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250 PRE-FABRICATED UNITS FOR REFUGEES HANDED OVER

# As India builds houses, Myanmar to reach out to Rohingya in Bangladesh

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

WITH INDIA handing over 250 pre-fabricated houses for the first batch of refugees who are willing to return, Myanmar is likely to send its foreign secretary to the Rohingya camps in Bangladesh — at New Delhi's gentle nudge. Faced with social, religious and ethnic persecution, these families left Myanmar for Bangladesh, in boats, two years ago.

Sources said that while India has built and handed over these houses to the Rakhine provincial government, the visit by Myanmar's top diplomat — possibly later this month — to the Rohingya refugee camps near Cox's Bazar in south-eastern Bangladesh will work towards assuaging the safety and security concerns of the displaced families.

By getting top Myanmar officials to address the refugees who have fled the country since August 2017, India believes it will create an atmosphere wherein the families who are willing to return to their country will have the "confidence to go back and settle down". Delhi is also keen that the "community leaders" should address these refugees, acting as a guarantor of their security.

This is one of the key steps being taken by Myanmar, at the prodding of India, so that the displaced families "feel safe" and stay in these newly built houses.

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**Each housing unit is about 40 sq m.** *Photo courtesy: Indian Embassy in Myanmar*

KARNATAKA: 5 MORE REBEL MLAs GO TO SC

# BJP split on staking claim, coalition hopes to win trust vote

JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, JULY 13

ON A day that five more rebel MLAs approached the Supreme Court, accusing Assembly Speaker K R Ramesh of sitting on their resignations and saying they were "being threatened to support the government", deep divisions emerged within the BJP in Karnataka on the issue of staking claim to form a new government.

With a section of the BJP that's aligned to the party's high command not in favour of forming a new government given the hung nature of the current Assembly, the ruling Congress-JD(S) coalition is hopeful of winning the trust vote that Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy sought on Friday.

The lack of cohesion in the state BJP, coupled with efforts of the Congress to bring back a few of its more amenable rebels (13 of the 16 who resigned since July 6 are Congress MLAs) to the legislature for the trust vote, are likely to help the coalition

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**Congress rebel MLA M T B Nagaraj on Saturday.** *PTI*

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# Godrej speaks up again: Intolerance, hate crime rampant, can hurt growth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JULY 13

LEADING INDUSTRIALIST Adi Godrej, Chairman, Godrej Group, Saturday warned that rising intolerance, hate crimes and moral policing can "seriously damage" economic growth of the nation. He was speaking at a leadership summit to celebrate the 150th anniversary of his alma mater, St Xavier's College.

Talking about India being among the fastest growing economies in the world and Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently announcing his vision of India becoming a $5-trillion economy, Godrej said, "But with the growth vision and dreams firing away, it's not all a rosy picture as yet. One must not lose sight of the impoverishness that still massively plagues our nation, which can seriously damage the pace of growth going forward."

"Unemployment is soaring at a four-decade high of 6.1%. It is a problem not only for India but a concern for most countries around the world. Rising intolerance, social instability, hate

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**Godrej on Saturday.** *Express*

# Destination Moon: Chandrayaan-2 to launch India into new space age

AMITABH SINHA
PUNE, JULY 13

ONE OF the often recalled statements in the Indian space establishment is a remark by Vikram Sarabhai explaining the rationale of India's space programme: "There are some who question the relevance of space activities in a developing nation. To us, there is no ambiguity of purpose. We do not have the fantasy of competing with the economically advanced nations in the exploration of the moon or the planets or manned space flight. But we are convinced that if we are to play a meaningful role nationally, and in the community of nations, we must be second to none in the application of advanced technologies to the real problems of man and society".

It is not clear exactly when or where Sarabhai made this remark, but for over four decades, this remained the guiding principle of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) that directed all its energies at building capabilities to exploit the power of space technology for fulfilling the country's development needs, and not exactly for doing science.

The launch of Chandrayaan-2, ISRO's most ambitious mission till date, at 2:51 am on Monday will signal an equally unambiguous intent — that India is not just ready to compete with the advanced countries in space exploration and human missions, it is even capable of taking the lead.

The Chandrayaan-2, a moon-lander and rover mission, is designed to go where no spacecraft has gone before. There have been 28 landings on the moon so far, including the six that had humans on board, and almost all

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**In this picture released by ISRO, officials carry out the hoisting of the Vikram Lander during the integration of Chandrayaan-2, at the launch centre in Sriharikota**

# After brother-in-law died in custody, Dalit woman alleges gangrape by cops

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, JULY 13

THE FAMILY members of a 35-year-old Dalit woman from Rajasthan's Churu district have alleged that she was gangraped by policemen and illegally detained for around eight days in connection with a theft case.

According to police officials, the brother-in-law of the woman was arrested on July 6 and died the same night in police custody, for which a judicial inquiry is being conducted by an additional chief judicial magistrate.

Talking to reporters in Jaipur on Saturday, the woman's husband said, "On June 30, police picked my 22-year-old brother in a theft case. On July 3, they came with him but when they took him back the same day, they took my wife too. Later, on the night of July 6-7, police tortured and murdered my brother. My wife, who witnessed the torture, was gangraped by police. They also plucked her nails, hurt her eyes and fingers."

He added that even after the death of his brother, his wife was

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# From YC (young cricketer) to WC final today, journey back to Lord's

EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
LONDON, JULY 13

THE BOY who would run out to take covers off the pitch at Lord's before games, the child who would sell scorecards at the famed arena, the teenager who would gulp his breakfast at a nearby hostel and rush out to the most famous cricket stadium in the world — he will now play a World Cup final at the same ground on Sunday. Cricketing dreams don't get more romantic than that. Ross Taylor is that lucky man.

In 2002, when he was 18 years old, Taylor was sent to MCC Young Cricketers, the club based at Lord's. Every year, the most promising New Zealand cricketer would get that honour. Martin Crowe did it for a year, Ken Rutherford, and Taylor. They were known as YCs.

Clive Radley, a Middlesex cricketing legend who was the manager of MCC then, remembers picking up Taylor from the Heathrow airport. "I was taking him to the MCC hostel where the other kids were, but thought 'let me show him Lord's on the way'," he told *The Sunday Express*.

Taylor was smitten by everything there — the old grey building that still houses the groundsman (Lord's provides a house within the stadium and private-school tuition fees for the groundsman's children to this day), the green grass, the scenic setting, and, of course, that classic old pavilion.

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**New Zealand's Ross Taylor at a practice session ahead of the World Cup final.** *AP*

# Darjeeling toy train's heritage tag under threat, UNESCO to send team

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

INDIA'S CONTINUING failure to conserve the 140-year-old Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR), a World Heritage Site, has prompted UNESCO to take steps to assess the state of the railway system and see whether the property is worth the global heritage tag.

Not satisfied with the information the Indian Railways has been furnishing about the state of conservation of the World Heritage Site, UNESCO will send its Reactive Monitoring Mission, comprising experts from UNESCO's World Heritage Committee and the International Council on Monuments and

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EXPLAINED

### A wake-up call to conserve heritage

THE INDIAN Railways has been struggling to conserve heritage assets for years — tracks, buildings, bridges and even rolling stock. UNESCO has in the past raised the issue of erosion of heritage value of mountain railways in India, especially the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway. The latest move is a wake-up call.

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# Former R&AW chief has a new mission: Paddy-shrimp farming in ancestral village

SHAJU PHILIP
ALAPPUZHA (KERALA), JULY 13

DURING HIS long stint with India's external intelligence agency, Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), P K Hormis Tharakan had to stay alert for possible threats to the country. Twelve years into his retirement as R&AW chief, Tharakan is still watchful: this time of water crows. In his gumboots, with an umbrella in one hand and a hat in the other, he stands on the mud banks of his aquaculture farm in his village in Kerala's Alappuzha district, ensuring the crows don't prey on his shrimp and fish. "They come, swoop down and fly away with their catch," says the 74-year-old.

Tharakan, a former Kerala DGP, is now a budding farmer in his village. He says his is a family of traditional agriculturists but none among the present generation did farming until Tharakan decided three years ago to experiment with paddy-cum-shrimp culture in the brackish waters near his ancestral home.

"After my retirement in 2007, I moved to Bengaluru. But in 2014, I shifted to my village, Olavaip, hoping to spend the rest of my life reading and writing. But now I have become a full-time farmer. The field is my classroom and farming is a really humbling experience for me," says Tharakan.

After the death of his father Kochupappu Tharakan in 1959, none among the eight brothers took up farming and the family's 5-hectare land fell into disuse. "I joined government service in 1968 when I got into the IPS at the age of 23. I was the first among my brothers to get a job. After me, the others moved to various professions, both in the government and private sectors."

"When I decided to take up farming, I went for paddy-cum-shrimp cultivation (known as One Paddy, One Fish farming in Kerala). All my brothers contributed financially for this group activity," he says.

Under One Paddy, One Fish, alternate cropping of fish and paddy is done in wetlands, with paddy being cultivated for four months and shrimp in the remaining eight months, when the fields remain fallow.

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**Began farming on his family land three years ago**

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## Chandrayaan-2

of them landed in the equatorial region. Earlier this year, China's Chang'e-4 made a landing on the far side of the moon, the side that does not face the earth, becoming the first spacecraft to do so.

Chandrayaan-2 will land in, and investigate, the area around the south pole of the moon, an unexplored region that holds the maximum promise for presence of water as well as of fossil footprints that can reveal some information about the origins of the earth and the solar system. A successful mission can be expected to add rich new science about the moon — its topography, geology, mineralogy, and of course an assessment of availability of water.

"I think Sarabhai would be tremendously proud today. ISRO has already achieved everything that he had wanted it to focus on in the initial years, and is continuing to serve the country with distinction. At the same time, it has developed capabilities not just to compete with the best in space exploration but also to lead the pack. I think he would be immensely satisfied," said Mylswami Annadurai, the mission director of Chandrayaan-1, India's first exploratory mission to the moon, launched in 2008.

In many ways, Chandrayaan-1 itself marked the beginning of a new age for ISRO. That was the first time that an Indian spacecraft had ventured out of the low-earth orbit, and into outer space. But even as it set out to break new ground, ISRO was a little tentative, and circumspect about the launch of Chandrayaan-1. At that time, it had said its primary objective was just to "place an unmanned spacecraft in an orbit around the moon, to conduct mineralogical and chemical mapping of lunar surface, and to upgrade the technological base in the country".

That two instruments onboard Chandrayaan-1 would end up confirming the presence of water on the moon, something that had been speculated for close to 40 years but without ample evidence, was slightly unexpected, especially for those who liked to believe that the best that ISRO could hope for was to get into the also-ran category. It is now undisputed that the confirmation of the presence of water was the turning point in the exploration of moon, and triggered a renewed global interest in going back to the lunar surface.

The confidence it has gained from Chandrayaan-1, and the subsequent orbiter mission to Mars, Mangalyaan, has ensured that ISRO no longer appears shy of talking about its missions. Chandrayaan-2 is a science-heavy mission, carrying a total of 14 instruments distributed over the orbiter, lander and rover. And these will attempt to produce some path-breaking science — among them, an assessment of quantity of water present in polar region, an investigation into the presence of Helium-3, which is considered a crucial energy source for future permanent stations on moon, and detection of seismic activity on lunar surface. Other instruments would attempt to produce a three-dimensional topographical mapping of the lunar surface, do a detailed analysis of elemental composition of the surface, prepare a map of minerals present, and study the solar radiation.

"We hope that Chandrayaan-2 does even better than Chandrayaan-1 in adding to our scientific knowledge. Globally, we are now in a phase where we are looking at realistic possibilities of going back to the moon with the intention of setting up some kind of permanent station. The scientific experiments by instruments onboard Chandrayaan-2 and also by all the other missions from other countries are geared towards exploring such a possibility," Annadurai said.

Chandrayaan-2 is just one among the several missions planned over the next few years aimed purely at scientific exploration. The Gaganyaan, India's first human mission to space, is scheduled to be launched by 2022, and a mission to explore the sun, Aditya, is planned for next year. A successful Chandrayaan-2 and Gaganyaan would inevitably lead to a human mission to the moon, though that is not announced yet. "It (human mission to moon) would be the next logical step forward. Undoubtedly. I think it would be announced at a suitable time," Annadurai, who is now retired, said.

With Chandrayaan-2, ISRO is moving unmistakably beyond the brief given by Sarabhai, which no doubt was wisdom bound in the context of its time. But it is clearly not forgetting him. The lander that Chandrayaan-2 is carrying is aptly named 'Vikram'. As K Radhakrishnan, former chairman of ISRO, said in a video released by the space agency, Chandrayaan-2 was the "sublime combination of the wisdom of the elders and the innovative power of the younger generation".

# Myanmar to reach out to Rohingya

Ultimately, sources said, Bangladesh has "limited capacity" to host these 1 million refugees, and India's efforts are towards minimising the social and economic burden on Dhaka as well.

India has also been facing criticism for not hosting any Rohingya refugees after August 2017, although it has 40,000 refugees from earlier. So far, 16 Rohingya refugees have been sent back to Myanmar in the last two years.

Apart from building houses, India is also planning to build hospitals, schools, small bridges and culverts in Rakhine state, and wants others like China, Japan and other ASEAN countries to pitch in to create a social and economic ecosystem, sources said. "That is the broad message we would like to convey to the international community," said a source.

Earlier this week, the Indian government handed over a batch of pre-fabricated houses, constructed under the Rakhine State Development Programme (RSDP). India has so far committed $ 25 million for executing projects identified by Myanmar.

These housing units are spread over three locations — 148 in Shwe Zar, 60 in Kyein Chaung Taung and 42 in Nan Thar Taung. Myanmar has allocated these units to the Hindu, Muslim and Rakhine communities. Sources say the new houses are within 3 km of the villagers' previous homes, so that they can go back to their original eco-system. These families are mostly engaged in farming and fishing, sources said.

Each house is prefabricated (housing parts are assembled on site) and is around 40 sq m, roughly the size of a one-BHK flat in Delhi. They have been designed to survive earthquakes, cyclonic storms and are said to be rust-free and water-proof.

The pre-fabricated houses are part of an agreement signed between the two countries in December 2017, when then Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar (now the External Affairs Minister) visited Myanmar.

This comes as Myanmar works towards bringing some sort of normalcy in northern Rakhine amid armed clashes with the Arakan Army and the delayed repatriation of Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh, where over 1 million fled following a violent crackdown in Rakhine in August 2017.

While the first batch of 50 houses were handed over to Myanmar by President Ram Nath Kovind during his visit in December 2018, the remaining houses were handed over by Indian ambassador Saurabh Kumar on July 9. High-level dignitaries from Myanmar, including Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Dr Win Mya Aye, and Minister for Electricity, Industry and Transportation Rakhine State, U Aung Kyaw Zan, were present at the handing-over ceremony.

While India has made a beginning, China has also promised to build about 1,000 houses. Sources said that countries like China, Japan and other ASEAN countries can also pitch in with several infrastructure projects in the area, and can lean on the Myanmar government to provide security to the returning families.

# Ruling coalition hopeful of winning trust vote

win the trust vote"

"A few of the Opposition members may not turn up for the vote. There are also efforts to convince some of the rebels who did not go to Mumbai," said a state Congress source.

Kumaraswamy's announcement on Friday in the state Assembly that he would seek a trust vote took the Yeddyurappa-led BJP by surprise since the veteran leader and his supporters are keen on forming a government with the Congress-JD(S) dissidents.

Yeddyurappa did not attend a meeting of the Business Advisory Council of the Assembly to schedule the trust vote and stated that he would like to wait for the Supreme Court's decision on pleas filed by 10 rebel MLAs - now 15, after five more MLAs moved the court on Saturday — for acceptance of their resignations.

If the resignations of the 16 rebel MLAs of the ruling Congress-JD(S) coalition are accepted, the coalition will have 101 MLAs in the 224-member House versus the BJP's 105.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a senior BJP leader aligned with the Central leadership of the party said that while Yeddyurappa and his supporters have been going all out to topple the coalition, the party's leadership in New Delhi is not actively involved in efforts to form a new government in the state."

"We don't want to form a government at this juncture. We are opposing it. Some of the party leaders are trying to form the government claiming the sanction of Amit Shah. We already have many leaders in our fold who are notorious for blackmailing for power. Forming a government with the support of defectors who are not aligned to any ideology other than money will be disastrous for the future of the BJP in Karnataka and push the party back by 10 years."

He added that the party is more keen on facing Assembly elections and winning a clear majority to form the government"

"The current drama is a result of Siddaramaiah's manipulation and Yeddyurappa's greed for power... Given the numbers in this current Assembly, (BJP 105, Congress 79, JD(S) 37 and three others), no government can run smoothly," the senior BJP leader said, adding th"t "most people in the party feel mid-term polls are the best opt"on".

Incidentally, soon after the parliamentary polls, in which the BJP won 25 of the 28 seats in Karnataka, Yeddyurappa had called for Assembly polls. However, in what is seen as a sign of a last-ditch effort to become CM again by wooing coalition dissidents, Yeddyurappa has opposed mid-term polls.

The Congress on Saturday reached out to two of its rebels, M T B Nagaraj and K Sudhakar, in an effort to convince them to return to the Assembly. Nagaraj, who belongs to the Siddaramaiah camp in the Congress, was taken to Siddaramaiah by senior leader D K Shivakumar to convince him to return to the party.

After the meeting with Siddaramaiah, the Hosakote MLA said he remains with the Congress. Nagaraj "has been convinced and will not go anywhere", Congress leader Zameer Ahmed said. Nagaraj was also asked to convince another rebel, Sudhakar, to return to the party fold. Chief Minister Kumaraswamy also visited Siddaramaiah and sought his co-operation in convincing Nagaraj and others to return to the coalition.

## Gangrape

forcibly kept in police custody till July 10.

Following the allegations levelled by the woman's family, the Department of Personnel issued an order late Friday night, removing Churu SP Rajendra Kumar Sharma and putting him on 'awaiting for posting'. The officer of the police circle concerned has been suspended as well.

Earlier, following the death in police custody, the SHO of the police station concerned, along with one head constable and six constables, had been suspended by the SP.Another of the woman's brothers-in-law said, "On July 6, police briefly brought my brother to the village and told him it was the last time he will be seeing his family. After around eight days in police custody, when my sister-in-law came back home on July 10, her condition was very bad."

The woman was admitted to a hospital in Jaipur on July 11, following which the family submitted a memorandum to authorities on Friday, demanding action.

Additional Director General of Police, Crime, B L Soni told The Sunday Express the woman's statement was being recorded. "We have decided to register a case on the basis of her claims and get it investigated by the Crime Branch," he said.

While the family maintains that the man who died in custody was picked up by police on June 30, police say he was rounded up on July 3.

"On July 3, the local police received information that a suspected thief was caught by villagers in a nearby hamlet. On reaching the spot, they found this man who had been beaten up by the villagers. He was brought to the police station, where police found that last year, he was named in an FIR for theft lodged by a man from his village. However, no chargesheet was filed in the case," said Prakash Kumar Sharma, Additional Superintendent of Police, Churu, adding that the man was sent home the same day, July 3.

"Local police say that on the evening of July 6, police went to his village and arrested him. Those posted at police station have claimed that around 1.45 am, he fell sick and after he was taken to hospital, the man died at 2.15 am," said Sharma.

He added that the interim report by the medical board that conducted the post-mortem procedure termed the reason of death as cardiac arrest and the post-mortem report and other facts related to the circumstances of the death of the man are being investigated in the judicial inquiry.

He added that police came to know about the allegation of rape levelled by the woman after she was admitted to the Jaipur hospital. In Jaipur, Dalit activists, hit out at the government for the delay in filing FIRs in the cases of custodial death and alleged rape, and threatened to protest outside the state Assembly.

## Godrej

crimes, crimes against women, moral policing, caste and religion based violence and many other sorts of intolerance are all rampant," he said.

During the speech, he also congratulated Modi for presenting a "grand vision" to build a new India and nearly double the economy to a $5-trillion giant over the course of his second term in office.

Chronic water and air pollution, indiscriminate industrialisation, massive water crisis, growing use of environment-damaging plastics and crippling medical facilities due to the country's healthcare spend being the lowest among its emerging market peers, are some of the other issues that need to be tackled on a war footing, he said.

Among the others present on the occasion were Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy, his wife Sudha Murthy, Orchid hotel founder Vithal Kamat, former Thermax chairperson Anu Aga, Teach For India CEO Shaheen Mistri and Titanium Industries MD Vasanth Kini.

Addressing the gathering, former Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia said it was important to resolve the question on quality of official data, and this could only be done by the government's statistical system providing a credible answer. He was referring to the recent controversy over former CEA Arvind Subramanian's research paper last month mentioning that India's growth rate between 2011-12 and 2016-17 was overestimated.

"Inclusiveness must include benefits that go to the generations of the future," he said. "During the UPA regime, in the first seven years, the average growth rate was about 8.5%... In its last three years, it did slow down. World also slowed down but we slowed down more than the world did. Nevertheless, the economy grew at 7.5%. Within this period, the data clearly showed, the quality had gone down dramatically. We didn't go as good as we wanted to in delivering quality basic services. The number of children in schools increased, the number of years they spent in school increased, but the learning levels weren't improved," Ahluwalia said.

## Toy train

Sites, to Darjeeling to ascertain the condition of the property jointly with the Indian Railways. It will identify priorities for action and report on these while also formulating a set of recommendations for the Railways aimed at preventing further erosion of the property's 'Outstanding Universal Value', according to draft minutes of UNESCO's annual meeting last week in Azerbaijan.

In the meeting, the World Heritage Committee red-flagged erosion of attributes bearing the Outstanding Universal Value, "as a result of management issues faced by the property over the 20 years since its inscription, and failure to implement the recommendations formulated by ICOMOS at the time of inscription".

As per UNESCO guidelines, Reactive Monitoring teams are sent in when a World Heritage Site is in danger and may require to be removed from the prestigious global list.

According to the World Heritage Committee, the Indian Railways, despite requests, did not furnish information between 2017 and 2019 regarding the lack of monitoring and general maintenance, and encroachment and waste dumping along the tracks - all considered violation of global heritage conservation norms.

Railways has also not defined a boundary or a buffer zone for the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Sanjive Roy, General Manager of Northeast Frontier Railway, which manages the DHR, said all recommendations of UNESCO were being followed and that conservation was high on their priority.

"We have been in constant touch with UNESCO and have been holding regular meetings with them. The fact remains that the line goes along the road there. On one side there are houses and on the other is the road, so a lot of people's movements happen on the line. Sometimes they park vehicles in such a way that the train has to stop etc," he said. "We are maintaining the line well. we are doing track renewal and pressed into service steam locomotives. So there is no threat to its heritage value."

For the past few years, Indian Railways and UNESCO have been jointly formulating a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the Mountain Railways of India. UNESCO has requested Railways to implement the plan.

In July last year, the Railway Board had sent a letter to the Northeast Frontier Railway, warning about these issues. "You would appreciate that any heritage site, if downgraded due to non-compliance, would become a matter of serious embarrassment and invite criticism.," the letter had said. The proceedings of the World Heritage Committee meetings indicate things have not improved since then.

Railway heritage conservation bodies such as the UK-based Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Society and the India-based Rail Enthusiasts Society are planning to petition the Railway Board about the urgent need to save the DHR. "The Rail Enthusiasts Society shortly intends to express its grave concern in writing to the Railway Board," said Sanjoy Mookerjee, convener of the society.Two decades ago, UNESCO had included the DHR in its list of World Heritage Monuments as "an outstanding example of the influence of an innovative transportation system on social and economic development. to serve as a model for similar developments in many parts of the world." The DHR was also hailed for illustrating in "an exception and seminal fashion" how "the development of railways in the 19th century had a profound influence on social and economic developments in many parts of the world."

## Ex-R&AW chief

Tharakan says he has been learning the method "by trial and error", with support from government agencies in the fisheries sector. The Agency for Development of Aquaculture has extended a one-time subsidy and this year, the Marine Products Exports Development Authority supplied tiger-shrimp seeds.

Tharakan, who lives in Olavaip with his wife Molly, says he wants to revive paddy cultivation. "Paddy cultivation isn't profitable, but it triggers economic activity in rural areas. When we hire workers, the rural population gets employment and they benefit in terms of wages," he says.

So every day, the 1968 batch Kerala-cadre IPS officer leaves for his farm on foot to supervise work on the farm - feeding the shrimp, shooing away birds, regulating water flow, monitoring the pH value of water and occassionally, lending his workers a hand.

Tharakan says though he began shrimp cultivation three years ago, it's only this season that he made some profit - "In the first season, I lost the shrimp to a virus attack. Last year, heavy rains delayed the harvest and I faced losses."

After harvesting of tiger shrimps is done by the end of this month, ponds such as Tharakan's are drained for cultivation of Pokkali paddy, a saline-resistant rice variety.

Tharakan's presence in the fields has inspired others in the village, says Dileep J, 43, a farm worker in the village. "If we hadn't been working on Tharakan sir's farm, we would have been working on some construction site somewhere," he says.

## YC to WC final

"He loved it and insisted that he have a batting net right away," said Radley. When Taylor arrived that morning, there were some cricketers practising in the nets and he wanted a hit.

"He wanted to hit the ball over the clubhouse, and I think he did. Back then, all he had was a hitting game. He just loved belting the ball. I must say, although I realised that he had that (hitting) talent, because he didn't have the defensive game, I didn't think he would turn out to be such a good and prolific batsman for New Zealand in Tests and ODIs. He has been marvellous for them for so many years now, hasn't he," he said.

Besides his hitting ability, Radley also remembers how powerful young Taylor was. "Thighs like tree trunks," he said.

It's been quite a career, with highs and lows. Taylor became the captain, only to lose the confidence of coach Mike Hesson, and took a break after stepping down. However, he returned to the game fully charged and played alongside Brendon McCullum, the man who replaced him as captain.

It wasn't easy; Taylor met sports psychologists to re-tune himself to the task. He was a protégé of Crowe, who was very fond of him. In fact, Crowe burnt his New Zealand blazer in protest when Taylor lost the captaincy. McCullum was shaken by that, but Taylor returned to lend his support to him. Now, Taylor is Williamson's go-to man on the field.

As part of the MCC team, the overseas player was usually the best of the lot. "Our MCC team would be a lot of aspiring cricketers but the one from New Zealand would be the best young talent in that country. So they would be the best player. Like Martin Crowe was — what a player he was," recalled Radley.

Taylor may not be in that bracket, but has worked hard to develop an all-round game that has enabled him to carry on for so many years. Back then, the MCC senior team would play all around the country. And when there was an injury or some such setback discovered late in the evening on the eve of a game, they would ask Radley to send a bright young talent. "Usually, it would be Ross. And so, he would go to Paddington station early morning, catch a train, and rush out to Birmingham or wherever the game was, and play. Experiences such as that have moulded him. He was a very pleasant young kid, quiet and well-behaved like most Kiwis are — and the best thing is that he has remained that way," said Radley.

From his hostel at Hampstead, Taylor would catch bus number 46 to Lord's, carrying his bat to develop his game.

Six years later, in 2008, he returned as a New Zealand cricketer to play a game at Lord's. "It felt so strange, that this wonderful ground was actually once my home. Even now, when I train at the Nursery Ground or walk through the Long Room, I get goosebumps," Taylor had said earlier.A YC now has a chance to make a special day at his old home the most memorable day of his cricket career.

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# Case of 26-yr-old who died of cardiac arrest is now a study

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

**The case study aims to highlight the presence of undiagnosed heart diseases in young individuals for early diagnosis**

RAISING CONCERNS over prevalence of sudden cardiac death in young individuals, doctors from AIIMS have published the case study of a 26-year-old man who collapsed while moving on an escalator at a Metro station in Delhi. The post-mortem conducted at the institute revealed that brain and visceral organs were congested, with blocking in some parts of the lungs.

The case study, published in RFP Journal of Hospital Administration, aims to highlight the presence of undiagnosed heart diseases in young individuals so that preventive steps may be taken for early diagnosis and treatment.

"The boy was declared brought dead and during postmortem, we did not find any major injuries which could have caused death. During further investigation, we saw chronic deposition of fat in arteries. Such type of coronary artery disease at an early age is rarely reported," said Dr Abhishek Yadav, assistant professor, department of forensic medicine and toxicology, AIIMS.

The boy had no previous complaints or symptoms of any cardiac illness. The department is also conducting a study to compile the number of deaths due to sudden cardiac arrest. "The data has been collated and we are performing comparisons on certain parameters. We are aiming to identify biomarkers," said Dr Sudhir Gupta, professor and head of department of forensic medicine and toxicology at AIIMS.

Sudden cardiac death is defined as death from unexpected circulatory arrest — usually a result of cardiac arrhythmia — that occurs within one hour of the onset of symptoms. Coronary artery disease (CAD) is the main cause of sudden cardiac deaths.

Experts have suggested that lifestyle changes may be a predisposing factor. "Deposition of fats in the body can be attributed to several reasons such as consumption of unhealthy food and oil, lack of exercise, alcohol abuse, smoking and rising pollution levels," said Dr Yadav.

Symptoms such as chest pain, dyspnea or shortness of breath and palpitations should not be ignored and requires a proper examination, doctors said.

SEARCH CONTINUES FOR KINGPIN

# At centre of robberies in Delhi, a love story

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

Safan Abbas and kingpin Burhan Ahmed caught on CCTV in Taimoor Nagar; (right) Abbas and Gaffar have been arrested

AT THE centre of at least 25 gunpoint robberies that have rocked the capital since May-end is a love story between a gang member and the kingpin's relative.

Since the July 10 arrest of two men, Safan Abbas (23) and Chand Gaffar (22), who allegedly conducted gunpoint robberies with kingpin Burhan Ahmed (23) across Model Town, New Friends Colony, Pandav Nagar and Nizamuddin, questioning has revealed how Abbas was recruited into the gang.

According to police, the wives of Ahmed and Abbas are sisters and the families lived together on rent in North East Delhi.

"On February 10, Abbas met Ahmed's sister-in-law and fell in love with her. In order to be close to her, he befriended Ahmed and left his job at a bakery to join the gang. The woman was married and her husband too was a part of the gang," said a police officer investigating the case.

In March, Ahmed, Abbas and the woman's husband Rahat were arrested for a spate of robberies they conducted in North East Delhi. "It was in prison that Abbas told Ahmed that he was in love with the woman. It was this revelation that Ahmed took advantage of as he was unhappy with Rahat. He promised to get Abbas married to the woman once they got out of prison," said a police officer.

Just before the gang allegedly resumed committing gunpoint robberies across the capital, Rahat and his wife separated. "Abbas and the woman got married," said a police officer.

On July 10, Abbas and Gaffar were arrested and police attributed at least 25 robberies to them. Raids are on to arrest Ahmed.

The gang came under the spotlight when they allegedly robbed a businessman at gunpoint in Model Town, in front of his wife and children who were inside the car. Days later, the men allegedly robbed a 24x7 medical store in New Friends Colony of Rs 1.2 lakh — again at gunpoint.

Police said the men usually covered their faces with a cloth or helmets.

"Footage recovered from the spots of some of the incidents was shared with police informers and one of them approached officers in the North East district. An informer identified one of the men as Abbas after seeing his face and noticing his body language. Abbas and Ahmed were captured on CCTV in Taimoor Nagar from where they stole a scooter," said police.

Police questioning revealed that Abbas would go to Old Delhi to eat biryani and kebabs after conducting the robberies. After he married the woman, Abbas began working towards buying a new house, a task that kingpin Ahmed promised to help him with, said police.

# Owners out of town, thieves target 2 houses in South Delhi

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

BURGLARS STRUCK at two houses in South Delhi and decamped with cash and valuables worth around Rs 15 lakh.

The first incident took place in Chittaranjan Park on July 7, when the 65-year-old complainant, Avinash Kumar Mishra, and his wife, Sudha (63), had gone to Mathura. When they reached home around 3.15 am, they found the door bolted from the inside and heard noises.

They called police, who reached the spot and broke open the main door. By then, the burglars had managed to escape. "When we entered home, everything was out of place in two of our bedrooms. The house was ransacked and Rs 3.5 lakh in cash and jewellery was missing. There were clothes scattered all over the room and the window grills were broken. They must have heard our voices and fled," Mishra told *The Sunday Express*.

Police said a forensic team of the South district was called to the spot to lift fingerprints and an FIR was registered.

The second incident took place on July 8 at a house occupied by an elderly businessman, Subhash Chand and his wife in Greater Kailash II. "The couple returned from London and found their house bolted from inside... Police had to break open the door... the house was ransacked just like in the CR Park case. The thieves made off with Rs 2.7 lakh and jewellery," a senior officer said.

"We have registered FIRs... We have found footage of one of the incidents and are questioning locals. We have some crucial leads and are trying to identify the accused," said DCP (South) Vijay Kumar.

# In bid to increase enrolment, NDMC schools renamed after Vajpayee

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

THE NEW Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has changed the names of its schools from Nagar Palika schools to "Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya" after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

According to the council, the decision was taken early this week to improve "public perception on schools and enhance enrolment". "In order to increase enrolment in NDMC schools and improve public perception about them, we have passed a resolution to change the names of all Nagar Palika schools to Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya from the 2019-20 academic session," NDMC's education director R P Gupta said, adding that all principals have been asked to get the school names changed in all records.

The civic body runs 31 schools in the city.

New Delhi MP Meenakshi Lekhi said the council had received multiple requests, seeking that parks and schools be renamed after the late PM.

"Atal*ji*'s life is worth emulating for students. He was a poet, writer, profound thinker, a man of high intellect. His name will inspire students," Lekhi said.

She added that other similar projects are also in the pipeline.

The development comes days after the Centre-run Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital proposed that its medical institute be called Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research.

The institute is currently known as the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER). The proposal was sent to Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan by the college administration Monday.

The South body has also decided to name its under-construction headquarters near Pragati Maidan after Vajpayee.


**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
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**Addendum**

Reference NIT issued vide No. CO/Cat/333/430 dated 09.07.2019, in Clause No. 3(i) & 3 (v), the following line is deemed to be have been added "In case the Audited Financial Documents of the year 2018-19 is not available, the Firm may submit 3 years Financial Documents from the year 2015-16 onward".

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| Setting up of aggregate capacity of 25 MWp Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Power Plant in Government/ Semi-Government Buildings at various locations in the state of UP under RESCO Model on Gross-metering Basis. | 25 MW | (Rs. 4 Lakhs X Bid Capacity quoted in MWp) | 20.07.2019 after 6:30 pm onwards |

The detailed NIT document shall be available for downloading from 20.07.2019 onwards on e-procurement website **http://etender.up.nic.in** or **www.upneda.org.in**. For further details and updates please refer to UPNEDA website **www.upneda.org.in** and **http://etender.up.nic.in**. Director Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency, (UPENDA) reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of Director UPNEDA will be final and binding. **Director, UPNEDA**

**कार्यालय जिला परिषद्, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा**

**अति अल्पकालिन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–03/2019–20**

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| 1. | विज्ञापनदाता का नाम | :– उप विकास आयुक्त–सह–मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, जिला परिषद, प० सिंहभूम, चाईबासा। |
| 2. | परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की तिथि | :– 25.07.2019 10:30 प्रातः से 4:00 बजे अपराह्न तक। |
| 3. | निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय | :– 27.07.2019 को 10:30 प्रातः से 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक। |
| 4. | निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय | :– 27.07.2019 को 3:30 बजे अपराह्न से। |
| 5. | परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री का स्थान | :– जिला परिषद, कार्यालय पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा। |
| 6. | निविदा प्राप्ति एवं खोलने का स्थान | :– जिला परिषद, कार्यालय पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा। |

| क्र० सं० | प्रखण्ड | स्थान | योजना का नाम | प्राक्कलित राशि | अग्रधन राशि | परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य | कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि |
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| 01 | हाटगम्हरिया | हाटगम्हरिया स्थित जिला परिषद परिसर | हाटगम्हरिया में बस पड़ाव का निर्माण। | 5610910 | 112300 | 10000 | 12 माह |
| 02 | नोवामुण्डी | थाना–774, प्लॉट–1458, रकवा–70 डिसमिल | बड़ा जामदा में बस पड़ाव का निर्माण। | 5610910 | 112300 | 10000 | 12 माह |
| 03 | मनोहरपुर | थाना–90, प्लॉट–1458, रकवा–70 डिसमिल | मनोहरपुर में बस पड़ाव का निर्माण। | 5610910 | 112300 | 10000 | 12 माह |
| | | | कुल योग | 16832730 | 336900 | 30000 | |

नोट :– नियम एवं शर्तें www.chaibasa.nic.in के वेबसाईट पर देखी जा सकती है।

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उप विकास आयुक्त–सह–
मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी
जिला परिशद, प० सिंहभूम, चाईबासा

**PR 211641 (West Singhbhum)19-20#D**

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय**
**पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, देवघर।**
**ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना**

ई–निविदा प्रसंग संख्या - **RCD/DEOGHAR/1228/2019-20** दिनांक – **13.07.2019**

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| 1. | कार्य का नाम | घीया मोड़ (सारठ–बस्ती–पालोजोरी पथ पर)–मधुपुर – बांसकुटिया–कुंजबीना (MDR-223 पर) पथ (कुल लम्बाई 10.753 कि0मी0) का चौड़ीकरण एवं मजबूतीकरण कार्य। |
| 2. | प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में) | रुपये **27,72,88,000-** (सताईस करोड़ बहत्तर लाख अठ्ठासी हजार रुपये मात्र) |
| 3. | कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि | 09 (नौ) माह। |
| 4. | निविदाप्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय | 26.08.2019 (12:00 बजे दिन तक) |
| 5. | वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशित होने की तिथि एवं समय | 29.07.2019 (10:30 बजे पूर्वाह्न) |
| 6. | प्री–बीड मिटिंग की तिथि एवं समय | 05.08.2019 (03:00 बजे अपराह्न) |
| 7 | निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले का नाम एवं पता | कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, देवघर। |
| 8. | प्रोक्युरमेंट अधिकारी का सम्पर्क नम्बर | **06432-275640** |
| 9. | ई–प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन नम्बर | 0651–2401010 |

अतिरिक्त जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट **http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in** पर देखे।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, देवघर।

PR 211660 Road(19-20)D

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय**
**ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची**
ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई– निविदा सूचना संख्या – RDD/SD/RANCHI/03/2019-20

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

| क्र० सं० | कार्य का नाम | प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में) | अग्रधन की राशि | परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य | कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि |
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| 1 | राँची जिला के राहे प्रखंड अंतर्गत पुटादाग –लोयोदा के बीच लोयोदा नाला में पुल निर्माण। | 172.87231 | 3,45,800.00 | 10,000.00 | 15 माह |

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि — दिनांक 26.07.2019
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय — दिनांक 30.07.2019 से दिनांक 05.08.2019 के अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
4. ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची / मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफ0 एफ0 पी0 भवन, धुर्वा, राँची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि एवं Bank Credit Certificate जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय दिनांक 07.08.2019 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक।
5. निविदा खोलने का स्थान :– मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफ0 एफ0 पी0 भवन, धुर्वा, राँची।
6. तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :–दिनांक 08.08.2019 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे
7. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची।
8. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 7033969707
9. निविदा शुल्क भारतीय स्टेट बैंक द्वारा निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट / बैंकर्स चेक के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची के पक्ष में, जो भारतीय स्टेट बैंक डोरंडा शाखा में भुगतेय होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।
10. प्राक्कलित राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है, तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,
राँची।

**P.R.211654 Rural Development(19-20):D**

**राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, रायपुर (छत्तीसगढ)**
क्रमांक/रा.न्या.वि.प्र./668/2019 दिनांक 11/07/19

*//निविदा//*

राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, रायपुर के रसायन एवं फिजिक्स/बैलिस्टिक्स शाखा हेतु निम्नांकित उपकरणों का क्रय किया जाना है जिसके लिए निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाता है-

| S.No. | Name of Instrument |
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| 01 | U V Vis Spectrophotometer |
| 02 | Bullet Puller |
| 03 | Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (EDXRF) |

निविदा जारी करने की तिथि — दिनांक 15.07.2019
निविदा फार्म प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि — दिनांक 14.08.2019 सायं. 02.00 बजे तक
निविदा फार्म जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि — दिनांक 14.08.2019 दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की तिथि — दिनांक 14.08.2019 सायं. 04.00 बजे

विस्तृत विवरण राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला टिकरापारा, पुजारी पार्क के पास रायपुर (छ.ग.) पिन कोड-492001,दूरभाष (कार्यालय) 0771-4043342/4069791 कार्यालय के वेबसाईड www.fsl.cg.nic.in से ऑनलाईन आवेदन का विस्तृत जानकारी एवं निविदा फार्म प्राप्त (डाऊनलोड) किया जा सकता है। निविदा फार्म प्राप्त करने के लिए संचालक, राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला रायपुर के नाम से बैंक ड्राफ्ट रु. 1000/- (एक हजार रुपये मात्र) या किसी भी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक से बनवाकर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

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राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला
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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**
**PLANNING AND INVESTIGATION DIVISION**
**ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (RCD),RANCHI**
**Nirupan Bhawan,3rd Floor,Room No. 401,56-Set,Doranda,Ranchi-834002**

**e-Procurement (Short Tender Notice)**
**Letter of invitation (LOI) no-04/2019-20**
**1st Call**

e-Tender Ref No:- RCD/PID / RAN/ 04/596 Dated- 12-07-2019

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| 1 | (a)Name Of Work | Consultancy services for Preparation of Detailed Land Acquisition Proposal, Detailed Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal & Detailed Forest Diversion Proposal for Widening and strengthening of (1.) Siyartad ( at Bengabaad -Chatro Road) to Navdiha (at Chotki Kharagdiha-Mirjaganj Road) (Length -3.705 Km) (2) Fatehpur More to Bichwaghati upto Odisha Border Road (Length -15.810 Km) under Road Division Giridih in the State of Jharkhand. |
| 2 | Tentative Length | For Road No.(1.)=3.705 KM, (2.)=15.810.00 KM |
| 3 | Period of Completion of Work | 30 Days |
| 4 | Cost of Tender documents | Demand Draft/Banker Cheque of any Scheduled Bank (non -refundable fee) of Rs 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) only. EMD:- 2 % of the quoted amount (Net of GST) in the form of current issue of NSC, Fixed Deposits of a Scheduled Bank (all the above mentioned form of Security deposits money issued within the State of Jharkhand); Bank draft and Bank Guarantee issued by any Scheduled bank anywhere in India Payable at Ranchi in favour of Executive Engineer, Planning& Investigation Division, Road Construction Department,(RCD), Ranchi for a period of 45 days beyond the validity of bid. |
| 5 | Mode of Bid Submission | e-tendering(http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) |
| 6 | Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website | 15.07.2019,10:30 AM |
| 7 | Last Date/Time of Bid Submission | 22.07.2019 15:00PM |
| 8 | Last Date/Time of Submission of Tender Fee & EMD | 22.07.2019 15:00PM |
| 9 | Date and Time of Bid opening | 24.07.2019 15:30 PM |
| 10 | Bid validity | 120 days |
| 11 | Bid Submission Address | Chief Engineer(Communication),Road Construction Department,1st Floor, Engineer Hostel No.-2, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 |
| 11 | Designation and Contact no. of Tender inviting Officer Office | Executive, Engineer, Planning and Investigation Division,RCD,Ranchi Mob-9431165712 |

Note-:Only e-Tender shall be accepted.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PLANNING & INVESTIGATION DIVISION
ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT(RCD),
RANCHI-834002

PR 211624 Road(19-20)D

## BRIEFLY

### 3-yr-old girl who fell from flyover dies

*New Delhi:* Two days after a girl and her uncle fell off a flyover in Badarpur from their motorcycle, when a stray kite string allegedly got stuck around the man's neck, the child succumbed to injuries. Police said Dipti (3) died Saturday, while her uncle, Mohan, is recovering after a leg operation.

### Driver performs stunt, flees

*New Delhi:* A video of a driver performing drifts with a sports car at Vijay Chowk has gone viral, with police now making efforts to trace the driver.

### Couple held for kidnapping minor girl

*New Delhi:* Police arrested a man and a woman for allegedly kidnapping a minor girl from Hazrat Nizamuddin station.

### 2 held for posing as PMO officials

*New Delhi:* Two men were arrested for allegedly trying to dupe employees of a store at CP by posing as officials from the Prime Minister's Office, said police.

### Man stabbed to death

*New Delhi:* A guard was stabbed to death when he tried to intervene in a fight between a couple in Greater Kailash. Police have arrested the man in the case. **ENS**

RIFT WIDENS

# Chacko to Dikshit: Leader of your status shouldn't have flouted rules

## The 3 DPCC working presidents also wrote to Dikshit on functioning of party

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

DAYS AFTER the Delhi Congress unit decided to appoint observers for 280 block Congress committees, All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge of Delhi P C Chacko Saturday wrote to state chief Sheila Dikshit on her decision to appoint observers without consulting other office bearers.

"I am sorry to say that a senior leader of your status should not have flouted AICC rules by taking a decision leading to unrest and differences in the party. I have received numerous complaints from block presidents, DPCC presidents and working presidents against the action under your signature," he wrote.

The move comes after the three DPCC working presidents reached out to Dikshit and requested her to review the decision to dissolve the committees.

**AICC Delhi in-charge P C Chacko asked state chief Sheila Dikshit to call a meeting with the leaders**

The letter signed by Haroon Yusuf, Rajesh Lilothia and Devender Yadav further claims that several decisions related to the functioning of the party have been taken without consulting the leaders.

"It is saddening that all decisions taken in the past were unilateral, without even informing us. The PCC was designed to work under your leadership along with three working presidents and it was intended to take a collective decision in consultation with each other for strengthening the party in Delhi," their letter to Dikshit stated.

When asked about the letter, Lilothia told *The Sunday Express*: "This is a routine practice. The letter is not a complaint but a suggestion to the state president." The other two working presidents did not respond to calls and messages seeking a comment.

Chacko also asked Dikshit to call a meeting with the leaders to discuss organisational matters.

"As I have stayed the dissolution of block committees, the appointment of block observers is unauthorised and will lead to unnecessary differences and conflict at the block level. I have spoken to her (Dikshit) and she has agreed that everything will be done keeping the top leaders in the loop," said Chacko.

While Dikshit did not respond to calls seeking a comment, party spokesperson Jitender Kochhar said: "This is unfortunate. The party doesn't work with such letters, but is working on the roads with workers. As Rahul Gandhi *ji* has resigned, these letters do not hold any importance. We have been told that in the absence of a national president, the Delhi unit can take decisions on its own. It's sad that several people are not aware of the party's constitution."

The observers were to shortlist names of candidates for the posts of block committee presidents, dissolved by Dikshit on June 28 after a report by a five-member panel formed to assess reasons behind the party's Lok Sabha performance.

## BY THE RIVER

**The capital continued to reel under hot weather conditions with the maximum temperature settling at 39.6 degrees Celsius on Saturday.** *Tashi Tobgyal*

# DU 4th cut-off: BA (Hons) Economics, B.Com still open at popular colleges

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

ADMISSION AGAINST unreserved seats re-opened for BA (Hons) Economics at Shri Ram College of Commerce under Delhi University's fourth cut-off list, released Saturday evening.

Admissions to the course closed after the first list, with the cut-off set at 98.97%. Two lists later, after cancellations, admissions have re-opened at 98.62%.

BA (Hons) Economics remains open in a number of popular colleges, though the cut-off is above 97% in most, except at I P College for Women, where it has dipped to 96%. Admissions to the course also remain open at Hindu College (97.75%), Kirori Mal College (97.25%), Miranda House (97.25%), Ramjas College (97.25%) and Sri Venketeswara College (97%).

