF CENTRAL VERGE & SIDE DRAIN FROM CAMP CHOWK TO CAMP MOR UPTO SOUTHERN BYPASS HISAR RD 0.00 TO 2.200 IN HISAR DISTT (ID 8691) IN HISAR (CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE NO 22930 DATED 21.08.2018) - RECALL	12.07.2019 22.07.2019	166.60 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PROV DIV NO. I,HISAR
5.	PWD B&R, REWARI	CONSTRUCTION OF SDO (CIVIL) COMPLEX AT BAWAL IN REWARI DISTRICT.(RE-INVITED) + 1 OTHER WORKS	10.07.2019 17.07.2019	1221.13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01274-253703 pwd-eepd-rewari@hry.nic.in
6.	PWD B&R, PANCHKULA	REHABLITATION BY PROTECTION WORK OF H.L. BRIDGE 1 SPAN 6.00 MTR. EACH ON LINK ROAD KHETPURALI TO DUDHGARH IN PANCHKULA DISTT.	06.07.2019 15.07.2019	____	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	pwd-eepd-panchkula@hry.nic
7.	PWD B&R, KURUKSHETRA	CONSTRUCTION OF G.I ROOFING SHED IN KAAMYAK TIRATH IN KAMODA IN DISTRICT KURUKSHETRA + 1 OTHER WORK	05.07.2019 15.07.2019	25.07 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-238066
8.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF TOILET AT JHANDA KOTHI RD-108000/R SDK + 11 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 17.07.2019	7.32 LACS	hid.gov.in	xenwsdmechhsr@gmail.com
9.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT SIRSA	REMODELING OF WC OF OL RD 18450-R RAJPURA MINOR + 2 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 23.07.2019	86.02 LACS	hid.gov.in	xen.rorisrs@rediffmail.com
10.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BHIWANI	REPAIR OF RETAINING WALL AT RD 47900 OF BHIWANI GHAGGAR DRAIN AT NIGANA FEEDER CROSSING + 3 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 17.07.2019	9.38 LACS	www.hid.gov.in	01664-242141 xenbwsbhiwani@rediffmail.com
11.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT SIRSA	REMODELING OF MAMMERKHERA DISTY. FROM RD 158500 TO 193970 TAIL OFF TAKING AT RD 258500-L BMB.	CLOSING DATE 16.07.2019	303.23 LACS	hid.gov.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
12.	IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT (ADAMPUR W/S DIVISION, HISAR)	REPAIR OF ROAD IN CANAL COLONY, DAULATPUR + 2 OTHER WORS	08.07.2019 18.07.2019	19.32 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in adampur_1 TO 3	01662-230030 xenawsdn@gmail.com
13.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT PANCHKULA	PROVIDING OF L-SECTION GEO TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION AND DETAIL DESIGING WORKING DRAWING DETAILED ESTIMATES WITH BOQ , MODIFICATION AND SITE VISITS INCLUDING PROOF CHECKING OF THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF SHREE VATIKA IN SHRI MATA MANSA DEVI COMPLEX, PANCHKULA.	CLOSING DATE 17.07.2019	2 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2570325 xenconst1@yahoo.com
14.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, SIRSA	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. UGR OF SIZE 19'X13', ONE NO. PUMP CHAMBER OF SIZE 10'X12' , BOUNDARY WALL REPAIR OF HEAD WORKS STRUCTURES LAYING OF RISING MAIN, PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF PUMPING MACHINERY & C.I SPECIALS, RISING MAIN AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO AT RAGHUANA DISTT. SIRSA + 3 OTHER WORKS	10.07.2019 18.07.2019	911.12 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.inE-TENDER NO. 2019_HRY_84783 + 3 OTHER WORKS	9991195788 ee3sirsa@phedharyana.gov.in
15.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, AMBALA	PROVIDING & INSTALLING DEEP T/WELLS AT VARIOUS FLUORIDE AFFECTED VILLAGES UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DIVISION JIND.	09.07.2019 19.07.2019	12.35 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.inTENDER NO 2019_HRY_85472_1	0171-2631402 eemambala@phedharyana.gov.in
16.	DIRECTOR GENERAL, SUPPLIES & DISPOSALS, HARYANA	PURCHASE OF ISI MARKED BLEACHING POWDER	10.07.2019 26.07.2019	1.50 CRORE TO 2.25 CRORES	https://etenders. hry.nic.in, dsnd-haryana.gov.in	0172-2570121-124, 2584125, 2585125 supplies@hry.nic. in
17.	DIRECTOR GENERAL, SUPPLIES & DISPOSALS, HARYANA	PURCHASE OF E-WEIGHING MACHINES	10.07.2019 26.07.2019	6.30 CRORES	https://etenders. hry.nic.in, dsnd-haryana.gov.in	0172-2570121-124, 2584125, 2585125 supplies@hry.nic. in
18.	HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT MANGIANA (SIRSA)	SUPPLY OF MATERIAL AND INSTALLATION OF MIST AND HARDENING CHAMBER	11.07.2019 26.07.2019	EMD 50000	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7015061009 / ddhcef@gmail.com
19.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, YAMUNA NAGAR	CONST. OF LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT IN VILLAGE HAIBATPUR BLOCK BILASPUR DISTT YAMUNA NAGAR	10.07.2019 22.07.2019	10.54 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01732-237833 prexeeng.ynr@hry.nic.in
20.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT, JIND	PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES SUCH AS CLEANING, SANITATION , HOUSE KEEPING , MALI, DHOBI, SECURITY SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, CIVIL WORK , ELECTRIC WORK, LIFT OPERATORS, COMPUTER OPERATORS, FIRE SAFETY, ETC FOR CIVIL HOSPITAL JIND.	09.07.2019 17.07.2019	EMD 9.3 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in 2019_HRY_85586_1	01681-245455 dhs.csjnd@hry.nic.in
21.	DIRECTORATE OF STATE TRANSPORT, HARYANA, CHANDIGARH	SCHEME FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PARCEL, ALLIED SERVICES AND OPERATION OF COURIER SERVICES THROUGH THE BUSES OF STATE TRANSPORT, HARYANA	11.07.2019 06.08.2019	1.00 CRORE	http://www.hartrans.gov.in	01722710371 dtcpndhr@gmail.com
22.	HIGHER EDUCATION PANCHKULA, HARYANA	DEVELOPMENT OF MODEL COLLEGE WITH STATE-OF-ART INFRASTRUCTURE AND CUTTING EDGE PEDAGOGY UNDER PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODE IN SECTOR 51, GURUGRAM.	11.07.2019 26.07.2019	_____	highereduhry.com; https://etenders.hry.nic.in	hemant.hechry@gmail.com

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GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹34,870	₹68.58	$63.23*	₹38,900

*Indian basket as on July 9, 2019

SENSEX: 38,557.04 ▼ 173.78 **NIFTY:** 11,498.90 ▼ 57.00 **NIKKEI:** 21,533.48 ▼ 31.67 **HANG SENG:** 28,204.69 ▲ 88.41 **FTSE:** 7,530.66 ▼ 5.81 **DAX:** 12,377.51 ▼ 59.04

International market data till 1900 IST

POLICY WATCH
MACRO INDICATORS

Subramanian defends GDP estimates, Sen highlights impact of productivity growth

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

Former CEA Arvind Subramanian had concluded that the country's growth has been overestimated by around 2.5 percentage points between 2011-12 and 2016-17

DEFENDING HIS findings on overestimation of India's GDP growth rates, former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian on Wednesday said a 7 per cent-plus growth in the post-2011 period is inconsistent with performance of macroeconomic indicators such as weak exports, credit and investment growth. Subramanian also said that his research paper was a validation exercise of GDP from demand side, and not a new way to estimate GDP.

Speaking at a panel discussion on GDP estimation organised by NCAER, Subramanian stated that there were major shocks in the post-2011 period such as de-globalisation, twin balance sheet crisis, UPA-2 policy disintegration, consecutive agricultural droughts and demonetisation, which caused macro engines of investment, credit, and trade to stall, yet how could they impact GDP growth marginally. No country has grown at 7 per cent plus with exports growth below 5 per cent, he said adding that the deflator for GDP was, in his view, underestimated, which led to overestimation of real GDP.

"Number of technological questions were raised. How can GDP be ensured with just four variables? I wasn't trying to replace the CSO. Can't be so vain. Why should macro indicators like import, export, credit be negatively correlated with growth? Why should GVA manufacturing and IIP manufacturing have weak correlations? Why should they go from strong positive to negative correlation? It's odd ... I used a framework not to estimate but validate GDP from demand side," Subramanian said.

Subramanian had concluded that the country's growth has been overestimated by around 2.5 percentage points between 2011-12 and 2016-17. While official estimates have pegged average annual growth at around 7 per cent during this period, actual GDP growth is likely to have been lower, at around 4.5 per cent. Subramanian also pointed to the criticism of him overlooking revenue and productivity growth in his research paper, to which former Chief Statistician of India Pronab Sen responded by saying that improvements in technology and automation has led to productivity growth.

GDP numbers don't incorporate technological changes, it will show up in growth soon, Sen said.

Sen also said that the findings are based on correlating volume indicators which were anyway being used by CSO in national accounts estimation. "Most of the volume indicators which have been used are precisely the indicators which were used by the CSO to calculate the GDP. So if you are correlating the part, and then correlating to some of those (indicators), so no surprise," Sen said while explaining the positive correlation between indicators and GDP growth cited by Subramanian in his paper.

To the reason raised by Subramanian that there is no influence of productivity growth because profits are collapsing, Sen said that profits were impacted since compensation of employees went up. "Arvind says there is no influence of productivity growth because profits are collapsing ... value added is profits plus compensation for employees, the only way profits can go down is actually if compensation for employees goes up," Sen said.

"With the recent NSS report, which shows serious increase in unemployment, along with many companies' reports that show downsizing of workforce, there is a concern ... it also means you are replacing a lot of low skilled labour with few high skilled, highly paid labour. Why? The reason will be if the technology that you are using is going up. There has been a lot of fear mongering in recent years about automation pulling us down. If the manufacturing data from MCA is correct, automation has come, it has been there since last 7-8 years," Sen added.

Sen said that GST is a good way to measure intermediate consumption and B2B transactions but not consumption or B2C, adding that the CSO needs to look into the use of corporate data to extrapolate the informal economy.

Non-corporate has been hurt post demonetisation, GDP series doesn't track that. If CSO doesn't fix it, it's a problem, he said.

CABINET DECISIONS

Worker safety code, Bill to ban fraud deposit schemes get nod

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OSH CODE TO AMALGAMATE 13 ACTS

- **Union Cabinet okays Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions 2019 (OSH Code) that seeks to amalgamate 13 Acts relating to safety, health, working conditions and welfare provisions for employees, including mandatory minimum thresholds of leave and hours of work**
- **It also approved Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill with an aim to tackle the menace of illicit deposit-taking activities**

THE UNION Cabinet, which approved the Bill on Wage Code to extend the benefit of obligatory minimum wages to all workers last week, on Wednesday gave its nod for the Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions 2019 (OSH Code) that seeks to amalgamate 13 Acts relating to safety, health, working conditions and welfare provisions for employees, including mandatory minimum thresholds of leave and hours of work.

It would enhance the coverage of workers under the Acts manifold, by making their provisions applicable "to all establishments employing 10 or more workers, where any industry, trade, business, manufacture or occupation is carried on, including IT establishments or establishments of service sector."

The Cabinet also approved Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill with an aim to tackle the menace of illicit deposit-taking activities.

The Bill will replace the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Ordinance, 2019.

As per the OSH Code, every unit employing 10 or more employees shall have to register such establishment. Every employer will have to ensure that the workplace is free from hazards that cause or are likely to cause injury or occupational disease to the employees, and shall comply with the Occupational Safety and Health standards made under this Code and of the regulations, rules, bye-laws and orders made thereunder.

Every employer shall ensure the periodical medical examination and prescribed tests of the employees in the manner prescribed. They also need to provide and maintain, as far as is reasonably practicable, a working environment that is safe and without risk to the health of the employees.

Employees will have the right to obtain from the employer information relating to safety and health at work and represent to the employer directly or through a member of the Safety Committee, if constituted by the employer for such purpose, regarding inadequate provision for protection of his safety or health in connection with the work activity in the workplace, and if not satisfied, to the facilitator.

The Central government shall, by notification, constitute the National Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board to advise it on the matters relating to standards, rules and regulations to be framed under the Code.

Talking to reporters after the Cabinet meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said the illicit deposit-taking schemes are currently being run, exploiting regulatory gaps and lack of strict administrative measures, to dupe poor and gullible people of their hard earned money. The proposed legislation will have adequate provisions for punishment and disgorgement/repayment of deposits in cases where such schemes nonetheless manage to raise deposits illegally, he added.

The banning of the Unregulated Deposit Scheme Bill, 2018, was considered by the Lok Sabha in February and after discussion, the same was passed. However, before the same could be considered and passed in the Rajya Sabha, it was adjourned sine die on the same day. **FE**

5G technology: NSAB member, Chinese diplomat cross swords over Huawei

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

GOVT THINK TANK SESSION

- **As Prof V Kamakoti, member of the NSAB, gave a talk on "5G technology from an Indian perspective" and shared India's security concerns on Huawei, Dr Bai Jie, counsellor of science and technology section at the Chinese embassy, said that there is no evidence about Huawei posing a risk to foreign governments**

AT A time when India is caught in the middle of the US-China battle over Huawei and the 5G controversy, an interesting exchange took place on Wednesday at a government-think tank session between a National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) member, who is India's top expert on 5G, and a senior Chinese diplomat in Delhi.

As Prof V Kamakoti, who is a professor of computer science and engineering at IIT-Chennai and a member of the National Security Advisory Board, gave a talk on "5G technology from an Indian perspective" and shared India's security concerns on Huawei, a Chinese diplomat from the New Delhi-based embassy questioned him. Dr Bai Jie, counsellor of science and technology section at the Chinese embassy, said that there is no evidence about Huawei posing a risk to foreign governments. He cited Germany and the UK as using Huawei's technology, and called this issue a "purely politicised" one and a "power struggle".

To this, Kamakoti responded that India is concerned about its security and the government cannot take any chances, although there is no concrete evidence targetting Huawei with Chinese intelligence agencies.

"We are concerned about our security, we can't take any chances when it comes to 4G, 5G or 6G. We are going to take an unbiased view, and whichever equipment we have, we have to make sure that the equipment doesn't have any malicious (spyware) in it. We have to make sure that it doesn't compromise our national security," the NSAB member said. This exchange between the two took place at a Ministry of External Affairs-funded think tank, Indian Council of World Affairs in Delhi's Sapru House.

The session, moderated by ICWA director general T CA Raghavan, was attended by diplomats including Bhutanese envoy V Namgyel and Singapore's Deputy Chief of Mission Ng Boon Yian, former diplomat and NSAB member Amar Sinha, former Indian envoy to the US Arun Singh, former deputy NSA Leela Ponappa, former Special Secretary (Research and Analysis Wing) Krishan Verma among others.

During the session, Kamakoti pitched for "indigenisation" of 5G technology and shared the issues and concerns on the issue.

The issue of 5G has dominated the discourse, and was one of the talking points between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump, on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Osaka on June 28. On 5G, the two leaders had a brief discussion, with the Prime Minister pointing out that India is going to be a "billion users" of this technology. In that sense, he had said, India is the "second-largest market" in the world, and the way it moves and whatever choices it makes will essentially determine the global trend.

"Therefore, the PM said that in this regard, how we can leverage this. The billion Indian users, India's capacity in technology development, in start-up, in design, and Silicon Valley and its role in developing 5G technology for mutual benefit," Foreign Secretary Vijay K Gokhale had said. Trump spoke about the work US firms are doing in 5G, where he specifically referred to the Silicon Valley and said that since he has taken over as President, he has focussed on this area, in America's capability in developing this technology. He said that he looked forward to working with India. It was again decided to continue the conversation through meetings at technical level, as well as at the level of Secretary of State and External Affairs Minister, and the technical ministers.

'Growth in housing sales moderated in Apr-Jun at 12%'

Housing sales increased by 12 per cent during the second quarter of calendar year 2019 in seven major cities, but growth tapered as many prospective buyers adopted wait-and watch approach, property consultant Anarock said

CITIES WITH RISE IN SALES:

MUMBAI: 21,360 units, rising 36 per cent

PUNE: 10,490 units, rising 25 per cent

NCR: 12,640 units, rising 13 per cent

CHENNAI: 2,990 units, rising 10 per cent

CITIES WITH DECLINE IN SALES:

KOLKATA: 3,540 units, declining 12 per cent

BENGALURU: 13,150 units, declining 11 per cent

HYDERABAD: 4,430 units, declining 7 per cent

78,520 units
Sales of houses during first quarter of 2019, rising 58 per cent driven by positive market sentiment on various incentives announced in the interim Budget

68,600 units
Sales of houses during April-June 2019, as against 61,522 units in corresponding period last year. Sales were up in four cities, but declined in three cities

GST ON VARIOUS HOUSING CATEGORIES INTRODUCED FROM APRIL 1: Developers were also given the option to charge old rates for projects launched before April 1, 2019

- Under-construction flats in affordable category: From 8 per cent to 1 per cent
- Under-construction flats in other categories: From 12 per cent to 5 per cent; ITC withdrawn
- Completed flats: No GST

FPIs have option to take corporate route for lower surcharge: CBDT chief

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

CBDT CHAIRMAN P C Mody on Wednesday ruled out giving relaxation to foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from the ambit of increased surcharge, saying that foreign investors have an option to convert into a corporate entity to avail of lower rates available to such category.

Addressing a Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) event here, Mody said the consideration for increasing surcharge on people earning above Rs 2 crore was that people who have the ability to pay should shell out more for nation building. "The base rate was not changed. It was the surcharge which was changed. As a collateral, it affected the FPIs and AIFs (Alternative Investment Funds). But, there again the option is to go to the corporate structure. I don't see there is any kind of differential treatment," the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) chief said.

In her maiden Budget speech last Friday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman raised surcharge on income tax paid by high net worth (HNI) individuals.

Consequently, nearly 40 per cent of FPIs also get covered under the higher tax rate, as they have been investing as non-corporate entities such as trust or association of persons, which in the income tax law are classified as an individual for the purpose of taxation.

In the Union Budget 2019-20, Sitharaman proposed to raise the surcharge, charged on top of the applicable income tax rate, from 15 per cent to 25 per cent for those with taxable incomes of between Rs 2 crore and Rs 5 crore, and to 37 per cent for those earning more than Rs 5 crore. This takes the effective tax rate for those two groups to 39 per cent and 42.74 per cent, respectively.

The CBDT Chairman said the hike in surcharge was to provide benefit to taxpayers who are in the lower end of the income tax slab. "One of the options was to go in for increase (in tax rates) as such but that was not considered to be favourable," he said.

Experts said surcharge on capital gain on companies is lesser and, therefore, these FPIs could choose to come as a company, if they wanted to pay a lesser surcharge. About 60 per cent of FPIs or FIIs (foreign institutional investors) have come by adopting the company route and paying a lesser surcharge.

However, they can't opt for both, the benefits as an individual person and benefits as a company. **WITH PTI**

EXPLAINED

Government has stuck to its proposal

THE STRONG negative reaction by the markets notwithstanding, the government has stuck to its proposal of imposing income tax surcharge on the super rich, which includes the foreign portfolio investors registered as trusts or association of persons. The Centre's argument for the imposition of the levy is that super rich are expected to play a role in "nation building".

BOOK REVIEW

'Pharma Cos often make their worst drugs ... for least regulated markets, including India'

PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

IN MARCH 2013, US Food and Drug Administration investigator Peter Baker made a startling discovery in a large Indian pharmaceutical company's manufacturing plant. Following an intense, movie-like chase of a spooked employee carrying a suspicious garbage bag, Baker realised what the company had been trying to hide: roughly 75 manufacturing records for the company's insulin products, hastily torn in half.

"They revealed that many of the vials contained black particles, potentially deadly contaminants, and had failed visual inspection," writes investigative journalist Katherine Eban about the incident in her latest book, *Bottle of Lies*.

The company had tried to willingly hide this information to avoid a costly internal investigation, according to her. Alarmingly, the drugs flagged in the records had been released to patients in India and the Middle East, she writes.

Bottle of Lies has now been made available in India this week, but it already caused a stir in India's pharmaceuticals industry since its US launch in May. The book encompasses Eban's decade-long deep dive into the dubious data practices of certain Indian drug makers exporting medicines to the US and goes behind the scenes of some of the major scandals unearthed in the generic drugs industry here.

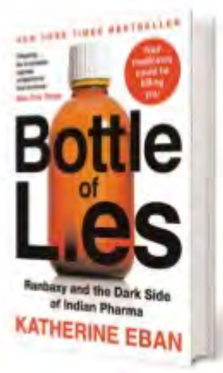
Eban carves out the culture of fraud and obscurity governing these companies, caught either forging and fudging data, or even haphazardly disposing evidence that would stop them from marketing their products in the US. Her anecdotes also don't scrimp on the dirty details of how some of these companies, including India's once largest drug maker Ranbaxy (years before it was sold to Sun Pharmaceuticals), viewed patients.

A sizeable portion of Eban's book focuses on Ranbaxy, which "took its greatest liberties in markets where regulation was weakest and the risk of discovery was the lowest."

This attitude is reflected in another incident — when issues of quality of an AIDS medicine supplied to Africa were raised in a conference call, Eban writes that one of Ranbaxy's top medical executives responded with, "Who cares? It's just blacks dying." Through such anecdotes, Eban raises several questions about the quality of medicines that are made for patients in developing markets.

"If they were playing hard and fast with the world's so-called best regulatory system, where they have got a lot of market, then what does it say about how companies have been operating for the Indian market?" asks S Srinivasan of patient activist group All India Drug Action Network (AIDAN).

Katherine Eban



BOTTLE OF LIES
KATHERINE EBAN
Juggernaut Books
482 pages
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Eban says she has focussed on manufacturing plants exploiting a "lax regulatory environment in order to skirt regulations and requirements entirely."

In Ranbaxy's case, regional representatives just "invented" the data they submitted to India's Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), she tells *The Indian Express*.

"Most people assume that a pill is a pill, made identically for every market and region in the world. But my reporting has exposed that generic drug companies routinely make drugs of differing quality, depending on the vigilance of regulators in the markets to which they're exporting," says Eban. "They often make their worst drugs — with the lowest-quality ingredients and the most manufacturing shortcuts — for the least regulated markets, including India," she adds. "Because we have a two-tier system of quality in our country, those manufacturing facilities that cater to what are called 'export' markets have seen all the investment and improvements because foreign regulators have demanded these. Sadly, our own drug supply in India has gotten worse," claims Ranbaxy whistleblower Dinesh Thakur, whose struggles have also been highlighted in Eban's latest work.

Since the US launch of the book, Indian pharma lobby groups and export associations have either called Eban's exposé "fictitious" or have claimed the situation described in her book is far in the past.

Sudarshan Jain of the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA), which represents several large Indian pharma companies, says IPA members are committed to "global standards of quality" and that the information in this book is "dated". Ranjt Barshikar, a quality expert consultant to the United Nations, says data integrity and documentation was a larger issue a decade ago.

"Since then, the US FDA has changed their way of audition, including surprise inspections, which has made a big difference. Quality is getting due importance," he says.

However, Eban argues that these practices are prevalent even today. Since 2016, the US FDA has flagged data integrity violations in at least 170 Indian drug plants, according to inspection data she has reviewed. "Between that and ongoing tips, I have received from whistleblowers at Indian companies, that tells me the practices continue today," she says. Investigators are still turning up examples of "willful data manipulation", Eban adds.

What does this mean for patients relying on affordable generics here?

Eban suggests, "Between pre-announced or inadequate inspections and ongoing data-integrity violations, patients need to remain vigilant. They must ask themselves, is their medicine working? And if not, why not?"

'Expect duty demands of small, medium taxpayers to be up to ₹50 lakh'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

WITH RS 3.75 lakh crore locked up in service tax and excise duty litigation, the government has sought to give relief to MSMEs by setting a cut-off of Rs 50 lakh for deciding on the extent of relief on tax dues that would be provided under the proposed dispute resolution-cum-amnesty scheme, an official said. About 1.30 lakh legacy cases of service tax and excise duty amounting to Rs 3.75 lakh crore are locked up in litigation, wherein Rs 2.5 lakh crore is service tax and the remaining Rs 1.25 lakh crore is excise.

The 'Sabka Vishwas Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme, 2019' announced in Budget 2019-20 provides for waiver of interest and penalty in excise and service tax cases which are locked up in litigation in various forums whether adjudicating authority or High Court or Supreme Court. These businesses would also not face prosecution in case they avail the scheme. "We expect small and medium taxpayers to have duty demands of up to Rs 50 lakh. No hard and fast rules, but that's the thinking which went into it. So, the relief is in terms of 70 per cent of the duty or 60 per cent of the duty," CBIC member-GST Sandeep Bhatnagar said.

Byju's raises $150 mn in fresh funding round; 'valuation up to $5.5 bn'

ASMITA DEY
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

BYJU'S ON Wednesday said it has raised $150 million in fresh funding round led by Qatar Investment Authority (QIA). Following this funding round, the company's valuation is now at over $5.5 billion, according to business signals platform paper.vc. One of India's earliest unicorns, the valuation post this round has risen only slightly. Nonetheless, the funds will come in handy as the company expands its business overseas.

The funding round also saw participation from San Francisco-based Owl Ventures. Byju's said it will use the funds for international expansion and creation of learning products for students globally. Byju's has so far raised nearly $1 billion in funding over 11 rounds, as per data from Crunchbase.

Founded in 2011, Byju's claimed to have tripled its revenue to Rs 1,430 crore in the fiscal ended March 2019. It posted revenues of about Rs 230.20 crore in FY17, according to data sourced from business intelligence platform Tofler.

Byju's, which reported losses of about Rs 28.65 crore in FY18, said it turned profitable on a full-year basis in FY19. The education technology company estimates it can more than double its revenue to over Rs 3,000 crore this fiscal.

"We are happy to have strong partners like QIA and Owl Ventures on board with us. This partnership will support and strengthen our vision of creating and delivering personalised learning experiences to students. This will help us explore and leverage our expertise in creating immersive tech-enabled learning programmes for students in smaller cities, regions and newer markets," Byju Raveendran, founder and CEO of Byju's, said.

In December last, the firm had mopped up, $540 million from Naspers and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board. Byju's The Learning App, launched in 2015, has garnered 2.4 million paid subscriptions and has over 35 million registered users.

The firm said students from over 1,700 cities globally spend an average 71 minutes on the app. "High adoption and 85 per cent annual renewal from small towns and cities shows the increasing acceptance of digital learning as a primary tool for learning at home," Raveendran said. FE

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BYJU RAVEENDRAN
CEO, BYJU'S

SEBI INTERVENTION SOUGHT BY CO-PROMOTER RAKESH GANGWAL

Related party transactions a fraction of FY19 turnover: Bhatia-led InterGlobe Enterprises

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
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RESPONDING TO allegations of serious governance lapses pertaining to related party transactions in InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, the company's promoter entity InterGlobe Enterprises said that the transactions comprised a fraction of InterGlobe Aviation's turnover for 2018-19.

Shares of InterGlobe Aviation, the parent company of India's largest airline IndiGo, on Wednesday fell 11 per cent following a spat between co-promoters over governance issues. The scrip plunged 10.73 per cent to close at Rs 1,397.75 on the BSE.

During the day, it crashed 17.54 per cent to Rs 1,291. On the NSE, shares fell sharply by 11.12 per cent to close at Rs 1,392. It fell by 19.24 per cent to Rs 1,264.85 in intra-day trade. The firm's market capitalisation fell by Rs 6,423 crore to Rs 53,765 crore on the BSE.

The entity InterGlobe Enterprises is controlled by Rahul Bhatia, whereas the allegations of lapses have been levelled by the company's co-promoter and co-founder Rakesh Gangwal.

According to a statement by InterGlobe Enterprises on Wednesday, the total amount earned through these related party transactions, which were in real estate, simulation training, GSA (Commission + Rent) and crew accommodation, was Rs 150.12 crore in FY19, 0.53 per cent of InterGlobe Aviation's consolidated turnover. The same amount was 0.50 per cent in FY18, it added.

Separately, IndiGo's chief executive officer Ronojoy Dutta wrote to the company's employees saying that the issues between the promoters have nothing to do with the functioning of the airline and that they will "eventually get sorted out".

"As much it is very important that we all remain focused on running high performance airline," Dutta noted in his letter, asking the airline's employees to continue their work as usual.

On Monday, Gangwal wrote to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) seeking its intervention in the governance issues at IndiGo. The markets regulator, in turn, has asked the airline to respond to the concerns by July 19.

Gangwal has alleged that Rahul Bhatia's entity InterGlobe Enterprises, which has management control of the airline, has built an "ecosystem of other companies that would enter into dozens of related party transactions with the airline".

This was among several other allegations levelled by Gangwal into lapses of corporate governance, including appointment of independent directors, powers of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the company's board, among others.

Prior to the letter Gangwal sent to Sebi, Bhatia had written to the Board of IndiGo that Gangwal's allegations into governance issues at the airline were part of a plot to "dilute" and "diminish" control of InterGlobe Enterprises in the airline. He also pointed out that the audit firm EY conducted a review of the related party transactions and found no "substantive" irregularities in it.

The timing of the feud between the promoters assumes significance given that the shareholders' agreement between entities of Bhatia and Gangwal, which determines the powers each of these co-founders have over the company's operations and management, is set for renewal in October this year, and contention of disproportionate control over IndiGo could be one of the primary reasons behind the promoters going at loggerheads.

Bhatia and Gangwal founded IndiGo as a low-cost airline back in 2006. Bhatia worked in the hospitality sector while Gangwal, a US citizen, was a senior executive at United Airlines. Both the promoters held nearly 99 per cent stake in the airline prior to its listing in 2013 and as of March 31, Bhatia held 38 per cent stake while Gangwal owned 37 per cent share in InterGlobe Aviation, the parent company of IndiGo.

ISSUES WILL GET SORTED OUT: CEO IN LETTER

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END OF THE ROAD FOR VW BEETLE

Drivers commute in their Volkswagen Beetles in a neighborhood of Mexico City known colloquially as 'Vocholandia,' for its love of the classic Beetle, called "vocho", on Tuesday. *Reuters*

- **Volkswagen is halting production of the last of its Beetle model this week at its plant in Mexico. It has been: a part of Germany's darkest hours as a Nazi prestige project.**
- **An emblem of the 1960s counterculture in the United States. Above all, the car remains a landmark in design, as recognizable as the Coca-Cola bottle.**
- **The last of 5,961 Final Edition versions of the Beetle is headed for a museum after ceremonies in Puebla, Mexico, on July 10 to mark the end of production. AP**

Balances in Jan Dhan accounts cross ₹1 lakh cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
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THE VALUE of balances in bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has crossed the Rs 1 lakh crore mark, as per updated data on the scheme's website. A total of 36.06 crore beneficiaries held balances worth Rs 1,00,496 crore as on July 3, 2019. This puts the average account balance of a Jan Dhan account at Rs 2,787.

Public-sector banks held a 79 per cent share of Jan Dhan accounts in both volume and value terms. They were followed by regional rural banks (RRBs), who held 17 per cent of the beneficiaries and 18 per cent of the value of deposits. Private banks brought in a meagre 3.5 per cent of Jan Dhan beneficiaries and 3 per cent of account balances. As on July3, 2019, 53 per cent of Jan Dhan account holders were women, while 59 per cent accounts were in rural and semi-urban areas.

The government had also said as on January 23, 2019, out of the total 34.03 crore PMJDY accounts, nearly 15 per cent were zero-balance accounts. FE

Trade, global growth concerns weigh on US economy: Fed chief

HOWARD SCHNEIDER
WASHINGTON JULY 10

CONCERNS ABOUT trade policy and a weak global economy "continue to weigh on the US economic outlook" and the Federal Reserve stands ready to "act as appropriate" to sustain a decade-long expansion, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said on Wednesday in remarks that could bolster expectations of an interest rate cut later this month.

In prepared remarks to a congressional committee, Powell contrasted the Fed's "baseline outlook" of continued US growth against a considerable set of risks - including persistently weak inflation, slower growth in other major economies, and a downturn in business investment driven by uncertainty over just how long the Trump administration's trade war with China and other countries will last and how intense it will become.

Fed officials at their June policy meeting signaled those concerns might warrant lower rates, and "since then, based on incoming data and other developments, it appears that uncertainties around trade tensions and concerns about the strength of the global economy continue to weigh on the US outlook," Powell said.

"Apparent progress on trade turned to greater uncertainty, and our contacts in business and agriculture reported heightened concerns over trade developments," Powell said, noting that business investment, an important component of economic growth, "seems to have slowed notably" in recent months.