B.Com (Hons) also remains open in many prominent colleges like Gargi, Hindu, IP, LSR and Sri Venketeswara. At Sri Venketeswara College, the cut-off for unreserved seats in the course has slipped below the 97% mark to 96.5%. At IP College, it has slipped to 95.5%. Among science courses, BSc (Hons) Botany remains open in many top colleges such as Hansraj, Kirori Mal, Miranda House and Ramjas.

Admissions against this list will begin Monday and continue till July 17.

# Fire NOCs in 30% of Delhi schools have expired: RTI

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

A RESPONSE to a Right to Information query from the Directorate of Delhi Fire Services has shown that fire safety No-Objection Certificates (NOCs) have expired for over 30% of Delhi's schools.

The RTI query on the status of fire safety certificates at the capital's government, government-aided and unaided private schools was filed by the Delhi Parents' Association. Fire safety certificates issued to schools by the fire department are valid for three years. The school authority concerned is required to apply for renewal of certificate six months prior to the date of expiry.

As per fire department data, of the 5,773 schools, certificates of 2,011 are older than three years. These include Delhi government schools, municipal corporation schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navyug schools and private schools.

This percentage is highest in Central Delhi and East Delhi — certificates have expired in 211 of 438 schools (approximately 48%) in the former, and in 586 of 1,402 schools (approximately 42%) in the latter. They have expired in 358 of 1,113 schools in South Delhi; in 339 of 1,095 schools in South West Delhi; in 325 out of 1,070 schools in North Delhi; and in 192 out of 655 schools in West Delhi.

In 62 schools, the last NOC had been issued in 2010 or earlier, which means their certificates expired five years ago.

Fire safety certificates are issued if schools meet the minimum standards of fire prevention and fire safety. Conditions for the certificate's validity entail that all means of escape be kept free of obstructions at all times, and that all employees be acquainted with the use of fire safety equipment and methods of evacuation.

# Sehwag's wife accuses business partners of forgery

*New Delhi:* Ex-Indian cricketer Virender Sehwag's wife Aarti has accused her business partners of allegedly forging her signatures to get a loan of Rs 4.5 crore. Additional PRO Anil Mittal said: "A case has been filed with the EOW. Investigation is underway."

In her complaint, Aarti alleged that her partners took a loan of Rs 4.5 crore from a firm by forging signatures and defaulted on payments. She also alleged that they influenced the other company using her husband's name. "It was alleged that the accused did everything without consent, knowledge of complainant...," said police. The complaint alleged the partners issued two postdated cheques to the firm, which went to court. The complainant then found out about the forgery, said police. **ENS**

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EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION NO. III/2019

The English and Foreign Languages University invites applications from the eligible candidates for appointment to various faculty positions (Professors – 15, Associate Professors – 24, Assistant Professors – 13) at Hyderabad and its Campuses at Shillong and Lucknow.

The application forms can be downloaded from the University website **www.efluniversity.ac.in**. The details of the notification, eligibility and guidelines for filling the applications are placed on the University website for information. **Any addendum/ corrigendum shall be posted only on the University website.**

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Applications are invited from general public for booking of Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project proposed to be developed as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (details available at the Department website, ie. tcpharyana.gov.in).

PROJECT DETAILS

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|---|---|
| 1. Coloniser/Developer | Sarvpriya Securities Pvt. Ltd. |
| 2. Project approval | Licence No. 45 of 2019 dated 01-03-2019, Building Plan Approved on 15-05-2019. Memo No. ZP-1295/JD(NC)/2019/11967, RERA Reg. No.: GGM/343/75/2019/37 |
| 3. Location | Sector 37D, Gurugram, Haryana |
| 4. Provisions Project Area | 754 no. of apartments available out of total 754 number of units in the housing scheme spread over 5.4875 acres. As per Policy 5% of total apartments are available for management quota and 95% of total apartments are for public. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq.ft. and One Anganwadi-cum-creche of 2000 sq.ft. |

5. Apartment Details, Allotment Rates & Payment Terms

| Apartment details | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Category(Type) | No of Units | Carpet Area sqft(approx) | Balcony Area sqft(approx) | Allotment Rate of Apartment (all inclusive)* | With application Booking amount 5% | on allotment 20% |
| 2BHK TYPE-1 | 120 | 557.586 | 74.713 | 2,267,700.32 | 113,385 | 453,540 |
| 2BHK TYPE-2 | 120 | 601.944 | 74.519 | 2,445,037.22 | 122,252 | 489,007 |
| 2BHK TYPE-3 | 120 | 571.116 | 68.265 | 2,318,597.89 | 115,930 | 463,720 |
| 2BHK TYPE-4 | 120 | 572.43 | 75.94 | 2,327,688.09 | 116,384 | 465,538 |
| 2BHK TYPE-5 | 59 | 552.258 | 72.937 | 2,245,499.57 | 112,275 | 449,100 |
| 2BHK TYPE-6 | 19 | 553.442 | 84.239 | 2,255,886.83 | 112,794 | 451,177 |
| 1BHK TYPE-7 | 1 | 498.007 | 63.895 | 2,023,976.45 | 101,199 | 404,795 |
| 1BHK TYPE-8 | 1 | 499.191 | 75.197 | 2,034,363.71 | 101,718 | 406,873 |
| 3BHK TYPE-9 | 2 | 645.291 | 103.119 | 2,631,164.14 | 131,558 | 526,233 |
| 3BHK TYPE-9 (MQ) | 38 | 645.291 | 103.119 | 2,631,164.14 | 131,558 | 526,233 |
| 2BHK TYPE-10 | 2 | 595.066 | 86.22 | 2,423,374.67 | 121,169 | 484,675 |
| 2BHK TYPE-11 | 140 | 603.118 | 83.313 | 2,454,127.42 | 122,706 | 490,825 |
| 1BHK TYPE-12 | 12 | 475.134 | 96.424 | 1,948,746.85 | 97,437 | 389,749 |

(ii) Balance 75% of the amount in six equated 6 monthly instalments spanning over a period of three years. No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Rules, 2017.

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| 6. Parking | Two-wheeler parking with each apartment |
| 7. Broad Specifications of the Apartment | • Flooring: Rooms Vitrified Tiles, Kitchen Vitrified / Ceramic Tiles, Toilet Anti Skid Ceramic Tiles, Balcony AntiSkid / Matt Finish Ceramic Tiles, • Windows: M.S. Sections as per IS Codes / Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Doors Frame: Red Merandi / Mild Steel/ Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Wall Tile: Ceramic Tiles till 4Feet / 7 feet high & Oil Bound Distemper Above. • Kitchen Counter Top Green Marble / Granite • Wall: Oil Bond Distemper • Sanitary fitting: ISI marked CP Fittings, W.C & Washbasin •Electric Fitting: ISI Marked. Structure: RCC Frames Structure designed for SESMIC forces as per latest IS code and NBC Recommendations. |
| 8. Applications Timelines | (i) Applications can be procured & submitted at: Sarvpriya Securities Pvt. Ltd. Address : Corp. and Regd. Office: Unit No. 201B, 2nd Floor, Tower A, Signature Tower, South City-1, Gurugram, Haryana - 122001, 0124-4908200 by paying an application form fee of Rs 1,000/- starting from date 07.07.2019. For more information call 7053-121-121 (ii) Last Date of submission of Applications is 22.07.2019. (iii) The list of Distribution and Collection centers is available on www.signatureglobal.in (iv) Application Forms & Facility of applying Online is also available at www.signatureglobal.in. |

**Eligibility:** 1. The applicant should not be debarred from entering into legally binding contract under any prevailing law. 2. Any person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or depended children, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojna-Housing for All" programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the State of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, persons which include their spouse or dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licenced colony in any of the Urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next preference in allotment of flats. 3. An applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case, he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice of retaining only one flat.

**Allotment Criteria:** 1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of coloniser concerned. 2. After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued. 3. For detailed criteria and time-frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicants may also refer to the details in the Affordable group Housing Policy 2013 notified vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (available at the Department website, i.e., tcpharyana.gov.in).

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FACTORY DIDN'T HAVE NO-OBJECTION CERTIFICATE: FIRE CHIEF

# Teen, 2 women dead in Shahdara factory fire

## Those running factory detained, case of negligence registered, say police

SOMYA LAKHANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

TWO WOMEN and a teen died in a factory in Shahdara after a massive fire ravaged the four-storey building and its basement early Saturday morning. Over 100 firefighters spent eight hours dousing the blaze, which broke out around 9 am inside the bath fittings factory located in a cramped lane of Friends Colony in Jhilmil Industrial Area.

While seven labourers were rescued by Delhi Fire Services (DFS), two victims were found dead on the second floor and one on the third floor. The victims have been identified as Shoaib Ali (19), Manju Devi (42) and Sangeeta Devi (46). Police said "they died of asphyxiation".

"A PCR call was made at 9.17 am. It was a brass tap manufacturing factory; there was brass as well cardboard and plastic packing material inside... those running the factory have been detained," said DCP (Shahdara) Meghna Yadav.

A police officer said the building had been rented out by Naeem Ahmed, who also owns the factory. "A case under sections 285 (negligent conduct with respect to fire) and 304A (causing death by negligence) of the IPC has been registered," said a police officer.

The victims were rushed to GTB Hospital where they were declared dead on arrival, said police. "I got a call at 1 pm that there has been a fire in the factory where my son works... I was on my way there when I was asked to come to the hospital, as I was told that he was injured. When I got there, I found out he was dead," said Shoaib's father, Wahid (40).

DFS Chief Atul Garg told *The Sunday Express*, "The factory did not have a fire NOC."

He said that through the day, at least 30 fire tenders were deployed to douse the blaze and operations only ended at 5.30 pm.

"The lane was congested and narrow. Only one fire tender could enter the lane. Despite deployment of several fire tenders, we had to rely on a water relay system — water from one fire tender is transferred using hose pipes to another, and so on, till it reaches the fire tender standing in the lane," he said.

Garg said that prima facie it appears the fire started in the basement or the ground floor and quickly spread to the other three floors.

According to a worker at the factory, the basement served as a godown, the ground floor is where the brass taps were packaged and the floors above is where they were manufactured.

At 2 pm, as the DFS team prepared to enter the top floor of the building, an officer said that no map had been made available to them. Garg said, "It appears that the area covered by the building is small, but it's actually quite deep. At first, we noticed that the water wasn't even reaching till the end, so we had to climb atop neighbouring buildings with hose pipes."

A labourer who escaped unhurt from the building said, "When I got there, there was smoke inside the factory already. There was chaos and everyone was trying to get out... there were around 40 people inside. I managed to get out before the DFS got here." He said groups of labourers work on each floor from 9 am to 8 pm, with many pulling night shifts as well.

Lakhan Singh (42), who works at a cable wire manufacturing unit next door, arrived at 9 am and saw smoke coming from the factory: "I screamed and asked workers to get out... there was smoke on the third floor. Labourers from neighbouring factories came outside and we managed to help some people get out."

Another labourer Akhilesh Mishra, who witnessed the incident, said, "I joined the cable wire factory nearby 10 days ago... what I saw today has scared me. At least 30 people work on each floor at this factory... if the fire had broken out around noon, it would have been worse."

Outside the factory in Jhilmil Industrial Area. Over 100 firefighters spent eight hours dousing the blaze. *Tashi Tobgyal*

## Saw bodies covered in soot, say grieving kin of victims

SOMYA LAKHANI & ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

BEFORE SANGEETA Devi (46) left for work at 8 am Saturday, her 15-year-old son Sunny packed her lunch — three *rotis* and a bowl of *chana*. The class XI student had only two more days to spend with his mother as he was set to leave for Bihar, where he lives with his two siblings.

Hours later, Sunny stood quietly outside the GTB Hospital mortuary, where his mother's body lay. She was one of the three labourers who died in the Shahdara factory fire.

"Our parents work in factories in Delhi and my two siblings and I live in a rented house in Patna. On the 15th of every month, our parents send us Rs 3,000 and another Rs 4,000 on the 25th of every month. I never imagined this could happen," said Sunny, who came to Delhi for a month to visit his parents. Sangeeta's other two children last visited her in March.

Sangeeta was being paid Rs 8,000 a month for pulling 11-hour shifts, six days a week. She moved to Delhi with her husband, a labourer, around nine years ago, and had been working at the factory for around five years, said her niece Nikki.

"Her body was covered in soot when I saw her lying on a bed next to the other two victims," said Nikki.

On Saturday afternoon, as firefighters struggled to douse the fire at the factory, three heartbroken families sat outside the GTB Hospital mortuary.

Opposite Sunny stood 16-year-old Suraj, whose mother Manju Devi (42) died in the fire. The mother of five earned Rs 6,000 for doing the nine-hour shift six days a week and was a helper at the factory.

"Our father barely works and she was the sole breadwinner. She tried her best to fund our education, she paid for everything — from food to rent. Before she left from home this morning at 7.50 am, I asked her for Rs 100. In the afternoon, I found out she was injured so we rushed here only to find out she was dead," said Suraj.

In another corner sat 19-year-old Shoaib Ali's mother Rani, inconsolable after she saw her son's body covered in soot. For the last two years, Ali had been working at the factory for Rs 10,000 a month, where he cut cash memos and managed accounts.

His father Wahid, a tailor, said, "Last night he was at a wedding... today he is dead... we only got a call at 1 pm about the incident. I thought he was injured, it's only when I got here that I realised he was dead."

(Clockwise from top left) Shoaib Ali, Manju Devi and Sangeeta Devi

## Factory's licence expired, says East civic body, CM orders probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

FOLLOWING THE blaze at a factory in Jhilmil Industrial Area Saturday, which left three people dead, the East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) claimed that the factory's licence had expired and was not renewed.

Ranen Kumar, Deputy Commissioner, Factory Licence Department of the EDMC, said a detailed investigation of the incident will be conducted.

According to police, the factory has been running in the Jhilmil Industrial Area for over five years, in a rented building. An FIR has been registered against owner of the factory, said police.

Meanwhile, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal visited the site with Industries Minister Satyendar Jain and said a probe would be conducted to ascertain the reason behind the incident.

Announcing compensation of Rs 5 lakh each for the families of the victims, he said action would be taken against any establishment for not following fire norms.

"We will investigate the reason behind the cause of the fire. The government will take strict action against anyone not following fire safety norms," said Kejriwal.

East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir said in a tweet: "My heart goes out to the families of the three victims of the fire in Jhilmil Industrial Area.... I hope there is no more loss of life. I have also spoken to the DCP concerned for a full report on the investigation."

## 20-yr-old hangs self, names 4 in video message: Police

*New Delhi:* A 20-year-old man allegedly committed suicide in Ghaziabad's Shastri Nagar on Thursday, said police.

According to police, a purported video was discovered on his phone, in which he "blamed four people for his death". According to the victim's family members, his sister-in-law found him hanging in his room at around 4.30 pm Thursday, following which she called her husband. The duo found the purported video, wherein he allegedly named two women and two men and accused them of harassing him since June 14. He can also be heard asking his family to ensure that the four are sent to prison, claimed police.

An FIR has been registered against the four for abetment of suicide. SP City Shlok Kumar said no arrests have been made so far: "We are questioning those named in the video. The matter is under investigation." **ENS**

## Subway online deliveries will not charge for carry bags, consumer body told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

FAST FOOD restaurant chain Subway will not charge for a carry bag anymore while delivering food through online delivery platforms such as Swiggy, following a change in their policy that levied such charges.

The information was placed before the Delhi State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Saturday. The policy change came after commission president Arun Kumar Arya had asked Swiggy and Subway to file their responses on a complaint, which had alleged that out of a total bill of Rs 850, Rs 100 was charged as bag fee.

The commission directed Subway to pay Rs 9,000 as litigation cost to the complainant, who, on April 2, was charged around Rs 100 for a carry bag while placing an order from Subway through Swiggy for Rs 750.

The complainant's counsel, Krishna Kumar Sharma, told the commission that his client was charged around Rs 100 for the bag, when it would not have cost more than Rs 3-5. Sharma added that Swiggy failed to give a satisfactory reply to his client's queries, and told him to contact its customer care. Swiggy, in its response through the customer care service, told the complainant that charges levied on the bag were as per Subway's policy.

Recently, a Chandigarh Consumer Commission ordered a footwear company to pay a fine of Rs 9,000 for charging Rs 3 from a customer for a paper bag to carry the shoebox. Sharma cited the order, which asked the footwear firm to provide free carry bags to all customers and stop trade practice of charging for carry bags.

## Market associations to help North body build toilets

*New Delhi:* Staring at a fund crunch, the North civic body has decided to rope in market associations to construct toilets. According to North MCD standing committee head Jai Prakash, at least 10 toilets would be constructed in markets, for which the corporation will provide the land and market association will build on it and maintain it.

The first such toilet was constructed this week in Deputy Ganj in Sadar Bazar, said an official.

"It will be maintained by the market association. We are trying to provide services to people with the limited resources... I have asked officials to identify land for the purpose," Prakash said.

More such toilets will be constructed in the markets of Chandni Chowk, Sadar Bazar, Daryaganj etc, said an official.

According to the 2018-19 budget, the North corporation's debt rose from Rs 550 crore to Rs 1,300 crore. **ENS**

NORTHERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
Tender No:- 199/Elect/W/LKO/Tender/01/2019-20 Dated: 12.07.2019
Sub: Corrigendum regarding cost of tender
Ref. 1. Tender No.:- 199/Elect/W/LKO/Tender/01/2019-20 opening date: 31.07.2019.
2. Published on different news papers on dated: 05.07.2019.
The corrigendum is as under:

| Prior Published | To be Published |
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| Cost of tender form Rs. 2000/- | Cost of tender form Rs. 3000/- |

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD
E-Tender Notice
Allahabad Division
E-Tender No. ALD-Sig-51-2019-20
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Coordination / North Central Railway / Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following works up to 12.00 hrs. on the opening date of E-Tender mentioned therein. The details of the Tender are as under

| S N | Tender No. | Name of work | Approx. Cost of work (₹) | Earnest Money (₹) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 51 | Hiring of Four nos. Transport vehicle of make TATA 207 DI Crew Cab or similar for SSE/Sig/KGA-1 No. (at KGA), SSE/Sig/West/ALD- 1 no. (at ALD), SSE/Sig/ MZP-1 No. (at MZP) and SSE/Sig/II/ALD-1 No. (at ALD) to transport the railway personnel & material in day to day maintenance and restoration of failure in breakdown for a period of 24 months, on 24 hours basis as per special conditions of contract. | ₹ 3127967/- | ₹ 62600/- |

Cost of Tender Form: ₹ 3000/-; Completion period: 22 Months. Date of Opening of tender: 02.08.2019. 2. Availability of tender form: Tender form are available on www.ireps.gov.in. 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: The prescribed amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form Online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected. 4. Time & place of opening of tender: Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Allahabad at or after 12.30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day. 5. Validity of offer: 45 days from the date of opening. 6. Right of Railway to deal with tender: Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reason. 1011/19 FA
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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY E-Tendering Tender Notice
E-Tendering Tender Notice No.: 34/2019
Division Railway Manager (Engg.) North Eastern Railway, Izatnagar for and behalf of President of India invites "OPEN" e-tender" through On Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

| Description of work | Approx. Value (Rs.) | EMD Money (Rs.) |
|---|---|---|
| S.No.-1, Zone No.12, Kasganj (In.) to MHA (Ex.) up to Km. 253/0, KSJ(In) up to Km. 417/0 and Jafari colony, Malgodam colony at Kasganj. | ₹ 73,30,950/- | ₹ 1,46,600/- |
| | Cost of Tender Forms: ₹ 5,000/- | |

Completion time/period from the Date of issue of acceptance letter: 30-06-2020
● On line e-tender can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. of dated 07-08-2019.
● For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in
CPRO/W-140 Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), Izatnagar
About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955
"Never travel on roof and foot boards"

North Eastern Railway NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Lucknow invites open tender through E-Tendering system on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tender in Two Packet systems from Advertising Agencies in prescribed proforma to permit three years contract of advertising rights for commercial publicity at Various Station of Lucknow Division. Payment of EMD and Tender Fees is paying through net banking or payment gateway. Details of stations & Tender notice no, Reserve Price, EMD and Cost of bid document are as under-

| S. no. | Tender Notice no. | Description of works | Estimated Value for 01 year (Reserve price in Rupee) | Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.) through online payment |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 20-2019-GKP Advt-Zone5 | Commercial Advertisement Right at GORAKHPUR Circulating area (zone-5) For 03 years | ₹ 42,58,868/- | ₹ 2,55,600/- |
| 2 | 21-2019-LJN-Level crossing | Commercial Advertisement right at LUCKNOW Level Crossing For 03 years. | ₹ 39,13,434/- | ₹ 2,34,900/- |

Note:- S.no. 1 to 2 Cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable) (in Rs.) through online payment : ₹ 5000/-
• Date and Time of Closing of Tender : Upto 14.00 hrs on 16.08.2019.
• Date and time of Tender Opening : Up to 15.00 hrs on 16.08.2019.
• Validity of Tender : 60 Days. • Period of contract : 03 years. • Website address : www.ireps.gov.in.
CPRO/C-65 Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial)/Lucknow
Railway Vig. Mobile Help Line No. 0551-155210 (Regarding corruption complaint)
Do not travel on roof top and foot board of train

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY Notice Inviting Tender ( NIT)E-Tender
E-Tender are invited by Divisional Electrical Engineer/Workshop/Izzatnagar for and on behalf of President of India, with Eligibility Criteria as mentioned in tender document.
E-TENDER NOTICE NO.Ws-IZN-ELECT-18-19-OT-1-R Due on 05.08.2019

| Brief description of work | Approx. Cost | Earnest Money |
|---|---|---|
| SN 1. D.CHECK MAINTENCE of 450 KVA KTA-19-G3 AND 437.50 KVA VTA-28-G ENGINE AT WORKSHOP IZATNAGAR | ₹ 1024622.18 (Ten Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Six hundred Twenty Two and eighteen paisa only) | ₹ 20500.00 (Twenty thousand Five hundred Only) |
| | Cost of Tender doucument ₹ 2000.00 (Two Thousand only) | |

Completion time from the date of issue of letter of Acceptance : 03 Months
Tender Opening Date & Time :- 05.08.2019 at 15.30 Hrs.
Note: 1. The complete information along with tender form of above E-Tenders will be available/uploaded since 11.12 hrs of 11.07.2019 and shall remain on website www.ireps.gov.in upto 15.00 hrs on due date 05.08.2019 of tender opening.
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 Class-III Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Rates into offer sheet page and dully digitally signed shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered.
4. Tenderers are allowed to make payment s against this tender, Payment of Earnest Money deposit (EMD) & Tender Document Cost (TDC), in respect of E-Tendering through net banking or payment gateway only.
CPRO /EL-39 Divisional Electrical Engineer/Mechanical Workshop, Izatnagar
About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955
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# Karnataka: Five more rebel MLAs move SC, say being threatened to support govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

State BJP chief B S Yeddyurappa with his party leaders and MLAs at a resort in Bengaluru on Saturday. *PTI*

THE POLITICAL crisis in Karnataka continued to fester as five more rebel MLAs approached the Supreme Court on Saturday, accusing Assembly Speaker K R Ramesh of sitting on their resignations. The legislators also said they were "being threatened to support the government on the threat of disqualification".

Those who moved the court Saturday are Anand Singh, K Sudhakar, N Nagaraju, Roshan Baig and Munirathna.

Their application, filed through advocate Shubhranshu Padhi, sought to implead in the main plea filed by 10 other MLAs. It said the resignation letters of four — Singh, Sudhakar, Nagaraju and Baig — of the five MLAs were submitted to the Speaker in person.

Acting on the plea by the 10 MLAs, the Supreme Court had on July 11 asked the Speaker to decide on the resignations before the end of the day. The Speaker, however, said this was not possible, as under the Constitution, he was required to conduct an "enquiry" to ascertain whether the resignation was voluntary and genuine and that he would need more time for this.

Opposing this stand of the Speaker, the five legislators said the Constitution "contemplates only an inquiry to be conducted and not an enquiry and therefore there is no necessity of any elaborate hearing. The inquiry is directed only for two considerations i.e., a) whether the resignation is voluntary and b) whether it is genuine. It is submitted that once the MLA himself states that the resignation is voluntary, there is no scope for any inquiry on this account. Even for the second ground, namely it must be 'Genuine' when the person concerned submits it in person under his own signature, the said ground is also answered. Both these conditions being fulfilled, elaborate enquiry is not contemplated in the present scenario".

They said there were no disqualification proceedings against them on the date of their resignation and hence there was no ground to deny them the right of the resignation on the ground of pendency of disqualification proceedings. The resignation cannot be invalidated by filing disqualification proceedings subsequently, they added.

They claimed that the subsequent disqualification petition against them was filed by the Congress party stating that they had not attended the legislature party meeting held outside the House. "It is submitted that the non-attendance of the legislature party meeting outside the house does not amount to a ground for disqualification".

The MLAs claimed that the disqualification proceedings were being "used to threaten and intimidate" them.

"It is stated that on the one hand the Hon'ble Speaker is not acting upon the resignations and on the other hand a whip has been issued by the Governing party threatening disqualification for failure to attend the legislature proceedings starting from 12.7.19...It is submitted that despite the Applicants having resigned, the Applicants are being threatened to support the Govt. on the threat of disqualification", their plea submitted.

On July 12, the SC ordered a status quo in the matter, asking the Speaker not to decide on the disqualifications or resignations till it heard the matter again on July 16.

## BJP won't close doors to those wanting to join, says Javadekar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JULY 13

UNION MINISTER of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar on Saturday said that the ruling BJP cannot close its doors to those wanting to join it.

Javadekar's remarks come at a time when political crisis continues in Karnataka, where the JD(S)-Congress alliance government is on the brink of collapse with 16 MLAs — 13 of the Congress and three of the JD(S) — resigning from their Assembly membership.

The minister , who was in Mumbai on Saturday, ruled out Congress accusations that the BJP was misusing its power to topple the government in the southern state. "We (the BJP) are not involved in orchestrating defection. But we cannot close our doors to incomers," Javadekar said.

Rattled by a mass exodus, the Congress has been falling apart in various states following its debacle in 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Javadekar contended that the exodus from the Congress was on account of a lack of faith and trust in the party's leadership. "At the moment, the Congress is a party without any leader... People are moving out (of the party) since they do not see any future in the Congress," Javadekar said.

He added that "even those (Congress MLAs) who have submitted their resignations in Karnataka have done so claiming they were tired of the party's functioning style. On the other hand, there are many who wish to work under Narendra Modi's leadership. All such people are joining us on their own accord."

# In rejig, Goa CM gets three ex-Cong MLAs in ministry

## Goa Forward leaders dropped from Cabinet, party quits NDA

SMITA NAIR
PANAJI, JULY 13

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Saturday. *PTI*

OF THE 10 Congress MLAs in Goa who jumped ship, three were sworn-in as ministers in Chief Minister Pramod Sawant's cabinet on Saturday. A lone BJP legislator and former Deputy Speaker Michael Lobo was also sworn-in, bringing the Cabinet's strength to 12 ministers again.

The ceremony followed an order passed by Governor Mridula Sinha, which revoked powers of Independent MLA Rohan Khaunte, and Goa Forward MLAs Vijai Sardesai, Vinod Paliencar and Jayesh Salgaonkar, as they had ceased to be members of the Council of Ministers.

Sardesai, removed as the Deputy CM, announced his exit from the NDA — he "regretted" joining the BJP-led alliance, and said he will now sit on the Opposition benches.

The two Deputy CMs are Manohar Azgaonkar, who had split from the Maharashtra Gomantak Party to join the BJP, and Chandrakant Kavalekar, former Leader of Opposition from the Congress who defected along with nine others to join BJP on Wednesday.

In what is being seen as a somewhat surprising development, Jennifer Monserratte was inducted as the Revenue Minister, while many had believed that her husband, Anatasio Monserrate, would get a look-in. Anatasio, has chosen to take a board position in the government for development of Panaji, the state capital from where he defeated a BJP candidate on a Congress ticket in the recent by-elections.

Seen beaming through the afternoon was Kavalekar, who in the last two years has tried unsuccessfully to get an appointment, or "even an entry" to the Governor's House, as he tried to stake claim to form a government against the BJP's numbers. On Saturday, soon after he was sworn-in, Kavalekar waited for Sawant to give the first media interviews — he kept repeating, "anything I now say will be after the CM has spoken."

At the press meet later, Kavalekar said, "When we went to Delhi, the (BJP) national working president (J P Nadda) and national president (Amit Shah) gave us such a welcome that we really felt good. We made a group of 10 people and went to the BJP, saying that our constituencies need development and they welcomed us. We are confident we have taken a good decision."

Jennifer, asked about working under a new party ideology, said, "Like everything new, I will take time to adjust to this new change."

Asked about the decision to drop allies and do a late-evening coup of Congress MLAs, CM Sawant said, "I don't want to get into details. This decision has been taken to give Goans a good administration. This decision has been taken by taking the central leadership into confidence.. We have inducted Kavlekar, Michael Lobo, Filipe Neri and Jennifer Monserrate. According to instructions from the party's central leadership, we have dropped four ministers.

"This means the BJP government has a full majority and a party of true Goans."

An hour before the swearing-in, the dropped ministers — Goa Forward's Vijai Sardesai, Vinod Paliencar, Jayesh Salgaonkar and Rohan Khaunte — staged a protest at the samadhi of late chief minister Manohar Parrikar, next to the site where he was cremated by the Miramar beach, and now a proposed site for his memorial.

Sardesai walked into the beach at 2.05 pm, around the time for low tide on Saturday, and stood below a huge group photograph of Goa Forward with late Parrikar, titled "*Aami Uttor Rakhalem* (We honoured our word)". Flanked by the other ministers dropped, he said, "This is political harakiri. There are systematically dismantling Parrikar's legacy. They did this one one clean sweep."

Stating that attempts are being made to wipe out Parrikar's legacy, he said, "Parrikar died twice. He died physically on March 17 and today he died politically."

Sardesai claimed that he had a "standing offer" from the "other side" to overthrow the government earlier but chose to stay an NDA ally, as he had given his word to an ailing Parrikar when he last met the late CM.

He also said Goa Forward will be a "watchdog" for the people in the Assembly.

After taking oath of office, Michael Lobo said, "This was total misuse of legacy. Sardesai never visited that site (Parrikar's memorial) for two months, and suddenly he remembers Parrikar? The people know that he was sacked since he was misusing his powers and taking wrong decisions on land the Town and Country Planning minister. We have no more comments."

The Assembly session is set to start on Monday, and Chief Minister Sawant is expected to issue orders for the new ministries by late Sunday.

## Farooq Khan's appointment as J&K Governor's advisor gets nod

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 13

THE JAMMU and Kashmir government has sanctioned the appointment of former Inspector General of Police and BJP leader Farooq Khan as Governor Satya Pal Malik's new advisor.

An order dated July 13, signed by secretary to the government Farooq Ahmad Lone, said, "Sanction is hereby accorded to the appointment of Shri Farooq Khan, IPS (Retd), as Advisor to the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir with effect from the date he assumes charge. His appointment shall be governed by the terms and conditions as are applicable to other Advisors..."

Joining the BJP in 2014, Khan was made national secretary of the party and was in-charge of BJP's Minority Morcha and BJP's affairs in Nagaland. He was later appointed as administrator of Lakshadweep.

# More councillors return from BJP, TMC regains 2 civic bodies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JULY 13

ON A day several TMC councillors returned to the party a month after joining the BJP, helping the ruling party in West Bengal to regain Kanchrapara and Halisahar municipalities in North 24 Parganas district and South Dinajpur Zilla Parishad, senior BJP leader Mukul Roy on Saturday claimed that more than 100 MLAs, most of them from TMC, are in touch with the saffron party

"Nearly 107 MLAs are in touch with us. Majority of them are from the TMC — a few are from the Congress and CPI(M)," Roy said, without providing details.

TMC leader and party Lok Sabha MP Abhishek Banerjee dismissed Roy's claims.

Addressing the media, Banerjee said, "After he caused defections, the media described Mukul Roy as the Chanakya of Bengal politics. Now a large number of them have returned to us. This so-called Chanakya should be described as a Chanakya who is made in China. A leader who cannot hold on to TMC councillors in his party is claiming that more than 107 TMC MLAs are in touch with him..."

Banerjee said, "Out of 24 councillors at Kanchrapara, we had 22 councillors, of whom 17 had joined the BJP on May 28. Five councillors had returned earlier, and today nine more have returned. We already had five councillors. After this, we have 19 out of 24 councillors in Kanchrapara — we clearly have the majority and will form the board."

Many TMC leaders joined the BJP in the run-up to, and especially after the Lok Sabha polls results. In most cases, the defections were engineered by Roy.

Banerjee also maintained that TMC has gained the majority in Halisahar municipality after one more councillor returned to the party. "Out of total 23 councillors in Halisahar, many of our councillors had gone to the BJP. On July 9, 12 councillors returned to TMC and today one more rejoined us. So we have support of 13 councillors out of 23," he said.

Reacting to the development, Roy claimed this "return" to the TMC is a part of his party's strategy. "This is nothing but a political strategy. Just wait and watch. They might be in TMC, but they will work for BJP...," he asserted.

On July 10, the TMC retained Haringhata municipality in Nadia by registering support of nine councillors in the 17-ward civic body during a no-confidence motion brought by BJP. The no-confidence motion was brought after several TMC councillors pledged their support to the BJP.

The TMC also regained majority in South Dinajpur Zilla Parishad after three out of 11 TMC members who had defected to the BJP earlier this month returned to the Trinamool. Out of 18 Zilla Parishad seats, the TMC now has support of 11 members, party leaders pointed out.

Local BJP leader Suvendu Sarkar said, "Trinamool leaders are using police and administration to force them to return to their party. This will not work forever. More such leaders will join the BJP in the coming days."

# Conspiracy to derail NRC process: AASU on govt plea seeking sample re-verification

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JULY 13

THE ALL Assam Students Union (AASU) on Saturday criticised the Centre's and state government's application to the Supreme Court demanding a sample re-verification of 10-20 per cent of the names which appeared in the draft National Register of Citizens (NRC) published last year.

The final NRC is expected to be published on July 31.

The AASU is one of the stakeholders in the case in the SC on the updation of the NRC.

An official of the Home and Political Department of the Assam government told *The Indian Express*, "We submitted it (application) on July 9. Both Centre and State moved it." The application has sought a sample re-verification of 20 per cent of the names in districts close to Bangladesh or where the average population growth rate is higher than the normal and 10 per cent in the remaining districts, the official said. He said it was not a new appeal by the state since they had sought the same after the draft NRC was released last year. The government has maintained that a re-verification was needed since the draft came out.

AASU's general secretary Lurinjyoti Gogoi said, "The demand at this point of time appears to be a conspiracy to derail and delay the NRC updation process. The governments have demanded it when only a few weeks are left for the final NRC. They could have demanded it much earlier. Why demand it just when the final NRC is about to come out?"

The All Assam Minority Students' Union (AAMSU), another stakeholder in the case, said that they are planning to file a counter-affidavit in the SC. "It appears to be an attempt to delay the NRC. Who will carry out the re-verification? It will be the same government officials who have been involved in the NRC process all this while," AAMSU advisor Azizur Rahman said.

However, the government official said that according to their appeal the re-verification was to be done by another official and not the one who had checked documents.

After the final draft was published, the SC had last year said in an order on August 28, "At this stage, we may also indicate that pursuant to our previous order dated 16th August, 2018, (NRC State Coordinator in Assam Prateek) Hajela has placed before us a district-wise data of the percentage of the population who have been excluded from the final draft NRC. Having perused the same we are of the view that the Court should consider the necessity of carrying out the sample re-verification of at least 10 per cent of the names included in the final draft NRC, if required, by a team of NSK Personnel from a neighbouring district... Hajela is also requested to submit a report in this regard and the possible timeframe when such an exercise can begin if ordered by the Court and the timeframe within which the same can be completed."

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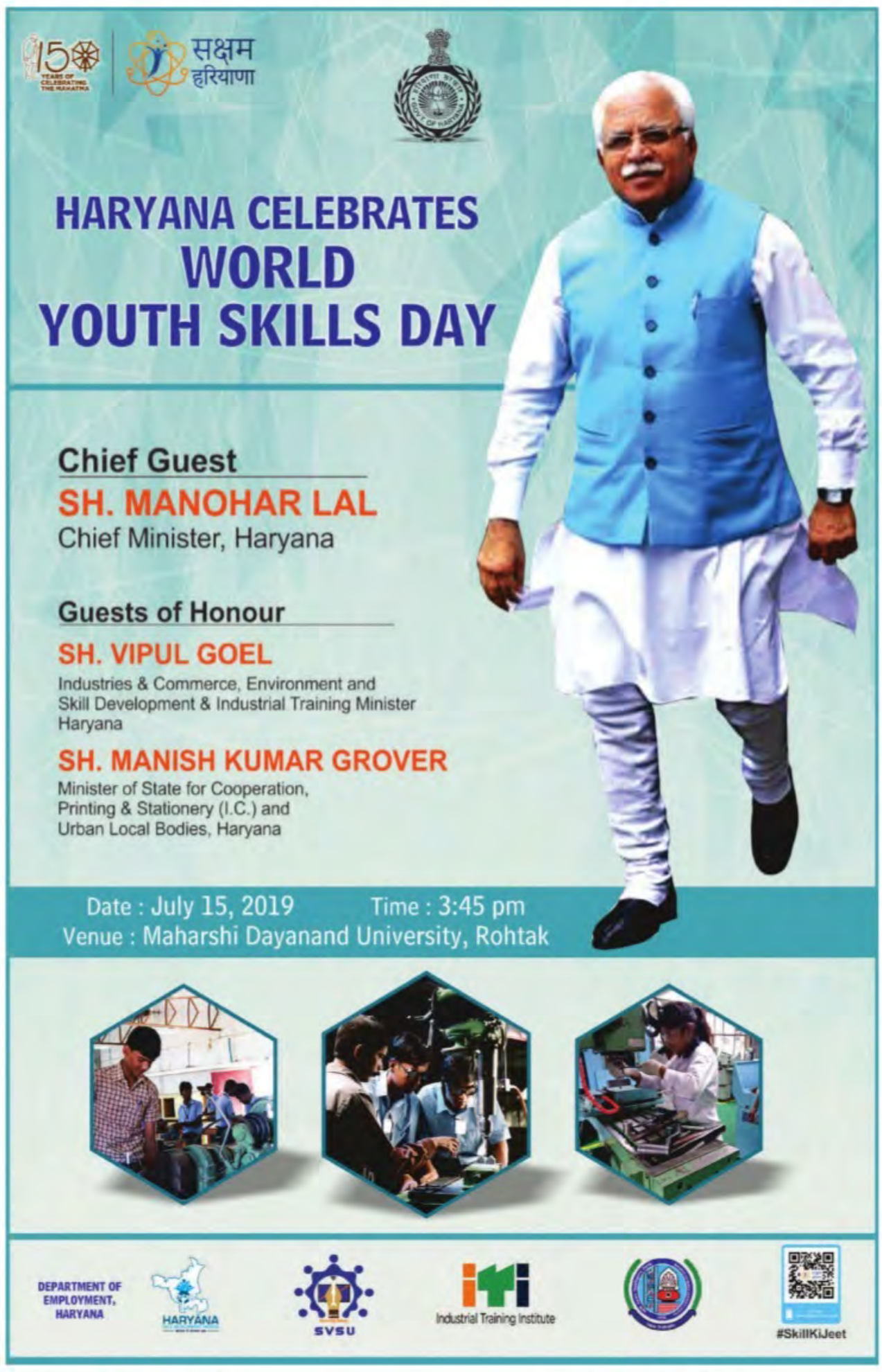
### What does re-verification entail?

IN THE first draft of the NRC, 1.90 crore of the 3.29 crore applicants were included. In the final draft, 1.5 lakh included in first draft were excluded and a total of 2.89 crore applicants were included. The NRC authorities last month further dropped 1,02,462 names from the final draft. The names were removed because the updation process consists of continuous quality checks and verifications. Sample re-verification, if approved by the Supreme Court and carried out, would mean that in all probability more names from the final draft would be dropped.



# Mass transfers of police dogs, handlers draw criticism from BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, JULY 13

THE MADHYA Pradesh government's decision to transfer 46 police dogs and their handlers from across the state has drawn sharp criticism from the opposition BJP.

One sniffer dog from Chhindwara, Betul and Satna each have been shifted to the Chief Minister's house in Bhopal. Two dogs deployed there have been removed, probably because they were getting old.

With the Congress government transferring thousands of officers and employees since the change of regime in the state seven months ago, the transfer of the canines and their handlers saw the BJP target the Kamal Nath government for not even sparing animals.

"It's true that dog handlers are transferred once in a while, but the Kamal Nath government, which has made frequent transfers of officials its only business... such en mass transfers defy logic. One can understand transfer of men who fall short of expectations but what's the fault of animals that some of them have been sent 500 km away?" state BJP chief and Jabalpur MP Rakesh Singh said. He alleged that the government's focus is only on transfers.

Hitting back at the BJP, Congress spokesperson Abhay Dubey said the loss of power has affected the Opposition party so much that it has started politicking over the transfers of dogs. He said it's common knowledge that when handlers are transferred, their canines also go with them.

## CLEAN SHEEN

**MPs Anurag Thakur and Hema Malini among others, participate in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at Parliament complex on Saturday .** *Amit Mehra*

# Digvijaya, Scindia ask Nath govt to probe firing at tribals in MP

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, JULY 13

FOUR DAYS after an alleged skirmish between tribals and forest department officials in Siwal village of Burhanpur district, senior Congress leaders Digvijaya Singh and Jyoritaditya Scindia, along with a party MLA, have targeted their own government in Madhya Pradesh and sought an impartial probe and action against the officials who allegedly opened fire at the tribal people.

The skirmish took place on July 9 in the village, located about 35 km from the district headquarters, resulting in alleged pellet injuries to four tribal people. Three forest officials suffered injuries when the tribal people allegedly threw stones at them.

The tribal people allege that the forest officials had come to evict them, while the forest department claimed that its officials had gone to the village on reforestation work.

An FIR has been lodged by both sides at Nepanagar police station and a magisterial inquiry has been ordered into the incident. Burhanpur's Superintendent of Police Ajay Singh told *The Sunday Express* that no arrest has been made so far and the police will wait for the magisterial inquiry to get over.

Leading the charge against the Congress government. former CM Digvijaya Singh tweeted, "Development of tribals and protection of their rights is the priority of the Kamal Nath-led Congress government. The (Burhanpur) incident is condemnable because it's against the declared policy of the current government. The government should quickly act against the guilty officials." Describing the incident as unfortunate, former Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Saturday said Nath should order an impartial and transparent inquiry and take strict action against the officials found guilty.

Before senior leaders went public, Dr Hiralal Alawa, party MLA from Kukshi who is associated with a tribal group called Jai Adivasi Yuva Sangathan (JAYS), wrote to the CM and demanded action against officials and compensation for the tribal community people who suffered injuries. He alleged that a team of forest officials used a JCB machine to uproot standing crop on July 9, and when the tribals objected, they were fired at. He said the victims have submitted their claims under the Forest Rights Act.

Alawa said the incident took place at a time when the government has asked collectors to not evict any claimants and verify their claims again.

Late in the afternoon, CM Kamal Nath responded to Singh and Scindia's remarks and stated on Twitter that a magisterial inquiry into the skirmish, and the incident of firing, had been ordered the very next day. "There will be impartial inquiry and no one will be spared," he stated.

# RSS withdraws Ramlal from BJP after 12 years in key post

## Will be joint-secretary of the Sangh in charge of communication

SHYAMLAL YADAV
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

THE RSS has withdrawn its pracharak, Ramlal, who was general secretary (organisation) of the BJP for the last 12 years, the longest-serving leader in that post.

He has been appointed sah-sampark pramukh (joint communication chief) of RSS.

Although it is still not clear who will replace Ramlal as general secretary in charge of BJP organisation, the names on top of those doing the rounds are that of Shivprakash and V Satish, both national joint secretaries of BJP.

The other two in the same post are B L Santosh and Saudan Singh. Of the four, Shivprakash is the RSS pracharak in the post.

Satish is considered close to both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party president Amit Shah; he had worked with both in Gujarat.

General secretary (organisation) is a crucial post in BJP, and the leader helming it acts as a bridge between the party and RSS, its parent organisation. A full-time RSS 'pracharak' is appointed to the post, who works on deputation in the party until his repatriation.

**Ramlal wanted to get back to the Sangh, according to party leaders.**

Ramlal, 67, was appointed in this post in February 2007, replacing Sanjay Joshi.

As he exits the BJP organisation, Ramlal, active in the Sangh since the Emergency days, leaves a significant mark in the party's history, holding a key post when it is at its peak. During his term, the BJP recorded stunning victories in two General Elections and several Assembly polls.

With his exit, the transition of the BJP's organisation is complete under Modi and Shah. Sources said there could be changes in the states as well, with Sunil Bansal, RSS's man in Uttar Pradesh, likely to be shifted out.

The decision was taken at the RSS's 'pranth pracharak baithak', which concluded in Vijayawada on Saturday.

Sources said in his new role, Ramlal will be responsible for developing contact among "special category" - or elite - people.

Sources present at the annual meet told The Indian Express that sar-karyawah Bhaiyaji Joshi announced the decision and told delegates, "Ramlal worked with BJP for many years and earned fame for his work. We have spoken to the BJP and are now putting Ramlal-ji on other work. He will be sah-sampark pramukh."

There were nearly 275 delegates at the meeting, most of them pracharaks of state-level and above, along with one or two each (deputed as pracharaks) from the Sangh's other front organisations.

Another change announced at the Vijayawada meeting was that Rakesh Jain, who was general secretary (organisation) of BJP in UP four years ago and now works as sangathan mantra of Sewa Bharti, an RSS organisation working among the deprived sections, will now be all-India joint head of paryawaran vibagh (environment department). This is a new dimension of the Sangh's work, which was cleared at the Akhil Bhartiya Pratinidhi Sabha in March.

Another pracharak, Gopal Arya, is already deputed to it, and sources in RSS said this new department will get office-bearers up to the district levels in the coming days considering challenges the country faces on the environment front.

As general secretary (organisation), Ramlal worked with three BJP presidents: Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari and Amit Shah.

Unlike his predecessors - K N Govindacharya and Sanjay Joshi - Ramlal leaves the post without any controversies. Govindacharya had to go on "leave" unceremoniously following his comments against Atal Bihari Vajpayee, while Joshi was removed after a controversial CD emerged. Madhya Pradesh Police later found it fake.

(WITH LIZ MATHEW)

# 16 oppn parties submit notice to RS chairman on media freedom

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

AS CONTROVERSY continues over restrictions on access of government accredited journalists in the finance and commerce ministries, 16 opposition parties have submitted a notice to Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, for a short duration discussion on media freedom.

Among the signatories of the notice is BJP MP Subramanian Swamy and NCP chief Sharad Pawar.

The Opposition is pushing for the notice to be taken up next week as this week disruptions continued in the Upper House over political developments in Karnataka. The parties that have signed the notice so far include Congress, Trinamool Congress, RJD, SP, BSP, Aam Aadmi Party, CPI, PDP, CPM, DMK, Kerala Congress (Mani), and IUML. BJD, according to sources, has informally conveyed to the Opposition block that it is not keen to be part of any joint notice, at least during the current session.