Overall growth has also "moderated," the Fed chief said, while "there is a risk that weak inflation will be even more persistent than we currently anticipate," and not prove as transitory as Fed officials have often insisted.

US stock index futures gained, turning positive for the day after Powell's remarks were released, while the US dollar fell against a basket of other currencies. Government bond yields dipped, with two-year Treasuries falling below 1.87 per cent, from around 1.93 per cent earlier Wednesday morning. His appearances come at a particularly sensitive time for both the Fed and Powell personally, with US President Donald Trump lashing out at his handpicked Fed chief for not cutting interest rates that, in Trump's view, are needlessly slowing the economy.

At the same time, in the view of Fed officials, Trump's own policies — including higher tariffs and a somewhat unpredictable approach — have increased economic risks and led them to consider the very rate reductions Trump has demanded. The Fed has kept its current benchmark overnight interest rate in a range of between 2.25 per cent and 2.50 per cent since December.

Since a series of Trump trade tweets in late May, both investors and the Fed have begun shifting their stance, with markets now expecting a cut of at least a quarter of a percentage point when Fed policymakers meet at the end of the month. The US economy did not change much in the days that followed Trump's May 30 comments on Twitter threatening to impose tariffs on Mexico unless the country met his demands for tougher controls on immigrants crossing its northern border. REUTERS

Fed chairman Jerome Powell testifies during a House Financial Services Committee hearing on "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy" in Washington, US, on Wednesday. *Reuters*

BRIEFLY

Trade war: 'Constructive' phone talks held

Washington: United States and Chinese trade officials held a "constructive" phone conversation Tuesday, White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said Wednesday, marking a new round of talks after the two largest economies agreed to a truce in a year-long trade war. REUTERS

OBC cuts MCLR by up to 10 basis points

New Delhi: Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) has cut the marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) by up to 10 basis points (bps) for various tenors with effect from Thursday. MCLR for overnight and one-month loan tenor has been cut by 10 bps to 8.20 per cent and 8.25 per cent, respectively.

HP govt, 3 pvt firms ink pacts to invest ₹1K cr

New Delhi: Himachal Pradesh government signed agreements to the tune of Rs 1,000 crore with three private firms here at the Global Investors Meet in the presence of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur.

Longer forex market trading hours proposed

Mumbai: A Reserve Bank of India working group has suggested calibrated extension of forex market trading hours from 9 am to 9 pm as it would help in gauging demand and potential benefits.

'Housing prices in Oct-Dec in 50 cities up 6%'

New Delhi: Housing prices across 50 major cities rose by an average 6 per cent in October-December 2018 over the year-ago period, as per National Housing Bank data. NHB RESIDEX was launched in July 2007 to track movement in prices of residential properties in cities on quarterly basis. PTI

NCLAT dismisses HDFC insolvency plea against RHC Holding

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THE NATIONAL Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) Wednesday dismissed a petition by HDFC to initiate insolvency proceedings against RHC Holding, an entity promoted by former Ranbaxy and fortis promoters Malvinder Mohan Singh and Shivinder Mohan Singh.

A two-member bench headed by Chairman Justice S J Mukhopadhaya upheld the order of the principal bench of the National Company Law Tribunal which had rejected HDFC's plea. The NCLAT said it found "no merits" in HDFC's petition and said that non-bank financial company lenders come under the purview of the Reserve Bank of India and should seek remedies from the RBI, not the bankruptcy court.

In another case, the NCLAT asked Vikram Bakshi, estranged Indian partner of McDonald's, to file an affidavit within a week detailing the amount he has received from the sale of his shares in CPRL as part of his settlement with the US-based fast food chain.

It also asked Bakshi to furnish information about the "total decreed amount" sought to be recovered from him by the Debt Recovery Tribunal along with the total amount paid by him in favour of state-run HUDCO, which is claiming over Rs 190 crore dues.

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (E-TENDERING PROCESS)

Sl. No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	CE/C/Transmission	T.26	1

For details of works/Procurement/Due date of submission/opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
DIPR/2318/TENDER/2019

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Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design & Manufacturing Jabalpur
(An Institute of National Importance, established by an Act of Parliament)
Dumna Airport Road, Jabalpur(M.P)-482005
Short Tender Notice
Sealed Tenders are invited from Group Personal Accidental Insurance Companies dealing with Personal Accidental Insurance for the Students. Last date for submission and opening of Technical Bids is 29-07-2019.For further details and tender document please visit our website www.iiitdmj.ac.in.
Registrar

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
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No. MESCOM/SEE(P)//2019-20/4831 Date: 05.07.2019
TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)
MESCOM invites tender for Manufacture and Supply of the following material:

Tender No.	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/ 2019-20/IND587	M.S Bolts & Nuts of Different Sizes	30MT

The interested eligible bidders may log on to : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11.07.2019.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.) (Proc.) MESCOM, Mangaluru
For Power Related Complaint & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

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DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
JAL SADAN: LAJPAT NAGAR: NEW DELHI-110024.
N.I.T. NO. 08/S&P/(2019-20)
Press Tender

S. No.	Name of work	Reserve price	Date of release of tender in e procurement solution	Last date and time for download & RTGS through e procurement solution
1.	Rejuvenation of 04 nos. water bodies using Phytorid Treatment Technology of capacity 300 KLD at various locations in Delhi (Phase-V)	Part-A (Civil Work):- Percentage rate Amout- 5,38,40,064/- Part-B (E & M Work): Item rate	2019_DJB_176012_1 9.7.2019	8.8.2019 upto 3.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at govtprocurement delhi gov.in
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Sd/-
Advt. No. J.S.V. 154/2019-20 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C) S&P

TIRUNELVELI SMART CITY LIMITED
SMART CITIES MISSION
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)
Tender Notice No.14/Smart City/2018-19/SCM **Dated : 08.07.2019**
The Managing Director, Tirunelveli Smart City Limited, Tirunelveli hereby invites Bids through both on-line and off-line from eligible bidders for the following works :

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimate Amount Rs. in Crore	Bid Security Rs. in Lakhs	Period of Completion
1	Development of Nainar Lake front in Tirunelveli Corporation.	14.68	14.68	9 months
2	Development of Smart Roads in Tirunelveli Corporation at Kailasapuram middle street, Ganesapuram in Ward No.6, Kailasapuram East in Ward No.6, Salai road in Ward No.5, Sivan south street in Ward No.3 and Sivasakthi street in Ward No.3 in Thatchanallur Zone, Tirunelveli Corporation.	14.56	14.56	9 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 bidding documents will be available from 15.07.2019 to 16.08.2019. A pre-bid meeting held on 02.08.2019 on 11.00 hours. Tender documents can be downloaded from the website https://tntenders.gov.in. The bidder shall upload their bids on or before 15.00 hours on 16.08.2019. The tender will be opened on 15.30 hours on 16.08.2019.
Email ID: commr.tirunelveli@tn.gov.in
Office : 0462 - 2329328
Fax : (0462) - 2329327
Managing Director
Tirunelveli Smart City Limited,
Tirunelveli Corporation Office,
S.N.High Road, Tirunelveli - 627001.
DIPR/ 2301 /TENDER/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES
TENDER NOTICE FOR SIZING OF YARN
Sealed tenders with two cover system in the prescribed format are invited **only from the interested eligible parties** for the Sizing of following varieties of Yarn for Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Pongal 2020.
COTTON YARN

Sl. No.	Variety of Yarn	Required Quantity in MT	Supply Period
1	40sK Grey Cotton (Warp Quality) Yarn	2862.00	180 days
2	60sC Dyed Cotton (Warp Quality) Yarn	1983.00	180 days

Required Earnest Money Deposit : **Rs.3,00,000/-**
Sale Period : **11.07.2019 to 13.08.2019 upto 10.30 a.m**
Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender : **13.08.2019 upto 11.00 am**
Date and Time of Opening of Tender : **13.08.2019 at 12.00 Noon**
Eligibility of the Tenderer and Other conditions are stipulated in the Tender document.
1.The tender document can be downloaded at **free of cost** from Government tender website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and used for bidding.
2. If requested to send through Post: By Demand Draft - Rs.2900/- in favour of "Yarn Committee for FDS 2014" payable at Chennai City (inclusive of 12% GST).
Interested tenderers are requested to submit the tender schedule duly filled, **in separate covers and it should be sent in a sealed envelope superscribing "Tender for Sizing of Warp Yarn"** addressed to "The Joint Director (Uniforms) / Tender Inviting Authority, O/o Director of Handlooms and Textiles, Kuralagam, II Floor, Chennai - 600 108".
Contact : Joint Director (Uniforms)
Telephone: 044-25358712 Fax: 044-25342015 Mobile: 9445376275
email ID: tenderwing2015@gmail.com
DIPR/2325/Tender/2019 Joint Director (Uniforms) / Tender Inviting Authority.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU / PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
BUILDING ORGANISATION, BLDGS (C&M) CIRCLE, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI - 5
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE No.05 BCM/2019-20/DATED : 09.07.2019. FORM OF CONTRACT : LUMPSUM / Item wise Rate.
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Sealed tenders are invited from eligible registered contractors by the Special Chief Engineer, Bldgs (C&M) Circle, Chepauk, Chennai-5 for the following work:-

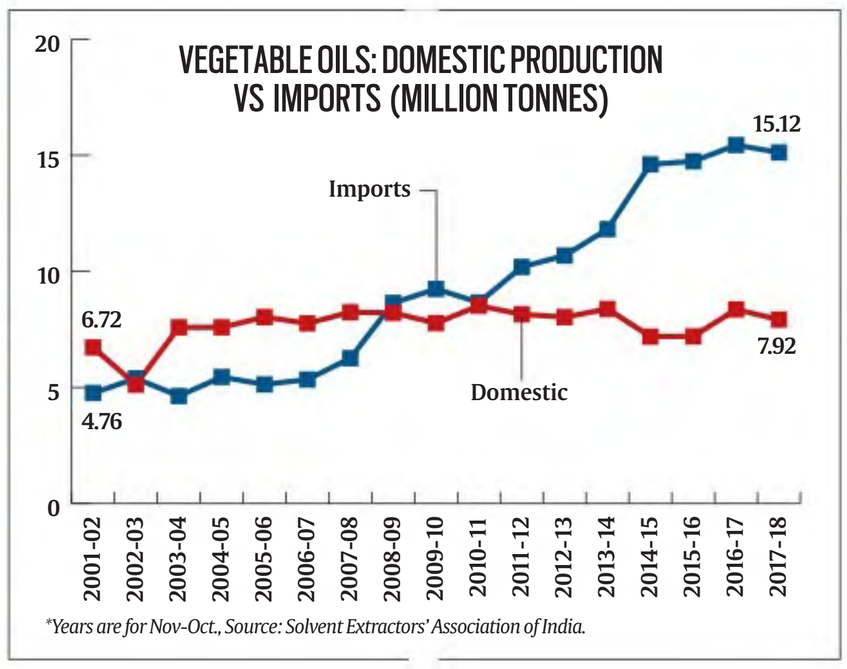
Sl. No.	Name of work and EMD	Approximate value of work	Period	EMD in favour of
1.	Providing amenities such as External water supply, STP, Internal and External electrical arrangement etc. to the newly constructed Integrated complex for both Registration and Commercial Tax Department in Government Farm Village, Guindy Taluk, Chennai District. EMD Rs. 9,25,000/-	Rs. 1825.00 Lakhs	6 Months	Executive Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C) Division - I, Chennai - 5.

Tender schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the Website http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in" (or) http://www.tntenders.gov.in" and also available in the o/o the undersigned at a cost of Rs. 15000/- + Rs. 1800 (GST). Last date for receipt of application for schedule is 18.07.2019. Tender schedule will be available from 11.07.2019 to 18.07.2019. Last date of receipt of tender is 19.07.2019 upto 03.00 P.M. and opened on the same day at 04.00 P.M. by the undersigned. Contractors Eligibility conditions and all other conditions are available in the above Website.
Special Chief Engineer, PWD.,
Buildings (C&M) Circle, Chepauk, Chennai - 5.
DIPR/2332/TENDER/2019

SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN EDIBLE OILS

A Tall Order

Reducing import dependence in vegetable fats is going to be far more tougher than in pulses



*Years are for Nov-Oct., Source: Solvent Extractors' Association of India.

HARISH DAMODARAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

IN HER Union Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has lauded farmers for making India self-sufficient in pulses, while being sure "they will repeat such a success even in the production of oilseeds".

On the first achievement, there are few doubts.

During 2016-17 to 2018-19, India's pulses output has averaged 23.92 million tonnes (mt), as against 17.58 mt for the preceding three-year period. As a result, imports, after more than doubling from 3.18 mt to 6.61 mt between 2013-14 and 2016-17, fell to 2.53 mt in the last fiscal. In value terms, pulses imports were only $ 1.14 billion (Rs 8,035.30 crore) in 2018-19, having peaked at $ 4.24 billion (Rs 28,523.18 crore) two years before.

The Washington-headquartered International Food Policy Research Institute has projected the country's pulses demand under different GDP growth scenarios at 21.40-22.36 mt in 2020 and 25.22-28.07 mt by 2030. Given that current production is already at 23-25 mt, the self-sufficiency claims aren't entirely without basis. And the Narendra Modi government can probably take some credit for it.

But can the pulses ("vegetable protein") success be replicated in oilseeds ("vegetable fat")? The simple answer: It is a tall order.

Table 1 shows the quantum and value of India's vegetable oil imports — how these are much bigger relative to pulses. Between 2009-10 and 2017-18, imports surged from 6.73 mt to 15.36 mt, with the corresponding foreign exchange outgo, too, rising from $ 4.72 billion (Rs 22,316.68 crore) to $ 11.64 billion (Rs 74,995.91 crore). They dipped somewhat to 15.03 mt ($ 9.89 billion or Rs 69,023.80 crore) in 2018-19, but nowhere near the scale seen in pulses.

The accompanying chart gives a better idea of the extent of import dependence. In 2001-02, the country's vegetable oil production, at 6.72 mt, exceeded imports of 4.76 mt. In 2011-12, imports crossed 10 mt for the first time, while also surpassing the domestic output of 8.15 mt. In the last oil year, imports, at 15.12 mt, were almost twice the production of 7.92 mt, translating into a self-sufficiency ratio of just over 34%.

The wholesale shift to imports has completely transformed the profile of edible oil consumption.

According to GGN Research, an Indore-based agri-commodity analytics firm, 58% of India's estimated edible oil consumption of 2.29 mt in 1973-74 was accounted for by groundnut. This was followed by mustard (28%), cottonseed (10%) and other indigenous oils such as coconut and sesame. But in 2001-02, 29.1% of the total consumption of 10.13 mt was constituted by palm oil, which, along with soyabean (22.3%), had relegated mustard and groundnut to third and fourth places. By 2017-18, the combined share of palm and soyabean oil had increased to more than 60%. Adding sunflower oil took it further up to nearly 72%.

About 96-98% of palm and sunflower oil consumed by India is imported — the former from Indonesia and Malaysia, the latter mostly from Ukraine. The ratio would be lower, at 70-72%, for soyabean that is imported primarily from Argentina and Brazil. It is these three, predominantly imported, oils that are being largely used today for deep-frying *pooris* and *pakodas*, making the *tadka/chounk* tempering to add flavour and aroma to *dals*, and imparting necessary texture, mouth-feel and bite to biscuits and cookies. While soyabean and sunflower are consumer-facing oils, not even a third of palm oil gets directly used in home kitchens. The bulk of it is consumed by the food industry — for everything from *mithais*, *namkeens*, bread and biscuits to noodles — and quick-service restaurants. It is the cheapest oil and amenable to deep as well as multiple frying. Hydrogenated vegetable oil (vanaspati), too, is entirely based on palm oil.

In the early 1970s, 58% of India's edible oil consumption was accounted for by groundnut, followed by mustard (28%), cottonseed (10%) and other indigenous oils. Today, nearly 72% share in consumption is of palm, soyabean and sunflower oil, which are predominantly imported

Against this background, how feasible is the goal of self-sufficiency?

B.V. Mehta, executive director, Solvent Extractors' Association of India, believes it is possible to push up production, particularly of mustard oil, which is currently around 2.2 mt. Mustard-seed has roughly 40% oil content. "Our average seed yield is hardly 1.2 tonnes per hectare. Punjab and Haryana together have six million hectares under wheat that the government is struggling to procure, amid overflowing godowns. If half that area is diverted to irrigated mustard with 2 tonnes/hectare yields, we can get an additional crop of 6 mt or 2.3-2.4 mt of oil," he notes.

The second biggest contributor to India's annual vegetable oil production of 8-8.1 mt is soyabean, at 1.3-1.4 mt. But since its oil content is only 17-18%, increasing production beyond even 2 mt is difficult. At No. 3 and No. 4 spots are cottonseed (1.2-1.3 mt) and rice bran oil (1 mt). Cottonseed has, in fact, now become Gujarat's dominant indigenous oil, ahead of groundnut. The boost here has come essentially from the Bt (genetically-modified cotton) revolution, just as increased paddy production has led to higher rice bran availability. A targeted approach can raise the output of these two oils by another 1.5-1.6 mt.

The real impetus to self-sufficiency, however, can come from oil palm — the only crop capable of yielding 4 tonnes of oil per hectare. "At present, local palm oil production is just 0.25 mt. India can potentially cultivate oil palm in 1.9-2 million hectares, giving 7.5-8 mt oil. But since the trees take four years to grow and yield fresh fruit bunches, you need to plan now. Oil palm should be declared as a plantation crop and exempted from land ceiling laws to attract investments from corporates. Simultaneously, we must restrict imports, especially of refined palm oil," adds Mehta.

On the other hand, industry expert and former Cargill India chairman, Siraj A. Chaudhry, is skeptical about aiming for self-sufficiency.

"Edible oil cannot be equated with pulses, where there's very little global trade and the consumption requirement of our significantly vegetarian population has to be met through domestic production. In edible oils, wheat or corn, there is no dearth of global suppliers producing at much lower costs. If China can import 100 mt of oilseeds annually (compared to its production of 58-59 mt), why should we worry about importing 15-16 mt of oil? Also, assuming our oilseed production rises substantially, where will you sell the resultant de-oiled cake or meal? Unlike China, our meat consumption isn't going to grow enough to absorb all this byproduct," he points out.

IMPORT OF VEGETABLE OILS AND PULSES

YEAR*	VEGETABLE OILS		PULSES	
	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
2009-10	67.34	22,316.68	37.50	10,629.16
2010-11	60.39	25,919.59	27.78	7,512.49
2011-12	70.82	38,909.02	34.96	9,448.35
2012-13	96.06	53,561.61	40.13	13,344.63
2013-14	79.43	44,038.04	31.78	11,036.75
2014-15	127.32	64,889.60	45.85	17,062.94
2015-16	156.44	68,676.62	57.98	25,619.06
2016-17	140.07	73,038.98	66.09	28,523.18
2017-18	153.61	74,995.91	56.08	18,748.57
2018-19	150.28	69,023.80	25.30	8,035.30

*Quantity in lakh tonnes; Value in Rs crore; *Apr-Mar.*
Source: Department of Commerce.

INDIA'S EDIBLE OIL CONSUMPTION PROFILE (LAKH TONNES)

OIL	2001-02	2017-18
Palm	29.44 (29.1)	88.37 (39.7)
Soyabean	22.58 (22.3)	45.48 (20.4)
Sunflower	3.09 (3.1)	25.79 (11.6)
Mustard	17.21 (17.0)	24.26 (10.9)
Cottonseed	4.43 (4.4)	12.57 (5.6)
Rice Bran*	12.34 (12.2)	20.29 (9.1)
Groundnut	12.16 (12.0)	5.74 (2.6)
TOTAL	101.25 (100.0)	222.50 (100.00)

*Figures in brackets represent % share; *Includes other oils.*
Source: GGN Research.

Express

Digital, no longer to divide

A unique experiment in UP to deliver farm extension through mobile live streaming

AMIT MOHAN PRASAD

VERY OFTEN, we talk of 'digital divide' — how our masses living in villages are unable to access the benefits of information and communication technologies. But here, there is one significant development to take note of — the penetration of high-speed Internet services through smartphones. India already has over 55 crore mobile broadband subscribers and that number is only going to further increase within the next couple of years, including in rural areas. Many entrance examinations for education or government jobs are today online, with the candidates submitting application forms electronically.

This article focuses on an experiment by the Uttar Pradesh (UP) government to use the digital medium for agricultural extension. In 2017-18, the state government had launched The Million Farmers' School (TMFS), a programme that sought to leverage its agriculture department's 7,500-plus field-level staff strength, by designing an extension module for the rabi (winter-spring) planting season and conducting *kisaan pathshalas* for the dissemination of scientifically recommended package of practices specific to the crops grown at this time. Through these *pathshalas* — training sessions spread over four days of roughly 90 minutes each, undertaken mainly in government primary/junior school buildings accessible to a cluster of villages — we could reach out to a million *kisaans* during that season. The programme was repeated in 2018-19, both during the kharif (monsoon) and rabi cropping seasons.

For the current kharif season, we have, apart from the fourth edition of TMFS, also implemented a digital extension programme called 'Vaigyanikon ki Baat, Kisaano ke Saath' (scientists-talking-to-farmers). A four-hour programme from 4 to 7 PM, carried out on June 4, it involved scientists from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, CIMMYT (International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre), state agricultural universities and the department itself. They were all reputed breeders and agronomy experts not just in paddy, maize and kharif pulses and oilseeds, but also sugarcane, fruits and vegetables, aromatic and medicinal plants, and livestock.

The scientists were invited to address and take questions from farmers through video conferencing, for which the existing infrastructure of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) at the state headquarters as well as districts was utilised. The scientists sat at the NIC state centre in Lucknow. The farmers were called to the respective NIC centres in each of UP's 75 districts.

In all, 10 scientists and 2,000-odd farmers (about 20-30 of them in every NIC district centre) took part. The latter were mostly progressive farmers identified by the agriculture department officials of the districts concerned. They were chosen by design, only to manage programme discipline and ensure that relevant questions were posed to the scientists. The scientists, then, answered these, in addition to giving structured presentations on the prescribed cultivation practices and pest/disease control measures for different crops.

This sort of video conferencing was innovative in itself. A four-hour-long programme that had both experts and progressive agriculturalists, for one, enabled in-depth discussions. Moreover, it was interactive and with a more personal touch than the usual Krishi Darshan or DD Kisan television channel programmes. Here, the farmers and scientists could see other, besides deriving pleasure from being seen and recognised by a relatively large audience.

That's not all.

The entire programme was live-streamed. Therefore, even farmers who were not present at the NIC district centres could watch it live on their mobile phones. Even while they could not ask questions, the message certainly reached them. We have no verified numbers on how many farmers watched, but given the wide publicity given before the event and the ubiquity of smartphones, it may have run to many lakhs. In fact, while the programme itself was going on, we started receiving photographs of men and women watching it live on mobile phones sitting in their villages!

TMFS was an initiative aimed at addressing one of Indian agriculture's weakest links - extension. It was about reviving the system of dissemination of knowledge with regard to improved agronomic and post-harvest management practices as well as information on government schemes relating to the sector. TMFS also helped re-establish contact between farmers and the agriculture department that was lost because of the previous extension system practically having gone to seed.

'Vaigyanikon ki Baat, Kisaano ke Saath' is an attempt to use digital technology for taking the above process one step further, by piggybacking on the wide penetration of smartphones in rural areas and data costs falling to Rs 15 per GB or lower. The UP government plans to extend this experiment to the ensuing rabi season by conducting it twice — once before 'rabi' plantings and the other one in the mid-season around January-February, when farmers also sow zaid (spring-summer) pulses and vegetable crops.

Digital will, in a sense, serve to bridge the gap between lab and land, rather than being a source of divide.

The writer is Principal Secretary of Agriculture, UP government. Views expressed are personal

VILLAGE COMMONS

Landless Dalits of Punjab seek unfettered rights of cultivation

RAAKHI JAGGA
SANGRUR (PUNJAB), JULY 10

ON JUNE 8, 225 members of the gram sabha of Tolewal in Sangrur district's Malerkotla tehsil passed a resolution to lease out 25 *bigha* (about 5.25 acres) of the village's panchayat land reserved for cultivation by Dalits at a nominal annual rate of Rs 500/acre for 33 years. The 225 members were more than the minimum 20 per cent — working out to 180 out of Tolewal's 870 gram sabha votes — required for passing a resolution. The resolution was, however, not accepted by the panchayat department, which is the custodian of *shamlat* or village common lands in Punjab. The block development and panchayat officer (BDPO) of Malerkotla-1 has since then sought to organise auction of the 25 *bigha* (out of Tolewal's total 165 bigha of *shamlat* land) six times. Each of these has had to be postponed, due to protests from the village's Dalits, who also account for 250 or so of its voters.

A similar resolution was passed by the gram sabha of Thandiwal on June 19 and of Mulowal on July 1. The two villages, also in Sangrur, have 19 *bigha* and 8 *bigha* of *shamlat* land, respectively, reserved for allotment to the Dalit community through annual auctions. In their case, too, the authorities have not been able to carry out auctions, even though the sowing/transplanting time for most kharif crops is almost over. In Thandiwal, five Dalits were even booked on charges of attempting forcible farming on land not formally auctioned by the panchayat department.

As per the Punjab government's records, a total of 1.57 lakh acres of *shamlat* land are available for cultivation purposes in the state, out of which a third — just under 53,000 acres — is given on annual lease to Dalits. This land, while reserved, is also auctioned and that is normally done from April-end after the harvesting of wheat. This year, on account of the Lok Sabha elections and the Code of Conduct that was in place, auctions could commence only from June 1, well after the poll results were declared. "We are still to auction a fifth of the *shamlat* lands across the state," admits Jaskiran Singh, director of rural development and panchayats in Punjab.

The last couple of years have seen spirited protests by groups of landless Dalits, against auctioning of *shamlat* lands and the "high" reserve prices fixed by the government in these. They also allege that on many occasions, upper caste landowners have fielded "dummy" Dalits to bid on their behalf. The resolutions passed by the three gram sabhas have put the authorities in a fix. "The Punjab Village Common Lands Rules, 1964 does not allow land to be given on lease for more than seven years. Even that can be done only under special circumstances. How can we agree to 33-year fixed leases?," asks Anurag Verma, financial commissioner and administrative secretary of the rural development and panchayats department.

A protest rally demanding reasonable rates for leasing of common lands for cultivation in Sangrur, Punjab. *Raakhi Jagga*

Beant Singh, sarpanch of Tolewal village, says that the gram panchayat has already sent its resolution to the BDPO at Malerkotla. "We have asked them to either accept or cancel the resolution. They are not cancelling it officially and, at the same time, insisting on auctioning the land that rightfully should be ours," he adds. The Rs 500/acre annual rate for 33 years that the Dalit groups are offering to pay is way below the government's reserve price for *shamlat* lands. These range from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000 per acre depending upon location. In Tolewal, Thandiwal and Mulowal, they are closer to Rs 20,000 per acre.

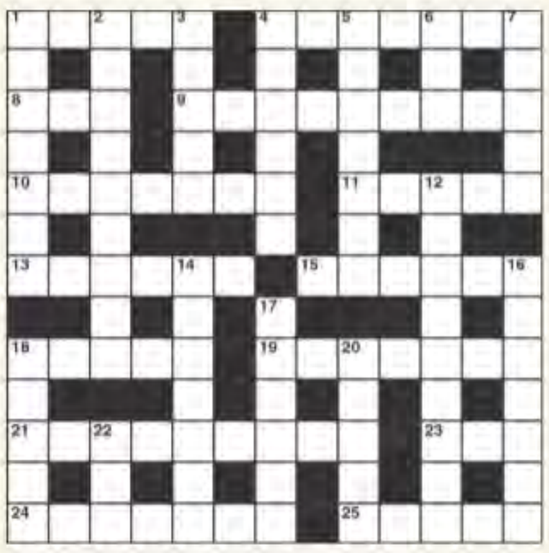
"If land is being reserved for Dalits, it should be given at a reasonable rate. How can we afford to pay Rs 20,000-plus per acre every year? And why should the government behave like a private *zamindar* and make money from village common lands?," points out Gurdeep Singh, a landless villager from Thandiwal.

Narbhinder Singh Grewal, the district development and panchayat officer of Sangrur, claims that Dalits are themselves divided over the 33-year lease resolutions. On July 3, when the BDPO last tried to hold an auction, there was even a clash involving two groups of Dalits at Tolewal. "If the problem persists, we will not do any more auctions and, instead, undertake tree plantations on these lands under the Punjab government's Mission Tandrust," he warns.

Mukesh Malaud, president of the Zamin Prapati Sangharsh Committee (ZPSC), an organisation championing joint farming by Dalits on panchayat lands, rubbishes Grewal's charges. "Now that our movement is building momentum and Dalits are becoming aware of their rights, the landed interests are attempting to divide us. The clash that took place in Tolewal was the result of their bribing two Dalits, who were earlier part of our movement. The police, too, initially, booked 11 of our members, including women, charging them of creating law and order problems. Later on, after we lodged complaints, the local Congress leader Lal Singh Chaudhary was arrested under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. But he has managed to obtain bail," he states.

Dalit organisations led by ZPSC have, in the past weeks, been holding protest meetings in villages and also burning effigies of the state government. They are planning a rally at the BDPO's office at Malerkotla on July 12, when the next auction of the reserved *shamlat* land at Tolewal village is scheduled.

CROSSWORD 3855



ACROSS

1 Distress and gravity remarkably rife (5)
4 Pirate ship begins and ends (7)
8 Set fire to a Frenchman's bed (3)
9 Went to pieces, although a lot expected of one (7,2)
10 Broken treadle had a warning notice (7)
11 A little hooter (5)
13 Hammer-thrower has a number on his chest (6)
15 Time to make things palatable (6)
18 They spread out in all directions (5)
19 Not many can provide a word of opposite meaning (7)
21 A crazy bounder (5,4)
23 Sink back and talk (3)
24 Stays if made content (7)
25 Fruit goes out of fashion (5)

Down

1 Flirt and annoy worker (7)
2 Attuned to the situation, I agree to have the doctor in (2,3,4)
3 A surface of about one foot (5)
4 South African currency brought in by an ardent spirit (6)
5 Bad risk, nothing to me, just tedious (7)
6 As well as Dan could be (3)
7 A store of French cannabis (5)
12 When the play was taken off recently? (4,5)
14 Gets off with a slight dislocation (7)
16 One who overtakes - with a vengeance (7)
17 Complaint of youth in May (6)
18 Uncle who helped found a city (5)
20 Step - or part of one (5)
22 Dreary routine produces depression (3)

Solutions Crossword 3855: Across: 1Astonished, 8 Plain, 9 Concord, 10 Student, 11 Easel, 12 Thelma, 14 Assets, 17 Views, 19 Umbrage, 21 Lariats, 22 Wrist, 23 Headstrong. **Down**: 2 Stature, 3 Ounce, 4 Incite, 5 Hunters, 6 Drops, 7 Adolescent, 8 Positively, 13 Mascara, 15 Evasion, 16 Nurses, 18 Earth, 20 Bower.Evasion, 16 Nurses, 18 Earth, 20 Bower.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
You should by now see that recent events have had implications regarding the extent to which you value your worth and talents as well as pointing to different financial options. You may be inclined to make a complete break with those past personal habits that you have outgrown.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
At last your head should be ruling your heart, and should continue to do so if you don't want personal disputes to spill over into your business affairs. Emotional entanglements have a way of draining your resources, but don't let your health suffer as well.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Try and see the advantages of a proposed arrangement, all the more so if you are inclined to dismiss the person or people involved as weak or incompetent. In fact, it's time to listen to wise counsel. And, when you have done that, you will be much better prepared to get your way.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The good news regarding your work is that Mars, which has been responsible for various underlying conflicts, is no longer as important as it once was. Lose no time in discussing problems with your colleagues. And don't do anything precipitate in the financial field.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Why ignore the fact that you have skills and talents as creative as anyone you know? This is no time to allow daily trivia to take up so much effort that you fail to develop your fascinating qualities. If work and hum-drum chores build up, I am afraid you'll just have to put up with it.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Don't complain too strenuously about the lack of support you've received from people who are supposed to be on your side. They can't very well help you if you haven't told them what you're doing! If your work commitments accumulate, you're liable to do something rash, but keep an eye on the consequences.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
The situation at the moment seems to be improving steadily, although you are justified in being over-cautious and concerned, fearful that certain difficulties might return to haunt you. On the other hand, I can't see anyone getting the better of you.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Other people may be hoping that they'll be the beneficiaries of whatever success or good luck you have created for yourself. Yet there really is no reason why you should allow yourself to be blackmailed. It's just that when you're not sure what partners are up to, you imagine the worst. Relax!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
Give careful consideration to a proposition or offer put to you now, because the moment you decide to get involved in a new scheme, a series of obstacles will be removed, opening the way to other possibilities. And that just has to be very good news, hasn't it?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Adverse or challenging planetary aspects have been associated with recent feelings of insecurity, yet now that astrological alignments are changing so fast, it's important to let go of past fears and worries. And, as it happens, you do have most of the best ideas at the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
This is a testing time of the year for you although, in a sense, opportunities for change and improvement have never been as powerful as now. You must have faith in your ability to bring off a successful professional coup. You should also be convinced that you can win someone's heart.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Decisive aspects during the next couple of weeks urge you to reach final decisions that will affect your work for years to come. In the meantime, listen to the words of wisdom that flow from those more experienced than you. After all, it is never too late to learn.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Never stand ___ for that which you have the power to ___. - Miguel de Cervantes (7,..,4))