Media freedom is the second of a series of issues the Opposition wants to discuss. Earlier, Rajya Sabha had similarly taken up a discussion on electoral reforms moved by Trinamool MP Derek O'Brien which all the other parties had signed. The initial decision had been to cooperate with the government on legislative business and also push for discussion on subjects chosen by various opposition parties, which is why out of the 27 sittings of the RS during the budget session, it was smooth sailing for the first 13 sittings. Exactly midway on the 14th day, disruptions have come back riding on the political developments in Karnataka.

"A decision has been taken that every week the opposition parties in the Rajya Sabha will jointly move for one short duration discussion and one calling attention motion. The first mover will vary but the entire block would sign the notice. Issues are being decided after discussions with all parties on a week to week basis. The notice has been given at a time when the restrictions on the entry of accredited journalists to the finance ministry has caused a lot of concern so obviously that will come up. Some members have already spoken about in during other discussions," said an Opposition MP.

Congress MP Kapil Sibal had mentioned the matter in his speech during the Budget discussion.

# J&K Governor skips Martyrs' Day function in Srinagar

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, JULY 13

JAMMU AND Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik skipped the Martyrs' Day function in Srinagar on Saturday. However, his advisor Khursheed Ahmad Ganai and other administration officials visited the graveyard that is the site of the function and laid floral wreaths.

July 13 is observed as Martyrs' Day in Kashmir, commemorating the deaths of 22 people killed when the forces of Maharaja Hari Singh opened fire on them on this day in 1931.

This is the second year that the head of the state has skipped the Martyrs' Day function. Last year, then Governor N N Vohra too had skipped the ceremony.

While leaders from all mainstream political parties visited the graveyard on Saturday, the BJP, like previous years, again stayed away from the function.

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, after visiting the graveyard, said Malik was "BJP's Governor". "He is BJP's Governor. How can he come?" Abdullah said.

A release by J&K administration on Friday had said that Governor Malik, on the occasion of Martyrs' Day, has called for "collective efforts from all sections of the Society to secure rapid growth and development of the State on all fronts."

"Jammu and Kashmir has always been known for its glorious pluralistic ethos and harmony and emphasized the crucial importance of maintaining unity and brotherhood for ushering the State towards peace and prosperity," the release quoted Malik as saying.


**WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION**

**PART SUPPLY OF SIGNALING MATERIAL, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER No.- DRM-SnT-ADI-Sig 12 of 2019-20** DRM/S and T acting for and behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. DRM-SnT-ADI-Sig 12 of 2019-20 closing date 08.08.2019, 15:00 Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **1. Name of work:** Provision of outsourcing of the Part supply of signaling material, installation, testing and commissioning in connection with work for repair and maintenance of outdoor signaling gears in ADSTE/Gandhidham section of Ahmedabad Division. **2. Estimated Cost of work :** ₹ 45,67,445.00/- (₹ Forty Five Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty Five only.) **3. Earnest Money Deposit :** ₹ 91,400.00/- (₹ Ninety One Thousand Four Hundred Only) **4. Date and Time of closing :** Not later than 15:00 Hrs of 08.08.2019 **5. Date and Time of Opening of Tender :** 08.08.2019 at 15:30 Hrs. **6. Website of E-Tendering: www.ireps.gov.in** 147

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**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**TENDER NOTICE**

**No.Com/ATM/MGS/19 Dated : 10.07.2019**

On behalf of president of India, DRM (Commecial), E.C. Railway, Mughalsarai invites duly completed & seald tender on Single Packet Tendering System from Public Sector Bank/Scheduled Commercial Indian Bank for installation of ATMs in Railway premises & railway colonies for 05 years. Tender may also be sent through Registered Post/Speed Post/Courier Service which must be received in time i.e before 15.00 hrs on 08.08.19.

**Detailed information ;.**

**1. Name of work :** Provision of ATMs in Railway Stations and colonies over Mughalsarai division. **2. Cost of tender form :** Rs. 1000/-. **3. Reserve price :** Nil. **4. Earnest Money :** Nil. **5. (a) Date & Time for submission of tender** (a) 08.08.19 from 12.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. (in tender box) **(b) opening of tender** (b) 08.08.19 at 16.00 hrs. **6.** 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. : **www.ecr.indianrailways.gov.in** and tender form can be purchased from Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, E.C. Railway, Mughalsarai on date 19.07.19 to 07.08.19 between 10.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. (except closing days of office). Tender documents will also be sold on 08.08.19 upto 12.00 hrs. only.

Divisional Railway Manager (C)
E.C.Rly. Mughalsarai

PR/00733/MGS/COML/T/19-20/44

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

**OPEN TENDER THROUGH E-TENDERING 2019-20**

**No. LWS-TC-OPN-AEBAS-2018R**
**Dated : 12.07.2019**

For and on behalf of The President of India, Dy. CME/Loco Ajmer invites e-tender with following details, interested firms/tenderer may participate through IREPS portal in this e-tender. **1. Name of work :** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Bio Metric Attendance System in Ajmer Group of Workshops (As per Scope of Work). **2. Estimated Cost of work :** Rs. 32,63,436.73 **3. Address of the NIT issuing office :** Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer (Loco) Diesel Loco & Wagon Workshop Lal Phatak, Ajmer (Raj.)-305001 **4. Earnest money to be deposited :** Rs. 65300/- (Only through net banking or payment gateway on IREPS portal) **5. Last Date and time for submission and opening of E-tender :** 07.08.2019 Up to 15.00 PM E-Tender will be opened at 15.30 PM on same day. Due to indispensable reasons bid opening schedule may change. **6. Website particulars where complete details of e-tender can be seen and participated : www.ireps.gov.in (Note :-** This is E-Tender so tenderer can participate through e-tendering process only on mentioned website within bidding period) 668-CT/19

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**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**

**TENDER NOTICE No. SA/A/RS/ED/OT/19-20/5**
**Dated: 11.07.2019**

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Rolling Stock, Southern Railway, Electric Loco Shed, Erode acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites online E-tender for the under mentioned work.

Name of the Work: **Works contract for Un-loading, minor attention and Loading of After cooler in electric locomotives available at Electric Loco Shed, Southern Railway, Salem Division, Erode.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Tender Value | ₹ 13,22,780/- |
| Earnest Money Deposit | ₹ 26,500/- |
| Cost of tender document | ₹ 2,240/- |
| Completion Period | 24 Months |
| Tender closing date & time | 14.08.2019 at 10.30 Hrs. |

For further details interested persons may kindly log on to **https.//www.ireps.gov.in**.

Railway reserves the right to issue any corrigendum to the tender till ten days prior to the opening of the tender. Tenderers are advised to check the web site before submitting their offer whether any such corrigendum to the tender has been issued or not.

**Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer,**
**Rolling Stock, Electric Loco Shed, Erode**

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

**No. S N T-JU-12-2019-20**
**Dated : 11.07.2019**

Open E-tender is invited by DRM(S&T), Jodhpur for and on behalf of the President of India for S&T work. Details as below. **1. Name of work :** Part supply of material, foundation, Trenching, cable laying, Installation, testing and commissioning of Electric lifting barrier in connection with Provision of interlocking of manned level crossing gates No. 48, 109, 133 between SMR-BLDI section, LC. No. 211 between JU-LUNI and LC. No. 128, 163 between JU-MTD section of Jodhpur division of NW Railway. **2. Estimated cost of the work :** Rs. 16389741/- (R/O) **3. Address of the NIT Issuing office :** Sr. DSTE/JU NWR, DRM Office Harish Joshi Marg, Jodhpur. **4. Earnest Money to be deposited:-** Rs. 232000/- **5. Last Date & time for submission of e-tender and opening of tender :-** 02.08.2019 Upto 15.00 Hrs through E-tendering online submission on IREPS. Tender will be opened at 15.00 Hrs. **6. Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen and participated : www.ireps.gov.in Note :** This is a E-Tender, so tenderer can participate through e-tendering process only on mentioned website. 663-CT/19

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**WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION**

**PART SUPPLY OF SIGNALING MATERIAL, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER No.- DRM-SnT-ADI-Sig 14 of 2019-20** DRM/S and T acting for and behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. DRM-SnT-ADI-Sig 14 of 2019-20 closing date 08.08.2019, 15:00 Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **1. Name of work:** Provision of outsourcing of the Part supply of signaling material, installation, testing and commissioning in connection with work for repair and maintenance of outdoor signaling gears in ADSTE/Ahmedabadd section of Ahmedabad Division. **2. Estimated Cost of work :** ₹ 45,87,985.00/- (₹ Forty Five Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five only.) **3. Earnest Money Deposit :** ₹ 91,800.00/- (₹ Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred Only) **4. Date and Time of closing :** Not later than 15:00 Hrs of 08.08.2019 **5. Date and Time of Opening of Tender :** 08.08.2019 at 15:30 Hrs. **6. Website of E-Tendering: www.ireps.gov.in** 149

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**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH**
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CHAYANG TAJO DIVISION, PWD, AP. CHAYANG TAJO**

**No. CD/DRG -2/3019 -20/04** **Dated 12/07/2019**

**Notice Inviting e-Tender**

The Executive Engineer, Chayang Tajo Division, PWD, Arunachal Pradesh, Chayang Tajo, on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh invites online item rate tender in Single bid system from all registered contractors in class-I and contractors eligible for National & International competitive bidding as per Arunachal Pradesh District based entrepreneurs and professionals incentives (Development &promotional) Act 2015 published vide Notification No. SPWD/W-66/2012 dated 13th August 2015 and published in Arunachal Pradesh Extra Ordinary Gazette vide No. 224 Vol-XXII dated 11th September 2015 for following work(s).

| Sl. No. | NIT No. | Name of work& Location | Estimated cost put to tender | Earnest Money | Time of completion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | No.CDR/DRG/ - 2/2019- 20/04 | Construction of Road from Likwa Gyadi to Gyawepurang (10.86 Km). | Rs. 2190.22 Lakh | Rs.21.90 lakh for APST and Rs 31.90 lakh for Non-APST Contractors | 24 (twenty - four) Months |

- Period of downloading of bidding document : From 13/07/2019, 1000 Hrs. To 26/07/2019, 1600 Hrs.
- Start date & time of submission of bid : 13/07/2019, 1000 Hrs.
- Last date & time of submission of bid : 26/07/2019, 1600 Hrs.
- Date & time of opening of bid : 29/07/2019, 1030 Hrs. (In the office of Chief Engineer, Western Zone PWD, AP,)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website **www.arunachaltenders.gov.in**. The Press Notice is also available in website **www.arunachaltenders.gov.in**.

The contractor shall be allowed to have only 3 (three) works in hand in any of departments under Government of Arunachal Pradesh at a time and for which he shall make a declaration to be executed in an Affidavit that he is not engaged in more than two any tenders works under the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

**Criteria of eligibility for APPWD as well as Non-APPWD contractors only.**

3 (three) similar works each of value not less than 40% of estimated cost or 2 (two) similar works each value not less than 60% of estimated cost or 1 (one) work of value not less than 80% of estimated cost (rounded off to nearest Rs.10 lakh), in the last 7 (seven) years ending last day of the month previous to the one in which the tenders are invited. The value of executed works shall be brought to current costing level by enhancing the actual value of work at simple rate of 7% per annum, calculated from the date of completion to the last date of receipt of applications for tender.

The contractor should have experience of **Road Works.**

For the purpose of this clause 'similar work' means the works of "**Road Works**"

Sd/-
**Executive Engineer**
**Chayang Tajo Division,**
**PWD, AP, Chayang Tajo.**

**BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD**

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**
**(Through e-procurement mode only over https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)**
**Tender Notice No.- PR 294/2019**

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed Agency/ Sound Firms/Companies for the **"Change of First Two pages of various Old Answer Books for Examination 2020 (Annual) as per decision of BSEB".**

**Scope of Work : Change of First Two pages of various Old Answer Books for Examination 2020 (Annual) as per decision of BSEB.**

| Cost of Tender document (In Rupees) | Tender processing Fee (Non Refundable) (inclusive of GST @18.00%) to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/ Credit Card/Debit card) (in Rupees) | Earnest Money (In Rupees) |
|---|---|---|
| 500.00 (Five Hundred Rupees only) | 1,180 (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Rupees only) | 20,000 (Twenty Thousand Rupees only) |

**Tender Schedule/ Programme**

| Date and Time for Activity | Date/Time: Duration |
|---|---|
| Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents | From **14.07.2019 (11:00 Hrs.)** to **05.08.2019 (13:00 Hrs.) (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)** |
| Pre-Bid meeting | **19.07.2019 at 12:15 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017) |
| Last Date/Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid | **05.08.2019 up to 13:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)** |
| Submission of form fee & EMD in Hard copy/Original | **05.08.2019 up to 13:30 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017) |
| Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid | **05.08.2019 at 14:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017) |
| Financial Bid Opening Date and Time | Date to be announced later by competent authority |

❖ Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from e-tender website **https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.**

❖ For support related to e-tendering process, Bidders may contact at "e- Procurement HELP DESK First Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna- 800001, Ph. No: 0612-2523006, Mob- 7542028164" or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at **https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.**

❖ Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be published on e-Procurement Portal , Bihar **https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in itself.**

❖ **Contact Details:** Sh. Jai Kishore Singh, Nodal officer - +91 6299923095, **E-Mail ID – eproc.bseb@gmail.com**

❖ **Note:** - Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/ reject/reschedule any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

**Secretary**

**MADURAI SMART CITY LIMITED**
Municipal Corporation Building, Aringar Anna Maligai,
Tallakulam, Madurai - 625 002 Phone : 0452 - 2530521 to 0452 - 2530526

Ref. No. MSCL P(21)/18-19

**INVITATION FOR BIDS NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

1. On behalf of **Madurai Smart City Limited,** The Managing Director invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following works under **Madurai Smart City Limited.**

| Sl. No. | Name of work | Value Put to Tender | EMD | Period of Completion | Bid Submission Date | Bid Opening Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Pedestrian Pathways, Underground Ducting, Power and Communication, etc.,. At Madurai Masi Streets in Madurai Corporation Under Madurai Smart City Limited.** | **Rs. 44.64 Crores** | **Rs. 44.64 Lakhs** | **12 Months** | **16.07.2019 To 16.08.2019 upto 3.00 PM** | **16.08.2019 upto 3.30 PM** |

2. **Date, Time and Venue for the Pre-Bid Conference : 26.07.2019, 04.30 PM at** Conference Hall **O/o. Madurai Corporation Building, Aringar Anna Maligai, Madurai - 625 002.**
3. Form of Contract : **Two Cover system**
4. The Bid documents will be available in **https://tntenders.gov.in, http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in** from **16.07.2019 to 16.08.2019, 3.00 P.M. for bid submission and bid opening will be on 16.08.2019 upto 3.30 PM**
5. **The Managing Director, Madurai Smart City Limited** reserves the rights to accept or reject any bid or and reject all the bids at any time without assigning any reason thereof. Eligibility criteria and other details can be had from the Bidding document.
6. For any clarifications in Bidding Documents the Bidders may contact the office of the **"The Managing Director, MSCL and the Commissioner, Corporation of Madurai,** Aringnar Anna Maaligai, Thallakulam, Madurai - 625 002".
7. Bids must be submitted to the **"The Managing Director, MSCL and the Commissioner, Aringar Anna Maligai, Tallukulam, Madurai - 625 002 Corporation of Madurai"** in person on or before **03.00 PM** on **16.08.2019** and bids will be opened on **16.08.2019** at **03.30 PM**, in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
8. E-mail Address : **commr.madurai@tn.gov.in, Contact No : 0452 - 2532412**

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**Managing Director, MSCL**
**& Commissioner, MMC**

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NORTH

## J&K: Policeman held with 750 grams of heroin

*Srinagar:* A policeman was arrested after 750 grams of heroin was recovered from his possession in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday.Mushtaq Ahmad Peer, who works in the Armed Police, was arrested at a motor vehicle checkpoint in the Handwara area of Kupwara district, a police spokesperson said. The spokesperson added that officers at the checkpoint seized the heroin concealed in a polythene bag from Peer's possession. A car has also been seized, he said. Police have registered a case and started investigation into the matter. **PTI**

**Fire broke out at a building in Kolkata on Saturday. No casualty was reported as shopowners and customers were evacuated from the 13-storey building.** *Partha Paul*

EAST

## Odisha Police gets award for empowering personnel using IT

*Bhubaneshwar:* Odisha Police has been selected for the DGP National Crime Records Bureau Running Trophy later this month for effective use of Information Technology to empower its personnel. The police is being hailed for use of a mobile application Arakhi, which serves as a database for all FIRs registered in police stations. "Arakhi is an extension of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems, which we adopted in 2005. Data of 14 years has been transferred onto the application", said Director State Crime Records Bureau, Dr Sudhanshu Sarangi. **ENS**

WEST

## Three people stabbed to death in Navi Mumbai

*Thane:* Three men, including two brothers, were found stabbed to death in Turbhe area of Navi Mumbai on Saturday, police said. The bodies were found around 9 am in a godown located in Turbhe MIDC area, police said. The deceased were identified as Irshad (20), his younger brother Naushad (19) and Rajesh (28). The bodies were sent to a hospital for post-mortem, they said. "Unidentified persons stabbed the trio to death on the premises of the warehouse. The incident is suspected to have taken place during the intervening night of Friday and Saturday," an official said. All the victims hailed from Uttar Pradesh, police added. **PTI**

SOUTH

## Police chase car, seize ganja worth Rs 1.36 cr in Tamil Nadu

*Perambalur(TN):* Police on Saturday chased a car and also opened fire to catch a two-member gang trying to smuggle in 180 kg of ganja worth Rs 1.36 crore from neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. A team inspecting vehicles at a check-post here received a tip-off that the ganja was being smuggled and flagged down a car, but it sped away, police said. A chase ensued and the police fired at the vehicle's tyre, deflating it. The two occupants were then arrested and the narcotics were seized, they added. The two were habitual offenders and there were cases pending against them in Madurai district, they said. **PTI**

**Villagers catch fish in flood water at Hakata in Baska district of Assam.** *Dasarath Deka*

# Assam floods leave seven dead, Shah takes stock

**ABHISHEK SAHA & TORA AGARWALA**
GUWAHATI, JULY 13

FLOODS AND landslides left seven people dead in Assam, officials said, adding that the Brahmaputra is currently flowing above the 'danger level' even in state capital Guwahati.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has spoken to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal over the phone and has taken stock of the flood situation, assuring all support from the Centre. Sonowal informed Shah that flood waters had "submerged vast tract of land in several districts of both the Brahmaputra and Barak valleys of the state, and the administrations have been geared up to tackle the situation", a statement from the CM's office said.

Around 14 lakh people across 25 districts in the state have been affected by the floods. A senior official of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority told The Indian Express that 2,168 villages of the state were affected and 234 relief centres - 62 relief camps and 172 relief distribution centres - were functioning. She added that 20,047 persons were in relief camps by Saturday, and said that scores of roads and bridges across the state have been submerged in the flood waters.

The floods have also wrecked havoc in the Kaziranga National Park, where grasslands have been submerged and animals are moving towards higher grounds.

A hog deer fleeing the floodwaters was killed by a speeding vehicle on the National Highway-37 on Saturday morning. KNP director P Sivakumar said, "Six more hog deer have been rescued and released in the highland."

### 33 dead in Nepal, swollen Kosi threatens Bihar

*Kathmandu:* Incessant rains in Nepal have left 33 people dead, and a swollen Kosi river has engulfed large areas in the country's eastern Tarai region, posing a threat to Bihar downstream. The Kosi has recorded a massive increase in its water volume — 2,74,000 cusecs — which is way above the 1,50,000 cusecs listed as the 'danger mark'. **ENS**

# 12-year-old dies after falling into pit dug for road project in Mumbai

**LAXMAN SINGH**
MUMBAI, JULY 13

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy died after he slipped into a water-filled pit on the Coastal Road construction site in Mumbai in Worli. This comes just three days after an 18-month-old child fell into an open drain in Goregaon East.

Family members of the boy have accused the (Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation) BMC of negligence and said there was no safety measures, like barricading or security guard, near the pit when the incident occurred.

The BMC is constructing Rs 12,000-crore eight-lane Coastal Road from Princess Street to Worli end of Bandra-Worli Sea Link.

According to local residents, on Friday, the boy, Bablu Paswan, along with two of his friends had gone to a toilet, about 100 metres from the pit, and slipped into it on his way back.

The pit was dug by a BMC-appointed contractor, Bablu's neighbour Shatrudhan Paswan told *The Indian Express*. He alleged that there was no security around the pit when the boys went there.

Shiv Sena MLA Sunil Shinde and NCP's Mumbai chief Sachin Ahir, who visited the family on Saturday, have demanded action against BMC and the contractor responsible for digging the pit.

Deputy Municipal Commissioner, (Coastal Road in-charge) R S Kuknor, said, "I will have to check about the incident, since I don't have much details. But as per my knowledge there are proper safety measures at a our sites."

KEY FINDINGS IN TABREZ CASE

# 'Discrepancy in police version, medical lapses'

**ABHISHEK ANGAD**
RANCHI, JULY 13

"DISCREPANCIES in the police's version", "lapses by the doctors" and jail doctor's recording of injuries "allegedly of mob violence" are some of the key findings in a report by the three-member inquiry panel, constituted by the Saraikela-Kharsawan district administration in Jharkhand, to look into the lapses and response into the death of Tabrez Ansari.

Ansari, a welder by profession, was beaten up by a mob in Dhatkidih village of Saraikela-Kharsawan on June 18, after he was caught stealing. The mob had tied him to a pole and thrashed him. A video of the incident shows that the mob allegedly forced him to chant "Jai Shri Ram" and "Jai Hanuman". Ansari died four days later of a head injury.

Sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) Saraikela Basharat Qayyum , then Civil Surgeon A N Dey, and SDPO (headquarter) Chandan Kumar were three members of the panel. Talking to *The Sunday Express*, SDM Qayyum said that there were "lapses" by the doctors in initially detecting the head injury. "Subarachnoid haemorrhage could be a possible cause of death and cannot be ruled out. Injuries were not detected initially and no investigations were ordered. Not even blood pressure and pulse were recorded. This was the initial lapse," he said.

When asked how did the doctors advise Ansari to be fit for travel and allowed him to be taken to the jail, the SDM said, "This is also a lapse."

*The Indian Express* had first reported on the internal injuries sustained by Ansari where the post-mortem board members had expressed that the injuries were the "possible" cause of death. The actual cause of death will be known after the viscera report.

The findings also state that the jail administration knew that Ansari was beaten up by a mob and had injuries by a blunt object. SDM Qayyum said, "The jail doctor in the 'proforma for health screening of prisoner on admission to jail' mentioned: 'Allegedly assaulted by mob with hard blunt object'."

This assumes significance as the police had maintained earlier that they "never knew" of the mob violence until the purported video went viral on June 22. The three initial court documents the initial theft complaint, subsequent FIR, and Ansari's confession statement — did not mention anything of the assault. Asked if the police knew about it, the SDM said that he will not be able to comment.

The SDM said that the police's response to the incident could have been better. When asked whether Tabrez was forced to chant as seen in the video, the SDM said, "That is a matter of investigation which the SIT is looking into."

# News channel CEO held for 'discrimination' against Dalit

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
HYDERABAD, JULY 13

THE CEO of Mojo TV news channel, P Revathi, has been arrested after a Dalit activist filed an SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act case against her.

Police officials in Hyderabad went to her residence on Friday and asked her to accompany them to the Banjara Hills Police Station. After taking her statement, she was taken into custody and produced before a magistrate who sent her to judicial remand.

In his complaint, H Varaprasad, who appeared in a discussion on the TV channel moderated by Revathi and hosted by anchor K Raghu on January 23, alleged that the two referred to him by his caste during a heated debate.

On Friday, when police arrived at Revathi's house, she alerted the media and said that the police was at her doorstep without a notice or warrant. Her husband, filmmaker D Chaitanya, said that although she had responded to the two notices sent by police to give a statement in the case, police disregarded it and were now taking action under pressure.

Banjara Hills Assistant Commissioner of Police Srinivas Rao said that Revathi did not respond to the two notices, and instead went on a hunger strike in protest. "We have been patient with her. The case was filed in January but she did not respond..."

# UP: Move to include names of Azam, ex-cop aide in land mafia list

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
LUCKNOW, JULY 13

THE district administration of Uttar Pradesh's Rampur as well as the police have begun the process of including names of senior Samajwadi Party leader and Rampur MP Azam Khan and his close aide, retired deputy superintendent of Police Aaly Hasan Khan, in the list of persons allegedly associated with land mafia in the state.

The move comes after complaints against them by several local residents of Rampur to the district administration alleging that Azam, with the help of Aaly Hasan, who was then posted in Rampur, grabbed their land that was used in the "extension" of Mohammad Ali Jauhar University. Azam Khan is chancellor of the university, while Aaly Hasan is its chief security officer.

On Friday, the Rampur police arrested Aaly Hasan's 24-year-old son Waseem, a businessman, for allegedly misbehaving and threatening a police team that had gone to their residence while searching for Aaly Hasan.

Waseem, along with his mother Sabina, was booked on several charges, said Azeemnagar police station SHO Rajeev Kumar.

On Thursday, Rampur police registered an FIR against Azam Khan and Aaly Hasan after inquiry conducted on complaints of local residents that their land were grabbed. and it was later included in the premises of Jauhar University.

Azam Khan's son Mohammad Abdullah Azam Khan, MLA from Swar, claimed that land of 26 complainants were purchased in 2006 and payments were made through cheques. "This will be clear if the land deeds are checked. All the allegations are false."

He said police were harassing his father and Aaly Hasan Khan after filing a "false case" against them. "Police have also falsely implicated Waseem and made wrong allegations against him and his mother."

# Prime accused in Gujarat Dalit man's murder arrested

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
AHMEDABAD, JULY 13

THE AHMEDABAD (rural) police on Saturday arrested the prime accused in the murder of a 25-year old Dalit man by the upper caste family members of his wife.

With the arrest of Dashrathsinh Zala, seven of the eight persons accused in the brutal murder of Haresh Solanki have been arrested. One Jaydipsinh Zala is absconding and the slain youth's wife, Urmila, who is two months pregnant, continues to be missing.

Solanki was allegedly hacked to death by eight men outside Urmila's house at Varmor village of Ahmedabad district in the presence of a 181 women's helpline team on Monday evening. The Abhayam team was attempting to negotiate with her family who had taken away Urmila, to send her back with Solanki. They were acting on a distress call made by Solanki.

After the murder, the entire family fled the village before a police team could arrive at the spot.

"We are interrogating Dashrathsinh and have deployed four teams, comprising of eight to ten members in each of the special operations group (SOG), parole furlough squad, local police (of Mandal police station) and LCB (local crime branch) to look for the missing woman and investigate the case," RV Asari, Superintendent of Police, Ahmedabad (Rural) said. "While Dashrathsinh initially denied knowing the whereabouts of his daughter (Urmila), he subsequently confessed that she is safe and alive. We expect to get more details from him."

PD Manvar, deputy SP, SC/ST Cell, Ahmedabad Rural added, "Search is on for the girl. While we await leads about her location, Dashrathsinh has said that she is alive and we need not worry."

Apart from arresting the accused, the police have also initiated action against the Abhayam team. Ahmedabad Rural SP Asari said the woman police constable, Arpita Lilabhai, who was part of the rescue team, was suspended two days ago. "Prima facie, we found her negligent in her duties," he said. "It was a sensitive case from the start and she should have called for back-up much earlier. She took it casually. A primary inquiry has been initiated against her."

# Uttarakhand govt to preserve Lakshman Jhula as heritage site

**LALMANI VERMA**
DEHRADUN, JULY 13

A DAY after the Uttarakhand government ordered closure of the iconic Lakshman Jhula bridge in Rishikesh for pedestrian and vehicular movement, the state government on Saturday decided to explore possibilities to preserve the bridge as a heritage structure.

Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said Saturday a work plan will be prepared to maintain the bridge and preserve it.

The state government on Friday had ordered the immediate closure of the 96-year-old bridge after a technical study report stated that it is in a distressed state and any movement on it can lead to a mishap.

**The suspension bridge is 96 years old and connects the districts of Tehri Garhwal and Pauri Garhwal.** *File*

Rawat said that a decision has been taken to develop a bridge as alternative to the Lakshman Jhula. He said that six months ago, experts of IIT-Roorkee six were asked to conduct a feasibility study of the bridge and the report stated that the structure is not in a condition to further allow movement of pedestrian and vehicles. He added that in view of the upcoming Kanwar Mela continuing movement on the bridge would not be appropriate.

The CM said that officials have been directed to develop an alternative of the bridge as soon as possible.

# Kashmir woman crosses over to PoK, probe on

**ADIL AKHZER**
SRINAGAR, JULY 13

A WOMAN from North Kashmir's border town of Uri has managed to cross the highly secured Line of Control (LoC) to reach her relatives in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), police officials have said.

Police have filed a missing person's complaint and will take up the matter with the Army, which can subsequently approach the Pakistani Army over the case, a police officer said.

A local unit of the Army is also probing how the woman managed to cross the LoC despite strong checks, an Army officer said.

The woman, identified as Shaheena Begum (32), went missing on June 25. According to the J&K police, she had a dispute with her husband and told him that she was going to meet her relatives in Sahoora village in Baramulla district.

Sahoora is the last village on the Indian side of the LoC, and is around 20 km from Uri.

Sources said Shaheena crossed an Army checkpoint near Sahoora and was allowed to proceed after she informed them that she was going to meet her maternal uncle.

Shaheena's family realised that she was missing after her cousin passed the same Army checkpost, and was told that Shaheena had informed them of her intention to visit Sahoora, a police probe has found.

Another officer said, "Through the family members, we have come to know that she has crossed (the LoC) and is presently on the other side... The woman has relatives there (in PoK)."

# Bihar Police to equip vehicles with GPS devices to keep tab on lax officials

**SANTOSH SINGH**
PATNA, JULY 13

BIHAR POLICE has decided to fit its vehicles with GPS trackers to keep a tab on tax policemen, some of whom would lie about patrolling duties in sensitive areas, especially Maoist-hit regions. Over 2,000 vehicles at 1,060 police stations are to be GPS-enabled in less than six months, with 500 already fitted with a GPS device.

The state police headquarters has taken the step as it wants an "executable data on patrolling" and not often bank on statements of its officers. The move is also necessitated after frequent robbery, burglary and theft cases.

Bihar Director General of Police Gupteshwar Pandey told The Indian Express: "Over the years, police have been able to deal with serious crime. We have to deal with petty crime such as those of theft and snatching... We are bringing all our vehicles under GPS cover to have a foolproof patrolling system. This system will help us deal with lax officers."

He added, "We are making best use of technology to deal with other kinds of crime, most of which do not come under category of organised crime."

Bihar Additional Director General of Police, law and order, Amit Kumar said the GPS devices would help them track multiple locations. A district headquarters with just a computer enabled with Internet can immediately track movement of all its vehicles. "We will now have an executable and digital data and do not have to bank on statements of our officers on patrolling. We will also get to know areas which are less patrolled and also reasons for it, which could be less population, less crime and also non-motorable roads," said Kumar.

Asked if the GPS-enabled vehicles would help in dealing with lax officers, the ADGP said, "There have been instances of officers parking their vehicles at police stations and saying that they had been on patrol duty. But now, we do not have to ask them. Our own data would make them responsible and answerable."

Kumar said fitting the GPS devices in a vehicle costs Rs 8,000-9,000 with maintenance of three years. "It is very easy to execute as it comes under financial powers of an SP," he said.

# Senior citizen dies after hand gets stuck between Kolkata Metro doors

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
KOLKATA, JULY 13

A 66-YEAR-OLD man was killed after his hand got stuck in the door of a Metro coach in Kolkata. The man was subsequently dragged for nearly 60 metres as the train started moving.

The incident took place at the Park Street Metro Station. The deceased was identified as Sajal Kumar Kanjilal, who was a resident of Bosepukur Road in South Kolkata. Following the incident, Metro Railway Kolkata authorities formed an inquiry committee to look into the incident.

General Manager (Metro) P C Sharma also ordered a high-level inquiry into the incident.

Sources said the motorman (train driver) and the guard concerned could face suspension.

According to other passengers at the Park Street metro station, the victim was trying to board a Kavi Subhas metro station-bound train when his hand got stuck in the train door.

As the train came to a halt after a few seconds, the power supply was switched off and the passengers were evacuated. Metro railway employees and RPF personnel deployed at the station rushed to the spot. Police sent the body to SSKM Hospital where doctors declared Kanjilal brought dead.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has said that the state government would provide a job to a family member of the deceased.

"Domestic, industrial use of water accounts for 11% of the total consumption; 89% is in agriculture. Agriculture water use is the most unproductive. We use 5,600 litres to produce 1 kg rice; China does it in 350 litres"

WHY GAJENDRA SHEKHAWAT

Soon after returning to power, the Modi government set up the Jal Shakti Ministry, combining the erstwhile Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Ministry of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation. The Jal Shakti Mission, which includes plans for water conservation and provision of piped water connections to every household by 2024, is the NDA government's next big flagship programme after the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. As the Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is at the centre of the implementation of the Mission, as part of which work has begun in over 250 water-stressed districts

"The biggest problem (in cleaning Ganga) was capacity building... It took Germany 25 years, across several phases, to clean up the Rhine. So, five years is not a long time to clean the Ganga... Results will show in 2 yrs

# 'Water a challenge for decades... Work should have begun 20 yrs ago. We're late, but not too late'

Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat lays out government plan on revival, reuse of water through traditional water bodies, rainwater harvesting and treatment of sewage water, and calls for more interest from states and behavioural change among public

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat with Senior Assistant Editor Shalini Nair in *The Indian Express* newsroom. *Amit Mehra*

**SHALINI NAIR: India has been facing a water crisis for a long while now. Under the previous ministry, the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, the drinking water part was largely ignored. What prompted the government to take it up in such a big way now?**

The entire world is concerned about water, including developed countries such as the US. In India, it has been a challenge for decades. Unfortunately, the issue of water was being governed by many rules and heads... Drinking water had a separate ministry, urban drinking water had another ministry, there was a different ministry for water sharing... Even before the elections, as the scarcity of water rose and we realised that water will become a challenge for the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi began to talk about the need to address the issue in a holistic manner. That is why this ministry (Ministry of Jal Shakti) was created.

In our country, there is 65 per cent dependence on underground water. Of the 4,000 BCM (Billion Cubic Meters) annual precipitation, only 1,198 BCM is usable. The holding capacity of the 5,400 reservoirs across the country is less than 300 BCM. And, the total replenishable water that we get from all the sources, including the underground replenishable sources, is around 400 BCM. So practically, we can use only 600 BCM of water. But as our population is increasing, water requirements are also increasing. Hence, the water availability per person per year which stood at 5,100 cubic metres (in 1950) has now come down to 1,400 cubic metres, and in the coming years it will go down to a 1,000 cubic metres. It's a big challenge, and work on this should have started 20 years ago. We are already late, but it is still not too late. That is why the Prime Minister has begun this work, and in the next five years, our mission is to ensure that every household has access to water.

Apart from (providing access to drinking water) there are two other important things. The first is source sustainability. Whatever source of water we create, it must be sustainable — either by point recharge mechanism or groundwater recharging. Secondly, according to recent government statistics, 40 litres of water per capita per day is being supplied in the rural areas. But according to the new benchmark, it should be 50 litres per capita per day, and this should be provided to every household. But if every household is being provided with 50 litres of water, then almost 80 per cent of the water that is discharged, whether it is grey water or black water, cannot be reused unless it is treated. In such a situation, the piped water scheme will create another problem — every pond in every village will permanently have dirty water, as we have witnessed in Haryana. So, the Prime Minister has set a target to achieve all the three things together. That is the mandate of the (Jal Shakti) Ministry. We had organised a day-long conference of all the stakeholder states. All the ministers (of the states) along with officers of the water resources, drinking water, and sanitation departments were summoned. All states are serious about the issue of water management and they are all motivated as well. I come from the state of Rajasthan where the terrace of every *pucca* household is linked to an underground water tank. The rainwater collected in this manner is then utilised throughout the year for cooking, drinking...

Throughout the world, the first step any country that has overcome its water crisis has taken is to harvest rainwater. In all, there are four steps to tackle water scarcity. The first, rainwater harvesting, can be carried out either through storage of rainwater or its percolation, which will then help recharge groundwater. The second step is judicious use of water, and there is a lot of confusion around this. (Unlike what is believed) domestic and industrial use of water only accounts for 11 per cent of the total consumption; 89 per cent is in agriculture. Our water use in agriculture is the most unproductive. We use 5,600 litres of water to produce 1 kg of rice whereas China is doing the same with 350 litres. So it is a challenge for us. It's not because we do not have the technology, it's because we don't value water, and so it is being misused. Free electricity is being used to pump out water from the ground. We need to seriously focus on judicious use of water. The third aspect is reuse of water, both in domestic and industrial sectors. Around 140 billion litres of sewage water is produced in India annually. If we manage to use this, India's water woes will be addressed. And the last aspect is afforestation.

We are looking at all the four aspects. As part of our first initiative, which is along the lines of the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan of 2017, we have identified 250 districts that are water-stressed, over-exploited or critical. Teams of joint secretary-level officers, hydrologists and engineers have been sent to these districts. They will be spending time in these areas till September 15. They will prepare plans on groundwater recharge, motivate and educate people, and also prepare plans to revive traditional water bodies.

We have also written to the states to identify traditional water bodies in every district within the next three months. This idea came from Bundelkhand. Water scarcity in the region has always been a topic of discussion, but it was not the case this time. There is a reason for it. Nearly 600-1,000 years ago, the Chandela dynasty king of Bundelkhand built 9,000 tanks in the region. Over the years, they had all disappeared. Then, 2,500 of them were identified, of which 250 have been revived in the last two years. That has ended half their water troubles. So if all the 9,000 tanks are revived, then Bundelkhand will be a water-rich area. The science behind the tanks also fascinates me. All of them are interconnected — so one gets filled when the other spills. There is a water body at Jaipur's Jaigarh fort which has a capacity of three crore litres. It also has a canal network of 25 km which was used to channel rainwater. This water was sufficient for 30,000 soldiers who lived there for one year. It was built 300 years ago and is still functional.

We need to understand the power of rainwater and it is possible only when it becomes a people's movement. Governments can only initiate, handle and support things.

**SHALINI NAIR: But what about Part B of the plan, that deals with water supply? It will require a lot of capital investment from the government but the Budget was silent on it.**

See, Rs 10,000 crore has been allocated for the NRDW (National Rural Drinking Water Programme) this time. This is the first year, and we are targeting 2024. We will implement it in phases. There is no shortage of funds, at least till the Modi government is in power.

**KRISHN KAUSHIK: In the last five years, cleaning of the Ganga river was the government's big target. There were no issues of budget, and a full-fledged ministry was set up for it. However, the key indicators still do not suggest that the Ganga has been cleaned.**

The biggest problem that we faced when we took up the initiative was capacity building. From Gangotri to Ganga Sagar, there is no village or town which doesn't release its sewage into the Ganga. In the first two years, we had to study the river comprehensively because the work done by the last Ganga missions was fuzzy. They made Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) 20 years ago and they still don't operate. People also protested because they did not want an STP in their colony... Capacity building cannot happen overnight. What I can say with confidence is that, by this November, no homes in Uttarakhand will dump their raw sewage into the Ganga.

In Varanasi, of the 27 drains that were releasing their waste into the Ganga, 24 have been tapped. I have personally visited and checked each and every one of those drains. Now only one major and two small streams remain. Also, one STP is being built; it will be completed by December. So by December, Varanasi will have no drains releasing sewage into the Ganga. Things will take another two years, after which the results will show.

Recently, I was talking to the Ambassador of Germany about the cleaning of the river Rhine. It took them 25 years over several phases to do it. If it took Germany 25 years, then five years is not a long time to clean the Ganga.

**LIZ MATHEW: Ninety per cent of the water used in agriculture in India is fresh water, whereas in countries such as China and Brazil, the figure stands at 64 per cent and 60 per cent respectively. Is there a need to change that as well?**

Before answering your question, let me tell you one more thing. Seventy per cent of Singapore drinks treated sewage water. (If this happens in India) wouldn't all the fights between Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab end? That is why we have undertaken a programme to treat and reuse all sewage water in villages, either in agriculture or at least for groundwater recharge.

**RAVISH TIWARI: You said there should be judicious use of water but we are not pricing water at all. Democratically elected governments have always been averse to the idea. Can you create a political consensus for it?**

Water is a state issue, and so they will have to take the first step. As we plan the piped water scheme, we have this in the back of our minds, that there should at least be a revenue source for water. We can make drinking water a revenue source, but along with that if we also make treated sewage water into a revenue model, then everything will be okay.

"We can make drinking water a revenue source, but if we also do it with treated sewage water, all will be okay... 70% of Singapore drinks treated sewage water. (If this happens in India) state rows will end"

**SHALEEN AGRAWAL: What role will the private sector play in this?**

Urban water has to be treated either by the government or by a private body or through a public-private partnership, whatever model it is. Models such as BOT (build, operate and transfer) and DBOT (design, build, operate and transfer) are currently under operation. We started using the Hybrid Annuity (PPP model for sewage treatment) in the Ganga (basin states). The problem was that we built the capacity but the states are not even paying the electricity bill or running it. We can build a Rs 250 crore STP and give it, but if it's not even running at 30 per cent of its capacity, then there's no use of it. So we introduced a new model that those who make the project will run it for 15 years too. We will give them 40 per cent of the money at the start and the remaining 60 per cent in instalments over the next 15 years, along with the O&M (operational and management) costs.

In big cities, there is no option but this. However, in villages work should be done on community-based phytoremediation technologies (use of plants and associated soil microbes to reduce the concentrations or toxic effects of contaminants). It is very easy. Until now, people talked about dual pipelines, one for treated water and other for potable water, where treated water could be used in the gardens, toilets etc. I want to take this a step further. I have got a design developed after speaking with IIT Madras to have dual lines for discharge (of water). The water that comes out of your homes is black and grey — black from the toilets and grey from the kitchens. Treatment of grey water involves only 10 per cent of the cost of treatment of sewage water. So kitchen water can be made potable or reusable by spending just 10 per cent of the of money, and that will end 90 per cent of our problems.

All these aspects will have to be worked on collectively and it will take time. The programme involves both behavioural change and capacity building.

**SHALINI NAIR: Have you factored in climate change into the Jal Shakti Mission?**

We have to because we are the most vulnerable to climate change. We can save groundwater by mapping aquifers across the country. By the end of this financial year, I will have a 3D aquifer map of every single village. We will have to train people on how to extract water, how to recharge it etc. We are working on that.

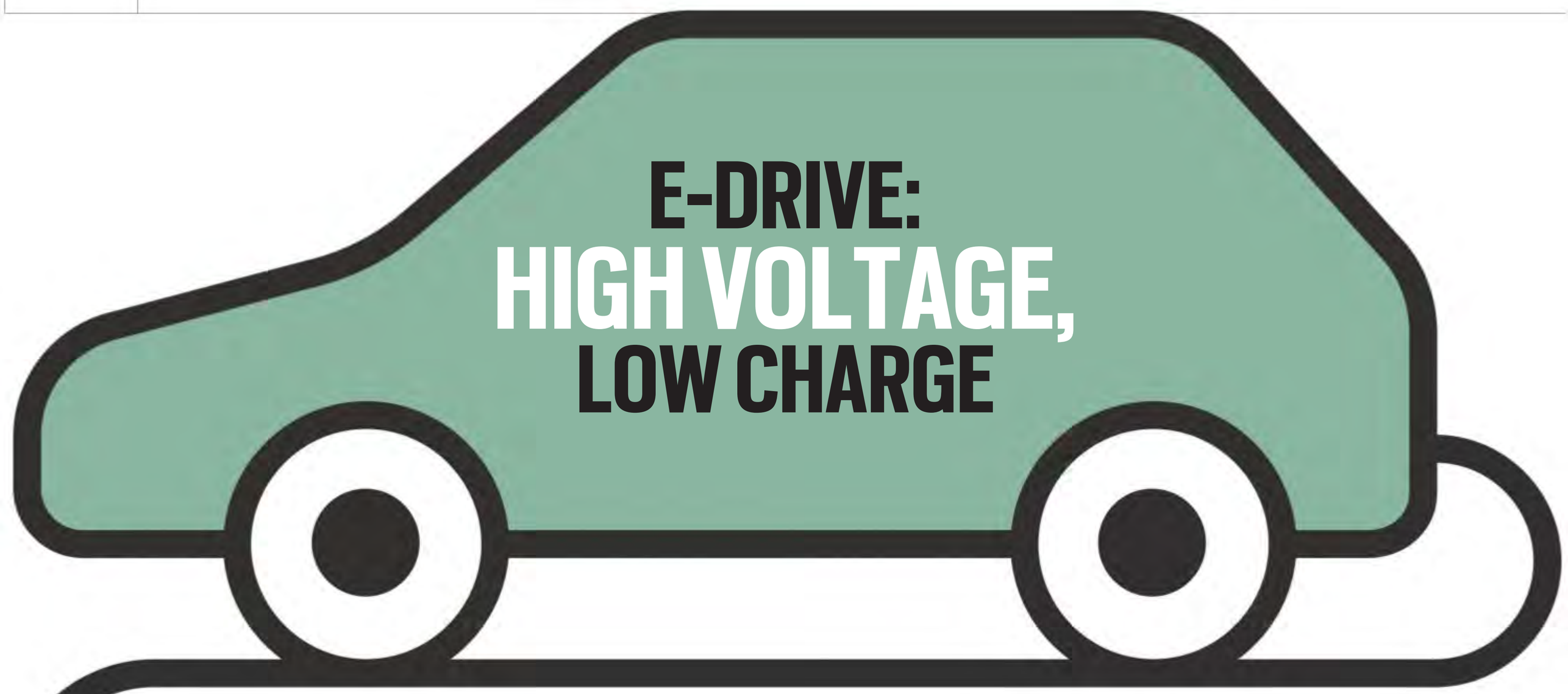
**ANUPAM CHATTERJEE: Is there a water finance corporation in the works?**

That is a very ideal situation. We should definitely have a financial arm.

**HARISH DAMODARAN: We have built so many reservoirs but the efficiency of water usage from them is very low. Why is our canal water usage so inefficient? Also, can't there be a way to replace these open canals with underground pipes because otherwise most of the water in them is drying up or getting stolen. Why can't we think beyond just building reservoirs?**

The total capacity (of the reservoirs) that we have made is only 256 BCM, whereas the availability of water is more than 758 BCM. Secondly, we are not using even 60 per cent of the capacity that has been built. There is no canal system where the water is drying up or going into the ocean. Also, the states have not made canal systems. They were provided help for this under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana. The Central government is doing it but the state government has to put this on their priority list and work towards it.

Earlier, *jal ko jagdeesh mante the* (water was considered god). In my childhood, we drank rainwater. Every village had a pond. There used to be a catchment area for it and the entire village would look after it. Now, it's all gone, encroached. A mindset change in just one generation has done so much damage. Since we are the ones who have ruined it, it is now our responsibility to educate our children.



# E-DRIVE: HIGH VOLTAGE, LOW CHARGE

Budget incentives, a mission plan, and a 2030 target show the govt's intention to get India's sluggish electric vehicle market going. However, from infrastructure and price bar, to policy confusion and a worried market, there is a long way to go.