HVAEE

RUYGGN

BOINR

ELNOBG

SOLUTION: HEAVE, ROBIN, GRUNGY, BELONG
Answer: Never stand **begging** for that which you have the power to **earn**.
- Miguel de Cervantes

SUDOKU 3904

Difficulty Level 4s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

		4				5		
			1					
5					2	7	3	
2	7				6	8		
		5				4		
		3	8				6	1
	2	8	3					9
					1			
		7				3		

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3903

9	5	8	4	1	6	2	3	7
2	1	3	8	5	7	4	9	6
4	6	7	3	2	9	1	5	8
6	7	2	1	3	5	9	8	4
3	9	4	2	6	8	5	7	1
5	8	1	7	9	4	3	6	2
8	4	9	5	7	1	6	2	3
1	3	6	9	8	2	7	4	5
7	2	5	6	4	3	8	1	9

Govt. Of India
Ministry of Water Resources,
River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
Co-Ordination Office, Brahmaputra Board
Plot No. G-1 (C), 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- 3 /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 Jai Board/ Delhi Development Authority in two bid system (Technical & Financial bid) for the work of "Engagement of Registered Agency/Contractor for providing man-power 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- 3 /2019-20
Estimated Cost of the Project (indicative)	: Rs. 30,50,400.00
Earnest Money Deposit	: Rs.61,000.00
Cost of Tender Document	: Rs. 500.00
Period of contract	: 8 (nine) months,
Last time and date of submission of online bid	: 23/07/2019 (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

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PROJECT) NARELA ZONAL OFFICE BUILDING NARELA DELHI-40
N.I.T. No. EE (Pr)/Narela/TC/2019-20/04 Dated: 10.07.2019
Start Date of purchase/ Download of tender Document :12.07.2019 at 5:00 PM
Last date of Tender Document online submission 22.07.2019 upto 2:00 PM
Opening of Financial Bid.: 24.07.2019 upto 12:15 PM
The Executive Engineer (Project) Narela invites on behalf of the Commissioner, North DMC sealed percentage/item rate tenders from the approved and eligible contractors. Rates hold goods for 5 months.
S.No.1 Name of work: Imp. & Dev. of lane by pdg. RMC from House no. B1 to E2 in Sector 25 JJ Colony in ward no. 32N in Narela zone. XLVIII-S **Estimated cost (Rs.):** 6030300/- **Tender amount (Rs.):** 5724978/- **Earnest Money (Rs.):** 114500/- **Tender cost (Rs.):** 1000/- **Time of completion:** 3 Months **S.No. 2 Name of work:** Imp. & Dev. of lanes by pdg. RMC from H.No. 149 to 172,125 to 148, 168 to 129, 152 to 145, 26 to 36, 1 to 43, 296 to 254, 261 to 271, 232 lo 209, 184 to 161, 136 to I13, 88 to 65, 244 to 53, 245 to 270, 196 to 173, 77 to I00 in pocket 2 sector 24 Rohini in Ward no.32N in Narela zone. XL-VIII-S **Estimated cost (Rs.):** 9847600/- **Tender amount (Rs.):** 9107216/- **Earnest Money (Rs.):** 182144/- **Tender cost (Rs.):** 1000/- **Time of completion:** 4 Months **S.No. 3 Name of work:** Imp.& Dev of lanes by pdg. RMC from H.no.149 to 172, 125 to 148, 168 to 129, 152 to 145, 26 to 36, 1to 43, 296 to 254, 261 to 271, 232 to 209, 184 to 161, 136 to 113, 88 to 65, 244 to 53, 245 to 270, 196 to 173, 77 to I00 in pocket 8 sector 24 Rohini in Ward no. 32N in Narela zone.XL-VIII-S. **Estimated cost (Rs.):** 9916900/- **Tender amount (Rs.):** 9171301/- **Earnest Money (Rs.):** 183426/- **Tender cost (Rs.):** 1000/- **Time of completion:** 4 Months **S.No. 4 Name of work:** Imp. & Dev.of lanes by pdg. RMC in K&D Block Sawda JJ Colony in ward no.35N in Narela zone. XL-VIII-S **Estimated cost (Rs.):** 9415100/- **Tender amount (Rs.):** 8707289/- **Earnest Money (Rs.):** 174146/- **Tender cost (Rs.):** 1000/- **Time of completion:** 4 Months **S.No. 5 Name of work:** Imp. & Dev of lanes by pdg. RMC from H.No. 149 to 172, 125 to 148, 168 to 129, 152 to 145, 26 to 36, 1 to 43, 296 to 254, 261 to 271, 232 to 209, 184 to 161, 136 to 113, 88 to 65, 244 to 53, 245 to 270, 196 to 173, 77 to 100 in Pocket 7 Sector 24 Rohini in Ward no. 32N in Narela zone. XL-VIII-S **Estimated cost (Rs.):** 9910300/- **Tender amount (Rs.):** 9165224/- **Earnest Money (Rs.):** 183304/- **Tender cost (Rs.):** 1000/- **Time of completion:** 4 Months. Detailed terms and conditions can be seen on the website **htttp://www.tenderwizard.com.** Tender documents are available on the web site **htttp://www.tenderwizard.com** for bidding by approved/eligible contractors in M.C.D.
R.O No. 34/North DMC/19-20 **Ex. Engineer (Project) Narela**

Office of Commissioner of Fisheries
Government of Gujarat
Block No. 10, 3rd Floor, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar - 382010
(Re-Tender) E-Tender Notice No. T-01/2019
The Re-tender is invited by Office of Commissioner of Fisheries for the appointment of consultant for "Consultancy Services for Development / Modernization / Upgradation of Fishery Harbours, Fish Landing Centres, Shore Protection Works, Dredging activities and ancillary Facilities in Gujarat State." The interested bidders / agencies may download the tender document from the website: www.nprocure.com from 11/07/2019 onwards. Last date of submission on online: 26/07/2019 upto 18.00 Hrs. Commissioner of Fisheries reserves the right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
Commissioner of Fisheries
INF/595/19-20 **Gandhinagar**

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of tender through E-tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

NIT No.	221-S/4/2/BP/DLI/2017/ML-IV (2019)
Name of work and its location	Round the clock Transportation of Drivers & Guards Line Boxes of Diesel & Electric from Engine/Train/Brake Van to running room/Lobby/ Station and vice versa at Delhi main Station under Sr. Crew Controller, Delhi Main for the period of two years from the date of execution of work
Approx Cost of work	Rs. 1,02,70,323.84 (One Crore Two lakh Seventy thousand Three hundred Twenty three and eighty four paise only) plus GST as applicable
Earnest Money	Rs. 206800/-
Completion period of work	Two years i.e. 24 months from the date of execution of work
Cost of tender document on cash/by post	Rs. 5900/-
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs on 13.06.2019 Opening of Tender at 15:00 hrs
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

Dated : 09.07.2019 **2219/2019**
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OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
ASSAM STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION,
PALTAN BAZAR, GUWAHATI
Ref. No.: STHP/Tender/2019-20/1772 **Dt 9-7-19**
Tender Notice
Assam State Transport Corporation (A.S.T.C.) invites sealed tenders from established, experienced and reputed bus body building firms for repair and refurbishment of various types of buses of the corporation for the year 2019-20 for empanelling the firms for repair and refurbishment of ASTC buses.
Interested tenderers may collect the tender document from the office of the undersigned on any working day during office hours on payment of Rs.1000.00 (Rupees one thouand only) in cash to the cash counter.
The tender document can also be downloaded from our website: www.astc.assam.gov.in w.e.f. 15.07.2019 up to 31.07.2019. Any new information related to the tendern documents will be published in the website only. In case, the tender document is downloaded from the website and tender is submitted, the tender document fee Rs.1000.00 in the form of bank draft drawn in favour of the Managing Director, Assam State Transport Corporation, payable at SBI South Guwahati, Assam shall have to be submitted along with the tender.
The last date and time of submitting tender is 01.08.2019, 1:00 P.M. The date of opening the sealed tender is 01.08.2019, 3:00 P.M.
(A.P. Tiwari, IPS)
Managing Director
A.S.T.Corporation, Guwahati

Appeal For Identification

General public is hereby informed that this person **Name** : John Manuel **S/o** : Unknown, **R/o** : Unknown, **Age** : 45 Years, **Sex** : Male, **Height** : 5 Ft. 6 Inch, **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Face** : Oval, **Built** : Normal, has been found dead on 03.07.2019 at 11:01 pm at H.No. K-478, 4th Floor, J.J. Colony, Shakur Pur, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 103-A/19 Dated 03.07.2019 has been lodged at PS. Subhash Place, Delhi.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.
Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.
DP/9139/NW/19. **SHO**
PS. Subhash Place, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27353014, 8750870224

MISSING/KIDNAPED

Seema
son Vikash

General public is hereby informed that one lady, **Namely:** Seema (alongwith her son Vikash Age-13 Yrs.), **W/o:** Sheru, **R/o:** Gali No.7, G-Block, Shardanand Colony, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi, has been missing /kidnaped since 10.06.2019 from the area of P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. In this regard, a **Case Vides DD No.21-A Dated 12.06.2019, has been registered at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.** Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the lady could not be traced. The description of the missing/ kidnaped lady is as under:
Name: Seema (alongwith her son Vikash Age-13 Yrs.), **W/o:** Sheru, **R/o:** Gali No.7, G-Block, Shardanand Colony, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi, **Age**: 34 years, **Height:** 5' feet, **Face**: Round, **Complexion**: Fair, **Wearing:** Orange colour suit & blue colour duppata and ladies chappel in feet. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnaped lady, then please inform P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.
email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: No.011-24368639
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
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P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27811933, 27811934
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SIGNING THEIR NAMES

The Beatles' first-ever contract with their manager Brian Epstein has been sold for 2,75,000 pounds at a Sotheby's auction in New York. It was signed by Paul McCartney, John Lennon, George Harrison and Pete Best on January 24, 1962.

SNAP SHOTS

War of Words

USUALLY IN the run-up to a film release, the drama is kept to a minimum, reserving it for the big screen. But in the case of Kangana Ranaut *(pictured)* and Rajkummar Rao-starrer *Judgemental Hai Kya*, the drama preceded the release. Over the past weekend, at a press conference for the release of a song from the film, things got ugly when Ranaut accused a journalist of "running a smear campaign" and of criticising her film, *Manikarnika*. On Tuesday, the Entertainment Journalists' Guild of India informed Ekta Kapoor, the producer of the film, that Ranaut would receive no coverage from the media till she apologises for her behaviour. On Wednesday, Kapoor put out an apology on her social media pages: "While the people involved in (the argument) fairly held their own perspectives but because it happened at the event of our film, we, as the producers would like to apologize and express regret for this untoward incident." Kapoor further added that the intention was not to hurt or disrespect anyone. Meanwhile, Rangoli Chandel, Ranaut's sister, who is also the actor's manager, has tweeted that there will be no apology from the actor.

Sharing her Story

CRESSIDA COWELL, the illustrator and author of *How to Train Your Dragon* has been named the new Waterstones children's laureate. The UK-based writer will be using her "two-year stint" as the children's laureate "to make sure that the magic of books is available to everyone". Cowell's creation *How to Train Your Dragon* has sold about 11 million copies and been made into a film.

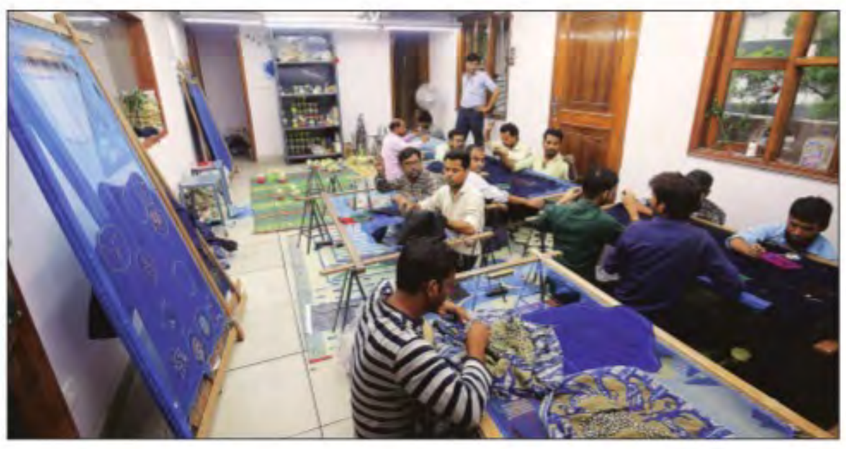
The Extra in the Ordinary

Aneeth Arora on Pero's successful decade, her NID roots and why she is happy to be behind the scenes

EKTAA MALIK

'ARE YOU Pero speaking?' It's a question designer Aneeth Arora is often asked when she gets the phone. Mostly she responds with a yes, and the conversation continues. Pero is the name of the clothing brand that Arora started 10 years ago. Then she worked from a small flat in Siddharth Extension, Delhi, with one tailor and one runner. Today, two multi-storied buildings serve as the workshop and store in Patparganj, which is where we meet Arora on a rainy morning in Delhi. Prior to the meeting we had been instructed about the strict 'no photography' diktat followed by the alumni of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) and the National Institute of Design (NID) — quite a refreshing change in an industry which is all about grabbing attention. "I just don't think that I deserve the limelight or the tag of 'being the face behind Pero'. It has taken us 10 years to bring our foot forward. Pero is the bigger entity and many people are a part of it," says Arora, 36. She obliges with a shoot of her workshop, store and *karigars* who were hard at work on an ensemble, sowing one tiny petal at a time.

"Pero — which comes from the Marwari phrase 'to wear' — is all about simple clothes that make you look beautiful. You can wear them every day and feel special way more than wearing a known high-street brand. Pero doesn't make you stand out, but you will feel fulfilled without grabbing attention or eye balls. I know we are not everyone's brand, we started out being niche and we still are," says Arora, who hails from Udaipur.



Pero continues to work in handwoven fabrics and handiwork, and has also included a Mexican weave *Praveen Khanna*

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> **ANEETH ARORA**

Pero, which is now retailed at about 350 stores in India and abroad has made a name for itself with creations that are breathable, of woven fabric with intricate but muted handiwork and embellishments, with silhouettes and cuts that are breezy and super comfortable to wear. It was among the first to make clothes in muted shades in a time when bling and ostentation was the norm. Pero pioneered 'layers', with the use of capes, and flowy shrugs and this was way before the 'anti-fit movement'. Today, however there are many players in the industry. But Arora is not worried. "I don't think aesthetically we are competing with anybody. Perhaps some might do better in terms of consumer resonance and there might be more acceptability and brand recognition, but that's where you stop being scared and do what you believe in," she says.

Today Pero's shows are standing room only, with the who's who of the art, fashion and textile world marking their attendance. There has been an underwater, sea world theme with a labyrinthine ramp where everyone had a front row seat; a pink candy floss one with a live band, there was takeaway candy for all; a bohemian one, replete with djembes and lot of dancing.

"My first show was in 2007, at Mumbai, where I had seven hand-sown ensembles. I was chosen as an 'gen nex' designer and I was still at NID. I had made clothes that were 100 per cent naturally dyed, with mother-of-pearl buttons as embellishments. The only other detailing was the hand stitch. At the time, everything was about gowns and lehengas; my designs were ordinary. The feedback that I got was that who would buy this, *handloom hi toh hai*. Sabyasachi Mukherjee, who was one of the mentors, was the only one who said that I should keep at it, but I should be careful about the pricing," says Arora, who then subsequently moved to Delhi and started work with a paper company. "I never thought that I would make a career in fashion. Aza, who was one of the sponsors of the Mumbai show, sent me a cheque of Rs 50,000 to stock my designs. I saw this as a sign and created 12 designs. And they sold."

As for the industry, she says, "The senior and established people really need to push themselves and step outside the comfort that they are enjoying. But the younger lot need to think beyond just that one collection for a fashion week," she says.

THE ESSENTIALS

Cape it Out

A signature Pero Jacket, made with breathable fabric in muted shades. This sky blue ensemble is from the Spring Summer 19 collection.

A Basket Case

These wicker baskets are a statement piece from the clothing brand. Light weight and embellished with straw flowers and ribbons, they are utilitarian as well as high on style.

Flowers Galore

FLowers are a typical Pero motif, and are used liberally in their designs. Embroidered, sequinned and on prints, there's an entire bouquet to choose from.

Nurturing a Dying Art

Theatre director M Sayeed Alam revives his play *Pollution Hazir Ho* with the touch of street magicians, *bahurupiyas* and snake charmers

PALLAVI CHATTOPADHYAY

A COURT room proceeding is on where river Yamuna testifies against Pollution. So does Ganga. The case is helmed by a judge, an actor who is a street magician in real life. A lawyer asks Yamuna what she does for a living. Puppeteer Dipali Bhatt from Kathputli Colony, who plays the part, in a south Delhi girl's accent says she flows, and her relationship with Pollution has been much like that of Raj Kapoor and Nargis, Laila-Majnu and Deepika Padukone and "Ranbir… sorry, Ranveer Singh". Next, Taj Mahal makes an entry and accuses Pollution of raiding the white walls of the epitome of love.

This is how theatre director M Sayeed Alam lends a contemporary twist to his play *Pollution Hazir Ho*. Reviving it nearly 15 years later, he introduces street performers in all the roles, ranging from *saperas* and *bahurupiyas* to street magicians and puppeteers.

Alam collaborated with Centre for New Perspectives, an NGO and think tank that works in the field of traditional knowledge skills and marginalised folk performances. He says *Pollution Hazir Ho* is a departure from his previous plays, be it *Ghalib in New Delhi, Maulana Azad* or *Sons of Babur*, as he has brought together 14 street performers, on the stage, for the first time. He has previously worked with Tom Alter and Rakesh Bedi. The 50-year-old playwright says the idea is to train them in a skill they are close to, but are not familiar with.

(Left) M Sayeed Alam; in the play, Shishanath Sapera is part of the troupe that lends the background score

"Theatre actors can perform on stage but the problem of these performers is that they can only perform in the street and their biggest hurdle is the dialogue, which is our biggest advantage. We go by a script, while they are more spontaneous. I am looking at how we can learn from each other. Their make-up is original, they prepare the gum and colours themselves. They take hours to get ready, while theatre actors take merely half an hour. They believe in improvisation, for instance, whereas we believe in preparing for our play beforehand. The situations we have here are unreal for them," says Alam. However, he adds, "Even as the *bahurupiyas* play public prosecutors or suspected criminals, they do not have much reference points, except for Hindi cinema."

Hailing from Rajasthan, Kapil Kumar — in the role of Pollution — takes pride in how he has essayed Hanuman, Narad Muni, Akbar, and even Sita with as much flair as a *bahurupiya* when performing in villages of Punjab, Haryana or Uttar Pradesh, and how he plans to present the best version of Pollution, by including garbage, plastic bags, the colour black and depicting smoke in his attire on the final day.

"Our grandfathers used to perform at the Bikaner palace for the rajas. With the entry of entertainment and technology, opportunities for our skills are vanishing. I hope such a play helps to improve our condition, so we can feed and educate our children."

As the *saperas* lend the background music, Shishanath Sapera, now in his sixties, reveals how long gone are the days when he would tell folks in villages on how to safeguard themselves against snake bites and inform them about the different types of poisonous snakes during his performances. The government's ban on snake charmers has threatened the survival of this art, he says.

The play will be staged at The Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Delhi, on July 13, 7 pm. Tickets are available on Bookmyshow

Feeding Minds

A lecture platform of 20 years connects generations of architects to their peers

SHINY VARGHESE

IT ALL began when architect Prasanna Desai shifted to Pune from New Delhi in the late 1990s. He felt that many architects, who visited the city, had experiences to share. "Learning in architecture is a continuous process. Architects experiment with design of spaces, forms, materials and technology, and their experiences can enrich others. There was a need therefore to create a platform that would be accessible to students from across the institutions and could quickly act on opportunities to arrange programmes at short notice," says Desai. With urban designer Pushkar Kanvinde, he began Forum for Exchange and Excellence in Design (FEED) in 1999. Their first programme was on July 6, where well-known architect Achyut P Kanvinde gave a talk, followed by a dialogue with architect-thinker Narendra Dengle on modernism in architecture, the next day at Balgandharva Auditorium, Pune. From 1999 to 2006, Sunday mornings would be dedicated to the FEED Lecture series, where Dengle held dialogues with master architects, including Delhi-based Raj Rewal, Hasmukh Patel and Balkrishna Doshi from Ahmedabad, and Mumbai-based Charles Correa.

As FEED completes 20 years this month, its journey shows how they addressed different aspects of the profession, be it science and architecture, micro-urbanism, bio-mimicry, or algorithmic design, among others.

Architect Achyut P Kanvinde (right) with architect Narendra Dengle at the first programme on July 6, 1999

Self-funded, FEED conducts nearly 12 sessions in a year, and has now come to be known as an "academic classroom".

Delhi-based architect Ashok Lall, talking about the impact of FEED, comments, "What is wonderful is that it is an open platform where there are no boundaries and no person or institution who can claim this territory for their own." In an age where sponsorships matter, FEED had shied away from that in its 256 events in the last two decades. It stands as an independent channel of communication, keeping generations of architects connected. As part of its 20-year celebrations, FEED is holding multiple events this month, including an interaction with Pritzker Prize winner Doshi, who will be in conversation with Dengle and architect Neelkanth Chhaya, on July 26, at Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe Auditorium, Pune, at 6 pm.

> 45 minutes of bad cricket puts you out of tournament. It is difficult to accept and difficult to come to terms with.
>
> VIRAT KOHLI

HOME ALONE: A dejected Rohit Sharma looks on from the dressing room balcony of Old Trafford as the Indian batting unravelled in chase of 240 in the first semifinal against New Zealand. *AP*

Picture courtesy: New Zealand

Kiwis read pitch, conditions perfectly and resist the urge to go for a bigger total; Williamson's all-out attack triggers Indian top-order collapse

EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
MANCHESTER, JULY 7

"WHY ARE you guys batting so slowly?" Ross Taylor was asked by commentator Kevin Pietersen before the start of proceedings on Wednesday. It was a casual off-the-camera enquiry. "Me and Williamson thought this was a 240 kind of a pitch," Taylor replied. Pietersen persisted: "How good are you guys in reading pitches?" Taylor deadpanned, "We will find out."

The world found out they had read it right. One man in New Zealand wasn't surprised. Williamson's batting coach since the age of 10, David Johnston. "He is always good at reading pitches. It was a strange wicket, wasn't it? 250 on a cloudy day on a slow wicket will challenge the Indians,".

Johnston was right and so was Williamson. The former was also prescient in his prediction: "The extra batter in Ravindra Jadeja may prove to be a good move by your boys."

This was on Tuesday night, a day before the Indians batted. We know Williamson was taught by the right men. No wonder, he has turned out to be a good skipper.

Through the chase, Williamson kept making the attacking moves. Slips were packed in the morning. After Virat Kohli edged a ball that didn't carry, Williamson moved two of the three slips ahead. Very close. Leaning, hands on knees and waiting for a mistake.

Kohli wasn't at his best. Not only was he beaten, chasing a well-outside off delivery from Trent Boult, he also kept choosing the wrong options. Williamson had a short mid-wicket and a man at square-leg. Boult hurled a couple outside off. Kohli is too good a batsman to not know that one will come in. And there were men on the legside. He still shuffled across and tried to turn a nip-backer to the legside and it wasn't a surprise when he missed it. He seemed angry at the DRS but later admitted it was anger at himself. In the 2015 World Cup semifinal, Kohli had chosen to pull and was swallowed off the top edge. Now this. He would be hurting.

But before that, New Zealand had already struck the most vital blow when Matt Henry winked out Rohit Sharma. The ball wobbled away a touch, in the corridor, and Sharma was opened up. The one thing that he was wary of. The one thing that he had carefully ensured didn't happen in the tournament so far: his balance being upset. Once that happened, and he was almost squared up, the hip turned out and the bat nicked the bat. First strike – and the best man out.

Not many, apart from the Indian think tank, would have been surprised by the dismissal of KL Rahul. As of now, he doesn't have the game to open in these conditions. He doesn't get forward, doesn't press backward and doesn't stay still at the crease. At least one of the three is needed as an opener. He just wobbles away, plays from the crease, and is unsure of his off stump. He wanted to play, then changed his mind but there wasn't enough time for such indecision – edge and gone.

Williamson kept Boult and Henry for one more over each and then brought on Lockie Ferguson. He kept Mitchell Santner, who has troubled MS Dhoni in the past, waiting. The bowlers pegged away but Dinesh Karthik tried to resist. Then a fielder intervened. Neesham flew to his left to pluck an airy square-drive, played well away from the body, inches off the ground.

As Rishabh Pant and Hardik Pandya applied some bandage to stop the wickets-bleeding, Santner was pressed into the attack. Naggingly accurate, and there was some turn as well. In the 23rd over, Pant's patience ran out. Despite a deep midwicket in place, he went for a slog sweep but it wasn't a full floater. It was a length ball and the left-hander could only heave it to the boundary fielder. Pandya stared at him for a while as he walked by.

Now, Dhoni was in and Santner kept pressing on with his stuff. A drifter, the one that turned away, and the occasional arm-ball that Dhoni would manage to keep out at the last instant. Pandya defended on the front foot. But suddenly, his patience too went, and he skied a slog-sweep to midwicket.

For the next 17 overs, Jadeja and Dhoni attacked and anchored, tapped and ran, punched and dashed - and Williamson now had to earn this win. The team needed him to step up as a captain. He moved his cards well, didn't worry about bowling out Santner as that was needed at that time.

The plan was to amp up the asking rate, take it so high that Jadeja had to hit out. And hopefully, trigger Dhoni also into doing the same. But Dhoni didn't take the bait. And Jadeja hit with control.

Time and again, the New Zealand think tank would converge. Boult with the bowler who was on with Tim Southee always hovering. Occasionally, Taylor with them. Almost always, Williamson would get in, have the final word, and disperse the group. As if to say, 'Keep calm boys, I have this in control'.

And he certainly was in control when Jadeja's miscue came towards him. Despite prompting later, he didn't admit to any thoughts swirling in his head apart from the intention that 'oh, its coming to me, I need to catch it'. Simple. And so, he took it, hands cupped to the skies.

Dhoni was there but now saddled with the task of hitting. Already, the situation was bleak. What a change a few balls had wreaked. At the start of the last three overs, just before Boult began to run in to bowl, Kohli sat on the balcony telling someone to his left, "Ho jayega" (this would be done). The equation had read: 38 of 18. The previous over had been tough for the Indians. Under pressure, Ferguson had cooked up a superb over, giving just five runs but the Indian captain was hopeful. "Yes, I thought we had it," he would say later.

Williamson wasn't in concurrence with him. And he brought on Boult –keeping the weakest option Neesham for the last over. He wanted to either take a wicket or push the run rate really high. In the end, both happened. Jadeja fell.

But Dhoni hit a six off the first ball of the 49th over. Before the third ball, that would end the Indians' dream, Williamson hunched at extra cover, rubbed his hands on the grass, and held his knees as he crouched into his fielding position. As if he was at slips. Waiting, watching, crouching. Dhoni was surprised by the bounce as the ball smashed into his left glove, and popped behind fine-leg. He ran, and Williamson began to run towards the stumps to back up when Dhoni decided to turn for the second.

All through this tournament, Martin Guptill has been silent with the bat. But on the field, he has been everywhere, imposing, running, diving – and throwing. He ran, he swooped, and he threw. Williamson leaped as the LED lights lit up the stumps. Darkness in the Indian camp. Joy for New Zealand. "Surprise to me but Black Caps to final," pinged Johnston. Not sure whether his boy Williamson would have been surprised at the result. He and Taylor knew it was a 240 kind of a pitch and Indians had a hole in the middle.

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NEW ZEALAND 239/8 IN 50 OV

M Guptill c Kohli b Bumrah	**1** (14b)
H Nicholls b Jadeja	**28** (51b, 2x4)
K Williamson c Jadeja b Chahal	**67** (95b, 6x4)
R Taylor run out (Jadeja)	**74** (90b, 3x4, 1x6)
J Neesham c Karthik b Pandya	**12** (18b, 1x4)
C de Grandhomme c †Dhoni b Kumar	**16** (10b, 2x4)
T Latham † c Jadeja b Kumar	**10** (11b)
M Santner not out	**9** (6b, 1x4)
M Henry c Kohli b Kumar	**1** (2b)
T Boult not out	**3** (3b)
Extras: (lb 5, w 13)	**18**

Fall of wickets: 1-1 (Martin Guptill, 3.3 ov), 2-69 (Henry Nicholls, 18.2 ov), 3-134 (Kane Williamson, 35.2 ov), 4-162 (James Neesham, 40.6 ov), 5-200 (Colin de Grandhomme, 44.4 ov), 6-225 (Ross Taylor, 47.6 ov), 7-225 (Tom Latham, 48.1 ov), 8-232 (Matt Henry, 48.6 ov)

Bowling:

B Kumar	10-1-43-3
J Bumrah	10-1-39-1
H Pandya	10-0-55-1
R Jadeja	10-0-34-1
Y Chahal	10-0-63-1

INDIA 221 ALL OUT IN 49.3 OV

KL Rahul c †Latham b Henry	**1** (7b)
R Sharma c †Latham b Henry	**1** (4b)
V Kohli (c) lbw b Boult	**1** (6b)
R Pant c de Grandhomme b Santner	**32** (56b, 4x4)
D Karthik c Neesham b Henry	**6** (25b, 1x4)
H Pandya c Williamson b Santner	**32** (62b, 2x4)
MS Dhoni †run out (Guptill)	**50** (72b, 1x4, 1x6)
R Jadeja c Williamson b Boult	**77** (59b, 4x4, 4x6)
B Kumar b Ferguson	**0** (1b)
Y Chahal c †Latham b Neesham	**5** (5b, 1x4)
J Bumrah not out	**0** (0b)
Extras: (lb 3, w 13)	**16**

Fall of wickets: 1-4 (Sharma, 1.3 ov), 2-5 (Kohli, 2.4 ov), 3-5 (KL Rahul, 3.1 ov), 4-24 (Karthik, 9.6 ov), 5-71 (Pant, 22.5 ov), 6-92 (Pandya, 30.3 ov), 7-208 (Jadeja, 47.5 ov), 8-216 (MS Dhoni, 48.3 ov), 9-217 (Kumar, 48.6 ov), 10-221 (Chahal, 49.3 ov)

Bowling:

T Boult	10-2-42-2
M Henry	10-1-37-3
L Ferguson	10-0-43-1
C de Grandhomme	2-0-13-0
J Neesham	7.3-0-49-1
M Santner	10-2-34-2

New Zealand won by 18 runs

COMMENTATOR'S CURSE

He lofted, drove, cut, swept, pulled... almost took India home

SRIRAM VEERA
MANCHESTER, JULY 10

YOU WILL remember his celebration when he taunted Sanjay Manjrekar at the commentary studio with '*Ab kya bologe?*' shrug after he got to his 50 but consider this: sometime on the eve of the game, or during it, he would have checked where do the commentators sat.

Filed in the memory, for future use. But only the man who rides unsaddled horses in moonlit nights at his farm could have even contemplated that he would get a chance to use it. When he walked to bat, situation was dire. Dirge played in the stands. Faces emptied out of all colour and positive emotions stared at him. MS Dhoni was gulping water in the middle. Sipping on hope and a prayer. Jadeja went past him and awaited. Dhoni drank some, spat out some, and walked towards him. Who knows what was said? Jadeja, though, seemed possessed. Chest-out, brisk walk, and steely glint in his eyes.

In six balls, we knew he meant business. In six balls, he made everyone realise that the game wasn't dead. It was the 33rd over of the chase and Jimmy Neesham, who has battled personal demons and overcome thoughts of quitting the game, was bowling.

Jadeja dashed down the track - a manic, imperious possessed run and he gave it a thunderous wallop. The crowd, who didn't know where the next Indian run was going to come, were stunned. Dhoni's back was turned and one couldn't catch his face for it would have been absolutely brilliant to see if the icy-cool man of our times too was moved. Perhaps not.