ANIL SASI & SANDEEP SINGH on the many speed breakers

## TYPES OF EVs

**The term EV is used to broadly define three main types of electric vehicles, bracketed by the degree to which electricity is used as the energy source:**

**(Clockwise from top) Hyundai Kona; Tata Tigor EV; and the Mahindra e-Verito**

**BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLES (BEV):** *Kona; Tesla X, Model 3 and Model S; BMW i3; Chevy Bolt; Nissan LEAF; Volkswagen e-Golf*

- Fully-electric vehicles with rechargeable batteries; no petrol engine
- Stores electricity onboard with high-capacity battery packs. This battery power is used to run the electric motor and all onboard electronics
- Does not emit any harmful emissions; charged by electricity from an external source

**HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES (HEV):** *Toyota Prius Hybrid; Honda Civic Hybrid; Toyota Camry Hybrid*

- Powered by gasoline, electricity
- HEVs start off using electric motor, then petrol engine kicks in. Both motors controlled by internal computer, ensuring best economy for driving
- Electric energy generated by the car's braking system to recharge the battery (regenerative braking), a process where the electric motor helps slow the vehicle and uses some of the energy normally converted to heat by the brakes

**PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE (PHEV):** *Chevy Volt; Ford Fusion Energi; Mercedes GLE550e; Audi A3 E-Tron; Fiat 500e*

- Has a hybrid drivetrain that uses internal combustion engine, electric power for motive power, backed by rechargeable batteries

## CHARGING OPTIONS

International standards vary across geographies — Combined Charging System (CCS; US, Europe) and CHAdeMO (Japan). India will deploy both CHAdeMO and CCS fast-charging, besides its own Bharat Standard chargers, at public EV charging stations

**LEVEL 1 CHARGING:** Uses power supply from standard outlets available in households, with power cord and equipment that EVs come with. Can be made available in households, business property parking by installing a dedicated electric outlet. Low cost of installation, low impact on the grid, but slow on charging — typically 3 to 8 km/hour

**LEVEL 2 CHARGING:** Requires installation of an Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment to enable faster charging. More efficient than Level 1, may provide charge of 15 to 35 km/hour. Will have a higher impact on peak power than Level 1

**DC FAST CHARGING:** Provides 80% charge in 20-30 minutes by converting high-voltage AC to DC power for direct storage in EV batteries. May provide a charge of 90-130 km in 20 minutes. More expensive than Level 1 and 2; will require a high-voltage 3 phase power connection. Has higher impact on peak power than Level 2 Charging

ON A muggy Tuesday morning last week, half-a-dozen Hyundai SUVs tailed a black pilot car zipping around the 5.14-km grid at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida. In contrast to the last major international event here six years ago, when open-cockpit, single-seater Formula One cars had spun around the track with ear-splitting wails, the all-electric posse barely emitted a sound.

South Korean car manufacturer Hyundai's move to showcase its Kona Electric SUVs at the race grid, three days after the Union Budget offered a patchwork of incentives for EVs, was more a demonstration effort than a serious sales pitch. However, it made Hyundai the first firm to introduce a long-range battery vehicle in India —and to herald the start of many.

The Kona will soon face competition from MG Motor India, a unit of China's SAIC Motor Corp, which is slated to offer its eZS electric SUV by the end of December. The two premium-segment offerings will add to the modest line-up of electric cars available currently — the Mahindra e-Verito and e2o (discontinued since March 2019 due to low sales) and the Tata Tigor EV. India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki is evaluating a commercial launch next year in the lower end of the segment, with 50 electric WagonRs being tested currently; Mahindra is working on an electric KUV100; Audi is planning an all-electric e-tron in India mid-next year; while by late-2020, Jaguar will have the I-Pace here.

The Modi government has set a target of 30% vehicles becoming EV by 2030. At a Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers' (SIAM) conference in September last year, Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari had put the target at 15% in five years.

The government has also revised its National Electric Mobility Mission Plan 2020, on faster adoption of EVs and their manufacturing. Under it, electrification of public and shared transportation is to be supported, with subsidy push for 7,000 e-buses, 5 lakh e-3 wheelers, 55,000 electric & hybrid (xEV) four-wheelers and 10 lakh e-2 Wheelers.

But the Budget, the slew of launches and the government's good intentions notwithstanding, India is only playing catch-up in the global push for EVs, with no clear guiding policy. While global sales of passenger EVs crossed 4 million last week, just about 2,000 EVs were sold in India last year. China, where the government has handed out hefty subsidies and incentives to manufacturers, made up over a third of the global sales.

In the Budget, the government announced lowering of GST on EVs from 12% to 5%, an income tax deduction of Rs 1.5 lakh on interest paid on loans taken to purchase EVs, and Customs duty exemptions on imports of specific components. Additionally, some states offer a waiver of registration tax.

But to come anywhere close to meeting the target that Gadkari outlined, the smattering of incentives are a drop in the ocean.

### The EV push

While India has seen a rapid rise in vehicle ownership — from 53 per 1,000 population in 2001 to 167 in 2015 — there is a stark difference from other countries in terms of the vehicular mix. NITI Aayog and the World Energy Council's (WEC) 'Zero Emission Vehicles: Towards a Policy Framework, 2018' report lays this out analysing six years of sales data. In that period, two-wheelers made up 79% of the total sales, three-wheelers (passenger and goods) 4%, buses and large goods vehicles like trucks 3%, non-premium four-wheelers (costing less than Rs 10 lakh) 12%, and premium four-wheelers (costing over Rs 10 lakh) 2%.

In nations like Norway, the world leader in EVs, the shift has followed a top-down approach since EVs are a technology-intensive and, hence, expensive proposition. But, as the data show, in India, premium four-wheeler car owners who would be most amenable to these technologies make up just 2% of the sales. This underlines the need for technological and manufacturing leadership in the mass market — incidentally something that has already happened, albeit haphazardly, in the case of e-rickshaws.

At the policy level, there is a recognition of this. The EV transition plan, for example, is now focused on the two-wheeler segment, compared to four-wheelers earlier. The other focus area is the explosion in shared mobility in India. Taxi aggregators like Ola and Uber went up from 130 million rides in 2015 to 500 million rides in 2016, and hence offer a lucrative market given the high vehicle utilisation.

### Problem areas

While some of these are generic issues, there are several India-specific concerns.

In a 2016 EV survey, covering China, Germany, and the US, McKinsey found that consumers ranked not having enough access to efficient charging stations as the third most serious barrier to EV purchase, behind price and driving range. With EV prices declining and range expanding, charging could soon become the top barrier.

Maruti Suzuki Chairman R C Bhargava points out that most small car owners park outdoors in India. Plus, while in cities such as Chandigarh or parts of the NCR, many single-family, low-rise homes might have parking slots, in Mumbai, dwellings are largely high-rise apartments. These two scenarios have disparate charging-infrastructure needs.

In India, the debate on charging is still at an extremely nascent stage. Assuming a moderate level of adoption, India needs about $6 billion for charging infrastructure, $4 billion in incentives and a further $7 billion to build battery capacity, according to estimates by Goldman Sachs Group Inc.

Now, the India-specific problems. In countries such as Norway, a majority of the charging stations are located on the premises of a conventional fuel station. In India, this would not be possible at most fuel pumps, since the infrastructure is typically cramped into a tight plot of land. Ole Henrik Hannisdahl, the CEO of Green Contact, which sets up fast-charging stations in Norway, who has made several sorties to India, says spacing out charging infrastructure from fuel pumps is also needed on grounds of security. "Fresh thinking would be needed on where to house EV charging stations," he told *The Indian Express* in an earlier interview.

What would also be needed is a combination of regular charging ports (typically at homes, offices) alongside fast-charging options (at supermarkets and along highways).

There is another issue. In Norway, 99% of the electricity comes from clean hydro power. Connecting the charging infrastructure to renewable energy and not coal was the most fundamental aspect of our EV push, Vidar Helgesen, Norway's former minister of climate and environment, said, speaking with *The Indian Express*. But in India, over 70% of the electricity generation is coal-fired.

Hydro power, which could be a good source of peaking power requirements that EV charging typically leads to, has been steadily declining from India's power mix.

With respect to the charging infrastructure, the government's subsidy plan focuses mainly on public transport, like rickshaws, cars and buses, and personal two-wheelers.

### Range anxiety

The fear of being left stranded due to an exhausted battery — known as 'range anxiety' — is a key reason that desists buyers from purchasing an EV. The other is worry that an EV's battery would degrade over time. The solution is increasing the driving range of vehicles or going for hybrid options (*see box*).

EXPLAINED

### Miles to go

IN TERMS of low numbers of EVs sold (4 mn sales globally compared to 2,000 last year in India), savings in imported crude purchase (well over Rs 1.3 lakh crore), as well as the pollution problem, the government is right in pushing for electrical vehicles. However, a lot of ground is still to be covered.

The Kona claims to be able to cover 452 km on full charge under ARAI (Automotive Research Association of India) test conditions. Going by this, one can drive from Delhi to Amritsar on a single charge with the Kona. In real road conditions (during tests in the EU), this battery achieved a range of 289 km — roughly Delhi to Kasauli — on a single charge.

Mass market cars such as the Tata Tigor EV or the Mahindra eVerito have a more modest range — about 100 km in road conditions.

The government hopes to address the concerns regarding batteries by developing an ecosystem of fast-charging stations and swapping of batteries, at least on a transitional basis.

### Directional flip-flops

The Indian automobile and components sector, which is witnessing its worst sales in over a decade, is currently in the process of investing upwards of Rs 1 lakh crore for manufacture of more environment-friendly BS-VI compliant vehicles from April 2020. The shift to the new BS-VI norms comes less than 3.5 years after BS-IV-rated cars were rolled out — an extremely tight window. The EV plan now comes smack in the middle of this transition.

Recent reports that the government is considering banning the sale of internal combustion engine (ICE) three-wheelers by 2023 and less than 150cc two-wheelers by 2025 has further ruffled feathers, with the SIAM calling it "impractical". A SIAM functionary says the industry needs a "stable long-term policy" and that the shift to EVs requires "the building of an entire ecosystem and not piecemeal build-up".

Currently, EV makers, whether of cars, commercial vehicles or two-wheelers, have to deal with the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Ministry of Road Transport for guidelines, the Ministry of Power on charging infrastructure, as well as the Ministry of Finance and GST Council over taxation issues. NITI Aayog too has jumped into the fray. Other government agencies such as the ARAI are involved in certification of cars.

The duplication of efforts also means policy flip-flops. The first Modi government had said it plans to come out with a policy on EVs, but in 2017, the Ministry of Road Transport said a new policy was not required. Now it's back to the original stand.

### Subsidies and prices

Even if the charging issue was adequately addressed, EVs are currently priced out of the market. The Kona is pegged at Rs 25.30 lakh, while a comparable product, the Hyundai Creta, costs Rs 12-15 lakh for the petrol version. Hyundai says it does not expect big demand for the Kona and that it was introduced with a broader objective. "We will have a top-down approach... We will bring lower-end electric cars later. We think that the real demand and meaningful volume will be interesting in the mass market vehicle," says S S Kim, MD & CEO of Hyundai Motor India.

Similarly, the Tata Tigor EV starts at Rs 9.9 lakh as compared to Rs 5.5 lakh for the petrol version. The electric WagonR may cost as much as Rs 12 lakh, compared to the Rs 4.20-Rs 5.70 lakh (ex-showroom, Delhi) for its petrol version. Maruti Suzuki's Bhargava fears that the price of electrifying a small car may put it beyond the reach of buyers.

There seems to be consensus within the industry that for any material difference on the final price, there has to be large-scale production of three primary components of an EV — the battery, the motor controller and the electric engine. And that there has to be a combination of EV-focused incentives and disincentives for ICE vehicles. Norway, for example, waives the high taxes it imposes on sales of other cars for EVs, lets EVs run in bus lanes, exempts them from road tolls, and allows free charge at parking lots, while new charging stations are being continuously built on highways.

EVs in the US, Europe and China have up to 40% "all-in" subsidies, including direct federal or state subsidy to buyers and mandates to manufacturers. In Korea, Kim says, while the central government gives 25% subsidy on the cost of an EV, the local city authorities provide an additional 25% subsidy.

The leader in EV penetration level, with these making up over 40% of its light vehicle sales in 2018, Norway, is followed by Iceland (EV penetration of 17%), Sweden (7%) and the Netherlands (5%). China is targeting sales of 7 million new-energy vehicles by 2025, which may account for 15% of its market by then, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

S&P Global Platts Analytics believes EVs and plug-in hybrids will account for nearly half of global car sales by 2040. Bank of America Merrill Lynch predicts global oil demand growth will peak by 2030, largely due to the popularity of EVs.

### The way ahead

Charging infrastructure has to be at the centre of any policy push. Charging points can be rolled out on a city-by-city basis. This would be consistent with global experience where 33% of all EV sales take place in 14 cities alone, where charging infrastructure is widespread and convenient to use.

Given India's unique mobility pattern, the focus should be on small, public and rural transportation. The two-wheeler focus also makes sense from the point of practicality. Small batteries, short-distance commutes, and vehicles being parked inside housing premises makes charging two-wheelers an easier prospect. Given the CNG station queues currently, cars must clearly be pushed only after charging infrastructure reaches a critical mass.

India has around 180 million two-wheelers. Assuming that each of these uses a little over half a litre of petrol per day, or about 200 litres per year, it works out to around 36 billion litres. At Rs 72 per litre, this would cost about Rs 2.6 lakh crore. On a conservative assumption that 50% of this is imported crude, there is a possibility of saving Rs 1.3 lakh crore worth of imported oil. If the EV push is planned right, there is a real possibility of such savings actually working out over the next few years.

According to the government's latest numbers (June 2019), through support given for purchase of hybrids and EVs, approximately 48 million litres of fuel has been saved so far.

Clearly, there is a long way to go.

The ABL *kaksh* at the Rajkiya Adarsh school in Vishnoda village, Dholpur, has lines on the walls for children to write on and activities to make learning fun; at the Karimpur school, Kamlesh Mittal teaches children using props she designed

Priyanka, on the right, with her friends at the Kasturba school in Kuchaman, Nagaur. Daughter of a marble worker, her education is funded by the state; several school buildings in Dholpur have been painted to look like trains to attract students

Rakhi, a Class 4 student of the Karimpur school, with her family — mother Bhuri, siblings, cousin and her pet goat Ilu

In Rajasthan, the progress of every child is tracked through three Summative Assessments and internal tests. *The Sunday Express* visited schools in Nagaur and Dhlolpur districts between February and May

# A HAPPY CLASS

**Once a laggard in education, Rajasthan has been working to make schools less dreary and more child-focused, a path also advocated by the recent draft education policy. The results are visible, with its districts topping the last National Achievement Survey. TEXT & PHOTOGRAPHS by UMA VISHNU, recounting the success stories in Dholpur and Nagaur's big leaps**

THE NINE-year-old gasps twice before she speaks, haltingly, in English, "I... I am Rakhi. I am studying in Class 4." For those tense seconds, Rakhi stands stiff, staring at the floor, pinching the seams of her coffee brown uniform *kurta*. The mountain of a task done, she tosses back her hair, breaks into a high-wattage smile and sticks out her hand: "How are you? How was your day?"

But her teacher Kamlesh Mittal isn't letting her off soon. "Here, do some maths," she says, pushing a long notebook in her direction. "9,999 + 825 + 7,000...," she says in Hindi. "*Dhyan se, seedhi banake* (carefully, with the place values right, like a ladder)...."

Mittal, in charge of the primary school in Karimpur in Rajasthan's Dholpur district, has been a teacher for 31 years. "See how good they are," she says as Rakhi gets the sum right. "Maths is not a problem for these children. It's English that they struggle with. And there, we can't help them much."

Next, it's Arman's turn. He walks up to Mittal's desk, his brow knit with worry. "Show me how you do this subtraction," she says, giving him a notebook with two three-digit numbers. As the boy uses his left hand to count, Mittal says, "When Arman got into Class 4, he was terrible at maths. I started by giving him Class 1 maths, sometimes Class 2. Now he comes and asks, 'Ma'am, what can I solve?'."

By now, Arman has done the three-digit subtraction and Mittal triumphantly pushes the notebook our way. "See, *ek dum theek*." Arman smiles, his brow still knit.

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Mittal is part of the State Initiative for Quality Education (SIQE), a quiet revolution sweeping through Rajasthan's government schools, where a focus on improving learning levels has seen an entire department recalibrate its working. From tracking every child's learning levels to identifying the ones who have fallen behind and teaching them in smaller groups; from teachers making 15-day teaching plans for the class and for individual children; from Activity Based Learning kits to workshops through video conferencing to help teachers make maths and science less dreary, SIQE involves everyone from the local panchayat to the education secretary and all in between — principals, teachers and the students themselves.

The results have been showing. In the last National Achievement Survey (NAS), conducted in 2017, which tests children in Classes 3, 5 and 8 for language, science, mathematics and social studies, Rajasthan scored the highest in Class 8 among all states — language (a state-wide average score of 67%), mathematics (57%), and science (62%). *The Sunday Express* listed all districts across India according to their NAS Class 8 maths score and of the top 10 districts, six were from Rajasthan, with Nagaur (70.53%), Dholpur (70.11%) and Dausa (68.49%) the Top 3. Besides, in the Performance Grading Index for school education (2017-18) prepared by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and released earlier this year, Rajasthan ranked the highest in 'learning outcomes and quality', scoring 168 out of 180 points.

The trigger for much of this churn is classrooms such as Mittal's.

Behind Mittal's desk is a pink chart paper with names of all 86 children in the school from Classes 1 to 5. Against each name are two columns — one the child's class, and the other the "*kaksha sthar*" or grade level indicating the child's learning level. Rakhi's is Class 4, Class 4; Arman's is Class 4, Class 1.

Of the 69 children from classes 2 to 5 in the school, the learning levels of 54 are not up to grade. Mittal says that when the year began, there were only six children among 18 in Class 5 who were grade appropriate; that number has now gone up to nine.

"By the time they finish Class 5, we have to make sure all these children can do what a Class 5 child should be doing in terms of reading, writing, maths and science. There is a lot of work left," says Mittal, adding, "But at least now we know what the problem is, which child to focus on."

In Rajasthan's government schools, every child in the primary classes has a "portfolio", usually a paper file which holds his/her worksheets done in class and assessed by the teacher. The file also tracks the child's progress through three Summative Assessments and internal tests.

Rakhi is Rakhi-I on her yellow portfolio. "That's because there are two Rakhis in Class 4," says Mittal, thumbing through Rakhi-I's worksheets — multiplication sums, an essay on trees, fill in the blanks and a lotus that she has drawn, with the teachers' comments scrawled along the margins.

The school is by an open sewage pool. "This is not the sight that should be greeting children every morning. Please do something about this," Mittal tells a group of officials from the Education Department who are on an impromptu visit to the school.

There are other problems too. The school has five classrooms, but only two teachers, so the students from classes 1 to 5 share three classrooms. "We bring small gifts, notebooks, pens, to keep the children motivated. We also get them to do activity-based learning," she says.

Mittal says she and her husband, who works in the Dholpur collectorate, have sat up several nights to make these props — *shuniya man patti* to teach place value; *ank seedhi*, a game modelled on snakes and ladders; and a way to do addition and subtraction with match sticks. But a favourite with children is *gale ka number*, for which Mittal has fashioned number tags from old playing cards which children wear around their necks. So for instance, if Rakhi gets the 72 tag, she stays 72 for the entire day and understands the number vis-à-vis other numbers — that 72 is 5 more than Armaan's 67, 2 more than 70 and so on. "This way, numbers come alive and stay less abstract. It's good to know that 72 has its uses, that it's more than just a number that has to be placed in units and tens places," says Mittal.

Under the SIQE programme, 4,068 schools in Rajasthan — 159 of these in Dholpur — have a designated room for Activity Based Learning (ABL) sessions for the primary grades. The state sanctions Rs 20,000 for these ABL *kaksh* or rooms — Rs 6,700 for a specially designed ABL kit and Rs 13,300 for the display boards, painting work and desks.

Recognising a "severe learning crisis" in India, the recent draft National Education Policy (NEP) too recommended a similar model of activity-based learning in the primary and pre-primary classes. "Classrooms will allow flexible seating arrangements; learning materials will be safe, stimulating, developmentally appropriate, low cost, and preferably created using environmentally-friendly and locally-sourced materials... (such as) picture cards, puzzles, dominoes, simple musical instruments," the report said.

The Rajkiya Adarsh Uch Madhyamik Vidyalaya in Vishnoda village, Dholpur, has just completed work on its ABL *kaksh*. As children sit around in little groups around colourful tables, playing pretend games with fake currency, principal Rajendra Bagela says, "This is how learning should be. We were probably doing it wrong all this while."

He then joins the children in a song and dance session — about a *kagaz ki gudiya* (paper doll) without ears, eyes, arms, etc., and how it uses a rabbit's ears to hear, an owl's eyes to see and so on.

The Karimpur school doesn't have an ABL room yet, but Mittal isn't waiting for one to be sanctioned. "I made these activities myself. I learnt some of this during one of the videoconferencing programmes I attended," she says.

Across Rajasthan, for two days every two months, teachers assemble in select schools for a live videoconferencing session, during which experts and educationists talk to teachers in far-flung areas about simple activities to make learning fun. These sessions are usually held in model or 'Adarsh' schools. There is usually one such school with classes from 1 to 12 in each gram panchayat that acts as a mentor for other schools in the area.

"Each time, over two lakh teachers across 3,000 schools in the state turn up for these videoconferencing sessions," says Mukesh Garg, Dholpur's Additional District Programme Coordinator of Samagra Shiksha or SAMSA, an integrated scheme for school education from primary to Class 12.

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In 2013-14 then chief minister Vasundhara Raje set up the CM's Advisory Council, with nine sub-groups, including on health, power and education. Led by educationists such as Urvashi Sahni, founder and CEO of the Lucknow-based Study Hall Education Foundation, Gowri Ishwaran, CEO of the Global Education & Leadership Foundation, and Arun Kapur of Delhi's Vasant Valley School, the education sub-group held a series of deliberations on reforms, with SIQE topping their agenda.

Like several good ideas, this one too would have stayed on paper if not for an army of inspired footsoldiers led by Naresh Pal Gangwar, a 1994-batch IAS officer who came in as Principal Secretary in charge of School Education. Gangwar instantly recognised that the scale was huge and the base dismal — according to the HRD Ministry's DISE data for 2013-14, Rajasthan had 83,564 government schools with over 64 lakh children and over three lakh teachers, but saw very little by way of learning.

The 2013 Annual Status of Education Survey, conducted by NGO Pratham and released early 2014, showed that only 41.1% of Class 5 government school students nationwide could read a Class 2 textbook and only 20.8% could do division. The figures for Rajasthan were worse — only 35.8% Class 5 students could read a Class 2 textbook and only 15.2% could do division.

Thus began a process of overhaul. To begin with, the complex school organisation system — with multiple buildings and managements for primary, upper primary, and secondary schools — was rationalised. The state carried out one of the biggest school integration exercises, merging more than 17,000 primary and upper primary schools with secondary and higher secondary schools by April 2014, often in the face of resistance by parents, teachers and activists.

The recent Economic Survey too had recommended consolidation or merger of elementary schools to make them viable, given a projected 18.4 per cent decline in the population of children in the 5-14 age group between 2021 and 2041.

There have been more changes in Rajasthan: Adarsh schools were chosen, teachers and principals were given leadership training, 1.25 lakh teachers were recruited and pending promotions cleared. Through all this, a clear line of communication was established — both through the official Shala Darpan, the one-stop portal for everything from student portfolios to teacher vacancies to daily communication, and about 12,000 WhatsApp groups.

"The entire department got synergised. Everybody had a voice and transmission loss was reduced. We got feedback instantly and could start working to rectify or go ahead with what we planned," says Gangwar, who is now Principal Secretary, Energy.

Buildings were spruced and basic facilities such as toilets, drinking water and boundary walls put in place. Many schools got a new look, with a fresh coat of paint and wall paintings. School buildings painted to look like train coaches are currently the most popular design, says Garg, the SAMSA coordinator in Dholpur.

There are, however, challenges. In the absence of adequate funding — the Interim Budget presented in February set aside 16.8% for education — much of this change has depended heavily on individual leaders, especially principals and teachers who have been motivated to, besides contributing money themselves, raise funds from the community through crowdfunding.

Almost every government school in the state has an Akshay Petika, a box where members of the community make donations, anything from as low as Re 1 to a few thousands. The Petika is opened only during meetings of the school management committee, which has parents and community leaders as members. Schools also prominently display a list of 'Bhamashas' or members of the village community who have made significant contributions. The money is used to fund anything from sweaters for children to desks and fans in classrooms.

In August 2017, the Department of Education set up Gyan Sankalp, an online portal that encourages individuals, companies and non-profits to adopt a school, make donations or support a project. Since its launch, the government has raised Rs 100.2 crore through the portal.

N K Gupta, State Project Director, SAMSA, admits to other challenges, among them, the quality of teacher training. "Earlier, once teachers got into the system, there was no training of any kind. Now we have six to 10 categories of training. However, we need to improve the quality of training and strengthen DIETs (District Institutes of Education and Training). Many of these DIETS have 50% vacancies," he says.

Nevertheless, Gupta adds, there's no going back. "The change that has come in through SIQE is now a regular feature. Governments may come and go but this will continue. We have managed to fill a lot of teacher vacancies, with about 32,000 new teachers since the Congress government took over. Some more are in the pipeline. Once all that is done, there will be less than 5% vacancies," says Gupta, a 2004-batch IAS officer.

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Over 500 km from Dholpur, on the state's eastern fringes, is Nagaur, a district in the catchment area of the Sambhar lake, known more for its salt pans and granite and lignite mines, less for the NAS it topped in 2017.

Nikita Meel knows what it feels to be on top. The daughter of a marble worker in Makarana block of Nagaur, Nikita scored 92.16% in her Class 10, with a perfect A+ in mathematics, earning her a laptop under the Rajasthan government's Laptop Yojana. "It's a Lenovo. I left it behind at home. My father uses it, mostly plays games that I taught him. My brother uses it too," she says.

Under the scheme, the top 6,000 students of the state, besides 100 toppers in each district, get laptops.

Nikita is a student of the Government Surji Devi Kabra Girls Senior Secondary School in Kuchaman block of the district and stays in the government-run Sharade hostel for Classes 9-12. The hostel shares a compound with the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Awasiya Vidyalaya, a residential school for girls from Classes 6 to 8, one of 200-odd such schools in the state for children from SC/ST, backward and minority communities, with 25% seats reserved for EWS.

Nikita's younger sister studies in the Kasturba school and brother back home in the village.

It's around 7 pm, dinner time, and the girls are eating soyabean and *chapatis*, sometimes four to a plate. "We have been together so long, this feels like family," says Nikita.

A group of girls sit on the steps of the Kasturba building, discussing the plot of *Kumkum Bhagya* and *Kundli Bhagya*, two soap operas they watch back to back, from 8 pm to 9 pm. "After dinner, we study for an hour and then come to the TV room. But even if we don't watch the serials for some days, the story is still the same," chuckles Priyanka, who is in Class 7 and stays here with her sister.

Priyanka is a member of the school Bal Sansad or Children's Parliament, a concept introduced by the state government to inculcate a sense of leadership among children. "*Mein school ki bhojan mantri hoon aur safai mantri bhi* (I am the school's food and cleanliness minister). I have to make sure children don't waste food. Also, if they have complaints about the food, I talk to our warden about it. Then there are others — a *pradhan mantri*, water minister, health minister...."

Warden Sharda Chaudhary, who has been working with the school for 10 years, earning Rs 12,000 a month, says, "This place is like their home. All of them come from extremely deprived families and we do our best to keep them happy. The government sanctions Rs 55 per child, with which we are supposed to provide them milk, toast, breakfast, fruits, tea, lunch and dinner. We end up spending a lot more."

The following morning, Block Elementary Education Officer Dinesh Singh, who is carrying out an inspection of the MDM (mid-day meal) scheme across the block, makes a stop at the Burdako Ki Dhani Primary School by the main road. He notices two teachers sitting in the verandah outside and asks them, "Why aren't you in your classes? And why are the children roaming around?"

Bhagwani Mahich, the senior teacher, responds: "Sir, there are only 12 students. *Padhane me mazaa tabhi hota hai jab bachche honge* (teaching is fun only when there are enough students)...." Singh cuts her short sharply. "If teaching doesn't interest you, you should find something else to do. There are several people who can take your place," he says.

As he drives out, Singh says, "See, there are problems. The school has already got a notice for closure. To be fair to the teachers, there are very few homes in this area and they too send children to private schools because the buses come right to their doorsteps. But that's also why these teachers should work doubly hard — visit homes, show them the portfolios of children so that parents realise how much work goes on in government schools."

At the Karimpur school in Dholpur, Mittal is playing a game of *ank seedhi* with the children in one of the rooms. It's 12.45 pm, minutes left for dispersal. Rakhi's mother, a cook at the school, turns up at the door and Rakhi asks Mittal if she can leave. As she heads out, she says, "*Bade hoke main teacher banungi... aap ki tarah. Achcha, aap teacher nahin hain? Journalist? Phir mein journalist banoongi* (I will grow up to be a teacher like you. You are a journalist? I will be a journalist then.)"

## RAJASTHAN SCHOOLS

**1,07,931**
Total schools (2015-16)

**70,664**
Govt schools

**34,872**
Private schools

**1,23,40,135**
Total enrollment (2015-16)

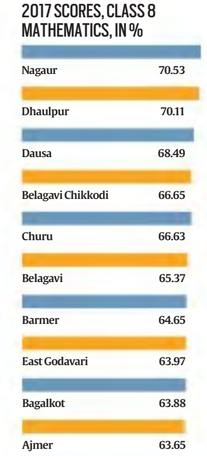
**62,66,075**
Enrollment in govt schools

**58,91,623**
Enrollment in pvt schools

**19:1**
Pupil Teacher ratio

*Source: DISE data, 2015-16*

## TOP 10 DISTRICTS BY NAS 2017 SCORES, CLASS 8 MATHEMATICS, IN %




* 6 of the top 10 in Rajasthan, 3 in Karnataka, 1 in Andhra Pradesh
* Top 3 in Rajasthan
*Source: NAS data, 2017*

INTERVIEW

## 'Will probe if there was RTE violation in schools merged by previous govt'

**Govind Singh Dotasra, MoS (Independent) for Primary and Secondary Education, Rajasthan, talks about the govt's roadmap for education**

**How committed is the government to sustaining the educational reforms of the last few years?**

After our government took over, 54,000 teachers whose cases were stuck in court were selected, counselled and sent to school. We did in six months what the previous government couldn't in their five years.

We also strengthened the bond between the community and government schools through monthly Bal Sabhas that are held in village chaupals across the state. These events are attended by teachers, students and community elders... the idea is for all stakeholders to come together to improve the quality of education. On the Bal Sabhas held on May 9, villagers made donations worth Rs 5 crore – additional rooms in schools, fans, furniture, uniform, RO, etc...

We also launched the Rajiv Gandhi Career guidance portal for students of classes 9-12. Now every child has a login ID through which she can know her career options...

We have also done a lot for teachers. For instance, there were 73 Urdu teachers who had been posted in schools where there were no students for the subject. Similarly, for teachers of commerce and so on. So we transferred them to match students with subject teachers and thus used our resources more effectively.

We undid some of the curriculum changes the previous government brought in to impose the Sangh ideology on students.

Also, for the first time, we set up 33 Mahatma Gandhi English-medium schools, one in each district, with Classes from 1 to 8. We had to do admissions through lottery because the demand was huge. We plan to set up such schools in every block.

**Is the government planning to reopen the schools that were merged by your predecessor?**

We have formed a committee to examine the merger exercise that the previous government undertook. According to the information we have, 2,851 schools were shut in violation of RTE norms. We will examine that and also see if some of these schools have enough students. If they do, we may reopen them.

**Are funds a challenge? Most of the schools depend heavily on private donors and community leaders to meet their infrastructure demands.**

Funding will never be an issue. The CM in his Budget speech said 50 new primary schools will be set up, 60 will be converted from primary to higher primary, 100 from higher primary to secondary, and 500 secondary schools will be turned into higher secondary schools. So many schools have never been announced in any Budget before. So funding is not an issue.

# Prime time on the border

## Govt is giving DD set-top boxes to J&K villages to stop them 'falling prey to Pak propaganda'. Are we still in antenna age, ask villagers

ARUN SHARMA

TARSEM SINGH, 52, of Bobiyan village in Kathua went to Hiranagar, 10 km away, to receive a free Doordarshan set-top box from the Union Minister of State in the PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh, last month.

However, he is yet to make up his mind on what to do with it as he already has one set-top box at home. "The government was distributing them for free. I thought let's get one first and then decide what to do with it," he says.

A farmer who owns nearly four acres, Tarsem was among the 20 people who were handed over the set-top boxes by the Union minister himself. Of them, 10 hailed from the border Kathua district and five each from the adjoining Samba and Jammu districts.

The Central government intends to distribute 15,000 DD set-top boxes each in Jammu and Kashmir divisions for free. In the first phase, 1,500 set-top boxes have been distributed in Kathua, Samba and Jammu.

Giving the boxes, Singh said people in border areas were compelled to watch "propaganda" of Pakistani TV channels as connectivity in border areas in the absence of mobile phone and TV signals remained a major issue, and that the Centre wanted to check this through DD, which would disseminate "authentic information". With the DD set-top boxes, he said, the villagers could watch nearly 100 free-to-air channels and get information on government policies.

To be eligible, households had to be located within 0-5 km area of the International Border or Line of Control, have a TV/LCD screen, an official electricity connection, and a mobile phone connection. The government also specified that priority would be given to households with no access to TV cable network.

This, laughs Bobiyan sarpanch Bharat Bushan Sharma, shows how government decisions are taken. "*Yeh ek jeeta-jaagta udaharan hai ki sarkar mein baithey log kaisey aam janata ke dukh-takleefon aur jagah ki jankari ke bagair, apney daftron mein baith kar, unkey liye policy banatey hein* (This is a living example of how bureaucrats make policies for general masses sitting in their offices without an idea of their problems or of the area they live in)."

He adds, "What does the government want to convey by distributing DD set-top boxes when almost every household has a dish in border areas these days? Perhaps officials are under the impression that people in border areas still have TV antennas. These have been replaced by dish long ago, bringing an end to the popularity of Pakistani TV channels in the area."

Sharma points out that the border villagers have never asked for free set-top boxes, and that their demands rather are installation of more mobile phone towers so that they can get better signal, five *marla* plots at safer places, away from the border, and reservation for their children in jobs and professional colleges.

Tarsem, along with his mother, wife and three children — in classes 8, 6 and nursery — lives in a *pucca* house. With a monthly income that he puts at Rs 2,000, he has a portable, 14-inch colour TV, a smartphone, and a washing machine. The 52-year-old says that while he bought the TV second-hand and installed the dish four years ago, most villagers had replaced the traditional aluminium antenna 14-15 years ago.

Before the installation of DTH, he would watch Pakistan TV on a neighbour's black-and-white set as its signal was more clear than DD's. While he can't recall now the names of the shows he watched, Tarsem says it was hardly propaganda. Now, with his dish, Tarsem mostly watches news and sports, while the children watch entertainment channels.

Local businessman Desh Rattan, who remembers watching Pakistani shows such as *Neelamgarh* and *Deewarein*, says, "Until three decades ago, what to speak of border areas, even people in Jammu city used to watch Pakistani TV shows as their telecast was more clear than DD's."

Nearly 5 km away, Asha Rani of Panjgrain village, who also received a DD set-top box from the minister, too has a dish at home. She says her late husband, Som Dutt, got it installed nearly two years ago. She lives in a *pucca* house along with her mother-in-law Kanta Devi and two children.

"I told them we already have a dish, but my name got shortlisted for getting a set-top box from the government," she says, in apparent reference to officials who visited the village to identify beneficiaries. Asha Rani adds, "If the government wanted to help families living below poverty line in border areas, it should have given them something which they did not have."

She also hopes for a 5-*marla* plot where she could move along with her children in case of firing by Pakistan.

Sons Muneesh and Nitin, who study in a private school in the village, complain that the movie and entertainment channels they watch are not available on the DD set-top box. Nitin lists his favourites: Star Utsah, Zee Anmol, Sony Wah, Sony Pal and Zee Cinema.

A rethink on the part of the government isn't likely though. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Sanjeev Verma says the scheme intends to give free DD set-top boxes to every house in border areas. "However, as nearly 70-80 per cent of the people already have set-top boxes, there is a possibility some of them will get these ones too."

Tarsem Singh at his home, with a dish already installed on the roof. He says he isn't sure what to do with the DD set-top box but took it as it was for free. *Arun Sharma*

### 66 PER CENT HOUSEHOLDS OWN TV SETS

At the function to launch the distribution of free set-top boxes in Jammu and Kashmir last month, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said that every household in India would soon have a television. "There are 25 crore households in India and 18 crore have a TV set. There are still seven crore households without a TV," he said.

A look at India's television story:

**THE BEGINNING**

Tucked away at the bottom of the third page of *The Indian Express* on January 6, 1950, was a small news item from Madras. T N Seshadri, who worked as Physics and Soil Mechanics Officer with the Public Works Department, had written about a cathode-ray television set on display at the polytechnic wing of the Industries Department in Teynampet. The TV set only displayed an image of a scanned letter, and Seshadri wrote that to his knowledge "this is the very first time that such a demonstration is shown in Madras, if not in India".

To now: India is one of the world's largest TV markets. According to data collected by the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) of India in 2018, of 298 million households in the country, 197 million households — or 66 per cent of the households — own a TV set.

**TV HOMES**

Census 2001: 32% households had TV (60.6 million of 191.9 million households)
Census 2011: 47%
BARC 2018: 66%

**THE TARGET**

Between 2016 and 2018, as per BARC data, 14 million households got a TV set. Even at that rate, it can take nearly 15 years for television to penetrate 100 million households that don't have a TV at present.

Industry insiders say TV is one of the first things a household buys, after a fan, once the home is electrified. So while the country is approaching nearly 100% electrification, a third of the country doesn't own a TV.

**WHAT LIES AHEAD**

Industry sources say the definition of what is considered television is rapidly changing. Unlike earlier, when a cathode-ray tube screen, flat-screen LED or plasma screen was considered a television, now any screen has the potential to function as one. With mobile phones growing at a much faster rate than the number of traditional TV screens, there is a possibility that TV penetration in the country in future could outstrip the actual number of TV sets that households own.

KRISHN KAUSHIK

### TAKE 5

FACES ON THE FRINGES OF NEWS

PAWAN VERMA, 47, TEACHER IN BARABANKI

'Many of us travel from far to schools in interiors, with no network'

## '700 have faced pay cuts for not taking selfies... we're unhappy'

**Teachers in UP's Barabanki district have been asked to mark attendance by taking a selfie in school and sending it to the Basic Shiksha Adhikari before 8 am every day, failing which they would be marked absent and their day's salary deducted. Verma points out problems with the order**

**1 When was the order given?**
It was given in May by the district's Chief Development Officer (CDO). It is being implemented rigorously now.

**2 How does the system work?**
We are supposed to take a selfie and send it to a WhatsApp group. Schools start at 8 am and we are given grace time of about 5-10 minutes to post selfies. Those who fail to do so in the stipulated time stand to lose half the day's pay and those who don't do it at all lose the entire day's salary. Salaries of 700 teachers have been deducted since May.

**3 Is this applicable to all schools?**
There are 7,500 teachers in 3,150 primary and upper primary schools in the district, where this order is applicable.

**4 Do teachers support the order?**
Teachers are unhappy because many of them travel from far-off places to schools in the interiors, where it's difficult to reach. Moreover, some of these areas have network issues... Some senior teachers are not well-equipped with smart phones.

**5 Has the attendance improved?**
Teachers have been trying to reach on time against all odds... But now, they are also using the WhatsApp groups to point out problems at their schools. Some have been posting selfies with stagnant water in the background.

MAULSHREE SETH

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN NCLT COURTROOM, FORT, MUMBAI

# 'Going to court is like going to a graveyard'

## Since January 2017, National Company Law Tribunal, the adjudicating authority for bankruptcy and corporate cases, has admitted 1,858 cases and managed closure in little over a half. No surprise then that 'judicial members' usually have one advice: settle

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN

IT'S A humid day at the end of June, and the discomfort is showing among the 60 people crammed into a room designed to hold no more than 25. In an earlier avatar, this room might have been a conference room. Today, it is functioning as a court room of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Mumbai.

Despite the crowd interest, the case being heard isn't anything sensational, but a mundane corporate matter where a director of a firm and his promoter are fighting over a Rs 2.5 crore compensation. But since the passage of the bankruptcy law in 2016, the NCLT office, at Mahatma Gandhi Road at Fort, is as central to the Mumbai corporate world as the iconic BSE building or Bombay House, the headquarters of the Tata group.

Under the law, the NCLT is the adjudicating authority for bankruptcy and corporate cases, and a massive influx of cases means it is now as busy as the rest of India's overburdened judicial system. It is also as short of infrastructure and staff strength. Apart from bankruptcy cases, the NCLT also hears matters such as allegations of oppression and mismanagement against companies.

Since January 2017, the tribunal has admitted 1,858 cases under the bankruptcy law. Till March 2019, only 715 had seen some kind of closure. Of the rest that are pending, 362 cases have been pending beyond 270 days, the time limit set by the bankruptcy law for closure.

The burden of numbers is evident at the NCLT, with its walls plastered with notices like "Kindly give seats to Advocates and lawyers/professionals during proceedings... Others may occupy seats if they are empty".

The contesting parties include lenders and borrowers, buyers and suppliers, as well as employers and employees. Just like lawyers seeking customers outside regular courts, the NCLT has 'resolution professionals' chasing clients handing out business cards.

On this June day, the cause list has 52 cases, and all of them are called out. It is no surprise that the "judicial members (equivalent to judges)" begin the proceedings asking litigants, "Any chance of a settlement?"

Seeking to push the parties towards settlements rather than lengthy trials, the judicial members use humour to prodding and reprimand. Hearing the case of the director versus the company promoter, the judicial member tells the latter's son, "I know that in courts *joh jeeta wahi Sikandar,* but *babu,* tell your father to be considerate. Going to court is like going to a graveyard."

In another case, involving the division of a family business, an aunt is told to invite a warring nephew and make lunch for him as the means to reach a settlement. The suggestion does not go down well with either party.

Unlike other courts, the NCLT regularly hears litigants who come without lawyers, like a 69-year old today who has approached the tribunal against a firm to whom she had let out her property and which has gone bankrupt. She says the company owes her Rs 1 crore in rent and interest and was refusing to vacate. At the hearing, a company official offers to pay Rs 10 lakh within a week but the judicial members ask the firm to revise it or be ready for an adverse judgment.

A soft-spoken young lawyer, struggling to make herself heard over the din, is offered help in filing an affidavit. "When did you pass your law? After Class 10th?" a judicial member remarks. "You look like a 15-year-old."

Not everyone is treated as gently. Snapping at a lawyer for frequent interruption, a judicial member says, "I think your fees is fixed on the basis of the number of words you speak." The room bursts out laughing.

An hour-long lunch break follows, and one of the first cases to be taken up after it is a bankruptcy case that has resulted in a potential environment hazard. Thirteen vessels of a shipping firm that owes Rs 1,500 crore to its lenders have been floating unmanned at one of the country's busiest ports in Mumbai, with at least two oil ships lying tangled at the Bombay Port Trust (BPT). The BPT and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust have approached the NCLT to seek removal of the ships, fearing chances of an oil spill off the Mumbai coast.

During the course of the hearing, a bemused judicial member tells the BPT, "Can we visit these ships? We have never been on one."

With 32 new judicial members joining after a government notification in May, more than doubling the NCLT's strength, perhaps they may have time now to fulfill that wish.

Besides bankruptcy cases, NCLT also hears matters such as allegations of mismanagement against companies. *Prashant Nadkar*

**THE SUNDAY PROFILE: P JAYARAJAN, THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE OF AN NRI SUICIDE ROW, CPM KANNUR TENSION**

# THE FOREVER REBEL

He has cadres jostling for selfies and fan pages devoted to him. As P Jayarajan grows in popularity in the CPM bastion of Kannur, the party watches warily. The recent suicide of a Kerala businessman that laid bare fissures within the CPM has only worsened its sense of unease

**SHAJU PHILIP**

ON THE night of May 18, with five days left for counting of votes for the Lok Sabha elections, C O T Naseer, a former CPI(M) worker who contested from Vatakara constituency in Kerala as an Independent candidate, was attacked by assailants. The opposition Congress pointed fingers at the CPI(M), particularly at P Jayarajan, the party candidate from the seat and an accused in two cases of political killings in Kannur district.

Two days after the attack, Jayarajan rushed to the hospital where Naseer was admitted. He later told reporters, "Naseer has always been my friend. I have nothing to do with the attack. This is a move to frame me."

The case saw a twist when on June 21 police arrested N K Ragesh, an aide of CPI(M) legislator A N Shamseer, who represents Thalassery Assembly seat that's part of Vatakara.

Recovering from the attack, Naseer, 37, a native of Thalassery, told *The Sunday Express*, "Shamseer has held a grudge against me ever since I exposed certain anomalies in the development of a stadium last year." He added that the assailants probably chose to attack him during the elections knowing well that the blame would shift to Jayarajan.

When contacted by *The Sunday Express*, Shamseer refused to coment.

Arguably the most popular CPM leader in Kannur in a party that is suspicious of personality cults, Jayarajan, a former district secretary, has increasingly been finding himself on the wrong side of the party bosses. Once a close confidant of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, their relationship soured after Vijayan became CM in 2016. He is now often compared to V S Achuthanandan, Vijayan's *bete noir* during his days as party secretary, who was popular among the masses but often took positions that embarrassed the party. But unlike Achuthanandan, Jayarajan is also popular among the party rank and file, with the 66-year-old achieving near cult status among the cadre in the northern districts of the state that are considered the party's stronghold.

Just when the party was dealing with the fallout of the Vatakara attack, the recent suicide of an NRI investor further widened the faultlines within the party, with Jayarajan once again pitted against the seniors in the party.

Sajan Parayil, 48, an expatriate who had returned to the state after 15 years in Nigeria, hanged himself on June 18, allegedly after the CPI (M)-ruled Anthoor municipality delayed the occupancy certificate for a Rs 15-crore convention centre he had built. The 28-member Anthoor municipality has no Opposition members and its chairperson P K Shyamala, wife of M V Govindan, a member of the CPI(M) central committee, was blamed for denying Parayil the certificate. Parayil's wife Beena alleged that Shyamala denied him the clearance since he was close to Jayarajan and had approached him for help.

While the party and the government rallied behind Shyamala, Jayarajan treaded a different path. Four days after the businessman's suicide, at a CPI(M) meeting in Anthoor to explain the party's stand on the issue, with Shyamala on stage, Jayarajan said, "What is the role of councillors in a CPI(M)-ruled municipality? People's representatives have a responsibility towards the public. They have to make officials work for the people... As a Communist leader as well as the municipal chairperson, Shyamala failed to do that."

That his stand met with the CM's disapproval was apparent when Vijayan, while replying to an adjournment motion in the Assembly on the investor's suicide, said, "It has been apparent that in order to insult the CPI(M), party leader Jayarajan himself is being used. There have been such attempts in the past to insult the party using such idols, but those haven't affected the CPI(M)."

In Vijayan's message was an acknowledgment and a sense of unease over Jayarajan's growing stature. In the crowded pantheon of CPI(M) stalwarts from Kannur, Jayarajan has not only managed to find a space for himself but also left some of them rattled.

Kannur is the home ground of party stalwarts such as former CM E K Nayanar and A K Gopalan. CM Vijayan himself and party state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, both Politburo members, are from here. Four members of the central committee, E P Jayarajan, M V Govindan, K K Shailaja and P K Sreemathi, also belong to Kannur.