Jadeja certainly didn't seem surprised by what he had achieved. That shot said he was in the mood. It said he wasn't going down wondering. It said it wasn't going to be a push-and-prod knock that he can occasionally come up with in ODIs. It screamed game on. It stirred Dhoni into hope and purpose. It was the best shot of his life. Never mind his hundreds, triple hundreds in first-class — here was he standing up in the middle of the pitch, bat high in the air, the ball out of sight. With Dhoni watching from the other end. With the game on line.

Would he now keep trying such high-risk options? He stubbed out that thought with the most assured batting he has ever come up with in pressure. He lofted, punched, drove, cut, swept, flicked, and even pulled. He doesn't do that often. Matt Henry must have looked at Trent Boult in the 38th over when Jadeja pulled him to midwicket boundary — does he have that shot, Boult? Did our performance analyst show us that video? Henry changed lengths immediately. Full, fuller, on a length - and Jadeja tapped them for singles.

Get the spinner on, Williamson thought and Mitch Santner is as good a ODI spinner as they come. He turns it, he can tilt them in, and he can flatten the trajectory and he can quicken the pace. But Jadeja is one Indian batsman who sashays down the track to spinners. Not many do as successfully as him. They prefer the comfort of the crease and look a bit unsure when they leave it. Not him. Middle of the 39th over, he put Santner into long-on stands.

Jadeja gestures at the commentary box on reaching his half-century. *AP*

Okay, let's bring our fastest bowler and Williamson brought on Lockie Ferguson. He must have thought, it's one thing to pull Henry but can he do it to me? He attempted it first ball at the body, and Jadeja swivelled into a pull. No self-doubt but he wasn't quick enough as the ball and it flew off the gloves well past the diving 'keeper to the boundary.

> **Bits and by pieces, he (Ravi Jadeja) just ripped me apart today. By bits and pieces of sheer brilliance, he proved me wrong on all fronts. I mean, I have to apologise. He was looking for me; star of today looking for me, I wasn't there. I was in the lounge, eating my lunch."**
>
> SANJAY MANJREKAR
> ADMITS UNDERMINING JADEJA

But Ferguson had seen enough, he didn't try the short ball again.

Santner was crash-landed over midwicket one more time and Neesham decided it was time to check whether Jadeja was getting carried away by emotions and pre-determining his hits.

And so he went for the slower ones. Sensible move but Jadeja was not riding blindly on his horses — he was in control. The best he has ever been with the bat in his hand.

He waited for the slower ones and punched and hit them. Occasionally, he would mistime and Dhoni would saunter across in his 'cool' way — not worried, just checking, everything all right, partner? Kind of a walk. Jadeja would smile, his fingers would roll out a slower one — he had it covered, don't worry and Dhoni would walk back. Then suddenly, that fifty moment was upon us. And that celebration. Manjrekar would soon tweet, "well played Jadeja" with a smiley.

Five minutes later, though, in the 44th over off Neesham, you could sense the tide was turning. Now the rate was climbing and with the new Dhoni, Jadeja knew he had to do all the hitting. A couple of desperate shots came out. One fell short of short-fine-leg, the other teased the long-on. Just as you pursed your lips, he settled you again with a powerful blow over long-on. It was the slower one from Ferguson and he had read it and connected with his thump. An edged four off Boult arrived in the 46th over but in Boult's next over, came another slower one. Jadeja went for it, the bat slicing the ball, the execution going awry, and it skied up towards Kane Williamson.

"Someone shouted catch it, Oh it's mine to catch and I waited," Williamson would say later. The thing is he is perhaps saying the truth - not only he has been a fantastic captain but he is also very calm and cool. And the ball nestled into his palms.

Jadeja walked back distraught. Dhoni had turned his face away, dropped his bat, his gloves, and asked for more water. He drank some, he spat some and by that time Jadeja was back in the hut. So was India, one suspected. His best innings, his 'to hell with critics' innings, his ire at the world knock didn't prove enough.

The un-finisher

For a while Dhoni looked like he would turn back the clock and script another great escape, but that was not to be

SRIRAM VEERA
MANCHESTER, JULY 10

No Indian has ever run that first run as hard as him. No one has turned around for the second as briskly and purposefully as him. In that, the years have hardly left a scar. In that, it's still MS Dhoni of the old. And in the end, irony hit - who would have thought it's that one unchanged trait would nail him? Life .

When he turned after the scrambling run and moved towards his partner Bhuvneshwar Kumar, he would have known. This was it. Gone. His left hand was in agony (and it would swell up shortly) and his right was gingerly holding it as he glanced at the big screen to see if perhaps the replays throw up some miracle. Nope. Game over.

But until that moment though, how he kept us churning with hope. So many familiar Dhoni touches flowed through the knock.

The bat was pressed into his armpit, the right fingers ripped off velcro of the left glove and the left did it for the right, and the fingers would disappear through the helmet grille and wipe sweat from above and below the eye. At the end of every ball.

But it would be his walk between the wickets, usually at the end of the over, often in the middle, that would be the takeaway from this knock. The walk towards Ravindra Jadeja. Impassive face, lips occasionally muttering something but hard to guess what was said but that walk said a lot. At the start, it was like an elder brother approaching for counselling, until he saw Ravindra Jadeja sashay down the track and smash a six. After that, that walk turned brisk. Purposeful. Hopeful. He must have felt that situation could be salvaged. That he didn't have to do it on his own because at this stage in his career, he can't.

The responsibility to hit and score runs was Jadeja's, who seemed possessed. He didn't have to be the Dhoni of old, he didn't have to mimic his younger self and fall short as he tried in couple of early games in the tournament. Now, he could slide back to the statesmanlike role, be a real *margdarshak*, and run hard. The thighs flexed, the head would be put down, and he would dash across. The batting touch too returned.

He would stand there and move his hands - the ball would plummet towards deep point for a single, it would whisk through midwicket and once, a rare occasion these days, it even rushed to the straight boundary. Somewhere around this time, he even smiled at Jadeja at the end of the overs. A chat with the umpire, and a look at the distance at nothing in particular.

He still has one attacking shot that he can pull off—to short pitched deliveries. And when Lockie Ferguson's slower bouncer stood up outside off in the penultimate over —oh boy, did Dhoni stir. The feet lifted, the eyebrows squeezed up, and Clint Eastwood of modern-day cricket was in the air as the bat thunderously smashed the white round thing into orbit. That moment, Dhoni in mid-air, should be frozen and put on a poster.

Never mind the result. He tried. There would be some silly criticisms about whether he was a bit slow, whether he should have outsourced the entire hitting job to Jadeja. But what else could he have done? This isn't that Dhoni, and two games into the tournament, after couple of dawdles, he would have known.

And he had re-assessed himself and settled into the grafting anchor-finisher without the big shots. Unless they bowled short, he wasn't going to hit. Push and run, tap and run, punch and run, walk-into-a-drive and run - that's his game now. And he didn't stray from that self-assessment. He didn't try anything different. He knew if he had tried, the chase would have derailed a long time back.

Another criticism might be that he didn't stride out at No.4 or 5. No way, he would have survived that spell of the moving ball then. The mind can visualise a fatal walking prod. He had to be kept back. He had to do what he did. Lay that blame on the brittleness of the middle order, the absence of a solid batsman at No.4. Not on Dhoni.

His job was to catch that 'Jadeja's inner conflict' in a bottle and spray it at the New Zealanders. He did that. He allowed Jadeja to unburden his fury. He allowed Jadeja to express ire in the most positive way. The match slowly started to turn, Kane Williamson started to scratch his beard more frequently, Ross Taylor would dash across more often to his captain, Trent Boult would counsel Ferguson urgently. It was Jadeja's spirit, but it was bottled and sold by Dhoni.

Without him, Jadeja couldn't have done it. Without Jadeja, Dhoni couldn't have done it. Together they almost did it but then Jadeja fell. Now, Dhoni had to do the hitting. That wasn't going to happen. Still, that six off the first ball of the penultimate over raised hopes. Could this be happening? Has the old magic returned? Can he hit a six and twirl the bat over once more like that night at Wankhede? To see its possibility, he had to get back on strike. And off he dashed. Irony tripped him. And he walked back in pain, from the left hand and from the near-miss. Head was down as he climbed up the stairs to the dressing room where the sea of players parted and clapped.

The only appropriate reaction for the moment.

Martin Guptill's bullet throw from deep backward square caught MS Dhoni inches short of the crease and snuffed out India's last hopes of a heist. *AP*

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Gun throw, Rayudu, rewind

Wife knows best

BROADCASTER LAURA McGoldrick finally posted a whooping retweet of husband Martin Guptill's missile-throw to dismiss MS Dhoni. This came after she had to leap to the defence of her "nervous" husband", whose glum mug and doleful 94 runs at an average of 11.75 – he averages 42.35 in his ODI career – had been described as a "a sad, almost forlorn sight" by *stuff.co.nz*. McGoldrick, covering the tournament in England, had told The Hits radio station that Guptill was bowled by "the best in the world" - Indian seamer Jasprit Bumrah, and his struggles were "not for a lack of trying."

"Bumrah, who got Gup in the end, is the best in the world. I mean, he canters in. He looks like a horse when he runs in. I don't know how anyone can see the ball," she explained. McGoldrick said having their daughter, Harley, 2, in their lives had allowed him to keep things in perspective.

"We take our cues from Gup, sometimes he wants to talk about the game and sometimes he doesn't," she said after Day 1 of the rain-interrupted semifinal. "I'm certainly not going to bring it up if he doesn't want to talk about it. He knows what he needs to do and it's no good me harping on about what I think he should do. I've never played international cricket so it would be pretty rich for me to have a go in trying to help," McGoldrick told The Hits. "You just have to love and support him. Put your arm around him and go, 'You know, it's going to be OK'. And it is going to be OK. My husband is one of the best in the world and I think I'm allowed to say that and I'm not totally biased."

Guptill has had an ordinary campaign but for his fielding.

Pak broaches Rayudu

Now that India is out of the World Cup, the post-mortem begins. And it doesn't just happen here, it happens across the border as well. In an YouTube channel, former Pakistan skipper Rashid Latif and PTV sports broadcaster Nauman Niaz dissected India's run in the tournament.

Crucially, the duo touched upon what proved to be the Achilles Heel of the Indian batting unit – the middle order. "For the Australia series, they had different players. (Ambati) Rayudu was playing in New Zealand. The middle order was changed a lot and the players who've spent more time there weren't given a chance in the team for the World Cup," Latif said. "The starting few matches didn't go well because this is a big event and you need a senior middle order. That is very important. They've brought in three wicketkeepers. Dinesh Karthik played in the 2007 World Cup, didn't play in 2011, not in 2015, now he's here. *Kya India mein batsmen ki* kami hai?"

Now the title

If anything, Wednesday's victory would stand above arguably the biggest moment in New Zealand cricket history.

"It will rate as one of New Zealand's best and most significant victories, given they lost six of their previous seven World Cup semifinals including two at Old Trafford, to England in 1979 and Pakistan 20 years later," Mark Geenty wrote in stuff.co.nz. "Now they have a chance to clinch the biggest of them all, with memories still fresh of their loss to Australia in the 2015 decider at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The Black Caps' only world title remains the ICC Knockout Trophy, won against India in Nairobi in 2000." The Indian top order was blown away in the first 10 overs, which prompted Geenty to remark "They were mere mortals after all, these Indian batting giants, and no one could have predicted how cheaply they would fall. It was scarcely believable as India slumped to 24-4, uncertain and timid against an impeccable line with the ball crucially swinging for (Trent) Boult. The semifinal was there for the taking for New Zealand, a line rarely heard before." **ENS**

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ZAHEER ABBAS

Middle order can't handle pressure

TO START with, India were a bit overconfident in the semifinal against New Zealand. They have an excellent batting line-up, no doubt, and 239 wasn't a big score on this ground. But then you have to play till the last ball to win. The Indian batting is so strong that before the semifinal, their middle order wasn't under this kind of pressure at any point in this World Cup.

And when put under pressure, it failed. It happened in the Champions Trophy final against Pakistan in 2017 also, when they had lost a few wickets at the top. When two or three batsmen were gone, they didn't know what to do. They were stuck and confused.

They thought they would win the game, because 240 was an easy target for them. But it's not that easy all the time. You have to score the runs to win. New Zealand had the ball in their hands and sometimes India's batting, despite being strong, gets rattled.

India have always done well when their openers have done well; when they had good starts. Then everybody scores runs. But when the start is bad, you saw what happened this time. So it's not easy under pressure. And India had never been under pressure in this tournament. It proves now that their middle order cannot handle pressure.

(MS) Dhoni played almost till the end. (Ravindra) Jadeja was playing very well. He was hitting the ball well. But Kane Williamson outsmarted India tactically with the way he attacked upfront and the way he set the field. New Zealand won the game, which means they outsmarted India.

AS FOR RISHABH PANT AND HARDIK PANDYA, THEY ARE BETTER PLAYERS WHEN INDIA HAVE A GOOD START.

As for Dhoni, it's not for me to decide whether he should hang up his boots. Any player would know how long he would be able to play international cricket. But Dhoni's position in the batting order wasn't fixed. Sometimes he was coming at No. 5, sometimes further down. A batsman is never settled this way. His World Cup performance wasn't that good, to be honest. But I think he still has cricket in him.

As for Rishabh Pant and Hardik Pandya, they have proven their mettle in the past. But they are better players when India have a good start. Under pressure, it looked difficult for them. Dhoni and Jadeja are the two players down the order who can play under pressure. Squad selection depends on the selectors and team management. So if they didn't pick the likes of Ajinkya Rahane or Cheteshwar Pujara, there must be some reason behind that. If a player is going too slow (for the team management's liking), it's difficult to pick him in an ODI side. You can pick him as an opener or a No. 3 batsman. But to be honest, India were not thinking that their batting would come under pressure. If you ask me about New Zealand's chances in the final, I expect England to win the semifinal and do well in the final.

With regards to the second semifinal, if you compare Australia and England, their openers have done very well and that's why they are winning matches. But middle-order batsmen from both sides are not performing that well. New Zealand have played World Cup semifinals so many times. But as far as the final is concerned, I would still say it's not that easy for them to win it. I doubt it very much.

Blow by blow: How Boult and Henry nailed India's top three

A terrific ball, a plan well executed and one poor judgment of the batsman made the most decisive difference in the end. Here's how New Zealand's devastating new-ball pairing of Trent Boult and Matt Henry planned, plotted and broke India's back.

DESTRUCTIVE MINIMALISM: Considering Rohit Sharma's unpronounced front-foot stride, a fundamental principle to his sublime balance at the crease, Matt Henry's delivery was inch-perfect. In the corridor, neither drivable nor leavable, Rohit was seduced into a fatally nervous poke.

The batsman was perhaps anticipating the ball to come back into him on the angle. His bat thus was drawn into the angle, but it marginally held its line after pitching. Henry's pace meant that it was too late for Sharma to salvage himself. A couple of inches either side, Rohit would have comfortably defended or left the ball alone. Same with the length.

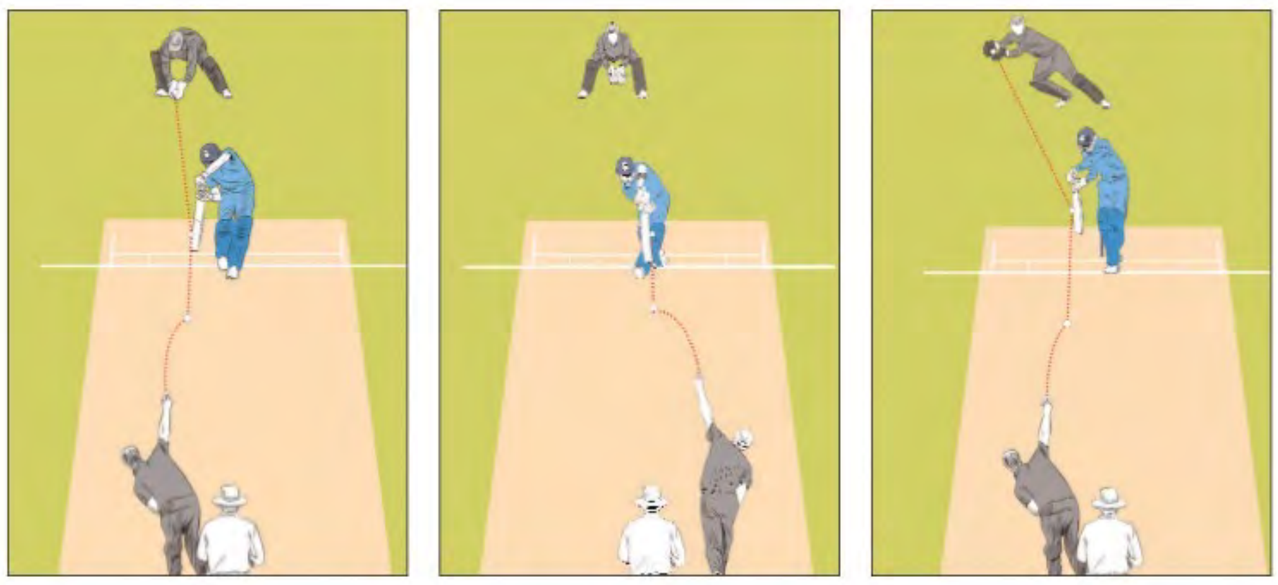
The trajectory was perfect, forcing him to play the half-defensive prod. A more assertive front-foot stride would have helped him get behind the line of the ball, and thus in a better position to gauge its path, but that's the way Rohit sets him up at the crease these days. The economy of movement helps him hold his shape, which it turn guarantees a smooth bat swing, preventing unnecessary tangles. There's no doubt that the method has been profitable and it required a sharply-designed and masterfully-executed delivery to end his run feast in this World Cup.