Over the last two decades, as Kannur witnessed some of worst political murders, three Kannur CPM leaders — P Jayarajan, E P Jayarajan and M V Jayarajan — kept the cadre morale high, flexing their muscles to take on the Sangh Parivar. However, when Vijayan became the CM in 2016 and E P Jayarajan his second-in-command in the Cabinet as Industries Minister, the politics of the Kannur lobby underwent a tangible change.

In 2016, when Jayarajan, then district secretary of the CPI(M), addressed a protest march at a police station in Kannur over an action against a party worker, Kodiyeri reprimanded him since the party thought it was unbecoming of a CPI(M) leader to be protesting at a police station when the Left Democratic Front was in power, with the party holding the Home portfolio.

The CPI(M), mindful of its role as the party in power, has softened its attack on rivals, but Jayarajan has stuck to his style of functioning, using militant ways to take on rivals. Over the last decade, the CBI has chargesheeted him in two cases of political murders, one of an Indian Union Muslim League leader and another related to the killing of an RSS district leader.

Lumpen elements in the party jostled to take selfies with Jayarajan and his loyalists created social media fan pages such as "P J Army". To them, he was the only man who could take on Sangh Parivar cadres, an aura that was cemented by the story of how he had "miraculously returned to life" after being grievously injured in an attack by RSS cadres in August 1999. Last year, a local club in Kannur brought out a video on Jayarajan, extolling him as the "crimson son of Kannur".

Jayarajan, who became district secretary in 2010 after then incumbent P Sasi was removed on charges of sexual misconduct, was also lauded for the social initiatives he launched in Kannur, among them the Initiative for Rehabilitation and Palliative Care (IRPC) that he started in 2015, as part of which hundreds of trained personnel take medical care to homes of terminally ill patients. In 2015, Jayarjan took the lead in organising the party-sponsored Sree Krishna Jayanthi celebrations in response to the BJP's.

Political observer Chandran Churia, who used to be with the Kerala State Youth Federation, (as the CPM youth wing was then called), says Jayarajan is undoubtedly the most popular leader among party workers in Kannur. "He enjoys the support of the youth, including militant elements within the party. The cadre isn't bothered about his alleged involvement in political killings since they believe it's for the greater good of stopping the BJP."

Chandran says Jayarajan's clean image has helped too. "He is not involved in corruption cases and scandals. Unlike other leaders, he hasn't been accused of promoting his children either," he says.

But as Jayarajan's popularity grew, the party leadership got increasingly wary until it decided to crack the whip on the former school dropout. He was censured for glorifying himself and trying to grow beyond the party — a charge Jayarajan had raised against party veteran V S Achuthanandan during the latter's run-ins with Vijayan.

The party moved to clip Jayarajan's wings even before the elections. He was one of the three district secretaries who were made to quit their posts after they were given tickets to contest the Lok Sabha elections. But while the other two district secretaries — K N Balagopal, who contested from Kollam, and V N Vasavan, who contested from Kottayam — got back their posts, they too, like Jayarajan, lost the elections. In his place, the party brought in Vijayan's private secretary M V Jayarajan. Now, P Jayarajan remains only a member of the party state committee.

CPI(M) sources in Kannur say there could be more reasons for the party to clip his wings. Pointing to the groundswell of sentiments against political violence, they say Jayarajan's militant ways were a liability for the party.

A source in the party said, "For the first time, the CPI(M) central committee review on the 2019 election identified political killings in Kannur as a factor that worked against party candidates in North Kerala. The party will no longer take responsibility for crimes committed by lumpen elements."

But K S Hariharan, a central committee member of the Revolutionary Marxist Party of India, a party of CPI(M) rebels, says there's more to the party distancing itself from the Jayarajan brand of politics. "With Amit Shah running the Union Home Ministry and controlling Central investigating agencies, the party doesn't want to take chances. Besides, the government doesn't want any violence to mar its development plans and the business interest of its leaders," he said.

When contacted by *The Sunday Express*, Jayarajan said he did not want to comment and that he had already aired his opinion in public.

Years ago, at the height of the feud between Vijayan and Achuthanandan, Jayarajan had compared the veteran to the donkey in Aesop's Fables, which, while carrying a religious image, mistakenly assumes people's reverence is directed towards it. Now, it remains to be seen whether the party in Kannur will remind him of the parable.

P Jayarajan served as the CPI(M)'s district secretary in Kannur prior to being named as the party's candidate from Vatkara constituency. He lost the polls. *Express*

## THE OTHER JAYARAJANS

### EP JAYARAJAN

**A CPI(M) central committee member, the 69-year-old is Industries Minister and second-in command in the Vijayan Cabinet. In 2016, a few months after the CPI(M) came to power, Jayarajan had to quit over alleged nepotism in public sector appointments. Later, he returned to the Cabinet after the court cleared him of charges. The first all-India president of the CPM youth wing DYFI, Jayarajan, a diploma holder in electrical engineering, had been groomed by the late M V Raghavan, who was ousted from the party in 1986. Jayarajan had escaped an attempt on life in 1995 when he was shot at while on a train.**

### M V JAYARAJAN

**After P Jayarajan was deputed to contest the 2019 election, M V Jayarajan, 59, was made district secretary of the CPI(M) in Kannur. Known for his provocative speeches, he was sentenced to six months in jail in 2011 after he abused High Court judges for a decision on banning roadside meetings. Now out on bail, he has stuck to his controversial ways, and has often publicly abused policemen for taking partymen into custody. In 2016, when Vijayan took over as CM, Jayarajan had been made his private secretary, a post he held until becoming party district secretary in Kannur.**

# America calling

Last month, a 6-yr-old Sikh girl from Haryana died as she and her mother were trying to make their way to the US through the Mexico border. In a bid to reach America, many roads from this region — referred to as "donkey routes" colloquially — end up here. The US has announced nationwide raids to round up illegal immigrants starting today

## THROUGH ITALY

THIS ROUTE is expensive since the cost of an Italian visa is steep, but many people prefer this to others because it involves little danger of drowning or perishing in a jungle. A youngster, who is now working in San Jose, US, on a temporary work permit pending his application for asylum, said it starts with a flight to Rome from New Delhi, following which they are taken to Milan, after spending about month in small towns. At Milan, they are handed over to another agent, who puts them on a flight to Mexico. After a few days in towns bordering the US coastal city of San Diego, they are pushed into American territory. The agent takes away their passports and puts a paper in their pocket saying their life is in danger in their native country and they want asylum.

A 17-year-old boy from Kapurthala who took this route was caught by the US Customs and Border Protection officers in January this year and detained in a refugee camp for about a month. Now his case for asylum is in court.

## A SOUTH AMERICAN ODYSSEY

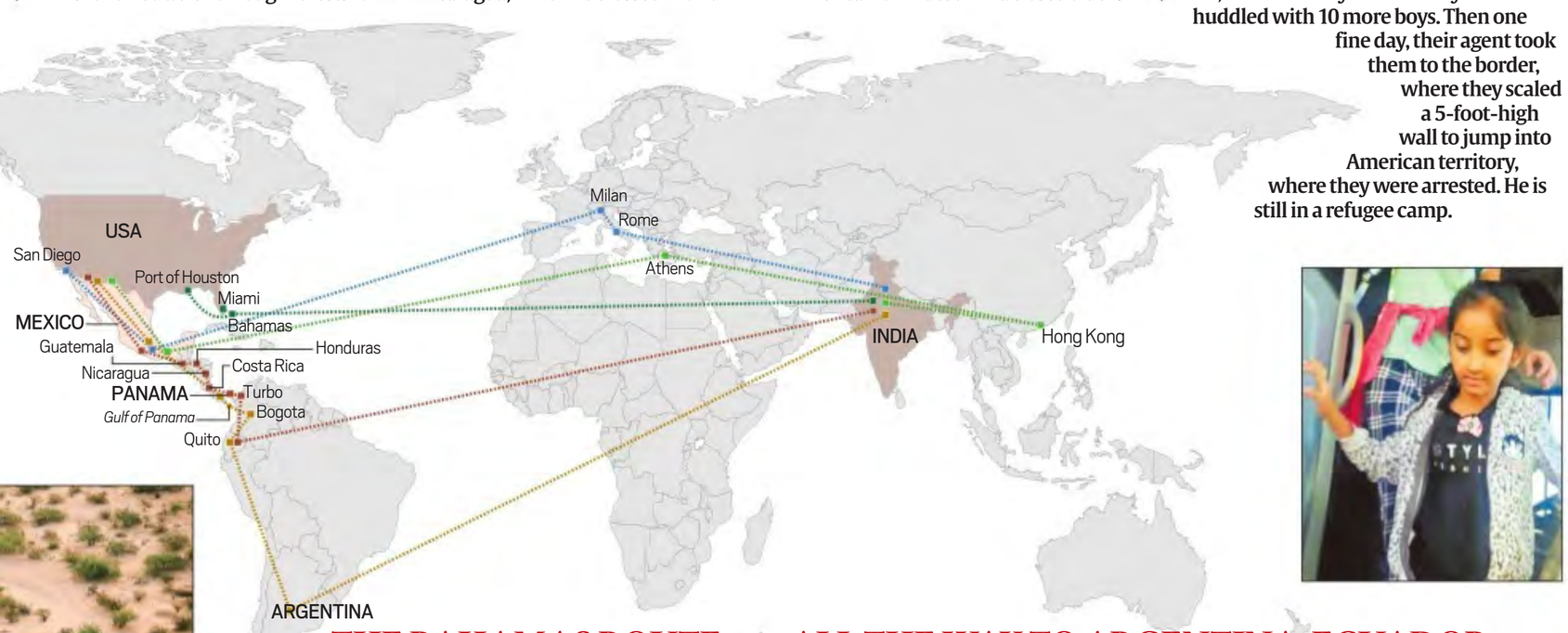
A 20-something youth from a village near Jalandhar who took this route to the US, from where he was deported recently, said it started with a long flight to Quito in Ecuador. He was handed over to local agents, who took him and others to Turbo, a port city in Colombia, on a bus journey that lasted two days. This followed a trek through forests for around five days. After that he was put on a boat to cross the Gulf of Panama and reach Panama mainland.

At Panama, he lived in a refugee camp for over a week and then resumed his journey. The camp officials took him to Costa Rica, where he spent two more days, before hitting a forest in Nicaragua, which he crossed in two days. This was followed by a two-day-long trek through the jungles of Honduras, that he crossed on boats.

The next stop was Guatemala City, Guatemala, from where he said he was sent to Mexico by a truck. He claimed the journey from Panama to Mexico spanned 20 days. He finally crossed into America from Tucson in a closed truck.

## VIA HONG KONG & GREECE

THIS ROUTE takes the client to Hong Kong, from where he is flown to Athens in Greece and then onto Mexico. The family of a 21-year-old from Kapurthala who took this route said he stayed in Hong Kong for two days and at Athens for a week. From Greece, he was flown to Mexico, where he stayed for 25 days in a room huddled with 10 more boys. Then one fine day, their agent took them to the border, where they scaled a 5-foot-high wall to jump into American territory, where they were arrested. He is still in a refugee camp.



A US patrol vehicle standing guard at the US-Mexico border in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico; (right) Gurpreet Kaur from Haryana, who died trying to cross the border. *Reuters*

## THE BAHAMAS ROUTE

THIS DANGEROUS route starts with a flight from Delhi to Bahamas, that takes about 27 hours. There are two sea routes to the US from the Bahamas. While one is from Miami and passes through Nassau, the other is from Port of Houston. The migrants are smuggled on rickety boats and many drown at sea. The lucky ones reach in 2-3 weeks. Six youth from Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur, who were taken to the US via this route, went missing last year.

## ALL THE WAY TO ARGENTINA, ECUADOR

THIS ROUTE was taken by a 27-year-old from Begowal, near Jalandhar, who was deported from the US in March this year.

He said the trip started with a flight to Buenos Aires in Argentina, and then to Quito, Ecuador, which lets in Indians without a visa. From there, he flew to Bogota in Colombia. Then he was taken to the Gulf of Panama where he, along with several Africans, was put on a ship, which sailed for two days to reach the Panama mainland. There he stayed in a jungle for over a week before embarking on a bus journey to a Mexican town.

He said they stayed in a safe house for a month, before being loaded onto a bus and taken to the border. The migrants were then asked to scale a wall, following which they were arrested. Though this youth applied for asylum, his request was rejected.

## SOME PUNJAB NUMBERS

- As per Regional Passport Office (RPO) in Jalandhar, 28-30 youths whose verification has been done by them are deported daily, from different countries including the US.
- In 2012, ₹1.68 cr was collected in fines from deported persons at this RPO, rising to Rs 3.46 cr by 2017.
- Nearly 55 lakh people from Punjab, mostly Doaba region, are settled abroad.
- As per Kamal Bhumla, the head of the Association of Consultants for Overseas Studies, over one lakh students from Punjab migrated to Canada last year.
- Apart from this, officials estimate, 1,500-2,000 migrate illegally.
- The Jalandhar office of VFS Global, an outsourcing and technology services specialist for governments and diplomatic missions worldwide, receives 2,500-3,000 visa applications daily from Punjab residents, up from 1,000-1,200 daily in the past year. The rise in numbers at the Jalandhar office is the highest in the country; the all-India increase was 16%.
- The number of passports issued by the RPO at Jalandhar, which caters to Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur, Nawanshar, Kapurthala, Gurdaspur, Moga, Pathankot districts and Batala police district, rose from 1.32 lakh in 2012 to 4.51 lakh in 2018.

**MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA & ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA**

ACROSS THE AISLE

P CHIDAMBARAM

# Trapped in 7 per cent growth

Seven per cent growth will not generate the millions of jobs that are required. Seven per cent growth will not raise the per capita income of the lowest deciles (the bottom 20 per cent) of the population. Seven per cent growth may win India the certificate of being among the fastest growing large economies of the world but that will mean little or nothing to the very poor, the unemployed and the neglected, vulnerable and exploited sections of the people

BUDGET 2019-20 has unravelled sooner than normal for Central government budgets. There is no 'conversation' among the people about this or that proposal. The super rich (6,467) are bitter but silenced by fear. The rich are relieved that they have been spared. The middle class is disillusioned because only new burdens have been put on them. The poor are resigned to their fate. The mid-size corporates (4,000) are counting the crumbs thrown at them.

The only ones actively discussing the Budget are the economists and the editorial writers — and both are contemptuously ignored by the Central government. (The Finance Minister has barred journalists from entering the Ministry of Finance except by prior appointment!)

## Which Engine is Firing?

The government has promised to deliver 7 ***or*** 8 per cent growth of GDP in the year 2019-20. It is not just a difference of 1 per cent. It is the difference between continued moderate growth and potentially accelerated growth. It is also an indication that the Economic Division under the Chief Economic Adviser does not talk to the Budget Division under the Finance Secretary. Most observers have noted that there was no indication in the speech whether the government is content with moderate growth (7 per cent) or is aiming at high and accelerated growth (8+ per cent). I suspect it is the former.

High and accelerated growth requires all four engines of growth to be fired up and running at full throttle. ***Exports (merchandise)*** crossed the mark of USD 315 billion — set in 2013-14 — only in 2018-19 and, even then, the growth rate was a modest 9 per cent over the previous year. ***Government expenditure*** on the revenue account (net of interest payment and grants) was only 7.18 per cent of GDP in 2018-19. ***Private consumption*** depends on a number of imponderables including expectations about inflation, employment, economic disruption, security, etc. The perennial dilemma before a householder is 'shall I save or shall I spend'? For example, it is the decline in private consumption that has hit so hard sales of automobiles and two-wheelers.

## Investment is Stagnant

That leaves ***Investment***. The Economic Survey put its faith on the engine of investment and, to a lesser degree, on private consumption. The usual measure of investment in an economy is Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF). The Table tells the story under Modi 1.0 government:

| Year | GFCF (as % of GDP) |
|---|---|
| 2007-08 | 32.9 |
| 2014-15 | 30.1 |
| 2015-16 | 28.7 |
| 2016-17 | 28.2 |
| 2017-18 | 28.6 |
| 2018-19 | 29.3 |

GFCF had declined by nearly 5 percentage points from the high of 32.9. It was stagnant at around 28 per cent for three years and recovered slightly to 29.3 per cent in 2018-19.

GFCF will increase if public investment and private investment increase substantially. Public investment depends upon the ability of government to raise tax revenues but that ability has come under a cloud. In 2018-19, the government 'lost' Rs 1,67,455 crore out of the revised estimates of net tax revenue. The estimated growth rates for tax revenue in 2019-20 are, to put it politely, shockingly ambitious. Does anyone believe that Income Tax revenue will increase by 23.25 per cent or that GST revenue will increase by 44.98 per cent?

Private investment depends on corporate savings and household savings. Besides, investment is a matter of faith. If corporates do not make or do not expect to make adequate profits and do not reinvest the profits or if household savings are stagnant, private investment will not rise. Corporate profits depend upon a number of factors that are not under the control of corporates. As regards household savings, I found nothing in the Budget that would enthuse households to save more and channelise those savings into investments. If anything, more burdens have been put on households, especially the middle class, by raising prices of petrol and diesel, continuing with long term capital gains, taxing buy-back of shares, and imposing higher Custom duties on newsprint, books, split air conditioners, some automobile parts, silver and gold. If the GFCF is stagnant, and assuming there are no dramatic improvements in productivity or efficiency, there will not be a significant rise in the rate of growth of GDP.

## No Structural Reforms

The Budget speech uses the phrase 'structural reforms' in two places but there is no reference to any measure that could be regarded as structural reform. It confirms my view that Mr Narendra Modi is not a bold reformer in the mould of a Dr Manmohan Singh. He is conservative, protectionist, not a believer in free trade and a votary of the tax-and-spend policy. His positions are remarkably similar to those of President Donald Trump, except on taxation.

The government seems satisfied with moderate growth of about 7 per cent. Seven per cent growth will be totally insufficient to create wealth or enhance welfare. Seven per cent growth will not generate the millions of jobs that are required. Seven per cent growth will not raise the per capita income of the lowest deciles (the bottom 20 per cent) of the population. Seven per cent growth may win India the certificate of being among the fastest growing large economies of the world but that will mean little or nothing to the very poor, the unemployed and the neglected, vulnerable and exploited sections of the people.

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FIFTH COLUMN

TAVLEEN SINGH

# Beware of defectors

IT WAS that picture in the newspapers last week that set me thinking. In it we see the squat, smug figure of the BJP's working president surrounded by legislators from Goa wearing scarves of saffron and green with a white lotus prominently displayed on them. These were not the colours or the symbol that got them elected, but in this moment of shifting loyalties, they have shifted to a party that till just the other day they reviled as 'communal'. In this picture, the BJP's working president and Goa's Chief Minister look pleased to welcome them into the fold. But, they should be worried. As should Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. They should be worried because the political instability in Karnataka and Goa is more dangerous for the BJP than the Congress party.

Toppling state governments may not have been at the root of our oldest political party being rejected by India's voters, but it was the reason why this party came to be seen as dishonest and duplicitous. Indira Gandhi was the master of this political manoeuvre. When she used it to topple Farooq Abdullah's government in 1984, she began, in my view, the current phase of our problem in Kashmir. Farooq was removed in a deceitful, cynical way and this reminded Kashmiris that they would never be allowed to have real democracy. Just months later, when Mrs Gandhi toppled NTR's government in Andhra Pradesh, she managed to unite every opposition party against her. NTR did not take his dismissal lightly. He turned up in Delhi with more than 160 MLAs to prove to the President that he had been wrongly dismissed. Mrs Gandhi ended up sullying her own image.

Narendra Modi has just won a stunning victory in the general election. Does he want to risk doing the same thing? More importantly, does he want a lot of untrustworthy, disloyal people to join his party? This newspaper did a stellar service last week by introducing us to the 16 men who could bring down the wobbly government in Karnataka. In a story that appeared last Friday called 'Karnataka's 16: Who they are', we discovered exactly why they were unhappy. Most of them were deserting the Congress party's sinking ship because they were not made ministers.

Is this the kind of politician that will help Modi fulfil his dream of a new India? And in this new India, will we continue to see the sordid spectacle of unreliable defectors locked up in fancy resorts in cities far away from their own to ensure that they do not change their minds? For me personally, the ugliest aspect of the Karnataka episode was the manner in which the defectors were brought to Mumbai and confined in a five-star hotel. Who paid the bills? Who paid for the private jet in which they were flown back to Karnataka and then flown back again? There are unverifiable but nasty rumours of big money. If this kind of drama happens in the near future in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, as some analysts predict, then are we really going to see a new India? Or are we going to see the BJP turn into the Congress party of yore?

In its glory days it routinely got rid of state governments that did not conform to its 'idea of India'. The first time was when Indira Gandhi, as Congress general secretary, dismissed the Communist government in Kerala in 1959. E M S Namboodiripad had been chief minister for just two years when he was ousted. To this day comrades continue to believe that Mrs Gandhi was paid to do this by the CIA. To this day even those who despise communism, like your columnist, acknowledge that what happened was wrong.

This event occurred when I was still in school. But, I was witness to the whole squalid drama that the Congress played in order to justify the toppling of Farooq's government. First, he was slandered as a secessionist. Then 13 of his MLAs were persuaded to defect to his brother-in-law's band of malcontents. Gul Shah was unhappy because he believed he should have been Sheikh Abdullah's heir. He became chief minister with the support of the Congress party but was so hated that he seemed able to rule only through endless spells of curfew. He came to be known as Gul-e-Curfew (curfew flower).

This was politics as usual in the old India. If the Prime Minister is sincere about creating a new India, then he will have to create a new political culture. It should be one in which defectors are not welcomed into the BJP as if they were heroes.

If J P Nadda takes a close look at that picture of himself with the defectors from Goa, he might realise that there was nothing to be smug about. And, a great deal to be ashamed about.

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INSIDE TRACK

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## Who is in charge?

WITH RAHUL GANDHI'S resignation, there is a big question mark over who the interim Congress president is. According to the Congress constitution, the most senior general secretary presides till a new president is elected. So Motilal Vora has been declared the interim president by the wise men on television channels. The 90-year-old Vora has a new spring in his step as he modestly accepts congratulations, though he admits that he has not received any formal intimation of his new role. Those who have blithely bestowed the position on Vora fail to comprehend that when the constitution mentions the most senior general secretary, it does not connote the age of the individual, but the one who is the longest-serving. Mukul Wasnik, who took over when Sonia Gandhi became party president, is the longest-serving general secretary. Vora was for decades party treasurer and was made general secretary only last year. Ghulam Nabi Azad has more years as general secretary than Wasnik, but not in one unbroken stretch. The president's resignation is effective only after it is accepted by the Congress Working Committee (CWC). But no one is sure who has the authority to call a CWC meeting. Some members have suggested that it is organising secretary K C Venugopal's job. But the most junior general secretary is too intimidated to take the call.

## Predatory games

The fact that the rebel Congress MLAs from Karnataka travelled from Bengaluru to Mumbai in an aircraft owned by BJP MP and businessman Rajeev Chandrasekhar's company, Jupiter Aviation, was used by the Congress to blame the BJP for conspiring to pull down the government. Chandrasekhar tweeted that he should not be blamed for the Congress's problems. His chartered flight service is available to all. It is true that the Congress has to take some of the blame for the mess it finds itself in. Before Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy left the country last week, he was given two pieces of advice by well-wishers, both of which he ignored. He was warned that his old foe in the Congress, Siddaramaiah, was up to mischief. A formula suggested to pacify Siddaramaiah was to make him CM and Kumaraswamy's brother, H D Revanna, Deputy CM. Kumaraswamy was also advised not to travel abroad at this juncture, citing the example of former Gujarat CM Keshubhai Patel who was away in the US in 1995 when his rival Shankersinh Vaghela staged a coup. For most Congress MLAs, the biggest spur to defect is the party's resounding defeat in Karnataka in the recent Lok Sabha elections. The Congress MLAs feel they neither benefited from Kumaraswamy's rule nor gained an advantage from the tie-up with the JD(S).

## Back in Delhi?

Arvind Subramanian quit his position as Chief Economic Adviser to the government of India and left Delhi last year citing "pressing family issues". But Subramanian, who after leaving his job created headlines by questioning the manner in which GDP is computed in India and criticising Prime Minister Modi's demonetisation exercise, may be returning full time to the Capital shortly. He is in talks with Ashoka University to head a new institute on the Sonipat campus which will focus on the Indian economy.

## Breath of fresh air

Unlike earlier Lok Sabha Speakers who were parliamentary veterans, the present Speaker, Om Birla, is a relative newcomer to Parliament and empathises with new entrants who in the past were seldom given an opportunity to speak. Already, Birla has permitted 100-odd MPs to speak during Zero Hour, half of whom are first-timers. He has also managed to almost double the number of questions taken up during Question Hour by insisting that MPs ask precise questions and ministers be brief in the response. The no-nonsense Birla has done away with some antiquated British parliamentary procedures, including expressions such as "the ayes have it" repeated thrice. Instead, he uses the simple Hindi "*haan*" and "*naa*" while counting votes.

## Forgotten founder

Only security personnel and parliamentary staff were present when Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla paid floral tributes to Syama Prasad Mookerjee's portrait in Central Hall on his birth anniversary. The reason was the unusual timing of the function, 6.30 am, as the Speaker had to catch a flight to Kota at 7.30 am. Even at 10.30 am, the scheduled time for the function to honour the founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, less than a dozen persons were present, including Rajnath Singh, Harsh Vardhan and Subramanian Swamy.

# Cultural crisis of Punjab

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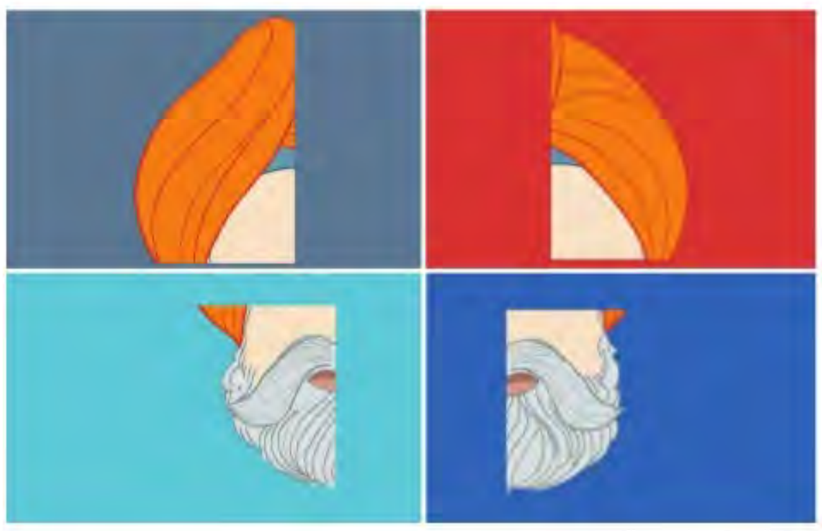

*Illustration: Suvajit Dey*

ONCE UPON a time, Punjab was *Sapta Sindhu*, then it became the land of five rivers and now it is a *dhaab* (an abandoned water body) of two-and-a-half rivers. A *dhaab* plagued by every kind of crisis.

In *Jangnama Singhan te Firangian*, an eyewitness account of the first Anglo-Sikh war that led to the downfall of the Sikh empire, Shah Mohammad, the state's poet in the 19th century, says, "*Raazi bahut rehnde Musalmaan Hindu, sar dohaan de aisi aafat aayi. Shah Muhamadda vich Punjab de si, kade nahi si teesri zaat aayi* (Hindus and Muslims of Punjab always lived in peace, but trouble came visiting them. There was never a third caste in Punjab)."

The British, with their different value system, were the third caste. The Punjab of Guru Nanak Devji's time was very diverse with its humble and timeless principles. Wherever Guru Nanak Devji went during his travels on foot (*udasis*), there was a free exchange of views or inter-faith dialogues. He held such symposiums with both saints and hermits as well as jingoist advocates of Islam. Often, logic prevailed over bitterness. This showcases the power of that era.

Those days, the *pandits* had ordained Sanskrit as the divine language for those on the path of spirituality. Over time, it turned into the language of the elite. Guru Nanak shunned this *dev bhasha* and adopted the folk language of Punjabi. By explaining spirituality in the common man's language, he empowered the masses. Unfortunately, we are forgetting this tool of empowerment.

Though the Mughals had started the propagation of Persian language, out of the 10 gurus, the *bani* (compositions) of six is in Punjabi. The elite have turned their back on it. Organisations like the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Chief Khalsa Diwan, and Kalgidhar Trust Baru Sahib, have made English the medium of education. There is no denying that we need English to interact at the international level, but educationists also say every child should get primary education in mother tongue.

On the 550th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak, we should introspect whether we are turning our back on his faith by scorning Punjabi. This cultural crisis is making us slave to an inferiority complex. Nor are we mindful of the psychological dilemma faced by a child. When Punjabi-speaking children get primary education in English, they can neither become *hans* (swan) nor remain *kaan* (crow). Most private institutions impart primary education in English, whereas government institutions have been adopting Punjabi. How can children studying in two streams have a level-playing field? Guru Nanak's principle of equality is gasping for breath.

A champion of work culture, Guru Nanak himself did farming at Kartarpur Sahib for over 17 years. In this period he composed *Japji Sahib*. He taught the lesson of equality to the community through *langar pangat* (people eating together regardless of religion, caste). But, today his believers are cut off from this culture.

*'Kirt'* or respect for work is the first teaching of Guru Nanak. He did not like idleness. The erosion of work culture is behind the declining profitability of agriculture. Among several reasons behind farmer suicides is also that an individual has become a unit. He does not address issues collectively; he lives and dies alone. He gets lost in the jungle of helplessness. Remember Guru Nanak's line, "*Jab lag duniya rahiye Nanak, kich suniye, kich kahiye* (As long as you are alive, say something, hear something)". We should not close the windows of our mind. If we discuss our problems, sorrows, and differences, we are bound to find a solution.

On the occasion of the 500th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak in 1969, there was all-round development of Punjab. Nearly 70 new colleges were opened, 50 in rural areas, to mark the anniversary. I am also a beneficiary of one such college. My dream of getting higher education may have remained a dream had it not been for the opening of Guru Nanak College, Kala Afghana. Dr M S Randhawa, the first chief commissioner of Chandigarh, and Lakhmir Singh Randhawa were instrumental in getting the college opened. I am a student of the first batch of this college. Several colleges for women were also opened. Helmed by Dr M S Randhawa, Punjab Agricultural University even promised to prepare the layout of every new college free of cost.

Guru Nanak Dev University in Amritsar, which gave the gift of higher education to the Majha region, also came up to mark the anniversary, as did Guru Nanak Thermal Plant. The then CM, Justice Gurnam Singh (retd), imposed a cess on farm produce to set up Guru Nanak Bhawans and libraries in every district.

In line with Guru Nanak's vision, the policymakers addressed the challenges Punjab faced 50 years ago by making villages equal partners in development. Today, we stand at a crossroads. We are presenting Kartarpur Sahib corridor as an achievement, whereas it is only repentance for a 70-year-old mistake. Both sides have got a chance to pat their own back. Internationally, the big achievement is setting up of Guru Nanak Dev University at Nankana Sahib. It is indeed an achievement to have a Muslim country name an institution of higher education after a universal hero.

Guru Nanak gardens and jungles are being grown in the name of conservation, and there is a target to plant 550 trees in every village. But how about giving 550 books to each village library? Guru Nanak was all for learning and teaching. Let us have '*shabd langar*' in gurdwaras on the anniversary to motivate Punjabis to gain knowledge.

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OUT OF MY MIND

MEGHNAD DESAI

# What about the Muslims?

IN THE US, there is a Trump Distress Syndrome. If you suffer from it as many do, you cannot rationally react to whatever Donald Trump does. These people are offended that Trump was elected at all. He got fewer votes than Hillary Clinton. But rules are rules and the rule is that the winner must win enough counties whether he gets a majority of the popular vote or not. Trump won enough counties to get elected.

India has people with Modi Distress Syndrome (MDS). Whatever Narendra Modi does must be bad, authoritarian, divisive etc. Many believe if the Congress is not in power, democracy has died. Foreign press also suffers from MDS. *TIME* magazine called Modi 'Divider in Chief'. He won the election with over 37 per cent vote share overall and more than 50 per cent in many states. His support was across all income groups and across men and women, across caste Hindus and Dalits.

Ah, but not Muslims! Only 15 per cent support from Muslims. Someone in London, a well-informed fellow member of the House of Lords, expressed to me the horror that no Muslim had been elected to the Lok Sabha this time around. I told him that was not the case. Twenty-five Muslim MPs are in the Lok Sabha, as many as in 1952. But that is way below their proportion in the population. True, but that has always been the case. There have been one or two fewer, and during the long coalition period in the 1989-2014 period, more than 30 sometimes. At 15 per cent share in the population, it would require 75 Muslim MPs for proportionality, which has never been the case.

But why should we believe that only Muslims can represent Muslims? All MPs should represent all groups in the population. There were reserved seats for Muslims with only Muslim voters before Independence. B R Ambedkar won reserved seats for Dalits from the British in 1931, but Gandhiji went on a fast unto death to reverse that. Ambedkar was furious by what he thought was emotional blackmail. The Gandhi-Ambedkar agreement was that there would be seats reserved for Dalit candidates but the voters should be all voters — caste Hindus and Dalits and other minorities. After Independence, that has remained the case. Dalits represent all voters, Dalits and others. (A much bigger under-representation is of women. They constitute the largest minority but they are grossly underrepresented. Who cares?)

There is a crucial tension between the views of Ambedkar and Gandhi. Ambedkar wanted reserved seats for Dalits to be elected by fellow Dalits as he thought caste Hindus will not choose radical Dalits but only pliant ones. Gandhiji wanted to consolidate the Hindu vote so he merged Dalit vote with the Hindu vote.

The issue of whether only a member of a vote bank can represent its members is a politically explosive one. There needs to be a widespread discussion on this issue. If you take the Ambedkar view that each distinct group should be represented only by its own members, there may not be enough seats in the Lok Sabha to accommodate all the demands. Mandalisation has fragmented the caste Hindu electorate even without reserved seats. Seat reservation would fragment it further. If we take the Gandhi view, the majority has to respect minority rights in return to make democracy work.

MAHARASHTRA

# Facing infighting, Cong names five working state chiefs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JULY 13

THE CRISIS-LADEN Congress has decided not to project any one face ahead of the Assembly elections in Maharashtra.

Naming former state revenue minister Vijay (Balasaheb) Thorat as the state Congress president on Saturday evening, the party also appointed five working presidents to overcome infighting within the party. They are former minister Nitin Raut, sitting legislators Yashomati Thakur, Vishwajeet Kadam and Basavraj Patil, and former MLC Muzaffar Hussain.

The new organisational model is also being seen as the party's attempt to set the caste and regional balance right ahead of the crucial elections likely to be held in October. In the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year, the Congress had recorded its worst ever electoral performance in the state where it managed to win just one seat.

Thorat, who represents north Maharashtra's Sangamner in the Assembly, is considered as Rahul Gandhi's pick to replace former CM Ashok Chavan, who had resigned as the party chief after the Lok Sabha debacle.

While Thorat belongs to the dominant Maratha community, Raut and Thakur (both from Vidarbha) belong to the Scheduled Castes and the Other Backward Class categories, respectively. Kadam (from western Maharashtra) is a Maratha, while Patil (from Marathwada) is from the Lingayat community. Hussain is an influential face from the minority community in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

Meanwhile, another legislator, K C Padavi (from Nandurbar), who belongs to a Scheduled Tribe community, has succeeded Thorat as the Congress's new legislative party leader.

While a section of senior state leaders had reportedly opposed the appointment of working presidents, sources said that the idea had the backing of All India Congress Committee state in-charge Mallikarjun Kharge.

The team's first task will be to complete seat-sharing talks with ally NCP.

# Maharashtra hotels may soon operate bars in banquet halls

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, JULY 13

BANQUET HALLS in Maharashtra hotels will soon be able to operate bars. Invoking the 'Ease of Doing Business' reform for the hospitality sector, the state government has now decided to permit even banqueting facilities in hotel establishments to commercially serve alcohol.

Last October, the government had first introduced the concept of a composite liquor license for all the bars functioning out of a star-category hotel, including rooftops. It has now decided to rule that banqueting facilities can be part of composite licenses. Additionally, with banquets becoming a popular events' space across income segments, it will extend the facility to all hotels and restaurants that possess a valid bar permit.

Orders in this regard will soon be issued, said sources. Currently, there is no provision in the excise rules to allow commercial sale of liquor in a banquet. The Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association (AHAR) had earlier raised a demand in this regard with the government.

# Pro-Hindu outfit takes on Centre for going slow on Article 370 repeal

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JULY 13

IKKJUTT JAMMU, an organisation for extreme nationalism which sees settlement of Gujjars and Bakarwals in Jammu region as a demographic invasion of areas predominantly inhabited by Hindus, on Saturday took on the BJP-led Central government for what it called a lackadaisical approach in abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A of the Indian Constitution for the state of J&K.

At a day-long conclave here, the speakers from the outfit pointed out that this is despite the fact that the BJP has increased its Lok Sabha tally in this year's elections further.

"One needs just a simple majority to abrogate Article 370," said Prof Hari Om, patron of IkkJutt Jammu.

Without taking any name, Javed Iqbal Shah, a Kashmiri columnist and political analyst, indicated that the former Chief Minister and PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti is an "opportunist" and her predecessor, National Conference leader Omar Abdullah, is a "Sheikh Chilli" for his demand to restore the pre-1953 position for J&K, when the state enjoyed more political freedom.

Calling both Muftis and the Abdullahs as "sure recipe for disaster", Shah said Kashmiris would not have picked up the gun but for these two families.


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| Dental Hygienist | 01 | 01 | – | – | 02 | 28,100/- |
| Lab Technician | 01 | – | – | – | 01 | 28,100/- |
| Lab Assistant | – | – | – | 01 | 01 | 28,100/- |
| Chowkidar | – | 01 | 01 | – | 02 | 16,800/- |
| Female Attendant | – | 01 | – | – | 01 | 16,800/- |

2. For application format, terms & conditions, kindly see our website **www.echs.gov.in**. For other details please contact-**0121-2658264** between **0900h–1430h**. Last date of receipt of application is **14 Aug 2019** at Stn HQ (ECHS Cell) HQ Pashchim UP Sub Area, Sardhana Road Meerut Cantt. Interview will be conducted wef **22 to 23 Aug 2019 (0900h).** Candidates will bring original certificates at the time of interview. **Please note all Medical Officer / Medical Specialist will have to give an undertaking that they will not carryout any private practice once they are selected for employment in ECHS polyclinics.**
3. Candidates will enclose experience and salary certificates, if any, alongwith applications and 02 passport size photographs. All candidates should have working knowledge of computers.
4. Medical fitness certificate from SEMO / CMO will be attached with the application.



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**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**
**(For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice/s on the dates mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of the said notice(s).The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account. The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Branch & Name of the Borrower/Guarantor | Description of Immovable Property/ies | Date of Demand Notice | Date of possession notice affixed | Amount outstanding as on the date of demand notice |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **BRANCH: CLOCK TOWER, DEHRADUN**<br>**Borrower :**1) **M/s Vallabh Creation**<br>**Proprietor: Sh. Naman Jain** S/o Late Sh Ashu Jain, Shop name - DOVE, Shop no 10/11,Meadoe Plaza Complex, Rajpur Road, Dehradun<br>**Proprietor/Borrower: 1. Mr. Naman Jain** S/o Late Sh Ashu Jain , H No. 4737 Jain Mandir Road, Near Sunder Nagar Police Station, Sunder Nagar Taraf Saidan, Ludhiana Punjab, **2. Mr. Naman Jain** S/o Late Sh Ashu Jain **C/o Smt Manisha Jain** W/o Late Sh. Ashu Jain, House No-11, Sharman Vatika, Hambran Road, Ludhiana<br>**Guarantors:** 1. **Mr. Neeraj Jain** 4736 Jain Mandir Road, Near Sunder Nagar Police Station, Sunder Nagar Taraf Saidan, Ludhiana Punjab, **2. Mr. Neeraj Jain** C/o Manisha Jain W/o Late Sh Ashu Jain, House No 11, Sharman Vatika, Hambran Road, Ludhiana & **3. Sh. Neeraj Jain** S/o Sh Chaman Lal Jain B-59 East Jyoti Nagar, Near Shandra New Delhi 110093 | All that residential property bearing M.C.No. B-XXIV -4736/1 measuring 200 Sq yards comprised in Khasra No. 144 Khata No. 874/943, as per jamabandi for the year 2007-08 situated at Mauja Taraf Saidan Hadbast No. 172 situated at Sunder Nagar, Tehsil & District Ludhiana. Bounded & Butted as under: North : Property of Mr Ranjeet Side Measuring 60 ft, South : Property of Manisha Jain, Side Measuring 60 Ft, East: Road Side measuring 30 ft West: House cum Plot No. 10, Side measuring 30 ft | 25.04.2019 | **10.07.2019** | **Rs. 2,02,19,681.68** + interest and other Charges w.e.f. 01.04.2019 |
| 2. | **BRANCH: CLOCK TOWER, DEHRADUN**<br>**Borrower: M/s Swastik International** through its proprietor Sh. Sanjay Agarwal S/o Sh. Jagdish Lal Agarwal<br>**Guarantors: Sh. Neeraj Jain** S/o Sh. Chaman Lal Jain & Sh. Shyam Sunder Agarwal S/o Sh. Jagdish Lal Agarwal (also Mortgagor) | All that property bearing No. 1/5248 built on part of Plot No. 12-A land measuring 83 1/4 Sq. yards out of Khasra No. 199 min consisting of two rooms, one store, one kitchen, Latrine, bathroom, staircase, Varmdah on ground floor and one room open terrace on first floor with boundary walls fitted with electricity and water tap in running conditions, situated at village- Sikdarpur in the abadi of Gali No. 8, Balbir Nagar, Illaqa Delhi- 110032. Bounded as: East: Gali, West: Property of Others, North: Part of Property No. 1/5248, South: Property of others. | 25.04.2019 | **09.07.2019** | **Rs. 1,87,68,316.30** as on 06.04.2019 + interest and other Charges w.e.f. 01.04.2019 |
| 3. | **BRANCH: TILAK ROAD, DEHRADUN**<br>**Borrower/Mortgagor:** M/s Bhupesh Kumar Shikcham Evam Vikas Sansthan President, Sh Bhupesh Kumar S/o Sh Shila Nath, **Address: 1-** Lucent International School, Manduwala, (Kothari), Sudhowala, VIA Prem Nagar, Dehradun-248007, Uttrakhand **Address: 2-** Gurukul Tutorial & Hostels, Sewa Kalan, Majra Chowk, West Canal Road Dehradun 248001, **Address 3-** Road no 138, Rajender Nagar, Patna 800016. **Address: 4-** Agyaspur P.O. Tehwara, P.S Singhwara District Dharbhanga ( Bihar ).<br>**Gaurantors: Sh. Umesh Dubey** S/o Sh Mahvir Dubey Address: Village Madhopur P.O Jakauli P.S. Bahera, Darbhanga, Bihar 800016 **2. Sh Lalit Kumar** S/o Shri Thakur Lal Address: Village Madhopur P.O Jakauli P.S Bahera, Darbhanga, Bihar 800016 | Mauza Sadikpur yogi Khata no. 46 Survey no. 181, Thana no. 09 Tauzi no.227 M.S Plot No. 3037 Circle 50 Ward no. 15/36 (0) Pargana Azimabad P.S Baha -durpur Mahalla Rajender Nagar Road no.13B City & District Patna. Butted & Bounded as Under:-North: 7 feet Wide Road, East: Seller, South: House of Sadhu Sharan SIngh and of Sh. S N Singh, West: House of K. B. Sinha | 25.03.2019 | **12.07.2019** | **Rs. 6,89,27,699.73** + interest and other Charges w.e.f. 01.02.2019 |

Date: 13.07.2019 Place: Dehradun Authorised Officer, Punjab National Bank



**CHANGE OF TIMINGS AND CANCELLATION OF TRAIN SERVICES IN DHR**

Change of railway timings, introduction of new trains, re-introduction of trains, withdrawal and cancellation of train services in DHR w.e.f. **15-07-2019**. Details are as under:

**A. Change of timings of Joy Ride trains between Darjeeling-Ghum-Darjeeling.**

| STATION | 52593 (Steam) | | | | 52594 (Steam) | | | | 52591 (Diesel) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | |
| | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| Darjeeling | --- | 09.40 | --- | 09.15 | --- | 10.00 | --- | 09.25 | --- | 10.10 | --- | 09.45 |
| Ghum | 10.30 | 11.00 | 10.05 | 10.30 | 10.50 | 11.20 | 10.15 | 10.40 | 10.55 | 11.25 | 10.25 | 10.50 |
| Darjeeling | 11.40 | --- | 11.10 | --- | 12.00 | --- | 11.20 | --- | 12.05 | --- | 11.25 | --- |

| STATION | 52595 (Steam) | | | | 52596 (Steam) | | | | 52597 (Diesel) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | |
| | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| Darjeeling | --- | 12.10 | --- | 11.30 | --- | 12.20 | --- | 11.40 | --- | 12.45 | --- | 12.00 |
| Ghum | 13.00 | 13.30 | 12.20 | 12.45 | 13.10 | 13.40 | 12.30 | 12.55 | 13.25 | 13.55 | 12.40 | 13.10 |
| Darjeeling | 14.10 | --- | 13.25 | --- | 14.20 | --- | 13.35 | --- | 14.30 | --- | 13.40 | --- |

| STATION | 52598 (Steam) | | | | 52592 (Steam) | | | | 52599 (Diesel) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | |
| | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| Darjeeling | --- | 16.05 | --- | 13.50 | --- | 16.10 | --- | 14.00 | --- | 16.20 | --- | 14.20 |
| Ghum | 16.55 | 17.25 | 14.40 | 15.05 | 17.00 | 17.15 | 14.50 | 15.15 | 17.00 | 17.30 | 15.00 | 15.25 |
| Darjeeling | 18.05 | --- | 15.45 | --- | 18.25 | --- | 15.55 | --- | 18.20 | --- | 16.00 | --- |

**B. Change of timings of train services between New Jalpaiguri-Darjeeling.**

| 52588 DN Darjeeling-Kurseong Passenger | | | | 52540 DN Darjeeling- New Jalpaiguri Passenger | | | | STATION | 52541 UP New Jalpaiguri-Darjeeling- Passenger | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | | | Existing | | Revised | |
| ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| --- | 16.00 | --- | 16.10 | --- | 08.00 | No change timings | | Darjeeling | 15.35 | --- | 17.20 | --- |
| 16.30 | 16.35 | 16.35 | 16.40 | 08.30 | 08.35 | | | Ghum | 14.50 | 14.55 | 16.35 | 16.40 |
| 17.15 | 17.17 | 17.25 | 17.27 | 09.15 | 09.19 | | | Sonada | 14.03 | 14.05 | 15.45 | 15.46 |
| 17.57 | 17.58 | 18.07 | 18.08 | 09.54 | 09.55 | | | Tung | 13.25 | 13.26 | 15.00 | 15.01 |
| 18.30 | --- | 18.40 | --- | 10.30 | 10.40 | | | Kurseong | 12.45 | 12.55 | 14.20 | 14.30 |
| | | | | 11.10 | 11.11 | | | Mahanadi | 12.13 | 12.14 | 13.41 | 13.42 |
| | | | | 11.41 | 11.43 | 11.41 | 11.42 | Gayabari | 11.42 | 11.43 | 13.13 | 13.14 |
| | | | | 12.18 | 12.20 | 12.17 | 12.22 | Tindharia | 11.10 | 11.11 | 12.40 | 12.42 |
| | | | | 13.25 | 13.26 | No change | | Rongtong | 10.04 | 10.05 | 11.34 | 11.35 |
| | | | | 13.56 | 13.58 | 14.00 | 14.02 | Sukna | 09.30 | 09.32 | 11.00 | 11.02 |
| | | | | 14.32 | 14.35 | 14.32 | 14.34 | Siliguri Jn | 08.55 | 09.00 | 10.25 | 10.30 |
| | | | | 15.10 | --- | 15.15 | --- | New Jalpaiguri | --- | 08.30 | --- | 10.00 |

**C. Change of timings of Evening Safari between Siliguri Jn.-Rongtong-Siliguri Jn.**

| STATION | 52556 UP/DN Eveing Safari | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Existing | | Revised | |
| | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| Siliguri Jn. | --- | 15.00 | --- | 14.45 |
| Sukna | 15.35 | 15.45 | 15.20 | 15.30 |
| Rongtong | 16.20 | 16.45 | 16.00 | 16.35 |
| Sukna | 17.20 | 17.21 | 17.10 | 17.15 |
| Siliguri Jn. | 17.55 | --- | 17.45 | --- |

| Re-Introduction For Peak Season, 2020 (1st March To 30th June) | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 52543 Up Siliguri-Kurseong | | STATION | 52542 DN Kurseong-Siliguri | |
| ARR | DEP | | ARR | DEP |
| --- | 09.00 | Siliguri Jn | 17.30 | --- |
| 09.30 | 09.32 | Sukna | 16.55 | 16.57 |
| 10.04 | 10.05 | Rongtong | 16.20 | 16.21 |
| 11.10 | 11.15 | Tindharia | 15.10 | 15.15 |
| 11.43 | 11.44 | Gayabari | 14.40 | 14.41 |
| 12.13 | 12.14 | Mahanadi | 14.10 | 14.11 |
| 12.45 | --- | Kurseong | --- | 13.30 |

**D. Introduction and re-introduction of train services:**

| STATION | Introduction for peak season, 2020 (1st March to 30th june) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 52544 Peak season Spl. Joy Ride | | 52545 Peak season Spl. Joy Ride | |
| | Timings | | Timings | |
| | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| Darjeeling | --- | 16.10 | --- | 16.25 |
| Ghum | 17.00 | 17.30 | 17.05 | 17.35 |
| Darjeeling | 18.10 | --- | 18.15 | --- |

**E. Withdrawl and cancellation of train services:**

| TRAIN NO | FROM-TO | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| 52570 Red Panda | Darjeeling-Kurseong | Darjeeling - Kurseong - Darjeeling Red Panda train is withdrawn from regular services permanently |
| 52571 Red Panda | Kurseong-Darjeeling | |
| 52591 Joy Ride | Darjeeling-Ghum-Darjeeling | Cancelled from 1st july to 30th September, 2019 due to rainy season and 1st December, 2019 to 28th February, 2020 due to lean season |
| 52592 Joy Ride | | |
| 52593 Joy Ride | | |
| 52595 Joy Ride | | |
| 52596 Joy Ride | | |
| 52599 Joy Ride | | |

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MAHARASHTRA

# Facing infighting, Cong names five working state chiefs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JULY 13

THE CRISIS-LADEN Congress has decided not to project any one face ahead of the Assembly elections in Maharashtra.

Naming former state revenue minister Vijay (Balasaheb) Thorat as the state Congress president on Saturday evening, the party also appointed five working presidents to overcome infighting within the party. They are former minister Nitin Raut, sitting legislators Yashomati Thakur, Vishwajeet Kadam and Basavraj Patil, and former MLC Muzaffar Hussain.

The new organisational model is also being seen as the party's attempt to set the caste and regional balance right ahead of the crucial elections likely to be held in October. In the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year, the Congress had recorded its worst ever electoral performance in the state where it managed to win just one seat.

Thorat, who represents north Maharashtra's Sangamner in the Assembly, is considered as Rahul Gandhi's pick to replace former CM Ashok Chavan, who had resigned as the party chief after the Lok Sabha debacle.

While Thorat belongs to the dominant Maratha community, Raut and Thakur (both from Vidarbha) belong to the Scheduled Castes and the Other Backward Class categories, respectively. Kadam (from western Maharashtra) is a Maratha, while Patil (from Marathwada) is from the Lingayat community. Hussain is an influential face from the minority community in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

Meanwhile, another legislator, K C Padavi (from Nandurbar), who belongs to a Scheduled Tribe community, has succeeded Thorat as the Congress's new legislative party leader.

While a section of senior state leaders had reportedly opposed the appointment of working presidents, sources said that the idea had the backing of All India Congress Committee state in-charge Mallikarjun Kharge.

The team's first task will be to complete seat-sharing talks with ally NCP.

## Head constable beaten to death in Rajasthan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAIPUR, JULY 13

A POLICE head constable was beaten to death in Rajasthan's Rajsamand district on Saturday, the police said.

Abdul Gani, who was posted at Bhim Police Station, had gone to Hamela Ki Ber village while investigating a case. "He was returning from the village on his motorcycle when four or five unidentified persons attacked him with sticks," Superintendent of Police Bhuvan Bhushan said.

He was rushed to a hospital in Bhim area, where he succumbed to injuries, the officer said. The postmortem will be conducted on Sunday, he said, adding that efforts were being made to identify those involved.

## Maharashtra: bars in banquet halls soon

*Mumbai*: Banquet halls in Maharashtra hotels will soon be able to operate bars. Invoking the 'Ease of Doing Business' reform for the hospitality sector, the state government has now decided to allow even banquet facilities in hotel establishments to commercially serve alcohol.

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## Pro-Hindu outfit takes on Centre for going slow on Article 370 repeal

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JULY 13

IKKJUTT JAMMU, an organisation for extreme nationalism which sees settlement of Gujjars and Bakarwals in Jammu region as a demographic invasion of areas predominantly inhabited by Hindus, on Saturday took on the BJP-led Central government for what it called a lackadaisical approach in abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A of the Indian Constitution for the state of J&K.

At a day-long conclave here, the speakers from the outfit pointed out that this is despite the fact that the BJP has increased its Lok Sabha tally in this year's elections further.

"One needs just a simple majority to abrogate Article 370," said Prof Hari Om, patron of IkkJutt Jammu.

Without taking any name, Javed Iqbal Shah, a Kashmiri columnist and political analyst, indicated that the former Chief Minister and PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti is an "opportunist" and her predecessor, National Conference leader Omar Abdullah, is a "Sheikh Chilli" for his demand to restore the pre-1953 position for J&K, when the state enjoyed more political freedom.

Calling both Muftis and the Abdullahs as "sure recipe for disaster", Shah said Kashmiris would not have picked up the gun but for these two families.


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
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| 3. | **Declaration of result** | For class IX[th] - 31st July 2019 at 11:00 am<br>For class XI[th] - 31st July 2019 at 02:00 pm |
| 4. | **Date and Time of Draw, If required** | For class IX[th] - 01st August 2019 at 09:00 am<br>For class XI[th] - 01st August 2019 at 02:00 pm |
| 5. | **Admission process (submission of documents etc.)** | Details will be provided by the Head of School of Excellence after declaration of result. |

Parents/Guardians residing in Delhi seeking Admission of their wards in Class IX[th] and/or Class XI[th] may visit the Official Website of Directorate of Education regarding registration process for Admission in School of Excellence Sector-23 Rohini.

Complete details in respect of Eligibility Criteria/Schedule in respect of Entrance Test/Admission Process and Registration etc. are available on the Official Website of Directorate of Education i.e. **www.edudel.nic.in** under the link '**Govt. School Admissions**'.

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**POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property)**

[As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **BANK OF BARODA** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 and rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of the **BANK OF BARODA** for the amount stated herein below and further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time, available to redeem the secured assets.

**Name of Borrower / Guarantors & Description of Immovable Properties**

| Branch / Name of Borrowers/ Date of Demand Notice / Date of Possession / Amount Outstanding | Description of the properties |
|---|---|
| **Branch:** Bikramganj<br>**M/s Shankar Kirana Store**<br>**Prop.-**Shri Ramdas Prasad S/o Shri Vishwanath Prasad<br>**Demand Notice:** 03.01.2019<br>**Date of Possession:** 10.07.2019<br>**Amt:** ₹37,74,338.75/-<br>(Rupees Thirty seven lakhs seventy four thousand three hundred thirty eight and seventy five paisa only) as on 31.12.2018 + Int., charges & expenses. | All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House at village Dinara, PS, Dinara, PS No.109 under Khata no.-23, Plot No.-2041, Area-04, Decimal in the name of Smt. Sumitra Kunwar W/o Late Mr. Bishwanath Sah. Boundary: North-High National Road, South-Nij, East-Baleshwar Sah, West-Harsu Sah. |
| **Branch:** Gaya<br>**M/s Birendra Prasad**<br>**Prop.-**Mr. Birendra Prasad<br>**Guarantor:** Mrs. Renu Devi W/o Shri Birendra Raut, Akshay Vat, Maranpur Gaya<br>**Demand Notice:** 10.05.2019<br>**Date of Possession:** 11.07.2019<br>**Amt:** ₹26,35,202.76/-<br>(Rupees Twenty six lacs thirty five thousand two hundred two and seventy six paisa only) as on 10.05.2019 + Int., charges & expenses. | All that part and parcel of the property consisting of/ bearing Plot No.274 (old), 2140(New), Municipal Plot No.21027, Khata No.71(Old), PS No.10, Block-12, situated at Mohalla Khatachak, PS Civil Lines, Ward No.8(old) 23(New), Andar Nagar Nigam Gaya, Area-2941 Sq.Ft. in the name of Mrs. Renu Devi W/o Mr. Birendra Raut, vide Sale Deed No.16057 dated 31.12.2008. Boundary: North-20 Ft Proposed Rasta, South-Nandlal Mistry others, East-Block No.13 Nij Vikreta, West-Sarak Pakki. |
| **Branch:** Gaya<br>**Mr. Manoj Kumar** S/o Bal Chand Yadav and **Mrs Soni Kumari** W/o Mr. Manoj Kumar R/o Siddharthpuri Colony, Road No.2, Manpur, Gaya-823003<br>**Demand Notice:** 14.06.2018<br>**Date of Possession:** 11.07.2019<br>**Amt:** ₹12,13,480.49/-<br>(Rupees Twelve lacs thirteen thousand four hundred eighty and forty nine paise only) as on 13.06.2018 + Int., charges & expenses. | All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Land and Building in the name of Mrs. Soni Kumari w/o Mr. Manoj Kumar, Mouza-Nouranga, PS No.-316, Ward No.-10(Old)/32(New), Anchal Manpur, Dist-Gaya, Khata No.-9(O)/1610(N), Plot No.111(O)/2323/111(N), Area-1.56 Decimal (680 Sq.ft) in the name of Mrs. Soni Kumari acquired by Sale Deed No.6476 dt. 04.06.2008. Boundary: North-Nij Wikreta, South-Hal Kreta Shiwani Kumari, East-Ram Bilash Singh, West-Proposed Rasta |

Date : 12.07.2019
Place : Gaya

Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda



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| | Meerut | Muzaffar-nagar | Bijnor | Baghpat | | |
| Gynaecologist | 01 | – | – | – | 01 | 1,00,000/- |
| Medical Officer | 05 | – | – | 02 | 07 | 75,000/- |
| Dental Officer | 01 | 01 | 01 | – | 03 | 75,000/- |
| Nursing Assistant | 01 | – | – | – | 01 | 28,100/- |
| Pharmacist | 02 | – | 01 | – | 03 | 28,100/- |
| Dental Hygienist | 01 | 01 | – | – | 02 | 28,100/- |
| Lab Technician | 01 | – | – | – | 01 | 28,100/- |
| Lab Assistant | – | – | – | 01 | 01 | 28,100/- |
| Chowkidar | – | 01 | 01 | – | 02 | 16,800/- |
| Female Attendant | – | 01 | – | – | 01 | 16,800/- |

2. For application format, terms & conditions, kindly see our website **www.echs.gov.in**. For other details please contact-**0121-2658264** between **0900h–1430h**. Last date of receipt of application is **14 Aug 2019** at Stn HQ (ECHS Cell) HQ Pashchim UP Sub Area, Sardhana Road Meerut Cantt. Interview will be conducted wef **22 to 23 Aug 2019 (0900h).** Candidates will bring original certificates at the time of interview. **Please note all Medical Officer / Medical Specialist will have to give an undertaking that they will not carryout any private practice once they are selected for employment in ECHS polyclinics.**
3. Candidates will enclose experience and salary certificates, if any, alongwith applications and 02 passport size photographs. All candidates should have working knowledge of computers.
4. Medical fitness certificate from SEMO / CMO will be attached with the application.



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**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice/s on the dates mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of the said notice(s).The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account. The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Branch & Name of the Borrower/Guarantor | Description of Immovable Property/ies | Date of Demand Notice | Date of possession notice affixed | Amount outstanding as on the date of demand notice |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **BRANCH: CLOCK TOWER, DEHRADUN**<br>**Borrower :**1) **M/s Vallabh Creation**<br>**Proprietor: Sh. Naman Jain** S/o Late Sh Ashu Jain, Shop name - DOVE, Shop no 10/11,Meadoe Plaza Complex, Rajpur Road, Dehradun<br>**Proprietor/Borrower: 1. Mr. Naman Jain** S/o Late Sh Ashu Jain , H No. 4737 Jain Mandir Road, Near Sunder Nagar Police Station, Sunder Nagar Taraf Saidan, Ludhiana Punjab, **2. Mr. Naman Jain** S/o Late Sh Ashu Jain **C/o Smt Manisha Jain** W/o Late Sh. Ashu Jain, House No-11, Sharman Vatika, Hambran Road, Ludhiana<br>**Guarantors:** 1. **Mr. Neeraj Jain** 4736 Jain Mandir Road, Near Sunder Nagar Police Station, Sunder Nagar Taraf Saidan, Ludhiana Punjab, **2. Mr. Neeraj Jain** C/o Manisha Jain W/o Late Sh Ashu Jain, House No 11, Sharman Vatika, Hambran Road, Ludhiana & **3. Sh. Neeraj Jain** S/o Sh Chaman Lal Jain B-59 East Jyoti Nagar, Near Shandra New Delhi 110093 | All that residential property bearing M.C.No. B-XXIV -4736/1 measuring 200 Sq yards comprised in Khasra No. 144 Khata No. 874/943, as per jamabandi for the year 2007-08 situated at Mauja Taraf Saidan Hadbast No. 172 situated at Sunder Nagar, Tehsil & District Ludhiana. Bounded & Butted as under: North : Property of Mr Ranjeet Side Measuring 60 ft, South : Property of Manisha Jain, Side Measuring 60 Ft, East: Road Side measuring 30 ft West: House cum Plot No. 10, Side measuring 30 ft | 25.04.2019 | **10.07.2019** | **Rs. 2,02,19,681.68** + interest and other Charges w.e.f. 01.04.2019 |
| 2. | **BRANCH: CLOCK TOWER, DEHRADUN**<br>**Borrower: M/s Swastik International** through its proprietor Sh. Sanjay Agarwal S/o Sh. Jagdish Lal Agarwal<br>**Guarantors: Sh. Neeraj Jain** S/o Sh. Chaman Lal Jain & Sh. Shyam Sunder Agarwal S/o Sh. Jagdish Lal Agarwal (also Mortgagor) | All that property bearing No. 1/5248 built on part of Plot No. 12-A land measuring 83 1/4 Sq. yards out of Khasra No. 199 min consisting of two rooms, one store, one kitchen, Latrine, bathroom, staircase, Varmdah on ground floor and one room open terrace on first floor with boundary walls fitted with electricity and water tap in running conditions, situated at village- Sikdarpur in the abadi of Gali No. 8, Balbir Nagar, Illaqa Delhi- 110032. Bounded as: East: Gali, West: Property of Others, North: Part of Property No. 1/5248, South: Property of others. | 25.04.2019 | **09.07.2019** | **Rs. 1,87,68,316.30** as on 06.04.2019 + interest and other Charges w.e.f. 01.04.2019 |
| 3. | **BRANCH: TILAK ROAD, DEHRADUN**<br>**Borrower/Mortgagor:** M/s Bhupesh Kumar Shikcham Evam Vikas Sansthan President, Sh Bhupesh Kumar S/o Sh Shila Nath, **Address: 1-** Lucent International School, Manduwala, (Kothari), Sudhowala, VIA Prem Nagar, Dehradun-248007, Uttrakhand **Address: 2-** Gurukul Tutorial & Hostels, Sewa Kalan, Majra Chowk, West Canal Road Dehradun 248001, **Address 3-** Road no 138, Rajender Nagar, Patna 800016. **Address: 4-** Agyaspur P.O. Tehwara, P.S Singhwara District Dharbhanga ( Bihar ).<br>**Gaurantors: Sh. Umesh Dubey** S/o Sh Mahvir Dubey Address: Village Madhopur P.O Jakauli P.S. Bahera, Darbhanga, Bihar 800016 **2. Sh Lalit Kumar** S/o Shri Thakur Lal Address: Village Madhopur P.O Jakauli P.S Bahera, Darbhanga, Bihar 800016 | Mauza Sadikpur yogi Khata no. 46 Survey no. 181, Thana no. 09 Tauzi no.227 M.S Plot No. 3037 Circle 50 Ward no. 15/36 (0) Pargana Azimabad P.S Baha -durpur Mahalla Rajender Nagar Road no.13B City & District Patna. Butted & Bounded as Under:-North: 7 feet Wide Road, East: Seller, South: House of Sadhu Sharan SIngh and of Sh. S N Singh, West: House of K. B. Sinha | 25.03.2019 | **12.07.2019** | **Rs. 6,89,27,699.73** + interest and other Charges w.e.f. 01.02.2019 |

Date: 13.07.2019 Place: Dehradun Authorised Officer, Punjab National Bank



**CHANGE OF TIMINGS AND CANCELLATION OF TRAIN SERVICES IN DHR**

Change of railway timings, introduction of new trains, re-introduction of trains, withdrawal and cancellation of train services in DHR w.e.f. **15-07-2019**. Details are as under:

**A. Change of timings of Joy Ride trains between Darjeeling-Ghum-Darjeeling.**

| STATION | 52593 (Steam) | | | | 52594 (Steam) | | | | 52591 (Diesel) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | |
| | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| Darjeeling | — | 09.40 | — | 09.15 | — | 10.00 | — | 09.25 | — | 10.10 | — | 09.45 |
| Ghum | 10.30 | 11.00 | 10.05 | 10.30 | 10.50 | 11.20 | 10.15 | 10.40 | 10.55 | 11.25 | 10.25 | 10.50 |
| Darjeeling | 11.40 | — | 11.10 | — | 12.00 | — | 11.20 | — | 12.05 | — | 11.25 | — |

| STATION | 52595 (Steam) | | | | 52596 (Steam) | | | | 52597 (Diesel) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | |
| | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| Darjeeling | — | 12.10 | — | 11.30 | — | 12.20 | — | 11.40 | — | 12.45 | — | 12.00 |
| Ghum | 13.00 | 13.30 | 12.20 | 12.45 | 13.10 | 13.40 | 12.30 | 12.55 | 13.25 | 13.55 | 12.40 | 13.10 |
| Darjeeling | 14.10 | — | 13.25 | — | 14.20 | — | 13.35 | — | 14.30 | — | 13.40 | — |

| STATION | 52598 (Steam) | | | | 52592 (Steam) | | | | 52599 (Diesel) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | |
| | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| Darjeeling | — | 16.05 | — | 13.50 | — | 16.10 | — | 14.00 | — | 16.20 | — | 14.20 |
| Ghum | 16.55 | 17.25 | 14.40 | 15.05 | 17.00 | 17.15 | 14.50 | 15.15 | 17.00 | 17.30 | 15.00 | 15.25 |
| Darjeeling | 18.05 | — | 15.45 | — | 18.25 | — | 15.55 | — | 18.20 | — | 16.00 | — |

**B. Change of timings of train services between New Jalpaiguri-Darjeeling.**

| 52588 DN Darjeeling-Kurseong Passenger | | | | 52540 DN Darjeeling- New Jalpaiguri Passenger | | | | STATION | 52541 UP New Jalpaiguri-Darjeeling- Passenger | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Existing | | Revised | | Existing | | Revised | | | Existing | | Revised | |
| ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP | | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| — | 16.00 | — | 16.10 | — | 08.00 | No change timings | | Darjeeling | 15.35 | — | 17.20 | — |
| 16.30 | 16.35 | 16.35 | 16.40 | 08.30 | 08.35 | | | Ghum | 14.50 | 14.55 | 16.35 | 16.40 |
| 17.15 | 17.17 | 17.25 | 17.27 | 09.15 | 09.19 | | | Sonada | 14.03 | 14.05 | 15.45 | 15.46 |
| 17.57 | 17.58 | 18.07 | 18.08 | 09.54 | 09.55 | | | Tung | 13.25 | 13.26 | 15.00 | 15.01 |
| 18.30 | — | 18.40 | — | 10.30 | 10.40 | | | Kurseong | 12.45 | 12.55 | 14.20 | 14.30 |
| | | | | 11.10 | 11.11 | | | Mahanadi | 12.13 | 12.14 | 13.41 | 13.42 |
| | | | | 11.41 | 11.43 | 11.41 | 11.42 | Gayabari | 11.42 | 11.43 | 13.13 | 13.14 |
| | | | | 12.18 | 12.20 | 12.17 | 12.22 | Tindharia | 11.10 | 11.11 | 12.40 | 12.42 |
| | | | | 13.25 | 13.26 | No change | | Rongtong | 10.04 | 10.05 | 11.34 | 11.35 |
| | | | | 13.56 | 13.58 | 14.00 | 14.02 | Sukna | 09.30 | 09.32 | 11.00 | 11.02 |
| | | | | 14.32 | 14.35 | 14.32 | 14.34 | Siliguri Jn | 08.55 | 09.00 | 10.25 | 10.30 |
| | | | | 15.10 | — | 15.15 | — | New Jalpaiguri | — | 08.30 | — | 10.00 |

**C. Change of timings of Evening Safari between Siliguri Jn.-Rongtong-Siliguri Jn.**

| STATION | 52556 UP/DN Eveing Safari | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Existing | | Revised | |
| | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| Siliguri Jn. | — | 15.00 | — | 14.45 |
| Sukna | 15.35 | 15.45 | 15.20 | 15.30 |
| Rongtong | 16.20 | 16.45 | 16.00 | 16.35 |
| Sukna | 17.20 | 17.21 | 17.10 | 17.15 |
| Siliguri Jn. | 17.55 | — | 17.45 | — |

| Re-Introduction For Peak Season, 2020 (1st March To 30th June) | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 52543 Up Siliguri-Kurseong | | STATION | 52542 DN Kurseong-Siliguri | |
| ARR | DEP | | ARR | DEP |
| — | 09.00 | Siliguri Jn | 17.30 | — |
| 09.30 | 09.32 | Sukna | 16.55 | 16.57 |
| 10.04 | 10.05 | Rongtong | 16.20 | 16.21 |
| 11.10 | 11.15 | Tindharia | 15.10 | 15.15 |
| 11.43 | 11.44 | Gayabari | 14.40 | 14.41 |
| 12.13 | 12.14 | Mahanadi | 14.10 | 14.11 |
| 12.45 | — | Kurseong | — | 13.30 |

**D. Introduction and re-introduction of train services:**

| STATION | Introduction for peak season, 2020 (1st March to 30th june) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 52544 Peak season Spl. Joy Ride | | 52545 Peak season Spl. Joy Ride | |
| | Timings | | Timings | |
| | ARR | DEP | ARR | DEP |
| Darjeeling | — | 16.10 | — | 16.25 |
| Ghum | 17.00 | 17.30 | 17.05 | 17.35 |
| Darjeeling | 18.10 | — | 18.15 | — |

**E. Withdrawl and cancellation of train services:**

| TRAIN NO | FROM-TO | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|
| 52570 Red Panda | Darjeeling-Kurseong | Darjeeling - Kurseong - Darjeeling Red Panda train is withdrawn from regular services permanently |
| 52571 Red Panda | Kurseong-Darjeeling | |
| 52591 Joy Ride | Darjeeling-Ghum-Darjeeling | Cancelled from 1st july to 30th September, 2019 due to rainy season and 1st December, 2019 to 28th February, 2020 due to lean season |
| 52592 Joy Ride | | |
| 52593 Joy Ride | | |
| 52595 Joy Ride | | |
| 52596 Joy Ride | | |
| 52599 Joy Ride | | |

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## PERSONAL

**I,Pushpa** Kumari Dabas, W/O Zile Singh Dabas R/O Flat.No-842 Sector-37, Noida,Gautam Budh Nagar,UP, Have Changed My Name To Pushpa Dabas 0040503159-8

**I,Manisha** Singh w/o Hemendra Singh R/o-A8/202,2nd.floor, Tower-A-8,Nirala Aspire,GH-3, sector-16,Greater Noida West,Distt. Gautam Buddha Nagar.Have changed my Name to Manisha Rajput. 0040503159-5

**I, Lalchand** Singh Shishodia S/o Late Shri Tikam Singh Shishodia R/o Salarpur Kalan, Tehsil:-Dadri, Gautam Budh Nagar, Inform you that Lal Chand, Lal Chand Shishodia & Lalchand Singh Shishodia all 3 names belongs to me For all future purposes I shall be known as Lalchand Singh Shishodia. 0040503159-3

**I, Akansha** Tomar Daughter of Harsh Vardhan Residing at A-5/2, Gali.No.5, A-Block, Bhajanpura Delhi-110053 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Aakansha Tomar in my HDFC Bank Saving Account No.03951460001578 The actual name of mine is Akansha Tomar respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040503159-4

**I,** Vijay Kumar Arora@Vijay Kumar S/o Janak Raj R/o-16/7A, Moti-Nagar Ramesh Nagar, Delhi-15, have changed my name to Vijay Arora. 0040503131-1

I, Monika W/o Manoj Kumar Sachdeva R/o H.No.7/2 7A, Church Road,Jwala Nagar, Shahdara East Delhi-110032,have changed my name to Meenu Sachdeva. 0040503159-1

I, Vanshika Batheja D/o Sh.Surinder Kumar Bhateja R/o D-63, 3rd Floor, East Uttam Nagar, Ram Dutt Enclave, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Vanshika Bhateja for all purposes. 0040503121-1

**I,** Surinder Kumar Goel S/o Chandgi Ram Goel R/o A-38 Third Floor Vikaspuri Tilak Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to Surender Kumar Goel permanently. 0040503132-1

**I,** Suneel Kumar Ray, S/O Sh. Rambalak Ray, R/o Purvi Tola Ward No 12, Narayanpur, EastChamparan, Bihar-845427, presently residing at B-54/4, Krishna Vihar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP-201005 have changed my name to Sunil Kumar Ray S/O Sh. Harendra Ray for all future purposes. 0040503067-1

**I,** Subhash Chand S/o Laxmi Narayan R/o-A3/58-59 Sector-11 Rohini Delhi-110085. have changed my name to Subhash Jain. 0040503131-5

**I,** Subhash Bhatt S/o Sh. Kadar Dutt Bhatt R/o House No. C-104, DDA Flats, Kartwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016, have changed my minor son's name from Subam Bhatt to Shubham Bhatt for all future purposes. 0040503138-1

**I,** Shyam Sunder S/o Sh. Ram Paltan R/o-407 Sanand-Tower ONGC-Colony Makkarpura-Road Vadodara Gujrat-390009, Presently Residing at Pocket-1 Sector-C House No.1246 Vasant-Kunj, New Delhi-110070.have changed the name of my minor Son aged about 14-yrs from Abhishek to Abhishek Rakshit for all purposes. 0040503131-7

**I,** Shubham Kumar S/O Sharwan Kumar R/O I-14, Sector-12, Noida, Up Have Changed My Name To Shubham Kumar Chaursiya 0040503159-6

**I,** Sasi N.P/N.P Sasi/Sasi Kumar N.P/Nalonnumuriyil Ponnamma Sasi, S/o Bhanu, R/o-251, DDA, LIG-FLATS, Pkt-3C, Sector-16B, Dwarka, Delhi-110078,have changed my name to N P Sasi Kumar,for all purposes. 0040503131-3

**I,** Sandeep Kumar R/o Unit ACG, IHQ MOD Camp, Shankar-Vihar, Delhi Cantt-110010 inform my minor daughter name is wrongly mentioned in my Army service-records as Salaja Kumari but her correct name is Sailja Kumari. 0040503130-9

**I,** Saher Mahvish W/o Mohammad Ayaz Khan R/o 168, First Floor, Vaishali Enclave, Pitam Pura, Delhi, have changed my name to Mahvish Khan for all purposes. 0040503121-3

**I,** Safal Prasad Sharma S/o Late Shri Kishore Prasad R/o RZ/A-62, Gali No.1/2, 10th to 12th lane, Nala Patri, Main Sagarpur, Delhi-110046, have changed my name to Safal Prasad Nodiyal, for all future purposes. 0040502948-1

**I,** Ruchi Bali Chibber D/o Amarjit Singh Bali R/o House No.1097, Sector-A, Pocket B and C, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070 have changed my name to Ruchi Bali for all purposes. 0040503123-1

**I,** Jaswinder Kaur W/O Raghubir Singh R/O S-640-A, School Block Shakarpur Delhi-110092 Have Changed My Name To Jasvinder Kaur. 0040503130-1

**I,** Jass Karan Singh S/o Gurcharan Singh R/o MU-14B, LIG Flats, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed name to Jaskaran Singh. 0040503130-4

**I,** Rakesh Solanki S/o Ram Kishan Solanki R/o-F-3/48, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my minor son's name from Nikhil to Nikhil Solanki. 0040503130-2

**I,** Praveersinh Bhartendu Parmar S/o Bhartendu Shirishchandra Parmar R/o-C-7/163, First-Floor, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Praveersinh Parmar. 0040503130-3

**I,** Prachi Singhal W/O Ajay Singhal R/O 505 Nanda Tower Kaushambi Ghaziabad Up Have Changed My Name To Sonia Singhal 0040503159-7

**I,** Poonam Rani D/o Sh. Narsingh Kushwaha R/o H.no-D/15, Gali no-15, Molarband Extn, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Poonam Kushwaha for all purposes. 0040503157-1

**I,** Parvinder Kumar, S/o Shri Ved Prakash, R/o-2/23, Ram Mohalla, JohriPur, Delhi-110094.have changed my name to Parvinder Yadav for all future purposes. 0040503131-2

**I,** No.6937773Y HAV SK Salim of OD Shakurbasti, New Delhi correction in D.O.B. of wife in Service documents. D.O.B. of her 20/02/1982 (incorrect)& her correct D.O.B. is 01/01/1983. 0040503183-4

**I,** Niharika Uppal D/o Sh.Vikesh Uppal W/o Sh.Keshav Chawla R/o C-112, Preet Vihar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name after marriage to Niharika Chawla for all purposes. 0040503121-4

**I,** Mukesh Mohan Shivdasani S/o Mohan Das Bulchand Shivdasani R/o E-033, Richmond Park, DLF Phase-4, Gurgaon, Haryana have changed my name to Mukesh Shivdasani 0040503158-1

**I,** Mohammad Zeeshan Azmat, Son Of Mohammad Azmat R/O H.No.24-A, Old Willingdon Camp, Race-Course, Air Force Station, New Delhi-110003, Have Changed My Name From Mohammad Zeeshan Azmat To Mohammad Zeeshan Vide-Affidavit Dated-12.07.19. New Delhi. 0040503199-9

**I,** Kunche Bala Kishore, R/O-Plot No.22/1, Rzf-110, Gali No.40, Manokamna-Bhawan, Sadhnagar, Palam-Colony, New Delhi-110045,Have Changed My Minor Child's Name,From Blessy To Kunche Blessy Vide-Affidavit Dated-12.07.19. New Delhi. 0040503199-4

**I,** Kunche Bala Kishore, R/O-Plot No.22/1, Rzf-110, Gali No.40, Manokamna-Bhawan, Sadhnagar, Palam-Colony, New Delhi-110045,Have Changed My Minor Child's Name, From Jessy To Kunche Jessy Vide-Affidavit Dated-12.07.19. New Delhi. 0040503199-6

**I,** Kumari Meenakshi W/o Aniket Chakraborty R/o:WZ-61A/3A, Gali No-13, Vashist-Park, Pankha-Road, New Delhi-46 Have Changed My Name to Meenakshi Verma. 0040503130-10

**I,** Karuna Bhaggal D/o Sh.Shankar Dass W/o Sh.Gulshan Kumar R/o E-71, First Floor, Tagore Garden Extn., New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Karuna Aashta for all purposes. 0040503121-2

**I,** Kamlesh,W/o Bhupender Singh Chahal, R/o-House No.65, Pocket-A-00 (60-Mtrs.), Sector-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085.have changed my name from Kamlesh Kumari to Kamlesh for future purposes. 0040503183-10

**I,** K Revathi Priyadarshini, Spouse Of Kunche Bala Kishore R/O-PlotNo.22/1, Rzf-110, Gali No.40, Manokamna-Bhawan, Sadhnagar, Palam-Colony,New Delhi-110045, Have Changed My Name, From K Revathi Priyadarshini To Kunche Revathi Priyadarshini Vide-Affidavit Dated-12.07.19. New Delhi. 0040503199-7

**I,** Janinder Malik S/o Shri Jagat Prakash Malik R/o Flat No-1403, Tower-09 Lotus Boulevard, Plot No. GH-09 Sector-100 Noida Distt. Gautam Budha Nagar 201301 (U.P.) have changed my Minor Son's name from Nischay Malik to Yagna Malik. 0040503124-1

I,Geeta Dang D/o Late Vijay Kumar Dang R/o E-1206A,13thFloor tower-E, Amrapali Princely Estate Sector-76 Noida Has Changed my Son`s name from Chaitanya Sharma to Chaitanya G. Dang Permanantly. 0040503070-1

**I** Indu Bala Aneja Alias Indu Bala Alias Ashu Narang D/o Hans Raj Aneja W/o Lalit Kumar R/o F-30, Sudershan Park, Delhi-110015 have finally changed my name to Indu Bala. 0070664821-1

**I** Hitherto known as Rajni Kumari wife of Shri Talwinder Singh Residing at Village Ramgarh, Jhungian P.O.Samundra Tehsil Garhshankar, Hoshiarpur-144532 Punjab,India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sukhwinder Kaur 0040503199-2

**I,** Jaishree Khattar D/o Late Sh.Krishan Chand Khattar W/o Sh.Tarun Mehta R/o-C-782,Second Floor,Vikaspuri, New Delhi have changed my name to Shalini Mehta after marriage (Date of Marriage 21.04.1995) for all future purposes. 0040503154-1

**I,** Gopal Bhandari S/o Diwan Singh Bhandari R/o B-227, Brijvihar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011 have changed my name to Gopal Singh Bhandari. 0040503183-1

**I,** Geetanjali Saxena D/o Mukesh Shivdasani R/o E-033, Richmond Park, DLF Phase-4, Gurgaon, Haryana have changed my name to Geetanjali Shivdasani. 0040503158-2

**I,** Diwan Singh S/o Keshav Singh Bhandari R/o B-227, Brijvihar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011 have changed my name to Diwan Singh Bhandari. 0040503183-2

**I,** Ashish Windrani S/o Ramesh Kumar Windrani R/o-125, Engineers-Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name,from Ashish Kumar to Ashish Windrani for all purposes. 0040503199-1

**I,** Amit S/o Chandram R/o Village Nandgarh, Distt. Jind, Haryana-126101 have changed my name to Amit Kumar for all purposes. 0040503125-1

**I,** Amarjit Singh S/o Tara Singh R/o Qtr.No-1, Gurudwara SisGanj Sahib, Chandni-chowk, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Amarjeet Singh. 0040503183-5

**I,** Abhay Jain S/o Bimal Kumar Singhi R/o-C-1/74 Rajasthali-Apartment Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my daughter's name Saanchi Jain to Cherry Jain. 0040503131-6

**I,** 6947962W, HAV.Sandip of-OD Shakur-Basti, New Delhi, added Name and Surname Sandeep Choudhary, henceforth know as Sandeep Choudhary,for all purposes. 0040503130-5

**I** hitherto known as Ravijeet Kaur alias Kiran Arneja W/O Ramandeep Singh R/O-31/10, First Floor, Old Rajinder-Nagar, Delhi-110060.have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ravijeet Kaur. 0040503130-8

**I** Shrawan Pandita Alias Shrawan Kumar Alias Shrawan Kumar Pandita S/o Ravinder Pandita R/o 136-G, Pocket-4, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110091 Have Finally Changed My Name To Shrawan Kumar Pandita. 0070664822-1

**I** Sariful Mondal S/o Khokan Mondal R/o VPO- Mohammad pur, Teh-Berhampore, Distt-Murshidabad, (W.B)-742121. In my birth certificate my name Serful Mondal & DOB 10/08/1991 is wrongly mentioned But my correct name is Sariful Mondal &DOB is 30/01/1994. 0040503122-1

**I** Ratnesh Dabra Alias Ratnesh Kumar Dabra S/o Jagdish Chander Dabra R/o KG-1/ 589, Vikaspuri, Delhi- 110018 have changed my name to Navratnesh Dabra. 0070664805-1

**I** Rajinder Kumar S/O Sukhdev Resident I-207, Upper Ground-Floor, Ashok Vihar Phase-I Delhi-110052 have changed my name to Rajender Chugh. 0040503130-7

**I** Priyanka D/o Amarjit Singh R/o 2A-SF UC Block Usha Park Hari Nagar N.D-110064, have change my name to Priyanka Singh 0040503155-3

**I** Pradip Kumar Shrivastav S/o Santosh Kumar Shrivastav R/o-H.No.2007, Gali No.39, Sanjay-Colony, Sector-23, Faridabad Haryana.have changed my name to Pradeep Kumar Shrivastav,for all future purposes. 0040503131-4

**I** Poonam Dabas W/O Sh.Pradeep Dabas R/O-78a, A-Block, Roshan Garden Uttam-Nagar Road-East Najafgarh, N.Delhi-110043.Have Changed My Name To Poonam Rani. 0040503204-1

**I,** Hema W/o Diwan Singh Bhandari R/o B-227, Brijvihar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011 have changed my name to Hema Bhandari. 0040503183-3

**I** Pappu Sinha Alias Pappu Singha S/o Pratap Singha R/o C-107, Vijay Vihar Phase-2, Rohini Sector-4, Delhi- 110085 Have Finally Changed My Name To Pappu Singha. 0070664800-1

**I** Kumari Nishu Sahni W/O Sunil Chadha Resident 1901, Outram-Line Phulwari-Block, Kingsway-Camp Delhi-110009. have changed my name to Nisha Chadha. 0040503130-6

**I** Kartar Singh Malhotra S/o Sardar Prem Singh R/o-13 Ground-Floor Mausam-Vihar Krishna Nagar Delhi-51.have changed my name to Kartar Singh 0040503131-8

**I** Kanwar Pal S/O Puran Chand Vashisth R/O-F-73 Inder-Enclave Phase-II Kirari Suleman-Nagar Delhi-110086. Have Change My Name Kanwar Pal To Kanwar Pal Vashisth.For All Purpose. 0040503131-9

**I** Hitherto known as Kamal Kaur Wife of Shri Gurmit Singh Residing at VPO-Ibrahimpur Tehsil Garhshankar, Hoshiarpur-144527 Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kamla 0040503199-3

**I** Bhagwan Shai S/o Lal Chand R/o RZ 108/284 Gali No 2 Geetanjali Park, West Sagarpur N.D 110046, have change my name to Bhagwan Sahay 0040503155-1

**I** Dharmendra kumar S/o Shankatha Singh R/o D-23 Rajiv Park East Sagarpur N.D 110046, have change my name to Dharmendra Singh and my father correct name is Sankatha Singh 0040503155-2

**I,** BRIJPAL SINGH S/o Ami Chand R/o Type-II/33, Tapti Apartment, Schedule-B, President Estate, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi-110004 informs that my name is mistakenly mentioned in Service Record as BRAJPAL SINGH. BRIJPAL SINGH and BRAJPAL SINGH are same person. 0040503141-1

I, hitherto known as Akshita wife of shri Nilabh Singh R/o H.No.640, (West) Bhai Parmanand colony Delhi-110009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Akshita Dutta Singh. 0040503159-2

I, Mohammad Azmat, R/O.H.No.24-A, Old-Willingdon-Camp, Race-Course, Air-Force Station, New Delhi-110003, Have Changed My Minor Child's Name. From Mohammad Amaan Azmat To Mohammad Amaan Vide-Affidavit Dated-12.07.19. New Delhi. 0040503199-8

I, Kunche Bala Kishore, R/O-Plot No.22/1, Rzf-110, Gali No.40, Manokamna-Bhawan, Sadhnagar, Palam-Colony, New-Delhi-110045, Have Changed My Minor Child's Name, From Smiley K To Kunche Shradha Roy Vide Affidavit Dated-12.07.19. New Delhi. 0040503199-5

## LOST & FOUND

**I,** Subodh Kant Dubey S/o Avdhesh Kumar Dubey R/o G-229, Jahangirpuri Delhi-110033, has lost my Original CBSE 10th Class Certificate Roll No. 8674577 year 2017. 0040503200-1

**Lost** My Original Migration-Certificate Of Class-12th Roll No-9165432,Year-2019, from CBSE Delhi Finder May Contact-Karishma Dandona:9315592296. 0040503200-2

**I,** Naresh Kumar Mahajan S/o Sh.Desraj Mahajan R/o 99, SF, Tarun Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have lost my original Lease Deed dated 08-09-54 bearing Shed No.45, Ground Floor, Azad Market, Delhi-110006. Finders may contact at above address. 0040503121-5

**I,** Pralab Barua S/o Late Shri Prabhakar Barua R/o A-14 Second Floor Nizamuddin East New Delhi-110013 inform that my Second Floor along with its terrace right of Property No.A-14 Nizamuddin East New Delhi-110013 Sale Deed Regd No.12644 in Addl. Book No.1 Vol. No.4350 on pages 1 to 11 on dt.28-09-2004 in the office of Sub Registrar-V Mehrauli New Delhi has been Lost if found contact me. 0040503127-1

**It** is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main, Senior Secondary Examination of Year 2006 and Roll No.2225264 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Ravi Sharma Add. thana khurd, p.o kharkhoda, distt. Sonipat 0040503155-4

**I,** Rani Tiwari W/o Late Avadhesh Kumar R/o 92, G.F., Gujranwala Town, Part-II, Delhi, have lost all my original documents i.e. Perpetual Lease Deed, Form-D, Map, Demand Letter, Allottment Letter, Senction Plan etc. of abovesaid property. Finders may contact at above address. 0040503121-7

**I,** Ajay Saluja S/o Sh.A.D. Saluja R/o 246-D, MIG Flat, Rajouri Garden, Delhi, have lost my previous all original documents of abovesaid property. Finders may contact at above address. 0040503121-6

### PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of my client Sh. Kanwar Singh S/o Late Mauji Ram R/o RZ-69, MS Block, Old Kakrola Road, Roshan Garden, Najafgarh, Delhi- 110043, Caused this notice to the General Public that my above named client have debarred and disowned his wife Smt. Rajbala, both sons namely Narender Singh & Bijender Singh and daughter Smt. Renu Dagar from all his movable and immovable properties because of their acts, conduct and un-bearable behavior towards my client. Now my above named client would have no concern with his above said wife, both sons and daughter in any manner whatsoever. In future, if anybody deals with above said my wife, sons and daughter in any way or any manner, he/she would be doing so at their own risk and consequences.

**Anup Singh (Advocate)**
**Ch. 508, Lawyers Chamber Block, District Courts, Saket, New Delhi**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to general public at large that my client Ravi Kumar S/o. Sh. Fateh Singh, R/o. B-101C, DDA Flats, Shivaji Enclave, Raghubir Nagar, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-27 has severed his relations with his son Lokesh Chaudhary and his wife Nibha @ Neha and their daughter Priyanshi and disinherited them from all his movable and immovable properties, due to their ill treatment/ misbehavior towards my client and his family members. Any body dealing with them may do so at his/her own risk and responsibility. My client shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever.

Sd/-
**Navin Gupta**
**Advocate**
**Ch. 374, W. Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

To, be known to all that my client **Sh. Vinod Kumar Chawla** S/o Sh. Baldev Raj Chawla R/o A-1/55, safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029, is the allottee of Plot No. 55, Block A-1, Area 667 Sq. Yrds., Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-29, has applied for conversion of the aforesaid property from leasehold to freehold in DDA. The original documents i.e. Perpetual Lease Deed, C&D Forms, Occupancy Certificate, Allotment Letter, Possession Letter and Site Possession Slip, of the above, said property have been lost or misplaced by my client and are not traceable in spite of his/her/their best efforts. An F.I.R/NCR to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station Crime Branch, Delhi (LR NO.1248842/ 2019 dated 10.07.2019). Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest, having any objection of found in possession of original documents may write/contact with at above named person at above Address/ Phone No. 8811040513 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to the property can personally inform or write to Deputy Director LAB (Residential) or Director (Residential), Vikas Sadan, New Delhi **Naveen Aggarwal** [illegible]

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is informed that we, Ramesh Kakroo S/o Late Sh. Prithvi Nath Kakroo & Smt. Kanta Kakroo W/o Ramesh Kakroo R/o H.No. 150-A, Vipin Garden, Uttam Nagar West, New Delhi-59 presently at Flat No. 451, Rama Apts, Sector-11, Dwarka, New Delhi-75 have disowned our son Akshay Kakroo and Daughter-in-law Anshu [illegible] from all immovable & movable properties due to their unruly behaviour which is unbecoming of a son & daughter-in-law & thereby have severed all relations with them. Any one dealing with above mentioned disowned person in any manner howsoever will be at his personal risk & liability. This is in pursuance to the declaration signed in presence of Police Officials at our residence on 20.06.2019.

**Shekhar Gehlot (Advocate)**
**B-5/61-62, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

MY CLIENT SH RAVINDER JAIN S/O LATE SH SHYAM LAL JAIN R/O H.NO. 141, POCKET-B2, SECTOR-6, ROHINI, DELHI, HAS SEVERED ALL HIS RELATIONS & DEBARRED HIS SON AMAN JAIN S/O RAVINDER JAIN FROM ALL HIS MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTY DUE TO HIS HOSTILE BEHAVIOUR. MY CLIENT SON IS IN POSSESSION OF THE VEHICLE NO. DL-8SEC-5424, WHICH IS REGISTERED ON MY NAME AND IF ANY MIS-HAPPENING OCCURS BY THE SAID VEHICLE, MY CLIENT SON NAMELY AMAN JAIN IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAME. MY CLIENT WAS, IS AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ANY ACT/DEED /LIABILITY.

Sd/-
**TARUN GAHLOT**
**(Advocate)**
**Ch. No. 201, Rohini Courts, Delhi**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Shri Surender Singh Rana S/o Late Hukam Chand & his wife Smt. Kavita both R/o House No. 343, Village Mukhmelpur, Post Office Alipur, Delhi-110036, has severed and disowned their son Sumit Kumar @ Sonu and his wife Smt. Rekha and their children Ruhi from their all movable & immovable properties due to their disobedient nature. Anybody dealing with them in any civil and criminal activities shall bear at his own cost and risk.