THE DOUBLE BLUFF: Gifted and shrewd a batsman as Virat Kohli is, he can't be easily set up. Supremely game-aware, he reads the bowlers' mind, second-guesses their plans and, more often than not, comes up with spectacular counter-ploys. But not this time. Trent Boult and Co. conceded an impression that they were gnawing away on an old weakness of his — the storied vulnerability outside the off-stump.

So Boult slipped in a couple of outswingers, the ones that went on with the angle. To encourage that line, Kohli played and missed one. Kane Williamson brought in an extra catcher on the off-side.

Surely, their plan was blowing in the wind. So Kohli premeditated for another away-goer. He planted his front-foot across so that he could cover the line and leave the delivery. His mind could only see the ball move one way— swinging and sliding away from his body.

But it turned out to be a ruse. This one pitched on leg-stump and bent back into him. Due to his initial shuffle, his front foot had gone too far across, and Kohli had to play around his front pad and couldn't bring the bat in time to get even an inside-edge that could have saved him. This dismissal would hurt him more, because he was outwitted than outplayed. It rarely happens, but it happened at the most inopportune moment for his team.



Matt Henry landed the ball at the perfect sport for Rohit while left-arm seamer Trent Boult gave Virat Kohli a rare working over. As for KL Rahul, Henry preyed on his familiar weakness outside the off-stump and reaped the reward. *Suvajit Dey*

REPEAT OFFENDER: It's the default plan against KL Rahul these days. Pound the channel at full length, persist and he will invariably nick one sooner than later. Leaden feet. Hard hands. Slumping head. Not knowing where his off-stump is. All the weaknesses that could undo a promising player's career.

It's a disaster waiting to unfold, any good ball would do him in. Henry's delivery was exactly that: good length, angling in, landing in the channel and shaping away. Nothing spectacular. No late swing. No seam movement. Just a play of angle.

Rahul could have left it, he would have but since he's unsure of where his off-stump is, he's drawn into stabbing at the ball, from the crease, his feet static and just the hands moving towards the direction of the ball. He meets the ball in line with the fifth stump, but his front foot is in line with middle stump and the back-foot veering towards the leg-stump. It's the fear of the late-swerving inswinger that restricts his initial trigger movement, but to cut out one weakness he has developed another.

Yesterday, once more: It's Roger vs Rafa

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ROGER FEDERER chalked up another monumental milestone to reach the Wimbledon semi-finals on Wednesday, recovering to beat Japan's Kei Nishikori 4-6 6-1 6-4 6-4 and become the first man to record a century of singles wins at any Grand Slam.

The stage is now set for a battle royale with old adversary Rafael Nadal, who defeated American Sam Querrey 7-5 6-2 6-2 in a little over two hours. It will be the first time in 11 years that Federer and Nadal will face off at Wimbledon. They contested three consecutive finals between 2006 and 2008, culminating in Nadal dethroning the Swiss in an epic title clash, 9-7 in the fifth set. Federer, however, was poor in the first set that Nishikori may have felt the 37-year-old Swiss's advancing years had finally caught up with him.

Yet the remainder of the contest had just enough flourishes of pure brilliance from the eight times champion to make it a worthy occasion for him to become the sole male member of the Grand Slam 100 club. Federer's victory raised the prospect that Wimbledon may once again play host to one of the sport's greatest rivalries, provided Rafa Nadal overcomes big-serving American Sam Querrey to tee up a clash against his old Swiss foe in the semi-finals. The duo have not met at the All England Club since their titanic tussle in the 2008 final, when Nadal outlasted Federer over five thrilling sets that finished in the late evening gloom.

Top seed Novak Djokovic recovered from an edgy start to deliver a devastating display that crushed the spirit of 21st-seeded Belgian David Goffin in straight sets on Wednesday and sent the defending champion surging into the Wimbledon semi-finals.

Roger Federer defeated Kei Nishikori to enter the semis. *AP*

RAFA AHEAD

24 Nadal leads Federer in the head-to-head 24-15, having prevailed in the French Open semifinal a month ago.

Novak sails through

Goffin will wonder just what happened after he looked the better player in the early stages and broke for a 4-3 lead in the first set. Half an hour later he had lost 10 games in a row and the match was effectively over as Djokovic went on to triumph 6-4 6-0 6-2. The 32-year-old Serb was at his clinical best as he soaked up the early punches without panic then imposed himself in every aspect of the contest to such an extent that Goffin, 28, was left flailing on Centre Court.

Djokovic, who has lost only once at a Grand Slam in the last 12 months, is into his ninth Wimbledon semi-final – only Jimmy Connors and Roger Federer have been in more – where he will face Spanish world number 22 Roberto Bautista Agut. Djokovic has reached the semis having dropped one set and been broken only five times in five matches and was delighted with how Wednesday's match eventually unfolded.

RAPINOE TO TRUMP: 'YOUR MESSAGE IS EXCLUSION'

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump needs to do better in caring for every single American, the triumphant US women's football star Megan Rapinoe has said, as she hit back at him after he lectured her to win the World Cup title before talking.

THE 34-YEAR-OLD forward has skyrocketed into national prominence after leading her team's to the World Cup win and also championing the lawsuit filed by 28 US Women's National Team players demanding pay parity with the men's squad.

WHEN ASKED what she would say to Trump, Rapinoe looked into the camera and said, "Your message is excluding people. You're excluding me, you're excluding people that look like me, you're excluding Americans that maybe support you." *USA TODAY*

University honours

Dutee Chand becomes first Indian woman to clinch gold in World Universiade

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DUTEE CHAND'S 11.32s run in the 100m final at the World University Games, Napoli earned India its second gold on the track at a global event - Hima Das's 400m junior Worlds win being the first. The Odisha girl staved off a stiff challenge from Del Ponte (11.33) of Switzerland and Lisa Kwayie of Germany took the third spot with 11.39 seconds on the clock.

The field at the University Games was top-class and the odds were stacked against the Indian sprinter. In the start list, with the season's best of the runners taken into account, Dutee was a lowly 7th. But Tuesday was her day. The double 2019 Asian Games silver medallist paced her progress to perfection. In the heats, she clocked 11.48, in the semis 11.41 and saved the best for the last.

This victory, in Dutee's own words, is a very important one coming in the backdrop of events in the last few months.

"It's an answer to all who doubted me and questioned my focus. Didn't Virat Kohli fall in love and still perform? If he can, why can't I? I know there were a lot of people who were writing and saying negative stuff about me and how the timing of me coming out wasn't ideal. But I couldn't care less. My focus on my sport has never dwindled and I train as hard as I used to. And by coming out, I feel a huge burden is off my shoulders," Dutee told *The Indian Express*.

Following her win, Dutee Chand put this picture on Twitter with the caption: Pull me down, I will come back stronger!

The reference was to her coming out with the revelation that she was in a same-sex relationship with a girl from her village, and her family turning their back on her.

Ever since the news of Dutee's gold medal broke, her phone has been buzzing with notifications from her social media applications and messages from friends. But Dutee's family still hasn't reached out to her. "Not even a congratulation. Not even a "do well beta". They feel I have committed a huge crime by coming out. But that's okay. I have friends to share and talk to. They've got my back," an emotional Dutee shared.

The gold-winning effort was not enough to meet the World Championship qualification mark of 11.24s. But her coach N Ramesh is confident that Dutee will crack it soon. Regular top-level competitions are the only way to hit the mark, he believes.

"Just a few big races on the trot and she will make it for sure. For that, we need to compete abroad and for which the proposal to the Odisha government has already been sent," said Ramesh.

Earlier, Dutee had the habit of burning out in the heats and semifinals and would end up not having enough in the tank for the finals. This mistake cost her a medal at the Doha Asian Athletics Championships earlier this year where she clocked 11.26s in the semis. The same effort in the finals would have bagged her a silver but she could only manage 11.44s for a fifth-place finish.

"That's a problem I have pointed out many times. Dutee would always tell me that she could not control her pace. But now with experience, she is getting better at it. There are certain things that you can learn only during the competition. I'm glad she's picking up," said Ramesh.

Dutee's ecstatic about her latest win. A gold at a global event was a dream she was harbouring. This feat makes the KIIT University law student the first Indian woman to win a gold in a 100m event at the World University Games. Last year, Hima's junior Worlds medal was a breakthrough moment in Indian athletics and Dutee says she was inspired by the Assam runner's effort.

"The moment Hima won a world-level gold, I got even more determined. But I am not done yet, I will be satisfied only after winning a medal at the Olympics. I know people would laugh at the prospect of an Indian track athlete bagging a medal at the Games. But it's been long since I stopped caring about people."

Ref hits back at Messi, Argentina accusations

Quito: The referee accused by Argentina at the Copa America of having made "serious and gross" mistakes during their semi-final defeat to Brazil has hit back at his detractors accusing them of being bad losers.

Argentina and their captain Lionel Messi were incensed that Ecuadoran handler Roddy Zambrano not only failed to award them two penalties in their 2-0 defeat last week but that he also refused to consult VAR to check their claims. "I'm very calm about what happened, I was very transparent in my work, I tried to do my best," Zambrano told Ecuadoran radio station SuperK-800 in an interview broadcast late on Tuesday.

Some Brazilian media reports claimed that the security team of the watching Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro had interfered with the radio communication between Zambrano and the VAR office. "Fortunately everything that was said on the field and everything said in the cabin by VAR has been recorded," said Zambrano. **AFP**

Yellow jersey Alaphilippe brings panache to the Tour

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IN AN era where riders are becoming slaves to power meters, earpieces and all sorts of technological gadgets, Frenchman Julian Alaphilippe is bringing a much-needed dose of flair into the Tour de France. With his juvenile looks and aggressive style of racing, the 27-year-old took the Tour de France's lead by storm earlier this week with a brilliant attack on a tough climb that left his rivals stranded. The move earned him the yellow jersey and made him the new national hero.

"It was the victory of panache," said Deceuninck Quick Step team manager Patrick Lefevere after his protege became the first Frenchman in five years to seize the coveted tunic. Alaphilippe is enjoying a fast growing popularity. In every small village crossed by the peloton, fans are shouting his name when they catch a glimpse of the yellow tunic, and large groups of excited supporters surround his team bus at the start and finish of each stage.

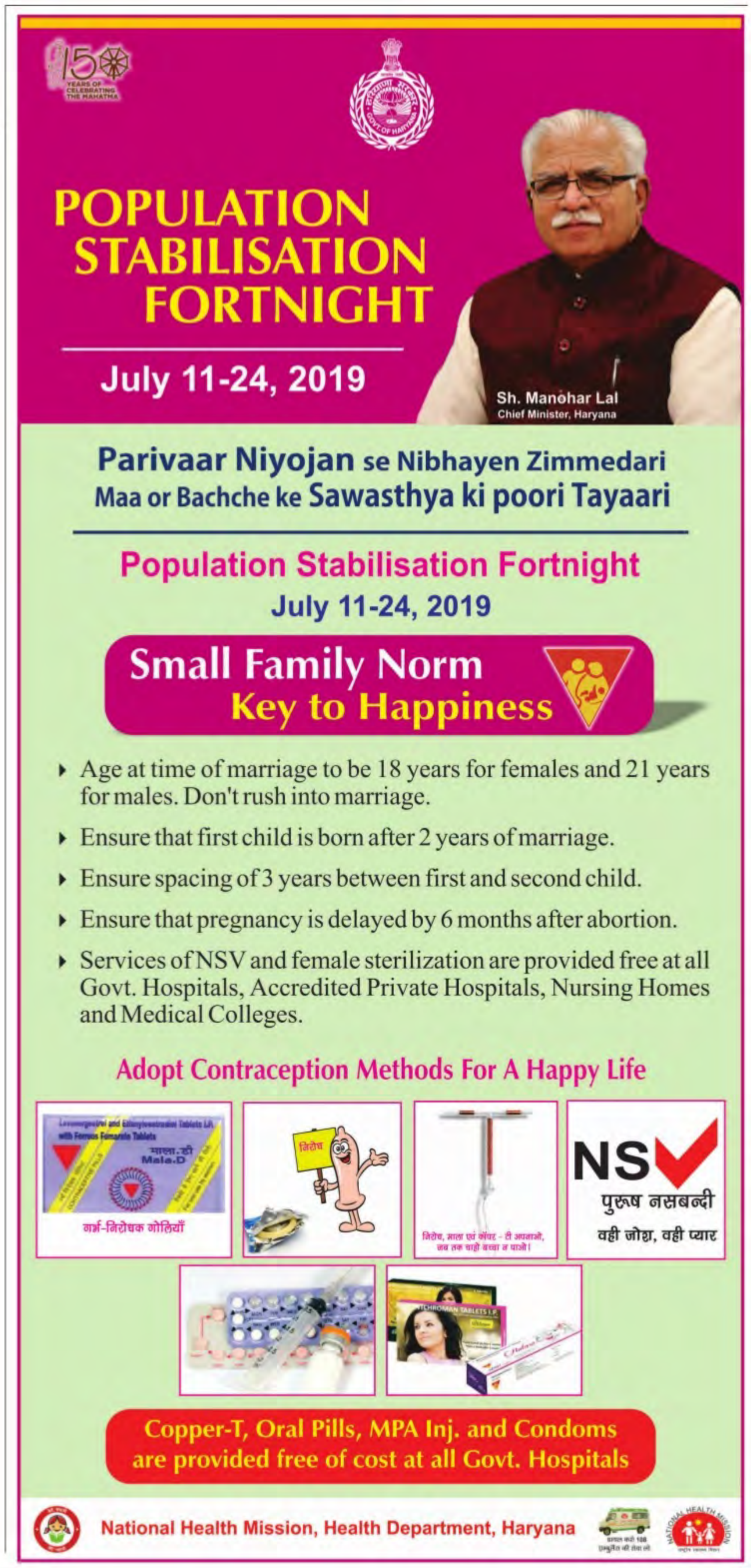
"I'm not riding my bike to be popular, but of course all this support will help me get beyond my limits in the coming days," Alaphilippe said. An all-rounder who thrives on sharp and short climbs, Alaphilippe has not come from nowhere. With his devastating attacks, he posted two stage wins and won the best climber's polka dot jersey last summer on the Tour. This year, he has been phenomenal during the first part of the season, posting victories at Milan-San Remo, the Fleche Wallonne and Strade Bianche.

But more than his successes, it's his style of racing that makes him so exciting in a country which has been waiting for a homegrown Tour winner since cycling great Bernard Hinault last won it in 1985. "He makes us dream," Hinault said. "He does not hesitate, does not ask himself too many questions. This is his main asset, because win or lose, he always attacks."

Alaphilippe can also be a zealous teammate. During Tuesday's stage won by teammate Elia Viviani, he took part in the leadout train that set up the Italian sprinter instead of staying sheltered in the pack.

"People like the yellow jersey and the way I'm racing, but they also like panache and victories," Alaphilippe said. "Victory is in me. I could not be happy with second places. And I could not be happy if I wore this yellow jersey without style." Alaphilippe's bold temperament and instinctive way of racing are going against modern cycling's strategies embodied by defending champion Geraint Thomas' Ineos team. Rebranded after a change of sponsor, the former Team Sky has been the dominant squad in recent years with very efficient attrition tactics that lacked the drama and romanticism Tour fans crave.

Team Sky riders including four-time champion Chris Froome often relied on power meter data when tackling climbs, a technology that many believe is encouraging competitors to cycle cautiously.



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