**Dinesh Shukla (Advocate)**
**Ch. No. 1410, Rohini Court, Delhi-85**

## COURT NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(ORDER 5, rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
In the court of Ms. Tyagita Singh
Senior Civil Judge-cum-Rent Controller (South)
Room No. 01, Saket Courts, New Delhi
Case No. 3/16
Kanhaiya Lal
Vs.
Khairati Lal

To,
(C) Ladhu Ram S/o Kanhaiya Lal House No. 1532/7, Wazir Nagar, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi-110003 (Last known Address)
(H) Smt. Shakuntala D/o Kanhaiya Lal House No. 1532/7, Wazir Nagar, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi-110003 (Last known Address)

The Defendant above named

WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the **07-09-2019 at 10.00 A.M.** the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.
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Sd/
Senior Civil Judge-cum-Rent Controller (South)
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all concerned that my client Shri Sh. Mahesh Chand S/o Shri Duli Chand and his wife Smt Lata both R/o K-601 (5th floor) Ecociti, Sector-137, Noida (U.P) 201301 have severed all their relations with their son Kushneet Kumar and his wife Shreya Thagela from their moveable and immoveable properties as he has become disobedient, disloyal and disrespectful to my clients and has been acting against their interest. Anybody dealing with said Kushneet Kumar and Shreya Thagela shall be doing so at his/her own risk, cost and responsibly and my clients shall not held responsible in any manner whatsoever for any of his acts.

Sd/-
**(RAJIV K. TEWARI)**
**ADVOCATE**
**Ch No. 394-395 CIVIL WING**
**TIS HAZARI COURTS DELHI-110054**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My client RADHA GUPTA W/O SH. SURAJ GUPTA R/O H.NO. 83, KH. NO. 85/19, 3RD FLOOR, BLOCK-1, VIJAY VIHAR, ROHINI, PHASE-II, DELHI-110085 has disowned/ debarred her son GAUTAM GUPTA @ MOHIT from all moveable/ immoveable properties and served all relations from him due to misconduct, hostile behavior. My client will not be responsible for any act in future.

Sd/-
**ROHIT KUMAR (ADVOCATE)**
**CH.NO. 1127,**
**ROHINI COURTS, DELHI-85**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients, Smt. Shanti Devi wife of late Sh. Ramanand Gupta, Sh. Prem Prakash Gupta son late Sh. Ramanand Gupta, Smt. Rameshwari Devi Gupta wife of Sh. Prem Prakash Gupta, Sh. Deepak Bansal son of Sh. Prem Prakash Gupta and Sh. Pankaj Gupta son of Sh. Prem Prakash Gupta all r/o 1178, Vikas Kunj, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 have severed their respective relationship with Sh. Manish Gupta son of Sh. Prem Prakash Gupta and his wife Smt. Vandana Gupta and their children since long and due to their disrespectful behavior my clients Smt. Shanti Devi, Sh. Prem Prakash Gupta and Smt. Rameshwari Devi Gupta have also disowned and disinherited them as their legal heirs/successors and have also disowned/ debarred them from their entire movable and immovable properties. Any body dealing with him, will do at his/her/ their own cost and risk. My above named clients shall not be responsible for any acts/deeds done by Sh. Manish Gupta and his wife Smt. Vandana Gupta either in past or in future.

Sd/-
**SUNIL GUPTA (Advocate)**
**Ch. No. 311-312, Civil Wing,**
**Tis Hazari Court Delhi-54**

### सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरे मुवक्किल श्री किशन लाल पुत्र श्री मुरली राम निवासी 153-सी, आदर्श नगर, मालवीय नगर, नई दिल्ली ने अपने पुत्र अविनाश @ जानु को उसके दुर्व्यवहार व गलत आचरण के कारण अपनी समस्त चल व अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल कर उससे सम्बन्ध विच्छेद कर लिए हैं। इसके किसी कार्य, लेन-देन व व्यवहार के लिए मेरे मुवक्किल या उसके परिजन जिम्मेदार नहीं होंगे अगर कोई व्यक्ति इससे किसी भी प्रकार का कोई लेन-देन करता है तो वह स्वयं जिम्मेदार होगा इसमें मेरे मुवक्किल की कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी।

**विनोद कुमार (अधिवक्ता)**
**चै.नं. 508, साकेत कोर्ट, नई दिल्ली-17**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, GURMIT SINGH S/O DARSHAN SINGH, residing at HOUSE NO- 8760/4, MULTANI DHANDA, PAHAR GANJ, NEW DELHI-110055. I shall be known as GURMIT SINGH not (Gurnmeet Singh). It's my humble request to change my name from Gurmeet Singh to my correct name Gurmit Singh from my daughter's school admission form which has been written wrong previously in school time.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sh. Harjeet Singh S/o Balwant Singh and Smt. Ranjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Harjeet Singh R/o LIG Flat No. 116, Sanjay Enclave, Near Jahangirpuri, Delhi-33, have debarred their son Amandeep Singh his wife Harpreet Kaur and their child namely Mehreet Kaur, from their moveable and immovable properties, and have severed all relation from them due to his misconduct, bad behaviour and bad intentions. Any person dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk, cost and responsibilities. My Clients Harjeet Singh & Smt. Ranjeet Kaur will not be responsible for the same.

Sd/-
**SANJEEV JAIN (Advocate)**
**Enrl. No. D-226/1991**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Surinder Kumar Chopra S/o Late Sh. Roshan Lal chopra and Smt. Nalini Chopra W/o Sh. Surinder Chopra both R/o 146, Laxmi Apartment, Plot no. 24/3, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi has disowned/debarred their son Punit Chopra and his wife Parul Chopra from their movable, immovable property and have severed all connections due to their misbehavior and out of control. Anybody dealing with them, my client and other family members shall not be responsible for their act and conduct.

Sd/-
**(SANJAY RANA)**
**ADVOCATE**
**CH. NO. 804, Rohini Courts, Delhi**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client MANGERAM S/o NAINSINGH R/o H.NO. A-17, PUL PEHLAD PUR, SURAJ KUND ROAD, BADARPUR, Delhi-110044, has disowned/debarred his son "Rahul" from his moveable, immovable property and has severed all connections due to his misbehavior/out of control. Anybody dealing with him my client will not be responsible for their act and conduct.

Sd/-
**VIJAY KUMAR**
**ADVOCATE**
**CH. NO. 1316, ROHINI COURTS, DELHI-110085**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients Sarita Gupta W/o Uma Shankar Gupta and Uma Shankar S/o Shri Ram Gupta R/o 282 Bank Enclave, Delhi 92, have severed all their relations & debarred son Rohit Gapta & his wife Kiti Mahajan from all their movable & immovable properties due to disobedient attitude. My clients shall not be responsible for any of their acts & deeds done by them and anybody dealing with them shall be at their own entire risks and consequences.

**Sandeep Sharma (Advocate)**
**Ch. No. 372 Patiala House Courts, New Delhi 92**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Ashok Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh. S.K. Gupta and his wife Smt. Kiran Gupta, both R/o C-5/99, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi -110085 severed all their social relations with their son Prabhav Aggarwal and his wife Smt. Chhavi Aggarwal, both residing at H.No. C-5/99, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi -110085 due to their cruel and disobedient behaviour towards my clients. My clients disowned them from their all movable and immovable properties. My clients shall not be responsible for any act and conduct done by their son and daughter-in-law in future.

**GEETANKSHA DHINGRA-ADVOCATE**
**Ch. No. B-136, B.G.S. Block, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi -110054**

### सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरे मुवक्किल सुधीरकान्त त्रिपाठी पुत्र स्व. जगदम्बा प्रसाद त्रिपाठी, निवासी- 44 ई, विनय नगर, कृष्णा नगर, लखनऊ, उ.प्र. के हैं। जो यह पूरे होशो हवास में तथा सभी तथ्यों को ध्यान में रखकर यह घोषणा करते हैं कि वह अपने पुत्र रणधीर त्रिपाठी को पूर्ण रूप से अपनी जमीन, जायदाद, मकान, बैंक बैलेंस इत्यादि से बेदखल कर रहे हैं और यह भी घोषणा करते हैं कि किसी भी तरह के लेन देन या झगड़ा इत्यादि पुराने या भविष्य में होने वाले वह व उनके परिवार के सदस्य जिम्मेदार नहीं होंगे। इस सभी के लिये रणधीर त्रिपाठी स्वयं ही जिम्मेदार होगा।

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**1.NIT No**:77-CAO-C-SC-2019 Date:10.07.2019
**Name of work** : Nadikudi - Srikalahasti New B.G.Line - Hiring of Three numbers of pickup trucks/ vans such as TATA 497 SP/KARGOKING MAHINDRA non A/C-640DP or similar type for SSEs/SEs/JEs and staff of Dy.CPM/Con/WCSP/SC unit for transportation of equipments, material ,inspection of surveys, Soil Exploration, Land acquisition & survey, Construction works, meetings & joint inspections with State Govt. officials, village officials, rural officers in connection with works of new B.G Line between Nadikudi - Srikalahasti stations and other works of Dy.CPM/Con/WCSP/SC unit - Three vehicles for a period of Twenty Four (24)months.
**Estimated Cost:** ₹. 17,04,000.00
**EMD :** ₹. 34,100.00
**Completion Period :** 24 Months
**Date of Opening:**06/08/2019 15:00 hrs

**2.NIT No**:78-CAO-C-SC-2019Date:10.07.2019
**Name of work** : Construction of new BG line between Lingampet Jagityal-Nizamabad section: Maintenance of newly laid track main lines and points and crossings from km.83.605 to 177.300 between Lingampet Jagityal - Nizamabad stations (Including Korutla, Metpalli, Mortad and Armoor Yards).
**Estimated Cost:** ₹. 1,93,44,000.00
**EMD :** ₹. 2,46,700.00
**Completion Period :** 12 Months
**Date of Opening:**06/08/2019 15:00 hrs

**3.NIT No**:79-CAO-C-SC- 2019 Date:10.07.2019
**Name of work** : Nanded Division - Khandwa-Akola Section - Conversion of track from MG to BG between Khandawa and Amulakhurd stations. Construction of Station Buildings including Relay, Battery, Generator & equipment rooms, High level platforms, Sub ways, Foot over bridges ,Cover Over Platforms, yard drains, circulating areas, approach roads etc, at Mordar, Jirwan, Takal ,Gurhi. and Amlakhurd stations in Khandwa and Burhanpur Districts of Madhya Pradesh state.
**Estimated Cost:** ₹. 34,76,51,739.19
**EMD :** ₹. 18,88,300.00
**Completion Period :** 12 Months
Date of Opening:06/08/2019 15:00 hrs

**4.NIT No**:80-CAO-C-SC- 2019 Date:11.07.2019
**Name of work** : Conducting Preliminary Engineering-Cum-Traffic Survey for Bye-Pass Line near Peddapalli Railway station connecting KAZIPET-BALHARSHAH main line and Peddapalli – Karimnagar BG line (9 Km) and submission of Report with plans and estimates of Civil, Electrical(General & TRD) & Traffic Surveys"
**Estimated Cost:** ₹. 1,44,000.00
**EMD :** ₹. 2,900.00
**Completion Period :** 03 Months
Date of Opening:06/08/2019 15:00 hrs

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E-Tender Notice No. KYQ/CDO/ ACWP/03/19-20 Dated: 05-07-2019. Work tender through e-tendering system are invited for the following works: SL. No.1. Tender No. KYQ/ CDO/ACWP/03/19-20 Dated: 05-07-2019. Name of Work: Supply and installation of Automatic coach washing plant with effluent treatment plant and water treatment plant at Kamakhya Pit line for exterior cleaning of coaches at coaching depot Kamakhya. Tender Value: ₹3,12,09,112/-. Earnest Money: ₹3,06,100/-. Date & time of Closing of tender: 15.00 hrs. of 12-08-2019 and opened at 15.30 hrs of 12-08-2019. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 12-08-2019 in the website www.ireps.gov.in

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### WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION

**PART SUPPLY OF SIGNALING MATERIAL, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER No.- DRM-SnT-ADI-Sig 15 of 2019-20** DRM/S and T acting for and behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. DRM-SnT-ADI-Sig 15 of 2019-20 closing date 08.08.2019, 15:00 Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **1. Name of work:** Provision of outsourcing of the Part supply of signaling material, installation, testing and commissioning in connection with work for repair and maintenance of outdoor signaling gears in ADSTE/Wil/Ahmedabadd section of Ahmedabad Division. **2. Estimated Cost of work** : ₹ 60,81,610.00/- (₹ Sixty Lakh Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred Ten only.) **3. Earnest Money Deposit :** ₹ 1,21,600.00/- (₹ One Lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Only) **4. Date and Time of closing :** Not later than 15:00 Hrs of 08.08.2019 **5. Date and Time of Opening of Tender** : 08.08.2019 at 15:30 Hrs. **6. Website of E-Tendering: www.ireps.gov.in** 150

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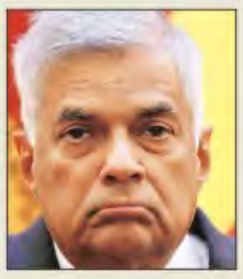
## RUSSIA LAUNCHES SPACE TELESCOPE

Russia launched a space telescope Saturday from the cosmodrome in Baikonur, Kazakhstan, a joint project with Germany intended to replace one it lost in January. Video posted on the website of the Roskosmos, the Russian space agency, showed a Proton-M rocket carrying the Spektr-RG taking off from the launch pad at Baikonur

## TOP OF THE WORLD



Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe

SRI LANKA

### PM to appear before panel on Easter attacks

*Colombo:* Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said he would appear before the Parliamentary Select Committee probing the Easter Sunday attacks that claimed 258 lives and would provide all available information, according to a media report. The PM made the remarks after his government on Thursday defeated the no-confidence motion that accused it of failing to prevent the Easter Sunday bombings despite receiving intelligence inputs from India.

POST NZ MASSACRE

### Gun buy-back event a success, say police

*Melbourne:* Police Saturday labelled New Zealand's first firearms buy-back event a success, after 169 individuals handed in 224 prohibited firearms in Christchurch. The event was the first of 258 planned until the end of the year, to compensate owners of powerful, but newly banned, semi-automatic weapons following the attacks. The attitude of those who participated was "outstanding," police official Mike Johnson said. "They have really engaged in the process here today and we have had positive feedback," he added.

IRAN

### Ex-mayor goes on trial over wife's murder

*Tehran:* The high-profile trial opened Saturday of a former Tehran mayor charged with murdering his wife, media reported. Prominent reformist Mohammad Ali Najafi appeared in court, accused of shooting his second wife Mitra Ostad at their home in the Iranian capital. The charge sheet read out in court included murder, assault, battery and illegal possession of a weapon. The prosecutor also read out a statement from the former mayor, who claimed his wife once threatened him with a knife during one of their frequent arguments.

HEZBOLLAH ON US-TEHRAN STANDOFF

# 'America will rethink war if they know it could wipe out Israel'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BEIRUT, JULY 13

THE HEAD of Lebanon's Tehran-backed Hezbollah said Friday that US ally Israel would not be "neutral" if a war broke out between the United States and Iran.

And "Iran is able to bombard Israel with ferocity and force," Hassan Nasrallah said in an interview broadcast on Hezbollah's Al-Manar television.

His remarks came after weeks of increasing tensions between the United States and Iran, and as US President Donald Trump steps up his war of words with the Islamic Republic.

"When the Americans understand that this war could wipe out Israel, they will reconsider," Nasrallah said.

"Our collective responsibility in the region is to work towards preventing an American war on Iran," he said. On Friday, the US House of Representatives voted to restrict Trump's ability to attack Iran, voicing fear that his hawkish policies are pushing toward a needless war.

Hezbollah is considered to be a terrorist organisation by the United States, and is the only faction not to have disarmed after the Lebanese 1975-1990 civil war.

But it is also a major political player in the small Mediterranean country, taking 13 seats in parliament last year and securing three posts in the current cabinet.

Nasrallah also said he had decreased the number of his movement's fighters supporting the Damascus regime in Syria. "We are present in every area that we used to be. We are still there, but we don't need to be there in large numbers as long as there is no practical need," he said.

Responding to a question about repeated Israeli air strikes on Syria, he said the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was "deceiving his people".

"He is playing a game of brinkmanship, because Iran will not leave Syria," he warned.

Israel has carried out hundreds of strikes in Syria against what it says are Iranian and Hezbollah military targets. It has vowed to keep Iran from entrenching itself militarily there.

A UN peacekeeping force said three tunnels have been found to have dug under the border from Lebanon into Israel. The group's leader warned that key Israeli installations along Mediterranean coast including Tel Aviv were "within range of our rockets". **PTI**

> **Our collective responsibility in the region is to work towards preventing an American war on Iran"**
>
> **— HASSAN NASRALLAH**
> HEZBOLLAH CHIEF

### IRAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER HEADING TO UN CONFERENCE

*Geneva:* Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was on his way to New York on Saturday to attend a United Nations conference, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said. Zarif's trip comes at a time of spiralling US-Iranian tensions. The US blames Iran for several attacks on oil tankers and the two foes came close to direct military conflict last month. **REUTERS**

# Islamist gunmen storm hotel in Somalia's Kismayo, 26 dead

Victims include politician, two journalists, UN agency staffer; of four attackers, three dead, one captured

ABDIQANI HASSAN & ABDI SHEIKH
MOGADISHU, GAROWE, JULY 13

ISLAMIST GUNMEN killed 26 people, including Kenyans, Americans, a Briton and Tanzanians, when they stormed a hotel in Somalia's southern port city of Kismayo, a regional state president said on Saturday, the deadliest day in the city since insurgents were driven out in 2012.

A car bomb exploded at the hotel where local elders and lawmakers were having a meeting on Friday night, and then three gunmen stormed in, police said. It took 11 hours before security forces ended the overnight attack, police officer Major Mohamed Abdi told *Reuters*.

The dead included a presidential candidate for August's regional elections, Jubbaland state president Ahmed Mohamed Madobe said in a statement. At least two journalists and a UN agency staff member were also reported to have been killed.

Al Qaeda-linked Islamist group al Shabaab, which is trying to topple Somalia's weak UN-backed government, immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Abdiasis Abu Musab, the group's military operation spokesman said Saturday they had killed 30 people and four of its fighters were also dead.

Al Shabaab and government officials tend to give differing casualty numbers for attacks. Regional president Madobe said three Kenyans, one Briton, two Americans and three Tanzanians were among the dead. **REUTERS**

### NAMING THE DEAD

THE SOMALIA office of the UN's International Organisation for Migration said one of its staffers, Abdifatah Mohamed, was among those killed while SADO Somalia, a local non-governmental organisation, said its executive director Abdullahi Isse Abdulle had died in the attack.

Two were identified as journalists: Somali-Canadian Hodan Naleyah, founder of Integration TV, and Mohamed Sahal Omar, a reporter for SBC TV in Kismayo. "Through her work as a journalist, Hodan highlighted the community's positive stories and contributions in Canada. She became a voice for many. We mourn her loss deeply, and all others killed in #KismayoAttack," Ahmed Hussen, Canada's Immigration minister, said in a tweet.

### FOUR KILLED AS TALIBAN HIT AFGHAN HOTEL

*Kabul:* Four Afghan security forces were killed Saturday when Taliban insurgents attacked a hotel, officials said.

The assault took place in Qala-i-Naw, when attackers struck a commercial area housing the hotel. "We had intelligence reports that suicide bombers were planning to attack Qala-i-Naw," Badghis governor Abdul Ghafoor Malikzai told *AFP*. "The attackers took over a building near the governor's office and police HQ".

The defence ministry said three attackers were killed and two more arrested. Four members of the Afghan security forces were killed and 20 people wounded, including civilians, the ministry said. **PTI**

# Four Indian crew on Iran oil tanker freed on bail

PTI & REUTERS
LONDON, JULY 13

FOUR INDIAN nationals arrested in connection with an ongoing investigation into an Iranian oil supertanker seized off the Spanish coast last week have been freed on bail without charge, the Royal Gibraltar Police said on Saturday.

The local force for Gibraltar, a British Overseas Territory, said the investigation was going on and the oil tanker Grace 1 remains in detention. "All four crew members of the Grace 1 arrested by the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP)have been bailed without charge," an RGP spokesperson said.

"The investigation is still ongoing and the Grace 1 continues detained under the provisions of the Sanctions Regulations 2019 which are born out of the Sanctions Act 2019," the spokesperson said.

The Master, or captain, and the Chief Officer of the vessel were arrested on Thursday and two Second Officers were arrested on Friday as a consequence of the investigation into the suspected breach of European Union (EU) sanctions on Syria.

### UK offers to facilitate release of tanker

British foreign minister Jeremy Hunt told his Iranian counterpart on Saturday that Britain would facilitate the release of the detained Grace 1 oil tanker if Tehran gave guarantees it would not go to Syria.

Hunt said the call with Iran's foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, had been constructive. "I reassured him our concern was destination not origin of the oil on Grace One & that UK would facilitate release if we received guarantees that it would not be going to Syria, following due process in (Gibraltar) courts," Hunt wrote on Twitter.

# Russia delivers fresh batch of defence equipment to Turkey

REUTERS
ISTANBUL, JULY 13

RUSSIA FLEW a fresh shipment of advanced air defence equipment to Turkey on Saturday, the Turkish Defence Ministry said, continuing to implement a deal that is likely to trigger US sanctions against a NATO ally.

The ministry said a fourth Russian cargo plane landed at the Murted air base near the Turkish capital Ankara, a day after three huge Russian air force AN-124 planes offloaded equipment at the base.

Washington has tried for months to prevent the deal, arguing that the Russian S-400 air defence system is incompatible with NATO systems. It also says that if the S-400s are deployed near US F-35 jets, which Turkey is buying and helping to produce, they would undermine the stealth fighter planes' defences.

US officials had warned that Turkey would be thrown off the F-35 programme if it took delivery of the S-400s, and would also face sanctions under US legislation seeking to prevent countries from buying military equipment from Russia.

### THE MISSLE DEAL, THE REACTION

**STRATEGIC NEED**
**Turkey says S-400 is a strategic requirement, above all to secure its southern borders with Syria and Iraq. It says when it made the deal, the US and Europe had not presented a viable alternative**

**MARKET UNSETTLED**
**Investors in Turkey have been unsettled by the deal and prospect of sanctions, a year after a dispute with Washington over the trial of a pastor in Turkey contributed to a financial crisis which drove Turkey's economy into recession.**

*Reuters/File*

## TEST LAUNCH

**Indonesia carried out a multiple-launch rocket, the RM-70, during a drill on Saturday.** *Reuters*

# Epstein paid $350,000 to buy silence of possible witnesses

BENJAMIN WEISER
NEW YORK, JULY 13

JUST DAYS after a newspaper exposé in November drew new attention to Jeffrey Epstein's predatory behavior toward young women, he wired $350,000 to two people close to him, federal prosecutors revealed Friday.

Epstein, who faces sex-trafficking charges in New York, was using money to try to buy the silence of possible witnesses against him, prosecutors said.

**Jeffrey Epstein**

The US attorney's office in Manhattan made the new allegations in a court filing asking that Epstein be denied bail while he awaits trial, saying the payments were evidence that he might try to influence witnesses if he were not detained.

Epstein wired payments from an account he controlled to potential witnesses in late November and early December, shortly after the *Miami Herald* began publishing an investigative report about a secret deal Epstein had reached with authorities in Florida to avoid federal prosecution in 2008, the government said.

Prosecutors have not charged Epstein in connection with the new allegations, and a spokesman for the attorney's office declined to comment. **NYT**

# Hong Kong protesters, police clash as rallies target Chinese traders

GREG TORODE & VIMVAM TONG
HONG KONG, JULY 13

HONG KONG protesters clashed with police on Saturday in a town near the boundary with mainland China where thousands rallied against the presence of Chinese traders, seizing on another grievance following major unrest over an extradition bill.

The demonstration in the Hong Kong territorial town of Sheung Shui, not far from the Chinese city of Shenzhen, began peacefully but devolved into skirmishes and shouting. Protesters threw umbrellas and hardhats at police, who retaliated by swinging batons and firing pepper spray.

Later, Hong Kong police urged protesters to refrain from violence and leave the area. By around 8.30 pm (1230 GMT), most had retreated as police in riot helmets and wielding large shields swept through the town to reclaim the streets.

Sometimes violent street protests have drawn millions of people, with hundreds storming the legislature on July 1 to oppose a now-suspended extradition bill that would have allowed criminal suspects in Hong Kong to be sent to China to face trial in courts under the ruling Communist Party control. **REUTERS**

**Protesters in Hong Kong on Saturday.** *AP*

EXPLAINED

### Expanding their base

THOSE PROTESTING the extradition bill are expanding their base by bringing more specific issues under the umbrella.

In Sheung Shui, "parallel traders" buy bulk quantities of duty-free goods to be sold in mainland China. The traders have been a source of anger for those in Hong Kong, who say they have fuelled inflation, driven up property prices, dodged taxes and diluted Sheung Shui's identity.

'THE PUBLIC'S EYES ARE BLIND, THEIR EARS ARE DEAF AND THEIR MOUTHS HAVE NO WORDS'

# We're almost extinct: China's investigative journalists silenced under Xi

JAVIER C HERNÁNDEZ
BEIJING, JULY 13

SHE WAS once one of China's most feared journalists, roaming the country uncovering stories about police brutality, wrongful convictions and environmental disasters. But these days, Zhang Wenmin struggles to be heard.

The police intimidate Zhang's sources. The authorities shut down her social media accounts. Unable to find news outlets that will publish her work, she lives largely off her savings.

"The space for free speech has become so limited," Zhang, 45, said. "It's dangerous to say you are an independent journalist."

China's investigative reporters once provided rare voices of accountability and criticism in a society tightly controlled by the ruling Communist Party, exposing scandals about babies sickened by tainted formula and blood-selling schemes backed by the government.

But under President Xi Jinping, such journalists have all but disappeared, as the authorities have harassed and imprisoned dozens of reporters and as news outlets have cut back on in-depth reporting. One of the most glaring consequences of Xi's revival of strongman politics is that the Chinese press is now almost entirely devoid of critical reporting. Critics call it the "total censorship era."

"We're almost extinct," said Liu Hu, 43, a reporter from the southwestern province of Sichuan who was detained for nearly a year after investigating corrupt politicians. "No one is left to reveal the truth."

"The government has made its citizens ignorant," Liu said. "The public's eyes are blind, their ears are deaf and their mouths have no words."

Clayton Dube, director of the US-China Institute at the University of Southern California, said Xi was sending a message that only the party had the power to criticise.

**Zhang Wenmin in Chengdu. Once a widely read investigative journalist, she now has to live mostly off her savings.** *NYT*

"Rather than seeing investigative journalism as an aid to remedying social ills and improving governance," he said, "Xi's party-state sees it as a threat to social stability."

An exodus of journalists has alarmed free speech advocates. Xue Lei quit his job two years ago as a reporter for the Beijing Youth Daily, a party newspaper, to work in public relations at a technology firm. "Issues that used to be covered a lot suddenly became restricted," he said, pointing to stories about crime and corruption. "Sometimes you wouldn't even know where a censorship order was coming from."

Q Daily, a news site in Shanghai founded in 2014, was known for running feature stories on social issues, including problems facing rural migrants in big cities. But the authorities have repeatedly shut down Q Daily over the past year, including in late May. The government has accused it of illegally "conducting original reporting" and harming public opinion.

Yang Ying, the website's editor-in-chief, said the interference was crippling Q Daily's business. The site has tried to abide by the government's strict controls by avoiding sensitive topics like politics and the military. But she said it was often unclear what might anger the authorities.

"There is no dignity running media here," Yang said.

Despite the political climate, a small group of investigative journalists are fighting to keep their profession alive, publishing stories on social media and overseas outlets. Liu, the journalist who was detained in 2013, continues to investigate serial killers and problems in the justice system, among other topics, often under a pen name.

The best journalists in China are persistent and aware of the risks of the job, he said. "Outside of China, journalists are fired for writing false reports," he said. "Inside China, they are fired for telling the truth." **NYT**

GLOBAL WATCH

## ENQUIRIES FOR AUSTRALIAN HOMES RISE

*Sydney:* Chinese buyer enquiries for Australian homes rose for a second quarter in a row in March, data from Juwai.com showed, signalling a possible revival of demand for the Pacific nation's beleaguered property market from a key investor base. **REUTERS**

PLANS TO RAISE A PORTION OF THE CENTRE'S BORROWINGS IN GLOBAL MARKETS

# Govt to make provision for hedging currency risk in overseas borrowings

**SUNNY VERMA**
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

WHILE ISSUING sovereign bonds in foreign currency in international markets, the government is expected to keep a provision in its books to account for a potential currency fluctuation that may affect its liability.

Sources said after discussions with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on the sovereign bond issue, the government will put in place a mechanism to hedge its currency risk. The government plans to borrow $10 billion for the first time ever in the international markets. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the government's plans to raise a portion of the Centre's borrowings in global markets in foreign currency. The government is planning to issue first such bonds in the middle of the year.

When foreign portfolio investors buy government bonds in Indian debt markets, they bear the risk of any untoward movement in the Indian rupee. But when the government raises funds in foreign currency, it has to bear the risk of currency movements.

While the rate of interest in international markets is much lower at around 2-3 per cent, compared to around 7 per cent the government pays in India, the rate differential shrinks after accounting for the costs associated with hedging the currency risk. Depending upon the premium in the forward markets that are used to hedge the currency risk, such costs can be as high as 4 per cent.

The overseas borrowing proposal, along with the government's target of lowering the fiscal deficit to 3.3 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product by March-end 2020, have been received positively by the bond market, as reflected in sharp reduction in bond yields since the introduction of the Union Budget 2019-20.

When the government raises a portion of its borrowings overseas, it reduces the domestic supply of debt papers by an equivalent amount. This helps in lowering domestic borrowing costs for the government, while freeing up similar amount of fund that the banks can now lend to retail and commercial borrowers.

The Finance Ministry expects the depreciation of the Indian rupee not to exceed the interest rate differential between local and global borrowings — providing a natural hedge on its debt exposure. "When we allow foreigners to invest in rupee securities we pay them higher rate of interest, as compared to what the rate of interest they earn (outside). The differential in rate of interest is in a way towards the foreign currency risk. So in this case, you are taking a call on the foreign exchange risk for future, but our experience suggests very clearly that the differential that is there between the rupee interest rate and the foreign currency interest rate, is actually higher than the depreciation in the domestic currency. So hopefully the same trend will continue," Finance Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg told *The Indian Express* on July 6.

"And I think we will make provisions for the differential also so that we don't have asset liability mismatches and the Budget takes into account the real expected cost of money," he said. Since this is the first time the Centre will raise funds abroad, the government and the RBI will now start work on putting in place a mechanism for flow of money, payment of interest and taxation among others. The RBI, which is debt manager of the government, has in the past been vary of proposal for global issuance of sovereign bonds, mainly because of currency volatility and its potential impact on macroeconomic stability.

EXPLAINED

### Risk on exchequer if funds raised in foreign currency

THE GOVERNMENT will for the first time raise resources from international markets to meet a portion of its borrowings. Unlike in the case of foreign investors putting in money in government bonds in India, the Centre raising funds in foreign currency puts the currency risk on the Exchequer.

To hedge against this risk of currency volatility, the government's plan to create a hedging mechanism will help in maintaining macroeconomic stability while at the same time take some load of the domestic bond market that is funding the deficit.

# DHFL defaults; reports net loss of ₹2,223 crore in fourth quarter of FY19

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

DEWAN HOUSING Finance Corporation (DHFL) on Saturday said it had made fresh defaults in two instances. On July 6, it failed to meet an interest payment obligation of Rs 19.59 crore on private placement NCD and of Rs 28.41 crore on July 8 towards another private placement NCD.

Since June, the company has either delayed or defaulted on interest payments of various instruments.

On June 4, it missed interest payment on secured redeemable NCDs worth Rs 900 crore but later revealed it had made full payment within the cure period. Soon after, on June 25, it defaulted on maturing unsecured commercial paper to the tune of Rs 225 crore. More recently, on July 4, the company said it defaulted on interest payments on private placement secured redeemable NCDs to the tune of Rs 4.75 crore and of Rs 1.19 lakh on public issue of NCDs.

On Saturday, it announced fresh defaults in two instances. On July 6, it failed to meet an interest payment obligation of Rs 19.59 crore on private placement NCD and of Rs 28.41 crore on July 8 towards another private placement NCD. Lenders to the housing financier have since signed an inter-creditor agreement to resolve the account and DHFL is expected to present a resolution proposal next week.

The company also reported a net loss of Rs 2,223 crore for the March quarter on Saturday. In the same quarter last year, the lender had posted a net profit of Rs 134.4 crore. DHFL deferred the announcement of financial results for the March quarter to Saturday, which was earlier scheduled for June 29, citing the unavailability of the management concerned.

Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) stood at 2.74 per cent as on March 31 against 0.91 per cent in the previous quarter and 0.96 per cent in the corresponding quarter last year. Provisions in Q4FY19 rose to Rs 729.47 crore from Rs 373.13 crore in the corresponding quarter last year.

DHFL's liquidity crisis has led to the downgrade of its debt of over Rs 1 lakh crore across various instruments including long-term borrowing and fixed deposits to D from AAA by various rating agencies like Crisil, CARE, ICRA and India Ratings.

"The company is taking active steps to monetise its assets and is in discussions with multiple Indian banks and international financial institutions to sell off its retail as well as wholesale portfolio. It is in discussions with the consortium of bankers/lenders to restructure its borrowings and will take all the necessary steps to ensure that it meets' its financial commitments," notes to the result read.

It further stated, "In view thereof, the requirements in respect of creation of debenture redemption reserve and the corresponding deposit in liquid assets shall be assessed upon conclusion of the restructuring plan. The Company is in the process of submitting a resolution plan to the lenders and the lenders are expected to give an in-principle approval to the plan by end of July 2019." It also referred to discussions for stake sale by the promoters to a strategic partner with further equity infusion and plan to monetise the wholesale loan portfolio.

The company also tabled a report in Saturday's board meeting regarding an independent review of allegations against the management and promoters by a media portal revealing procedural lapses, documentation deficiencies and failure on monitoring end use of the funds loaned as per the mandate of loan sanction conditions.

"The statutory auditors posted their review of the independent chartered accountants report, provided their observations and suggestions on the scope, coverage and findings by the independent chartered accountants in the report, as well as additional areas that needed to be covered. The management is in the process of determining the action to address the comments of the statutory auditors," the company said in a release. **FE**

### GROSS NPAs STANDS AT 2.74% AS ON MAR 31

- Gross non-performing assets stood at 2.74 per cent as on March 31 against 0.91 per cent in previous quarter and 0.96 per cent in the same quarter last year
- DHFL's liquidity crisis has led to downgrade of its debt
- The company is taking active steps to monetise its assets and is in discussions with multiple Indian banks and international financial institutions to sell off its retail as well as wholesale portfolio, the note to result said

## 'Forex kitty hits a new high of $429.9 bn'

The forex kitty continued to surge for fourth successive week to scale a new lifetime high of $429.911 billion, after a heavy increase in the value of gold and currency assets during the week to July 5, as per the RBI

**$2.23 bn:** The reserves have jumped by $2.23 billion, while in the past reporting week the same had increased by $1.262 billion to reach a new high of $427.67 billion

**$906.8 mn:** During the reporting week, foreign currency assets, which are major component of the overall reserves, increased by $906.8 million to $400.809 billion, the Reserve Bank said

**EARNING SOURCE:** Forex reserves are one of the key revenue earning sources for the central bank, which invests the money in foreign government bonds and also with the IMF and other secure investment class

**FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS:** Expressed in dollar terms, foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation/depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the reserves

**GOLD:** The value of the gold reserves swelled by $1.345 billion, taking the total to $24.304 billion, according to the RBI data

**$1.451 bn:** The special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund came down by $4.7 million to $1.451 billion

**$15.3 mn:** The country's reserve position with the Fund also dipped by $15.3 million to $3.346 billion

**8 tonnes**
A portion of reserve is used to shore up gold reserves, which RBI increased by over 8 tonnes last fiscal

## Potential to become price setter in commodity market: Thakur

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**
NEW DELHI, JULY 13

NOTING THAT India has potential to become price setter in the commodity markets, Union Minister Anurag Thakur Saturday pitched for a secure mechanism for commodity trading.

Building a strong commodity market will also help in job creation, Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur said.

The minister was speaking at 7th International Convention on 'Building Indian Commodity Market for Job Creation and Sustainable Development Goals' held here.

"Building commodity markets for sustainable job creation. It is important to recognise that there is a need to have a safe and secure mechanism for commodities trading to all the stakeholders.

"It is high time that we become price setters than price takers. Recently India has been the first country to launch diamond derivatives being the largest polisher of cut diamonds. This reflects on the potential that the Indian commodity markets have," Thakur said. Since 2015, he said, the Sebi has been regulating market and has taken it forward well.

The NDA government has ensured that all hurdles are done away with and has ensured a common ground for commodities and equities, he said, adding the accessibility of the markets has been enhanced because of this. He said that the vibrancy of the commodity market has to be ensured to support job creation and that includes a robust infrastructure.

"That will be done...(and it) is what I would like to ensure, including changes to be made in required laws," a CPAI statement quoted the minister as saying.

# Allahabad Bank reports ₹1,775 crore fraud by Bhushan Power & Steel

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**
KOLKATA, JULY 13

AFTER PUNJAB National Bank (PNB), another state-owned lender Allahabad Bank on Saturday reported fraud of over Rs 1,774 crore by Bhushan Power and Steel to the Reserve Bank of India.

Allahabad Bank, in a regulatory filing, said on the basis of forensic audit investigation findings and CBI filing an FIR against the company and its directors, alleging diversion of funds from banking system by Bhushan Power and Steel (BPSL), a fraud of Rs 1,774.82 crore has been reported by the bank to the RBI.

Last week, PNB reported a fraud worth Rs 3,805.15 crore by the bankrupt steel company by misappropriating funds and manipulating its books of accounts.

Around 85 per cent of PNB's Rs 4,399-crore exposure to the company had been siphoned off. Allahabad Bank also said it has been observed that the company has misappropriated bank funds and manipulated books of accounts to raise funds from consortium lender banks.

The bank has already made provisions amounting to Rs 900.20 crore against exposure of the bank in BPSL, it said.

At present, the case is in the NCLT, which is in advance stage and the bank expects good recovery in the account. It is expected that more banks may report fraud committed by BPSL as the CBI complaint registered in April names several other lenders.

According to the CBI, BPSL diverted around Rs 2,348 crore through its directors and staff from the loan accounts of PNB (IFB New Delhi and IFB Chandigarh), Oriental Bank of Commerce (Kolkata), IDBI Bank (Kolkata) and UCO Bank (IFB Kolkata) into the accounts of more than 200 shell companies without any obvious purpose.

The agency said that the company in doing so had misused the funds and the FIR named chairman Sanjay Singhal, vice-chairman Aarti Singhal, along with other directors as suspects.

"It was further alleged that the said company availed various loan facilities from 33 banks/financial institutions during the year 2007 to 2014 to the tune of Rs 47,204 crore (approx) and defaulted on repayments. Subsequently, lead bank PNB declared the account as NPA, followed by other banks and financial institutions," the CBI had stated. **FE**

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## BRIEFLY

### Japan, S Korea fail to resolve trade dispute

*Seoul*: A row between Japan and South Korea escalated on Saturday, with contested accounts of a frosty meeting the day before that had failed to make progress on a dispute that could threaten global supplies of microchips and smartphone displays. Tokyo lodged a protest against Seoul, saying it had broken an agreement on what the two sides would disclose from the Friday discussions on Japan's curbs of exports to Korea of some materials used to make high-tech equipment, said Japanese trade ministry official Jun Iwamatsu. Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) also disputed a Korean official's statement that Seoul had asked Japan on Friday to withdraw the restrictions. But a Korean trade ministry official shot back that Seoul had "clearly demanded Japan withdraw its trade restrictions at yesterday's meeting, and there should be no disagreement over that matter with Japan."

### Oil at $66.72 a barrel as storm limits output

*London*: Oil prices were little changed on Friday as US Gulf of Mexico crude output dropped by more than half from disruptions caused by a tropical storm, but concerns over global crude surplus in months ahead limited gains. Brent crude futures settled at $66.72/barrel, climbing 20 cents. **REUTERS**

# AIIB, Aberdeen join hands for $500 mn Asia bond programme

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**
MUMBAI, JULY 13

THE ASIAN Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and Aberdeen Standard Investments (ASI) have forged a strategic partnership that aims to develop debt capital markets for infrastructure, drive responsible investing in fixed income and build a sustainable environmental, social and governance (ESG) ecosystem in emerging markets in Asia.

The partnership entails the US $500 million AIIB Asia ESG Enhanced Credit Managed Portfolio managed by ASI on behalf of AIIB, which will comprise primarily Asian infrastructure related bonds including both green and unlabeled issuances, with ESG factors fully integrated in the investment process and portfolio management.

In addition, through bespoke research and active engagement, ASI will work closely with AIIB on the launch of the Sustainable Capital Markets Initiative, which aims to catalyse ESG investing strategies, act as an engine of change to improve ESG standards and build capacity around responsible investing with various market participants including corporate bond issuers, rating agencies and index providers to improve disclosure and expand ESG rating coverage in Emerging Asia, AIIB Vice President and Chief Investment Officer DJ Pandian said.

Over the next few decades, institutional investors are expected to play an integral role in financing Asia's growing infrastructure investment needs, AIIB said. As the region is facing some of the most pressing sustainability challenges, integrating environmental and social factors into investment decisions is critical, along with governance. In close alignment with AIIB's objectives and ASI's investment philosophy, the project aims to unlock the potential of ESG investing and mobilise private capital to support the region's sustainable development.

The Asia ESG Enhanced Credit Managed Portfolio was approved by the AIIB Board of Directors in December 2018. ASI was awarded the contract to manage the portfolio through a competitive bidding process.

**ASI will work closely with AIIB on launch of the Sustainable Capital Markets Initiative, that aims to catalyse ESG investing strategies**

LARGEST PENALTY EVER IMPOSED BY FTC

# US regulators approve $5 bn Facebook settlement over privacy issues

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**
WASHINGTON, JULY 13

US REGULATORS have approved a $5 billion penalty to be levied on Facebook to settle a probe into the social network's privacy and data protection lapses, the *Wall Street Journal* reported Friday.

The newspaper said the Federal Trade Commission approved the settlement in a 3-2 vote, with the two Democratic members of the consumer protection agency dissenting.

According to the report, the deal, which would be the largest penalty ever imposed by the FTC for privacy violations, still needs approval from the Justice Department before it is finalised.

Although details have not yet been released, the deal will likely include restrictions on how Facebook is able to use personal data. Charlotte Slaiman of the consumer group Public Knowledge thinks it is unlikely the restrictions will be overly harsh. "We don't yet know key aspects of the settlement: whether Facebook must make any changes to its business model or practices as a result," said Charlotte Slaiman, the group's Competition Policy Counsel.

"By itself, this fine will not be sufficient to change Facebook's behaviour." The outlook was more optimistic at the Center for Democracy and Technology, whose president Nuala O'Connor said the fine underscored the importance of "data stewardship" in the digital age. "The FTC has put all companies on notice that they must safeguard personal information," O'Connor said.

Facebook did not immediately respond to an *AFP* query on the agreement. The FTC announced last year it reopened its investigation into a 2011 privacy settlement with Facebook after revelations that personal data on tens of millions of users was hijacked by the political consultancy Cambridge Analytica, which was working on the Donald Trump campaign in 2016. Facebook has also faced questions about whether it improperly shared user data with business partners in violation of the earlier settlement.

The leading social network with more than two billion users worldwide has also been facing inquiries on privacy from authorities in US states and regulators around the world. The settlement would be in line with Facebook's estimate earlier this year when it said it expected to pay $3 billion to $5 billion for legal settlements on "user data practices."

The fine is unlikely to hurt Facebook, which logged a profit of $2.4 billion on revenue that climbed 26 per cent to $15.1 billion in the first three months of this year. Facebook's stock value increased 1.8 per cent after the fine was announced, closing at nearly $205, the highest it has been all year. Some Facebook critics have argued the company should face tougher sanctions including monitoring of its data practices, or that chief executive Mark Zuckerberg should be personally liable for penalties.

Faced with criticism, Facebook's head of global affairs, Nick Clegg, called on governments to do more to regulate social networks, instead of leaving the work to companies. "It's not for private companies, however big or small, to come up with those rules. It is for democratic politicians in the democratic world to do so," Clegg said in a June 24 interview with the *BBC*. But there are increasing calls to dismantle the massive social network.

In May, one of Facebook's co-founders called for social media behemoth to be broken up, warning that Zuckerberg had become far too powerful. "It's time to break up Facebook," said Chris Hughes in an editorial for *The New York Times*, saying it had become necessary to separate the social network from Facebook's Instagram and WhatsApp services. Zuckerberg's "focus on growth led him to sacrifice security and civility for clicks," said Hughes.

### DEAL NEEDS JUSTICE DEPT NOD FOR FINALISATION

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- The deal, which would be the largest penalty ever imposed by FTC for privacy violations, still needs approval from the Justice Department before it is finalised
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# BRIDGE

Certain cards combination have a very fool-proof way of handling. For example, with KQx facing Jxxx, the best play for three tricks is to lead up to KQ twice if necessary.
Dlr: South; Vul: Neither

**NORTH**
♠ AJ5
♥ KQ4
♦ 762
♣ 763

**SOUTH (you)**
♠ KQ9
♥ J652
♦ AKQ
♣ AKQ

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2C | Pass | 2♦ (1) | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 6NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: DJ

Plan the play

You have 9 fast top tricks outside of hearts, and barring an unlikely 3-3 diamond division given the lead, the only suit you can develop for an extra trick is hearts. If hearts are 3-3, no problem, but if they are 4-2, the only East-West holding that allows to take three tricks is when West has Ax. Win the opening lead and continue with a low heart to the queen. Assuming it holds, return to your hand with a diamond (say), and lead a second heart toward the king. If West plays the ace, you have 12 tricks. If the king holds, grit your teeth and lead a third heart hoping for a 3-3 break.
The West hand: S-1072 H-A9 D-J10983 C-1085
The East hand: S-8643 H-10873 D-5 C-J942

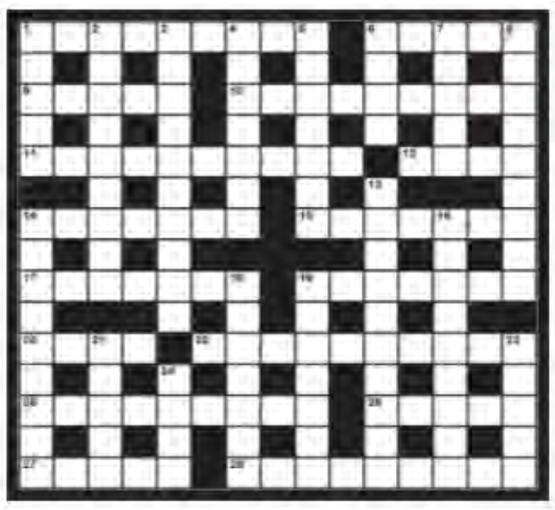
Try this hand now:
Dlr: South; Vul: Both

| NORTH | SOUTH (YOU) |
|---|---|
| ♠ Q2 | ♠ A63 |
| ♥ QJ74 | ♥ A10965 |
| ♦ K96 | ♦ A73 |
| ♣ 8754 | ♣ KQ |

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2♥ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 4♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

Opening lead: DQ
Plan the play.

# SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2225



**QUICK CLUES**
**ACROSS**
1. Medicines given to counteract a poison (9)
6. Bryan ___ : singer of "Summer of 69" ? (5)
9. Belgrade natives (5)
10. A type of mechanism as displayed by a pop-up toaster, perhaps . (4,5)
11. Found fault with (10)
12. Beat, get better of (4)
14. Indicating, portending or sounding to be (7)
15. Shirdi ke ___ (3,4)
17. Winter apples (7)
19. Mister in Milano (7)
20. Not strong, frail (4)
22. Small containers for ready insertion into certain mechanisms (10)
25. Confer official authority on (9)
26. Central Spanish province (5)
27. Edinburgh residents (5)
28. Brosnan's 007 debut (9)

**DOWN**
1. Associate, abbr. (5)
2. Sluggishness or lack of punctuality (9)
3. Made down-hearted or despondent (10)
4. _____ the caber : Scotland's game ? (7)
5. Makes an electrical connection by use of heat and an alloy ? (7)
6. Egyptian month (4)
7. ____ boy: only a youngster (1,4)
8. Make unembarrassed and socially happy by friendliness (3,2,4)
13. Holy trek (10)
14. Light headgears - scarecrows wear them as well . (5,4)
16. Neighboring, touching or verging on ? (9)
18. Trembling or shivering (7)
19. Osbert ____ : Poet Edith's brother (7)
21. Star Wars android ____ Detoo (5)
23. A clean ___ : no discreditable history ? (5)
24. Pros and ___: points or arguments for and against ? (4)

**CRYPTIC CLUES**
**ACROSS**
1. Like a king of Israel, Edward was aggressive (9)
6. Joan's about to find the leader of the Argonauts (5)
9. Low spirits won't begin before sadness initially appears (5)
10. Courageous person, one with pride and male cunning (4-5)
11. Judges need timers correctly set (10)
12. Sort of orgy that may give one a turn (4)
14. Islanders can rest in resort (7)
15. T-bar gig for Con? (4,3)
17. Beginning to develop a smell, but not available at first (7)
19. Relative dismissed, having taken it easy (7)
20. It may be sucked or blown (4)
22. Learned men confuse Rosa in this (10)
25. Getting out of the system computer wise (9)
26. A doctor being a person who doesn't work (5)
27. Shabby home improvements held no good (5)
28. Apprentice getting spells of work (9)

**DOWN:**
1. Felt unwell when the girl turned up (5)
2. Resolution of porter brought before the head (9)
3. Nothing on the road to give a smooth ride (10)
4. Accounts that have everyone in knots (7)
5. Cattlemen finished surrounded by medicos (7)
6. Man in the lavatory ? (4)
7. Unpleasant appearance of mine under water (5)
8. Fair assessment for those not beyond redemption (3,3,3)
13. A charge may be made over this crossing (4-6)
14. Agreed on the quiet to get Don's price revised (9)
16. Justice caught up to a sex criminal, set beside ... (9)
18. Robbers may be seen the night before, breaking in this (7)
19. Crawler with a scrlo)
21. Russia's boss required to bat when having lost the toss (3,2)
23. But they might be blind . (5)
24. Two such white boys, and a girl (4)

## Solutions to 2224

**QUICK CLUES Across:** 1 Smartest, 5 Dosage, 9 Rarefied, 10 Debits, 12 Beaten, 13 Laminate, 15 Fare thee well, 18 Rose to the top, 23 Stealing, 24 Jadeja, 26 Leader, 27 Bona-fide, 28 Seeped, 29 Foresees. **Down:** 1 Scrubs, 2 Aerial, 3 Taffeta, 4 Shed, 6 One mile, 7 Agitated, 8 Easterly, 11 Raphael, 14 Destiny, 16 Trestles, 17 Asperate, 19 Toluene, 20 On a dare, 21 Repine, 22 Wavers, 25 Dojo. **CRYPTIC CLUES Across:** 1 Slip-case, 5 Cantab, 9 Beggarly, 10 Eating, 12 Traced, 13 Magellan, 15 Pull a fast one, 18 Changing room, 23 Muttered, 24 Rehear, 26 En bloc, 27 Camp-fire, 28 Sanity, 29 Flannels. **Down:** 1 Sabots, 2 In gear, 3 Chapeau, 4 Silk, 6 Amadeus, 7 Trillion, 8 Beginner, 11 Fanfare, 14 Blinker, 16 Scampers, 17 Waste bin, 19 Goes out, 20 One upon, 21 Retire, 22 Greens, 25 Mail.

# If it's your Birthday

**Sunday July 14**
A Sun-Moon pattern is coming, one which supports your compassionate nature. You might be just a little more self-centred than usual but it's your birthday after all.

**Monday July 15**
Your annual cycles are giving a positive gloss to short-term patterns. Your monthly cycle highlights personal matters, which favours a family period. Enjoy your domestic routine.

**Tuesday July 16**
You've got a sharp mind and deep insights into what's going on, but if you wish to tell people, its up to you. For sure, you're entering a brand new emotional cycle.

**Wednesday July 17**
Recent romantic stars linger on. But being romantic is not about being in love. It's a state of mind. And that's actually a fine starting point for positive new projects.

**Thursday July 18**
The Sun says one thing, the Moon does another. It's a day to chop and change, trying a little of this and doing a little of that. It's a year to alternate between sticking to tried and tested ways, and breaking out.

**Friday July 19**
Venus, is forming a relationship with your chart. What good is this to you? You can expect happy news over the coming month. Those entering a new romantic liaison will hear declarations of undying love.

**Saturday July 20**
Be businesslike. Make practical choices over commonsense questions. Fun is based on good planning and there'll be time for frivolity. Don't worry if a partner is impatient.

# YOUR WEEK AHEAD

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
Your stars are moving on – and fast. The time is rapidly approaching when you will simply have to agree to an important settlement because it is right for all concerned, not necessarily because it's just in your own interests. You should press ahead with travel plans, partly because it's time to broaden your horizons.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**
The financial sectors of your horoscope also have deep psychological implications, so ask yourself whether or not you are buying things to secure happiness, or as a substitute for it. This is a subtle distinction, perhaps, but it's an important one for all that.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
Professionally, the sky is the limit just as long as you realise that what matters now is personal relationships with colleagues. Always do your best to get on with people, make them feel good, and see to it that they like you. At home you should get practical repairs done — and quickly.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
You may now have no alternative but to come to terms with enforced changes in relationships. Indeed, the more you accept that current conditions are there to stay, the sooner you can get on and make the most of marvellous emotional possibilities. A professional plan could be postponed, but not for too long.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
Professional matters are profoundly important and, even if you're not at work, you should give top priority to satisfying your own interests and fulfilling your worldly ambitions. In your private life, get in touch with old friends or ex-lovers. A trip to the past could prove entertaining.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
All the indications are that passionate and intimate relationships are now subject to curious and uncertain influences. Your instincts and hunches should be urging you to delay important decisions for a little while longer. Wait until you know exactly what is happening. When you have all the information at your fingertips, make your move.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
You should be quite sure that you are offloading only what has become stale and worn out. The danger is that you will throw away the good with the bad, the deeply useful with the utterly useless. It therefore goes without saying that you should think long and hard before speaking on vital matters.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
At work, you have now entered a short but crucial and demanding phase when so much you take for granted is up for grabs. It's important that you are able to distinguish your own changes of attitude from your responses to events beyond your control.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)**
Powerful planets are now definitely on your side, so you can afford to hope for the best. At long last you are able to assert your primacy in all emotional relationships, whether at home, in love or work. Project yourself in the right way and people will look to you as a figure always to be relied upon.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)**
You will almost certainly resent anyone who tries to peer into your secret world or private life. You can probably get away with giving other people the impression that they are being kept up to date, while actually telling them nothing.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)**
You appear to have cut quite a dash over the past few weeks but, with Mars about to adjust its position, you must realise that you can no longer go on as before. It's important to consolidate all personal gains rather than taking on fresh activities, otherwise you may over-commit yourself.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
Not all your stars are on your wavelength. If you are slightly irritable, it's because other people appear to be standing in your way. You sense an imminent change in your energy level, emotional mood and personal affairs, while for some reason you also feel as if you are being held back.

# 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.
**Nobody ever ____ where he buried the ___. - Kin Hubbard (7,..,7)**

DAEER
AOOCHT
TOUTS
IRTFGH

SOLUTION: EARED, STOUT, CAHOOT, FRIGHT
Answer: Nobody ever forgets where he buried the hatchet. - Kin Hubbard

# SUDOKU 3907

**Difficulty Level 1s**
**Instructions**
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level**
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 5 | 8 | | 6 | | | |
| 4 | | | 3 | | | 9 | 2 | |
| | 1 | 2 | 4 | | 7 | | 8 | 5 |
| | 2 | | | | | 7 | | |
| 3 | 7 | | 5 | | 1 | | 6 | 4 |
| | | 4 | | | | | 9 | |
| 1 | 9 | | 7 | | 8 | 4 | 5 | |
| | 4 | 8 | | | 9 | | | 3 |
| | | | 6 | | 2 | 8 | | |

# SOLUTION SUDOKU 3906

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| 6 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| 9 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 3 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| 8 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| 7 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 5 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| 1 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| 4 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 5 |


## NORTHERN RAILWAY
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

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| Name of work and its location | 30-ELECT-32-T-2019-20-E3 Comprehensive annual maintenance contract of lifts make OTIS at Baroda House, Delhi Main. & P.K. Road New Delhi. |
| Approx cost of the works in | Rs. 28.60 lacs |
| Address of the office | Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi |
| Earnest Money | Rs. 57200.00 |
| Date & time of submission of tender | 08.08.2019, 15.00 Hrs. |
| Opening of tender | 08.08.2019, 15.15 Hrs. |
| Website & notice board | www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi |

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY
**TENDER NOTICE**
The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const./Northern Railway, 4th Floor, DRM Office, New Delhi-110001 invites e-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:-

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| 1. | Name of work and location | Design,Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 kV AC single phase OHE for the Electrification work of: Ghaziabad- Road Over Bridge at Dhobi Ghat in lieu of L-Xing No. 153 & Modification work in lieu of ROB at L-Xing 31 Garhi harsaru on DLI-RE section. |
| 2. | Completion period of the work | 9 Months |
| 3. | Approx. Cost of work: | Rs 64,47,789.97/- |
| 4. | Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online) | Rs. 1,29,000/- |
| 5 | Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender | Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on date 05.08.2019 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 05.08.2019. |
| 6. | Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document | The detailed e-tender, notice is available on Northern Railway web site. i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e: www.ireps.gov.in from 22.07.2019 to 05.08.2019 All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office. |

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**
E-Tenders are invited for AMC for Horticulture Maintenance and Landscaping at **CHHAWALA & KANAGANHERI TOURIST COMPLEX AND JANKPURI DILLI HAAT** for the period of two years.
Tender ID (i) **2019_DTTDC_176045_1**
Tender ID (ii) **2019_DTTDC_176045_2**
The NIT has been uploaded and is available along with terms and conditions at **https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in.**
Manager (GAD), DTTDC

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| 3 | Period of Completion of Work | 30Days |
| 4 | Cost of Tender documents | Demand Draft/Banker Cheque of any Scheduled Bank (non -refundable fee) of Rs 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) only. EMD:-2 % of the quoted amount (Net of GST) in the form of current issue of NSC, Fixed Deposits of a Scheduled Bank (all the above mentioned form of Security deposits money issued within the State of Jharkhand), Bank draft and Bank Guarantee issued by any Scheduled bank anywhere in India Payable at Ranchi in favour of Executive Engineer, Planning& Investigation Division, Road Construction Department,(RCD), Ranchi for a period of 45 days beyond the validity of bid. |
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**SO NEAR, YET SO FAR:** England batsman Joe Root walks past the World Cup trophy. *Reuters*

# Renaissance men

Williamson dragged a team out of his predecessor's image; Morgan tore the ethos of a dated cricketing establishment. Both thus charted their own contrasting paths to the cusp of immortality

**EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP**

SRIRAM VEERA
LONDON, JULY 13

A BLACKMAIL letter arrived at the offices of England Cricket Board in 2015. From a man threatening to expose sexual texts from Eoin Morgan to an Australian woman who the blackmailer would later come to date. He wanted 35,000 pounds – from Morgan or the board to keep quiet.

At that point, Morgan was playing in the 2015 World Cup. Coincidence or not, he would go through a horror run with the bat and see England being shoved out of the tournament. The board sorted out that blackmailer, the lady came out in support of Morgan, and that was that. But English ODI cricket seemed well and truly buried.

Kane Williamson was hitting match-winning sixes against Australia in that World Cup in a league game, and was part of the team under Brendon McCullum that would waltz through to the final that year. "I was surprised when he hit that six against Australia then, and when he did it against Pakistan in this world cup, it brought a smile," Josh Syms, Williamson's school coach would say. Soon, after that World Cup, Williamson became the captain.

Andrew Strauss, former England captain, was watching that World Cup in anger. He was upset that the old mistakes from earlier English teams were being repeated again. The way out was clear: The English condescension towards ODIs, what they called pyjama cricket, had to go. "If we wanted to do well at world cups, we had to prioritise white-ball cricket and stop treating it as secondary until next tournament comes up," he would say later after becoming director of cricket for England, a post that he held until this year when he gave up after his wife succumbed to a rare form of lung cancer. Strauss realised that he needed to drastically alter the style and attitude towards the 50-over game and identified three facets: A coach, a captain, and players who could – and wanted – to play that brand of cricket. A lot who wouldn't retreat to the outdated style of play at the sign of first loss. The best thing with Strauss was that he realised he had been part of the problem – that someone like him shouldn't have played 127 ODIs in his career. That was definition of outdatedness, he was trying to eradicate now. He had a heart-to-heart frank chat with Morgan about how he wants to lead new England. Morgan was clear how he wanted to do it his way: aggressive, positive, and a fearless style of play. In some ways, he was inspired by Brendon McCullum's style of captaincy in that 2015 World Cup.

Williamson, meanwhile, had to ensure he left his stamp on the New Zealand team that was under the halo of McCullum. He wanted to do it his way: which was directly opposite to McCullum's methods. "Brendon had a gambler's instinct and an extrovert in the way he played and captained," says Williamson's long-time coach David Johnston. "Kane captains the way he bats— in a logical considered thought-out way. Kane is developing a very good captaincy record. His leadership has been outstanding and he has an ability to win the tight games in an unassuming way."

## Furiously forthright

There was nothing unassuming about Morgan. He couldn't have been: born and brought up in Dublin, he had to be really ambitious—and openly so—if he wanted to be a professional cricketer. Pretty early in the piece, he would tell everyone that he wanted to play for England one day. On the day England were out of the World Cup, the n coach Peter Moores called a team-meeting and Morgan would note how a few players ranted but took no responsibility. Sitting with him was Paul Fabrace, the assistant coach, who would later say, "All it became was a finger-pointing meeting. A disastrous meeting at the end of a disastrous World Cup." Morgan still has notes from that meeting. "The thing I wrote down is that not many people looked to themselves. The blame was elsewhere. An emotional frustration from everybody." He knew when Strauss backed him, he had to change a few things. Ravi Bopara, Ian Bell, Gary Ballance, James Tredwell and James Anderson didn't play a single ODI after that and Stuart Broad just two. Jos Buttler, Joe Root, Moeen Ali, and Chris Woakes are the four, apart from Morgan, from that team who are still playing.

New Zealand skipper Williamson wears a warm smile as usual. The usually dour Morgan, his England counterpart, breaks into a rare smile. *AP*

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| KANE WILLIAMSON | | EOIN MORGAN | |
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| Won | 40 | Won | 68 |
| Lost | 32 | Lost | 35 |
| No result | 2 | No result/ Tied | 6/1 |

**BATTING STATS (AS CAPTAIN)**
- 3349 runs at 50.74 in 148 games
- Seven hundreds

**BATTING STATS (AS CAPTAIN)**
- 4041 runs @ 45.92 in 110 matches
- Eight hundreds

"Any experience you have is an opportunity to learn and sometimes tough experiences, can slap you in the face."
KANE WILLIAMSON

"Cricket and sport in particular is very fickle. If you ever get ahead, it always seems to bite you in the backside."
EOIN MORGAN

## Changing team ethos

Williamson too set about establishing a different team ethos. "We have a very different group now, a slightly different vibe and ethos about how we operate (from that 2015 team)."

There are two types of successful cricketers, especially captains, out there. Players who love winning, and those who hate losing. Morgan, who has invested so much of his energies to somehow work a dreamy cricketing life for him – moving away from Ireland, stepping out of amateurism, plunging himself in a tough professional world with nothing but confidence in his own skills and ability to write his own destiny. Morgan hates losing.

Asked if he is a man who loves winning or hates losing, Williamson says he "prefers winning'. It is probably the best way to say it. Sometimes tough experiences, being on the wrong side of results can slap you in the face and give you a glaring lesson and if you ignore that, I don't think it's a positive thing." A captain who hates losing, and one who strives to be level-headed about the two would lead their teams to maiden World Cup final.

It's easy to be almost smitten with Kane Williamson. Humour, intelligence, logical brain, the ability to stay grounded, level-headed -- and that beard. Above all, that cricketing intelligence. He always as a chuckle, a dry sense of humour even in dour press conferences and according to his mentors in New Zealand, that's how he is.

Morgan has come to be known as the great poker-faced English captain of our times. You can sense the pressure he has is of a different magnitude than that of Williamson's. The New Zealander is one of the world's best batsman in all formats. Morgan is just an ODI player but who often does talk about how proud he is in changing the face of English cricket in the last four years.

He was an outsider who revolutionised English cricket, an Irishman who helped England – a lesser man couldn't have handled the associated pressures that come with it.

Not that Williamson has an easy ride this world cup, back home. Not that he is getting only adulation. Johnston talks about how the media have sort of longed for McCullum's style of play. "In the last six weeks, it's been interesting in New Zealand how our media have been comparing the world cup to the last one and in particular the captaincy of McCullum to that of Kane – generally, in an unfavourable way saying he is not attacking enough etc." Williamson has been asked about the reactions back home and he has side-stepped them with a smile. "No, I am not aware of them" or some such thing. And would talk about how he and his team knows what they are doing.

So, what are the two teams doing? What is their style? Morgan's England is being in-your-face. Williamson's is quieter, staying in the moment and working out things logically. Morgan's in some ways is pre-determined. That his England would come out and attack. Williamson's is more a reactionary to the development of the moment. Like his batting. He reacts to the demands of the ball. His captaincy reacts to the demands of the situation. He would get out there, assess the pitch after few overs, arrive at a possible target, and drag his whole team towards that. Morgan's England come out attacking and re-assess in case that initial plan goes awry.

So who would win? By all accounts, England are the favourites but don't count Williamson's team out. If anything, keep a close eye on them. If the Lord's pitch does retain the grass it has on Saturday afternoon and if the sun stays behind the clouds – as it has on Saturday – it could well be the smiling beard that lifts that cup. A clash between a team that stays in the moment, reacts to what is thrown at them and a team that likes to seize the moment and leave its imprint.

BEG, BORROW...

# Fallout of India not in final: Their fans have 41 percent of the tickets

**Among others, Stuart Broad and Jimmy Neesham have requested Indian fans to sell their tickets for the final to England and Kiwi supporters.** *AP*

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
JULY 13

THOUSANDS OF England and New Zealand fans spent the eve of their team's World Cup final cajoling Indian supporters, who have pre-booked most of the seats at Lord's, to sell them their tickets at a reasonable price.

New Zealand all-rounder Jimmy Neesham and English fast bowler Stuart Board, not part of this English squad, took to Twitter to appeal on behalf of their supporters. According to a source close to the ICC, roughly 41 per cent of the 30,000 tickets for the final are still with the Indian fans.

Neesham, the most followed New Zealand player on social media, tweeted: "Dear Indian cricket fans. If you don't want to come to the final anymore then please be kind and resell your tickets via the official platform. I know it's tempting to try to make a large profit but please give all genuine cricket fans a chance to go, not just the wealthy," he tweeted. Through another tweet, he also tried to put things in perspective. "I mean, I can see why people would want to make a couple of quid and that's fine, but the asking price of some I've seen is absolutely ludicrous."

Deco Rator, a celebrated English fan who follows the team around the world, too found himself ticketless on the Cup final eve. His Twitter post said: "Please, please, please, does anyone have a spare ticket for the CWC final at Lords tomorrow? If you do, it will go to a passionate England fan who will love you forever".

Broad took his appeal to the ECB. "Who has followed & supported us as a team ever since I've played. Through thick & thin. Deco NEEDS to be at this #CWC final. @englandcricket @ECB_cricket".

Hope came from one Sumit Agarwal, who tweeted: "I've", while asking Rator to contact him at his number. Also, the ICC has decided to release an extra 200 tickets for the final through their official ticketing site.

Something similar happened, albeit on a lower scale, in the second semifinal at Edgbaston as well, where England beat Australia to reach the final. Indian fans had frantically brought tickets for the game, because they expected India to face the hosts in Birmingham. Australia's loss to South Africa in the final group league fixture had upset the apple cart and with significantly higher price quoted for reselling of tickets on third-party websites, there were not many takers. Edgbaston wasn't full to capacity.

The ICC, however, is confident that it would be a full house at Lord's tomorrow. The British Indians are expected to throng the venue and cheer for England.

With regards to reselling of tickets for the final, The Cricketer has reported that on StubHub, a reselling platform not authorised by the ICC, "two tickets to the upper tier of the Compton Stand are being listed at an eye-watering £16,584.80". It added that on Viagogo - another ICC-unauthorised reselling platform, "prices start at £714 for a bronze level seat and top out at £4,661 for platinum". Tickets are divided into four categories - bronze, silver, gold and platinum.

The World Cup managing director Steve Elworthy has warned fans that tickets purchased through "secondary ticketing websites" might not be valid at the gate. "The only way fans can guarantee their ticket will be valid is to buy it from the Official Ticket Resale Platform, which allows fans unable to attend the remaining matches to sell to other genuine fans at face value. Anyone purchasing tickets from an unauthorized source, either online or in person, faces the risk of being left out of pocket and unable to enter the venue," Elworthy commented on the ICC website.

*Reselling of tickets for sports events, however, is not illegal in UK.* Back in January, when tickets for the England versus Australia World Cup group league fixture at Lord's had been going for "104 times their face value" on Viagogo, BBC contacted the ticket reselling website. A Viagogo statement had read: "Viagogo does not set ticket prices, sellers set their own prices, which may be above or below the original face value. Where demand is high and tickets are limited, prices increase."

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StubHub told BBC Sport: "As a ticketing marketplace, StubHub does not set the price of tickets that appear on our site, the fans do. Importantly, the prices for the tickets mentioned are the ones listed, but as it is often the case, those are not necessarily the prices for which tickets sell."

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# Look how far they've come

They might've taken the long way, but England and New Zealand knew they'd get there someday. An eventful World Cup culminates into the final with a first-timer certain to be crowned at Lord's. *The Indian Express* looks at the fizz bubbling in both countries as the world looks to find the One

New Zealand coach Gary Stead

HE WHO LAUGHS LAST...

New Zealand's Matt Henry laughs during a training session ahead of the World Cup final at Lord's. *AP*

### From cleaning windows to charging Kiwis

Among all the players and support staff in the New Zealand squad, the cheery, jovial coach Gary Stead would be most familiar with the Lord's, its groundstaff and surroundings. Back in his teens, he nurtured dreams of becoming a curator and through some contacts landed up in Lord's. But as hierarchical as the stiff establishment was back then, his first job was to run errands for the senior groundsmen.

"Buying stuff like cigarettes, candies, and refreshments, stocking the basement bar," he had once told stuff.co.nz. In six months, he got a promotion, from errand boy to the window cleaner. Stead chuckles about those days. "You had different duties when you turned up. One of them was pavilion duty, where you got to clean the windows and take the mail around and selling scorecards and a wee bit of scorebox duty as well, which was pretty cool," he told *New Zealand Herald.*

But soon, realising it wasn't quite his stuff, he returned home and led his club-side Canterbury to several domestic trophies, before settling into the coaching job. Stead was a cornerstone of Canterbury, who were a domestic powerhouse for much of the 90s and early 2000s.

The performances earned him Test stripes, where he made tough runs in Wellington against Shaun Pollock and Co, coming at No 5 before he was made a makeshift opener against India in Ahmedabad.

He welcomed the promotion with a dogged 78, but his career lived three more innings before was inexplicably jettisoned. For the record, he averaged a decent 34.71, never got out for a single-digit ball and faced an average of 84 balls an innings. It wasn't like New Zealand were brimming with talent, they were as always modest.

But Stead didn't bother asking the questions and moved on, went back to Canterbury, before he embarked on coaching. In Canterbury, he was known for readiness to fit into any role in case of emergency. He'd be happy to bat high up the order on a green wicket, where the ball was nipping around all over the place. When wicketkeeper Lee Germon was forced off the field in the 1995-96 Shell Cup one-day final against Northern Districts with a shoulder injury, not surprisingly Stead was the first to ask for the gloves.

Later, as he quit the game, Germon invited him to join the club as support staff. He took to it like a duck to water, winning three Plunkett Shields (FC Cricket) and a Ford trophy (50 overs tournament). He then took over the women's team with great success, taking them to the finals of the 50 over and World T20. He wouldn't want another runner-up entry to his name.

Not just cricket, he's a decent golf player, plying in lower leagues. Germon labels him a "burglar" on the golf course. Stead doesn't have a handicap, but once got down to 10. He loves to dust up golfing analogies too. For instance, when he emphasised the pursuit of perfection. "You can play a par four and hit it down the middle, then the second shot, you can hit to the middle of the green, and you two-putt and get a four. Or you can hit your driver off the tee and it goes into the rough, hit the next one into the bunker on the side, flop it on to the green and sink a 20-foot putt, it's still a four."

Returning to Lord's thus gives his career a circularity. "It's a great experience coming back here at any time but the extra emphasis about what this is about makes this more special." A trophy in his bag would thicken the circles.

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### Kohli the showman; Williamson the manager

That's how BBC's Tom Fordyce contrasts the two leading protagonists in the World Cup. But while India and England have had other superstars to assist them, New Zealand's progress to the World Cup final is almost totally down to their skipper.

"Of all the logical explanations you can find for the illogical progress of New Zealand to the final of the Cricket World Cup, nothing is as persuasive as their skipper Kane Williamson," Fordyce writes. "In the process he is a game away from pulling off the most unexpected triumph since Sri Lanka pinch-hit their way to glory 23 years ago."

A win for New Zealand at Lord's on Sunday will be close to miraculous, he felt. "A nation of 4.3 million people beating one of 1.3 billion in a semi-final that most assumed was lost at the innings break, a country with a national sport whose own World Cup does not begin until September in Japan… the quiet man from the Bay of Plenty overwhelmed the superstar from the land of many more."

Fordyce can't seem to have enough of the opposite personalities of Kohli and Williamson.

"Virat Kohli cannot leave his house in Mumbai without armed guards. He cannot walk down the street without being mobbed. Williamson could turn up at Lord's in his tracksuit and still need to show ID to get past the stewards… It is Williamson who has gone further and had the greater influence. Across nine innings in this World Cup he is averaging a remarkable 91 with the bat. Kohli is back on 55, Joe Root 69," he reflects.

The Kiwi batting is not the strongest, which makes Williamson's feat all the more admirable.

"Williamson is personally responsible for almost a third of his team's total runs. He has done that behind openers who have produced the lowest average stand for the first wicket of any team in the tournament. Three times he has been at the crease before the end of the first over. He has arrived in the second over, the third, fourth, sixth and ninth. Almost always he has prospered. The century against West Indies after both openers had gone for golden ducks; the endlessly patient 67 in the semi-final as wickets fell and runs dried up all around him," Fordyce says.

Contrasting Williamson with his immediate predecessor, he writes "(Brendon) McCullum the batsman was all knockouts and hammer blows. Williamson gets there with jabs. Williamson wears you down in such undemonstrative fashion that you don't even realise you're cut until the referee waves it off. Across the tournament he has hit a grand total of three sixes."

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### Make or break for indifferent Three Lions

Sunday's final could be watershed moment for cricket in England, where the game is struggling with lack of popular support and its absence from public television, while football dominates public imagination and media space. "They (England) have been building up to this moment for four years and will go into Sunday knowing that it is not only an opportunity to win the World Cup, but also a crucial moment for cricket in this country," Jonathan Agnew writes for the BBC.

The authorities have been playing catch-up on interest and participation for a number of years. That is why we have seen initiatives at grassroots level and the introduction of The Hundred from next year. England have had their cricketing moments over the years, but have repeatedly faltered at the World Cup.

"Over the past number of years, we have seen England win the Ashes in that memorable series of 2005, then follow that up with the wonderful series win in Australia in 2010-11. They have won the World Twenty20, while the England women's team have won everything available to them, not least that huge moment of winning their own home World Cup two years ago. The missing piece, as it has been for so long, is the men's 50-over World Cup. England have a fantastic opportunity to put that right on Sunday," he says. The final will be shown on free-to-air television as Sky Sports will share the feed with Channel 4. "It is an important and correct decision for the game to be shown on free-to-air television, because it is essential that as many people as possible see England play - and hopefully win - a World Cup final," the former England player feels.

And he hopes that it will not be the usual restrained atmosphere one generally associates with a match at the 'Home of Cricket'. "It will be a wonderful occasion. Not the usual genteel atmosphere you expect from Lord's, but flags and horns from a crowd that is likely to be hugely behind England. It promises to be some day."

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### Inspired by 1992: England dressed to win

Ahead of the World Cup, the England team's uniform for the tournament received a lot of flak on social media. The kit's design was an inspired from the uniform the team wore for the 1992 edition of the World Cup, the last time the country had reached the final. Fans though, weren't too pleased, likening the design to one used by the Indian team in the past, while another claimed it "resembles the colour of the New South Wales blue."

One even said "Perfectly acceptable – if the World Cup was taking place in the 1990s."

But that was the intention itself, to come up with a kit to draw inspiration from the last England team that did well at a World Cup. And somehow, it has worked. England is now in its first World Cup final since 1992, but the tale of the two kits doesn't stop just there.The ECB has decided to send replicas of the current kit to members of the 1992 team, with their respective names printed on the back. England's wicketkeeper 27-years-ago Allan Lamb snapped a picture of the jersey he got in the mail along with the letter from ECB CEO Tom Harrison. "The design of this shirt was based largely on the 1992 Cricket World Cup campaign – the last time England appeared in a World Cup final," the letter read. "Let's hope this fine young team can emulate your success and go one step further."

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### In the 'VIP box', the sports minister of New Zealand

He is a self confessed 'cricket tragic' and doesn't mind taking potshots at former Australia captain Steve Waugh for his 'irrelavant' commentary skills on social media. New Zealand sports minister, Grant Roberston, will have to be more measured when he arrives at Lord's on Sunday morning for the World Cup final as the guest of New Zealand Cricket. The match ticket is the only 'complimentary pass' the minister is availing. Everything else — from the airfares to accommodation has been taken care of by him. The New Zealand High Commission will help him with the logistics and transport on his arrival at the Heathrow Airport on Saturday morning. The minister flies back to New Zealand on Tuesday after watching the final and visiting the Silver Ferns at the World Netball Championship in Liverpool."I'm a lifelong cricket tragic and this is the ultimate; a trip to Lord's, the home of cricket, to see the Black Caps in a World Cup final. I am so excited!," Robertson told stuff.co.nz.

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### Top of world, but staying down to earth

Freeview is a luxury in New Zealand. That is to say, the 5 million and some precious more, are celebrating Sky ensuring that the World Cup final – which the Black Caps reached a second straight time – will beam into televisions on Finals Sunday. But just how low-key this is for a country rediscovering its love for the cricket – was best captured in a casual exchange on Twitter. Auckland Mayor was tagged into a conversation with Jimmy Neesham when a journalist told him, "You bring that cup back to NZ mate and I'll work on @phil_goff giving you the keys to the city. He might even throw in some flash mayoral chains #BackTheBlackCaps."

Mayoral chains are part of the traditional regalia worn by the elected mayors. Phil Goff good-naturedly piped in, "I'm not sure the city will appreciate me giving away the chains, but if that's what it takes to win the world cup..... Always #BackTheBlackCaps."

It's superstardom worn lightly on both sides. While Neesham took the train into London alongwith team-mates, England captain Eoin Morgan had headed to Birmingham solo too, carrying his hand baggage on the train before Eng thumped Australians.

And when the Black Caps bus rolled into London, the players carried their baggage. Whatever be the outcome of the World Cup final at Lord's on Sunday, you would expect Kane Williamson's team to receive a rapturous homecoming. Even Brendon McCullum's Black Caps were given a red carpet treatment in Auckland after their loss to Australia in 2015 final.

This year, however, the organisers are a bit guarded, lest they jinx their team's fortunes in Lord's. Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development general manager Steve Armitage said no welcome event for Kane Williamson's team was discussed as yet. He insisted the organisation was "well versed in staging appropriate events at relatively short notice".

"Understandably, New Zealand Cricket is focused on the challenge ahead and so we're not in a position to talk about any potential welcome home plans or what shape these may take," he told *New Zealand Herald.*

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# Underdogs? Anyone can beat anyone regardless of breed: Williamson

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LONDON, JULY

NEW ZEALAND captain Kane Williamson was at his wittiest best when he said it is the fight that matters rather than "breed of the dog" as his side geared up to take on favourites England in the summit clash of the World Cup here Sunday. Williamson's comments was in reference to the hostile British media's constant queries on how it feels to go into the finale as "underdogs".

The members of the 'Fleet Street' asked him same questions in various manners mostly pertaining to dealing with defeats and how he plans to do that. "A lot of people say that on a number of occasions which is great and I think England rightly so deserve to be favourites," the Black Caps skipper said on the even of the match at the iconic Lord's.

"But whatever dog we are, it's just important that we focus on the cricket that we want to play. We have seen over the years that anybody can beat anybody regardless of the breed of dog," Williamson said with a killer smile.

The follow-up question was bit more offensive as a local reporter asked how would it feel to become party poopers, pre-empting that big party is on the cards.

"Party-poopers? You talking about dogs again, hey? (Smiling) Underdogs? Look, we are really looking forward to the occasion and, like I say, the end point and the result, there's a lot of time between now and that point," said Williamson in a more serious tone. "You have to deal with a number of different things, whether it's different moments of pressure, whether it's different moments of momentum and we have to be prepared to deal with all of those again."

The next question was a bit weird as a British journalist asked whether he loves winning more or does he hate losing, Williamson curtly replied: "I prefer winning than losing (smiling). That is probably the best way to say it. Any experience that you have is an opportunity to learn and sometimes tough experiences, being on the wrong side of results, can sometimes slap you in the face and give you a glaring lesson and if you ignore that, I don't think that is a positive thing."

Williamson said New Zealand would look to put up a fighting performance to give them the be st possible opportunity to come out on top of England. "Whether having had experience in a final or not is a good thing. But at the same time as we know in this game nothing promises, so it does come down to putting a performance on the board that gives us the best opportunity to win," he said.

He further said for all those kids back in New Zealand, their performance on Sunday will epitomize the fighting qualities and all hard work that has gone in over the years.

"I guess anything's possible (smiling). I guess when you take yourself back to that point in time, it feels like a long way away and you make a few small steps forward and you work pretty hard together as a group and next thing you might find yourself here," Williamson said.

The famous win over World No.1 India was a huge upset. *File*

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> **KANE WILLIAMSON**
> NEW ZEALAND CAPTAIN

# A step away from Cloud Nine

## Federer faces World No 1 Djokokvic for a shot at a ninth title at the All England Club today

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WIMBLEDON, JULY 13

IF ROGER Federer's going to win a record ninth championship at Wimbledon, he'll need to follow up a victory over Rafael Nadal with one over defending champion Novak Djokovic.

Federer has played both at the same Grand Slam tournament only once, at the 2011 French Open: He beat Djokovic in the semifinals, but lost to Nadal in the final.

As is the case with Nadal, Federer has faced Djokovic so many times over the years that each knows the other's game so well. And as is the case with Nadal, Djokovic has managed to get the better of Federer head-to-head so far.

"It's the same like going into a Rafa match: I think the moment you've played somebody, probably, more than 15 times _ especially in recent years, also, a few times _ there's not that much more left out there. Especially, you know where the players go when it really matters," the No. 2-seeded Federer said, looking ahead to Sunday's final, his 12th at the All England Club.

"How much can you still surprise somebody?" This will be the 48th time Federer and Djokovic play against each other as pros, which is eight more than Federer vs. Nadal has happened.

It's also the 16th showdown between Federer and Djokovic at a Grand Slam tournament, breaking a tie with Djokovic vs. Nadal for the most by a pair of men in the Open era, which began in 1968.

Djokovic leads 25-22 overall, 9-6 at the majors, 3-1 in Grand Slam finals and 2-1 at Wimbledon. Plus, Djokovic has won their four most recent showdowns.

"At the end of the day, it comes very much down to who's better on the day, who's in a better mental place, who's got more energy left," Federer said, ₹₹who's tougher when it really comes to the crunch." He is 8-1 in past finals at the grass-court tournament he's ruled the way no other man has. Two of those defeats were in 2014 and 2015 against Djokovic; the other came in 2008 against Nadal.

Federer and Nadal hadn't played since then at Wimbledon until their semifinal Friday. This time, Federer came through, although he needed five match points to secure his 7-6 (3), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory.

"He is always able to do the most difficult things easy," Nadal said about his longtime rival. "He's able to move inside the court quicker than (anyone). He puts pressure on the opponent all the time, because he has the ability to take the ball earlier than (anyone) else. That's probably the most difficult thing to make happen, and he is able to do it so well." Federer did other things well against Nadal, including dulling his improved serve with superb returning. Still, it'll take that and more to get past the No. 1-seeded Djokovic, who is up to his usual body-bending, grind-it-out excellence at the baseline, even winning a 45-stroke point while eliminating Roberto Bautista Agut 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the semifinals. For Djokovic, this is his sixth Wimbledon final as he chases what would be a fifth trophy.

**TV:** Star Sports Select 1, 6:30pm.

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## A rivalry that started in 2006

■ FOR THE first time since the 2015 US Open, world no 1 Novak Djokovic and world no 3 Roger Federer will contest in the final of a Grand Slam. Djokovic is the in-form top seed, but there is no clear winner especially after the way Federer dismantled the Rafael Nadal challenge in the semi-final.

■ The two share a rivalry that had started back in 2006 and has continued 47 times over the years, with the last clash coming at the Paris Masters last year. On Sunday, at the Centre Court of Wimbledon, the rivalry will find a new chapter.

**48TH MATCH BETWEEN FEDERER, DJOKOVIC**

Novak Djokovic leads the head-to-head tally 25-22. The final on Sunday will be the 48th time the two will meet, making it the second most frequent clash in the men's game. Only the Djokovic-Nadal clash, 54, has been played more times.

**16TH FACE-OFF AT A GRAND SLAM**

Sunday will be the 16th time ROger Federer and World No 1Novak Djokovic will face each other in a Grand Slam, and only the fifth time in a final. Federer won the 2007 US Open final and Djokovic won the subsequent three title-clashes, at Wimbledon in 2014 and 2015 and US Open in 2015.

**Regardless of the history and many finals I've played, playing a final at Wimbledon is something different so I'll definitely enjoy that experience." - DJOKOVIC**

**Yeah, it's definitely a bit unusual, a bit strange. I hope it's going to happen again for somebody, to have such a big span between the first final. It's definitely special I think for both of us." - FEDERER**

Roger Federer is chasing Grand Slam no 21.

**35** In terms of the leaderboard for most titles at majors, Sunday will see the clash between places one and three. Federer has 20, and Djokovic, the defending champion has 15 (combined 35).

**12** Of the 35 titles, 12 have come at Wimbledon. Djokovic has won four in five finals (2011, 2014, 2015 and 2015). Federer meanwhile has won eight from 11, the all-time record for most Wimbledon titles.

**100** Federer is the first male player to register 100 match wins at a Slam. The previous record was 98 wins at the US Open held by Jimmy Connors. He also has the most number of wins at Australian Open (97).

# Halep seals Wimbledon title in under an hour

**REUTERS**
LONDON, JULY 13

SERENA WILLIAMS remained tantalisingly one short of a record-equalling 24 Grand Slam singles titles as Simona Halep thrashed the off-key American in a one-sided Wimbledon final on Saturday.

An inspired Halep took ruthless advantage of an error-strewn display by seven-times champion Williams to win 6-2 6-2 and become Romania's first Wimbledon singles champion. The 27-year-old Halep set the tone by breaking the Williams serve in the opening game and raced into a 4-0 lead in front of 15,000 incredulous fans on Centre Court.

She remained rock solid throughout, making only three unforced errors in a remarkable display of defence mixed with clinical counter-punching. Williams simply could not respond.

Even when Williams fired herself up at the start of the second set and began thumping the ball with her customary power, seventh seed Halep refused to back off. Halep weathered the squall, then reeled off the last five games of what she described as the match of her life.

Williams, who has now lost three Grand Slam finals since returning to the Tour last March following the birth of daughter Olympia in September 2017, was short of ideas and the match ended after 56 minutes when she biffed a forehand into the net -- her 26th unforced error.

It was the second shortest final since Martina Navratilova thrashed Andrea Jaeger in 1983, one minute longer than Petra Kvitova's trouncing of Eugenie Bouchard five years ago. "She played out of her mind," Williams, who had won nine of her previous 10 matches against Halep, said on court after picking up the runners-up salver for the second straight year, having ran into a similarly inspired Angelique Kerber last year.

"It was a little bit a deer in headlights for me. Whenever a player plays like that you just have to take your hat off."

Until Saturday the only other Romanian to reach the Wimbledon final was Ilie Nastase who finished runner-up in 1972 and 1976. Halep went one better as she added the Wimbledon crown to the French Open she won in 2018.

"It's something very special and I'll never forget this day. It was my mum's dream when I was about 10. The day came," the former world number one Halep said.

"Well I had nerves, my stomach wasn't well before. But I knew there was no time for emotions. "I just came out on court to do my best."

After losing to Kerber here a year ago, then going down to Naomi Osaka in a stormy U.S. Open final, the stage was set for the 37-year-old to finally move level with Australian Margaret Court on the all-time list. Despite having only five tournaments under her belt this year, Williams, who won her first Wimbledon title in 2002, had looked calm and composed en route to her 11th Wimbledon final.

If she thought she could put down an early marker she was mistaken as three unforced errors in the opening game handed Halep an unexpected gift of an early break.

Halep grew in stature and could not miss. Williams, on the other hand, looked tight and lacked any feel.

There was strong support for Williams, including of the royal variety with friend Meghan Markle joining the Duchess of Cambridge in a crammed Royal Box.

But it was Halep who wowed the fans, haring across the turf to whip a superb backhand on her way to a second break which she sealed with a flashing backhand return winner. Williams served 45 aces en route to the final but it was Halep who served the first one on Saturday to move 4-0 ahead.

It was 13 minutes before Williams even got the scoreboard ticking. "Wake up Serena" someone yelled as Halep served for the first set at 5-2. It fell on deaf ears as a shanked forehand return ended the set after 26 minutes. Halep knew there would be a backlash and Williams raised the decibel level at the start of the second set, bent double, fists clenched and bellowing after a volleyed winner. Williams led 2-1 but Halep's scampering was making her play an extra shot in every rally, many of which were wild ones.

At 2-2 Halep scooped up a ball she had no right to reach and Williams lurched forward to blaze a backhand long. The end came quickly. Halep broke again for 5-2 and calmly held to clinch the title.

Halep celebrates after defeating Serena Williams in just 56 minutes. *AP*

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## BRIEFLY

### Anas rewrites own national record

Mohammad Anas bettered his own national record in men's 400m race to bag a gold while Hima Das won the women's 200m event for her third international triumph in 11 days at the Kladno Memorial Athletics Meet at Kladno, Czech Republic on Saturday. The 24-year-old Anas clocked 45.21 as he won an easy race, finishing nearly one second ahead of silver winner Omelko Rafal (46.19) of Poland. Anas' earlier national record time stood at 45.24 seconds which he recorded last year. **PTI**

### Shubhankar makes big move in Scotland

Having worked hard to make the halfway cut, India's Shubhankar Sharma made it count with a fine four-under 67, which took him to nine-under 204 at the end of the third day of Scottish Open, Saturday. He started bogey-bogey but made seven birdies before finishing with a bogey on 18th for a 67. **PTI**

### Pardeep makes record-breaking lift

Pardeep Singh created a new Commonwealth record in the clean and jerk category on the way to a gold medal as Indian weightlifters continued their impressive run on the last day of the Commonwealth Championships here Saturday. Pardeep, who is competing in the 109kg category, smashed the record in the clean and jerk event by lifting 202 kgs. **PTI**

# No end to India's woes, lose 2-5 to North Korea

**MIHIR VASAVDA**
AHMEDABAD, JULY 13

IGOR STIMAC and his players aren't looking at the scorelines these days. That, in a way, is good for them because the result box hasn't been making for a flattering read of late.

Stimac has been here for almost two months now and has overseen the team in four matches. In three of them, they've been comfortably outplayed. First by Curacao, the CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinalists, then by Tajikistan last Sunday. And on Saturday, it was North Korea who inflicted another morale-sapping 5-2 thrashing on the Indians, who are now practically out of contention for the Intercontinental Cup final next week.

India's trajectory has taken a dramatic nose-dive since the two promising performances against Thailand and UAE at the Asian Cup earlier this year. However, instead of building on it, India seem to have taken several steps backward. But Stimac isn't panicking yet.

This, he says, is a getting-to-know-each other phase for him and the players. More for him, actually, than the players. "I am not looking at the scorelines right now. I am looking at India's scorelines for the future. We are using these games to find out everything about all the candidates," Stimac said after the match.

The Croat has tried 27 different players in the four matches he's been in charge so far and he still doesn't appear to be sure of his preferred playing 11. On Saturday, there were two very different Indian teams on display in the first and second half.

Stimac made nine changes to the team that started against Tajikistan last Sunday. Manvir Singh, who has struggled for goals the entire last season, was drafted on the right wing with Brandon Fernandes on the left. Jobby Justin, the exciting young striker, played alongside Sunil Chhetri up front while at the back, Amrinder Singh replaced Gurpreet Singh Sandhu in the goal and Subhashish Bose was the makeshift centre-back alongside Sandesh Jhingan. None of these changes had an impact. India's hallmark in the last few matches, especially in the Asian Cup against Thailand and UAE, were the quick turnovers, pace on the wings and interplay between the wingers and forwards. Most goals India scored were from plays that were initiated on turnovers, with former coach Stephen Constantine exploiting the pace on the wings provided by Udanta Singh. In sharp contrast, India's buildup play in both matches in the tournament has been slow. Especially against North Korea, Manvir could not beat his marker once. The full-backs and centre-backs tried to find him with long balls but his hold up play wasn't up to the mark as well. Fernandes, on the left, was wasted for most periods.

Having easily blunted India's limited attacking options, North Korea pressed forward without having to break much sweat. Jong il Gwan (8th and 29th minutes) and Sim Jin (16') gave the visitors a comfortable 3-0 lead at half time as Stimac fumed at India's lack of 'courage and confidence' in the first 45. Stimac turned things around in the second half by bringing in Udanta, Lallianzuala Chhangte and Anirudh Thapa for Manvir, Justin and Fernandes. The three changes injected pace that was lacking in the first half and India looked a side transformed. Chhangte pulled one back for India in the 51st minute, giving a faint hope to the 9,000-odd spectators. Once again, though, they were good only in patches. North Korea withstood the 10-minute spell of pressure and then killed the game by scoring the fourth just after the hour mark. Chhetri scored a consolation goal in the 71st minute as India slumped to another defeat under the new coach.

How long will Stimac refrain from looking at the scoreline, one does not know. "But now everything is very clear to me," he said. "I know who we can count on and who we can't."

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